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## CDC shortens isolation, quarantine guidelines

Based on experts' observations of the COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last week shortened the recommended time for isolation from 10 days for people with COVID-19 to five days, if asymptomatic, followed by five days of wearing a mask when around others.

The change is motivated by science demonstrating that the majority of SARS-CoV-2 transmission occurs early in the course of illness, generally in the one to two days prior to onset of symptoms and the two to three days after.

Therefore, people who test positive should isolate for five days and, if asymptomatic at that time, they may leave isolation if they can continue to mask for five days to minimize the risk of infecting others.

Additionally, CDC is updating the recommended quarantine period for those exposed to COVID-19.

For people who are unvaccinated or are more than six months out from their second mRNA dose (or more than two months after the J&J vaccine) and not yet boosted, CDC now recommends quarantine for five days followed by strict mask use for an additional five days.

Alternatively, if a five-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure.

Individuals who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure, but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure.

For all those exposed, best

practice would also include a test for SARS-CoV-2 at day five after exposure.

If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19.

Isolation relates to behavior after a confirmed infection. Isolation for five days followed by wearing a well-fitting mask will minimize the risk of spreading the virus to others.

Quarantine refers to the time following exposure to the virus or close contact with someone known to have COVID-19.

Both updates come as the Omicron variant continues to spread throughout the U.S. and reflects the current science on when and for how long a person is maximally infectious.

Data from South Africa and the United Kingdom demonstrate that vaccine effectiveness against infection for two doses of an mRNA vaccine is approximately 35%.

A COVID-19 vaccine booster dose restores vaccine effectiveness against infection to 75%.

COVID-19 vaccination decreases the risk of severe disease, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.

CDC strongly encourages COVID-19 vaccination for everyone 5 and older and boosters for everyone 16 and older.

### State health officials back new guidelines

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) supports CDC recommendations to shorten isolation and quarantine periods for the general public, given what is

known about COVID-19 and the Omicron variant, according to Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake

"If you are a person who has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and you are unvaccinated, or are more than six months out from your second mRNA dose or more than two months after the J&J vaccine and have not yet gotten a booster, you should quarantine – stay home and completely away from others – for five days followed by strict mask use for an additional five days," Timberlake stated in a press release. "However, people who are current with vaccine recommendations do not need to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19, but should wear a well-fitting mask (link is external) when around other people for 10 days."

Following an exposure to someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, everyone, regardless of vaccination status, should get tested on day five after exposure, and if symptoms occur, quarantine immediately until a negative test confirms those symptoms are not due to COVID-19. Increased testing will help us identify any cases of Omicron quickly so that we can learn more about this latest variant and get an accurate picture of disease activity in the state.

"We urge all Wisconsinites to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our state by getting vaccinated, getting boosted, continuing to wear masks in indoor public settings, and staying home when sick. This will help us all safely continue with our daily lives," Timberlake said.

## Battle of the Badges blood drive tomorrow in Janesville

The Rock River Valley Blood Center (RRVBC), Janesville Fire Department and Janesville Police Department is hosting a winter-themed Battle of the Badges Blood Drive on Wednesday, Jan. 5 from 2 to 7 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 6 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Janesville Fire Department, 303 Milton Ave.

Donors can make appointments online at rrvbc.org, by calling 815-965-8751 or using the myRRVBC app. Walk-ins also will be welcome.

"We are excited to partner with the Janesville fire and police departments to host a

blood drive to support our local hospitals and those in need of blood," said Lisa Entrikin, CEO at the Rock River Valley Blood Center. We invite the community to stop by the drive as each donation can save up to three lives."

The first 100 donors will receive a T-shirt.

Donating blood is simple, and one unit can save up to three lives.

After registering, a donor care specialist will take an individual's vitals (temperature,

blood pressure, pulse and hemoglobin), and each person will be asked to complete an eligibility questionnaire, and then sit back and relax while giving.

The donation itself only lasts about 10 minutes.

Refreshments will be provided afterward.

First-time donors, should bring a photo ID.

Individuals can donate a single unit (whole blood donation, the most common type) every 56 days.

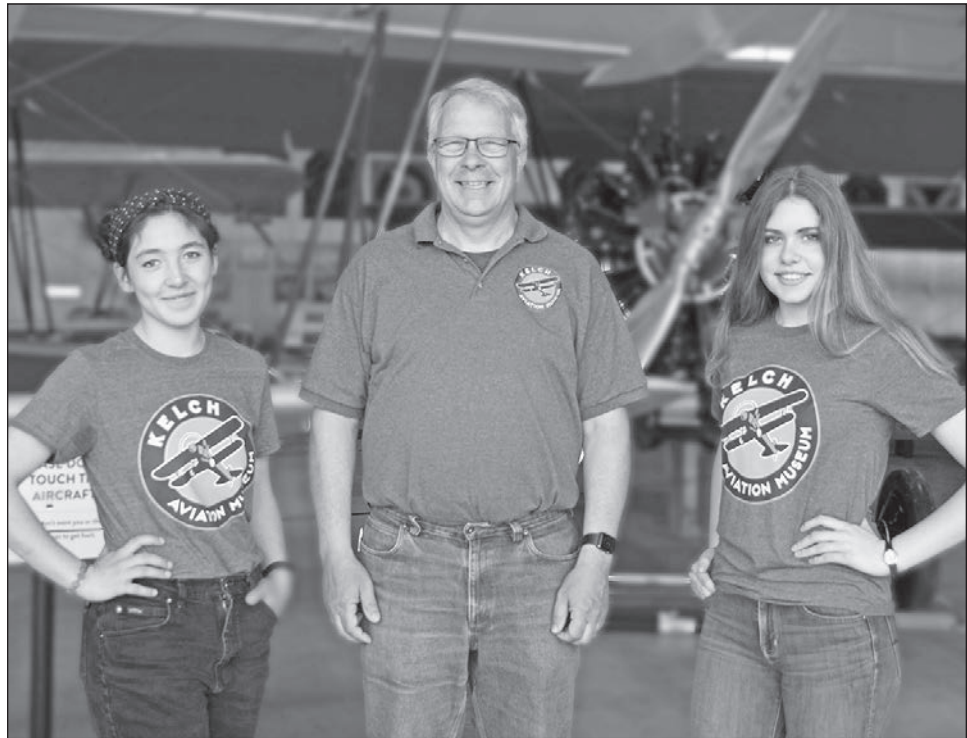
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Kelch Aviation Museum office staff Ami Eckard-Lee (from left), collections manager and programming director; Patrick Weeden, executive director and Hannah Shickles, archivist & events coordinator, closed the books on 2021 with a sense of accomplishment as the museum's debut year of being open to the public.

## Aviation museum celebrates the year it took flight

While 2021 will be etched in history as another year of pandemic trials, for The Alfred & Lois Kelch Aviation Museum it will always be remembered as the year that it opened its doors to the Brodhead community.

The museum's roots began in 2004 when the Kelch's placed their entire vintage aircraft collection into a charitable trust, celebrating the Golden Age of Aviation – the science, technology and stories that launched aviation into the modern age.

After years of planning and fundraising, the museum became a reality and was opened to the public in July

at N2463 Airport Road, in Brodhead.

The collection includes 19 vintage aircrafts, three vintage automobiles, 12 original aircraft engines, cabinets of photo collections and dozens of models, works of art and other treasures.

Patrick Weeden, the museum's executive director, recently reflected on the past year, noting the biggest milestone was opening to the public this past summer.

He also highlighted other accomplishments, including:

- Sharing aircraft collection, displays, and artifacts to hundreds of visitors from dozens of states and countries
- Receiving two new air-

crafts on long-term loans, and

• Acquiring two new aircraft donations.

"The future looks bright too," he wrote in an email announcement.

"In 2022, we have exciting news about our final building project, the Phase III addition to the museum complex, as well as new education programming, public events and aircraft collection updates."

The Alfred & Lois Kelch Aviation Museum, Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit educational corporation. All donations are tax deductible.

To donate, visit kelchmuseum.org.

## You ought to be in pictures!

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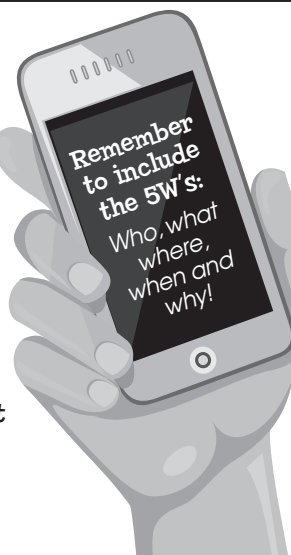
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# Obituaries

## LUANN L. BAKER

LuAnn L. Baker, 64, died Dec. 24, 2021, at the Hospice Home of Hope in Fond du Lac after her cancer returned last fall. She was born Dec. 23, 1957, in Monroe, Wisconsin to the late Roman F. and Coyla M. (Mead) Baker. She attended Newark Elementary School until her family moved off the farm in 1968. She graduated second in her class from Brodhead



High School in 1975. For two years she attended UW-Whitewater, followed by UW-Madison, graduating in 1980 from the School of Pharmacy. She spent the summers during her college years working as cashier and teach-

ing swimming lessons for the Brodhead Municipal Swimming Pool. She was also a member of the Brodhead Recreation Singers. Her pharmacy internship took place at Reis Pharmacy in Brodhead. She was a pharmacist for 10 years at Milton Avenue Pharmacy in Janesville. In 1991, she moved to Fond du Lac working as a pharmacist for Chatterton Pharmacy (five years), K-Mart (five

years) and Walgreens (10 years). During the past year, she worked as a lifeguard at the Aquatic Center in Fond du Lac. She treasured watching her nieces and great nieces/nephew grow up and enjoyed attending their events. Her passions were swimming and singing. Growing up, she was a chorus and church choir member and joined the Brodhead Swim Team, and was proud of her success especially in the butterfly stroke. She excelled at sports trivia and enjoyed watching all sports especially the Wisconsin Badgers and the Olympics. She bowled for many years, and travelled internationally whenever her work schedule allowed. In the past few years, she designed patterns and helped to sew quilts for the St. Martin Ashford quilters. She was a member of the Fond du Lac Women's Chorus serving as Sunshine

Chairperson, the LIVES-TRONG Group, the Tuesday Cancer Group at Tucker's, an Aquatic Center group of friends, the Pharmacy Society of Wisconsin, and Holy Family Catholic Church, serving as a cantor in the past. She looked forward to attending her high school class reunions and enjoyed visiting with classmates at her recent reunion in August. In 1984, she revived her mother, enabling family to have one more week with her prior to her passing away. Baker was diagnosed with cancer in 2014, insisting on driving herself to her treatments. In 2016, her father moved in with Baker and she lovingly took care of him until his death a month short of his 99<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2017. She is survived by her sister, Mary Baker, Campbellsport; brothers, Robert R. (Julie) Baker of Oakfield, Wisconsin, and Stephen J. Baker of Brodhead; four nieces, Shelly (Greg) Kottke,

Oakfield, Melissa Baker, Oakfield, Mickey (Nate) Oechsner, Brownsville, Wisconsin, Bobbie (Cory) Immel, Oakfield; great nieces, Megan, Marissa, and Miranda Kottke; great nephew, Evan Immel, and step great niece Natalie Oechsner. She was further preceded in death by grandparents and aunts and uncles. The family thanks the staff and volunteers at Agnesian Cancer Center and Hospice Home of Hope for their compassionate care. She was generous to many charitable causes, so in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Fond du Lac Women's Chorus, or any charity in her name. Visitation was held Dec. 30, 2021, at Sacred Heart Church of Holy Family Parish in Fond du Lac, followed by Mass of Christian Burial. Burial is at Newark Cemetery in the Town of Newark. Kurki Funeral Chapel & Crematory in Fond du Lac is serving the family.

## Legal Notices

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
GREEN COUNTY  
Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
Estate of Barry A. Olson, et al.  
Defendants.

ing Way, Middleton, WI 53562 until 2:00 PM January 28, 2022 For: Village of Albany Wastewater Treatment Facility Pond Mixer  
The project consists of the following:  
Providing, installing, and start-up of one (1) Pond Circulation Mixer.  
The contract documents are on file and may be examined at the following locations:

Mead & Hunt, Inc.  
2440 Deming Way  
Middleton, WI 53562

Albany Village Hall  
206 N. Water Street  
Albany, WI 53502

Contract documents may be obtained from the office of Mead & Hunt, Inc. at 2440 Deming Way, Middleton, Wisconsin, telephone 608-273-6380 upon payment of \$50. Prequalification of bidders will not be required and bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Government funding for this project requires this project be subject to the requirements of the Davis Bacon and Related Acts and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Environmental Improvement Fund. The successful bidder will be required to conform to the wage requirements prescribed by the federal Davis-Bacon and Related Acts which requires that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and sub-contractors performing on contracts funded in whole or in part with federal funds in excess of \$2,000 pay their laborers and mechanics not less than the prevailing wage rates and fringe benefits, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, for corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on similar project in the area. Bidders shall provide certification with their bid agreeing to comply with Davis-Bacon requirements. Disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs), including minority business enterprises (MBEs) and women business enterprises (WBEs) are encouraged to submit bid proposals. Before awarding the contract, the OWNER reserves the right to request proof of responsibility and qualifications, and a letter from the CONTRACTOR stating he or she is an equal opportunity employer. No bid shall be withdrawn after the opening of bids without the consent of the OWNER for a period of sixty (60) days after the scheduled time of receiving bids. The OWNER reserves the right to accept or reject any bids which may be advantageous to the OWNER. Published by the authority of the Village of Albany  
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January 27, 2022  
At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:  
**COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE ROAD, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 10 ACRES OF THE WEST 21 1/2 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, THENCE SOUTH 160 FEET TO IRON STAKE, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 160 FEET TO IRON STAKE, THENCE NORTH 160 FEET TO PK NAIL IN ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 160 FEET ALONG ROADWAY TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.587 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.**  
ALSO COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE ROAD BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 10 ACRES OF THE WEST 21 1/2 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, THENCE SOUTH 160 FEET TO IRON STAKE AND POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE SOUTH 136.125 FEET, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 160 FEET, THENCE NORTH 136.125 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 160 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.5 ACRES MORE OR LESS, BEING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF DECATUR, GREEN COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

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TERMS OF SALE: CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK or CERTIFIED FUNDS, payable to the Clerk of Courts (10% down payment at sale, balance due within ten (10) days of Court approval; down payment to be forfeited if payment not received timely). Buyer must comply with minimum bidder qualifications as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

**NOTICE  
TOWN OF MAGNOLIA  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD  
MEETING  
WILL BE HELD AT THE  
MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL  
14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A,  
EVANSVILLE, WI 53536  
JANUARY 11, 2022  
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. Discuss possibilities of roundabouts on State Highway 213  
10. Approve 2022 Evansville EMS Contract  
11. Review Status of Yoder

Building and Fire Code Violations  
12. Agenda for next month  
13. Pay Bills  
14. Adjourn  
Graceann Toberman,  
Town Clerk/Treasurer  
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**MEETING NOTICE  
TOWN OF SPRING GROVE**  
The Town of Spring Grove monthly Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, N2475 Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI  
Monthly Board Meeting Agenda  
1. Call to Order  
2. Pledge of Allegiance  
3. Approval of Agenda  
4. Reading of December Meeting Minutes  
5. Treasurers Report  
6. Public Input  
7. Updating/Switching Banks  
8. Delmore Consulting Update  
9. Road Projects  
10. Building Permits  
11. Driveway Permits  
12. Tax Collection Update  
13. Review of Monthly Bills  
14. Adjournment  
Deb Cline, Clerk  
The Independent Register  
1/5/2022  
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**AGENDA  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD  
MEETING**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITERIA  
2501 West 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue,  
Brodhead, WI  
7:00 P.M.**

**JOIN WITH GOOGLE MEET:  
https://meet.google.com/oiw-jiji-tnn  
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+1 727-325-2066 (PIN:  
996403637)**  
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 REPORTS  
VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD  
**AGENDA**  
IX. TRAUMA SENSITIVE SCHOOLS PRESENTATION  
X. SAFETY DRILL REPORTS  
XI. AUDIT REPORT  
XII. DRAW LOTS FOR BALLOT ORDER  
XIII. APPROVAL OF 2022-23 SCHOOL CALENDAR  
XIV. REVIEW WASB RESOLUTIONS  
XV. REFERENDUM UPDATE  
XVI. COVID-19 UPDATE  
XVII. ACCEPT DONATION(S)  
XVIII. RESIGNATIONS(S)  
XIX. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)  
XX. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)  
XXI. FUTURE AGENDA  
XXII. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) (f)  
A. Staffing  
XXIII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS  
XXIV. ADJOURNMENT  
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WNAXLP 410520

**AGENDA  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL  
DISTRICT  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 12, 2022  
HIGH SCHOOL L.M.C.  
6:30 P.M.**

**AGENDA**  
I. REVIEW BILLS  
II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE  
III. ADJOURN  
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1/5/2022  
WNAXLP 410521

## CHARLOTTE J. MACDOUGALL

Charlotte Joyleen "Char" MacDougall, 85, of Brodhead, died Dec. 26, 2021 in SSM St. Mary Health Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin, after a brief illness. She was born Oct. 7, 1936 in Davis, Illinois to the late Mr. and Mrs. Everette and Stella (Nyman) Olson. She graduated from Durand High School in 1954. She married her high school sweetheart Curtis MacDougall in Durand, Illinois on Oct. 16, 1955. She retired from Amerock Corp. in 2000 after more than 35 years of employment.



She was a member of Durand United Methodist Church, where she had been active in many different committees. She was the Durand High School Alumni Secretary for many years. She enjoyed cooking, family gatherings and the many bus trips through the years. She is survived by her sons: Randy (Gail) MacDougall, Bruce (Jolene) MacDougall, Steven (Diane) MacDougall; an adopted mom by Arlene (Tay-

lor) Fillmore; 11 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. She is further preceded in death by her husband, sister Vivian Binkley and brother Larry Olson. A funeral ceremony was held Dec. 31, 2021 in Durand United Methodist Church with Pastor Brenda Byrne officiating. Burial is at Chapel Hill Cemetery in Freeport, Illinois. Memorials may be given in her name to Durand United Methodist Church, PO Box 168, Durand, IL 61024. To view additional details about services, visit my.gather.app/remember/charlotte-macdougal.

## WALLACE WILSON

Wallace "Wally" Wilson, 78, died on Dec. 31, 2021 at the Monroe Hospital. He was born on Jan. 12, 1943 to the late Melvin and Hazel (Clark) Wilson. He married Linda Williams on Sept. 19, 1964 at the Juda United Methodist Church. He worked for more than 30 years and retired from GM in Janesville. He was heavily involved



with the Brodhead Park and Recreation Department, where he umpired for more than 33 years and received the Youth Service award from the city in 1989. After many years of service to the park district, on

Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, a diamond was named in his honor, Wally Wilson Field. He served his country in the US Army during the Cuban Missile Crisis and also enjoyed wood working. He is survived by his wife, Linda; three children, Michelle (Dale) Roth, Darcie (Jim) Lewis and Eric Wilson (Mary Backenger); six grandchildren, Logan and Jacob Wilson, Mikaela and Brianna Roth and JD and Jimmy Lewis; a sister, Merikay Ellefson; a nephew, Greg Ellefson and many other relatives and friends. He was further preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Gene Ellefson. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family in his name are suggested. Funeral services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022 at 11 a.m. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Tuesday, Jan. 4 and will be held again on Wednesday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Burial will conclude at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.



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

**THURSDAY, JAN. 6**

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parkview Buildings & Grounds Committee meets, 5:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JAN. 7**

- Orfordville Public Library open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Children's Storytime, 11 a.m.
- JV boys basketball at Madison Country Day School, 6 p.m.
- Varsity girls basketball at Juda, 7 p.m.
- Varsity boys basketball at Madison Country Day School, 7:15 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JAN. 8**

- Wrestling invitational at Polo High School, 8 a.m.
- Orfordville Public Library open from 9 a.m. to noon

**MONDAY, JAN. 10**

- JV boys basketball

vs. Argyle/Pecatonica, 5:30 p.m.

- Economic Development Committee meets, 6 p.m.
- Varsity boys basketball vs Argyle/Pecatonica, 7 p.m.
- Village Board meets, 7 p.m.
- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JAN. 11**

- Seventh- and eighth-grade girls basketball vs. Clinton, 4 p.m.
- Parkview Policy Committee meets, District Conference Room, 5:30 p.m.
- Parkview PTO meets, 6 p.m.
- Varsity wrestling meet at Horicon School, 7 p.m.
- Orfordville Public Library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12**

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parkview Public Relations Committee meets, District Conference Room, 4 p.m.

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# In brief

## Republican Party meets Saturday morning

The Republican Party of Green County will hold a regular, monthly breakfast meeting at the American Legion, 1627 12th Avenue, Monroe, Saturday, Jan. 8, at 9 p.m. The guest speaker will be Erik Olsen, candidate for the Wisconsin's 2nd Congressional District. Interested Republicans are invited to attend. For more information, contact Bruce Kloopping at (608) 897-8395.

## Orfordville residents can dispose of Christmas trees

The Village of Orfordville Public Works Department began picking up discarded Christmas trees this week. Residents can put out Christmas trees now through Thursday, Jan. 6 for pickup.

## Kids can learn proper use of 911, meet local heroes

The Green County Sheriff's Office is hosting a Learning to Call 911 workshop for kids Saturday, Jan. 29, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for kids ages 4 to 10. The workshop, set up in two-hour increments for three different age groups, is designed to give children an interactive experience calling 911 and speaking with a dispatcher. Children will meet sheriff's deputies, police officers, EMTs and fire fighters. For more information, or to sign up, email [bethausern@greensheriff.com](mailto:bethausern@greensheriff.com) and provide the name of parent, children attending and their ages, as well as parent contact information.

## 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 at [extension.wisc.edu/events](http://extension.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.

## 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.

For more information, email [DETWDA11BusinessServices@dwd.wisconsin.gov](mailto:DETWDA11BusinessServices@dwd.wisconsin.gov).

# Overhead in Orfordville Village Hall

Orfordville Village Board met Dec. 27. According to the unofficial minutes, the following items were discussed:

## Bids for 2022 Street and Utility Bills

Nick Bubolz from Town and Country Engineering was present to discuss bids on 2022 street and utility bills. According to Bubolz, six bids were received, with Maddrell Excavating in Brodhead coming in the lowest.

All bids came in lower than anticipated, according to Bubolz, who speculated that this was due to the bidding done early.

He explained that the base bid for South Richards Street, North Center Street, and the intersection of North Mowe and East Church streets was \$1,238,696.94.

Alternate Bid 1 for the bump outs downtown came in at \$55,978.98.

Alternate Bid 2 for pavement marking on North Main Street was for \$16,595 and the Supplemental Bid for unforeseen conditions was

\$23,721.50, with an additional 10% for contingencies.

The Board approved the bids for a total of \$1.3 million to Maddrell Excavating.

## Resident voices concern about taxes

Orfordville resident Howard Franklin of 507 S. Richards St., spoke during the "Citizens Wishing to be Heard" portion of the meeting, about his 2021 tax bill.

Franklin said he has been paying taxes since he has lived in the village and questioned when the increases will stop, noting he is on a fixed income and taxes are getting out of hand. He said he does not think he should have to pay toward the new subdivision.

Village President Gary Phillips responded by stating that taxes in smaller municipalities tend to be higher with less people paying toward expenses.

He also further explained that the state limits municipalities on how much they can increase the tax rate

and that the cost of everything has gone up. He noted that the increase primarily went toward road repairs.

## Resident complaints addressed

In response to complaints from resident Dianne Myhre of 108 S. Center St., during the Dec. 13 meeting, Phillips addressed three concerns by following up on complaints.

Myhre said there is a black truck that parks along South Center Street and never seems to move. Phillips reassured the Board that the truck was legally parked.

Myhre also brought pictures of vehicles driving through the patio the South Center Street. Phillips said the area is now blocked so traffic cannot get through the back of the business.

Myhre also complained about a light on the back of 211 E. Beloit St. being too bright.

Phillips stated the light is indeed bright, comparing it to lights at a football stadium.

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## THURSDAY, JAN. 6

- \*Varsity girls basketball at Monticello, 7 p.m.
- Albertson Memorial Library open, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Albany Plans Commission meets, 6:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, JAN. 7

- Albertson Memorial Library open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- \*Varsity boys basketball vs. Black Hawk, 6 p.m.

## SATURDAY, JAN. 8

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

## SUNDAY, JAN. 9

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

## MONDAY, JAN. 10

- \*Varsity boys basketball vs Abundant Life, 6 p.m.
- Albany Village Board meets, 6:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, JAN. 11

- Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Albertson Memorial Library's Children's Storytime 10 a.m. on Facebook
- \*Wrestling match at Horicon, 7 p.m.
- \*Girls basketball vs. Barneveld, 6 p.m.
- Albany Building, Grounds, and Cemetery Committee meets, 6:30 p.m.
- Albany Town Board meets, 6:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY, JAN. 12

- 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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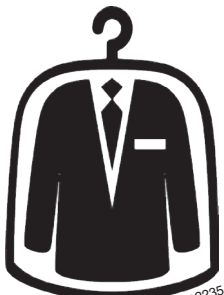
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## Jan. 2021

### Green County testing site moves

The Green County COVID-19 community testing site has relocated to 652 Eighth St. as of Jan. 4. The new location is at the address of the Swiss Colony Outlet Store, at the corner of Eighth Street and Wisconsin Highway 69...

### Residents eat up local food choices at Orfordville business

Knowing how their food is produced has become something of a necessity for area residents. Food is Fuel, a nontraditional convenience store in Orfordville, attracts copious amounts of consumers every day who appreciate being able to trust the origins of their food...

### Pearl Island bridge roof is up in the air Clerical error leaves special account empty

A not-yet-covered bridge in the Pearl Island Recreational Corridor is still awaiting its roof. The bridge, located in Putnam Park, was one of the projects generated by a group of volunteers formed in 2011 to improve the 180-acre area between the Sugar River and along the Mill Race, now known as the Pearl Island Recreational Corridor...

### Albrecht students embark on reading adventure

Local students are "going places" with a special motivational reading program this month. A video presentation kicked off "Book a Trip: Reading Takes You Everywhere" last week at Albrecht Elementary School...

### Holding out hope that customers will return to in-person dining Restaurants reeling from effects of COVID-19 pandemic

Restaurants all around the state are feeling the effects of COVID-19, with some even closing their doors, cutting hours and laying off staff. Some of these restaurants are right here in Green County...

### Complaint alleges teen shot newborn daughter 16-year-old faces charges as adult

A video/phone preliminary hearing was set for today in the case of an Albany teen charged with homicide in the shooting death of his infant daughter. Logan T. Kruckenberg Anderson, 16, was charged Jan. 12 in Green County Circuit Court with first-degree intentional homicide and hiding a corpse. He is charged as an adult...

### Vaccine rollout begins for those 65 and up Health officials say patience is key as supply is limited

Local health officials are calling for patience as hundreds of thousands of Wisconsin residents became eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine earlier this week...

### State grant money helps conservation ideas flow in Sugar River watershed Farmers get financial help putting practices in place

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has awarded \$750,000 in producer-led watershed protection grants to 30 farmer-led groups...

## Feb. 2021

### Unemployment rate shows signs of stabilizing

The unemployment rate in Wisconsin from Dec. 2019 to Dec. 2020 increased just over two percent, from 2.7 percent in Dec. 2019 to 4.1 percent in Dec. 2020...

### Brodhead students take fast track to CNA certification Dual credit program offers chance to jump-start a career

During her senior year in 2019, Anna Corbit enrolled in a new training program at Brodhead High School that allowed her to earn college credit while working toward her certification as a nursing assistant...

### Fiber internet project continues

Faster internet service and more reliable cell phone coverage is on its way to the Green County area...

### School open enrollment period begins

The Brodhead School District will not be setting any seat limits for students who want to open enroll into the district, board members decided recently...

### Turning the page Longtime librarian built relationships over sharing stories

In 20 years behind the desk at Albertson Memorial Library in Albany, Laurie Thill got to know a lot of readers by name — and by the books they checked out...

### COVID-19 surges in Green County

Green County is experiencing sustained high levels of COVID-19 while numbers across the state are decreasing, public health officials reported late last week...

### Parkview preps to move sixth-graders to junior/senior high Shift will even out student numbers, provide added opportunities

Increasing elementary enrollment and a need for more space have prompted Parkview School District officials to prepare for a shift of sixth-grade students to the junior/senior high school starting next fall...

### Brodhead boys close out regular season with big win

It has been a season of ups and downs for the Brodhead boys basketball squad and their head coach, Tommy Meier...

### Positive behavior reaps fun rewards

For elementary students in the Juda School District, character education has some delicious rewards, as in fine dining on a cloth-covered table with a printed menu, while being waited on by none other than their own principal...

## March 2021

### Orfordville man closes cultural gap by opening home to exchange students Morris family gains 'sons' from around the world Terry Morris' family connections are stretched

across the globe. "This is Us," reads a sign hanging on a wall in the Morris home...

### Albrecht principal among five candidates

Albrecht Elementary School Principal Dave Novy is among the five candidates the Brodhead School District is interviewing for the district superintendent position, according to information provided by Superintendent Lenny Lueck...

### Alliant Energy plans upgrade in Orfordville

Alliant Energy officials are asking Orfordville residents to plan for a five-hour power outage when upgrade work takes place on Friday, March 19...

### Talking it through Free phone counseling available to help people through pandemic

The COVID-19 pandemic has left people feeling anxious — about their families, their health, their finances, their future. And while social distancing can keep people safe, it can also make them feel alone...

### Brodhead-Juda football eyes fast start to short season Schedule kicks off with scrimmage

The Brodhead-Juda football team has been playing in the Rock Valley Conference for as long as many can remember. With many other RVC schools continuing to grow in numbers, the Cardinals have found themselves as one of the smaller teams in the conference for quite some time now...

### Library sets guidelines for partial reopening

The Brodhead library expects to partially reopen on April 5, the day after Easter. It has offered curbside pickup only for months...

### County judicial candidates make their case for office

Green County voters are poised to choose a female circuit court judge when they go to the polls April 6. Jane Bucher and Faun Marie Phillipson were the top vote-getters in a February

primary that featured four contenders...

### Recycling effort helps reduce waste and clutter while raising funds Albrecht volunteers organize textile drives

Albrecht Elementary School has found a fundraising project that not only makes people feel good as they tackle spring cleaning, but does some good environmentally too...

### Governor's approval moves Beloit casino project forward

Gov. Tony Evers last week announced his concurrence with a federal decision that is expected to allow the development of a Ho-Chunk Nation casino in Beloit...

## April 2021

### Save the date Chamber sets Family Fest for June 26

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is celebrating its 75th anniversary and inviting the whole community to help celebrate...

### 'Social' studies

When Gov. Tony Evers announced his "Safer at Home" order last March, schools closed and administrators and teachers scrambled to replace in-person classrooms with virtual ones. COVID-19 affected not just academics, but the social aspect of school life...

### Open-air classroom: Couple donates land for Parkview nature preserve

One couple's love for the land combined with a local school district's desire for high-quality learning options is creating a beautiful partnership. The Sunny Peace Prairie will provide tranquil nature experiences and educational adventures for Parkview School District students and the general public...

### Voters write in two for city council

Two Brodhead City Council members will be sworn in April 20 after they were elected by write-in vote...

### Police make arrest in shots fired incident

A 19-year-old Edgerton man has been arrested for allegedly firing shots from his vehicle at another vehicle in Brodhead on April 8. According to Brodhead police, they responded to a report of shots fired in the area of Fourth Street and East Second Avenue at about 9:27 p.m. on April 8...

### Library services will hold steady for now Browsing and computer use available by appointment

Services at the Brodhead library will remain unchanged for at least the next month. At its meeting last week the library board decided not to make any changes until at least its May meeting...

### Girls fight their way to state Brodhead volleyball brings home silver ball

When the Brodhead Cardinals varsity volleyball team returned to the court in 2021, it was unsure what you could expect from them this season. After more than a year away from the game, the Cardinals were coming off a 24-10 season in 2019 that came to an end in the sectional round of the playoffs...

### Novy will lead school district

Albrecht Elementary School Principal Dave Novy is set to take over as Brodhead School District superintendent July 1 after the school board approved his new contract April 14.

### Brodhead forensics students speak up, stand out

For Brodhead High School teachers Erika Klecker and Stephanie Hurt, this year was full of new challenges to tackle not only in the classroom during school hours, but after the final bell, too...

### Happy to help Town of Albany clerk was a ready resource for more than four decades

Helping people is just in Bonnie Zee's nature. As retiring town of Albany clerk, Zee has learned to adapt to new technology and more

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## April 2021 (cont.)

responsibilities, but working with her residents and her board has always been her favorite part of the job...

the 2020 season because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Brodhead Historical Society's Depot Museum is planning to reopen on Saturday, May 29...

piece of history will be dismantled, but for alumni of the old Albany Middle/High School, it won't be forgotten...

require patrons to wear masks. Instead, library board members said last week that masks are "highly encouraged and much appreciated to protect children and others who are unable to be vaccinated..."

Leonard Lueck — Lenny, as he's more commonly known — will have put in eight years as Brodhead's school superintendent, and a total of 16 years in the Brodhead School District, where he also served as Brodhead High School's principal...

or BLAST — are learning life skills in the pool while spending time with friends. "It's a really relaxed atmosphere with BLAST," said Tyler Urness, Brodhead pool manager...

## May 2021

**Novy thrives on connections with students and staff**  
*Albrecht principal takes over as superintendent*

Earlier this year during a typically busy day, Albrecht Elementary School Principal Dave Novy was wrapped up in his office — literally. Children and teachers alike got to wind plastic wrap around Novy in his chair as a reward for their reaching a goal in the school's annual reading program...

**Farmers advocate for agricultural tourism in Green County**

Agriculture in Wisconsin is not only for food and fuel production. It's also bursting with tourism opportunities, something Green County agricultural groups and farmers are hoping to increase through policy change in the county...

**City will ask voters about funding new administrator position**

Brodhead voters will be asked to weigh in on funding a new city administrator position in a November referendum after the common council OK'd the referendum proposal last week...

**All in for a weekend of fun**  
*Orfordville community comes together for June Days festival*

Orfordville's June Days is back with another year of fun for kids, adults and food-lovers alike. The fun starts on Friday, June 18...

## July 2021

**Covered Bridge Days features popular bands for free concerts**

Officials at the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce plan to bring back Covered Bridge Days in August, complete with two free concerts downtown. The festival is set for Friday, Aug. 13, through Sunday, Aug. 15...

**A new look for fans in the stands**  
*Albany High School getting new bleachers this month*

One of the busiest construction sites this summer is inside Albany High School's gym, where new bleachers are scheduled to be installed this month, according to Albany School Superintendent William Trow. The bleacher project is being funded through a donation of \$66,635 from Harvey Kopp, a 1958 graduate of Albany High School...

**Soak up aviation history at Brodhead Airport**  
*75-year-old 'airpark' known for grass runways, homebuilt and restored planes*

This weekend, have breakfast with a 75-year-old aviation legend. Cheeseland Chapter 431 of the Experimental Aircraft Association is hosting its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 16, at the Brodhead Airport, which celebrates its 75th anniversary in 2021...

**Honorary Parkview grad leads by selfless example**

Harry Hauri continues to spend his life giving to others selflessly. The 93-year-old served in the U.S. Army as a paratrooper, donates to the hungry, volunteers for Meals on Wheels in Rock County and has worked closely with Rotary Gardens in Janesville to create the memorial path for fallen soldiers called Where Tears Run Deep...

**Sustaining a vision**  
*Riemers expand online shopping operation, keep family farm roots*

Mimicking nature in their rotational grazing operation is the key to success for farmers Bryce and Jen Riemer, owners of Riemer Family Farm northwest of Brodhead. The natural way they farm is attracting not only the locals but also dignitaries from Rwanda, who recently visited the farm to see the operation...

**Bank of Brodhead marks 125 years**  
*Times change, but bank's local focus hasn't wavered*

The Bank of Brodhead was around not only at the turn of the last century in 2001, but also at the turn of the prior century in 1901. In fact, its predecessors date back to 1869, when a private bank named Bowen and Company was formed, according to a 1996 centennial anniversary book...

**Governor promotes ag in Green, Rock counties**  
*Evers requests funding to help dairy processors modernize operations*

Gov. Tony Evers recently made a trip to Green and Rock counties along with Randy Romanski, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection secretary designee. The pair promoted 15 dairy processor grants being given out to Wisconsin companies this year, including Decatur Dairy just outside Brodhead...

**Working up excitement**  
*Brodhead-Juda senior standouts run middle school camp*

Football camp in July has become an annual tradition in the Brodhead-Juda football program. From seventh-grade all the way up to your senior season, camp in the summer is the first taste of the quickly approaching football season...

**Come and get it!**  
*Dairy breakfast served at fairgrounds this year*

As the global pandemic eases, people everywhere are eager to get back to attending fun events. This year's Breakfast on the Farm will be held at the Green County Fairgrounds, providing dine-in and drive-thru options for everyone...

**Pedal power: Special needs students ride their way to therapy, relaxation**  
*Grant helps school district expand equipment offerings*

Biking can be a relaxing, enjoyable activity for many, but for people with autism, who often need extra physical support to ride, finding the right bike isn't always easy...

**Orfordville, ATV club try to find common ground**  
*Riders hope to access village streets, trail system*

The village of Orfordville is working with the Western Rock County ATV Club to give residents and non-residents ATV/UTV access around town and to surrounding communities...

**Police: Intoxicated driver crashed into squad car, fled officers**

Several charges are pending against a Beloit man police allege was driving while intoxicated July 4 when he led them on a high-speed chase through multiple communities, according to a news release from the Brodhead Police Department...

**Dream project takes off as aviation museum opens**  
*Brodhead Airport attraction offers education for all ages*

After five years of planning and fundraising, Brodhead's Kelch Aviation Museum is finally opening to the public. Starting at 10 a.m. Friday, July 23, and running through the weekend, the new attraction located at Brodhead Airport is hosting a grand opening event...

**Knuth dominates All-Conference Recognition**  
*Cardinals and Vikings garner honors*

It might not have been a typical football season where teams were competing in their usual conferences, but for the Brodhead-Juda Cardinals and head coach Jim Matthys, it was never going to be that way...

**Memorial Day observances set**

Veterans groups and community members will observe Memorial Day with several area events this weekend...

**Letting the sun do the work**  
*Albany library saves on electric costs with rooftop solar array*

After more than a year, Albany's Albertson Memorial Library just finished construction on its new solar array, making it the first library in Green County to do so...

**Referendum pushed back**  
*Council also OKs \$25,000 for Pearl Island project*

Brodhead city officials had to scrap plans for a November levy increase referendum after the city attorney advised that state statute would not allow such a measure on the November ballot...

**Swim team members build skills while having fun**

Students on the Brodhead Local Area Swim Team —

**County's first female judge readies for role**  
*Phillipson built career from small-town roots and big-city experiences*

When she takes the

## June 2021

**Beyond brick and mortar**  
*Fond memories will outlive old Albany school building*

Later this month a

**Library board lifts mask requirement**  
*Face coverings still encouraged to protect those who aren't vaccinated*

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bench in Green County Circuit Court Branch 1 in August, Judge-elect Faun Marie Phillipson will be the first female judge in Green County history, according to Green County Circuit Court records. She is aware of the distinction...

**Brodhead library eyes dropping late fines**  
*Most area libraries have gone fine-free to encourage maximum usage*  
Officials at the Brodhead library may decide to no longer charge fines for overdue items. The library board will take up that question after first discussing it at its July 15 meeting...

**Take a ride, enjoy back road art**  
*More than 150 barn quilts blanket the Green County countryside*  
You've spotted them as you were driving down a country road: large painted wooden quilt squares hung on barns around area farms. You may have slowed down or stopped to take in the quilts' colors and designs, or admired the picturesque barns that provide the framework. Maybe you even visited the farm when you saw a sign offering fresh sweet corn or honey for sale. That's just what the creators of The Barn Quilts of Green County were hoping for...

**Night Out provides fun and education**  
The Brodhead Police Association is hosting its seventh annual Brodhead Night Out in Jaycee Park from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 17. As always, this Brodhead staple will bring the town together to bring attention to drug crime and violence prevention efforts...

**ATV clubs work to open county roads**  
While it is currently legal to drive ATVs and UTVs on Green County roads for agricultural purposes, it is not legal to ride them for recreational purposes. Safety is the top priority for both the Green County Sheriff's Department and the Green County ATV Club as they work together to establish the best ATV/UTV routes on county roads...

**Retired tractors fuel passion for preservation**  
*Farm antiques group hosts Monroe show*  
As a kid, Andrew Meier of Monroe developed a dream of running his own tractor show some day. He grew up watching his dad run the tractor show at Cheese Days in Monroe and hoped to preserve farm history in the same way...

**New Albrecht principal ready to connect with students, staff, parents**  
*Knox comes from teaching post in Monroe district*  
When the COVID-19 pandemic closed schools in the spring of 2020, Parkside Elementary School second-graders couldn't distribute May baskets around their Monroe neighborhoods as they usually would. Instead, their teachers, Kelly Knox and Toni Wellman, brought bags with assorted treats — from paper flowers and balloons to candy and crossword puzzles — to them...

**Prepared and hopeful**  
*School officials ready for a new year amid pandemic*  
With children heading back to classrooms as the more transmissible delta variant is fueling another surge of COVID-19 infections, education officials here say they're conferring with other school administrators and looking to local, state and federal guidelines as they form reopening plans for the new school year.

**Public health starts rolling out third doses of COVID-19 vaccine**  
As of Monday, the Green County Public Health Department has started offering extra COVID-19 vaccination doses to "severely immunocompromised individuals," according to a news release. U.S. Food & Drug Administration officials authorized the extra doses earlier this month...

**Self-employment increases as employers continue looking for workers**  
As effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue and fears of the delta variant loom, the labor market struggles to find willing workers. People are either living off federal unemployment benefits or finding other ways to get what they need without going back to work...

**Get back to nature on horseback**  
*Trails offer relaxation, scenic surroundings*  
Wisconsin is home to more than 700 miles of scenic horse trails. Horse enthusiasts can take in Wisconsin sights, sounds and smells from the back of a horse throughout spring, summer and fall...

**Grant boosts new downtown development in Orfordville**  
A state grant will help keep redevelopment rolling in downtown Orfordville. The newly awarded \$250,000 grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp. will support construction of a three-story commercial and residential building at 211 W. Beloit St...

**Community effort**  
*Illustrated boards help people communicate and feel included*  
Colorful communication boards recently installed in four Brodhead city parks are designed to create community by helping people overcome language and speech barriers...

**Brodhead School District going back to referendum**  
*April measure would look to fund current operations*  
The Brodhead School Board last week decided to move ahead with an April referendum to exceed the revenue limit in order to maintain current programs and facilities...

**Library board approves draft budget**  
The Brodhead library board approved a draft of its 2022 budget at its Sept. 9 meeting. The draft budget of \$292,924 compares to the \$287,984 2021 budget approved last December...

**Brodhead history, ghost-hunting mix in October tours**  
*Brodhead in the Moonlight raises money for police association*  
The Brodhead Police Association would love to introduce you to a few things that go bump in the night. On Friday and Saturday nights in October, the BPA is offering guided walking tours of downtown, highlighting stories of ghostly sightings and happenings in the neighborhood. The tour is called Brodhead in the Moonlight—a Haunting Experience...

**Tractor drive/ride benefits Alzheimer's and dementia patients**  
*Event raises awareness, offers support to caregivers and families*  
Green County's eighth annual tractor drive/ride will be held Sunday, Sept. 26. This family-friendly event provides people of all ages with an opportunity to see tractors up close while supporting the Alzheimer's and Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin...

**High school enjoys return to homecoming traditions**  
School spirit is riding high this week as Brodhead High School celebrates homecoming. And while the annual fall spectacle is all about tradition, it's that return to traditional fun that makes it extra special in 2021...

**A way of life**  
*Brewer family garners Century Farm honor, looks to keep tradition alive*  
The Brewer family of rural

Albany has a long history of being passionate about agriculture. This year they were recognized for that passion with a Century Farm honor at the Wisconsin State Fair...

## Oct. 2021

**4-H Week highlights opportunities for members to learn, serve, have fun**  
October 3-9 is National 4-H Week and Green County is celebrating the opportunities that the 4-H youth development program offers young people to learn, grow and lead...

**Brodhead volleyball sits at top of Rock Valley Conference**  
The Brodhead volleyball team has continued its success in 2021, as the girls have taken over the first-place spot in the Rock Valley Conference with a perfect 7-0 record in league play...

**Anonymous donation increases access to trails at nature reserve**  
Officials at the Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy recently received an anonymous \$10,000 donation to help enhance the mobility of visitors at Three Waters Reserve in Brodhead...

**Putting their heads together**  
*Parkview teams embark on new year of challenges through Destination Imagination*  
Imagine bringing to life for an audience a world that's too small to be seen without a microscope. Or creating a costume that transforms itself to get its wearer out of a tricky situation. Or plotting a daring escape using technical devices designed to avoid hazards. These are

## Aug. 2021

**Food they can count on**  
*Brodhead backpack program helps feed growing ranks of families who struggle with food insecurity*  
There were already hungry kids in the Brodhead School District before the COVID-19 pandemic hit in 2020. The Brodhead Backpack Food program, which started in September 2019 as a partnership between Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program, Second Harvest Food Bank and the Brodhead School District, distributes food confidentially to students and their families who need help...

**School districts eye budget adjustments in light of state aid numbers**  
With the recent release of general school aid estimates from the state, area school officials are putting the numbers into perspective...

## Sept. 2021

**Orfordville business pieces together annual quilt event Sept. 11**  
Colorful craftsmanship will be featured in downtown Orfordville on Saturday, Sept. 11, as The Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Co. holds its annual Airing of the Quilts outdoor exhibition...



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# — HEADLINE REVIEWS — A LOOK BACK AT 2021

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## Oct. 2021 (cont.)

Just some of the current challenges that teams of students will creatively solve together through Destination Imagination...

### Raupp's pumpkins offers family fun

Making family memories in the pumpkin patch at an affordable price is the primary goal of Brian and Jessica Raupp and their family, owners of Raupp's Pumpkin Patch north of Brodhead...

### Driven by community Burtness Chevrolet keeps customers coming back for a century

It's been a long ride, and Burtness Chevrolet is still on the road. A century after Elmer Burtness opened a small Chevrolet dealership and gas station in 1921, the original business is not only running today, it's grown, with two more franchises in Whitewater...

### City considers land purchase for affordable housing project

The Brodhead Common Council decided recently to move ahead with a project aimed at building affordable housing in the city...

### COVID restrictions remain at library

Green County coronavirus case rate still classified as 'high' COVID-19 restrictions in place at the Brodhead library remain unchanged for now, including a requirement to wear masks...

### Seven years in the making Brodhead-Juda rolls to first playoff win since 2014

The Brodhead-Juda varsity football program was once known for its long-running postseason record. The Cardinals held a state record for appearing in the high school football playoffs for 25 consecutive years...

on Friday night as the Brodhead-Juda Cardinals played host to the Richland Center Hornets for round two of the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association football playoffs...

### Public input vital part of library's planning process

As the Brodhead Memorial Public Library determines its strategic plan for the next five years, input from the public is the most vital part of the process, according to planners...

### District seeks public input on future referendum Limited revenue is not enough for schools like Brodhead's 'to survive'

The Brodhead School Board is seeking public feedback on how best to approach taxpayers with a referendum this spring that would allow the district to exceed state-imposed revenue limits to meet budget shortfalls...

### A somber salute Teacher turns Capitol into classroom on annual trip

Veterans Day will be a bit more meaningful to dozens of Brodhead Middle School students who recently visited Washington D.C., paying homage to those who served and learning about the country's history and government through visits to monuments and museums...

### Fatal crash result of medical emergency

A Brodhead woman was found dead following a crash in Decatur Township Nov. 1. According to the Green County Sheriff's Office, Marcia E. Leitzen, 70, suffered from a medical emergency prior to the crash along Highway County E near St. John Road...

### It makes 'cents' to give Brodhead band and local business team up to combat hunger

While Brodhead High School Band Director Jason Riesterer was reviewing pieces for the annual holiday concert, he came across a selection that focuses on homelessness and the extra struggles for many during the

season. It then got him wondering about how he and his students can make a difference through their Dec. 13 performance and beyond...

### Community mourns an off-duty deputy Visitation scheduled in Monroe

The Brodhead community is mourning the loss of a hometown hero who made a big impact in his short lifespan. Bradley J. Kaderly, 39, died unexpectedly last week, the cause of death unknown at press time. Kaderly, a Rock County sheriff's deputy, was off duty and out of state when he died Nov. 11...

### November has seen the most COVID cases locally Public health officials can't keep up with contact tracing

November is on track to being the month with the most reports of COVID-19 cases locally since the pandemic broke out last year. The Green County Public Health department reported 349 cases up until Nov. 15, classifying the area as "high risk" of COVID activity...

### Fire & Ice returns Dec. 3 Not too late to join the festivities

Brodhead's signature two-day holiday event returns Friday, Dec. 3 with a lineup of cozy, cold-weather events. Hundreds gather annually in downtown Brodhead to enjoy carriage rides through the streets, with wintry scenes of fires roaring, lights glistening, and ice being transformed into impressive sculptures...

### Proposed policing cut, increased EMS costs dominate budget talk 2022 budget moves to Council for adoption Nov. 29

Dozens filled Brodhead Council Chambers last week to speak during the public hearing on the proposed 2022 budget about the most contentious issue - the proposal to save \$83,000 by cutting a vacant, full-time patrol officer position...

## Dec. 2021

### Sending love and joy to Fort McCoy Students complete successful supply drive for Afghan refugees

After a two-week supply drive to benefit the thousands of Afghan refugees temporarily housed at Fort McCoy, Brodhead Middle School students got word that donations they recently collected were distributed among those in need...

### School district drops in state rating Officials caution that scores come with many factors due to pandemic

Brodhead School District scored lower on its state report card than in 2018-19, when schools throughout the state were last rated. The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction published public and choice school and district report cards for the 2020-21 school year Nov. 16, as required by federal and state law...

### Council repeals adopted budget Officials called emergency meeting after finding error

City officials made their way back to Council Chambers last week for an emergency meeting after adopting Brodhead's 2022 Budget and tax levy just two nights before. City Treasurer Kerri Miller contacted *The Independent-Register* late last week and stated she noticed an error on her spreadsheet when submitting the city's budget to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue...

### Brodhead will see pandemic relief More than \$100k of federal funds on way

Gov. Tony Evers announced last week that \$205,769,426 has been directed to the 1,825 participating Wisconsin

local governments under the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) program. The City of Brodhead will receive a total of \$339,858.80, according to City Treasurer Kerri Miller...

### Upcoming school referendum part of statewide trend American Rescue Act funds help local districts cope with pandemic

Brodhead voters are now among six early Wisconsin school districts set to decide referendum measures in 2022 following a board vote last week. More districts around the state are sure to join them, as complex state formulas limiting spending approach a 30-year anniversary that's made referenda routine in Wisconsin...

### School district phasing in new mask policy

Brodhead schools' mask policy changed last week for extra-curricular activities and events, but the change for normal school hours is delayed until 2022. The Brodhead School Board voted Dec. 8 to change from "masks required" to "masks highly recommended" for holiday concerts, sporting events, and activities after the school day...

### County sees highest number of COVID cases Health department provides tips to staying healthy during the holidays

Last month, 732 Green County residents tested positive for COVID-19, according to the Green County Public Health department. This is the largest number of cases in a single month in the county, according to a press release the agency sent out last week...

### 'It Makes Cents' generates over \$5,000 for area families struggling

Over the past month, Brodhead High School band students were busy preparing

for their annual holiday concert, which had a special meaning this year. When the performance was delivered last week, audiences heard one of their selections which portrays homelessness and the extra struggles during the holiday season. Senior band member, Cora Hafen led a collection of loose change in a "It Makes Cents To Give" drive, which ran from Nov. 29 to Dec. 10. At the Dec. 13 concert, a check for \$5,215 was presented to Family Promise thanks to this campaign and the generous donations of many...

### Pearl Island Bridge will soon be covered

The City of Brodhead's Pearl Island Bridge at Putnam Park will soon get a roof - more than five years after planners had hoped to complete the signature recreational feature. At the City Council meeting Dec. 20, the Council approved hiring Dimension IV Madison Design Group to spearhead request for proposals to complete the bicycle-pedestrian bridge project...

### New officers, dispatchers join Brodhead Police

The Brodhead Police Department recently welcomed four new members to the force. Police Chief Chris Hughes presented the four full-time hires at the City Council meeting Dec. 20. Mayor Troy Nyman welcomed dispatchers Erin Menzel and Alexis Speth and new officers Joseph Fitters and Brandon Straub, before swearing them in...

*This year's headline reviews were compiled by Joyce Chrisbaum!*

## Nov. 2021

### Brodhead-Juda rolls to Level 3 in playoffs

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