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Local childcare center raises outdoor explorers

"There is no such thing as bad weather, just bad clothing."

That's the motto at Little Learners Daycare, a family childcare in Brodhead that founder Chelsea Andrews said puts a high priority on outdoor playtime.

"My program is unique with all the time that we spend outdoors," Andrews said, adding her program is nature and play based.

"Rain, shine, cold, hot. It doesn't matter. We love all types of weather."

Andrews started her business four years ago as a way to stay home with her children. "I also understood the need for childcare and I wanted to help," she said.

She enjoys learning along with the children in her care. "I love watching how much they teach me. It is so fun guiding them along and simply showing them they are already so smart, strong and capable. We often underestimate all that children can do and how much they already know," Andrews said.

"I like to call myself a 'play facilitator.' They learn through their play and I am simply here to join in on the fun and help them when needed."

Long hours can be a challenge for any childcare educator.

Like others, Andrews needs

to be available before and after typical working hours, which can add up to a 52-hour working week.

Family childcare is notoriously difficult and many providers understandably find it unsustainable, Andrews said. "It is challenging to learn to take time for yourself."

Family childcares need support, she said.

They often don't get paid vacations, sick time, insurance or other benefits that other employers may offer. Those factors, combined with low wages, can push even the most dedicated childcare educator out of the field.

"I wish people would know all the work that we put into what we do," Andrews said. "I always tell people this is the most difficult job I have ever done but it is, by far, the most rewarding."

It's also a vitally important job, she said.

Without childcare, parents can't go to work.

"The pandemic showed that when there is no childcare, the world stops. Businesses cannot run and families do not feel secure when there is a lack of quality childcare," Andrews said.

Unfortunately, childcare educators are often not recognized enough, nor are they seen as educators.

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Dahl dominates on the court

Comets player Brianna Dahl drives to the hoop against Argyle's Maggie Godfrey in a recent game. Dahl led all scorers in the sectional semi-final game with 21 points. More photos from this matchup are on page 3.

Look for 'Leprechauns on the Loose' in Rock County parks

Little leprechauns are back at Rock County parks through Friday, March 18.

The green guys are looking for a pot of gold along the trails in each of the following Rock County parks: Beckman Mill, Carver-Roehl, Gibbs Lake,

Magnolia Bluff, Sportsman's and Sweet-Allyn.

A leprechaun in search of gold is at each park, but only one pot of gold exists. Leprechauns will let visitors know if the gold is in the respective park where they are planted.

Park goers are encouraged to capture a leprechaun or the pot of gold in a selfie and forward to parks@co.rock.wi.us or Rock County Parks Facebook Messenger.

All selfies with the leprechauns or pot of gold will

be entered into a random drawing for one of three prizes.

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Obituaries

LORI SEICHTER

Lori Lee Seichter, age 48, of Brodhead, died while at home on March 3, 2022.

She was born on May 15, 1973 in Janesville to Clifford and Debbra (Wolter) Bollig.

She married her high school sweetheart Timothy Seichter on March 15, 1995 and started a family, proving herself an amazing mother to three wonderful children, Chris, Daytona and Cole. Although she grew up in the city, she found her home in the country life that their family created in Brodhead.

She started her career in healthcare as a CNA, then phlebotomist and found her home as a lab tech assistant (which she loved) for Monroe Clinic, where she was fortunate enough to work alongside



her daughter Daytona for almost 14 years. She loved watching her son Cole raise animals on their family farm. She loved watching hummingbirds and the quiet country nights by the fire. She loved spending time with grand kids and doing her hobbies with family and friends; camping, pontoon boating, going for classic car rides in her '73 Mustang, music festivals, dancing, bingo, having cook-outs and parties at their family farm, and going on trips to warm places.

She had no fear, according to family. She rode motorcy-

cles. She was on a roller derby team for Beloit Bombshells. She was a gymnast, played volleyball, and pulled pranks on her family.

She found her 15 minutes of fame when she had her first child Chris. She was approached by Life Magazine and Sun Times (London) for having seven living generations and was entered into the Genius Book of world records.

She and her husband Tim were very proud of their marriage and children.

She will be missed by her family and many, many friends and never forgotten.

She is survived by her husband, Tim; three children, Chris (Amanda) Seichter, Daytona (Nathan) Schliem and Cole Seichter; her parents, Clifford and Debbra Bol-

lig; a sister, Sherri Bollig; four grandchildren, Carson, Adalynn, Gabriyel, Devan and one more on the way, and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by numerous grandparents and her beloved dog "Cooper."

In lieu of flowers, memorials directed to the family are appreciated and can be made out to the UW Carbone Cancer Center, 600 Highland Avenue, Madison WI 53705.

A memorial visitation will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Thursday, March 10, 2022 from 5 to 7 p.m. Private memorial services will be held at a later time.

For online condolences, visit dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

ARLENE FISCHER

Arlene Fischer, 91, of Pecatonica, Illinois died at 5:09 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022 after a lengthy illness.

She was born on Feb. 14, 1931 in Dixon, Illinois to the late Fred and Dorothy (Kasper) Langhoff.

She attended grade school in Dixon through third grade and then attended Seward Grade School when her family moved to Pecatonica.

She graduated from Winnebago High School in 1949. She married David F. Fischer in 1950 in Seward Methodist Church.

They farmed in Pecatonica for three years before David was drafted into the military service.

When he returned home they moved to Brodhead, to farm again. They lived there for 50 years and retired in Pecatonica.

She is survived by husband David F. Fischer; two sons Timm (Mary) Fischer and Tedd Fischer and two grandsons Benjamin Fischer and Jordan (Samantha) Fischer. She is also survived by her sister Carol Coffman; broth-



er Eugene Langhoff; sister-in-law Jean Langhoff and many nieces and nephews. She was further preceded in death by laws Melvin and Clara Fischer, brother Neil Langhoff, sister Elise Fry, brothers-in-law R. Max Fry, William Coffman and Richard (Arlene) Fischer.

A memorial ceremony will be held at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, March 12 at Indian Grove Church Rock City. A memorial visitation will be held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Cremation rites to be accorded with final resting place in Twelve Mile Grove Cemetery in Pecatonica.

Memorials may be sent to Indian Grove Community Church, Rock City, Illinois or Seward Historical Society, Seward, Illinois.

For online condolences and live streams, go to: my.gather.app/remember/arlene-fischer.



Onto the finals

The Lady Comets stand for the national anthem prior to their sectional semi-final game against Argyle March 3 in Sun Prairie. With the win the Comets earned a chance to advance to the sectional final against Randolph on Saturday. The Comets fell to 43-31 after the March 5 McFarland High School matchup. Right: Kaiya Zurfluh lays it in for two. Zurfluh, while undersized in the paint, worked hard and gave the Comets a spark underneath, both offensively and defensively.

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Explorers

(Continued from front page)

Having recognition and respect from community members would be a good start to showing better support for childcare, she said.

Despite the challenges, it's a labor of love for Andrews.

She particularly enjoys watching children gain confidence and discovering what they can accomplish.

"This is my passion. I love what I do, and am continually growing and learning. I will be graduating with my bachelor of science degree in Early Childcare and Education at the end of 2022, but that doesn't mean I will be done learning.

"My goal is still, and will

“ Rain, shine, cold, hot. It doesn't matter. We love all types of weather.”

— Chelsea Andrews, Little Learners Daycare director

always be, to instill a lifelong love of learning and a lifelong love of nature in the kids," she said.

Editor's note: This is the eighth in a series of profiles on Green County-based childcare programs penned by the Green County Development Corporation.



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THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- *Albany Child Find Screening at Albany Elementary School, 1:30 to 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 12

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

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

MONDAY, MARCH 14

- Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- *Spring break – no school
- *Albany Village Board meets, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

- Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- *Spring break – no school

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- *Spring break – no school
- *Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.
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Above: Parkview Viking Zander Brown elevates in attempt to block a shot during his team's matchup against Brodhead March 1. Right: Trey Oswald lays it in for two of his team high 17 points in the Vikings loss to Brodhead in first round regionals.

Overhead in Orfordville Village Hall

The Orfordville Village Board met March 2. According to the unofficial minutes, the following items were discussed:

Village postings

The Village Board approved a motion to post future meeting notices at the library, Village Hall, Orfordville Post Office as well as on the village website.

According to Village President Gary Phillips, there has been a "pretty serious issue" of official village postings being removed from the Post Office.

Within two weeks prior to the meeting, police committee meetings were taken down, two agendas were removed, and two other postings were covered by another posting.

He read the Post Office policy stating that public notices are allowed in that designated space, then read a state statute saying the removal of such notices is a felony and tampering with them, a misdemeanor.

Road construction

Phillips attended the construction meeting for the North Center and North Richards streets, and the intersection of North Mowe and East Church streets, then updated the Board. Trees were currently being cut down and the North Center Street portion of the project is scheduled to begin on March 15.

Piping for the project and equipment will be stored at Village Hall. New park signs have been ordered for three parks. Alliant Energy is nearly done with replacing poles in the village and new flower planters for downtown are ordered. Two new permits for Mill Valley Subdivision have been granted.

North Center Street will not be open to UTVs and ATVs during construction.

The Board approved a motion to remove preferred route signs on North Center Street during construction, and relocate them with a temporary route of Spring Street, crossing Highway 213 onto South Center Street then driving around barricades at Well Street and continuing onto Clark Street.

Amendments to village codes regarding snow events

The Board approved an amendment to the village code of ordinances that would require property owners who have fire hydrants adjacent to their properties, be responsible in keeping snow and a path to them cleared.

The Board also approved an amendment that would give the public works director or designee the power to call a snow emergency in the village, allowing for police to cite vehicle owners for parking violations during snow emergency events.

Personnel

The Board approved the drafted amendment to an ordinance requiring an officer to be present during municipal court proceedings. The amendment included language stating that in the event of an emergency, the assigned officer could leave his or her post to go on the more urgent call.

The Board approved a drafted ordinance stating that any village employee who is still in his/her probationary term, may not seek outside employment during that time, or risk termination.

The Board approved the assignment of a temporary committee that would review the policy for employees' vacation time, paid time off and compensation time.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 10

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Orfordville Police Committee meets, 6 p.m.
- Orfordville Public Works Committee meets, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Children's Storytime, 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

- Orfordville Public Library open 9 a.m. to noon

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- Orfordville Public Library closed

MONDAY, MARCH 14

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parkview Technology Committee hearing,

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

- Orfordville Public Library: open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Teen Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.
- Parkview Buildings & Grounds Committee meets, 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- School Board Negotiations Committee meets, 5:30 p.m.

- elementary school, 4 p.m.
- Parkview PAVE Governance Council meets, 5:30 p.m.
- Orfordville Economic Development Committee meets, 6 p.m.
- Orfordville Village Board meets, 7 p.m.

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Healthful hint

Prepare for floods now

Do you know if your household is at risk of flooding? While you may not think your home is at risk, floods can happen anywhere it rains or snows. Even in a low-risk area, being well prepared for a flood can prevent property damage and keep you and your loved ones safe.



By **MICHAEL NILES**
Contributor

How can I prepare for flooding in my home?

- **Make a plan:** Make a plan for your household so that you and your family know what to do during a flood. Go over evacuation routes and shelter plans to ensure everyone in your home knows what they need to do to protect themselves.
- **Know your flood risk:** Visit FloodFactor.com to learn if you live, work, or travel in areas that are prone to flooding. It's important to remember that areas at low or moderate flood risk still experience flooding. More than 25% of flood insurance claims come from properties that are in low or moderate flood risk areas.
- **Sign up for weather and emergency alerts:** Sign up for emergency weather alerts through the National Weather Service. Learn more about emergen-

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• **Assemble an emergency kit:** Build an emergency supplies kit with items such as water, food, flashlights, first aid kits, and more. Store your emergency kit in a secure, waterproof container.

What can I do to prevent flooding and flood damage in my home?

There are ways you can prevent flooding and flood damage in your home, many of which are inexpensive and easy to do.

• **Manage downspouts and gutters:** Regularly clear out your gutters to prevent leaf buildup and other debris from blocking water flow. Also, extend your downspout away from your home's foundation.

• **Install a rain barrel:** A rain barrel is typically placed at the bottom of a downspout and can reduce the risk of flooding by directing water away from your home's

foundation. Stored water can also be used for other tasks like watering your lawn or washing your car.

• **Patch or repair foundation:** Close cracks in your home's foundation with mortar or caulk to prevent leaks.

• **Protect your valuables:** Move valuable or sentimental items to a safe location well above potential flood elevation or place valuable items in secure, waterproof containers.

• **Elevate and anchor utilities:** Elevate and anchor your critical utilities like electrical panels, appliances, wiring, or propane tanks to prevent electrical hazards.

It is easy to get swept up in preparing for a flood. Just remember that your first priority in all flooding emergencies should be the safety of you and your loved ones.

Michael Niles is a Public Health Strategist for the Rock County Public Health Department. To ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email RCHHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us with Healthful Hint in the subject. The Rock County Public Health Department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable.

Vendors sought for historical society's Boutique Bridal Expo

Vendors are invited to register for the Rock County Historical Society's (RCHS) Boutique Bridal Expo, set for Saturday, May 7 on the RCHS campus.

Any business that provides products or services for weddings is welcome to register for the event.

RCHS hosts many weddings and receptions each year, in the Lincoln-Tallman House, on the expansive grounds, and in the Tallman Carriage House.

Each vendor at the bridal expo will have their own space on the grounds, with options available for tents and tables.

Registration is \$75 for a 10-by-10 foot space. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Photographers; bakeries; caterers; event planners; bridal shops, florists; bands and DJs; and wedding invitation designers are encouraged to participate.

For a detailed vendor registration form, email bridalexpo@rchs.us or call RCHS at 608-756-4509.

Registration deadline is Friday, April 1. Space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis.



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Hundreds of couples have celebrated their nuptials at the historic Lincoln-Tallman House and its expansive grounds. The Rock County Historical Society is currently seeking vendors for its upcoming bridal expo.

New website launched by Rock County, health department

Rock County has redesigned its website and the new version went live Feb. 23.

The redesign included a refresh to the Rock County Public Health Department (RCPHD) web pages, which reside within the larger www.co.rock.wi.us site.

The project was approved by the Rock County Board of Supervisors to improve functionality, accessibility, and usability of the county's website.

The new website features improved security, a smartphone-friendly layout, and an improved search feature.

The RCPHD portion of the new site is an easy-to-access resource for residents seeking public health information, particularly during evolving health events like the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The refreshed RCPHD pages feature simplified navigation and improved accessibility, with an enhanced focus on the latest Rock County public health priorities and

programs.

Those familiar with the prior RCPHD website will notice changes to content, links, and navigation.

Over the next few months, content will be expanded to include additional program pages within each unit of the department.

For quick access to key top-

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Wisconsin Veterans Museum to open 'Wisconsin Was There...' art exhibit

Next week, the Wisconsin Veterans Museum will open a new exhibit, "Wisconsin Was There: Sharing the Legacies of Printmakers Who Served in the Military."

Curator of Veteran Art Yvette Pino has organized the exhibit of works by more than 20 printmakers with ties to Wisconsin which opens on Wednesday, March 16.

Interspersed with the museum exhibits are print works by Wisconsin veterans with a creative vision. Works range from the Civil War era-commissioned prints for Abraham Lincoln to contemporary work by post-9/11 veterans.

For the printmaker, especially those who served between the Civil War and World War II, their skillset in the visual arts was critical to military mission readiness.

Trades such as engravers, lithographers, draftsmen, and publishers were recruited for the war effort.

Artists see the world differently. In World War II that unique vision strengthened the Allied campaigns and changed how war was fought.

The invention of the "Target Identification Unit" by Milwaukee-born Gerald Geerlings and a patented plane-spotting technique by United States Navy cartographer Richard Florsheim aided Allied bombers in identifying the enemy and completing successful missions.

Their contributions as civilian printmakers continued in classrooms and communities throughout the state and across the nation after their service.

Special exhibit-themed events

• Drink and Draw from the Storefront, Friday, March 18, from 7-9 p.m.

Using images from the Wisconsin Veterans Museum (WVM) col-

lection, WVM's resident artist and U.S. Army veteran Yvette Pino will demonstrate how to make trace monoprint memory drawings. A trace mono-print drawing is made by rolling out a small amount of slow-drying ink (usually printmaking ink) onto a piece of plexiglass and placing a damp piece of paper over it to trace a line with a pencil or pen. Live observers are welcome or participate at home through a live stream of the event.

• Artist Demonstrations - Wednesday thru Saturday, March 16-19, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

View veteran artists Shawn Ganther, Ash Kyrie and Pino as they demonstrate printing techniques from the museum front window. Anchor Printing in Kenosha will bring a printing press on wheels and give a live demonstration.

• Live from the Storefront Window, Friday, May 6 from 5-9 p.m.

Featuring the temporary exhibit, "Wisconsin Was There: Sharing the Legacies of Printmakers Who Served in the Military" and the evening's program will be the featured Live from the Storefront Window series. Guest artists will create and discuss their artwork from the museum's storefront windows. Passers-by can observe and are welcomed into the museum to tour the galleries and chat with the artist. This program will also feature a virtual component that is live and recorded.

SGCI Participation The Wisconsin Veterans Museum exhibit opens as a part of the Southern Graphics Conference International (SGCI) hosted by the University of Wisconsin-Madison, March 16-19.

The SGCI annual conference brings together more than 1,000 printmakers and arts professionals in all stages of their careers.



Left: "Conversation between Iraqi teenager and U.S. Soldier Sgt" is part of the artist's 'Transfers of War' inkjet transfer prints. The artist, Ash Kyrie, of Argyle, reflects on his Wisconsin National Guard Operation Iraqi Freedom experience. Below: "Battles of the Civil War," a chromolithograph by Louis Kurz, Kurz & Allison Union Soldier Civil War Milwaukee, courtesy of the Veteran Print Project Collection.

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