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## State officials warn about Omicron variant

*As cases are anticipated to surge, the public is asked to take immediate action to prevent hospitalizations, deaths*

Last week the Wisconsin Department of Health Services issued a public health advisory calling on all Wisconsinites to take urgent action to prevent additional hospitalizations and deaths due to COVID-19.

The highly-contagious Omicron variant of COVID-19 has been detected in Wisconsin and is anticipated to cause a rapid increase in disease activity in the coming weeks, according to health officials.

There is a serious risk that continued, increased numbers of COVID-19 cases will overwhelm an already-strained health care system, leading to dangerous situations where patients experiencing medical emergencies may not be able to receive immediate, adequate, life-saving attention and care due to lack of hospital capacity.

"I urge every Wisconsinite to take immediate action and get the COVID-19 vaccine and your booster dose if you haven't received it already—

this is critically important for mitigating surges in hospitalizations and deaths across our state," Gov. Tony Evers stated in a press release. "Please get the vaccine, continue following public health best practices, and do your part to help slow the spread of the Omicron variant."

To slow the spread of the Omicron variant, DHS is urging all Wisconsinites to take the following actions immediately:

- Get vaccinated against COVID-19, including a booster dose as soon as you are eligible.
- Wear a well-fitting mask in indoor spaces when others are present who do not live with you.

• Celebrate safely over the holidays by keeping gatherings small, getting tested before visiting others, and staying home if you have any symptoms.

"To prevent the spread of disease and protect yourself and loved ones throughout the holiday season, we urge Wisconsinites to plan ahead," said

Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake.

Anyone with signs or symptoms of COVID-19 should get tested, regardless of their vaccination status. Those exposed to COVID-19, should get tested five to seven days after exposure.

Those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, stay home while waiting for results. Trusted testing partners include local health departments, community testing sites, pharmacies and health care providers.

At-home COVID-19 tests should also be used before gathering with family and friends. DHS currently provides free at-home collection kits, a type of at-home test, for all Wisconsinites.

To find a COVID-19 vaccine provider, visit [Vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), or call 211 or 877-947-2211.

For up-to-date information about Wisconsin's COVID-19 response, visit the DHS COVID-19 webpage.

## Christmas Eve crash leaves one dead, another injured

A man was killed in an early morning crash Christmas Eve in the Town of Albany.

According to a press release from the Green County Sheriff's Office, deputies were called to the W2300 block of County Highway EE at 3:47 a.m. for a single vehicle crash with serious injury.

Investigation determined a red 1999 Ford Ranger was traveling eastbound on County EE entered the gravel ditch on the southside of the road. After

overcorrecting, the vehicle entered the north ditch, traveled down a steep embankment where it rolled over into a field and flipped over.

One man died at the scene as a result of his injuries.

A second man, who was in the vehicle, was located in the field and transported to Monroe Clinic Hospital by Albany EMS. Green County EMS, and Albany Fire Department also responded to the crash.

Identification of the deceased

is pending further investigation and was not made available at presstime.

The Rock County Sheriff's Department Reconstruction Team assisted in performing scene reconstruction.

This crash remains under investigation.

Though fog was not mentioned as a factor in the crash, the sheriff's office later that day put out a dense fog advisory, citing "hazardous driving conditions due to low visibility."



Submitted photo Brodhead Independent Register. Nurse Jen Chapman receives her COVID-19 vaccine on Dec. 22, 2020, marking the first administered at SSM Health last year.

## SSM Health looks back at a year of vaccines

*More than 40K doses administered to fight COVID-19*

Dec. 22, 2020 was an important date in the COVID-19 pandemic response for SSM Health in Monroe: It was the day the first shipment of Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine was received, as well as the day the first doses of the vaccine were administered to staff.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital Emergency Department nurse, Jen Chapman, was the recipient of that very first dose in Monroe by fellow nurse, Lori Plenge.

In the past year, SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group has worked tirelessly in its efforts to vaccinate as many community members as possible.

Thanks to innovation and fantastic teamwork, more than 41,000 vaccines have been administered.

And the work continues.

"There was so much excitement in the air for the vaccine and I was thankful I was able to get it when I did," said Chapman. "Being vaccinated is more than just protecting yourself; you are helping to protect your family and your community."

To learn about vaccine opportunities at SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group, including vaccines for those aged 5-11 and adult boosters, visit [monroeclinic.org/coronavirus](https://monroeclinic.org/coronavirus).

## Area venues get a boost with ARPA funds

Gov. Tony Evers awarded more than \$27 million in grants to 204 event venues and live event small businesses throughout the state as part of his \$140 million investment to support Wisconsin's tourism and entertainment industries.

"These businesses play a critical role in building a strong economy as they bring people together from all over the state and country for weddings, family reunions, business conferences, and so much more," said Evers. "From Belmont to Washington Island, these funds will help bolster more than 200 small businesses and event venues across our state, which are an essential part of our communities and our state's entertainment industries."

"By making these funds available, Gov. Evers continues to support economic recovery for our tourism and entertainment industries and the small

businesses that are the lifeblood of our economy," said Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA) Secretary Joel Brennan. "So many faced challenges over the last two years, and now as we head into the holiday season, these grants are giving our communities an extra reason to celebrate."

The event venue and live event small business assistance grants were created to address the revenue shortfalls experienced by event venues and small businesses that cater to live events during the pandemic.

The combined programs are funded by the federal American Rescue Plan Act and administered by DOA.

Applications for the grants opened Sept. 16, 2021, and closed on Oct. 15, 2021.

The following venues were among the recipients:

- Ars Nova LLC., Rock

County, \$9,947

- Just Jake, Green County, \$9,325
- Wayne Ace Bus Service,

Green and Rock counties, \$24,810

- Christopher Smith, Rock County, \$2,680

- KDM Anchor Inc., Rock County, \$200,000
- Rock County 4-H Fair, Rock County, \$200,000

- Kandu Industries Inc., Rock County, \$200,000
- Janesville Performing Arts Center, Rock County, \$200,000

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# Area nursing assistant honored for exceptional care

SSM Health Monroe Hospital Inpatient Nursing Assistant, Catherine Pfeiffer, has been named the newest recipient of the BEE Award.

Pfeiffer was nominated by three different patients.

One patient under her care, who was hospitalized with COVID-19 and pneumonia on Valentine's Day for five days, said, "Since I was in a COVID-19 room, I was in isolation and very scared. Catherine would come in and talk to me and help me with everything. She would always do it with a smile and no matter how many times I rang the call button, she never made me feel like I was taking too much of her time."

"It was a very lonely and scary time and she did all that she could to try to help me heal and make me less anxious. Catherine truly went above and beyond any expectations and I am truly thankful for her during an especially dark period for me. She gave me encouragement and support when I needed it most. She is truly a blessing to her patient."

The BEE Award was created to recognize any non-nursing staff members who demonstrate excellent



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quality care, extraordinary compassion, focus on the patient and the patient's needs and effective collaboration with other members on the

patient care team.

SSM Health Monroe asks the community to help spotlight the extraordinary contributions of their staff,

like Pfeiffer, by nominating them for the BEE Award. Nomination forms are available online at [www.monroeclinic.org/beeaward](http://www.monroeclinic.org/beeaward).

### About SSM Health

SSM Health is a Catholic, not-for-profit health system serving the comprehensive health needs of communities across the Midwest through a robust and fully integrated health care delivery system. The organization's nearly 40,000 employees and 11,000 providers are committed to providing exceptional health care services and revealing God's healing presence to everyone they serve.

With care delivery sites in Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma and Wisconsin, SSM Health includes 23 hospitals, more than 290 physician offices and other outpatient and virtual care services, 10 post-acute facilities, comprehensive home care and hospice services, a pharmacy benefit company, a health insurance company and an accountable care organization. It is one of the largest employers in every community it serves.

For more information, visit [ssmhealth.com](http://ssmhealth.com).

# Obituaries

### JOHN A. BURGER

John A. Burger, 78, of Monroe, formerly of South Beloit, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Monroe.

He was born in Beloit on Jan. 6, 1943 to the late Louis Sr. and Clementine (Bigalow) Burger.

He honorably served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He married Claudette Dleiler on Feb. 14, 1987, and they shared 32 years together before her passing on June 23, 2019.

He worked in maintenance for Besly Cutting Tools in South Beloit for many years, and enjoyed riding his motorcycles in his free time.

He is survived by his daughter, Pattie Burger; siblings: Charles Burger, Clementine Quandt and Earl Burger; sister-in-law, Betty Burger;



and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

He is further preceded in death by his brothers, George

(Ruth) Burger and Louis Burger Jr.; sister-in-laws, Janice Burger and Cindy Burger; and brother-in-law, Phillip Quandt.

A funeral service was held Dec. 23, 2021 at Schneider Funeral Home. Committal and Military Honors followed to Milton Lawns Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Janesville VFW Post 1621.

For online condolences and guestbook, visit: [www.schneiderfuneraldirectors.com](http://www.schneiderfuneraldirectors.com).

### BARBERA PAUTZ

Barbara Pautz, age 95, of Altoona, Wisconsin, died Dec. 20, 2021 at Marshfield Medical Center in Eau Claire.

She was born Barbara Elaine in Rockford, Illinois on March 25, 1926, just in time to live through the Great Depression.

Her parents were Edward and Winifred (Westfall) Garwig. As a first grader in the Rockford School system, she fell in love with learning, a passion that would last a lifetime.

In the worst days of the Depression, her parents left the comforts of the city life and moved to Wisconsin and the rural area of Abon Township in Rock County.

She entered the one-room Howard School, where pupils pumped their drinking water, cleaned the privies, washed the blackboards and pounded the erasers. There was more to learning than the lessons found in textbooks.

She attended Brodhead High School and graduated as class salutatorian in 1944.

Scholarships and part-time work enabled her to enter Milton College, the first in her family to attend a school of higher learning. She was active in athletics, was editor of the school yearbook and played a number of roles in the school's Shakespearean productions. She was awarded a bachelor's degree in 1948, graduating summa cum laude.

After working for a year at Rockford's Gunite Foundries, she returned to Milton to gain teaching credentials. Her high school career as an English teacher took place in three Green County schools --- Brooklyn, Juda and Brodhead.

It was in Brooklyn that she met Wilmer Pautz, another beginning teacher. They were married in the Brodhead Methodist Church on June 2, 1951.

In 1962 the couple spent a year in Germany. While Wilmer taught math and science at the U.S. Army's Frankfurt Junior High School, she attended a Goethe Institute, a school for foreign speakers of German. Their free time was spent traveling about the country.

After this preparation abroad, she became a graduate student at the University of Colorado, Boulder and she earned a Master of Arts degree in German language and literature in 1967.

She then joined Wilmer at the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire where he had been a faculty member since 1963.



She became a part-time instructor teaching German.

Her greatest contribution to the university and community

was as the co-founder of the school's Viennese Ball, now nearing its 50th year.

She and Ada Bors, the other co-founder, were inspired by Vienna's elegant Kaiser Ball and its celebration of the waltz king, Johann Strauss.

On an April night in 1974, more than 670 guests arrived to initiate what would become the school's signature event. It now draws 3,000 guests on a two-night schedule, making it the largest Viennese Ball in the world outside Vienna.

Ticket sales have generated more than \$1 million for music scholarships and awards.

For many years she was keenly aware of the social and economic injustices suffered by girls and women.

In the early 1970s, she and her colleagues from Eau Claire and other universities formed a council to improve the lot of women on Wisconsin campuses, faculty and students alike.

They worked to increase the number of women faculty and their promotions, to increase the number of women accepted in Madison's medical and law schools, to establish campus daycare centers, to add women's studies to the curriculum and to open varsity sports to coeds. Today a look around tells how successful they were.

She was an avid reader, a world-wide traveler, a gym rat, a lover of music and fine dining, a gracious hostess noted for her legendary pies and genealogist who wrote a number of family histories.

She is survived by her husband Wilmer, her sister Patricia of Beloit, many friends and students who over the years have remembered her with visits, letters, phone calls and invitations to reunions.

She is preceded in death by her parents and grandparents: Charles and Gertrude (Wright) Westfall and John and Dora (Reichenbach) Garwig.

She will be greatly missed. She will be laid to rest at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead at a later date.

Stokes, Prock & Mundt Funeral Chapel, 535 S. Hillcrest Parkway, Altoona.

Online condolences may be shared at [www.stokesprockandmundt.com](http://www.stokesprockandmundt.com).

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## Comets with character

Albany Elementary Students of the Month for December include (front, from left): Atlas Lange, Richard Murray, Raymond Hanna, Kota Blumer, Rose Elliott, (back) Cooper Hamilton, Harrison Elliott, Kilian Hill, Tenley Doescher and Mitchell Ginter were recognized for "being safe." Greyson Inabnit was also recognized but is not pictured. The students were wearing holiday hats as part of a festive, dress-up day.

# Red Cross seeks blood, platelets donations

*Give today for chance to win Super Bowl LVI tickets, other giveaways*

As holiday celebrations continue, concern is rising for the nation's blood supply, which has now dipped to concerning levels and could force hospitals to hold off on essential blood and platelet transfusions for patients.

Historically low blood supply levels not seen in more than a decade persist for the American Red Cross, which supplies about 40% of the nation's blood. The ongoing decline comes at a time of year when donations typically fall. Holiday get-togethers, school breaks and winter weather often lead to lower donor turnout, potentially further compounding the situation.

Potential donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Donors who give through Sunday, Jan. 2 will receive an exclusive Red Cross long-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last.

Those who come to give

blood, platelets or plasma in January will automatically be entered for a chance to win a getaway to Super Bowl LVI in Los Angeles.

As an extra thank-you from the Red Cross, those who come to donate in January will also be automatically entered to win a home theater package and a \$500 e-gift card. Terms apply; visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl for more information.

### Blood drive safety

Each Red Cross blood drive and donation center follows the highest standards of safety and infection control, and additional precautions – including face masks for donors and staff, regardless of vaccination status – have been implemented to help protect the health of all those in attendance.

Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at the drive.

### Save time during donation

Donors can also save up to 15 minutes at the blood drive by completing a

RapidPass.

With RapidPass, donors complete the pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of donation, from a mobile device or computer. To complete a RapidPass, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

To donate blood, individuals need to bring a blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification that are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also must meet certain height and weight requirements.

### Health insights for donors

At a time when health

information has never been more important, the Red Cross is screening all blood, platelet and plasma donations from self-identified African American donors for the sickle cell trait. This additional screening will provide Black donors with an additional health insight and help the Red Cross identify compatible blood types more quickly to help patients with sickle cell disease who require trait-negative blood. Blood transfusion is an essential treatment for those with sickle cell disease, and blood donations from individuals of the same race, ethnicity and blood type have a unique ability to help patients fighting sickle cell disease.

Donors can expect to receive sickle cell trait screening results, if applicable, within one to two weeks through the Red Cross Blood Donor App and the online donor portal at RedCrossBlood.org.

# College news

• **Cora Purdue** of Brodhead was named to the dean's list at St. Norbert College, in DePere, for the 2021 fall semester.

A minimum 3.5 grade point average is required for academic eligibility.

Founded in 1898, St. Norbert College is a private, Catholic, liberal arts college located just outside of Green Bay. Recent years have seen record enrollments and unprecedented investments in the St. Norbert College campus. The academic excellence and character-building quali-

ties of the college are nationally recognized by U.S. News & World Report, Forbes, Princeton Review and others. St. Norbert College is host to the 13-time NFL Champion Green Bay Packers training camp each year and is home to the Medical College of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

• Milwaukee School of Engineering congratulated the following local students who were named to the Fall Quarter 2021 Honors List;

– **Emilio Colunga** of Orfordville, was named to the MSOE Honors List. Colunga is

pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

– **Jordan Disch** of Albany, was named to the MSOE Honors List. Disch is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering.

Milwaukee School of Engineering is a university for those seeking an inclusive community of experiential learners driven to solve the complex challenges of today and tomorrow. The independent, non-profit university has about 2,700 students and was founded in 1903. MSOE offers bachelor's and mas-

ter's degrees in engineering, business and nursing. Faculty are student-focused experts who bring real-world experience into the classroom. This approach to learning makes students ready now as well as prepared for the future. Longstanding partnerships with business and industry leaders enable students to learn alongside professional mentors, and challenge them to go beyond what's possible. MSOE graduates are leaders of character, responsible professionals, passionate learners and value creators.

# Tax bills see jump in lottery credit

This month, Wisconsin homeowners' Lottery and Gaming Credit found on property tax bills is 38 percent higher than last year.

The estimated \$229 average credit is due, primarily, to lottery sales exceeding estimates, which resulted in a higher opening balance for 2021.

In 2020, the corresponding Lottery and Gaming Credit was \$166.

"The Lottery Credit this year is the highest amount ever certified for distribution in the Lottery's 33-year history," said Peter Barca, Wisconsin Department of Revenue Secretary. "This is driven by the Wisconsin Lottery having a record year, and the credit returned to homeowners is based on Lottery profits."

Cindy Polzin, Wisconsin Lottery Director noted, "It has been an outstanding year. Without our retail partners and our players, none of this would

be possible."

Overall, the Lottery Credit has \$343.6 million available for distribution to Wisconsin homeowners for property taxes levied in 2021.

In 2020, that figure was \$237 million.

Since 1988, the Wisconsin Lottery has provided over \$4.8 billion in property tax relief to eligible Wisconsin homeowners. The amount of the credit varies throughout the state depending on the tax rate of the school district.

The Lottery Credit is shown on tax bills as a reduction of property taxes due. If a taxpayer pays their taxes in two or more installments, the credit is applied to the first installment. The credit is paid by the state to counties or municipalities on the fourth Monday in March.

The county or municipality receiving the payment settles with overlying taxing jurisdictions.

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### THURSDAY, DEC. 30

\*No school  
\*Girls basketball game at Argyle, 6 p.m.  
-Albertson Memorial Library open, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### FRIDAY, DEC. 31

-Village hall closed for the holiday  
\*No school  
-Albertson Memorial Library closed for the holiday  
\*Girls basketball vs. Pecatonica, 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 1

-New Year's Day  
-Albertson Memorial Library closed for the holiday

### SUNDAY, JAN. 2

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

### MONDAY, JAN. 3

\*School resumes  
-Village Street & Utility Committee meets, 6:30 p.m.  
\*FFA meets in the Ag room, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 4

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
-Albertson Memorial Library's Children's Storytime 10 a.m. on Facebook  
\*JV boys basketball at Potosi High School, 5:30 p.m.  
\*Varsity boys basketball at Potosi High School, 7 p.m.  
\*Wrestling meet vs. Dodgeand High School, 7 p.m.

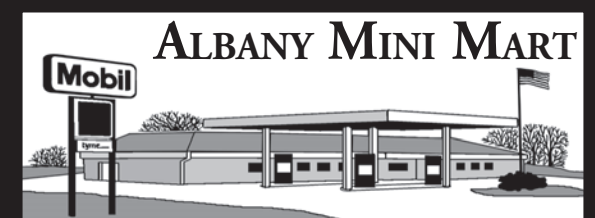
### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5

-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, elementary school gym, 7 p.m.

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# Pork Association currently accepting mentorship applications

The Wisconsin Pork Association is looking for college students who are interested about the swine industry and want to expand their knowledge and understanding of the industry.

The Wisconsin Pork Association Mentorship Program is a program for college students with a passion for agriculture and interest in the swine industry.

Participants will expand their knowledge of the swine industry through hands-on experiences and job shadows, involvement in pork industry programs, and partaking in Wisconsin Pork Association activities.

The program, which has a strong focus on career development, will provide opportunities to network with pork industry leaders, identify future career goals, and create valuable connections with potential employers.

The program mentors will be announced January 2022. The program will begin in February 2022 and conclude in October 2022.

### Who can participate?

The Mentorship Program is geared toward college-age students with an interest in agriculture and/or the swine industry. Experience in the pork industry is not necessary to apply. Applicants must be a Wisconsin resident, enrolled full-time at a post-secondary school.

Throughout the course of a year, students will be immersed into the pork industry by participating in pork industry programs, activities and job shadows.

Students are given an entire year to complete activities to accommodate college class schedule and other commitments.

Students are encouraged to visit [www.wppa.org/mentorship-program/](http://www.wppa.org/mentorship-program/) to learn more.

Go to [www.wppa.org/mentorship-program](http://www.wppa.org/mentorship-program) and click on the application form.

For more information, contact the WPA office at 608-723-7551 or email [wppa@wppa.org](mailto:wppa@wppa.org).

# Blackhawk Tech instructor speaks at UW-Whitewater Commencement

Melissa Dix, the lead IT Web Program Instructor at Blackhawk, addressed graduates and guests on Dec. 18 as the student speaker for UW-Whitewater's graduation ceremony.

Dix has earned her Bachelor of Science in Liberal Studies after beginning her post-secondary education journey in 1993.

"I started taking college courses 28 years ago," she said. "I'm excited this is happening."

She is one of 960 non-traditional undergraduate students - defined as those who earn a bachelor's degree at age 25 or older - who have graduated from UW-Whitewater, according to an article about Dix published on the university's website. Dix believes she is the first non-traditional student to serve as a graduation speaker.

This milestone is made even more special because her mom graduated from UW-Whitewater in 1971, and her great aunt graduated in 1929.



Melissa Dix

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## In brief

### Hardwood trees available for planting in spring

The Green County Land & Water Conservation Department is offering trees and shrubs for landowners interested in planting next spring.

The tree varieties are: Swamp White Oak, Sugar Maple, Black Walnut, American Plum, American Arborvitae, White Pine and Norway Spruce. Common Ninebark shrubs are also available.

The trees and shrubs are bare root, and range in height between 7 inches and 3 feet depending on species.

The cost is \$2 per tree with a minimum order of 10 per species and must be ordered in increments of 10.

Most of the trees and shrubs are native to the area except the Norway Spruce.

The species offered cover a broad range of soil types and moistures, from dry to very wet.

Mycorrhizal root dip, and nutrient packs are also available to order. Tree spuds can be "rented" for just a deposit.

Trees can be ordered by contacting the LWCD directly by phone or by ordering online at [www.greencoun](http://www.greencoun)

tylwd.com. Order forms are also available by calling the Green County Land & Water Conservation Department at 608-325-4195. Orders can be made until Friday, Dec. 31. Trees are scheduled for pick up Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22.

### Extension to host USDA Dairy Margin Coverage program update

UW-Madison Division of Extension will be hosting a virtual meeting featuring Mark Stephenson, director for the Center for Dairy Profitability and Dairy Policy & Analysis at UW-Madison. Stephenson will cover what a producer needs to know for the 2022 DMC sign-up and changes to the DMC program that could affect current and previous years coverage of the program.

The program will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m. online utilizing the Zoom platform.

Visit the WI Extension Events Calendar extension. [wisc.edu/events](http://wisc.edu/events) to register for the meeting.

For assistance, call the Green County Extension Office at 608-328-9440.

The 2022 DMC sign-up started Dec. 13 and continues until Friday, Feb. 18.

### Behring Senior Center to host veterans luncheon

Behring Senior Center, 1113 10th St., Monroe, will hold a veterans luncheon Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All veterans 55 and older and their spouses are welcome to attend. Hot lunch, rolls, desserts and beverages will be served. A \$2 donation is suggested. Reservations are required for planning purposes, by calling 608-325-3173.

### Rock County Job Center to host job fair Jan. 12

The first Job Fair in 2022 for Rock County will be offered on Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the new Rock County Job Center, 1717 Center Avenue, in Janesville from 2-4 p.m.

The event is limited to 20 employers, due to social distancing protocols. Masks are required.

Fair-goers may update and print resumes in the Resource Room prior to the event.

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**Left: Citizen Soldiers and Airmen from the Wisconsin National Guard collect specimens for COVID-19 testing earlier this year. The Wisconsin National Guard has multiple COVID-19 specimen collection teams operating throughout the state and**

**WI NATIONAL GUARD PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. KATIE THEUSCH *Brodhead Independent-Register* has administered nearly 1.2 million COVID tests and more than 230,000 vaccines statewide since the pandemic began. Right: Citizen Soldiers and Airmen from the Wisconsin National Guard collect specimens for COVID-19 testing earlier this year.**

# On duty Wisconsin National Guard continues to fulfill state's needs in COVID-19 pandemic response

By Maj. Joe Trovato

**WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD**  
More than 20 months into the COVID-19 pandemic, the Wisconsin National Guard continues to fulfill a variety of roles for the state. About 500 Citizen Soldiers and Airmen from the Wisconsin National Guard are actively assisting communities with COVID-19 testing, vaccinations, and helping manage the state's stockpiles of vaccines.

In recent weeks, some of those troops have taken on a new role – serving as temporary nursing assistants at four state mental health facilities at the request of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Approx-

imately 60 Wisconsin National Guard troops completed a multi-day training regimen to assist with basic tasks and functions to assist healthcare workers at the facilities they're supporting. They are also completing an additional 59-hour Certified Nursing Assistant program under the supervision of registered nurses at each facility.

The number of Wisconsin National Guard troops mobilized for the pandemic response has ebbed and flowed since the first troops mobilized in March 2020.

At one point in the spring of 2020, more than 1,400 troops were mobilized as the Guard took on a multitude

of missions to support the state. Efforts by the Guard ranged from COVID testing, staffing a state call center that informed people of their test results, assisting county medical examiners, staffing self-isolation facilities for individuals who didn't have the means to effectively self-isolate, assisting at a senior living facility amidst a staffing shortage, and even transporting a group of Wisconsin residents home who were exposed to COVID in the earliest days of the pandemic.

Others trained to perform the temporary nursing assistant role at Wisconsin State Fair Park in the event additional support was needed

at the state's alternate care facility.

Despite many missions and roles and a long-lasting mobilization, Citizen Soldiers and Airmen in the National Guard continue to find inspiration to serve their fellow citizens and communities.

"For me, it's the people," said Master Sgt. Emily Decker, a member of the Wisconsin Air National Guard now serving as a company first sergeant on the COVID-19 task force. "It's always about the people and how much we need each other in so many ways, and how much good we can accomplish together in difficult times.

"I'm proud to serve alongside so many professional military counterparts as we respond to the COVID 19 pandemic," she added. "The camaraderie we have forged together during this time of service has been life-changing, and the respect I have for them is immeasurable. Each one of the men and women that have raised their hand to serve during this pandemic have played a critical role. Looking back at the past 22 months, it's incredible knowing the impact we have had collectively on serving the citizens of Wisconsin."

The Guard's primary mission for most of the pandemic became mass community-based COVID testing all across the state. Since the pandemic began, the Guard has administered approximately 1.2 million COVID tests. When vaccines became available in early 2021, the Guard assisted with mobile and community vaccination teams, helping administer more than 230,000 vaccines statewide while also assisting the state with personnel to help manage the state's vaccine shipments and inventory.

Since the spring of 2020, the Wisconsin National Guard has worked continuously with its partners at the state and local level to assess demand signals for testing and vaccination support. In the fall of 2021 only a few hundred troops remained mobilized, but as the state saw increased demand for testing and vaccinations stemming from new variants and employer vaccination mandates, additional troops mobilized on a voluntary basis to meet that need.

As testing and vaccination demand waned, some troops were repurposed to assist with basic functions at mental health facilities.

The Wisconsin National Guard's mobilization for COVID-19 represents the longest sustained domestic mobilization in Wisconsin National Guard history. Wisconsin troops have mobilized throughout history for long periods in support of overseas combat operations in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, both world wars, the Spanish-American War, and the Civil War, but never have so many troops mobilized for so long here in Wisconsin.

## Rock County residents encouraged to take broadband access test

*Participation will help to secure future funding*

Rock County businesses and residents are strongly encouraged to participate in the regional broadband assessment project, which was launched last month.

The data collected from this speed testing initiative will help with identifying, as well as quantifying, the existing broadband speeds throughout Rock County.

There are several areas in the county that lack adequate and/or acceptable broadband access; and much of the data previously collected by the federal and state government is either inaccurate and/or outdated.

Considering the significant increase in remote work, as well as the uptick in the delivery of educational and health services to the home via the Internet, the importance of having a robust broadband network cannot be overlooked.

That's why the Rock County's Ad Hoc Broadband Committee is currently examining a number of scenarios and concepts that will position – as well as accelerate – the county for broadband-related investments.

To alleviate privacy and other data collection concerns that might be preventing residents from participating in this speed tester,

the following should be considered:

- This broadband speed tester does not use tracking cookies; and no personal data per se will be stored. However, participant location and speed data will be stored.
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Additionally, participants are asked to make sure their work/school VPN is turned off or deactivated during the speed test.

- Participants may be asked to supply data for this

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Generally, the Federal Communications Commission requires up to four months of consecutive information before it will revisit or update its census block speed data.

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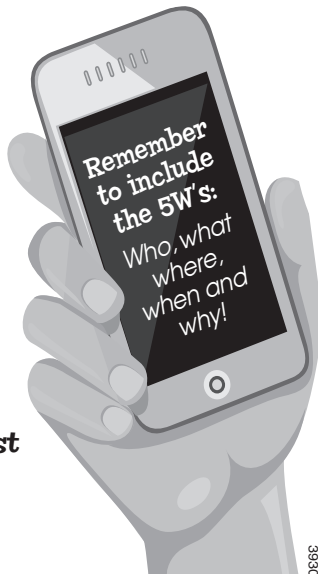
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**News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times**

<p><b>THURSDAY, DEC. 30</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> <li>• No school</li> <li>• Varsity wrestling tournament at LaCrosse Civic Center, 9:15 a.m.</li> <li>• JV boys basketball game at Albany High School, 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>• Varsity boys basketball game at Albany High School, 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>FRIDAY, DEC. 31</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No school</li> <li>• Orfordville Public Library closed</li> </ul> <p><b>SATURDAY, JAN. 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Year's Day</li> <li>• Orfordville Public Library closed</li> </ul> <p><b>SUNDAY, JAN. 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville Public Library closed</li> </ul>	<p><b>MONDAY, JAN. 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No school</li> <li>• Orfordville Public Library closed</li> </ul> <p><b>TUESDAY, JAN. 4</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School resumes</li> <li>• District Finance Committee meets, District Conference Room, 5:30 p.m.</li> <li>• JV boys basketball game at Palmyra-Eagle High School, 6 p.m.</li> <li>• Varsity wrestling meet at home, 7 p.m.</li> <li>• Varsity boys basketball game at Palmyra-Eagle High School, 7:15 p.m.</li> <li>• Orfordville Public Library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> </ul> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.</li> </ul>
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Each year Wisconsinites join the thousands of people across the nation to kick off the new year by hiking at state parks, forests or trails

on New Year's Day. These hikes provide a way for individuals and families to welcome the coming year in the outdoors, exercising and connecting with nature. For many it has become a cherished tradition.

"Getting active outdoors through hiking or other forms of winter recreation is a great way to connect with family and friends in a healthy way. Start the year out right with a hike at a

Wisconsin state park," said Steve Schmelzer, DNR Park and Recreation Management Program Bureau director.

With more than 22 million visitors, Wisconsin state parks, forests and trails feature some of the Midwest's best scenery. The change in seasons doesn't mean an end to exploring the outdoors. Wisconsin's beautiful state parks, forests and trails offer opportunities to get outdoors – even in winter.

Guided hikes will be available at several properties across the state including Newport, Roche-a-Cri, Buckhorn, Governor Thompson, Amnicon Falls and Mirror Lake state parks as well as at Richard Bong State Recreation Area and the MacKenzie Environmental Education Center.



Participants are also welcome to create their own first day hikes by exploring Wisconsin's state parks open year-round, each offering a variety of scenic winter hiking opportunities to explore. Visit the DNR's Find A Park webpage to locate a park near you.

First day hike participants are invited to share their adventures using the hashtags #OutWiGo and #FirstDayHike on Instagram.

Additional opportunities

to hike by moonlight or candlelight trails will be held throughout the winter. For a complete listing of first day hikes and candlelight events, check out the DNR events calendar at [dnr.wi.gov](http://dnr.wi.gov).

Properties may have restroom facilities and warming shelters available during these events. To help slow the spread of COVID-19, visitors are encouraged to practice social distancing and wear a face covering if social distancing cannot be

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Find more information about Wisconsin state parks, locate a park near you or find a map to plan your First Day Hike at the Wisconsin DNR website.

### Legal Notices

**STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, GREEN COUNTY**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BRADLEY J. KADERLY Deceased  
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(Informal Administration)  
**Case No. 21 PR 97**  
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2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/27/1982 and date of death 11/11/2021 was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W702 Town Center Road, Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. The application will be heard at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin, before Gloria Baertschi, Probate Registrar, on 01-03-2022 at 8:30 a.m.
- You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection.**
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-14-2022.
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6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

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Plaintiff,

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Join the thousands of people across the country to kick off the new year with a First Day Hike at a Wisconsin State Park.



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Brodhead High School band students (back, from the left) Charlie Weiss and Max Pinnow lead the percussion section during the Dec. 13 holiday concert.