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## School districts will see increase in per pupil spending

Governor designates \$110 million in federal funds toward education

Last week school districts throughout the state got news that they would see an additional \$133.72 increase in per pupil funding from federal Coronavirus Relief Funds, amounting to \$110 million in new, additional funding toward Wisconsin education.

“Our kids and schools have faced unprecedented challenges during the coronavirus pandemic—from distance learning to reducing class sizes, to spending money that had been budgeted for pencils on PPE,” Gov. Tony Evers stated in the Dec. 2 press release. “This \$110 million investment is an opportunity for schools to invest directly into programming to help students both in and out of the classroom, allowing schools to hire additional educators and staff, provide more educational and extra-curricular opportunities, invest

in mental health supports, buy art supplies or computers, or keep the lights on—whatever they need and, most importantly, whatever our kids need. I’ve always said what’s best for our kids is what’s best for our state, and these funds will go a long way toward helping ensure our kids get the services and resources they need to rebound and recover.”

### Amounts designated to area schools

- Albany School District, \$56,563
- Brodhead School District, \$133,852
- Juda School District, \$30,621
- Monroe School District, \$310,226
- New Glarus School District, \$121,149
- Parkview School District, \$110,986

## RCHS selected for national preservation program

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) is one of only a few institutions in the United States that has been selected to participate in the Collections Assessment for Preservation (CAP) program.

CAP helps museums to improve the care of their collections by providing support for a general conservation assessment of the museum’s collections and buildings.

RCHS staff will work with a team of preservation professionals throughout 2023 to identify preventive conservation priorities.

The final assessment report will help the museum to prioritize its collections care efforts in the coming years.

“It is a tremendous honor to be selected as a recipient of the CAP grant,” said Cara Kinzelman, Ph.D., assistant director and curator for RCHS. “This grant will enable RCHS to host world-class preservation professionals who will assess current collections management protocols, storage and display environments, and the architectural integrity of the Lincoln-Tallman House and the Archives and Preservation Center.”

Kinzelman, who was instrumental in RCHS receiving the CAP grant, said the preservation professionals’ recommendations will form a roadmap for RCHS to follow in upcoming years.

“This project will help us to ensure that the priceless collections in our care are appropriately preserved for future generations,” Kinzelman said. “The preservation professionals’ recommendations

will also serve as a high-value foundation for future efforts to secure additional grant funding to address identified needs. Participation in the CAP program is an important step in the professionalization of collections management at RCHS, and represents continued progress in the implementation of our strategic plan.”

The CAP program is administered by the Foundation for Advancement in Conservation through a cooperative agreement with the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

### About the Rock County Historical Society

Home to six uniquely different historic sites on a 3.5-acre campus in the historic Look West Neighborhood, the Rock County Historical Society enriches and engages the communities in Rock County through preservation and dissemination of the unique history and heritage of our area.

Its sites include the award-winning Lincoln-Tallman House, Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center, Charles Tallman Archives, Tallman Carriage House, Wilson-King Stone House, and the Frances Willard Schoolhouse.

Learn more at [www.rchs.us](http://www.rchs.us) and follow RCHS on Facebook and Instagram.

### About FAIC

The Foundation for Advancement in Conservation saves cultural heritage for future generations, protecting it

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Carolers spread Christmas joy at the Monroe Arts Center’s annual Holiday Silent Auction. The carolers perform Saturday at 2 p.m. to wrap up this year’s fundraiser.

## Sing along Saturday

Caroling Connection closes MAC’s annual holiday auction

The Monroe Arts Center will present The Caroling Connection on Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Gunderson Stiles Concert Hall, 1315 11th St., Monroe.

The Caroling Connection was created in 2016 by founder and head voice Jim Goodrich as a way to spread Christmas cheer.

Each year the ensemble continues to grow, as hand-picked performers are chosen to become part of the holiday ensemble.

The performance will wrap up MAC’s 24th annual Holiday Silent Auction.

In the meantime, the auction remains open with more than 160 items available for

bidding.

The auction can be accessed online at [32auctions.com/monroeartscenter](http://32auctions.com/monroeartscenter). Auction items can still be viewed in-person at the Monroe Arts Center during regular business hours.

Auction categories this year include original art and handcrafted items; holiday

creations; baked goods and specialty foods; cheese and libations; holiday creations; restaurant and specialty diners; home and garden; entertainment and get-away; clothing and jewelry; books; toys; and “this and that.” Items included in this year’s auction

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## Young pianists to perform

Green County pianist Julie Zimmerman's students Myra Shank (front to back), Malachi Shank, Adelina Shank and Elliana Shank, all of Brodhead, will be among young musicians playing at the Green County Piano Teachers Piano Play-A-Thon Saturday, Dec. 11. The show is open to the public and will feature a variety of holiday music at The Java Lava Café, 203 N. Main St., in Monticello, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will be led by Zimmerman, Carolyn Hilliard, Dawn Jordan and Gwen Shaker.

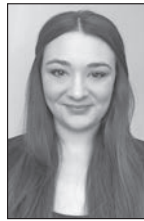
## Healthful hint

# Reaching out, managing your mental health

Millions of people in the United States are affected by mental illness each year. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the mental health of people of all ages. One in five adults experience mental illness each year. One in six youth ages 6 to 17 years old experience a mental health disorder each year. Now, more than ever, it is critical to reduce the stigma around mental health struggles that often prevents individuals from seeking help.

Each mental illness is different but common warning signs include:

- Confusion or problems concentrating and learning
- Extreme mood changes, including uncontrollable "highs"
- Inability to carry out daily activities or handle daily problems and stress
- Avoiding friends and



By ERIN YENSER Contributor

social activities

• Changes in sleeping or eating habits  
Youth can also develop mental health issues and can show behavioral symptoms, such as:

- Changes in school performance
- Excessive worry or anxiety
- Hyperactive behavior
- Frequent nightmares
- Frequent disobedience or aggression

Many face stressful situations that are overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children. Here are some

good coping skills to help one become more resilient:

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media.
- Practice relaxation exercises, prayer or meditation.
- Take vacations away from home and work.
- Get enough quality sleep and regular exercise.

It is important to remember that even the most resilient person can face a difficult time and to know when to ask for professional help. Don't be afraid to reach out if you or someone you know needs help. Learning more about resources, support and treatment is an important first step. Contact your health insurance provider about your coverage, and your primary care doctor or local mental health providers about resources and treatment options.

### Resources

- National Alliance on

Mental Illness Helpline: 1-800-950-NAMI or info@nami.org

- Crisis Text Line: text HOME to 741741
- Frontline Worker: text FRONTLINE to 741741
- Veterans: text 838255
- National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255

• Wisconsin Addiction Recovery: call 211  
• Rock County's Crisis Number: 608-757-5025  
• Local resources: call 211

Erin Yenser is a Public Health Strategist for the Rock County Public Health Department. If you would like to ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us with Healthful Hint in the subject. The Rock County Public Health Department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable. For more information, follow us on social media@rockcountypHD.

## Obituary

### JAMES ARLAN COMBS

James Arlan Combs, 85, died peacefully on Dec. 3, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital in Janesville while surrounded by family.

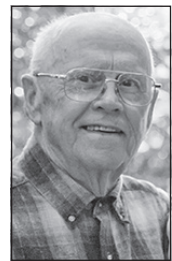
He was born on Jan. 7, 1936 in Kentucky to the late Roscoe and Eva (Felner) Combs.

He married Linda Klapp in Durand, Illinois on Feb. 9, 1957.

He worked for many years within the cheesemaking industry and worked more than 31 years at the Goldenrod Cheese Group (later Universal Foods) in downtown Brodhead.

He enjoyed gardening, hanging his Christmas lights, hunting and running his coon dogs and was an avid Kentucky Wildcats Basketball fan. Most of all, James enjoyed spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife, Linda; three children, Katherine (David) Manning, Susan Ballweg and Ricky (Tammy) Combs; four grandchildren, Amber (Sean) Downing, Tori (Brian) Welch, Erin (Ryan)



Wescott and Jamie (Kylie) Pierce; eight great grandchildren, Phoebe, Ritchie, Zoe, EvaLynn,

Jade, Timber, Opal and Bindi "Bingo"; five siblings, Elmer Ray (Zella) Combs, W. Eugene (Jean) Combs, Wilburn (Angie) Combs, Mac Combs and Sue Combs and several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was further preceded in death by one sister, Lois Mae Combs and one grandson, Jesse Redell in 2020.

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

Funeral services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021 at noon.

A visitation will also be held at the funeral home on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

Burial will conclude at the Avon Township Cemetery.

## •RCHS (Continued from front page)

from decay and destruction. Learn more about FAIC at www.culturalheritage.org/foundation.

### About IMLS

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# SSM Health offers scholarship for future healthcare workers

Application deadline is Feb. 28

SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services is once again offering scholarships for students seeking a career in the healthcare field.

The deadline for application submission is Monday, Feb. 28, 2022.

Four \$500 scholarships are awarded to graduating high school seniors each year. Two scholarships will be awarded to Monroe High School seniors and two scholarships will be awarded to high school seniors from communities with SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group sites – Albany, Blanchardville, Brodhead, New Glarus, Durand, Freeport and Lena – or who live within an area serviced by a branch site, or who have a parent that is employed by SSM Health.

A continuing education scholarship is also available. Five \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded to SSM Health Monroe's service area college students.

Applicants must have completed at least one year

of advanced study beyond high school in a health-related field and be a resident of a service area community or be an employee or child of a SSM Health employee.

Requirements for both types of scholarships are the individual must be pursuing a degree or certificate in a healthcare-related field, have a GPA of 3.25 or higher with an emphasis on science and math, and all applications must be typed.

In no specific order, recipients will be selected based on citizenship, need and school, and outside activities.

Students who have received a SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services \$500 scholarship in the past are eligible to apply for the advanced study scholarship. However, an individual may only receive each scholarship once.

Applications are available at [www.monroeclinic.org/volunteers](http://www.monroeclinic.org/volunteers).

For more information, call Dawn Meier, volunteer coordinator, at 608-324-1569.



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## Green thumbs for good

Master Gardener Home Garden owners Dick (from left) and Sue Leuzinger, Jan LeFevre, Nick Dearth (second from right) and Deb VandeHay (far left) recently presented a \$1,600 check to Jane Sybers (holding check), executive director of Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation, for SSM Health Hospice Home. The donation was in part proceeds from summer garden tours they hosted as part of the Green County Master Gardeners garden walk.

## In brief

### 'Miracle on 34th Street' debuts this weekend

The Monroe Theatre Guild will present Miracle on 34th Street, the Play on Friday at 7 p.m. at the MTC venue, 910 16th Avenue.

Encore performances are Saturday Dec. 11 at 7 p.m., Thursday Dec. 16 through Saturday, Dec. 18 at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 12 and 19.

For tickets, visit [monroetheatre.com](http://monroetheatre.com) or call 608-325-1111.

### Old-Fashioned Christmas cancelled

Gap Church Museum, 2104 W. 5th Ave., Brodhead, has cancelled its annual Old-Fashion Christmas, originally scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 12, due to increased COVID cases.

### Republican Party of Green County meets Dec. 11

The Republican Party of Green County is holding its regular monthly breakfast meeting, Saturday, Dec. 11

at the Swiss Alps Restaurant, 804 4th Avenue, Monroe, at 9 a.m. Interested Republicans are welcome to attend.

For more information, contact Bruce Kloepping at 608-897-8395.

### Flu clinic in New Glarus Dec. 17

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group in New Glarus is offering a Flu Clinic on Friday, Dec. 17. It will take place from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the clinic, 1800 Second St., New Glarus.

Flu shots are open to all ages. Appointments are required by calling 608-527-5296.

Cash, check or credit/debit cards accepted, insurance may be billed upon request. Masks are required.

### Monroe Arts Center's 24th Holiday Silent wraps up Saturday

Monroe Arts Center's (MAC) 24th annual Holiday Silent Auction continues through Saturday. 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](http://32auctions.com/monroeartscenter) or in person during regular business hours, through Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, call 608-325-5700 or visit [32auctions.com/monroeartscenter](http://32auctions.com/monroeartscenter).

### Go Green and give the gift of nature

The Rock County Land Conservation Department is taking orders for its yearly tree and shrub sale.

Trees and shrubs are bare

root seedlings in single species units of 10 for \$20, bundles of 25 for \$30, or 50 for \$55 plus tax.

Stock includes black walnut, 18 to 24-inch seedlings; Fraser fir, 12 to 16-inch seedlings, red oak, 18 to 24-inch seedlings; swamp white oak, 18 to 24-inch seedlings and white pine, 7 to 15-inch seedlings. Shrubs are sold out. Distribution is typically in mid-April.

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

## Green County meetings

### Wednesday, Dec. 8

- Green County Broadband Ad Hoc Committee meets, Green County Historic Courthouse County Boardroom, 1016 16th Ave., Monroe, 1:30 p.m.

- Green County Health Committee meets, Government Services Building – lower level community rooms 2 and 3, N3152 Highway 81, Monroe, 3 p.m.

### Friday, Dec. 10

- Wisconsin River Rail Transit Committee, Waunakee Public Library, 201 N. Madison St., Waunakee, 10 a.m.

### Monday, Dec. 13

- Green County Zoning and Land Use meeting, Green County Historical Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, 3 p.m.

### Tuesday, Dec. 14

- Human Services Board, Government Services Building, Conference Room 207, N3152 Highway 81, Monroe, 1 p.m.

- Green County Board of Supervisors meeting, Green County Historical Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, 7 p.m.

- Law Enforcement and Public Safety meeting, Green County Sheriff's Office Training Center, 2827 6th Street, Monroe, entrance door is located in the back parking lot, 5:30 p.m.

### Thursday, Dec. 15

- Green County Board of Adjustment meeting, Green County Historical Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, 7 p.m.

## • Caroling

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include a decorated Badger themed Christmas tree, jewelry, a Horseback riding experience, as well as lots of homemade goodies among many other items.

The Caroling Connection welcomes anyone who would like to join them for their performance.

Celebrating the Victorian traditions of Christmas,

these Christmas carolers help spread holiday cheer, put a song in the hearts of all who gather, and can make anyone dream of a white Christmas.

For tickets and information about the auction contact the Monroe Arts Center by calling 608-325-5700, or online at [monroeartscenter.com](http://monroeartscenter.com).

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

### FRIDAY, DEC. 10

-Albertson Memorial Library open from 1-6 p.m.

\*Boys basketball game vs. Juda, 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY, DEC. 11

-Albertson Memorial Library open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\*Girls basketball game vs. Highland, 2 and 5 p.m.

\*Boys basketball game vs. Highland, 3:30 and 6:30 p.m.

### SUNDAY, DEC. 12

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

### MONDAY, DEC. 13

-Village Board meets, 6:30 p.m.

-Grounds & Cemetery Committee meets, Village Hall, 6:30 p.m.

\*Boys basketball game vs. Benton, 6 p.m.

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 to 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY, DEC. 14

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

-Albertson Memorial Library's Children's Storytime 10 a.m. on Facebook

\*Girls basketball game vs. Big Foot, 6 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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

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# Rainbow Childcare has been educating small children since 1977

## Staffing costs a struggle for non-profit center

Rainbow Childcare has a long history as a cornerstone of childcare in Monroe, serving local families for more than four decades.

In 1977, a group of Monroe residents organized, incorporated and licensed Monroe Community Child Care.

The center is now called Rainbow Childcare of Monroe, Inc., a group childcare center licensed for 148 infants, toddlers and pre-school-age children at its brightly-painted location at 2709 6th St.

There's room for an additional 50 school-age children in its before- and after-school program at Parkside Elementary School.

Besides being a community mainstay, Rainbow offers an experienced staff.

The staff at Rainbow has an average of 10 years of longevity and experience, and each teacher is fully trained, said Rainbow's administrator, Kristine Hartwig. Rainbow follows a play-based curriculum to enhance children's development.

"Rainbow is a very dependable center that provides a safe, nurturing environment for children to learn and grow," Hartwig said.

Witnessing the growth



that takes place at Rainbow - whether it be children accomplishing a task or learning a new skill, or infants learning to crawl and then walk - is Hartwig's favorite part of working with children and their families.

"I also like to watch the teachers learn and grow into their position. We learn and grow together," she said.

She stressed the importance of early childhood education in the development of children and their futures, and emphasized that early childhood teachers should be viewed as professionals. "They are providing experiences for children to grow into well-adjusted, confident adults," she said.

The small teacher-to-child ratios can create a cycle that

makes it hard to pay teachers what they are worth, Hartwig said.

For example, a center must have one teacher per four children younger than the age of 2. That keeps staffing costs high.

"But if our charges are too high, then families will not enroll and if we do not charge a higher rate, then we are not able to hire educated staff at a decent wage," she said. "I wish that there was some state funding to help childcare centers meet their needs financially."

To help offset costs, any financial help to childcare is greatly appreciated, Hartwig said.

Rainbow is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and donations are tax deductible. She said it is



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Rainbow Childcare in Monroe is licensed for 148 infants, toddlers and pre-school-aged children. The non-profit center has been educating young children for more than four decades, and struggles to fund its well-trained and experienced staff.

also helpful if community members help advocate for state funding.

Ultimately, helping childcare helps the entire community.

"Childcare gives a family a

sense of relief that while they are at work, their children are being well taken care of," Hartwig said. "It provides businesses with a dependable work force and helps the

community prosper."

Rainbow Childcare is the third in a series of childcare centers profiled by the Green County Development Corporation.

## Child care matters

# The first five years

Mental health has become a critical part of our medical knowledge in recent years. As increases in research are completed, we learn more of how mental health affects many domains of our physical health and overall wellness. However, there is still one area that many people neglect or are dismissive of, and that is infant and early childhood mental health.

The lack of communication about how brains develop during these early years allows us to overlook the importance of mental wellness of our youngest. Yet, research demonstrates that these early years are the most impactful towards the future of that individual. The relationships and experiences a baby and toddler have, will have resounding impacts. No more thinking that just because the baby or young child won't remember an exposure to things like violence, neglect, or poverty does not mean it will not have long-term negative effects. Exposure to these adversities over



By BROOKE SKIDMORE Contributor

time affects the chemical make-up of the brain. We see the results in adults with issues like being in constant stress (fight or flight), decreases in graduation rates, and poor interpersonal relationships.

Babies do not have a choice if they will grow up in poverty or experience trauma, but there is something we can do as a community to give our youngest a better opportunity for success in life. We can make sure that all of our youngest have access to quality early care programming with adults who are responsive and supportive of children's needs. Research shows that sometimes it only takes a baby or young child to have one quality relationship in their early years to buffer or to teach

resilience to adversities. A quality relationship provides consistency, love, and safety. Our youngest and most vulnerable do not have a voice in this, so it is up to us as a community to ensure that we are doing everything we can to provide our children with opportunities to grow healthy.

Currently Green County along with United Way, was able to procure a grant to assist 13 programs in our area with access to a mental health therapist to support teachers and reduce expulsion rates of children in child care settings. This grant expires at the end of the year, we are hoping to be able to continue the program next year, given the benefits early childcare professionals and the children they serve receive.

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

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

# Columbian architect builds business, language skills at Blackhawk

Already a talented architect, Vanessa Hernandez realized that she would need to improve her English language skills when she moved from Colombia to the United States.

Seeking out a program that would align with her needs, she discovered the English Language Learner program at Blackhawk Technical College.

"Although I started visiting different countries when I was young, the adventure of living here has been difficult for me," Vanessa said. "I had to adapt to a new language and different customs. That is why the BTC team, especially Professor Brianna Deering, has been fundamental in these processes to learn English and have more confidence in myself and my abilities."

The free (to state residents) Blackhawk ELL program provides classes for all levels of learners on BTC's campus, at the Beloit Public Library, and through the Beloit Even Start Family Literacy Program.

The Even Start program allows parents with small children to bring their children with them instead of adding the burden of finding childcare.

Vanessa said she is eager to start working in her chosen profession - architecture, and open an interior design business, doing commercial and residential remodeling with a concept that invites

## Overhead at Orfordville Village Hall

Orfordville Planning Commission met Nov. 29 for its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting. According to the unofficial minutes, the following items were discussed:

### Variance request approved

Property owner Randy Page was present to request a variance to allow an addition to his existing garage that would create a 2,244 square-foot detached garage. The current village ordinance allows for 936 square feet for a detached garage. Page told commissioners he has nearly five acres and would like to store his equipment inside.

He currently farms tobacco, strawberries and cabbage.

John and Leann Kratz, who own an adjoining property, spoke. Leann stated she is not opposed to the addition, according to the unofficial minutes, but questioned if Page would be acquiring more equipment to be stored on the property.

Page explained the purpose of the project is to move all of his outdoor storage inside.

Commissioner Terry Morris stated he was unopposed to the variance request, noting Page has nearly five acres to build on, and added that he would rather see outside storage contained.

Morris made the motion to recommend the Village Board approve the variance request as presented. The motion carried.

**“Opportunities don't happen - you create them.”**

**- Vanessa Hernandez, BTC English Language Learner student**

clients to appreciate and acquire Colombian art.

"My country has more than 40 indigenous communities," she said. "Each one survives, to a great extent, from the manufacture of handicrafts, but for different reasons, they are very vulnerable communities. So, it would make me immensely happy to be able to support their work."

The current ELL classes include students from Peru, Mexico, South Korea, Albania and Colombia.

"We have students who have degrees in nursing, engineering, architecture, and dentistry," said instructor Brianna Deering.

Along with these students who already have established careers, students in the ELL program are applying to the EMT program, the ultrasound program, the GED program, and the weld-

ing program.

Vanessa said she is thankful for the way that Blackhawk has welcomed her and others who have come from abroad.

"It shows that the college is an institution that has open doors for everyone," she said. "We are excited to be a part of BTC."

Brianna said she is proud to have students as eager to learn as Vanessa is.

"She is a hard-working, dedicated student who always comes to class ready to learn. She brings an enthusiasm for learning and a unique cultural perspective that engages all who meet her. Vanessa is a talented ELL student and gifted architect whose kind and outgoing nature makes her a pleasure to work with," Brianna said.

Outside of the college, Vanessa accompanies her hus-

band on work trips around the country.

On these travels, she enjoys photographing interesting natural features and architecture.

Her advice to any students thinking about how BTC might fit into their future is "don't miss out on starting a program here because this is the best way to find better job opportunities."

Opportunities don't happen - you create them," she said.

**Colombian architect Vanessa Hernandez is currently enrolled at Blackhawk Technical College's English Language Learner program to enhance her business and language skills.**

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## Legal Notices

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS PROJECT: 2022 STREET & UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS

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OWNER: Village of Orfordville 303 East Beloit Street, P.O. Box 409

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#### CONTRACTS AND BID DEADLINE:

Sealed bids for a single contract for sanitary sewer, water main and storm sewer construction, street excavation and base course construction, street asphalt pavement construction, and for curb & gutter and sidewalk construction will be received by the Village of Orfordville until 2:00 P.M., local time on December 16, 2021. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the Village Hall.

The contract consists of the following approximate quantities:

- 8-inch PVC Sanitary Sewer, 1,200 lineal feet
- 6 and 8-inch D.I. Water Main, 1,400 lineal feet
- Storm Sewer, 150 lineal feet
- 30-inch Concrete Curb & Gutter, 2,400 lineal feet
- 4-inch and 6-inch Concrete Sidewalk, 3,200 square feet
- Grass Restoration, 2,100 square yards
- Hot-Mix Asphalt Pavement, 1,100 tons

Appurtenances to the above construction items, such as service laterals and manholes are included, but are not listed above. The quantities are subject to change without notice prior to document distribution.

#### CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bidder's Proof of Responsibility, Bid Proposal Form, Affidavit of Organization and Authority, Bid Bond (in the amount of 5% of the maximum amount of the bid), Notice of Award Form, Agreement Form, Notice to Proceed Form, Performance/Payment Bond (100%), Certificate of Insurance, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Technical Specifications, Drawings and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following locations:  
Village of Orfordville  
303 East Beloit Street, P.O. Box 409  
Orfordville, WI 53576-0409

Town & Country Engineering, Inc.  
6264 Nesbitt Road  
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Copies of the Contract Documents and the Construction Plans may be obtained at the office of Town & Country Engineering, Inc., 6264 Nesbitt Road, Madison, WI 53719 via appointment only. There is a **\$50 non-refundable** copying and distribution charge for these documents. Electronic bidding documents are available online at Questcdn.com, Project No. 8069409 for \$30. This fee includes access to submit a bid on-line via Questcdn.

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Bidders must be pre-qualified with the Village of Orfordville within the last year or must be pre-qualified for this work 5 days

prior to the bid deadline in accordance with Section 66.0903 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, security in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid amount. Bidders must be experienced in municipal pipeline and street construction.

#### RIGHTS RESERVED:

The Village of Orfordville reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in any bid.

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### TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY Monthly Meeting Monday December 13, 2021 at 6 PM

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

#### AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper public notice
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Reports
7. Audience communication
8. Old business
  - A. Rock County Public Works
  - B. Road work
  - C. Adopt 2022 Budget
9. New business
  - A. Poll workers for 2022 Elections
  - B. Increase in dog license fees
10. Future agenda items
11. Payment of bills
12. Adjournment

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### NOTICE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL 14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A, EVANSVILLE, WI 53536 DECEMBER 14, 2021 7:00 P.M.

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order
  2. Pledge of Allegiance
  3. Approve Agenda
  4. Clerk's Report
  5. Treasurer's Report
  6. Public Comment - limit 3 minutes per person
  7. Zoning Change Petitions
  8. Highways and Bridges
  9. Rock County Public Works Contract
  10. Amend 2021 Budget, if necessary
  11. Approve 2022 Evansville EMS Contract
  12. Review Status of Yoder Building and Fire Code Violations
  13. Poll board members on whether Rock County Towns Association meetings should continue offering a Zoom option
  14. Appoint Election Workers 2022-2023

15. Agenda for next month  
16. Pay Bills  
17. Adjourn  
Graceann Toberman,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
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### STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Janet L. Albertson Deceased

**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2021PR000096

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth February 16, 1942 and date of death October 20, 2021, was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W2409 Swann Street, Albany, Wisconsin 53502.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 03-14-2022.

A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin. Attorney Todd W. Schluesche Schluesche Fields S.C. 250 N. 18th Avenue, Suite 106 Monroe, WI 53566 608-325-2500 Bar Number 01024392 The Independent Register 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/2021  
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### TOWN OF DECATUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Monday, December 13, 2021 - 6:00PM  
Town Hall - 1408 14th Street, Brodhead, WI

#### AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
  2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
  3. Additions/Corrections to Agenda
  4. Approval of Minutes
  5. Treasurer's Report
  6. Payment of Bills
  7. Citizen Concerns
  8. Review Badgerland Contract
  9. Acquisition of Private Road
  10. Property Violations
  11. Status of Ford F450
  12. Roadwork Report
  13. Insurance
  14. Dogleg Ct. Water Issue
  15. Mobile Home Park License
  16. Website Security - Change to .gov from .com
  17. Road Signs/Driveway Access - Three Waters Reserve
  18. Appointment of Election Inspectors
  19. Planning Commission for Crazy Horse Expansion
  20. Sharing of Information/Correspondence
  21. Future Agenda Items
  22. Set dates for future meetings
  23. Adjournment
- Sandra K McManus  
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News from Parkview in Orfordville:

## Viking Times

**THURSDAY, DEC. 9**

- Seventh and eighth-grade boys basketball vs J.C. McKenna, 4 p.m.
- High school band concert, 7 p.m.
- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 10**

- COVID vaccination clinic, Parkview Elementary School, noon to 6 p.m.
- Girls JV basketball vs. Deerfield, 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity basketball vs. Belleville, 7 p.m.
- Orfordville Public Library Storytime, 11 a.m., library open until 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 11**

- Wrestling Invitational vs. Oakfield, 9 a.m.
- Boys JV basketball vs. Wisconsin Heights, 1 p.m.
- Boys Varsity basketball vs. Wisconsin Heights, 2:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 12**

- Orfordville library closed

**MONDAY, DEC. 13**

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

**TUESDAY, DEC. 14**

- Seventh and eighth-grade boys basketball vs. Edgerton, 4 p.m.
- Special Board of Education meeting, District Conference Room, 5:30 p.m.
- PTO meeting at the elementary school, 6 p.m.
- Boy's JV basketball vs. Johnson Creek, 6 p.m.
- Boys Varsity basketball vs. Johnson Creek, 7:15 p.m.
- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 15**

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



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## On display

“On a Balcony in the Old Havana” by Cuban collage painter Eduin Fraga is one of several of his works on exhibit in the Monroe Arts Center’s Wellington and Muranyi Galleries now through Friday, Jan. 14. The Monroe Arts Center is located at 1315 11th St., Monroe, and open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call the Monroe Arts Center at 608-325-5700 or visit [monroeartscenter.com](http://monroeartscenter.com).

# Johnson’s mobile office open tomorrow in Green County

U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson (R-Oshkosh) announced his staff would be available for mobile office hours in Green County on Thursday, Dec. 9, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Village of Brooklyn, 210 Commer-

cial St., Brooklyn.

During this time, constituents can meet with the senator’s staff to request assistance with a federal agency or regarding other federal matters.

# DNR now offering year-round campsite reservations

*Winter campsites available at 20+ state parks and forests*

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources recently announced year-round camping reservations are now available at more than 20 state parks and forests. Temperatures may be dropping, but that doesn’t mean the end of camping for anyone looking for a winter adventure.

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Campers will no longer find campsite self-registration envelopes at state properties. Instead, make reservations using the DNR’s online camping reservation webpage or by calling 1-888-WIPARK.

Reservation service agents can assist by phone or online chat seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 1 through Apr. 30 and 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. May 1 through Oct. 31.

Campers can also reserve a campsite on the same day as arrival by either doing it online before leaving your home or calling from a mobile phone while at the property. Same-day reservations will not be charged the additional \$7.95 reservation fee.

Visitors will no longer need to use campsite self-registration envelopes to secure reservable campsites on-site. Self-registration envelopes for daily admission and annual pass purchases are still available.

Not all campsites or campground roads are plowed in the winter. Look for a message while booking your campsite or contact the property for more information on property conditions.

### Availability alerts

Visitors who have their eye on reservable campsites can now use the new Availability Alerts feature on the DNR’s online camping reservation webpage to let them know if a site becomes available.

Setting up alerts is simple:

- Go to the reservations webpage and locate the main campsite search feature on the homepage;

- Select preferred location, dates, equipment and party size and hit “Search;”

- Users will be taken to the webpage for the campsite location selected. In the upper right corner select the “Notify Me” button to set up an email alert for the campsite and dates entered;

- Once alerts are set up, an email will be sent when a campsite matching the search becomes available.

Although the campsite is available when the alert goes out, the alert does not guarantee a campsite reservation as reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. At this time, alerts cannot be sorted for specific features such as electric sites.

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