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Waterfowl survey shows overall population increase



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The DNR's 2021 spring waterfowl population surveys show stable to increased numbers of breeding waterfowl, despite below-average wetland conditions.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recently noted an increase in the waterfowl population across most of the state, despite dry winter and spring weather.

The DNR's 2021 spring waterfowl population surveys show stable to increased numbers of breeding waterfowl, despite below-average wetland conditions. Surveys showed an increase in the number of total birds compared to 2019 estimates with increases in wood duck, blue-winged teal and Canada goose

numbers. However, there has been a slight dip in mallard numbers.

Wisconsin experienced a relatively mild and dry winter followed by below-average precipitation in April and May. As a result, wetland conditions are drier throughout the state. Some areas of the state experienced considerable rainfall in May and June, while other areas experienced drier conditions following the survey.

"These varying conditions across Wisconsin mean we will be at average- to below-average wetland conditions for the year during the important brood-rearing period," Taylor Finger, DNR migratory gamebird biologist, said in a news release.

The DNR estimates the state's breeding duck population for 2021 to be 522,546 birds, a 7% increase compared to the 2020 estimate and 19% above the long-term (47-year) average. Species-specific population estimates indicate Wisconsin's top three breeding ducks varied. Mallards showed a slight decline, while blue-winged teal and wood ducks showed increases in their breeding populations.

"Each species' population estimate varies from year to

year, so I urge hunters and other conservationists to compare 2021 results to long-term averages at the state and continental levels," Finger said. The Wisconsin breeding estimate for Canada geese is slightly up compared to 2019. The 2021 model estimates 181,430 birds, a result consistent with a stable to increasing population over the past 10 to 15 years.

In most years, the DNR's survey results complement surveys conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Ontario Canada Goose Survey. These additional surveys were suspended this year due to COVID-19. In August, Wisconsin will join 13 states and three Canadian provinces at the Mississippi Flyway Council to find the best fit models based on state-level survey data since continental estimates have not been available due to COVID-19. The council will provide recommendations to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding waterfowl hunting regulations for 2022 seasons.

To view the full report for Wisconsin's 2021 waterfowl surveys, visit the DNR website at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/waterfowlmanagement.html.

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Obituary

MAKENZI P. HARNISH
Makenzi Pauline Harnish, age 21, passed away unexpectedly as the result of a car accident on July 16, 2021.

Makenzi was born Oct. 1, 1999, in Monroe, Wis., the daughter of Loretta Visger and David Harnish.

Makenzi was a Brodhead High School salutatorian and graduate in 2018 and was currently attending the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater as an art/education major. She was working for the summer at Crazy Horse campgrounds until fall semester. Makenzi enjoyed playing volleyball; singing and dancing; and playing the clarinet, saxophone, piano and guitar. She also enjoyed photography, taking hikes at Magnolia Bluff and especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

Makenzi is survived by her parents, Loretta (Ken) Harvell and David Harnish; a brother, Dalton Harnish; her maternal grandmother, Mary Visger; her paternal grandmother, Emma (Karl) Johnson; grandmother, Carol Croffoot; aunt, Laura Visger and uncle, Lynn Visger;



several nieces, nephews and cousins, Brook Visger (Cody), Zander Visger, Braedon Visger, Laylah Visger and Malachi Visger, Matt and Roxy Fields, Michael and Justin Visger, Anna and Breelynn Fields and Drake Harnish; Makenzi's boyfriend, Dawson Beal, and his mother, Debbie Wilke, and many other friends and family.

Makenzi was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Lavern Visger; paternal grandfather, Wayne Harnish; an aunt, Zelda Peak; her uncle, Leroy Beyer; and an aunt, Lynn Visger.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in her memory.

A memorial visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, July 23, at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home, 1105 E. Ninth Ave., in Brodhead. For more information, go online to dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com or call 608-897-2484.

Master gardener enrollment open now

Rock County is accepting new UW-Madison Extension Master Gardener volunteers in 2022.

Anyone who is interested in joining the statewide program is encouraged to contact Julie Hill, horticulture outreach specialist, at julie.hill@wisc.edu, to be included in the local open house for Master Gardener candidates. The next step is to enroll in the online course "Foundations in Horticulture — Growing and Caring for Plants in Wisconsin."

The online Wisconsin horticulture course is open to all Wisconsin residents. The class is self-paced so participants can fit it into their schedules and includes videos, readings and interactive activities.

New this year, the virtual class will feature live ques-

tion-and-answer webinars with UW-Madison horticulture experts "to give participants the best information on improving their gardening skills," according to a news release.

Class size is limited to 500 participants. Registration closes Aug. 13, or when the class is full. The course opens Sept. 13 and runs through Dec. 11.

"Whether you are a beginner, avid gardener or professional, you and your plants will benefit from this course," the release said.

For more information, and to register for the course, go online to hort.extension.wisc.edu/foundations-in-horticulture.

For more information about the program, go online to mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/onboarding-registration.



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Artists will set up on the grounds of the Rock County Historical Society on Sunday, Aug. 1, for the annual Tallman Arts Festival in Janesville. The festival also features music, food, art tours and children's activities.

Tallman festival features art, music, food

The 63rd annual Tallman Arts Festival is set for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 1, at the Rock County Historical Society campus, 440 N. Jackson St., Janesville.

"The event ... is a highlight of the summer in Janesville, drawing artists of all kinds and community members of all ages," according to a news release. "The day features live music, a variety of food vendors, a specialty art tour, a new exhibit, children's activities and more ..."

A few examples of the art at this year's art fair include pottery, jewelry, paintings and hand-made soaps.

Food vendors will include Route 26 Hamburgers, Kona Ice, Johnny's Gourmet Street Dogs, Taqueria Taco cart, Sweet Delight Kettle Corn and Jakarta Café. Beer, bloody Marys, wine and soft drinks also will be available.

Live music will play all day on the outdoor stage, with a variety of music genres. Visitors are welcome to bring lawn chairs.

Musical performers include:
 • Frank Martin Bush and The Names, performing with jangly guitars, honky tonk piano, harmonicas and even some steel guitars. Bush is also the front man for WheelHouse, a country/bluegrass band from Madison.
 • Gary the Duo, featuring



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The Tallman Arts Festival draws a variety of artists selling their creations.

Marques Johnson and Brian Matteson of Gary the Band.

• The Soggy Prairie Boys, a five-piece, Madison-based bluegrass band.

• Brass Knuckles, a brass quintet from Madison that plays everything from Renaissance to Lady Gaga.

• James and the Giant Peach ensemble, a youth performance group from the Janesville Performing Arts Center, performing numbers from their upcoming production. Tallman Arts Festival at-

tendees will also be the first to see a new traveling exhibit at the historical society, "Immigrant Journeys from South of the Border." Produced by the Wisconsin Humanities Council in partnership with Centro Hispano of Dane County, the exhibit shares the stories of eight immigrants who now live and work in Wisconsin.

Another feature of this year's festival is a new, specialty art tour in the Lincoln-Tallman House. The open-house tour focuses on the story of

the Tallman Art Collection, including paintings, prints and art objects. Tour tickets will be available on site all day for \$10 each.

A fenced and supervised children's area is available to allow parents to browse the art festival. Activities include a variety of crafts and games under a large tent.

Festival admission costs \$5 per person for those 5 and up.

Parking is free across the street in the Mercy hospital parking ramp.

Health officials say Illinois salad greens are source of salmonella

BrightFarms products under voluntary recall

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Food & Drug Administration and local health departments are involved in an ongoing investigation of an outbreak of Salmonella Typhimurium.

"Current public health data indicates that pre-packaged salad greens produced by BrightFarms Inc. of Rochelle, Illinois, are the source of a Salmonella Typhimurium outbreak in Wisconsin and Illinois," according to a news release. "Nine people are infected with one hospitalization (four in Wisconsin, five in Illinois). Illnesses started between June 10 (and) June 15, 2021.

"At this time, DHS urges consumers not to purchase, eat, or serve BrightFarms branded pre-packaged salad greens," DHS communicable diseases

supervisor Ryan Wozniak said in the release. "Consumers and food service establishments who have BrightFarms salad greens with any 'best-by' date should not eat, serve or sell any of the recalled products."

DHS also advises consumers to check their refrigerators for any leftover product and throw it away. Produce drawers and refrigerator surfaces should be cleaned thoroughly after throwing out the product. These packaged salad greens are sold in disposable plastic containers at various grocery stores, and are labeled with the phrase "fresh from Rochelle, IL."

BrightFarms salads from the Illinois farm are distributed to Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa.

The BrightFarms products currently associated with the voluntary recall are:

- 50/50 Spring & Spinach
- Butter Crisp
- Harvest Crunch
- Lakeside Crunch

- Mighty Romaine
- Nutrigreens
- Spring Crunch
- Spring Mix
- Sunny Crunch

Additional products may be added to the recall list as the investigations continue.

Salmonellosis is caused by Salmonella bacteria that are spread by eating or drinking contaminated food or water, or by direct or indirect contact with fecal matter from infected people or animals.

Symptoms of salmonellosis include diarrhea, abdominal

pains and fever and vomiting can start six hours after eating a contaminated product and last for several days. Most people recover from salmonellosis on their own, but some may require extra fluids to prevent dehydration.

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Drought disaster declared

Rock County farmers among those eligible for assistance

By Jason Arndt
STAFF WRITER

The United States Department of Agriculture designated three southeast Wisconsin counties as primary natural disaster areas because of persistent drought conditions.

USDA Secretary Thomas J. Vilsack informed Gov. Tony Evers of the disaster declaration in late June. It primarily affects Racine, Kenosha and Walworth counties, however, several contiguous counties, including Rock, will be eligible for assistance.

The disaster declaration allows local farmers to receive emergency loans and other assistance for losses incurred due to the drought, according to Vilsack.

The three local counties, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, have experienced severe or extreme drought intensity in recent weeks.

The U.S. Drought Monitor shows Racine County – with exception of a Town of Burlington portion, which is under extreme drought, or D3 – as having a classification of severe drought or D2.

Kenosha County continues to remain in extreme drought. Most of Walworth County remains under D2 severe drought status with exception of the southeast portion, which has been classified as D3 extreme drought.

"A secretarial disaster designation makes farm operators in primary counties and those counties contiguous to such primary counties eligible to be considered for certain assistance from the Farm Service Agency, provided eligibility requirements are met," Vilsack wrote.

Vilsack designated the three counties as disaster areas because they have experience severe drought for consecutive weeks, or extreme drought at one point or another.

The assistance includes FSA emergency loans and farmers in eligible counties have eight months from the date of Vilsack's disaster declaration to apply for emergency loans.

Emergency loans cover various recovery needs including replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of farming operations or refinance of certain debts.

The other contiguous counties eligible for assistance include Jefferson and Milwaukee in Wisconsin and Boone, Lake and McHenry in Illinois.

Local response

FSA Executive Director Kristin Looock, who oversees all three affected counties, said the area last experienced similar drought conditions in 2012.

She said the disaster declaration allows FSA to introduce key programs to help area farmers.

"With that comes some programs through FSA, so one of the main ones that we will have is the Livestock Forage Program, LFP, we call it," Looock said. "It is a disaster recovery program to help producers with raising livestock, so we will be reaching out to those producers."

Looock said payments will vary depending on the type of livestock and the type of pasture on which the livestock grazes.

The second program consists of emergency loans. Emergency loans, according to federal officials, will be considered based on the merits and take into account the extent of production losses on the farm as well as security and repayment ability.

Farmers looking to receive assistance can visit farmers.gov, where they can click on the Disaster Recovery Tool, which includes guidance on program and loan options.

Additionally, local farmers can contact the Farm Service Agency in their respective counties.

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Long waits for federal assistance leave residents fearing eviction

By Vanessa Swales
WISCONSIN WATCH

Freda Young had to move quickly in November. A dispute with her upstairs neighbor made staying in her home unsafe, she said. The Milwaukee woman was juggling moving and caring for her daughter, who suffers from seizures. Three months had passed without an update on the status of her application for thousands of dollars in rental assistance. Young was terrified she and her two children would be left homeless.

A couple who asked to be identified as Ester and Jose Pérez because they lack permission to be in the United States also waited months to learn whether their request for assistance under a pandemic relief program was granted. They wondered: Should they reapply in hopes of a better chance at getting help?

Heather Hanson applied in April for the second round of rental assistance that the federal government released. After not hearing back for months, she brainstormed

other ways to help pay her rent.

These are but a handful of Milwaukee County residents interviewed by News414 — a service journalism collaboration between Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service and Wisconsin Watch — who are struggling to navigate rental assistance programs offered through Milwaukee County and the city of Milwaukee.

Statewide, rental assistance disbursement is handled through the Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP), 13 of its regional agencies and Energy Services Inc. From March through late June, the state program distributed almost \$35 million in federal funds to just over 10,000 households — of the \$322 million available from the federal government that must be disbursed by the Sept. 30, 2025 deadline. The program, which Gov. Tony Evers launched in February, does not require that recipients have legal residency in the United States.

The city of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County run their own housing assistance programs financed in part by the federal government. They collectively received more than \$32.5 million in the latest federal package to help tenants struggling with rent. Brown, Dane and Waukesha counties also run separate aid programs, as does the city of Madison.

Community Advocates, which provides rental assistance to Milwaukee and Waukesha counties, says it has yet to tap the latest batch of federal funds as it works with county and state officials to secure leftover dollars from an earlier round of pandemic relief that expires sooner. Securing those funds will allow Community Advocates to serve additional renters in Milwaukee, where the need will remain incredibly high,



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A “for rent” sign is seen outside of a home on Griffin Street in Milwaukee recently. With long waits for rental assistance and the growing tide of evictions looming, some renters are questioning how Milwaukee County and the city will keep thousands of residents afloat.

explained Deborah Heffner, the agency’s housing strategy director.

The Social Development Commission (SDC), which began disbursing its latest round of aid in May, said it had sent about \$4.1 million to 1,036 Milwaukee households as of July 9. Community Advocates since March 1 has distributed more than \$10.8 million to 3,700 Milwaukee County households and nearly \$1.3 million to 360 households in Waukesha County.

Brad Paul, WISCAP’s executive director, said his agency will ensure that all federal dollars provided to the state to help Wisconsin renters is disbursed.

“Housing insecurity remains a serious issue in Wisconsin, so unless, or until we solve that, the money will continue to serve a critical need right up to the deadline,” Paul wrote in an email.

George Hinton, CEO of SDC, blames delays in processing applications on the

slow appointment of his agency as the citywide agency. Renters flooded the group with inquiries after learning that Milwaukee had funds for another round of assistance — but before SDC was set up to take applications, creating a long waiting list. Hinton believes SDC is making progress and aims to start distributing \$1 million in aid each week. Heffner says her agency is processing applications from Milwaukee County as quickly as possible.

Moratorium set to expire

The assistance comes at a critical time. A nationwide U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention moratorium on certain evictions is set to expire on July 31. That means potential hardship for millions of struggling renters across the country.

With long lines for rental assistance and the growing tide of evictions looming, some renters are questioning how Milwaukee County and

the city will keep thousands of residents afloat.

Young, who works as a medical assistant for Froedtert Menomonee Falls Hospital and lives with her two teenage children, applied for rental assistance back in November to cover the costs of being furloughed and renting another apartment in West Allis. She said she felt unsafe in her previous home.

While her new landlord readily agreed to accept the first month’s rent and security deposit through Community Advocates, payments were delayed. Young did not know why it was taking so long to get the assistance. Young’s landlord didn’t receive payments until January.

“It was hard — that’s why some people are skeptical about taking payments from Community Advocates, because they feel like it’s going to be a long time or they’re not going to get paid at all,”

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College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require GPAs of 3.75 and

above for dean’s list honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Students who earn a perfect 4.0 GPA are named to the chancellor’s list.

The local students are:

- Colleen Johnson of Brod-

head, applied arts and science, dean’s list and chancellor’s list

- Seth Rosheisen of Brodhead, industrial technology management, dean’s list

- Brooke Teubert of Brodhead, animal science, dean’s list

- Bailey Watson of Brod-

head, history, dean’s list and chancellor’s list

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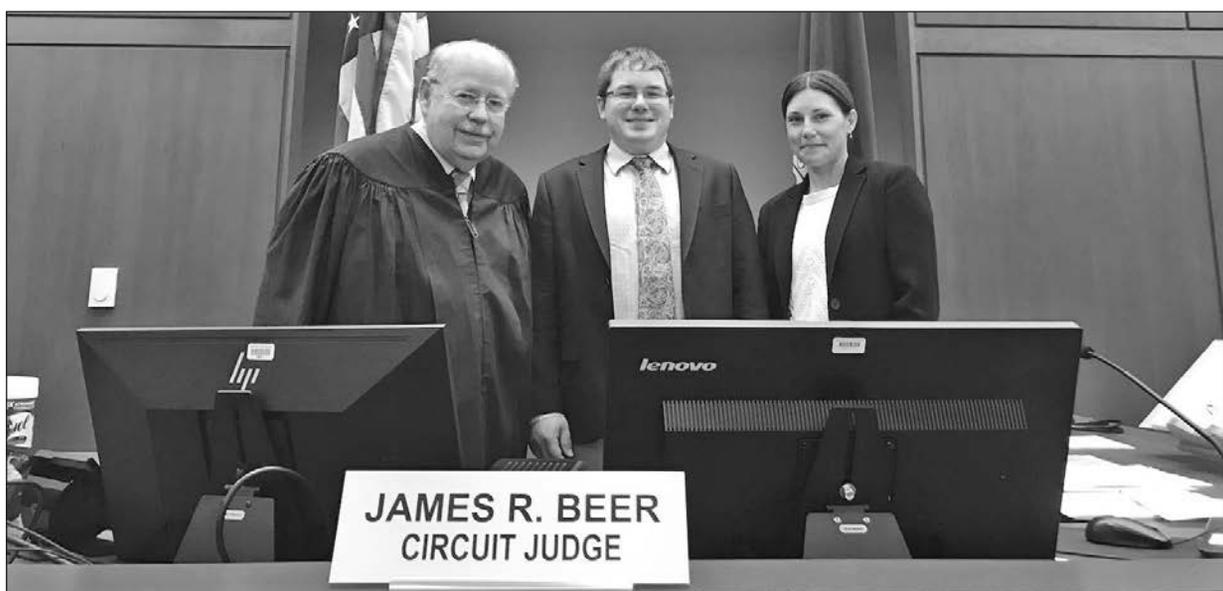


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State rep visits Green County Circuit Court

State Rep. Mark Spreitzer (center), incoming Green County Circuit Court Judge Faun M. Phillipson and retiring Green County Circuit Court Judge James Beer spent the day at the Green County Justice Center on July 12. Spreitzer joined the judges on a judicial “ride along” and sat in on court proceedings, according to a news release from Spreitzer’s office. Beer will be retiring at the end of July and Phillipson, elected this spring, will take over the role at the beginning of August. “Representative Spreitzer is grateful for Judge Beer’s years of service to our community, and wishes Judge Phillipson well in her upcoming term,” the release said.

USDA to provide pandemic assistance to livestock producers

Livestock and poultry producers who suffered losses during the pandemic due to insufficient access to processing can apply for assistance, U.S. Department of Agriculture officials announced last week.

The Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program (PLIP) will help producers with the cost of livestock losses and the cost of depopulation and disposal of the animals.

Livestock and poultry producers can apply for assistance through USDA's Farm Service Agency through Sept. 17.

The assistance can provide payments to producers for

losses of livestock or poultry depopulated from March 1, 2020, through Dec. 26, 2020, due to insufficient processing access as a result of the pandemic. These payments will be based on 80% of the fair market value of the livestock and poultry and for the cost of depopulation and disposal of the animal. Eligible livestock and poultry include swine, chickens and turkeys.

Eligible livestock owners include people or legal entities who, as of the day the eligible livestock was depopulated, had legal ownership of the livestock. Packers, live

poultry dealers and contract growers are not eligible for PLIP.

PLIP payments will be calculated by multiplying the number of head of eligible livestock or poultry by the payment rate per head, and then subtracting the amount of any payments the eligible livestock or poultry owner has received for disposal of the livestock or poultry under the Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program or a state program. The payments will also be reduced by any Coronavirus Food As-

sistance Program payments paid on the same inventory of swine that were depopulated.

Eligible livestock and poultry producers can apply for PLIP by completing the FSA-

620, Pandemic Livestock Indemnity Program application, and submitting it to any FSA county office. Additional documentation may be required. Visit farmers.gov/plip

for information about how to apply.

Livestock and poultry producers may call 877-508-8364 to speak directly with a USDA employee.

Health officials: Vaccination benefits still outweigh risks

In the wake of a new warning regarding the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, Rock County public health officials say the benefits of getting a vaccine "greatly outweigh the risks," according to a news release from the Rock County Public Health Department.

The FDA's July 12 warning indicated the Johnson & Johnson vaccine "can lead to an increased risk of a rare neurological condition known as Guillain-Barré syndrome. Guillain-Barré syndrome is a rare disorder in which the body's immune system attacks nerves. Weakness and tingling in the extremities are usually the first symptoms," the release said.

The warning comes after federal officials identified about 100 cases of Guillain-Barré syndrome out of the

nearly 13 million Johnson & Johnson doses administered.

"The identification of any possible risks, like the very low risk associated with the J&J vaccine, is a sign that the nation's safety monitoring system for COVID-19 vaccines is robust and working," the release said.

"The risk of severe adverse effects after any COVID-19 vaccination remains very low, far lower than adverse health outcomes associated with contracting COVID-19," the release said. "Data does not show any increased risk of Guillain-Barré syndrome for the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines."

In the United States and in Rock County, nearly all COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths are occurring in unvaccinated individuals, health officials reported.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that everyone age 12 years and older receive a COVID-19 vaccine.

Rock County residents seeking vaccination options and locations are advised to go online to RockCountyShot.com, which is updated with new regional opportunities regularly.

People who would like a vaccination but require transportation assistance are asked to call 211 to arrange a ride.

"As always, please continue to wash your hands with soap and water, stay home if you are sick, and get vaccinated to protect yourself, your families and your friends," the news release said. "Please also continue to test if exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 and follow quarantine guidelines if you test positive."



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On watch on the water

Lt. Bradley Kirshbaum, a native of Janesville, stands watch in primary flight control aboard Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson recently on the waters of the Pacific Ocean. Vinson is currently underway conducting routine maritime operations in U.S. 3rd Fleet.

Legal Notices

TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
To be held Monday, August 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular monthly town board meeting at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI for the following purpose: To consider an application by Steve Hazeltine, 4526 S Holden Rd Rd., Orfordville WI 53576 for a nonagricultural use business

conditional use permit for Vintage Chariots auto restoration and sales in an existing building. This conditional use is provided for in the Town of Spring Valley Zoning Ordinance section 4.4F. For use of one acre of the 100 acre property zoned A-1, located at 4526 S Holden Rd., tax parcel 036-001488, on E 1/2 SW 1/4 20A, SE 1/4 SW 1/4 40A, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 40A
The Town of Spring Valley

Planning & Zoning Committee will consider the application at its July 26, 2021 meeting and will advise the Board of their recommendation. A quorum of the Committee members may be present for information-gathering purposes.
Dela Ends, Clerk
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Local students earn degrees at UW-Whitewater

Several area students received their degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater this spring.

The university offered a hybrid ceremony for its more than 1,500 graduates. The graduates were recorded crossing the stage in cap and gown as their names were read May 14. On May 15, the recorded ceremony was shared online at uww.edu.

The local graduates are listed by hometown:

laude, bachelor of business administration in human resource management

Brodhead

- Peter Bouc, cum laude, bachelor of science in biology
- Ashley Douglas, magna cum laude, bachelor of science in psychology
- Brooke Malcook, summa cum laude, bachelor of science in education in elementary education
- Matthew Mordhorst, associate of arts and sciences in liberal arts
- Garret Nyhus, magna cum laude, bachelor science in education in history

• Tess Pinnow, magna cum laude, bachelor of science in education in elementary education

• Dawson Van Wyhe, associate of arts and sciences in liberal arts

• Robyn Wahl, bachelor of arts in art

Juda

- Jared Hansen, bachelor of science in occupational safety
- Skyler Stuckey, bachelor of science in mathematics

Orfordville

- Jake Pickel, master of business administration in business administration

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Brodhead, on June 14, 2021, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2020-21 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

GENERAL FUND				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Undifferentiated Curriculum	110000	2,509,116.83	2,496,116.83	(13,000.00)
Regular Curriculum	120000	3,203,285.29	3,200,285.29	(3,000.00)
Vocational Curriculum	130000	350,133.19	347,133.19	(3,000.00)
Physical Curriculum	140000	357,974.26	358,974.26	1,000.00
Co-Curricular Activities	160000	203,192.00	207,192.00	4,000.00
Pupil Services	210000	311,387.59	318,820.10	7,432.51
Instructional Staff Services	220000	335,041.94	329,041.94	(6,000.00)
School Building Administration	240000	836,081.26	839,281.26	3,200.00
Business Administration	250000	2,101,136.38	2,128,638.87	27,502.49
Other Support Services	290000	389,340.63	401,340.63	12,000.00
Inter-fund Transfers	410000	1,389,865.00	1,324,865.00	(65,000.00)
Instructional Service Payments	430000	848,227.00	845,227.00	(3,000.00)
Total Expenditure Appropriations		12,834,781.37	12,796,916.37	(37,865.00)
Projected Ending Fund Balance:				
Fund Balance, Unassigned	939900	3,671,407.69	3,709,272.69	37,865.00
Projected Ending Fund Balance	939900	3,671,407.69	3,709,272.69	37,865.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfers-in	100	1,300,460.00	1,250,460.00	(50,000.00)
State Sources	600	499,704.00	549,704.00	50,000.00
Federal Sources	700	335,176.74	355,176.74	20,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenue		2,135,340.74	2,155,340.74	20,000.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Special Education Curriculum	150000	1,586,017.33	1,574,667.33	(11,350.00)
Pupil Services	210000	336,310.53	337,360.53	1,050.00
Instructional Staff Services	220000	159,617.88	159,917.88	300.00
Other Non-Program Transactions	490000	500.00	30,500.00	30,000.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		2,082,445.74	2,102,445.74	20,000.00
Projected Ending Fund Balance:				
Projected Ending Fund Balance		0.00	0.00	0.00

FOOD SERVICE FUND (FUND 50)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfers-in	100	89,405.00	74,405.00	(15,000.00)
Total Anticipated Revenue		89,405.00	74,405.00	(15,000.00)
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Support Services	250000	617,727.00	602,727.00	(15,000.00)
Total Expenditure Appropriations		617,727.00	602,727.00	(15,000.00)
Projected Ending Fund Balance:				
Projected Ending Fund Balance, Restricted	936500	0.00	0.00	0.00

<p>THURSDAY, JULY 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; book club at 6 p.m. <p>FRIDAY, JULY 23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m. • Lunch with the Librarian at Purdy Park, 11 a.m. to noon <p>SATURDAY, JULY 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 9 a.m. to noon 	<p>SUNDAY, JULY 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library closed <p>MONDAY, JULY 26</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. <p>TUESDAY, JULY 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Teen/Tween Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. <p>WEDNESDAY, JULY 28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. • Library in the Park at Purdy Park, 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
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2021 fair celebrates heroes

After a year off for the pandemic in 2020, the Green County Fair is back in Monroe.

And this year, fair officials are celebrating those who helped make a 2021 fair possible.

This year's fair theme is "Heroes Unite," which pays homage to first responders and everyday heroes.

"This past year has been a challenge for many people.

It is our hope that you can recognize those that have emerged as heroes: a relative that helped you out, firefighters, police officers, teachers, nurses or other caregivers, a caring friend, a beloved pet

that you spent more time with, a neighbor — whatever or whomever has been your hero," a fair news release said.

Exhibitors were encouraged to incorporate the hero idea into their presentations.



Left: Tractor and truck pulls are a popular attraction at the Green County Fair. This year's action includes the Badger State Truck & Tractor Pull on Thursday, July 22, and the Green County Truck and Tractor Pull on Friday, July 23. Both events will be at the grandstand.

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Brodhead Independent-Register

DAILY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- 7 a.m., swine judging at FS & Farm Bureau Stock Pavilion
- 8:30 a.m., open dairy judging at the Mayer Transport Show Barn
- Noon, junior dairy showmanship and club herd at the Mayer Transport Show Barn
- Noon to 2 p.m., Ken Lonquist performs at the hospitality tent
- 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., carnival rides and midway open
- 6:30 p.m., fair opening ceremony at the grandstand
- 7 p.m., Green County Bulls & Barrels at the grandstand

Show Barn

- Noon to 11 p.m., carnival rides and midway open
- Noon to 3:30 p.m., Tim Glander performs at the hospitality tent
- 3 p.m., rabbit judging at the FS & Farm Bureau Stock Pavilion
- 4 p.m. to 5:45 p.m., David Landau performs at the hospitality tent
- 7 p.m., Badger State Tractor/Truck Pull at the grandstand

FRIDAY, JULY 23

- 8 a.m., beef judging at the Mayer Transport Show Barn
- 9 a.m., goat judging at the sheep and goat barn
- 10 a.m. to noon, Special Needs Day — free carnival rides and free parking
- Noon to 11 p.m., carnival rides and midway open

- 1 p.m., sheep judging at the Mayer Transport Show Barn
- 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Carson Hartog performs at the hospitality tent
- 6:30 p.m., Southwest Wisconsin ATV/Garden Tractor Pullers at the grandstand
- 7 p.m., Green County Truck/Tractor Pull at the grandstand

SATURDAY, JULY 24

- 8 a.m., antique tractor pull at the grandstand
- 10 a.m., Green County Youth Fur & Feather Auction at the Mayer Transport Show Barn
- 11 a.m., tug-of-war at the grandstand infield
- Noon to 11 p.m., carnival rides and midway open
- 12:30 p.m., Green County Youth Livestock Auction at the

Mayer Transport Show Barn

- 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mac Massingill performs at the hospitality tent
- 4 p.m., lumberjack show followed by fireworks at the grandstand
- 5 p.m., master showman competition at the Mayer Transport Show Barn
- 8 p.m., lumberjack show followed by fireworks at the grandstand

SUNDAY, JULY 25

- Noon to 11 p.m., carnival rides and midway open
- 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., cheese and dairy youth auctions at the hospitality tent
- 2 p.m., Brew City All-Star Heavyweight Wrestling at the Mayer Transport Show Barn
- 5 p.m., demo derby at the grandstand

ADMISSION

- Adult season pass: \$35
 - Child season pass: \$10 (ages 8 to 12)
 - Adult daily admission: \$10
 - Child daily admission: \$5
- Admission charged beginning at 6 a.m. Wednesday through Friday at the East Gate, beginning at 7 a.m. Wednesday through Friday at the North Gate and Southwest Gate, beginning at 8 a.m. Saturday at all gates and beginning at 7:30 a.m. Sunday at all gates. All ticket sales are final.

Admission specials

- Free lunch admission, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, west gate only (Pay \$10 at gate and be refunded the \$10 if you exit at the west gate before 1 p.m.)
- Military Appreciation Day, Wednesday: Free admission with military ID
- First Responders Day, Friday: Free admission with valid agency ID
- Kids Day, Saturday: Children 11 and under admitted free until 1:30 p.m.
- Pioneer Day, Sunday; attendees ages 65 and older admitted for \$5 all day

Pit passes

- Thursday (Badger State Tractor Pull): \$15
- Friday (local tractor pull): \$10
- Sunday (demo derby): \$25

GRANDSTAND EVENTS

Admission to grandstand events is free with paid fair admission.

- 7 p.m. Wednesday: Green County Bulls & Barrels
- 6:30 p.m. Thursday: Badger State Truck & Tractor Pull
- 6:30 p.m. Friday: Southwest Wisconsin ATV/Garden Tractor Pullers
- 7 p.m. Friday, Green County Truck and Tractor Pull
- 8 a.m. Saturday, Antique Tractor Pull
- 4 p.m. Saturday, lumberjack show followed by fireworks
- 8 p.m. Saturday, lumberjack show followed by fireworks
- 5 p.m. Sunday, demo derby

RIDES & ATTRACTIONS

All Around Amusements will offer carnival rides and midway games for all ages.

Carnival hours:

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- Thursday: noon to 11 p.m.
- Friday: noon to 11 p.m.
- Saturday: noon to 11 p.m.
- Sunday: noon to 11 p.m. (11 p.m. closing depends on crowd demand)

Special Needs Day:

10 a.m. to noon Friday (includes free parking)

Mega passes:

A mega pass allows the fairgoer to ride all days from open to close for \$55. Purchase a mega pass at the carnival ticket box.

Summer reading program for carnival discount:

Children in 4-year-old kindergarten and up can earn a \$10 coupon toward a carnival wristband by reading a minimum of five books between the end of the school year and July 21. Families can print the reading form from the fair website at greencountyfair.net and bring it to the fair office.



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It's show time for fair's young exhibitors

4-Hers eager to display talents

Starting Wednesday, July 21, the talents of Green County youth will be on display for all to see at the fairgrounds in Monroe.

From the beginner efforts to the grand champions, every project exhibited at the fair is a winner after a year of pandemic turmoil, a local 4-H official said. "For many of our youth, this (the fair) is the culminating

4-H experience," said Ellen Andrews, 4-H youth development educator. "That's really important."

Green County 4-H members have been busy working on projects that range from

animals to robotics and woodworking and home decorating and members are eager to again get the chance to showcase what they've learned, Andrews said.

"It's exciting to see the variety of experiences that happen" through 4-H projects, with animal projects, arts and crafts, photography and woodworking usually drawing the most entries in Green County, she said.

Normally, youth meet face-to-face with a judge to have their projects evaluated. But when fair planning efforts were begun months ago, many potential volunteer judges were understandably leery about hours of in-person contact, she said.

So instead, area youth dropped off their non-animal projects to be evaluated by judges and then displayed at the fair. Animal projects will be judged during the fair's five-day run as usual.

"We look to go back to a more in-person judging format next year," Andrews said.

The fair also represents a time when many 4-Hers can finally spend time with their fellow club members in-person again.

"Belonging is a really important part of the 4-H experience," Andrews said.

To view youth projects on the fairgrounds, visit the exhibit hall and the animal barns.

For more information about 4-H, stop by the agency's promotional booth in the annex building.



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Myka Rufer garnered a blue ribbon for the snack creation she entered in the fair.



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Green County 4-H members show off projects judged recently for entry in the Green County Fair. Micki Andrews shows the pajamas she made during the clothing style revue.



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Mallory Schmelzer shows off her top cat entry.

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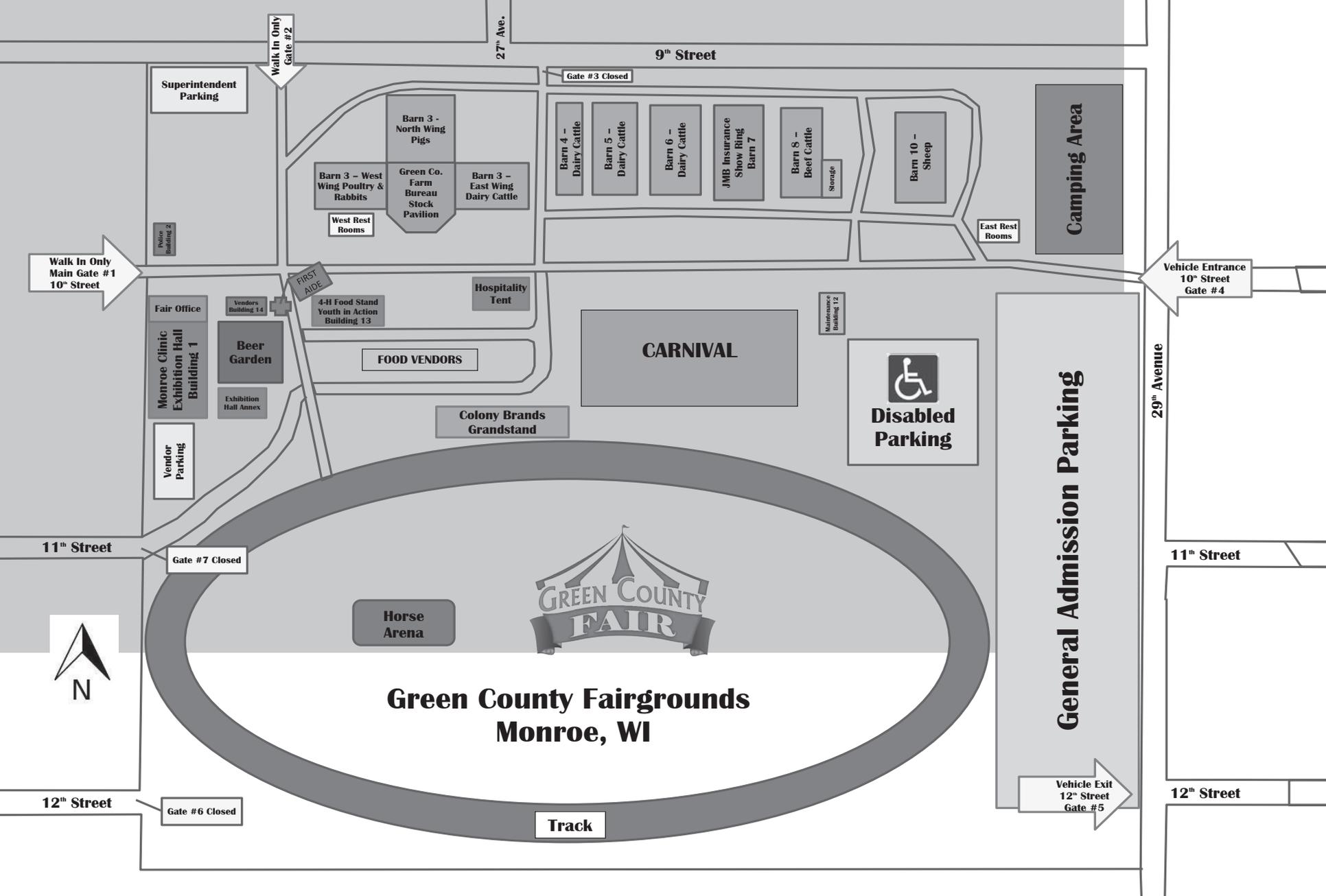


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Young said. The moratorium, which was established nine months ago, protects renters, who expect to earn less than \$99,000 in income this year (or less than \$198,000 if filing a joint tax return) and are behind on rent due to the pandemic and assign an affidavit. Tenants must attest that they have sought rental assistance and, if evicted, would likely become homeless or would be forced to live in close quarters with other people. In all,

Congress has sent out \$46.5 billion in two waves of funding to the states to help renters stay in their homes.

'Tsunami' of evictions expected

Despite the moratorium, Milwaukee County has seen hundreds of eviction filings each month. Between March 1 and July 8, there were 2,270 evictions filed and judgments in 56 cases — with more than a dozen judgments involving multiple tenants. But the

numbers remain far below pre-moratorium levels.

“Moving into 2021, not only do you see sort of a reduction in filings, but you also see a reduction in essentially, how many evictions are actually resolved with a judgment for eviction,” explained Brandon DuPont, a data analyst at the Medical College of Wisconsin which runs the Milwaukee Evictions Tracker.

Many ascribe the downturn to the many efforts to prevent evictions, either through

rental assistance or mediation provided by service agencies. Renters fear the end of the moratorium will hasten eviction filings and spur more landlords to knock at their doors demanding overdue rent.

“There’s a tsunami of evictions coming,” said Amara Lang, a member of the Milwaukee Autonomous Tenants Union — an all-volunteer organization fighting to end housing insecurity. “There’s gonna be a massive reckoning

in this nation with a housing crisis.”

“There are already evictions filed waiting for this to expire. I don’t think the city is prepared,” Lang added.

The Pérezes, who live with their three young daughters and her parents, never heard back about an application they submitted in November to SDC. But due to the agency exhausting previous rounds of money and a waiting list that surged to about 4,000 people in November, Hinton suggest-

ed their application likely was not processed and they would have to reapply to the new round of rental assistance.

The Pérezes fell into financial trouble when COVID-19 hit. Ester Pérez lost her job after the school where she worked shut down. Her husband’s hours at a restaurant were also reduced. Jose Pérez had to take on extra part-time jobs doing cleaning and working outside to make enough

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT High School Auditoria Wednesday, June 9, 2021

7:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting Agenda was published in the Wednesday, June 2, 2021 edition of the Independent Register.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Elizabeth Kempel, Jodi Kail, and Don Buchanan [virtually]

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

ACTION ITEM

Regular Meeting: May 12, 2021
Regular School Board Meeting Minutes were declared approved as printed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve payment of the Insight FS bill as presented.

Motion passed, 5-0-1 [M. Krupke abstained].

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve payment of the remainder of bills as presented.

Motion carried, 6-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team presented reports. Elementary School Principal Dave Novy recognized Jennifer Perry, the ES Music Teacher, for putting together this year’s Talent Show.

Middle School Principal Lisa Semrow recognized Joleen Oren, Dan Rueckert, and Kathy Visger for helping with the end of year awards and activities. She also thanked Beth Riesterer for recording the 8th grade promotion ceremony. Lastly, she recognized Erin Kammerer for taking the lead in collecting data at RtI Meetings to prepare for next school year.

High School Principal Jim Matthys recognized Jen Flory, Marnie Leifker, and Jeannie Doescher for their work regarding High School graduation. He also thanked Brian Kammerer for his efforts with all of the scheduling this spring for Alternate Fall and Spring Sports.

IT Director Kevin Buxton recognized Paul Huffman, Shane Miller, Karen Elmer, and Kirsten Novy for volunteering as members of the Technology Committee.

Comptroller Cathy Pfeuti thanked Brian Kammerer and Kevin Buxton for working collaboratively with vendors to meet the end of the year deadlines for purchasing/projects.

Building and Grounds Director Brian Kammerer recognized and thanked Lenny Lueck for his dedication to the District and the many hats he has worn to fill in at different positions to give opportunities for kids’ success over the course of his career in Brodhead. He also recognized Tracy Lueck for her work behind the scenes as his Athletic Assistant and wished her the best in her retirement. Lastly, he thanked Janet Schliem, Glen Watrud, and Sandi Sheafor for picking up extra hours to cover for staff members during absences.

Superintendent Lenny Lueck recognized Tonya Buttke and Tracy Lueck for their work with him over the last eight years. They have been a huge reason for Lenny’s ability to stay organized and above water. He also recognized the entire Administrative Team for the job they do handling issues so that issues often do not rise to the level of the Superintendent needing to make a decision. He believes the District is fortunate to have such a good team in place and is in good hands going forward.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was signed in to give public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF WASB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the annual renewal of Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) membership for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF 2021-22 WIAA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the High School and Middle School 2021-22 WIAA Membership Agreements, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

1ST READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY EFN [NUTRITION & WELLNESS]

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the first reading of changes to Policy EFN [Nutrition & Wellness]. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2020-21 BUDGET REVISIONS

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the 2020-21 budget revisions, as revised, which includes adding \$12,000 to the IT budget, \$88,000 to the Building and Grounds budget, and making an extra \$13,500 payment to our OPEB liability. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021-22 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the start of spending for the preliminary 2021-22 budget, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF NEW JOB DESCRIPTIONS [BACKPACK PROGRAM COORDINATOR, COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST, & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SERVICES ASSISTANT]

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve the new job descriptions [Backpack Program Coordinator & Communications Specialist, and update to High School Student Services Assistant], as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

REVIEW SURVEYS [EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT & PARENT]

DISCUSSION/REVIEW ITEM

Superintendent Lueck presented information regarding the employee engagement and parent surveys that were recently completed. The Board discussed them briefly and will discuss them in more

depth at their August goal setting meeting.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Superintendent Lueck gave a final update on COVID-19 for the 2020-21 school year. The District remained in a positive place at the end of the year with no new cases and very few close contacts over the last month of school. The District was able to run all activities without COVID-19 cancellations for the last few months.

Superintendent Lueck asked about adding a Virtual School Coordinator position that would be in conjunction with other local schools. It is likely that we will have multiple students that would like to continue with virtual school in the coming years. The Virtual School would be 6th grade through 12th grade. The Coordinator will be a licensed teacher. It is the intent to pay with ESSER Funds.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to add a Virtual School Coordinator position to be paid through ESSER funds. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Board also discussed the requirement to continue wearing masks on school grounds.

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Jim Wahl, to end the mask requirement on all school grounds effective immediately. Motion carried, 7-0.

The Board discussed participation in the summer meal program for June, July, and August.

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to discontinue summer meals for July and August.

Motion passed, 6-1 [J. Wahl opposed].

ACCEPT DONATION(S)

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Al Schneider, to accept the following donation(s):

- \$500.00 monetary donation from the American Legion Swann-Gehr Post Number 197 to the Brodhead Band and Music Departments

Motion passed, 6-0-1 [J. Wahl abstained].

RESIGNATION(S)

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the resignation of Brooke Kintzle, JV2 Volleyball Coach, effective immediately. Motion carried, 7-0.

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the hiring of Mariah Douglas as a District Occupational Therapy Assistant [COTA] at the rate of \$25.00/hour, and as a Middle School Special Education Para-Educator at the rate of \$13.00/hour, beginning August 24, 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the hiring of Jessica Gardipee as Middle School Counselor, effective July 1, 2021, at a starting salary of \$51,000.00 [MA]. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the hiring of Aaron Haycraft as Pupil Services/Business Administrative Assistant, at the rate of \$17.75/hour, beginning June 21, 2021.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Kate Hipenbecker as Backpack Program Coordinator, at a rate of \$2,000.00 annually, beginning July 1, 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the hiring of Kelly Knox as Elementary School Principal, at a starting salary of \$95,000.00, beginning July 1, 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the hiring of Kirsten Novy as Communications Specialist, at a rate of \$2,000.00 annually, beginning July 1, 2021. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the increase in hours of Alissa Benton, Elementary School Para-Educator, from 1,202 hours/year to 1,246 hours/year, beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the increase in hours of Robert Brugger, Elementary School Para-Educator, from 876 hours/year to 1,246 hours/year, beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the increase in hours of Tammy Goecks, Elementary School Para-Educator, from 801 hours/year to 1,246 hours/year, beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the increase in hours of Mary Lou McCormick, District Speech & Language Pathologist, from 270 hours/year to 540 hours/year, effective the 2021-22 school year only. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve moving Laura Powers, District School Nurse, to Professional Staff, with a salary increase of 1.5% plus \$500.00 supplemental experience, beginning with the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve moving Jessica Swan, District Occupational Therapist, to Professional Staff, with a salary increase of 1.5%, beginning with the 2021-22 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jodi Kail, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the 2021 Summer Student Workers List as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the following volunteer[s]: Sabrina Meichtry [HS Mentoring/Outreach/Support]. Motion carried, 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA [July 14, 2021]

- Authorization to Hire Staff
- Approval of Academic Standards
- Accept Milk & Bread Bids for 2021-22
- Establish Student Breakfast/Lunch/Milk Prices for 2021-22
- Establish Student Fees for 2021-22
- Approval of H.S. & M.S. Co-Curricular Handbooks for 2021-22
- Approval of 2020-21 Budget Revisions
- HS Graduation Credit Waiver
- Wisconsin School Day Milk Program
- COVID-19 Update
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED

SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c)

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) at 8:22 p.m., for the discussion of:

a. Staffing

Roll Call Vote: All ayes [7-0].

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 8:31 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to increase support staff substitute pay to \$12.00/hour.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to increase student summer worker hourly wage by \$0.75. Motion carried, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Date: 06-09-21 \$100 Bill List

QUILL CORPORATION	101.61
ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES	1,006.90
APPLE COMPUTER INC	1,598.00
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	419
CESA #2	4,012.00
CITY OF BRODHEAD	1,609.29
DYNAMIC FITNESS & STRENGTH	259.9
HOBART SERVICE/ITW FOOD EQUIP	706.91
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	61,560.26
MIDAMERICA	10,085.43
MUMM, MARTIN	140
NEW GLARUS HIGH SCHOOL	125
NICHOLSON, CHRIS	140
OFFICE PRO	21,050.00
REGISTER PRINT CENTER	219
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	1,088.68
RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE	150
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	577.07
UW-WHITEWATER	711
VISA	2,380.25
WDATCP-LICENSE RENEWAL	1,320.00
WE ENERGIES	1,821.33
KLOPPENSTEIN, JEFFREY	120
NOVUS GLASS	344.45
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	130.45
WIEGEL, JEFF	120
FOLLETT SCHOOL SOLUTIONS, INC	3,128.59
MIDAMERICA	44,103.71
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	6,080.32
AIRGAS USA, LLC	149.2
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION	609.25
KLOPPENSTEIN, JEFFREY	120
MECA SPORTSWEAR	394.95
MONROE COUNTRY CLUB	100
MONROE ENGRAVING	1,718.08
NEW GLARUS HIGH SCHOOL	125
PEAP	220.23
ROEMER, PAUL	135
WIEGEL, JEFF	120
BMO HARRIS BANK N.A.	16313.83
AWSA-WFEA	2,030.00
QUILL CORPORATION	147.48
510 GRAPHICS	250
AIRGAS USA, LLC	135.15
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	3,032.41
BLAKELY, JESSE	149.4
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	10,006.99
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	5,905.11
CESA #2	3,323.50
COLDEN, PAMELA A	100
DELL MARKETING L.P.	463.46
GASSER TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	341.75
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	14,677.39
HELM SERVICE, INC	2,452.39
INSIGHT FS	4,355.74
JOSTENS INC	217
KOMPAS CARE	449.75
MARTENSON, LAUREL B	100
MCGAW, BREANNA E	100
OFFICE PRO	3,874.76
OLSON, ANGELA	236.8
ESJD DBA PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	5,758.32
SKYWARD	32,829.00
SLOAN IMPLEMENT	763.56
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	10,366.10
TALLMAN, STEVE	242.7
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	177.44
MIDAMERICA	44,103.71
BRODHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	125
GUILBAULT, AARON	211.97
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JANESVILLE	459
VISA	3198
VISA	300
MONROE ENGRAVING	168.24
MONROE ENGRAVING	120
RBS ACTIVEWEAR	525
WIAA	103.4
MARTENSON, LAUREL B	100
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Assistance (Continued from page 9)

money to get by. After News414 and Wisconsin Watch interviewed Hinton and notified him of the Pérezes' case — and the couple also called the agency — they were told that they would shortly receive a new application and a phone call regarding their request.

"I hope they don't take too long," Ester Pérez wrote in a text message.

Navigating 'bottlenecks'

In April 2020, Karianne, who asked that her last name be withheld, was facing an eviction. She applied for rental assistance through SDC, Community Advocates and a formerly federally financed rental assistance program through Hope House of Milwaukee. She said she didn't hear back from any of them, despite numerous attempts to contact the agencies. Karianne was ultimately served with an eviction notice and had to go to court to stay in her home.

"There are so many people that need help right now, unfortunately. And I think it's just a

matter of the system is just so backlogged, and so they're just drowning right now," said Karianne, who now volunteers with the Milwaukee Autonomous Tenants Union.

Community Advocates says its turnaround time for applications to be processed is between 21 and 30 days. But that does not include the time between residents submitting their applications and contact from a case manager to begin processing the request. For Hanson, the delay pushed her to the edge financially.

Hanson lives with her two daughters in South Milwaukee. She applied for rental assistance through Community Advocates at the end of April. While she has kept her bills and expenses to the bare minimum, she was forced to consider taking on a part-time job to make ends meet. But with homeschooling her children and working a full-time job already, it didn't seem feasible.

"I couldn't work a part-time job and then be able to help them with their homework," Hanson said. "I was trying to

think of another solution, but I think just working Saturday and Sunday would not have been enough to cover it. And then I would never have had time with the kids."

In June, Community Advocates finally notified her that she was eligible and needed only to provide a little more documentation to start the process. Hanson hopes it won't take long.

"Our goal right now is just to make sure that we review everyone in the portal," Heffner said. "We're just trying to work through the applications as much as possible and look at any bottlenecks and address anyone that, for one reason or another, they're still in queue."

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A guide to navigating assistance programs for those at risk of eviction during the pandemic

If I haven't applied yet, am I still eligible and what help can I get?

Yes. Eligible applicants may receive up to 15 months of aid in a combination of rental payments and/or security deposits. These payments will be paid directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant. To apply, applicants must:

- Be an adult Wisconsin resident; assistance does not require that a recipient be a legal resident of the United States.
- Have a household income at or below 80% of the county median income in the month of or prior to the application date and experienced financial hardship or significant costs due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- Be at risk of becoming homeless or experiencing unstable housing.

How do I apply?

The Wisconsin Community Action Program Association (WISCAP) coordinates the program through its member agencies. Most agencies offer online applications, but some instruct applicants to send an email requesting a WERA application. Apply at the agency that serves your county, as outlined below:

- Community Action Inc., serving Rock and Walworth counties.
- Southwestern Community Action Program, serving Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette and Richland counties.

To apply you must provide the following information and documentation:

- Driver's license or state ID.
- Documentation of income you receive.
- Proof of financial hardship (including loss of employment, reduced hours of employment and an applicant or other

adult in household not working in order to supervise virtual learning).

- Eviction notice or arrears statement.

Am I eligible if I am undocumented, a non-citizen or have no Social Security number?

Rental assistance funds come from the federal government, and Congress left eligibility open to non-citizens — including those who lack Social Security numbers or are undocumented. Neither states nor local governments may impose their own immigration restrictions in lieu of the federal government, according to a National Housing Law Project fact sheet.

Wisconsin residents can apply for rental assistance as long as they meet income-related requirements.

Applicants will not be asked about their immigration status at any point during the process.

Accepting rental assistance should not harm an immigrant's application for legal status under the concept of the "public charge," legal experts say.

What do I do if my application is still pending and my landlord still hasn't received payment?

Try asking the organization you applied to for an update.

Who else can I contact for help?

- Legal Aid Society of Milwaukee: 414-727-5300
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- Legal Action of Wisconsin: 855-947-2529
- Milwaukee Autonomous Tenants Union: 414-410-9714