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Players in the Monroe Theatre Guild rehearse for their upcoming presentation of *Miracle on 34th Street*, the Play. Pictured from left are Joe Leverton as Fred Gayley, Melissa Schnepfer as Judge Harper, Jerry Bredeson (front) as Kris Kringle and Alex Bredeson as Finley the Bailiff.

'Miracle on 34th Street'

Tickets on sale for Monroe Theater Guilds' holiday show debuting Dec. 10

Players at the Monroe Theatre Guild will debut "Miracle on 34th Street, the Play" Friday Dec. 10 at its venue, 910 16th Avenue, Monroe.

The show is adapted by Mountain Community Theatre from the novel by Valentine Davies, based upon the Twentieth Century Fox motion picture *Miracle on 34th Street*.

MTG directors Denise Plantenberg and Dave Bristow lead the show as part of the Colony Brands Performance Series.

The inspiration for the story, written by Davies in 1947, came to him as he stood in line in a busy department store during the holidays, thinking about how commercial Christmas and the holidays had become.

Seventy-four years later the story still resonates in current day.

The play opens on Thanksgiving Day in New York's busy shopping district, unveiling Kris Kringle in front

of Macy's Department store, in need of a place to stay and a job.

With preparations for the famous holiday parade underway, Macy's Personnel Manager, Doris Walker has a problem - an intoxicated Santa.

As fate would have it, she discovers Kris as the perfect substitute to ride in the parade as the man with the white beard and the red suit. Later employed as Macy's Santa for the holidays, Kris reveals to an unbelieving public he is the real Santa Claus.

Doris and her daughter Susan are skeptical about the existence of the fictional character, but realize they like this gentle, bearded old man.

Working at Macy's during their most competitive shopping season, Kris miraculously convinces the retail leaders of New York City that Christmas is not about profits, it's about giving from the heart.

Unimpressed by Kris's charm however, Macy's

spiteful Vocational Counselor declares Kris is delusional and potentially dangerous to their customers. He plots to have Kris committed to a psychiatric hospital for the rest of his days.

Now Kris is in a New York State court, and with the help of a true friend, trying to prove he is the real Santa Claus.

Can Christmas be saved for all the children who believe in him? Can Susan's faith in Christmas miracles be renewed?

The cast of "Miracle on 34th Street" includes actors of all ages, with entire families on the cast list.

Players invite audiences to this family-friendly and much-loved Christmas story for eight performances.

Show dates are Friday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 11 a matinee at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 12 matinee at 2 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 16 through Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m.,

and a Sunday, Dec. 19 matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at monroetheatre.com, at the Monroe Arts Center, 1315 11th St., during regular business hours or by calling 608-325-1111.

Face masks are required at all performances.

If you go...

WHAT: 'Miracle on 34th Street, the Play' presented by Monroe Theatre Guild

WHERE: MTG stage, 910 16th Ave., Monroe

WHEN: Friday, Dec. 10 and Saturday Dec. 11, and Thursday, Dec. 16 through Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m., matinees are Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. both weekends.

FOR MORE INFO: visit monroetheatre.com or call 608-325-1111.

State report: Local schools 'exceed expectations'

BY RVP STAFF

Parkview and Albany school districts each received four out of five-star ratings for their educational performance in the past year.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) last week published public and choice school and district report cards for the 2020-21 school year, as required by state law, citing both local districts for "exceeding expectations."

DPI is required to annually release accountability reports, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these report requirements were suspended for the 2019-20 school year. Because of ongoing pandemic impacts, the U.S. Department of Education again waived federal Every Student Succeeds Act accountability requirements for 2020-21 school year data.

However, the Wisconsin State Legislature did not grant another suspension. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, DPI officials urge caution when interpreting scores and ratings.

Albany School District

Albany School District earned an overall score of 73.9 with focus on four priority areas - achievement, growth, target group outcomes and on-track graduation.

In the area of "achievement," the district earned 58.7 which is about average compared to the state's overall

scores. In English Language Arts, Albany received a 61.6 just above the state's 61.4 average.

In mathematics, Albany's 55.7 score came under the 59.4 state average.

Albany scored above the state average in the "growth" portion - with 77.4. Breaking that down to English and math, Albany scored 75.5 and 79.3 respectively, to the state's 66 score in both subject area scores.

In the "target group outcomes" area, Albany received a 68.3 score, with attendance at an impressive 92.5.

"On-track to graduation" got the highest mark - 89.2. Area scores are broken down by rating chronic absenteeism (90.2), graduation (100), third-grade English (58.9) and eighth-grade math (49.4). Statewide, the average is 87 for chronic absenteeism, 91 for graduation, 58.9 for third-grade English and 55.3 for eighth-grade math.

Parkview School District

Parkview School District had very similar scores, and also received an overall score of 73.9

In the four priority areas, Parkview received a 64.7 for achievement, 78.4 for growth, 65.3 for target group outcomes and 85.4 for on-track graduation.

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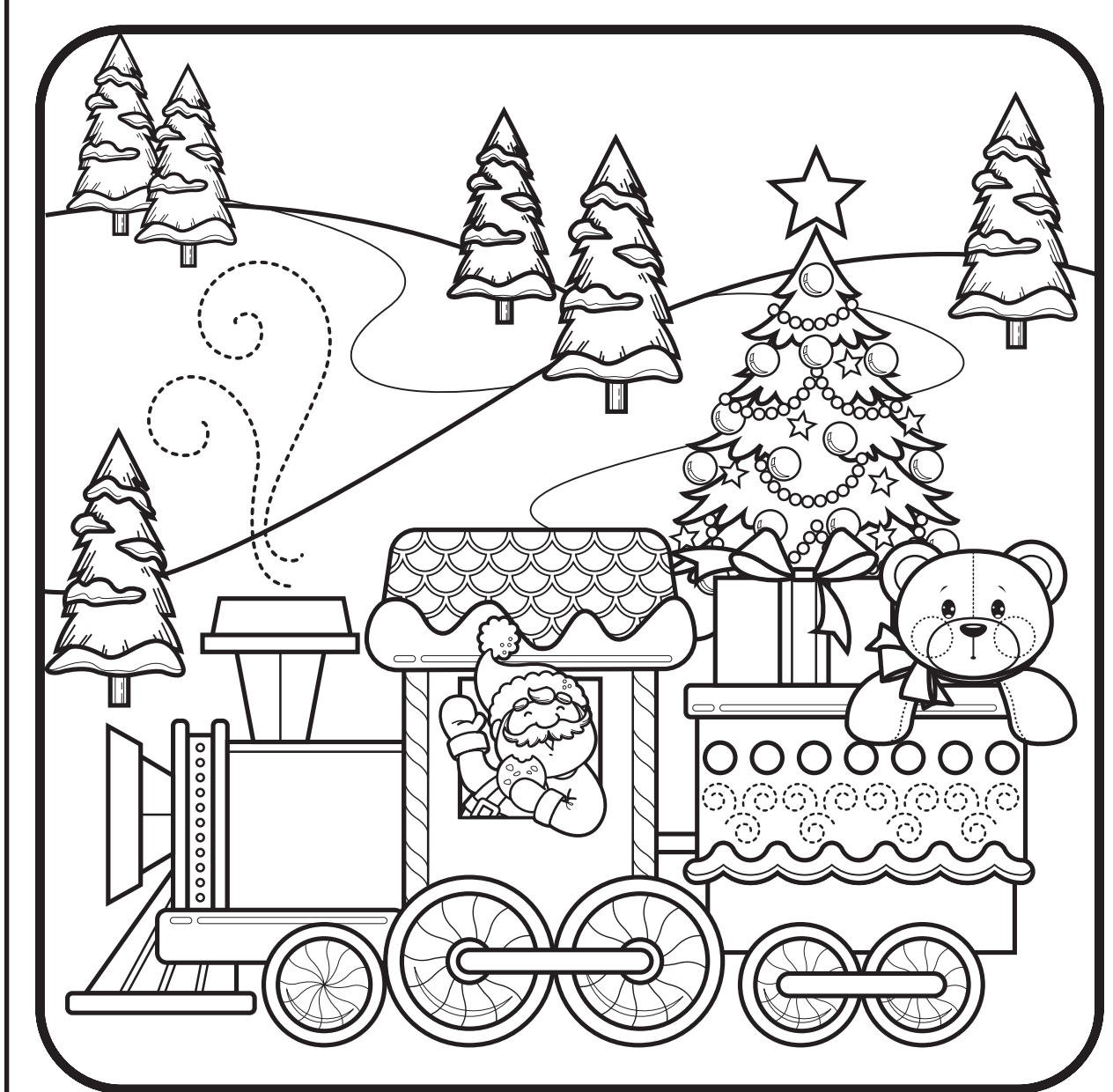
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Comets on the court

Above: Albany basketball player Carson Brewer goes hard to the basket during last Saturday's game against Brodhead. Brewer led the Comets with 18 points. Despite his tally, the Comets lost 104-46. Top left: Albany basketball player McKenna Broughton drives the lane during last Saturday's matchup with Brodhead. Left: Kaiya Zurfluh hits a midrange jumper during the game. The Comets fell to the Cardinals 45-35.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 2

- Plans Commission meets at Village Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Albertson Memorial Library open, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- *Girls basketball vs. Williams Bay HS, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

- Albertson Memorial Library open from 1 to 6 p.m.
- *Homecoming pep assembly and parade
- *Boys basketball vs. Palmyra Eagle HS, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

- Albertson Memorial Library's Snack with Santa, 4 to 6 p.m., library open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- *Wrestling invitational at Darlington High School, 9 a.m.
- *Homecoming dance, 8 to 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

- *Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, DEC. 6

- *FFA Meeting in the ag room, 7 p.m.
- *Boys basketball vs. Johnson Creek HS, 6 p.m.
- Street & Utility Committee meets at Village Hall, 6:30 p.m.
- Albertson Memorial Library open 1 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

- Albertson Memorial Library open 1 to 5 p.m.
- *Boys basketball vs. Monticello HS, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

- Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- *Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.
- Adult Open Gym, School District, 7 p.m.
- *Adult volleyball in the elementary school gym, 7 to 9 p.m.
- *Middle and High schools band/choir concert, main gym, 7 p.m.

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Poinsettia sale

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Monroe Arts Center's 24th Holiday Silent Auction underway

Monroe Arts Center's (MAC) 24th annual Holiday Silent Auction is taking place now through Saturday, Dec. 11. The Auction is on display in Monroe Arts Center's Rudd Hall, 1315 11th St., Monroe. Bids can be made online at 32auctions.com/monroeartscenter or in person during regular business hours, Tuesday through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The auction, a critical fundraiser for the arts center, features hundreds of unique items

donated by local artists and businesses from the area.

A sampling of items up for bidding include a 22-inch handcrafted platter made from Green County wood, airplane rides, farm tours, Raclette dinner for four, and a Badger-themed Christmas tree.

For more information, call 608-325-5700 or visit 32auctions.com/monroeartscenter.

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Tree protectors and root dip planting gel also available. To order, visit www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-tree-shrub-sale or call 608-754-6617 ext. 3.

Children's Christmas Benefit seeks families to help with holiday food, gifts

The Children's Christmas Benefit is accepting holiday referrals for families with children in the rural communities

of Rock County.

The Children's Christmas Benefit delivers food and gifts anonymously and confidentially to families who typically are not served by other charities or organizations.

Many families are going through temporary crisis, health and medical problems, or job loss, and could use a little extra help during this holiday season.

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 ter, 2,400 lineal feet
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LUTANT DISCHARGE (ELI-)
MINATION SYSTEM (WPDES)
PERMIT No. WI-0065773-01-2
 Permittee: Pinnacle Dairy,
 LLC, 2670 D Road, Rising City,
 NE, 68658
 Facility Where Discharge Occurs:
 Pinnacle Dairy, N4135
 Decatur Sylvester Road, Brod-
 head, WI
 Receiving Water And Location:
 Surface water and groundwater
 within the Searles Creek within
 the Lower Middle Sugar River
 Watershed, and groundwaters
 of the state.

Brief Facility Description:
 Pinnacle Dairy is an existing
 Concentrated Animal Feeding
 Operation (CAFO). The dairy is
 operated by the Tuls family. The
 facility has 5600 milking and dry
 cows and no replacement ani-
 mals on site for a total of 8008
 animal units. The operation has
 at least 180 days of liquid ma-
 nure storage capacity. There
 are 6,692.3 acres available for
 land application of manure and
 process wastewater. All of the
 acreage is under contract.

Pinnacle Dairy's permit issua-
 nce (WPDES Permit No. WI-
 0065773-01-0) was challenged
 by various petitioners. The de-
 partment reached a settlement
 agreement which contained the
 condition that Pinnacle Dairy's
 permit would be modified for in-
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Wisconsin, Inc. vs DNR Describ-
ing that the department has this
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This permit is being modified
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 plication site(s) and an animal
 unit maximum of 9295 animal
 units. Permit sections 1.1.1,
 2.1.3, 3.1.2, and 3.1.3 were ad-
 ded to the permit. These are the
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The Department of Natural
 Resources, pursuant to Section
 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has
 scheduled a public informational
 hearing for the purpose of giving
 all interested persons an oppor-
 tunity to make a statement with
 respect to the proposed permit
 action and the application for
 this operation.

The hearing officer will con-
 duct the hearing in an orderly
 fashion and will use procedures
 specified in Subchapter II of ch.
 NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, nec-
 essary to insure broad public
 participation in the hearing.
 The hearing office will open

the hearing and make a con-
 cise statement of the scope and
 purpose of the hearing and shall
 state what procedures will be
 used during the course of the
 hearing. The hearing officer
 shall explain the method of no-
 tification of the final decision to
 grant or deny the permit and the
 methods by which the decision
 may be reviewed in a public ad-
 judicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may place
 limits on individual oral state-
 ments to ensure an opportunity
 for all persons present to make
 statements in a reasonable pe-
 riod of time and to prevent un-
 due repetition. The hearing of-
 ficer may also limit the number
 of representatives making oral
 statements on behalf of any per-
 son or group.

Informational and clarifying
 questions and oral statements
 shall be directed through the
 hearing officer. Cross-examina-
 tion shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment
 on or object to the proposed
 permit action or the application,
 are invited to do so by attending
 the public hearing or by submit-
 ting any comments or objections
 in writing to the Department of
 Natural Resources, at the above
 named permit drafter's address.
 All comments or suggestions
 received from members of the
 public no later than 7 days fol-
 lowing the date of this public
 hearing will be used, along with
 other information on file and tes-
 timony presented at the hearing,
 in making a final determination.
 Anyone providing comments
 in response to this public no-
 tice will receive a notification of
 the Department's final decision
 regarding permit coverage.
 Where designated as a review-
 able surface water discharge
 permit, the U.S. Environmental
 Protection Agency is allowed up
 to 90 days to submit comments
 or objections regarding this per-
 mit determination.

Information on file for this per-
 mit action, including the draft
 permit, fact sheet, and the op-
 eration's application may be
 inspected and copied at the
 permit drafter's office, Monday
 through Friday (except holi-
 days), between 9:00 a.m. and
 3:30 p.m. Please call the per-
 mit drafter for directions to their
 office location, if necessary. In-
 formation on this permit action
 may also be obtained by calling
 the permit drafter at (608) 220-
 2096 or by writing to the Depart-
 ment. Reasonable costs (15
 cents per page for copies and
 7 cents per page for scanning)
 will be charged for information
 in the file other than the public
 notice and fact sheet. Permit
 information is also available on
 the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>.
 Pursuant to the Americans
 with Disabilities Act, reasonable
 accommodation, including the
 provision of informational mat-
 erial in an alternative format, will
 be made to qualified individuals
 upon request.
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 WNAXLP 408644

TOWN OF DECATUR
PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8,
2021 - 7:00PM
Town Hall - 1408 -14th-
Street, Brodhead, WI 53520

AGENDA
 1. Call to order
 2. Approval of minutes of
 March 29, 2021
 3. Consider Camp Crazy
 Horse Plan for Expansion
 4. Adjournment

Sandra K. McManus
 Clerk/Treasurer
 The Independent Register
 12/1/2021
 WNAXLP 408819

AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL
DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING
Wednesday,
December 8, 2021
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITERIA
2501 West 5th Avenue,
Brodhead, WI
7:00 P.M.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
- VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- VII. INFORMATION RE-
 PORTS
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PE-
 RIOD

AGENDA
 IX. TRAUMA SENSITIVE
 SCHOOLS PRESENTATION
 X. STATE REPORT CARD
 PRESENTATION
 XI. APPROVAL OF HIGH
 SCHOOL PROGRAM OF
 STUDIES FOR 2022-23
 XII. 2ND READING OF NEW
 POLICY BEAA
 [REMOTE PARTICIPATION IN
 MEETINGS BY BOARD MEM-
 BERS]
 XIII. REFERENDUM UPDATE
 XIV. COVID-19 UPDATE
 XV. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
 XVI. RESIGNATION(S)
 XVII. EMPLOYMENT REC-
 OMMENDATION(S)
 XVIII. VOLUNTEER RECOM-
 MENDATION(S)
 XIX. FUTURE AGENDA
 XX. ROLL CALL VOTE TO
 CONVENE IN CLOSED SES-
 SION PURSUANT TO WI. STS.
 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
 a. Staffing
 b. Administrative Contracts
 XXI. ACTION ON CLOSED
 SESSION ITEMS
 XXII. ADJOURNMENT
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Town of Avon
 Regular Monthly Meeting
 Avon Town Hall
Tuesday

December 7th, 2021 - 7:30 p.m.

- Agenda:**
- 1. Call to Order
 - 2. Approval of Agenda
 - 3. Minutes from November's
 Meeting
 - 4. Treasurer's Report
 - 5. Constable's Report
 - 6. Payment of Bills
 - 7. CUP - Tim & Abby Huffman
 a. Discussion & Action
 - 8. 2022 Budget
 a. Discussion & Action
 - 9. Poll Worker List
 a. Discussion & Action
 - 10. Humane Society Contract
 a. Discussion & Action
 - 11. Brodhead EMS Contract
 a. Discussion & Action
 - 12. Rock County Public Works
 Contract
 a. Discussion & Action
 - 13. Roofing Bids
 a. Discussion & Action
 - 14. Gutter Bids
 a. Discussion & Action
 - 15. Closed Session - Pursuant
 to Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(e)
 to deliberate the renegotiation of
 an existing contract where com-
 petitive or bargaining reasons
 require a closed session.
 - 16. Return to Open Session
 - 17. Action on Closed Session
 Item (if any)
 - 18. Public Input
 - 19. Board Comments
 - 20. Adjournment
- May be additional posting that
 will be posted 24 hours in ad-
 vance. The three posting places
 in the Town of Avon are Debbie
 Jean's, Sugar River Bank, and
 the Avon Town Hall.
 Stephanie Schwartzlow
 Avon Town Clerk
 The Independent Register
 12/1/2021
 WNAXLP 408641

AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL
DISTRICT
Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday,
December 8, 2021
HIGH SCHOOL L.M.C.
6:30 P.M.

AGENDA
 I. REVIEW BILLS
 II. REVIEW BUDGET UP-
 DATE
 III. ADJOURN
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Silly squad
 Brodhead High School teachers Crystal Holtsap-
 ple (from left), Antonio Roudez and Cristi Gretebeck
 ditched the respectable teacher garb for some dress-up
 fun back in October as part of Student Council's slate of
 activities. Roudez, better known as "Mr. T," secured the
 title of staff costume contest winner.

State agency warns about holiday shopping scams

*DATCP offers consumers tips
 to avoid becoming a victim*

This holiday season, the
 Wisconsin Department of Ag-
 riculture, Trade and Consumer
 Protection (DATCP) is re-
 minding shoppers to make sure
 gift purchases are not going to
 scammers.

The 2021 holiday season
 poses unique challenges for
 shoppers. The ongoing global
 pandemic has affected the sup-
 ply chain and created episodic
 shortages of various goods on
 store shelves.

Shoppers looking for that
 special item may find them-
 selves vulnerable to unscrupu-
 lous scammers.

"Every year we receive
 complaints from people who
 thought they were buying holi-
 day presents but never received
 them," said Lara Sutherland,
 Administrator of DATCP's Di-
 vision of Trade and Consumer
 Protection. "Consumers can
 protect themselves from scam-
 mers and secure their holiday
 purchases by recognizing some
 of the warning signs of a scam."

Shopping online

Watch out for too-good-to-
 be-true offers and fake e-com-
 merce sites while doing holiday
 shopping. Online holiday scam-
 mers often feature in-demand
 products like electronics, the
 hottest toys, and fashion items.
 Crooks use fake websites,
 online marketplaces sites, so-
 cial media messages, and text
 or email blasts to trick you into
 downloading malware or gather
 your personal or banking info.

Schools

In "achievement," Parkview
 scored just above the state's
 average in the subject areas of
 English and math, with scores
 of 62.4 and 66.9 respectively,
 compared to the state's aver-
 age of 61.4 and 59.4.
 Under "growth," Parkview
 earned 83.1 in English and
 73.6 in math, compared to the
 state's 66 in both subjects.
 "Target group outcomes,"
 was given a 65.3 with "grad-
 uation" topping its best mark
 with 92.9

Gift cards

Gift cards have been used
 as the bait in many social me-
 dia, text message, and email
 scams. Watch for phony sur-
 veys that promise a gift card in
 exchange for personal informa-
 tion. Scammers sell personal
 information without sending a
 gift card. Do not click on any
 links in unsolicited messages or
 internet ads that promise a free
 gift card.

Always buy gift cards direct-
 ly from the retailer or autho-
 rized merchant.

Those considering buying
 an unused card secondhand,
 should only buy from someone
 trusted. Avoid online auction
 sites selling discounted or bulk
 gift cards as these cards may be
 tampered with or expired.

Delivery confirmations

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 texts that warn about a prob-
 lem with a delivery, request
 account information for securi-
 ty purposes, or ask consumers
 to open an attached "shipment
 label" to claim a package from
 a local office. Scammers often
 use the names, logos, and col-
 or schemes of major shipping
 companies and retailers to add
 legitimacy to their messages,
 and may spoof the company's
 web address (URL) in the send-
 er's email address.

To report a scam, email datc-
 photline@wisconsin.gov, or
 call DATCP's Consumer Pro-
 tection Hotline at 1-800-422-
 7128.

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On-track graduation marks
 were also similar to the state's
 average, with chronic absen-
 teeism at 88, and the state at
 87, graduation at 95.9 com-
 pared to the state's 91.5,
 third-grade English at 51.9,
 a tad below the state's 58.9 and
 in eighth-grade math at 66.4,
 above the state's 55.3 aver-
 age.

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Child care matters

Where is all the child care?

Whether you have children or not, your life is negatively affected by the national child care shortage.

Did you know nearly 3 million women have left the workforce since the pandemic began, with many forced to leave because of lack of childcare?

If you don't have children, you may not have been aware there was a problem, but have you noticed all the signs at restaurants and other businesses of the altered hours or delays due to staffing shortages?

The lack of childcare is one of the main culprits.

Our economy is dependent on our workforce and when families can't find or afford childcare, they are left with



By **BROOKE SKIDMORE**
Contributor

few options.

The pandemic has caused teachers to leave the profession altogether, not only do they not want to be sneezed on, coughed on, and wipe noses and butts during a global pandemic, but the pay is not worth the risk.

However, the kicker is that the decline in providers started over a decade ago, with a 70% decline in family providers and 10% in group providers.

Why you ask?

In Wisconsin, the average teacher makes \$10.66 an hour, family childcare about \$4.33, even though 52% of teachers have an associate's degree or higher.

Teachers can literally walk into the nearest gas station and make more.

We pay more wages to have our dogs cared for, which is not to say that our furry companions should not be well cared for, but shouldn't the people who care for and educate our most vulnerable population; birth to 5 children, receive a worthy wage?

Especially since the first five years are the most critical years in a child's development.

With 90% of brain development occurring before the age of 5, these years are the foundational ones establishing who that child will be as an adult. This is the part where all people are indirectly affected whether you are a parent or not.

If children do not have quality relationships while being cared for in their early years, they are placed on a trajectory toward failure. Ever wonder why a 12-year-old is already in the juvenile justice system?

Maybe ask what happened during their first 5 years of life, what kind of experiences and quality of relationships did they have?

So now, instead of putting funds into their early years, our society is paying tenfold on things like special education, higher health costs, juvenile detentions, and as adults with less tax base income, along with increase in needs for social support systems.

Knowing that in 2018 (pre-COVID), Wisconsin lost \$3 billion due to lack of child care, imagine what our losses will be now.

Brooke Skidmore is the director of The Growing Tree in New Glarus. This opinion piece is the first in a series about why child care matters, and is supported by the Green County Economic Development Corporation.

Lions Holiday parade is Saturday

The Orfordville Lions Club will host its annual holiday parade Saturday at 5 p.m.

The parade route will begin at the corners of South Main and Beloit streets and make its way downtown to Clark Street, ending at Purdy Park.

Santa Claus will be at Purdy Park following the parade to visit with families and hear what is on everyone's Christmas lists.

For more information, contact Kerrie at kerriksch@yahoo.com.

Overhead at Orfordville Village Hall

Orfordville Village Board met Nov. 22 for its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting and annual budget hearing. According to the unofficial minutes, the following items were discussed:

2022 Budget adopted

No citizens were present for the Nov. 22 public hearing on the 2022 General Fund Budget. After the hearing was closed at 7:04 p.m. the Village Board approved the 2022 General Fund Budget for \$1.4 million and a tax levy for \$702,816.

President's report

Village President Gary Phillips reported the paving project completed then encouraged the town to support local business throughout the holidays including on Small Business Saturday on Nov. 27 when Santa would be at Molly's Creations. He also reminded everyone to attend the Lions Club Holiday Parade Saturday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m.

Developers agreements

The Village Board approved an amendment to the Developers Agreements with Megan's Properties LLC to allow a delayed start date on its Lot 1 project to March 31 and completion Dec. 31, 2022.

Jack McDermott spoke to the Board on behalf of Megan's Properties, citing the increased cost of materials for creating a delay in addition to a stall as they await

the state's approval for foundation revisions.

Under the amendment, the village can impose a \$3,000 penalty if the dates are not met.

The Village will not move forward on a developer's agreement with builders who are planning storage sheds at 702 W. Brodhead St. Developers presented plans to the Plans Commission last month with Phase 1 including the building of storage units, rather than a commercial building. Officials agreed to look into the possibility of allowing the sheds before the main structure but after review from Village Attorney Michael Oellerich, it was determined that the first phase as presented most recently would not be in the best interest of the village.

Other business

The Board approved spending \$49,000 to replace more than 40-year-old sludge pumps at the wastewater treatment plant. The approved bid came in from

Waste Corp.

The Board approved purchasing a John Deere skid steer for its scheduled upgrade for \$16,581 after they received a report from DPW director Nick Todd about the current Bobcat tracks splitting while driving down the road. Even with less than 40 hours of use on them, Bobcat would not cover their replacement.

The Board heard about street upgrade plans from Nick Bubolz, Town & Country Engineering. Projects will be funded using the borrowing package completed in the past months. Bids will be taken for North Center Street, the lower portion of South Richards Street, storm sewer upgrades on Walnut Street and the South Richards Street intersection, the intersection of North Mowe and East Church streets, paving the village garage parking lot and bump outs for the downtown retail block.

The Board approved a pay request from Rock Road for \$492,026.55.

**News from
Parkview in Orfordville:
Viking Times**

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

- Seventh and eighth-grade boy's basketball vs. Clinton, 4 p.m.
- Girls JV basketball vs. Williams Bay, 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity basketball vs. Williams Bay, 7:15 p.m.
- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

- Boys JV basketball vs. Abundant Life Christian, 5:45 p.m.
- Boys Varsity basketball vs. Abundant Life Christian, 7:15 p.m.
- Girls JV basketball vs. Belleville, 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity basketball vs. Belleville, 7:30 p.m.
- Orfordville Public Library Storytime, 11 a.m., library open until 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

- Orfordville Christmas Parade
- 24th annual Children's Christmas Benefit, Orfordville American Legion hall, 6 p.m.
- Varsity wrestling

invitational vs. Darlington, 9 a.m.

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

MONDAY, DEC. 6

- Girls JV basketball vs. Johnson Creek, 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity basketball vs. Johnson Creek, 7:15 p.m.
- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

- Seventh and eighth-grade boys basketball vs. Brodhead, 4 p.m.
- District Technology Committee Meeting, District Conference Room, 4 p.m.
- Special Board of Education meeting, District Conference Room, 5:30 p.m.
- Boy's JV basketball vs. Williams Bay, 6 p.m.
- Boys Varsity basketball vs. Williams Bay, 7:15 p.m.
- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

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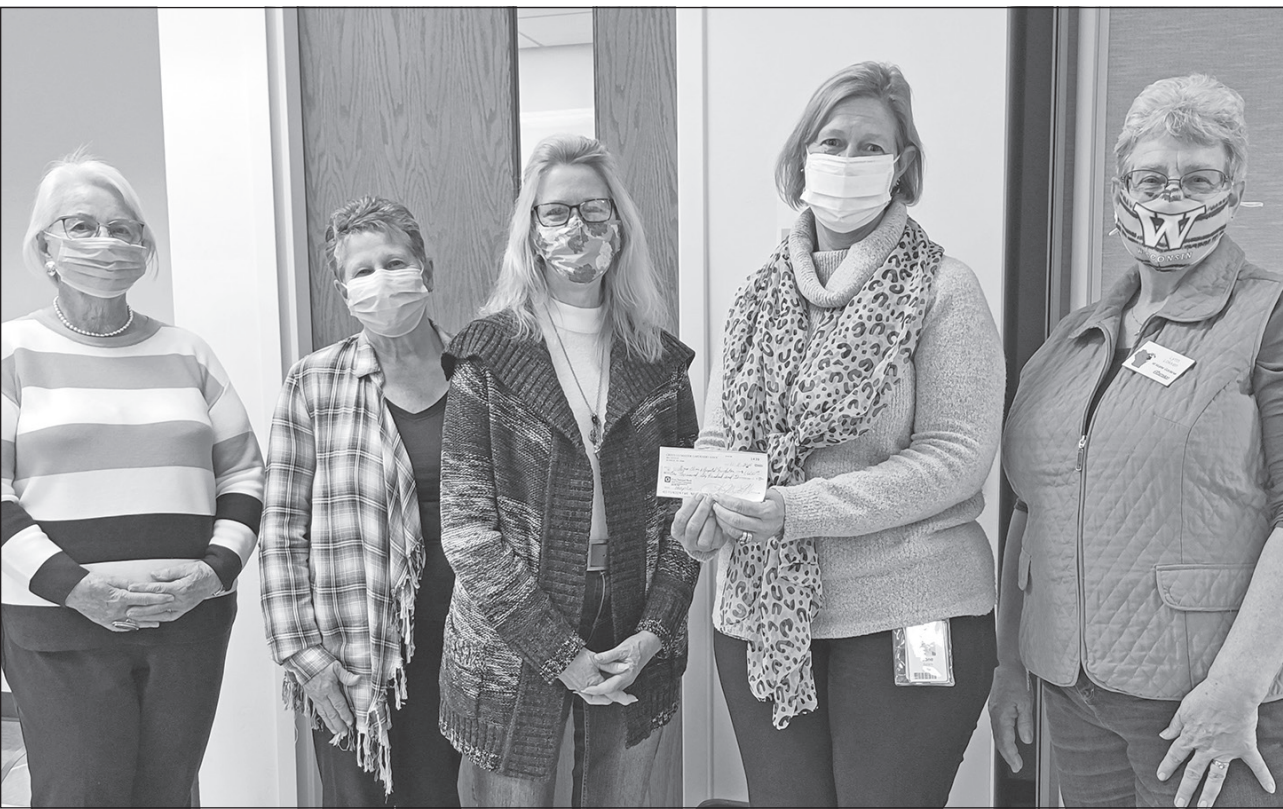
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Gardening for the greater good

Local green thumbs give back with summer garden tour proceeds



Gardener Home Garden Committee members Norma Bader (from left), Kris Winkler, Susan Konopacki and Lynn Lokken (far right) presented Jane Sybers (holding check), executive director of Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation, a \$1,600 check from garden tour proceeds this past summer.

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Green County Master Gardeners in collaboration with the SSM Health Hospice and Monroe Chamber of Commerce coordinated a Garden Walk event this past summer in Monroe to showcase five beautiful garden locations while raising funds for hospice care. UW-Extension Master Gardeners recently presented a \$1,600 check to SSM Health Hospice Home. More than 150 visitors strolled the gardens and donated to the fundraising project.

Volunteers from Green County Master Gardeners and the SSM Health Hospice Home donated their time to help at the event. At the recent Green County Master Gardeners Meeting, a check for \$1,600 was presented to Jane Sybers, Executive Director, Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation, a member of SSM Health.

Stops along the tour included:

Heaven for Birds

Mike and Cheryl Bystry, 1109-11th Ave., Monroe. This garden was dubbed, "Heaven for Birds." The gardens are full of beautiful shade and sun loving perennials. Almost every inch is planted with flowers, with very little lawn. The gardens are decorated with bird houses of all sizes and many rustic decorations sprinkled throughout.

There is a lower garden area in the backyard, but it can be viewed from the back deck. Colorful planters and decor everywhere make for a stunning stroll.

Transplants haven

Deb VanderHay and Nic Dearth, 711-28th Avenue. Deb's gardens have been a work in progress for the past 13 years and it shows. Every time she would move, she took her plants with her. Beautiful garden beds make up the front and back yards with more than 23 hosta varieties, clematis, grasses and numerous perennials filling each bed. The backyard is a relaxing oasis with a pond and a newly constructed "She-Sewing Shed."

A step into the old country

Jan LaFevre, 2115-14th Street - Visitors can enter Jan LaFevre's English cottage-style gardens through the garden gate. Her gardens

include hosta, lilies and other perennial plants. Window boxes and urns highlight colorful annuals. The gardener's hand-crafted glass towers are featured in several theme gardens also including a vegetable garden.

Experience the zen

Cathy Hauck-Infinity Yoga Studio, 1281 17th Avenue - Cathy Hauck started her gardens four years ago at her historic brick home and studio that was built in 1858. The different theme gardens also feature old sinks, bath tubs and doors that were originally in the home. The gardens are edged with old bricks she found in the yard. Two carved trees feature figures in yoga poses.

Continual growth in once desolate space

Dick & Sue Leuzinger, 1915 Lincoln Road - When Dick and Sue moved in to their home in 1982, there was no garden. All they had was a vine growing across the porch and some arborvitae in the yard. With Dick being a self-taught gardener, they now have a variety of perennial flower beds, including lilies, roses, hydrangeas and dahlias. One corner of the yard has a waterfall and pond filled with koi that attracts birds. The Leuzinger garden changes annually, as Dick enjoys relocating and trying new plants.

About the Master Gardeners

The Green County Master Gardeners Association was formed in 2004 to provide Master Gardeners with opportunities for professional development and community service.

More than 135 people have been trained since that time. The Green County Master Gardeners Association meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from February through October. Association officers for 2021 were Tamara Schulte, president; Sharon Adams, vice president; Linda Boll, secretary; and Lynn Lokken, treasurer.

Anyone interested in horticulture and gardening is welcome to join the association. For more information contact Jackie McCarville, agriculture educator, at 608-328-9440.

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