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Reading for the long run

Brodhead Middle School students joined the READMarathon recently. The friendly 26.2-day reading challenge focuses on reading stamina. It was designed to improve reading stamina while working on reading persistence and debunking the old stereotype that reading is boring.

Soybean growers predict increased yields this fall

A new report shows that Wisconsin soybean producers expect increased yields this fall.

The USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service October crop production report is based on conditions as of Oct. 1. Some highlights include:

Soybeans

Wisconsin soybean production is forecast at 112 million bushels. The yield is forecast at 54.0 bushels per acre, up 5.0 bushels per acre from the Sept. 1 forecast, and up 2.0 bushels per acre from 2020.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 2.10 million acres with 2.07 million acres to be harvested.

Corn

Corn production is forecast at 506 million bushels, according to the report.

Wisconsin corn yields are expected to average 172.0 bushels per acre, unchanged from the Sept. 1 forecast, but down 1 bushel per acre from last year.

The acreage planted with corn is estimated at 3.95 million acres, with an estimated 2.94 million of the acres planted to be harvested for grain.

Alfalfa/alfalfa mixtures

Production of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures for hay is forecast at 1.96 million tons, down 27 percent from 2020. Yield is expected to average 2.30 tons per acre, down 0.90

ton per acre from last year.

About 850,000 acres of alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures are expected to be harvested for hay, up 10,000 acres in 2020.

Other hay

Production of other hay is forecast at 481,000 tons, down 39 percent from last year. Yields are expected to average 1.30 tons per acre, down 0.20 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 370,000 acres, down 160,000 acres from last year.

The next crop production forecasts, based on conditions as of Nov. 1, will be released on Nov. 9.

For more information, go online to www.nass.usda.gov.



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Superintendent stops by

Brodhead Middle School students work in small groups to identify new geography terms and definitions in preparation for a recent field trip to go orienteering at Magnolia Bluff. Brodhead Superintendent Dave Novy stopped by to offer some help for the group. The field trip activities included the use of a topographic map and a compass, as well as knowledge of geographic landforms.

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College recognizes donors to nursing program

Scholarships help train, retain local health care professionals

Officials at Blackhawk Technical College recently recognized donors and showcased a new donor wall display for the Nancy B. Parker Nursing Scholars program.

The Nancy B. Parker Nursing Scholars Program targets high-achieving students who have been admitted into the Blackhawk nursing program. "The goal is to grow nursing students to fill shortages in Green and Rock counties and retain talented people dedicated to improving the health of those who live in our communities," according to a college news release.

The donor wall is located in the Health Sciences Wing

at BTC's Central Campus in Janesville.

The Parker Family Foundation provided the lead gift of the campaign in 2018, issuing a challenge for communities to respond to the impending nursing shortage in Rock and Green counties.

"Their vision and forethought set the groundwork for the campaign, providing a half million dollar donation contingent on the community coming together to provide the matching half million dollars," the release said. "By December 2020, the BTC Foundation achieved this campaign goal."

In addition to the Parker

Family Foundation, the program's lead donors include Mercyhealth, Hendricks Family Foundation, JP Cullen Foundation, Janesville Foundation, Beloit Health System

and Theodore W. Batterman Family Foundation.

The scholarship fund "will enable generations of new nurses to gain their education at Blackhawk," BTC Presi-

dent Tracy Pierner said in the release. "It will impact nearly every sector of our college region for generations to come."

Pierner noted that the BTC nursing program ranks in the

top five in Wisconsin and in the top 5 percent in the country, with a 100 percent placement rate for graduates.

For more information, go online to blackhawk.edu.



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Above: Campaign donor representatives, Blackhawk Technical College officials, a scholarship recipient and others gather to celebrate a new donor wall for the Nancy B. Parker Nursing Scholars Program at the college. Pictured from left to right are George Cullen, Lisa Hurda, Tracy Pierner, Ron Ochs, Mark Cullen, Lorena Hebble, Lisa Furseth and Sharon Cox.

New crop insurance aims to help small farms that supply locally

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is rolling out a new insurance option specifically for agricultural producers with small farms who sell locally.

"The new Micro Farm policy simplifies record keeping and covers post-production costs like washing and value-added products," according to a USDA news release.

USDA's Risk Management Agency created the new policy based on research directed by the 2018 Farm Bill, and it includes feedback from produc-

ers who grow for their local communities. The policy will be available beginning with the 2022 crop year.

"We are excited to offer this new coverage for producers who work to provide their communities with fresh and healthy food," RMA Acting Administrator Richard Flournoy said in the release. "USDA is focused on supporting local and regional food systems, and this new crop insurance policy is designed with this important sector of agriculture in mind."

The new policy is offered through Whole-Farm Revenue Protection.

The Micro Farm policy is available to producers who have a farm operation that earns an average allowable revenue of \$100,000 or less, or for carryover insureds, an average allowable revenue of \$125,000 or less. RMA's research showed that 85% of producers who sell locally reported they made less than \$75,000 in gross sales.

The Federal Crop Insurance Corp. approved the Micro Farm policy in late September, and additional details will be provided later this fall.

Crop insurance is sold and delivered solely through private crop insurance agents. A list of crop insurance agents is available at all USDA Service Centers and by going online to the RMA agent locator at www.rma.usda.gov.

For more information, go online to rma.usda.gov.

In brief

Albany board leaves burning rules unchanged

The ordinance allowing Albany residents to burn rubbish remains unchanged after the village board considered the issue last week.

Board members sought input on the issue after it resurfaced recently, Village Clerk Laurie Keepers said in an email. The ordinance allows the burning of dry combustible rubbish in burn barrels, which sometimes causes complaints about odor from people burning "their actual garbage or plastics," Keepers said.

Eleven residents attended an Oct. 11 public hearing on the issue, with all in favor of continuing to allow burning, Keepers said. Eight people also provided written comments to the village board, with five in favor of burning and three against, she said.

After the hearing, board members deadlocked 3-3 over any changes to the burning ordinance and no changes were made, Keepers said. One

board member was absent from the meeting.

Local 4-H member earns honors at horse expo

Leilah King of the Next Generation 4-H Club in Green County recently earned high marks at the 2021 State 4-H Horse Expo at the State Fairgrounds in West Allis.

In order to participate at the state expo, Green County youth need to earn a blue ribbon in their class at the Green County Fair in July.

King and her pony, MPS Genuine Gold, earned top 10 designations in several classes:

- Pony English equitation
- Pony hunter under saddle
- Pony stock seat equitation
- Pony Western pleasure
- In-hand trail grade 7
- Pony hunt/saddle seat showmanship
- Horse photography

For more information about 4-H in Green County, go online to greencounty4h.info or call 608-328-9440.



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Senior spearheads blood drive effort

Brodhead High School senior Cooper Woelky, shown above, is hosting a blood drive from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 2, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. Ninth Ave. in Brodhead. The blood drive is a part of Woelky's senior project. He plans to study nursing at Carroll University. "I thought this would be a good opportunity to do a project that is related to my future career," Woelky said in a news release. He noted that every two seconds, someone needs blood in the United States. To make an appointment to donate, call 800-733-2767 or go online to redcrossblood.org. People may also schedule an appointment by downloading the American Red Cross blood donor app.

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Historical society hosts Halloween party

The Rock County Historical Society will host a Halloween bash from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Tallman Carriage House, 450 N. Jackson St., Janesville. Jeremiah Fox and the Odd Company Band will provide live music, playing songs from the 1950s to current hits. The event includes appetizers and a cash bar; dancing and costumes are optional. Tickets cost \$10, available at the event or in advance by calling Tim Maahs at 608-756-4509.

Special education efforts hindered by high stress, sparse state funding

By Heather Graves
and Lea Kopke
THE PRESS TIMES

From the time she wakes up in the morning until the time she goes to bed, Green Bay parent Denise Seibert's life centers around her son, Tyler. At just two weeks old, Tyler was diagnosed with fragile X syndrome, a genetic condition that causes a range of developmental problems, including learning disabilities and cognitive impairment.

"I carry a genetic disorder, an autism spectrum genetic disorder, so we had my son tested very early, right after I had him," Seibert said. "I also have a brother who is a couple years younger than me who has (the same condition). So this has kind of been a lifetime experience with people with disabilities and kind of being in that world and mentality."

Seibert said because of overworked school district staff, she has had to take the lead in suggesting services that Tyler needs as spelled out in his individualized education plan, or IEP.

"I believe the district has a lot of good intentions," she said. "The teachers, paraprofessionals and therapists truly care about the kids and the progress they make each year. But, the staff in the district seem stretched thin. Most of my son's team is visiting multiple schools every day to see multiple children for services. They all seem overwhelmed with workload and have less time to spend actually working with the kids on IEP goals."

For parents and teachers,

raising and educating a special-needs child can be all-consuming. Parents struggle to care and advocate for their children, who may have significant health, educational and behavior challenges. And teachers face tough working conditions that prompt many of them to switch districts or leave special education, creating a shortage of qualified educators.

Federal and state mandates require that public school districts in Wisconsin provide all of the special education services a student needs. Roughly 14% of students in Wisconsin are classified as having special needs, which include physical, intellectual, cognitive, emotional and learning disabilities.

But over the past five decades, state funding support for special education has declined precipitously. That forces districts — which must abide by revenue caps set by the state — to take money from the regular education budget to pay for services they are legally obligated to provide to special education students.

Last year, the Green Bay School District transferred more than \$30 million from the general fund into the special education fund, said Claudia Henrickson, student services director for the district.

She described it as a "vicious cycle."

"That is 30 million dollars that didn't go to the general education students that lowers your class sizes, gives them even more resources, things of that nature," she said.

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Berenice Lopez Sanchez and her 6-year-old son Armando are relatively new to the special education quagmire parents and their children face as they navigate a complex set of state and federal mandates. Sanchez says she is frustrated that her son cannot receive services primarily in Spanish at his Green Bay school.

Final week Football Frenzy Contest winners

There were 11 entries from four area communities in the sixth week of The Independent-Register's Football Frenzy Contest.

The first place winner of \$20 was Jon Kuehl of Brodhead with 8 correct answers and 62 as the most points scored.

The second place winner of \$10 was Doug Rezner of Brodhead with 8 correct answers and 58 as the most points scored.

The most points scored by one team was Cuba City vs Parkview with a score of 64-14

Thank you to everyone who participated in the final week of our Football Frenzy Contest and a special thanks to all of our sponsors who make this contest possible.





Hitting their stride

Left: Brodhead-Juda cross-country teammates Josiah Engen, left, and Brady Bruns battle for position down the stretch at the Rock Valley Conference meet Oct. 14. Bruns completed two miles of the race without a shoe on his right foot because it got stuck in the mud. The boys finished ninth overall and the girls finished fourth.



Right: Zion Gratz holds up his ribbon from the conference meet. Gratz was the middle school champion, taking first place for the sixth time this season.

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Medalists from Rock Valley Conference meet included, from left, Kara Lohmar (fifth in the middle school race), Anna Skoumal (second team all-conference), Gavin Pinnow (honorable mention all-conference), Kalena Riemer (honorable mention all-conference), Madi Brown (second team all-conference) and Zion Gratz (middle school champion). Medalist Mavrick Plummer, who finished fourth in the middle school race, is not pictured.



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Brodhead-Juda cross-country coaches pose with the senior runners who ran their final conference meet Oct. 14. From left to right are: coach Nick Jarvis, coach Jen Riemer, Anna Skoumal, Taylor Midthun, Ellie Riemer, Omar El Maatoucki, Sabian Blang, Jacob Lohmar, Josiah Engen, Brady Bruns, coach Kelli Arn and coach Kurt Gratz.

Clinic sets dates for flu, COVID booster vaccines

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group will be offering flu and Pfizer COVID-19 booster clinics on Saturdays, Oct. 23 and Nov. 6. The clinics will be held from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the St. Clare Conference Center on the Monroe campus.

- Flu shots are open to all ages.
Pfizer COVID-19 boosters are open to the following CDC-approved groups:
- People 65 years of age and older
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Masks are required at the vaccine clinics.

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Efforts (Continued from page 4)

Data show that special education staff in Wisconsin have roughly twice the turnover rate of other school staff, and districts report having a hard time filling those jobs. Polling by several disability rights advocacy groups also finds many parents of children with disabilities are dissatisfied with the way their children are educated.

Funding falls short

Meanwhile, special education funding from the state of Wisconsin has dropped over the past half century — hovering around 70% reimbursement in the 1970s to under 25% in 2018. That leaves an estimated \$1 billion for districts to make up through local revenues.

Gov. Tony Evers' proposed budget called for an increase to 60% reimbursement. But the Republican-authored budget he signed in July includes just a 2% increase, bringing the reimbursement level to 30% by the budget's second year.

Green Bay Superintendent Steve Murley said some increase is better than no increase, but it doesn't fix the broken system.

"Anything short of 100% funding of special education

costs takes money out of our regular education classrooms and pits students and programs against each other," Murley said. "We already have an annual deficit for which we are required to rob the general fund to pay."

Forcing school districts to divert general funds to special education costs "has emerged as a major contributor to inequity in Wisconsin's school finance system," according to a 2019 Wisconsin Policy Forum issue brief. Since each district's share of special ed students varies widely, schools with more special ed students must divert more money from programs that serve the general student population.

The Menominee Indian School District saw the state's largest share of unreimbursed special ed costs in 2015-16, according to the Wisconsin Policy Forum: nearly 25% of the district's per pupil revenue limit.

State spending on special ed low

Across 50 states, there are many different ways special education funding is allocated. A reimbursement system, which is what Wisconsin does, is in

the minority. According to the Education Commission of the States, as of 2019, Wisconsin was one of seven states with a reimbursement system.

Among the seven, Wisconsin had the lowest reimbursement rate at 28.18%. Some states with such systems, including Wyoming and Rhode Island, reimburse the full cost.

State Rep. Joel Kitchens, R-Sturgeon Bay, who co-chaired the Blue Ribbon Commission on School Funding in 2018-19, said by law, districts are required to spend whatever is needed to provide services called for in a special ed student's IEP. Boosting funding does not necessarily provide more services for those students, Kitchens said, but it does help a district's bottom line.

Nevertheless, Kitchens' commission recommended a series of options, which would increase special education funding to cover as much as 60% of the cost.

Meeting special needs

Tammy Nicholson, director of pupil services for the Ashwaubenon School District, said districts begin by placing students in the least restrictive



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Stacy Splittgerber, a special education teacher at Kennedy Elementary School in Green Bay, divides her time between 4K and early education. Splittgerber has more than three decades of experience as a special education teacher. Despite the stress, small victories keep her going "because they need me," she said.

method of delivery, which is in a general education classroom. Students can move into a more collaborative setting, where general education teachers sometimes co-teach with special education teachers or aides.

Students who require additional services may be pulled out of general education classrooms for specialized skill instruction or an alternative curriculum at points throughout the day.

To determine the resources a special education student needs, each student receives an individualized plan for learning, known as an IEP.

Patti Williams, an assistant director of special education at the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, said the 1975 federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) was enacted because students with disabilities were being excluded from public school classrooms.

But not all districts are prepared to offer services parents believe their children need. Berenice Lopez Sanchez said she often feels frustrated seeing her 6-year-old son Armando, who has autism, struggle with instruction offered only in English in his Green Bay school.

"He already knew Spanish before school, and he responds better in Spanish," she said. "So if you all of a sudden throw him into English, it's like starting all over again."

Education extends to age 21

Samantha Platkowski credits her daughter Hannah's academic success to her teachers, whom she described as creative and dedicated to student success.

Hannah Platkowski has Down syndrome and has spent 13 years in Green Bay's special education program. Although she is 19, because she

has special needs, she is by law eligible for services until she is 21. Currently, Hannah is participating in a work experience job through her school at CP, a nonprofit that serves children and adults with disabilities.

Platkowski said out-of-the-box thinking by teachers over the years gave Hannah the extra support she needed to succeed.

"Our daughter entered middle school unable to tie her shoes," Platkowski said. "When our daughter asked to play basketball, her teacher collaborated with the coach and players, and the players helped Hannah learn to tie her shoes."

And when she wanted to speak at her graduation, Platkowski said, teachers and staff at Green Bay West helped her write, revise and practice her speech.

High turnover, staff shortages

But Platkowski said she sees a lack of support for special education teachers, whose jobs are uniquely difficult.

"These are jobs that have a high rate of burn out, are high-stress, high-anxiety and take an emotional and sometimes physical toll on the staff members," Platkowski said.

Jennifer Garceau, Howard-Suamico's student services director, said her district has a hard time filling openings for teachers and other special ed staff.

Jennifer Kammerud, director of the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's educator preparation and licensing department, said districts can apply for one-year emergency licenses to fill slots. Kammerud said in recent years there's been an upward trend in the number of such licenses issued each year — but it's still not enough, districts say, to fill open positions.

According to DPI data,

while enrollment continues to decline, the percentage of students with a known disability has increased. An estimated 14.2% of students in the 2020-'21 school year received special ed services, compared to 13.7% in 2016-'17.

The turnover rate for special education staff also is higher than for elementary education and other subject areas, according to data from DPI. In the 2015-'16 school year, 11.95% of special education staff left their jobs for another public school job, compared to 6.75% of elementary-level staff. Attrition — leaving the public school system altogether — is also higher for special ed teachers, 9.1% compared to 7.1% for elementary teachers.

That means one of every five special education teachers switched schools or left the public school system in the 2015-'16 school year.

Stacy Splittgerber has stuck it out for more than three decades helping Green Bay's youngest special education students. She is an early childhood teacher at Kennedy Elementary School, where she teaches children ages 3 to 6 with varying needs.

Splittgerber said student successes keep her motivated — but the job is not easy.

"I can have a really bad couple months, and I can go home and be like, 'I'm out, this is my last year,'" she said. "And then there will be a day after that and there is a huge breakthrough with one of the students... It's in those moments when I know I've made a difference. That I know that I need to keep coming back, because they need me."

Wisconsin Watch's Dee J. Hall and Jim Malewitz contributed to this report. The full version of the Press Times' series on special education can be found at gopresstimes.com.



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Denise Seibert says she spends all of her waking hours thinking about how to care for her son, Tyler, who has fragile X syndrome, which causes low muscle tone and significant learning disabilities. Seibert believes the special education staff at Tyler's Green Bay school have his best interests at heart, but they often appear to be stretched too thin.

Legal Notices

TOWN OF DECATUR SPECIAL MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021
6:00PM
DECATUR TOWN HALL
1408 14th Street
BRODHEAD, WI 53520
AGENDA
 1. Call to Order
 2. Malkow Land Division Request
 3. Acquisition of Private Road
 4. Drainage Issue - Dogleg Court
 5. Review Website Security
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AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, October 21, 2021
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 6:00 P.M.

Town of Avon
 Notice of Public Hearing

I. CALL TO ORDER
 II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 III. ROLL CALL
AGENDA
 IV. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85, (1), (f)
 a. Student Expulsion Hearing
 V. ADJOURNMENT
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Notice is hereby given that on November 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at the Avon Town Hall, 16513 W Beloit Newark Rd, Brodhead, WI a public hearing on the Proposed 2022 Budget will be held. A detailed budget can be viewed by contacting the Town Clerk, Stephanie Schwartzlow at (608)921-3656

Receipts	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Approved	2022 Proposed Budget
General Transportation	\$ 105,187	115,710	\$ 115,711	\$ 118,044
State Shared Revenue	\$ 16,577	16,521	\$ 16,463	\$ 16,401
Personal Property Aid		1,296		\$ 1,296
Bank Interest	\$ 1,721	1,794	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Recycling Grant	\$ 1,500	1,440	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,200
DNR in lieu of taxes	\$ 9,185	6,957	\$ 9,200	\$ 9,200
2% Fire Rebate	\$ 2,031	1,994	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100
Other Income - Bldg. permits, zoning hearing, licenses, etc	\$ 11,256	20,882	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Exempt Computer Aid	\$ 597	597	\$ 597	\$ 596
Town Tax Levy	\$ 155,181	154,465	\$ 160,076	\$ 160,978
Total	\$ 303,235	\$321,656	\$ 308,846	\$ 313,316

Expenditures	2019 Actual	2020 Actual	2021 Approved	2022 Proposed Budget
General Government	63,398	\$ 70,020	\$ 71,429	\$ 70,132
Fire Departments/Public Safety	29,303	\$ 39,391	\$ 33,900	\$ 39,802
Road Work	169,506	\$171,200	\$ 176,418	\$ 175,382
Landfill and Recycling	14,441	\$ 12,496	\$ 11,100	\$ 11,700
Town Hall & Cemeteries	6,600	\$ 6,320	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,800
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<p>FRIDAY, OCT. 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m. PTO Trunk or Treat at Purdy Park, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orfordville Planning Commission meeting, 6 p.m. Orfordville Village Board meeting, 7 p.m.
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<p>SUNDAY, OCT. 24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orfordville library closed 	<p>WEDNESDAY, OCT. 27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
<p>MONDAY, OCT. 25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orfordville library open 	