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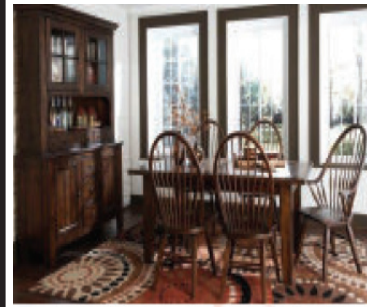
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# Albany man set to receive pork association honor

Todd Brewer of Albany will be inducted into the Wisconsin Pork Association Hall of Fame during the Wisconsin State Fair. "The Wisconsin Pork Association recognizes an outstanding individual who has demonstrated a longtime commitment to the Wisconsin State Fair in the open and junior shows, and to developing a quality breeding program, by inducting him into the Hall of Fame," according to an association news release. Brewer raises about 30 sows, mostly

Chester Whites, on his Albany farm. He is a fourth-generation Chester breeder and he and his wife, Brenda, have been successfully showing Chesters at the state and national levels for 50 years, the release said. Brewer grandchildren Braxton and Jayce are now showing Chester Whites as well, bringing the family tradition into a sixth generation. An induction ceremony is set for Saturday, Aug. 7, during the Chester White show at the State Fair.

# Obituaries

**ALBERT BADERTSCHER JR.**  
Albert Badertscher Jr., age 85, passed away on July 30, 2021, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital. Albert was born on March 7, 1936, in Brodhead, Wisconsin, the son of Albert Sr. and Frances (Green) Badertscher. Albert married Janice Orson on April 14, 1962, at the Orfordville Lutheran Church. Albert worked at age 16 at Freeman Shoe and later served his country in the U.S. Army from 1959 to 1961. After the service he worked for GM for six years and worked on the family farm for 17 years. After



his retirement from farming, he continued to work for 16 years at Swiss Colony. Albert enjoyed deer and elk hunting, working on his lawnmowers, tending to his garden and working on cars, especially his 1958 Chevy.

Albert is survived by his wife, Janice; three children, Tony (Kelly) Badertscher, Teri Deremo and Randy "Pud" Badertscher; four grandchildren, Samantha (Brandon) Dienberg, Stephanie (Bill) Baker, Amanda Deremo (Nate Behrend) and Justin Badertscher (Kylie Leitzen); two step grandchildren, Joshua (Erynn) Hartman and Nathan (Mylissa) Hartman; nine great-grandchildren and

many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Albert was preceded in death by his parents; five siblings, Werner (Lois) Badertscher, Leila (Alvin) Schwartzlow, Charlene (John) Schwartzlow, Allard (Alice) Badertscher and Dolores (Alvin) Friedrich; and one granddaughter, Vanessa Badertscher. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in Albert's name.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, Aug. 7, at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead. A visitation will also be held at the funeral home from 10 a.m. to noon. Burial will conclude at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead. For more information, go online to [www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) or call 608-897-2484.

**JAMES W. GINTHER**

James William Ginther, age 85, passed away peacefully on July 27, 2021, surrounded by his family after losing his long battle with Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Freda Ginther; daughter, Kandice Flannery; son-in-law, Steve Flannery; grandsons, Jason Flannery, Casey Flannery and Skylar Flannery; son, Mitch Ginther; and daughter-in-law, Joanne Barnes; brother, William Ginther; and sister-in-law, Marge Ginther; daughter, Donna Ginther; son-in-law, Rodger Erickson; grandson, Bryce Erickson; granddaughter, Adele Erickson; daughter, Kristan Ginther; son-in-law, Daniel Cubias; and grandson, Zakary Cubias.



Jim started working at Curtis Candy company, milking and showing dairy cows, which lead to a love of cattle that lasted throughout his life. He worked at Chrysler Corp. in Belvidere, Illinois, for 26 years as a manager. There he invented the Ginther bar, a device that assisted with the car assembly line. In addition to these full-time jobs, his real love was farming. For 47 years, Jim raised crops, gardened and tended to a menagerie of animals, including cattle, goats, chickens, horses and any stray who happened

upon the best 50 acres in Rock County. One of the first additions to the farm was a grade milk cow named Moo who he milked by hand. On that same farm, Jim built the house with his own hands that stands there today. He instilled a love of nature, hard work and animal husbandry in anyone who met and knew him. Jim will be remembered by his family for his great sense of humor, love of obscure country musicians, his strength of character and enjoying the simple pleasures in life. It can be said of Jim that he never took a direct route to any location in his life because the journey was just as important as the destination. A visitation and funeral services were held at D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Friday July 30, 2021. Memorial donations may be made in Jim Ginther's name to the Alzheimer's Association and Agrace Hospice ([www.agrace.org/donate](http://www.agrace.org/donate)). For more information, go online to [www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com) or call 608-897-2484.

**MERLIN M. MAVEUS**

Merlin M. Maveus, age 82, of Monroe, passed away on Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at Pleasant View Nursing Home. He was born the son of Maurice and Dorothy (MaCumber) Maveus on Sept. 9, 1938, in Monroe. He was a 1957 graduate of Orfordville High School. Merlin was united in marriage to Carol A. Rufer on March 8, 1964.



Merlin served in the Army Reserves. He then worked for Kelly Springfield tires in Freeport for 35 years. After his retirement he continued working for Clarno Township for seven and a half years. He was a Minneapolis Moline tractor collector and traveled all throughout the United States and Canada to tractor shows, making many friends along the way. He also was an avid polka dancer and loved to go dancing with Carol. Merlin was a longtime member of St. John's United Church of Christ.

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He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Steven Maveus. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, at St. John's United Church of Christ in Monroe, Wisconsin, with the Rev. Tiff Bates officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. A visitation will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Condolences may be sent to the family at [shriner111.com](mailto:shriner111.com).

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# Fair's premier exhibitors earn accolades, prizes

The 12th annual Green County Premier Exhibitor contest was held at the recent Green County Fair. The event is designed to recognize 4-H and FFA members who have shown "exceptional involvement and knowledge" in their project area, according to an Extension Green County news release.

The Premier Exhibitor contest is open to any exhibitor of swine, dairy, beef, sheep, goats, rabbits and poultry, and is divided into two age divisions. The junior division is for exhibitors in grades three through eighth and the senior division is for exhibitors in grades nine and up. There is also a platinum division for youth in the senior division who have previously won first place in their respective species. Youth who participate in this division are tested on all species rather than just their own.

During this event, contestants participated in showmanship, and a "skillathon" and took a 35-point knowledge quiz. The skillathon consisted of four stations: breed identification, equipment identification, meat and cheese identification and feed identification.

The results of this year's Premier Exhibitor contest are:

- Beef**
- Junior division
    - First place: Colt Nyman, Washington Center 4-H
    - Second place: Joshua McCullough, Juda FFA
    - Third place: Skylar Kundert, Young Americans 4-H
  - Senior division
    - First: Luke McCullough, Juda FFA
    - Second: Katie Nusbaum, Juda FFA
    - Third: Abby Foster, Juda FFA
- Dairy**
- Junior division
    - First: Alex Roe, Washington Center 4-H
    - Second: Trenton Hendrickson, New Glarus 4-H
    - Third: Wyatt Steiner, Spring Grove Honest Workers 4-H
  - Senior division
    - First: Ellie Eichelkraut, New Glarus FFA
    - Second: Alyssa Holcomb, Monticello FFA
    - Third: Grace Gold, Next Generation 4-H
- Goats**
- Senior division
    - First: Jensen Christensen, Monroe FFA
    - Second: Levi Leitner, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H
- Rabbits**
- Junior division
    - First: Mickaelynn Andrews, Washington Center 4-H
    - Second: Peter Goers, Washington Center 4-H
    - Third: Helaina Keehn, Next Generation 4-H
  - Senior division
    - First: Jordan Lerch, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H
    - Second: Emily Goers, Washington Center 4-H
- Poultry**
- Junior division
    - First: Daniel Dunphy, Albany FFA
    - Second: Dalia Williams, Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H
    - Third: Mason Swedlund, Spring Grove Honest Workers 4-H
  - Senior division
    - First: Lucas Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H
- Sheep**
- Junior division
    - First: Kloe Jordan, Next Generation 4-H



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**Above:** Some of the winners of the Green County Fair Premier Exhibitors competition are pictured. In the back row from the left are Garrett Grossen, Alex Roe, Nick Roe, Ellie Eichelkraut, Alyssa Holcomb, Jordan Lerch, Grace Gold, Megan Leitner, Luke McCullough and Trenton Hendrickson. In the middle row from the left are Mickaelynn Andrews, Madilyn Arnold, Wyatt Steiner, Reagan Schmelzer, Jensen Christensen, Levi Leitner, Leilah King, Kloe Jordan and Katie Nusbaum. In the front row from the left are Dalia Williams, Joshua McCullough, Daniel Dunphy, Peter Goers and Lucas Veeder.

Second: Reagan Schmelzer, Spring Grove Honest Workers 4-H

Third: Olivia Christen, Washington Center 4-H

**Swine**

• Junior division  
First: Leilah King, Next Generation 4-H

Second: Madilyn Arnold, Spring Grove Honest Workers 4-H

• Senior division  
First: Nick Roe, Washington Center 4-H

Second: Jerzie Lerch, Juda FFA

Third: Garrett Grossen, Monticello FFA

**Platinum premier exhibitor**  
Grand: Briley Swedlund, Juda FFA

Reserve: Megan Leitner, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H

The top participant in each species and division received a Bluetooth speaker donated

by Colony Brands Inc. The second- and third-place participants in each division received \$30 and \$20 Nasco show supply or Farm and Fleet gift cards, respectively. The grand platinum premier exhibitor earns an embroidered gym bag, with the reserve earning a \$25 Culver's gift card.

Contest sponsors included: Colony Brands Inc., Hespard Collision Center LLC, Green County Holstein Breeders, Green County Jr. Holstein Breeders, Green County Beef Producers, Green County Pork Producers, Green County Sheep Producers, Green County 4-H Goat Committee and Extension Green County.

## Free agronomy field day set for Aug. 25

Attendees will have the opportunity to learn the latest in agronomic research being conducted by University of Wisconsin-Madison researchers at the 2021 Agronomy and Soils Field Day on Wednesday, Aug. 25. The day will be hosted by the UW-Madison departments of agronomy and soil science in collaboration with the Arlington Agricultural Research Station, which is north of Madison.

The field day will feature a tour with two speakers at each of six stops. The tour begins with a shotgun start, meaning participants will be able to attend all 12 presentations that highlight emerging technology, crops and cropping practices that will improve the sustainability and resilience of cropping systems.

UW-Madison College of Agricultural and Life Sciences researchers and Division of Extension specialists will serve as presenters at the various stops. The field tour begins at 8:30 a.m., with top-

ics including soil moisture monitoring, microbes and soil health, carbon loss in soil, weed management and disease solutions.

Registration is required for field day and is free. To register, go online to [go.wisc.edu/a32g16](http://go.wisc.edu/a32g16) or call 608-262-0485.

The field day starts at 8 a.m. with check-in and ends at noon. In the event of rain, the field day will be postponed until Thursday, Aug. 26.

Registered attendees will be emailed by 7 p.m. on Aug. 24 if the field day is being postponed.

The Arlington Ag Research Station is located at N695 Hopkins Road, Arlington. Watch for signs on U.S. Highway 51 about five miles south of Arlington.

The College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will make a reasonable effort to provide accommodations for participants with disabilities when notified in advance. Request a disability accommodation by Aug. 15 when registering.

## Red Cross needs donations amid severe blood shortage

American Red Cross officials say there is an emergency need for blood donations amid an ongoing severe blood shortage.

"The Red Cross has been distributing about 12% more blood products to hospitals across the U.S. compared to this time last year. The Red Cross needs to

collect more than 1,000 additional blood donations each day to meet the current hospital demand and end the severe blood shortage," according to a news release. "Donors of all blood types are needed, especially type O, which stands at just a

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## Cheese auction brings in more than \$50,000

The Green County Fair Cheese Contest & Auction brought in bids totaling \$52,985 from 30 bidders during the recent fair.

Auction participants bid on 85 pieces of cheese totaling 404 pounds in the event, hosted by the Foreign Type Cheesemaker's Association.

The grand champion, aged Gouda made by Gary Grossen of UW Babcock Hall in Madison, sold for \$525 per pound for a total of \$4,462.50 to Faith Engineering Inc.

Ruchi Stainless Inc. and Faith Engineering Inc. entered the highest bids per pound for six packs of Stettler Colby Swiss Spread made by Steve Stettler of Decatur Dairy Inc. in Brodhead.

Dave and Rena Koning, Paul Beach and Joe Mellem helped conduct the auction and Alpine Slicing of Monroe donated its services in cutting and packaging the cheese for auction.

"Foreign Type is very proud of their cheesemakers and the excellent cheese they produce," according to a news release. "The cheese that was not sold at the auction (approximately 300 pounds) was donated to the Monroe and Green County food pantries for distribution in our communities."

Auction proceeds will help support the United Way, the National Historic Cheesemaking Center, the Green County Fair and other dairy- and cheese-related events throughout the next year, the release said.

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**FRIDAY, AUG. 6**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, AUG. 7**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
-Albany Lions Pig Out, 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Lions building

**SUNDAY, AUG. 8**  
-Albertson Memorial Library closed

**MONDAY, AUG. 9**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
-Albany School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 10**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11**  
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# Support Relay for Life during Covered Bridge Days

The Relay For Life of Green County is teaming up with organizers of Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days on Saturday, Aug. 14, in Brodhead.

Relay organizers will host a booth in downtown Brodhead from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. offering a chance for people to purchase luminaria bags, learn about American Cancer Society resources, make donations, support their bake sale and be included in a drawing.

The Relay for Life walk and a drive-by luminara event is set for 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 14 at Jaycee Park. The event will showcase the luminara bags that people purchase in memory or honor of loved ones.

Alison Phillips of Monroe will serve as Relay For Life of Green County's honorary survivor.

With a nickname of "Sunshine," Phillips works at The Garden Spot Inc., near Monroe as a landscape consul-

tant and also as a substitute teacher for the School District of Monroe. Her journey with cancer started in 2019 with a breast cancer diagnosis at age 39, according to a news release.

Phillips eventually had a lumpectomy to remove the cancer and a margin of healthy tissue that surrounded it.

"Within a week, I was back to work because being around the plants, the staff — who are like family —

and our customers bring me joy and all were a welcome distraction," Phillips said in the release.

About a month later, she started six weeks of daily radiation treatments at the Leonard C. Ferguson Cancer Center in Freeport, Illinois.

"As scary as cancer was, I always knew that I would get through the cancer by taking it day by day and staying positive," Phillips said. "Ultimately, I hope that I can inspire others to make sure they go in for regular screenings, advocate for their own health and stay positive through it all."

Donations to the Green County Relay for Life and luminara purchases also may be made online by going to [www.RelayForLife.org/GreenCountyWI](http://www.RelayForLife.org/GreenCountyWI).

For more information, contact Jo Ann Steuri at 608-728-2980.



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**Alison Phillips of Monroe will be the honorary survivor at the Aug. 14 Green County Relay for Life event. Phillips, a breast cancer survivor, is pictured with her husband, Josh.**

## Drought declaration includes Green and Rock counties

The United States Department of Agriculture has designated Winnebago County, Illinois, as a primary natural disaster area because of drought conditions.

Although Winnebago is the primary county eligible for disaster assistance, the contiguous counties of Boone, DeKalb, Ogle and Stephenson in Illinois and Rock and Green in Wisconsin also are eligible for assistance.

The secretarial natural disaster designation allows the USDA Farm Service Agency to extend emergency credit to producers recovering from

natural disasters through emergency loans.

Emergency loans can be used to meet various recovery needs, including the replacement of essential items such as equipment or livestock, reorganization of a farming operation or the refinance of certain debts. FSA will review the loans based on the extent of losses, security available and repayment ability.

For more information about available programs, contact the Green County FSA office in Monroe at 608-325-4195 or the Rock County FSA office in Janesville at 608-754-6617.

## In brief

### Women bowlers set fall meeting in Albany

The Thursday afternoon ladies bowling league will hold its fall meeting at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at Albany Lanes. All teams should be represented at the meeting.

Anyone who is interested in bowling in the Thursday league may contact Cora Ball at 608-247-4525 or Phyllis Flannery at 608-897-2242.

### College offers Fast Track Day on Aug. 14

Blackhawk Technical College will host an open house/Fast Track Day from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 14, at its Central Campus in Janesville. Fast Track Day is designed for students to take care of last-minute needs before the fall semester.

Many services will be available at the event, including financial aid, registration, advising, bookstore, placement testing, laptop check-outs, IT help desk, student IDs and campus tours.

BTC fall classes begin Monday, Aug. 16. Classes are offered in-person as well as online with locations in Janesville, Milton, Beloit and Monroe.

For more information, go online to [www.blackhawk.edu](http://www.blackhawk.edu).

### Reunion approaches for BHS Class of 1975

The Brodhead High School Class of 1975 reunion is set for Saturday, Aug. 14, at the American Legion in Orfordville. Invitations have been mailed.

Classmates also are welcome to gather for the street dance in downtown Brodhead on the evening of Friday, Aug. 13, during Covered Bridge Days. Sojourn Rocs will be playing from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Those who didn't receive a reunion invitation or who would like more information may call Julie Yaun Carroll at 815-299-0900.

### Orfordville walk benefits local food pantry

Walk to End Hunger, set for Sunday, Aug. 8, in Orfordville, aims to help the Orfordville CUP food pantry and get people moving for a good cause.

Registration will be at 11 a.m. behind Villa Pizza, 214 Viking Drive. The entry fee is a donation of nonperishable food items, personal care items or a monetary donation. Participants may walk the distance of their choice, starting at 11:30 a.m. and finishing by 1 p.m.

Everyone who participates will receive Betterlife promotional items and have a chance to win door prizes.

For more information, call

Heather Dobson at 608-558-9688 or Ginger Riese at 608-897-4520.

### Rock County Job Center hosts hiring events

Three in-person job fairs will be offered this month at the Rock County Job Center in Janesville.

The events are limited to 10 employers at each, due to social distancing protocols, with employers setting up in three different rooms. Job seekers are encouraged to attend all three events, as different employers will be in attendance at each event.

The sessions will be held from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays — Aug. 10, Aug. 17 and Aug. 24.

For more information, contact Job Service employment and training specialist Lesley Luna at 608-901-5694 or Lesley.Luna@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

### Everyone's invited to Albany picnic

Albany Community1st! will host an old-time Community Picnic from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22, at Legion Park, 300 N. Water St. in Albany. Attendees should bring their favorite picnic foods and blankets or lawn chairs.

The afternoon will include badminton, cornhole, kickball and other lawn games, candy raffles, a lucky duck game for those 6 and under and starting at 1 p.m., contests such as sack races, three-legged races and watermelon seed spitting.

## Rock River Valley Blood Center will supply Janesville hospital

The Rock River Valley Blood Center will now supply blood to three additional Mercyhealth hospitals in Janesville, Harvard and Walworth, bringing the total number of regional hospitals it supports to 13, according to a news release.

The partnership went into effect on July 1. RRVBC will provide blood products and services to Mercyhealth Hospital and Medical Center—Harvard, Mercyhealth Hospital and Trauma Center—Janesville and Mercyhealth's Hospital and Medical Center—Walworth.

"Rock River Valley Blood Center has been a valuable long-term partner with Mercyhealth's Javon Bea Hospital," Barbara Turner, director of laboratory services at Mercyhealth, said in the release. "We are pleased to expand that partnership to our Walworth, Harvard and Janesville hospitals."

"Working with a local community blood center is advantageous in that they truly gear their operations to serve our communities. We have great confidence that this relationship will ensure adequate blood supply for our patients."

With the three additional hospitals, the blood center will now need to see 800 donors per week to meet the demand for blood and blood products. Individuals can donate whole blood every 56 days (eight weeks), and their donations help meet local needs first, the release said.

Individuals feeling healthy and well may schedule a donation appointment by going online to [rrvbc.org](http://rrvbc.org), on the myRRVBC app, or by calling 815-965-8751. Walk-ins are also welcome at donor centers in Rockford, Belvidere or Freeport, or at a mobile blood drive.

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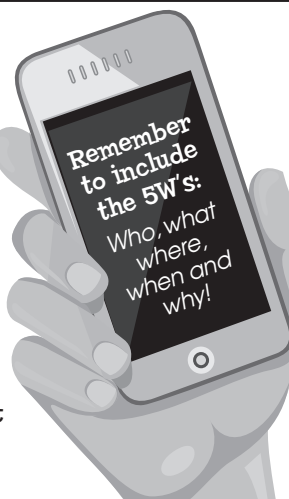
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# Healthful hint

# Private wells should be tested annually

Did you know that Rock County has more than 11,000 private wells? Regulations that protect the public drinking water systems don't apply to privately owned wells. If you own a private well, you should regularly monitor for any contaminants to ensure the continued safety of your water.



By **ERIN YENSER**  
Contributor

easy way to identify possible problems and keep your family healthy.

### Why should I test my well water annually?

- Bacteria can cause flu-like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, fever and diarrhea.
- High nitrate levels can

cause blue baby syndrome, an oxygen deficiency in the blood.

- Insects such as earwigs can carry bacteria, viruses and pesticides into your well.

### When should I test my well water?

- Buying or selling a home
- Changes in taste or odor
- The arrival of a new infant
- Well recently installed or repaired

### How do I test my well water?

The Rock County Public Health Department maintains a certified lab that offers multiple water testing

services. Water testing kits are available to test private wells.

- Order a kit online by visiting the Rock County Public Health Department website: [www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth-environmental/publichealth-water-quality/publichealth-health-lab](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth-environmental/publichealth-water-quality/publichealth-health-lab) (shipping and credit card processing fees may apply).
- Request a test kit in person. You can stop by the Rock County Public Health Department during regular business hours to request a test kit. Bacteria and nitrate tests are \$25 each and paid for when the water sample is returned to the Rock County Public Health Department.

• Kits for additional tests are available through the Rock County Public Health Department, with testing provided by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.

For more information, call 608-757-5440. Environmental health specialists are available to answer questions, explain test results and help resolve contamination or water

quality issues.

Erin Yenser is a health educator for the Rock County Public Health Department.

To ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email [RCHHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:RCHHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us) with Healthful Hint in the subject. For more information, follow the department on social media @rockcountypHD.

# Wearing a life jacket saves lives

16 fatalities reported so far this year

It's peak boating season, and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds boaters that wearing a life jacket could save your life.

To date, 16 people have died in boating incidents so far this year in Wisconsin.

Operator inexperience, inattention, recklessness and speeding are the four leading causes of tragic watercraft crashes, and the leading cause of death is drowning, the DNR reports.

The majority of people who drown in boating accidents know how to swim but become incapacitated in the water as a result of being injured or unconscious, exhausted or weighed down by clothing.

"Wearing a life jacket is the easiest thing you can do to make sure that your next boating trip won't be your last," said Lt. Darren Kuhn, DNR boating law administrator, said in a news release. "Make sure you and all other passengers are wearing it with the buckles fastened before you cast off."

The department does not track all drownings — only those fatalities linked to the use of a recreational activity item, such as a boat, kayak or canoe. Boating incident reports to date for 2021 and previous years are available online at [dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov).

Statistics show boaters who wear life jackets and take boater safety courses are most likely to stay safe on Wisconsin waters.

### Water safety tips

The DNR offers these tips to stay safe on the water:

- Sign up now to take an online boater education course.
- Always wear a properly fitted life jacket that has a snug fit and is fastened when you're on or near the water.
- Enjoy the waters sober and know your limits. Alcohol blurs a person's judgment, reaction time and abilities.
- Know that river shorelines and sandbars pose unseen dangers. Higher, fast-moving water can tax an individual's boating, paddling and swimming skills.



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## Wildflower Walk explores native beauty

Purple coneflower, bee balm and other native plants bloom near the Pearl Island Bridge in Brodhead. People can enjoy learning about native flowers and grasses during the Wildflower Walk, set for 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, in Putnam Park. During the guided tour, attendees will learn about plants that once blanketed the landscape of the area and learn to identify native plants suitable for rain, pollinator and butterfly gardens. Most of the slope along the Mill Race north of the Pearl Island Bridge was planted with native plants in 2013 and 2014 by Brodhead School District students. The Wildflower Walk is suitable for all ages and each participant will receive a free packet of orange milkweed seed.



NATIONAL SAFE BOATING COUNCIL PHOTO *Brodhead Independent-Register*

Statistics show boaters who wear life jackets and take boater safety courses are most likely to stay safe on Wisconsin waters. Safety officials say it's important to make sure everyone onboard has a properly fitted life jacket before heading out on the water.

## • Donations

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one-day supply right now." To thank donors, all who come to give through Sunday, Aug. 15, will automatically be entered for a chance to win a VIP trip for two to the sold-out 2021 Bonnaroo Music & Arts Festival. Those who come to donate throughout August also will receive a free four-month subscription offer to Apple Music by email (new subscribers only). More details are available by going online to [RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat](http://RedCrossBlood.org/FeelTheBeat). Several blood drives are

scheduled in Green County.

- New Glarus, Aug. 13: noon to 6 p.m. at New Glarus Bible Church, 207 Sixth St.
- Monroe, Aug. 19: noon to 6 p.m. at Monroe Bible Church, 2613 Eighth Ave.
- Albany, Aug. 26: 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Lions building, 402 Cincinnati St.

To schedule an appointment to give blood or platelets, go online to [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), call 800-733-2767, use the Red Cross blood donor app or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

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**Parkview in Orfordville:**  
**Viking Times**

### THURSDAY, AUG. 5

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; book club at 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, AUG. 6

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m.

### SATURDAY, AUG. 7

- Orfordville library open, 9 a.m. to noon

### SUNDAY, AUG. 8

- Orfordville library closed

### MONDAY, AUG. 9

- Orfordville library

open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

- Orfordville Economic Development Committee meeting, 6 p.m.
- Orfordville Village Board meeting, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, AUG. 10

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Teen/Tween Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, AUG. 11

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

## Legal Notices

**AGENDA**  
**BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**  
**HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
7:00 P.M.

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- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
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- VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- VII. INFORMATION REPORTS
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
- AGENDA**
- IX. KID CONNECTION 2020-21 YEARLY UPDATE
- X. APPROVAL OF 2021 NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA TRIP
- XI. TARGET-BASED LEARNING COMMUNICATION PLAN
- XII. SECLUSION & RESTRAINT REPORT
- XIII. 2021 SUMMER SCHOOL OVERVIEW
- XIV. APPROVAL OF 2021-22 STAFF, VOLUNTEER, & SUBSTITUTE TEACHER HANDBOOKS
- XV. APPROVAL OF 2021-22 EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN MANUAL
- XVI. APPROVAL OF 2021-22 SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS
- XVII. APPROVAL OF 2021-22 AREAS OF FOCUS
- XVIII. APPROVAL OF 2020-21 BUDGET REVISIONS
- XIX. APPROVAL OF VIRTUAL ACADEMY TEACHER JOB DESCRIPTION
- XX. BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE
- XXI. COVID-19 UPDATE
- XXII. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
- XXIII. RESIGNATION(S)
- XXIV. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
- XXV. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
- XXVI. FUTURE AGENDA
- XXVII. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)
- XXVIII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
- XXIX. ADJOURNMENT

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**AGENDA**  
**BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**BOARD/LEADERSHIP/ ADMINISTRATION AREAS OF FOCUS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**  
**HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**  
5:00-7:00 P.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - II. ROLL CALL
  - AGENDA**
  - III. REVIEW DISTRICT PROGRAMS
  - IV. DISCUSS SURVEY RESULTS
  - V. DISCUSS/DECIDE AREAS OF FOCUS FOR 2021-22
  - VI. ADJOURNMENT
- The Independent Register  
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**AGENDA**  
**BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday, August 11, 2021**  
**HIGH SCHOOL L.M.C.**  
4:30 P.M.

- I. REVIEW BILLS
  - II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE
  - III. ADJOURN
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**TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY**  
**Monday August 9, 2021**  
**at 6 PM**

Orfordville Fire District Meeting Room  
173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI

- AGENDA**
1. Call to order
  2. Approval of agenda
  3. Verification of proper public notice
  4. Secretary's Report
  5. Treasurer's report
  6. Reports
  7. Audience communication
  8. Old business
  9. A. Rock County Public Works
  - B. Road work
  9. New business
  - A. Brodhead EMS
  - B. Hazeltine CUP
  10. Future agenda items
  11. Payment of bills
  12. Adjournment
- Dela Ends, Clerk  
Recycling drop-off  
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**TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY**  
**CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT PUBLIC HEARING**

**Monday August 9, 2021**  
**at 6 PM**  
**Orfordville Fire District**  
**Meeting Room**  
**173 N. Wright St.,**  
**Orfordville, WI**

- AGENDA**
1. Call to order
  2. Approval of agenda
  3. Verification of proper public notice
  4. Public Hearing for CUP for Steve Hazeltine to consider an application by Steve Hazeltine, 4526 S Holden Rd., Orfordville WI 53576 for a nonagricultural use business conditional use permit for Vintage Chariots auto restoration and sales in an existing building.
  5. Adjournment to regular meeting
- Dela Ends, Clerk  
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**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., 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.

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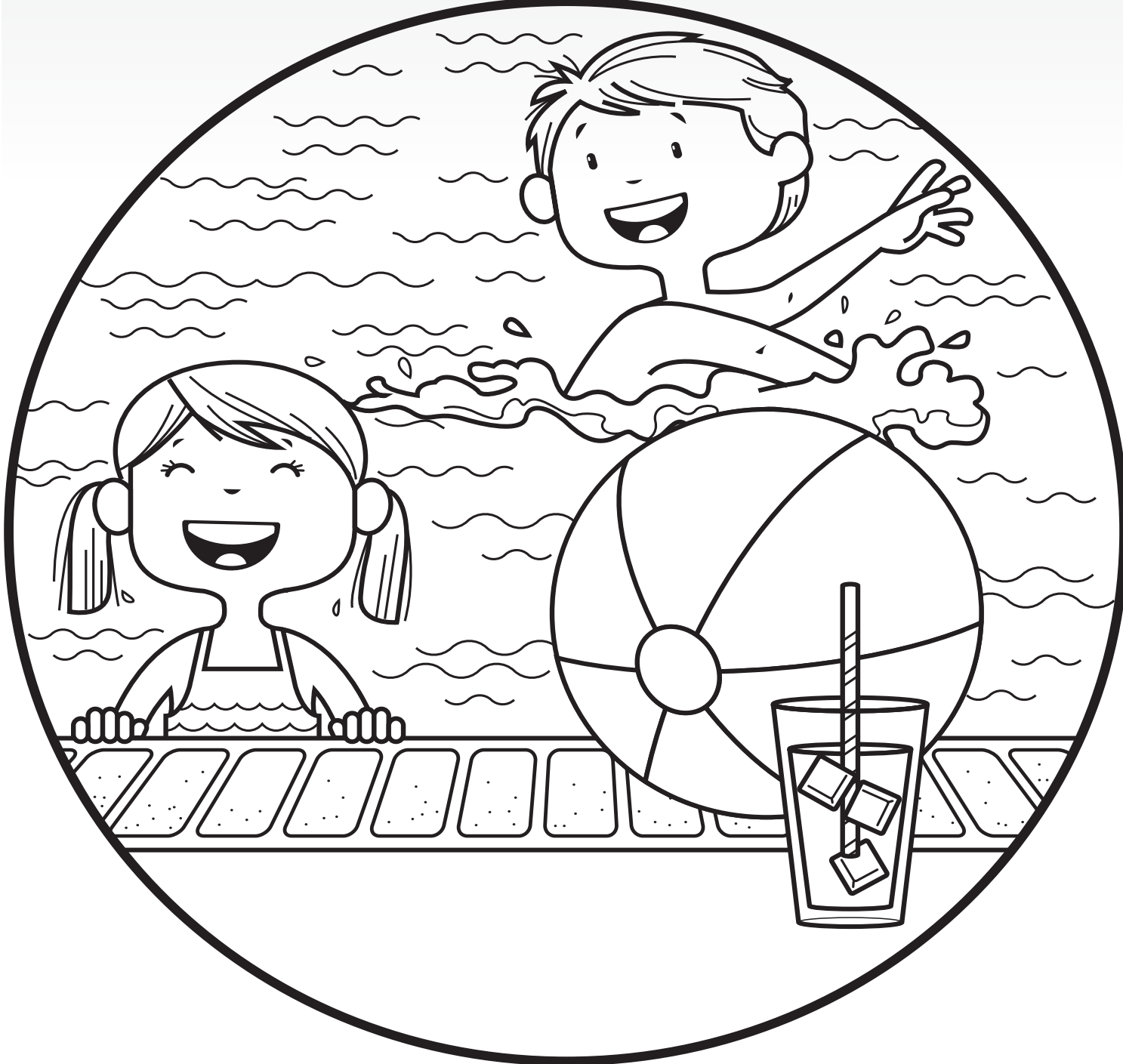
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