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St. Paddy's parade to highlight Main Street organization's 17 years

Main Street Monroe is cele- the past 19 years. brating its 17th anniversary as non-profit organization promoting downtown Monroe, with the return of its annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The parade kicks off tomorrow, at 5:17 p.m.

The St. Patrick's Day Parade first started at the hub of Green County when a few people walked an Irish flag around the city Square in 1999; including Mike Ganshert.

Ganshert helped pull the first permit for a parade for St. Patrick's Day to make it official in 2000.

"The history of this event is really special and symbolic of what I think of what Main Street as an organization is," Jordan Nordby, executive director for Main Street Monroe, stated in a press release. "The work we do celebrates Monroe and is really organic; it's coming from the community and volunteers like Mike and it's grown so much over the past 17 years because of

Jim and Veronica Bruce have spearheaded efforts over

This year, Andy Hill from Toy Haus is leading efforts with Tracy Hamilton of Heartland Graphics.

In addition to Ganshert serving as the parade Grand Marshall, Layla Hummel Packham of Monticello will serve as this year's Queen of

Both Hummel Packham and Ganshert were scheduled for their respective positions in 2020, prior to the pandemic shutdown.

"This was the first (of many) events to be canceled and now to have it return after three years is really exciting," Nordby said. "We're planning on being on past events and making sure it lives up to three years' worth of build-

The parade will feature a variety of community groups, live music, a leprechaun or two, and an appearance by Wedgie.

The parade is free to enter and will start near Monroe Middle School, 1510 13th St.,

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Main Street Monroe's Jordan Nordby (left) and Layla Hummel Packham, Queen of the Green, will be among for local control and promoting ecothe dignitaries at Monroe's St. Patrick's Day parade tomorrow at 5:17 p.m.

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From the family of Wally Wilson

We would like to thank everyone for the cards, memorials, flowers, chimes, food and kind words. We are truly blessed with all the support and comfort during this difficult time.

A special thank you to Newcomer Funeral Home and staff, the funeral pallbearers, Danny Newcomer, Brodhead EMS and Jordy and staff at M&J's Bar.

A very special thank you to Brodhead Park and Rec for lighting up the "Wally Wilson Field" in Wally's honor.

Thank you all again, Linda Wilson, Michelle & Dale Roth, Darci & Jim Lewis, Eric Wilson & Mary Backenger, and all the grandkids



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Coach of the Year

Albany Comets basketball coach Derik Doescher high fives his players during the girls' sectional semi-final victory over Argyle March 3. Doescher was named co-coach of the year, sharing the honor with Black Hawk's, Cora Holland. Albany won the Six River's conference title, a regional title, and fell in the sectional final to Randoph, which ultimately won the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's Division 5 Girls Basketball Championship. For more Comets sports honors, turn to page 3.

Ringhand announces retirement

(D-Evansville) announced last week that she will not seek re-election to the State Senate.

"It has been a great honor to serve the people of the 15th Senate district," she stated in a March 9 press release. "While I will miss working with colleagues on important issues, I think that this is the right time to step aside, relax and retire.'

Ringhand was elected to the State Assembly in 2010 and the State Senate in 2014.

She is currently the assistant minority leader for the Senate Democrats.

Prior to serving in the state legislature, Ringhand was the mayor of Evansville, a member of the city council and a volunteer on numerous local boards and commissions.

In the state legislature, Ringhand was said to be a strong voice for union labor, expanding paid mamily and medical leave, reigning in the Dark Store tax loophole, an advocate nomic & workforce development, retirement security and financial lit- senate/15/ringhand.

She also produces the regionally-popular Ringhand Beer Mustard, which is sold throughout southern Wisconsin.

"I look forward to having more time to make and distribute Ringhand Beer Mustard," she further stated.

Ringhand and her husband Gordy have two children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

"I will always be grateful for the support people have shown throughout the years. I will miss the back and forth exchanges with my colleagues at the Capitol and helping folks back home. The time is right for me to move on.'

The 15th Senate District includes portions of Green, Rock, Dane, Walworth and Jefferson counties. Voters in the City of Brodhead, and villages of Albany, Orfordville and Footville are among the municipalities currently represented by Ringhand. Her term concludes on Jan. 3, 2023 when her replacement is sworn in.

For more information, visit the district page at legis.wisconsin.gov/



Sen. Janis Ringhand



Rocks, gems, minerals and fossils coming to Rock County Fairgrounds

The Badger Rock Club's 51st annual Rock, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show will be held on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Rock County Fairgrounds, Craig Center Building, 1301 Craig Avenue, Janesville.

The show is free of charge and features 11 vendors in rocks, minerals, fossils, gems and jewelry; speakers; displays, including a 100-pound meteorite and a giant ammonite; lapidary demonstrations; club sales; an impressive fluorescent display and hourly door prizes.

This is a kid-friendly event as well, with a number of activities planned for

site. Donations for parking and admission are appreciated.

For more information, email Laurie Trocke at glowyrocks@gmail.com or visit badgerrockclub.org.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital earns 5-star Medicare rating

The newest report published on Medicare.gov revealed SSM Health Monroe Hospital has achieved an overall 5-Star Rating for the eighth year. This highest possible rating places SSM Health Monroe Hospital in an elite group of healthcare performers.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) modeled the 5-Star Quality Rating System after the star rating system used by hotels, restaurants and other service industries where consumers

facilities to help ensure the best experience possible.

Categories included in this rating system are patient experience, safety, effectiveness of care, patient readmissions, efficient use of medical imaging, timeliness of care, and mortality.

"This 5-Star Rating speaks to real-life patient experiences and outcomes that take place every day at SSM Health Monroe Hospital," Jane Curran-Meuli, president of SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Monroe Clinic Medical Group, said. "It is a testament of our mission as we bring our best to our communities through the healing presence of God."

Brodhead Evening Garden Club offering scholarship

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club is offering a

schoolers seeking higher education in the agriculture field. Since 2006, the club has

awarded scholarships to graduating students in the area. As with previous years, the scholarship is available to current seniors who attend Brodhead, Juda, Albany or Parkview high schools and qualified home-schooled students who are pursuing degrees in agriculture, with a preference in horticulture. plant science, landscaping or turf science.

Students may attend a four- or two-year program and the scholarship will be awarded after completion of the recipient's first semester. Students can pick up applications in their school's guidance office. Applications, plus a two-page essay highlighting achievements, extra-curriculars, future goals and objectives is due no later

Food trucks will be on choose higher star rating \$400 scholarship to local high than Friday, April 15 to Ron- Conservation Department ald Massen, E314 23rd St., Brodhead, WI, 53520.

Monroe City Band welcoming new musicians

The Monroe City Band is always open to new members. Rehearsals for the 2022 summer season will begin on Monday, April 4, at 7 p.m.. Rehearsals will begin at Monroe Middle School, 1510 13th St., Monroe, inside the band room.

For more information, contact Monroe City Band Director Brian Bruggeman at citybandmonroe@gmail. com or call 608-328-7447.

Let's Spark Joy, Green County!

Albertson Memorial Library in Albany along with libraries throughout Green County are hosting virtual online workshop Spark Joy Charlotte available to view Friday, March 18 at 6 p.m. through Sunday, March 20, 6 p.m.

This inspiring, educational, and entertaining presentation will provide the guiding principles needed to tidy once and for all. Presenters will dive into the heart of the KonMari MethodTM and teach what it means to truly live a life that sparks joy.

Register by visiting www. albertsonlibrary.org.

Rock County tree sale continues

The Rock County Land 608-201-8217.

continues to take orders for its yearly Tree and Shrub Sale.

Inventory of trees is low and the shrubs are sold out. Black Walnut and White

Pine are still available. Trees ordered will be ready for pickup in April. Trees come in single species bundles of 10 for \$20, 25 for \$30, or 50 for \$55, plus tax. All seedlings are bare root.

Find the order form at the Rock County Land Conservation Department website at www. co.rock.wi.us/land-conserva tion-tree-shrub-saleor call 608-754-6617 ext. 3 during normal business hours.

Indoor flea market at Rock County Fairgrounds April 9

Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville, will host Rock County Mega Sales indoor flea market Saturday, April 9 from 8 a.m. to

The sales will take place inside the Craig Center building and boasts more than 45 vendors selling rummage, antiques, vintage, collectibles, handmade items/ crafts, art, baked goods, and direct sale company items. Food concessions and drinks will also be available for purchase. Admission and parking is free of charge.

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Spectators at tomorrow's St. Patrick's Day parade in downtown Monroe will be seeing shamrocks and plenty

• Parade (Continued from front page) heading east toward Turner far east sides of the square

Hall, and going up and around will be closed off; providing a the east, north, and west sides of the downtown square before finishing back at the middle school.

Parking on the far west and

safe viewing area for attend-There is still time to enter the parade as a participant.

In coordination with the

parade, Monroe Public Library will be holding an after-school, pre-parade St. Patrick's Day shamrock wands crafts event.

The parade is sponsored by the Celtic Pub Crawl which was held Saturday, March 12.

For more information about the parade, or to enter, call Nordby at 608-328-4023, Andy Hill at 815-291-6916, or Veronica Bruce at 608-329-4204



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Albany Comet basketball players given all-conference honors

Six Rivers East released its all-conference selections last week, which included six Comets basketball players. Above, Alana Durtschi was named second team all-conference.



BECKY MALKOW Brodhead Independent-Register Brianna Dahl was named first team all-conference

and conference player of the year



BECKY MALKOW Brodhead Independent-Registe

Carson Brewer received second team all-conference



BECKY MALKOW PHOTOS Brodhead Independent-Registe

Payton Wacholz (right) and Kaiya Zurfluh (above) both received all conference honorable mention.



BECKY MALKOW Brodhead Independent-Registe

Tyler Anderson was named all-conference honorable

ADRC to host free women ncontinence program

More than half of women tools they need to take control 50 and older experience issues with bladder or bowel control.

These problems can be slightly bothersome or totally debilitating. For some women, the chance of embarrassment keeps them from enjoying many activities and can take control of their lives.

Rock County Aging & Disability Resource Center is hosting a program that can

help. Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder is a workshop designed to give women, 50 and older, the to attend all three sessions.

of their bladder and bowel symptoms.

The workshop provides information, group activities, and simple exercises and dietary changes to practice at home.

Mind Over Matter is an in-person workshop series will also take place on Thursdays, May 5, 19 and June 2 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Mercy Health Mall, 1010 Washington St., Janesville. Registration deadline is

Wednesday, April 27. Participants must be able There is no cost, but registration is necessary and spots are

To learn more or to register Lisa.Messer@co.rock.wi.us.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 17

-St. Patrick's Day

*Spring break – no school

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

*Spring break - no school

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

-Let's Spark Joy Green County, virtual library event, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. -Let's Spark Joy Green County, virtual library event, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

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

-Albany American Legion breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon -Let's Spark Joy Green County, virtual library event, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 21 -Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

*Spring break – no school -Village of Albany Parks Commission meets, 6:30 p.m.

*Albany FFA Donkey basketball game, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22 -Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

-Village of Albany Police, Fire & License committee meets, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

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

*Albany School District, early release, 2:37 p.m. *Board of Education meets, 6 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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taste of the trades Parkview students get glimpse of area industry opportunities at career expo

School students got a taste of the trades during the school's Trades Career Exhibition.

All high school students had the opportunity to learn about various facets of the skilled trades, according to business education teacher Hannah Wellnitz, who also coordinates the school's

Last week Parkview High youth apprenticeship program.

In small groups, representatives shared information regarding job outlook and businesses and organizations opportunities, working conditions and job duties, career path and advancement, youth apprenticeship and job shadow, high school course alignment and steps to employment and registered ap-

prenticeships, among other valuable tidbits on future

Representatives from in the area gave students a first-hand look into what a career in their respective industry looks like.

Participants included JP Cullen, KUHN North America, IBEW Local 890, Rock Energy, Matt Schwarz. Plumbers Union Local 75, Jeremy Case, Blackhawk Technical College, Wellnitz Brothers General Contracting, LiUNA Local 464, and Scot Forge.

ogy, and various avenues of manufacturing.

"Parkview School District strives to provide experiencthis event is an example of decisions,

The speakers provided exposure to more than a dozen skilled-trade professions: including, electrical, plumbing, lineman, masonry, welding, HVAC, laboring, general contracting, carpentry, construction, diesel and heavy equipment technician, electro-mechanical technol-

es for students to be career, life and college ready and exploration that leads to confident students when making post-secondary Wellnitz said.

Right: LiUNA Local 464 business agent Ben Mau tells sophomores about shared pay and benefits, skills, abilities and job duties of a laborer.

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KUHN's Human Resource Specialist Pam Wyss (from left), Manufacturing Managee for Mixer Cells Mat Markee and Manufacturing Manager for Spreader Cells Pete Gafner speaks to juniors and seniors about many opportunities for employment in the skilled trades and other positions that align with four-year degrees. Representatives highlighted the state-of-the-art manufacturing facilities that KUHN has and its working conditions.





THURSDAY, MARCH 17

- St. Patrick's Day
- · Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., book clubs meet 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

- Orfordville Public Library open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Children's Storytime 11 a.m.
- Orfordville American Legion's Freezin for a Reason, homeless veterans awareness fundraiser, The 209 Bar and Banquet Hall, 3913 S. State Road 213, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

- · Orfordville Public Library open from 9 a.m. to noon
- High school track invitational at UW-Platteville, 9 a.m.
- Parkview's Pizazz Competition, Decatur. IL
- Orfordville American

Legion's Freezin for a Reason, The 209 Bar and Banquet Hall, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

closed

- Orfordville Public Library
- Orfordville American Legion's Freezin for a Reason, The 209 Bar and Banquet Hall, 5 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

- · Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parkview FFA will participate in Albany FFA's Donkey Basketball Tournament, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Teen Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.
- Kindergarten music concert, 2 and 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

· Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO Brodhead Independent-Register Rock Energy Operations Manager Tony Haffelder speaks to seniors about working conditions-when storms come through and most people are warm and comfortable inside, oftentimes linemen will find themselves out in the elements such as rain, hail, ice and snow, working on powerlines. He highlighted the education and apprenticeship required of linemen and the importance of math and science comprehension and application for this field.



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Matt Schwarz (left), construction manager for The State Group Industrial and Jason Heidenreich, organizer/referral agent for IBEW Local 890, speak to students about important skills and aptitudes necessary in the electrical trade, working conditions, education and training and gave advice to those interested in the career.

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Rock Valley Publishing and Southern Lakes Newspapers are seeking a community editor for the weekly newspaper The Independent-Register in Brodhead, WI. This is a hands-on editing position that requires an organized and highly motivated individual who will have a role in all editorial functions.

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Self-identification required for Green County Fair swine

Green County fair swine disease. exhibitors will be required to self-identify their pigs using the RFID tag method this year.

Exhibitors will be required to tag their own pigs and do photo

identification for each fair pig. There will be no cost for the Swine photo identification kits. Exhibitors will also be giv-

en two RFID ear tags for each animal at no cost. Swine photo identification kits and ear tags will only be available for pickup at the Extension Green County Extension Office, 2841 6th St., Monroe.

The photo identification kits and ear tags will be available for pick up starting Monday, March 21.

The kits cannot be mailed. Photos of each pig must be taken from one head view, clearly displaying the RFID ear tag in the pig's ear.

Photos must be attached to the Green County Fair Swine Photo identification form and submitted to the Extension Green County office no later than Thursday, April 14 at 4:30

The Extension Green County office will loan out ear taggers for exhibitors to use. Taggers must be returned to the Extension office and will be sanitized before being given to another farm to prevent the spread of

4-H leaders and agriculture instructors may pick up ID kits for their members.

Only pigs that are identified using the Green County ID kits will be eligible to exhibit at the 2022 Green County Fair.

All pigs, including both market gilts and market barrows need to be self-identified.

Each exhibitor can identify a maximum of five pigs.

Exhibitors will be allowed to bring a maximum of two pigs to the fair. Pigs must weigh at least 225 pounds by the fair to exhibit and at least 235 to sell in the Green County fair livestock

The 2022 Green County show will continue to be a terminal show with all pigs going directly to a terminal market after the fair to eliminate the possible spread of any diseases.

Exhibitors will be allowed to sell either a gilt or barrow in the 2022 auction. Two signed buyer cards must be received at the Extension Green County office by June 24 to be eligible for the

Cards will be available online starting May 2. Hard copies of the buyer cards will also be available at the Extension Green County office.

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Green County 4-H'ers put their speaking skills to the test late last month in a communications contest.

Green County 4-H'ers test their skills in communications contest

its annual Communications Contest on Feb. 27 at the Green County Justice Center. This contest was open to all countywide 4-H members in grades 5K through one year past high school.

Presenting or speaking before a group or audience is an important life skill to develop, according to orga- ing Division (prose/poetry

The goal of the Green County 4-H Communications Contest is to give 4-H youth an opportunity to develop and polish these skills in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Youngsters were eligible to submit one entry in each of two divisions: Speak-

Demonstration Division.

Participants included Mickaelynn Andrews, Washington Center; Abigail Biank, New Glarus; Benjamin Biank, New Glarus; Esther Biank, New Glarus; Jonathan Biank, New Glarus; Micah Biank, New Glarus; Jack Follett, Cheese Country Clo-

or traditional speech) and ly Mixers, and Mac Wand, Clarence Bridge Pioneers.

4-H participants were evaluated and provided constructive feedback on their presentation. Each participant received a certificate of participation and a participation ribbon or ribbon placing.

For more information about Green County 4-H, visvers; Easton Krupke, Jol- it green.extension.wisc.edu.

Registration is now open for Farmers Union summer camps

Each summer, hundreds of youth from across the Midwest participate in summer camps at Wisconsin Farmers Union's Kamp Kenwood on the shores of Lake Wissota near Chippe-

Registration is now open for coming season.

Farmers Union Camps started in the 1930s, when the organization developed leadership and cooperative training, believing that education was the cornerstone of a better future for rural communities

In the 1940s, Wisconsin Farmers Union (WFU) President Ken Hones inspired members from across the state to donate their time and funds to build a Farmers Union-owned summer camp where youth could come together to have

Named after the visionary who inspired this work, WFU Kamp Kenwood's 23 acres feature rustic cabins, hiking trails, a sandy beach, and an

program focuses on cooperatives, family farms, sustainability, leadership, conservation, rural communities, social justice, and civic engagement.

\$5 Admission

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Farmers Union Camps draw campers from throughout the Midwest and create lifetime friendships.

Union Camps have focused on leadership development with a cooperative approach," WFU Education Director Cathy Statz stated in a press release. 'Youth learn about the Coop-The Farmers Union Camp erative Principles and the benefits of cooperatives to Wis-through August. consin's family communities."

camp co-op Store, elect a board "For over 85 years Farmers of directors, buy shares and re-toward the beginning camper."

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They also enjoy traditional summer camp activities like swimming, sports, arts and crafts, hiking and campfires.

Camp sessions are open to ages 7-17 and available June

New this year is a Co-op Kids Camp, open to youth ages Campers create their own 7 to 11 who are looking for an overnight experience geared



Farmers Union Campers enjoy swimming, sports, arts and crafts, hiking, campfires, and theme nights, like this Time Travel Night.

ilies with children of all ages, will be July 22-23 or Aug. 5-6.

from the CHS Foundation, one-year Farmers Union fam- camp.

Family camps, open for fam- Farmers Union Camps are affordably priced at \$115 to \$125 per camper for WFU members. dates, visit www.wisconsin-Co-sponsored by a grant Non-members add \$30 for a farmersunion.com/youth-

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VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE **Notice of Planning Commission Meeting**

The Planning Commission of the Village of Orfordville will meet on Monday, March 28, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Village Hall at 303 E. Beloit Street, Orfordville, Wisconsin. ning Commission will meet to review ordinance 320-48 to discuss updating the ordinance regarding Solar Energy Systems. The Planning Commission will then make a recommendation to the Village Board on Monday, regarding changes to the ordi-

Sherri Waege Village Clerk The Independent Register 3/9, 3/16/2022

TOWN OF AVON Public Notice Avon Town Hall

March 22th, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m. NOTICE IS HEREBY give NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Board of Audit will be held at the Avon Town Hall on Tuesday, March 22th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of auditing the Treasurer's books.

Stephanie Schwartzlow Avon Town Clerk The Independent Register

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CUSTOMERS OF BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT

Brodhead Water & Light has iled an application with the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) to increase electric rates. The adjustment has been requested in order to cover costs associated with the new substation and associated underground feeders detailed in requested adjustment is also to cover inflationary increases in operational and maintenance cpenses and costs associated with maintaining the reliability of The last electric rate increase was approved in June 2012.

The utility is requesting an

overall increase above the electric utility's present revenues of 7.24%, or \$265,531. This request is detailed in Brodhead Water & Light electric rate application submitted to the PSCW on May 19, 2021. After review, Commission staff proposed a revised increase in rates of \$257,649 or 7.03%. The actual change to individual customers will vary with electricity usage, class of service and the ultimate rates authorized by the Com-mission. If the application is approved by the PSCW, per staff recommendation, the average residential customer using 709 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity per month will sée a monthincrease of approximately

An audiovisual hearing on the application has been scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 3:30 p.m. (CDT). This virtual hearing has no physical location at PSCW's office in Madison, WI. Members of the public may attend by internet or telephone or listen to the live broadcast on the PSCW's website at http:// psc.wi.gov under the "PSC Live Broadcast" button.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS. A per-

son may testify in this proceeding without becoming a party and without attorney representation. A person may submit this testimony in only one of the following ways:

• Web Comment. Go to the Commission's web site at http://psc.wi.gov, click on "File a Comment" button. On the next page, select the "File a comment" link that appears for docket number 0740-ER-104. Web comments shall be received no later than Monday, March 28,

• Oral Comment. Spoken tes-

timony at the virtual public session. The ALJ may receive an oral comment from any member of the public in attendance at the Public Hearing Session. The ALJ will receive an oral comment by unmuting each member of the public connected, and inviting that person to comment.

 Mail Comment. Send a comment by U.S. mail. All comments submitted by U.S. mail shall be received no later than Monday. March 28, 2022. A mail comment shall include the phrase "Docket 0740-ER-104 Comments" in the heading, and shall be addressed to: Docket 0740-ER-104 Com-

Public Service Commission

P.O. Box 7854 Madison, WI 53707-7854 The Commission will not ac-

cept comments submitted via e-mail or facsimile (fax).

CONTACT. Please direct questions about this docket or requests for additional accommodations for persons with a disability to the Commission's docket coordinator, Nikki Brown-Huss (PSCW) at (608) 266-3587 or email <u>nikki.brownhuss@</u> wisconsin.gov and refer to the Brodhead electric rate application under Docket 0740-ER-104. Ed Hoff, Superintendent Brodhead Water & Light 608-897-2505 The Independent Register 3/16/2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held before the Plan Commission of the City of Brodhead on Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the City of Brodhead Municipal Building located at 1111 W. Second Avenue, Brodhead, Wisconsin to consider an ordinance amending the zoning classification of the following described property from C-2 Highway Commercial to C-1 General Commercial.

Property owned by Rodri-guez-Olin Enterprises Inc, in contract to sell to the Gospel Hall. CSM 3886 (V15-P107) Lot 3 FKA PRT LOT 2 CSM 1590, PRT SW4 NE4 (Vacant lot behind Dollar General) IN THE CITY OF BRODHEAD, GREEN COUNTY, WISCONSIN A full and complete copy of the

proposed ordinance is on file in the office of the City Clerk for the City of Brodhead. A map of the affected property may be obtained from the common council through the office of the Clerk for the City of Brodhead.

Dated this 11th day of March,

Nikolai Wahl, Clerk The Independent Register 3/16, 3/23/2022

NOTICE

TOWN OF MAGNOLIA **REQUEST FOR BIDS**

The Town of Magnolia is seeking bids for two mowing jobs.
The Town of Magnolia reserves the right to reject any and

1. East Magnolia Cemetery located by the Magnolia Advent Christian Church. Needed is someone to mow, trim and keep the cemetery clear of debris (sticks, tree limbs and leaves) and to empty the waste barrel when needed. This cemetery is 1.82 acres. It can be mowed a maximum of 15 times per year. Applicant must have proof of insurance and must supply lawn mower, trimmer and any other

equipment needed.

2. Magnolia Town Hall – lo-A, Evansville, WI 53536. Needed is someone to mow, trim and keep lawn clear of debris (sticks, tree limbs and leaves). This parcel, including the building and parking lot, is 1 acre. It can be mowed a maximum of 15 times per year. Applicant must have proof of insurance and must supply lawn mower, trimmer and any other equipment needed.

Please submit sealed bids by April 15, 2022 to: Town of Magnolia

Graceann Toberman, Clerk/Treasurer 13343 W. County Road B Brodhead, WI 53520 The bids will be opened at the April 19, 2022 Regular Monthly Meeting by the Magnolia Town The Independent Register

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TOWN OF DECATUR REGULAR MONTHLY

MEETING Monday, March 21, 2022 -6:00PM

Town Hall - 1408 14th Street, Brodhead, WI

AGENDA:

Call to Order
 Pledge of Allegiance to the

Additions/Corrections to

Agenda

Approval of Minutes Treasurer's Report

Cozee Lane Acquisition

Payment of Bills

8. Decatur Dairy Re-zoning Request 9. Markham Land Division Re-

10. Citizen Concerns 11. Ditching on Country Club

12. Property Violations 13. Roadwork

14. Conversion from .com to Review Computerizing

Budaet Sharing of Information/

Correspondence 17. Future Agenda Items 18. Set Dates for Future Meet-

ings 19. Adjournment Sandra K. McManus

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Proceedings of School District of Brodhead

City of Brodhead, Towns of Avon, Spring Grove, Decatur, Sylvester, Spring Valley and Magnolia

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS President - Mike Krupke; Vice President - Don Buchanan; Clerk - Michael Oellerich; Treasurer - Al Schneider; Jodi Kail, Elizabeth Kempel, Jim Wahl

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING **BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT** High School Auditeria 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI Wednesday, February 23, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, February 16, 2022 edition of the Independent Register.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Present: Mike Krupke, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Jim Wahl, Elizabeth Kempel, Jodi Kail, and Don Buchanan [virtually] None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA **ACTION ITEM** Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried 7-0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES **ACTION ITEM**

Regular Meeting: February 9, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes were declared approved

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present to give public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

PROGRAM PRESENTATION –

PRESENTATION ITEM HIGH SCHOOL

Paul Ritschard and the Brodhead Media Program presented a video and information on their program and use of technology with-REFERENDUM UPDATE **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

Superintendent Novy presented proposed draft newspaper articles and other informational materials regarding the Referendum. MID-YEAR GOALS PRESENTATION PRESENTATION ITEM Superintendent Novy and the Administrative team presented an

update on progress made toward the District's priority areas and **ACTION ITEM**

ACCEPT DONATION(S) None at this time

RESIGNATION(S)

ACTION ITEM Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the resignation of Brett Kaether, Middle School Track Coach, effective immediately. Motion carried, 7-0. **EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Ethan Anderson as Middle School Track Coach, at the rate of \$1,333 [0-3 years], beginning April 14, 2022. Motion carried, 7-0 Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the

hiring of Anne Corbit as Middle School Track Coach, at the rate of \$1,645 [7-10 years], beginning April 14, 2022. Motion carried, 7-0. Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the increase in hours of Stephani Hopwood, Elementary School Aide/ Para-Educator, from 623 hours/year to 836 hours/year, beginning

February 14, 2022 and continuing through the remainder of the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

ACTION ITE **ACTION ITEM**

None at this time

FUTURE AGENDA [March 9, 2022]

• Appoint Board of Canvassers

College/Tech Credit Approvals

Approval of Student Handbooks

Approval of Contracted & Volunteer Coaches
 1st Reading of Changes to Policy IKF [Graduation Require-

 Approval of the 2023 High School Music Department Trip to Nashville/Memphis

 Referendum Update Accept Donation(s)

Resignation(s)

 Employment Recommendation(s) Volunteer Recommendation(s)
 ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT ACTION ITEM TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c)

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) at 7:45 p.m. for the discussion of: a. Negotiations

Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0).
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to

open session at 7:57 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS **ACTION ITEM**

ADJOURNMENT **ACTION ITEM** Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to adjourn the

meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0 The Independent Register

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ACTION ITEM

State-chartered banks report strong year-end financial performance Wisconsin's state-chartered 1.06% in December 2020.

banks reported strong financial performance through yearend 2021, according to data released last week by the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI).

At year-end 2021, there were 132 state-chartered banks serving Wisconsin residents.

"Throughout 2021, Wisconsin's state-chartered banks demonstrated sound financial practices while helping their customers and communities weather the economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic," said DFI Secretary-designee Cheryll Olson-Collins.

"Overall, the year-end financial indicators for Wisconsin's state-chartered banks are strong and show our banks are financially stable with a positive out-

Key financial indicators for Wisconsin's state-chartered banks include:

 Total assets were at \$68 billion as of Dec. 31, 2021. Assets increased by \$4.2 billion, a growth rate of 6.68% from year-end 2020.

• The capital ratio remained strong at 10.67% compared to 11.06% in December 2020.

• The past due ratio declined to 0.67% from mid-pandemic levels when the ratio was at 2021 at wdfi.org.

· Net operating income increased to \$847.3 million compared to \$778.9 million in December 2020.

 The return on average assets ratio remained stable at 1.32%, a slight decrease from 1.34% in December 2020, due in part to strong asset performance and continued secondary market refinance fee income.

• Net loans were at \$43.6 billion, up \$153 million, a 0.35% increase from year-end 2020, due to some improved loan vol-• The net interest margin de-

creased to 3.31% from 3.49% in December 2020, due in part to the low interest rate environment combined with the excess liquidity from the extension of the COVID-19 pandemic's Paycheck Protection Program

 Bank liquidity was strong putting pressure on the loans to assets ratio at 64.12% compared to mid-pandemic liquidity levels of 68.16% in December 2020.

Additional information regarding Wisconsin's state-chartered banks' year-end 2021 financial performance is available in the Bank Performance Indicator Report as of Dec. 31,

Saving for college with Edvest has tax incentives for families

April 18 deadline for 2021 contributions

Tax season is in full swing, and for families across Wisconsin, that means evaluating their financial situations and creating budgets and financial roadmaps for the future.

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"With tax day just around the corner, this is the perfect opportunity for Wisconsin families to look at their financial situation and take control of one of the most important elements of their finances - planning for their children's higher education," said Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions Secretary-designee Chervll Olson-Collins. "With a few simple steps, families can take a hold of their financial futures by starting to save for higher education with Edvest today."

Edvest account owners, regardless of their relationship to a child, can deduct up to \$3,380 annually, per beneficiary, from their 2021 Wisconsin state in-

Families who have more than one child, or grandparents saving for multiple grandchildren, may be eligible for a state tax deduction of up to \$6,760

for two children, \$10,140 for three, and so on.

For the 2021 tax year, individuals have until Monday, April 18 to contribute to an existing Edvest account, or open and contribute to a new account, to be eligible for a reduction in their state taxable income of up to \$3,380 per ben-

In addition to a state tax deduction, investment earnings grow tax-deferred and are taxfree at both the state and federal level when used to pay for qualified expenses.

Looking ahead

Edvest announced recently that the 2022 state tax deduction has been raised to \$3,560 annually, per beneficiary.

This tax incentive is designed to help Wisconsin families maximize their dollars while saving for higher education. For more information about

Edvest, and how to open an account, visit Edvest.com or call 888-338-3789. To schedule an appointment

with a college savings consultants or to learn about offering Edvest at Work as part of an employer benefit, visit us at edvest.com/plan/everyone-employers.

• **Swine** (Continued from page 5)

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Swine exhibitors will also be required to complete swine health verification forms that

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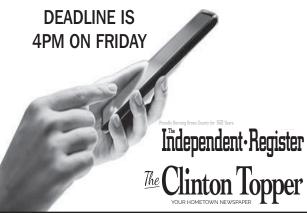
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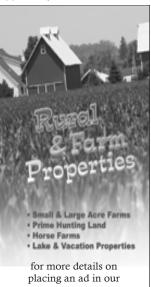
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College news

• Concordia University Wisconsin officials have released the Fall Honors List for the 2021-2022 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum

Among the area students named to the list were: Nickole Becker, of Brodhead, senior, majoring in psychology; Hannah Waagen of Brodhead, junior majoring in early childhood and elementary; and Haleigh Komprood, of Orfordville, sophomore majoring in marketing

• The following area students were named to the Northern Illinois University fall 2021 Dean's List: Jordan Ayres of Davis, Illinois, College of Visual and Performing Arts Dean's List, Art Studio-Design & Media Arts, Dakota Jr-Sr High School; Kaya Easley of Davis, Illinois, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Dean's List, Psychology - B.A., Dakota Jr-Sr High School; Samuel Spickler of Davis, Illinois, College of Engineering Dean's List, Mechanical Engineering -B.S., Durand High School

To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of business, education, health and human sciences, liberal arts and sciences, and visual and performing arts.

• The following area students were named to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls fall semester Dean's List honoring 1.670 students: **Rileigh Powers** of Brodhead, animal science; Rachel Hammes of Orfordville, animal science; Samantha Marquette of Orfordville, biomedical and health science. To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time undergraduate must

earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average. A • The following area students

earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement, held Dec. 18, 2021: Katelyn Black of Monroe, graduated with a degree in journalism -BA; Nick Borowitz, of New Glarus, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in biology – BS; **Sadie Erb**, of Brodhead, graduated with a degree in liberal arts – AAS; Sarah Harder, of Browntown, graduated with a degree in finance - BBA; Jessica Keehn, of Monroe, graduated with a degree in special education – MSE; Kelsi Mueller, of Monroe, graduated with a degree in biology - BS; Bradley Ripp, of Monroe, graduated Cum Laude with a degree in communication - BA; Josh Soderstrom, of Orfordville, graduated Cum Laude with a degree in physical education -BSE; and Hunter Weckerly of Monroe, graduated Summa Cum Laude with a degree in accounting – BBA.

• Cade Meier of Davis, Illinois, was named to the Missouri University of Science and Technology honor list for the Fall 2021 semester. Meier is a senior studying mechanical engineering.

• Dylan Koeshall of Albany and Chris Jones of Orfordville were among 1,800 students to receive degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison during a commencement ceremony at the Kohl Center on Dec. 19, 2021. Koeshall graduated from the School of Business with a bachelor of business administration, with a concentration of business marketing. Jones graduated from the College of Letters and Science, with a bachelor of science in chemistry.



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Stars of MTG's upcoming production Jake's Women include Kate Leverton (front, from left), Alli Leutenegger, Adam Bansley, Layla Duvall, Emily Duvall, Lindsay Dombkowski (back), Nadine Patchin and Peggy Woodward.

Theatre Guild to debut 'Jake's Women' March 25

Tickets for romantic comedy now on sale

Monroe Theatre Guild will troubled second marriage. present its spring production of 'Jake's Women," March 25-27 and April 1-3.

Tickets are now on sale.

Neil Simon, a well-known American playwright and screen writer, known for his comedies on the Broadway stage and in Hollywood movies, wrote this romantic come-

It tells the story of Jake, a novelist wrestling with writer's block while trying to save his

Jake, played by Adam Bansley, talks to the women in his life, either real or imagined, seeking their advice.

They include his beloved, but deceased first wife Julie, played by Emily Duvall; his daughter Molly at age 12, played by Layla Duvall, and Molly as a college student, played by Alli Leutenegger; his bossy sister Karen, played by Nadine Patchin; his opinionated therapist Edith, played by Peggy Woodward; and Jake's current wife Maggie, played by Kate Leverton.

Maggie and Jake are continuously at odds with each other throughout the play as they try to repair their broken marriage.

At one point the couple's constant bickering creates a

hysterical scene with Jake's stand-up comedy and as a popbewildered girlfriend Sheila, played by Lindsay Dombkow-

Directing MTG's first full-

length production of 2022 are Tom Hardin and Susan Jorenby-Hardin, veteran players of "Jake's Women" is the pair's directing debut at MTG. The

two bring with them years of experience as actors, crew members, teachers, and directors in high school theatre and other community theatres. The Hardins said they are

proud of this talented cast of strong women and are excited to debut lead actor Adam Bansley, a newcomer to the theatrical stage, but no stranger to comedy.

He is known locally for his

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ular comedian in MTG's annual Comedy Night line-up.

Simon's witty take on modern relationships in "Jake's Women" is funny and touching all at once, a refreshing must see romantic comedy for MTG

"Jake's Women," part of the Colony Brands Performance Series, will be presented at the Monroe Theatre Guild, 910 16th Avenue, Monroe on the Colony Brands Stage. Showtimes are on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays for two weekends only, March 25 through 27, and April 1 through 3.

Tickets can be purchased at monroetheatre.com, or at the Monroe Arts Center during regular business hours, or by calling 608-325-1111.

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Bonnie Joyce Lewis, 91, of

Brodhead, died on Saturday, March 12, at Agrace Hospice in Janesville.

She was born to the late Albert and Harriet (Keller) Nolty on Feb. 5, 1931.

She attended Oakley School and married Chester Lewis on May 3, 1975 in Senneca, Wisconsin. He preceded her in death in 2008.

A lifelong resident of Green County, she was a true "farming outdoors gardening, bird watching, or playing with her beloved cats... her companions up until her admission to assisted living.

She was a hard-working woman who demonstrated a devout work ethic in all she did. Whether working on the farm throughout her childhood and early married years, working as a factory worker at Swiss Colony in Monroe or Prent in Janesville, or with husband

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loved ones.

She is survived by her six children: Roger (Kenyln) Janesville, Raymond Walmer of Juda, and Kathy (Dennis) Goecks of Juda, and Marcia Walmer of Almogordo, New Mexico; eight grandchildren: Tara Daly, Chris Parmer, Michael Walmer, Teagan Gumbel, Jessica Robichaud, Brad Goecks, Chad Goecks, Adam Walmer Reddy and four great-grandchildren.

She was further preceded in death by her eldest sister, Eva ceptional measures to ensure Arlene Hawkins; brother, My-

ron Albert "Bud" Nolty, sister Vivian Lois Krause, and sister, Betty Jean Nolty, in infancy; son-in-law, Richard Parmer, and daughter-in-law, Julie Walmer.

Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 17, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brodhead with Pastors Darin Wiebe and Tom Kreis offici-

Walmer of Monticello, Car- Greenwood Cemetery, Brodole (Dennis) Thompson of head. A visitation will be held er's daughter" who loved be- Janesville, Fred Walmer of from 10 a.m. until the time of service, at the church. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the

> Her family would like to thank the following organizations for making Bonnie's last days and moments on this earth both peaceful and meaningful: Azura Assisted Living in Beloit, where she spent her last days, and Agrace Hospice of Janesville, who provided excomfort during her last days.



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