

Emerging markets, tips, techniques the focus of Rock County field day

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Opportunities for farmers to tap organic commodity markets continue to expand. A field day will feature them next week at a 5,000-acre family farm between Janesville and Beloit.

Staple crops of organic corn and soybeans remain strong, according to the July 13 National Organic Grain and Feedstuffs Report. Organic soybean prices are at all-time highs, trading between \$35.25 and \$43 in spot transactions in the Agricultural Marketing Service report.

More non-traditional crops, including oilseeds and cereal

grains, also are in strong demand, according to sponsors of the field day next week.

Hughes Farm south of Janesville, is partnering with UW-Madison's OGRAIN and Marbleseed, to host the field day on Wednesday, July 27. The event runs from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Presentations will describe how organic grain farmers can diversify their rotations, benefiting their farm profitability through unique market niches and improved organic management.

Whilden Randall (Randy) and his wife Judy Hughes oper-

ate the farm. Their two children Whilden David (Willie) and Julianne Burns both work on the farm as well. Hughes family members have been farming in Rock County for more than 174 years.

The field day highlights several of the "outside the box" crops that the Hughes are now including within their organic cropping system. These include processing vegetables, Kernza, barley, and industrial hemp.

A tour of their farm will feature management tools. The Hughes are using a tine

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HUGHES FAMILY FARM PHOTO Brodhead Independent Register

Hughes Farm crew members and family harvest at the diversified organic enterprise south of Janesville near the airport on Highway 51.

Compeer donates to local food pantries

In celebration of Compeer Financial's five-year anniversary, Compeer team members recently packed food kits to support area communities.

The kits were then donated to local organizations, including the Green County Food Pantry, that are dedicated to combating food in-

security.

Kits include kid-friendly and convenient items for families to enjoy while on the go this summer.

In total, Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America donated a 5,364 kits across its three-state territory.

The Green County Food

Pantry, Inc. is at 1129 17th Avenue, Monroe, and is open to any Green County resident for food pick up Mondays from 2 to 4:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

Contact the food pantry at 608-329-7511 for more information.



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Top: Members of Compeer Financial's Monroe team gathered recently to pack food kits for the Green County Food Pantry. Pictured from left are Loralee Burmeister, Sherry Gertsch, Erin Mullett and Anne Schultz. Above: Compeer Financial Officers Erin Mullett (left) and Anne Shultz present donated food kits to Kyle Campbell of the Green County Food Pantry.

Woman killed in farm accident

A 78-year-old woman was killed Sunday when she was struck by a utility vehicle on a farm in the Town of Jefferson.

Green County Sheriff's Deputies responded to a welfare check request about 1:15 p.m. in the W4400 block of Fairfield Road.

Upon arriving at the small farm deputies

located the woman who had been struck by a John Deere utility vehicle. The woman was later pronounced deceased at the scene, according to the Sheriff's Office.

Initial investigation revealed the woman was operating the vehicle and was struck after she parked and exited the vehicle, Sheriff's officials said.

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Green County Sheriff's report

Green County Sheriff's Department has released the week's log of activity. All individuals arrested or cited in this report are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The department reported the following:

Saturday, July 16 Disorderly Conduct:

At approximately 5:11 P.M., Deputies responded to the N4600 block of CTH E, Town of Decatur, for a report of a disorderly individual.

Investigations resulted in Maggie M. Salzwedel, 36, of Brodhead, being arrested for disorderly conduct.

Salzwedel was transported to the Green County Jail where she was later released to a responsible party.

Friday, July 15 Motor Vehicle Accident-Property Damage:

At approximately 2:17 A.M., Deputies responded to the W1900 block of State Highway 92, Town of Brooklyn, for a report of a single vehicle accident.

Investigations found that the driver, Donald A. Anderson, 54, of Evansville, was eastbound when a turkey entered the roadway. Anderson reported taking evasive action, entered the South ditch and struck a

culvert marker, a fence, and tree. Anderson and his passenger reported no injuries, reported wearing their seatbelts, and there was airbag deployment.

As a result of the collision, Anderson's vehicle sustained disabling damage and arrangements were made for removal.

Anderson was cited for operating a motor vehicle without insurance and released with a court date.

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Thursday, July 14 Disorderly Conduct

At approximately 9:17 A.M., Deputies and the New Glarus Fire Department responded to the intersection of Postville Rd. and County Highway H, Town of York, for a report of a controlled burn that was not reported.

Due to actions taken on scene by the individual

responsible for the controlled burn, John S. Otteman, 74 of Dodgeville, he was cited for Disorderly Conduct. Otteman was released with a future court date.

Tuesday, July 12 Motor Vehicle Crash with Injury

At approximately 3:14 P.M., Deputies and Green County EMS responded to the N5100 block of State Highway 69, Town of Washington, for a report of a motor vehicle crash with injury.

Investigation revealed the investigator, Matthew W. Scott, 16, was traveling north and was attempting to go around a vehicle making a right turn. This caused a southbound vehicle that was in the vicinity to go into the westbound gravel shoulder of the roadway to avoid crashing into Scott. The gravel was thrown into Scott's vehicle, shattering the glass on the driver's side view mirror. The broken glass entered Matthew's open driver's side window, causing minor injuries.

Scott was evaluated by EMS for minor injuries and was not transported. Scott reported wearing his seatbelt and there was no airbag deployment. The vehicle sustained minor damage and was driven from the scene by Matthew.

one-vehicle crash in the W7700 block of Smock Valley Rd, Town of Jordan. Investigation revealed that Lane J. Marty, 16, of South Wayne was northbound on Smock Valley Rd when he failed to negotiate a curve in the road and struck a tree.

Marty reported wearing his seat belt and was not injured. The air bags deployed in the truck. The truck had severe damage and was towed from the scene. Marty was cited for failure to keep vehicle under control. He was released pending court.

Domestic Problem

At about 9:34 P.M. deputies responded to a residence in the W2000 block of CTH EE, Town of Albany for a domestic problem. Investigation resulted in Jason C. Fess, 34, of Albany for domestic disorderly conduct. Fess was jailed pending court or bond.

Wednesday, July 6 Motor Vehicle Accident-Property Damage:

At approximately 7:10 A.M., Deputies along with the Green County Highway Department and New Glarus Police Department responded to the W6400 block of County Highway H, Town of New Glarus, for a report of a single vehicle accident.

Investigations found that a vehicle operated by Austin Nimitz, 18, of New Glarus, was negotiating a curve while eastbound on County Highway H. Nimitz's vehicle entered a portion of the roadway covered in mud and lost control of his vehicle striking a sign. Nimitz reported no injuries, reported wearing his seatbelt, and no airbag deployment.

Nimitz's vehicle sustained minor damages and was driven from the scene.

Friday, July 8 Warrant Arrest

At about 1:34 A.M. deputies responded to N3200 Crazy Horse Ln, Town of Decatur, for a 911 call. Investigation resulted in Michael L. Lloyd, 48, of Freeport, Illinois, being arrested on a warrant that was issued by the Dane County Sheriff's Office. Lloyd was jailed pending bond or court.

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At about 2:30 A.M. deputies stopped a vehicle for speeding in the N6100 block of STH 69, Town of Mt Pleasant. Investigation resulted in Skyler A. Stingley, 28, of Monroe being arrested for Operate While Under the Influence (Alcohol) first offense. Stingley was also cited for speeding, and Operate with PAC greater than .15. He was released pending court.

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At about 3:29 A.M. deputies responded to the W6100 block of Highpoint Rd, Town of Washington, for a vehicle parked on the roadway. Investigation resulted in Braden P. Gafner, 22, of Monticello being arrested for Operate While under the Influence (Alcohol) first Offense. Gafner was also cited for Improper Parking/Standing of Vehicle. He was released pending court.

Traffic Crime

At about 3:36 A.M. deputies stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation on State Highway 59 and CTH FF, Town of Sylvester. Investigation resulted in Rene Vasquez, 19, of Monticello being cited for Operate without Valid License (2nd Offense within 3 years) and failure to stop at a stop sign. He was released pending court.

Motor Vehicle Crash

At about 2:12 P.M. deputies responded to a

Tuesday, July 5 Traffic Crime -

At approximately 1:35 P.M., Deputies were assisting a driver with vehicle issues in the W3000 block of State Highway 11, Town of Jefferson. Investigation resulted in the operator, Ryan M. Link, 31 of Edgerton, being cited for Operating After Revocation due to OWI. Link was released pending a future court appearance.

Monday, July 4 Motorcycle Crash with Injury -

At approximately 5:23 P.M., Deputies were informed of a motorcycle crash with injury that occurred on 07/03/2022 at approximately 9:21 P.M. that was not reported. The crash occurred in the N2400 block of County Highway GG, Town of Spring Grove.

Investigation revealed the operator, Jacob R. Covert, 31 of Brodhead, was traveling south on CTH GG when a deer entered the roadway. Jacob swerved to miss the deer and entered the west ditch causing him to go airborne. Jacob then collided with a wire box on the side of the roadway and was ejected from the motorcycle. Jacob was not wearing a helmet and sustained non-life threatening injuries. Jacob was ultimately cited for Failure to Maintain Control and Failure to Report a Crash to Law Enforcement. Jacob was issued the citations with a future court date.

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HCE announces scholarship winners

The Green County Home and Community Education recently announced the winners of this year's high school senior scholarships.

The three students that have been chosen for this year's scholarships are Melanie Humke of Belleville High School, Marissa Vosberg of Monroe High School and Kaiya Zurfluh of Albany High School.

Melanie is the daughter of Tanya and Dan Humke. She comes from a family of four and works at Walgreens. She is planning to pursue a major in biology and minor in mathematics. She plans to apply to the honors program and the University Biocore program that will help her in scientific research.

Her final goal is to finish her bachelor's degree and head to medical school to become a pediatrician specializing in osteology.

She participates in sports, several high school service clubs and participated in many community events. She took several advanced college courses also and received many excellent letters of recommendation. She ranked No. 1 in her

graduating class this year at Belleville High School.

The second winner is Marissa Vosberg, the daughter of Phil and Laura Vosberg. She comes from a family of three and plans to attend Princeton University. She belongs to the Young Americans 4-H Club and several other groups at Monroe High School.

She has also taken several advanced college courses through high school while raising her own dairy herd at home. She served as the Green County Dairy Queen. She ranked second in her class of 190 at Monroe High School.

Kaiya Zurfluh, daughter of Ryan and Tonya Zurfluh, a graduate of Albany High School is our third winner. She comes from a family of five and is a member of the Albany FFA. She is an active member of many Albany community groups, Albany High School band and high school sports.

She has also participated in two different mission trips. She intends to earn a college degree in Legal Studies and Sociology, helping out those in need. She



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Kayla Zurfluh of Albany receives her scholarship from Green County Home and Education.

ranked first in her class at Albany High School.

The members of the Green County Home and Community Education, Inc. organization awards scholarships to graduating seniors of a Green County High School, a relative of a Green County HCE member or a

member of a Green County 4-H Club/FFA or FCCLA. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage individuals to take advantage of continuing education opportunities. Applicants may attend a four-year public or

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Marissa Vosberg of Monroe High School, receives a scholarship from Beth Campbell of Green County Home and Education.

Arts Center to host photo contest

For the 33rd consecutive year, the Monroe Arts Center will sponsor the Photography Contest and Exhibit.

Photographs entered in this contest will be on display at MAC from Sept. 9 through Nov. 5.

The Monroe Arts Center is at 1315 11th Street, Monroe.

The contest is open to all non-professional photographers. The photographs must have been taken after Sept. 1, 2021, and be the first time entered in this contest.

Each photographer is permitted to enter as many photographs as they wish. There will be cash and ribbon

awards for Best of Show, second place, third place, and fourth place.

The judge for this year's contest is Brian Wolf, noted Hudson Valley photographer. Wolfe has spent more than 30 years working at one of New York's finest sculpture, custom prop and thermofforming shops.

His work can be seen in the films Confessions of a Shopaholic, Bride Wars, Taking Chance, Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind and Year One. His work on Broadway work includes The Addams Family, In the Heights, Ragtime, Shrek, Tale of Two Cities, Young

Frankenstein, Phantom of the Opera, Sunset Boulevard, Cats, Spamalot, Into the Woods, Beauty and the Beast, The Lion King, Finding Nemo, White Christmas, South Pacific, Wonderland, The Producers, Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular and more.

Wolfe, who was born and raised in Newburgh, Connecticut, is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Connecticut. He grew up taking photos with his own darkroom to process film. Switching to pursue his theater career instead after college, Wolfe ultimately returned to photography later in life. Whether it's Hudson Valley landscapes, dance, fantasy, street photography or portraits, Wolfe has an eye for how to capture the region and its people in his unique way.

Contest entry forms can be downloaded from the Monroe Arts Center website, monroeartscenter.com. Call the Monroe Arts Center at 608-325-5700 for additional information.

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vid and Julie Buchanan, Pete Guenther and Barb Woodriff, Lee and Chris Knuteson, Mike and Norah Sanders, Kevin and Chris Callahan, Jane Paradowski, Deb Thompson, Chuck and Chris Wellington, Don Amphlett and Jan Johnson.

Farmers union to host summer picnic potluck

South Central Chapter Wisconsin Farmers Union and Soil Sisters will host their summer picnic potluck on Sunday, July 24.

The event will be held at the Green Fire Farm, N5305 Ringhand Rd., Monticello.

Co-hosted with Soil Sisters the event is the largest for the group.

Attendees will tour Green Fire's pasture-based live-

stock farm and enjoy a meal together at the group's famous summer potluck.

There will also be a silent auction featuring local goods and services from apple brandy to farm sitters. It is open to chapter members and the general public.

Contact the chapter at wfusouthcentral@gmail.com with any questions.

County park to host StoryWalk for families

Rock County Parks and the Friends of Beckman Mill have teamed up to offer a StoryWalk at Beckman Mill Park through July 31.

A StoryWalk transforms the pages of a children's storybook into signs that are displayed alongside a nature trail so that families can read the story while walking throughout the park.

Discover the story of "The Little Ice Cream Truck" as you stroll through Beckman Mill Park and enjoy the Ice Cream Social Sunday, July 17, noon to 4 p.m..

Participants can snap a photo or selfie while enjoying "The Little Ice Cream Truck" StoryWalk and send it to parks@co.rock.wi.us or Rock County Parks Facebook Messenger for a chance to win a prize basket that includes "The Little Ice Cream Truck" book.

The StoryWalk Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. Beckman Mill Park is six miles west of Beloit at 11600 S. County Rd. H.

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- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oceans of Possibilities library program all day
- *Comet SWAT Class Session 1, 6 a.m., Session 2, 7:30 a.m.
- *Boys Basketball Camp - ES & HS Gyms, 8 to 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Oceans of Possibilities library program all day
- *Boys Basketball Camp - ES & HS Gyms, 8 to 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Municipal Court, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

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

MONDAY, JULY 25

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- All Booked Up! Book Club at library, 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Recreation: Campfire at Village Ball Park, 1:30 to 3 p.m.
- Albany Personnel Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- *Comet SWAT Classes: Session 1, 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; Session 2, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 26

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oceans of Possibilities library program all day
- *Comet SWAT Classes: Session 1, 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; Session 2, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Albany Police, Fire and License Committee, 6:30 p.m.
- Summer Recreation Program: Trip to Brodhead Pool, 12:30 to 4:45 p.m.
- *Comet SWAT Classes: Session 1, 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; Session 2, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
- *Boys Basketball Camp, ES and HS Gym, 8 a.m.
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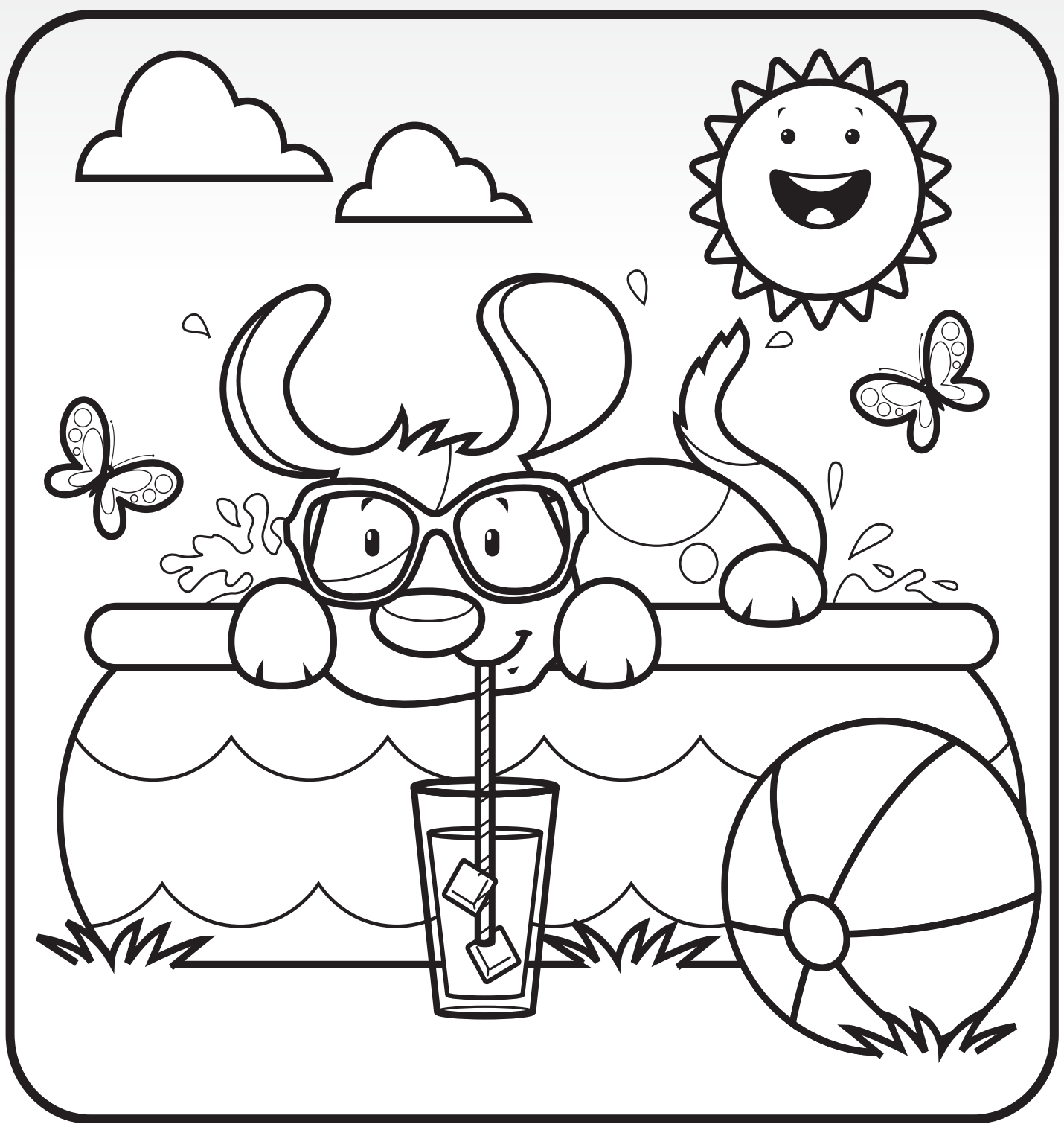
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Two Parkview gymnasts win top national honors



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At this year's AAU Nationals Championship in Springfield, Illinois, Sydney Luety placed first in her age division and also took home All-American Level 5 AAU Champion.

Sydney Luety has been competing with Beloit YMCA for one year. At this year's AAU Nationals Championship in Springfield, Illinois, she placed first in her age division and also took home All-American Level 5 AAU Champion.

Luety scored her highest vault of 9.700 and all-around score of 37.425 for the season.

Teslyn Wendt started gymnastics in October of

2020 during the pandemic, in just a little over a year she has accomplished so much. This year at nationals she competed at level 3 and took first in all her age group events, first all around, and All American by scoring the highest in level 3. She tied for fifth place out of the over 1,400 gymnasts in all levels that competed at the AAU nationals competition.

She also broke a Staline YMCA record by scoring a 9.925 on her bar routine.



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Parkview gymnast Teslyn Wendt competed at level 3 and took first in all her age group event at a national competition in Springfield, Illinois.

Area nurse receives DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award

Mary Tessendorf, RN, EMS Coordinator at SSM Health Monroe Hospital, was awarded the DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award on July 11.

She is the third DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award recipient at SSM Health in Monroe.

The DAISY Lifetime Achievement Award is given to a nurse with 25+ years of experience, are leaders in living the SSM Health Mission, mentoring others, clinical practice and showing unparalleled care for patients.

As EMS Coordinator, Mary ensures all EMS departments under the hospital's medical jurisdiction has the proper training, supplies and support to provide services to communities in and around Green County.

At the beginning of COVID-19, Mary assisted in coordinating community testing sites, hand-sewed reusable isolation gowns for her EMS teams and verified they were mask fit tested. She also oversaw the process of SSM Health Monroe Hospital becoming a Level III Trauma Center last September.

In addition to her EMS Coordinator responsibilities, Mary picks up nursing shifts to help support her fellow nurses. When there was an unexpected staffing crisis in the ICU over the holidays, at the drop of a hat Mary volunteered to work several night shifts and worked through the holidays. She even rearranged her own families' Christmas plans to be able to cover shifts.

Mary was nominated by Michele Schiess, SSM Health Monroe Hospital's Director of Emergency Services. Her nomination shared that "During heavy volumes in the Emergency Department, one can often find Mary triaging patients, gathering supplies, starting IVs, cleaning rooms, or rounding on patients. She jumps in when there is a need without complaint but true satisfaction of helping a department continue to see patients in an efficient manner. Mary does not ever want any fame or glory for her actions yet strives to make a team even stronger."



Mary Tessendorf

Scam Alert: Cons cash in on stressed-out movers

Finding a new place to live is stressful. Scammers know that people in the midst of moving don't always have time to do the necessary research. Avoid scams by watching out for these latest tricks.

How the scam works:

You respond to an online rental listing that touts a beautiful home, low rent, and great amenities. It looks legitimate; con artists often use real photos and descriptions stolen from other websites. The "landlord" replies to your message claiming to be out of town and unable to show the property. In the newest BBB Scam Tracker reports, con artists pretend to be out of town for work or in the hospital with a health emergency.

The scammer will then create a false sense of urgency, telling you that others are interested, so you must act immediately. They will ask for a security deposit and/or the first month's rent to reserve the property. The scammer may claim that you can see the property through a rental agent - only after you pay the deposit. In some versions, the "landlord" will require prospective tenants to complete an application form, which

asks for personal details like a Social Security number.

One renter reported this experience, "I saw a house for rent on Facebook and reached out... They sent me an application link and requested \$50 per adult through CashApp. I sent \$100 for two adults and got a confirmation link saying they received the application. After that, they requested \$400 to be sent to them to hold the property. I refused since I had not met them in person or seen the house."

No matter the details, the result is the same once you send the money. The "landlord" will stop responding to messages and disappear. Renters reported to BBB Scam Tracker losing thousands after paying fees to hold an apartment, make a deposit, and pay the first month's rent.

Tips to avoid this scam:

Watch out for deals that are too good. Scammers lure you in by promising low rents, extra amenities, and a great location. If the price seems much better than elsewhere, it may be a scam.

Search online for similar properties. Do a quick search for the listing, scammer's email address, or phone number. If you find the same ad

listed in other cities, that's a huge red flag.

See the property in person. Don't send money to someone you've never met for an apartment you haven't seen. If you can't visit an apartment or house yourself, ask someone you trust to go and confirm that it is what was advertised.

Don't pay a stranger with cash transfer apps. Many scammers now ask for payments through peer-to-peer apps instead of wired funds or prepaid debit/gift cards. Only use these apps with people you know. It's ok to pay a landlord you trust with Venmo, Zelle, or another P2P app, but don't use this payment method to secure an apartment or pay a deposit.

For more information

Read tips and scam alerts on our moving home page. For additional tips, review the BBB Scam Alert: Avoid peer-to-peer payment scams on PayPal, Zelle, Venmo, and others.

You can also find some excellent tips at BBB Tips: 10 Steps to avoid scams.

If you've been the victim of a rental scam, use your experience to help others avoid falling prey by reporting it at BBB.org/ScamTracker.

For more information or further inquiries, contact the Wisconsin BBB at www.bbb.org/wisconsin, 414-847-6000 or 1-800-273-1002.

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History of the Green County Fair

The historical account of the Green County Fair was compiled by Ken Allen using the following resources:

- The minutes from the Green County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute (Green County Fair) that date back to 1857.
- Articles from the Monroe Sentinel and the Monroe Evening Times
- Records and publications of the Green County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute
- Interviews with past and present officers and directors of the Green County Fair
- Records of the "History of Green County" published in 1884 and reprinted by the Higginson Book Company of Salem, Massachusetts

The organization of the Agricultural Society began on July 4, 1853 when a few people interested in a Society of this kind met in the old courthouse in Monroe, Wisconsin. The first fair of this Agricultural Society was held in November of 1853 at the courthouse. Premiums amounted to \$100 and the majority of the exhibits were farm produce. Carnivals and amusements were not yet part of the fair tradition.

The person who should get the most credit for the organization of the Green County Fair was John A. Bingham. He was the first attorney in Green County after Wisconsin became a state. He also served as the first county judge.

In 1854 the Society purchased grounds just north of the village. The 7 acres were purchased from A. Ludlow for \$400. In order to fence the area and build necessary buildings they issued "Life Member Certificates" for \$10 a piece.

The 1854 fair, held on the new grounds in October, was the first outdoor fair. The sum of \$200 was paid in premiums.

On March 31, 1856 the State Legislature issued an act for the encouragement of agriculture.

This resulted in an extensive fair being planned for 1857. In July of 1857 the first meeting of the "Green County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute" as we know it today was held.

The original fairs, held in the autumn at that time, emphasized handicrafts in addition to agriculture, thus the need for "mechanics institute" in the title of the original organization. The importance of crafts which were apparent in Monroe's tin shops, blacksmith and shoemakers shops, even in the coffin maker's trade, should not be underestimated at these fairs.

In 1865 the grounds were sold to Christopher Martin for \$105 an acre and a committee was appointed to secure a new location. Under the authority of the Society, the committee purchased two parcels of land in 1866. The first was from Arabut Ludlow on April 3rd. This area of 7 3/8 acres was purchased for \$400. The second parcel of land was purchased from William Hodges. It consisted of 6 acres with a purchase price of \$750. These plots of land were side by side on the east side of the village. This brought the total acreage to 13 3/8 acres.

The Jockey Club built a race track on the grounds in 1866. The exact length of the track is unknown, but it is believed to have been 1/2 mile. This track was too small to start races from a starting gate so, naturally, it limited the number of horses that could be in a race. A new 1/2 mile track was built in 1900 on the south side of the grounds running east to west. The present track has been rated as one of the top in the Midwest. Quotes from harness racers over the years and up to the present, rate the track as one of the best they've ever raced on.

A small grandstand that probably seated 500 people was built in 1886 for \$1,485. In 1901 they added 180 feet to its length. This structure was renovated and repaired many times

and was extensively rebuilt in 1948. This facility was used until the fall of 1972 when it was destroyed by a tornado.

Boys were allowed to exhibit at the fair starting in 1867 and girls in 1885. There were no 4-H clubs until 1914 and no FFA chapters until 1928. However, there were boys and girls clubs dating back to 1867.

Bands were important entertainment in the early years. 1868 the Society paid the German Silver Band musicians \$50 for playing for events of the Green County Fair. In general entertainment was not provided, however, in 1874 Harry Leslie, "the Hero of Niagara Falls" entertained at the fair. He was the second man to walk a tightrope 1,100 feet across the falls 151 feet above the ground. His demonstration at the Green County Fair must have seemed like a cakewalk in comparison with his walk over the falls. The main entertainment in the early years was baseball games and bands from the area. The Albany, Warren, Monroe, Lena, New Glarus, and Brodhead bands participated in fair events for many years.

In 1871 the Society purchased 12 1/2 acres from Arabut Ludlow for \$1,000 and in 1888 they purchased 10 acres from Gilbert Hodges for \$3,000. Additional lots were purchased in 1917 and 1920 bringing the total acreage of the grounds up to approximately 30 acres, the same as today.

The 1909 Fair was one of most successful in the first 100 years of the Green County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute. Several firsts occurred at this fair - the first carnival and the first night fair. At a fair board meeting early in the summer of 1909 E. F. Carruthers of the United States Booking Association of Chicago presented to the board putting on a carnival as the main entertainment for the fair. This show, traveling in its own train of 12 cars, would be the largest

aggregation that had appeared in Monroe up to that time. Mr. Carruthers stated that they would have several free acts and would charge admission for such rides as the Ferris Wheel and the Merry-Go-Round. The other part of the carnival would include such acts at Wild West shows, theater presentations, and the human roulette wheel.

Horse racing tradition at the Green County Fair

Monroe horsemen had three of the best racing horses in the nation. This started out with George Bleier's great Chestnut stallion, Knight of Strathmore. In fact, Knight of Strathmore was so good that he had a hard time getting any competition for racing at the Green County Fair or any other fair in the area. He was so feared that the Green County Fair could not fill the race because he was entered. After considerable discussion and due deliberation it was voted to bar Knight of Strathmore from the race. However, they offered him \$100 for an exhibition race each day. This was providing that he break the state record for 3 year olds on a 1/2 mile track on Friday and the world's record on Saturday of the fair. He made a track record of 2:09 1/2 to beat the record of 2:11, but, was indisposed the next day and did not try to set a world record. Knight of Strathmore set the mile world record in Monroe in 1910 as a four year old of 2:05 1/2. He held this record throughout his lifetime.

F.B. Luchsinger owned two record-breaking horses that raced on the Green County Fair track. They were Calumet Delco and Peter M'Kinney.

Member information

There are currently 366 members.

This fair history originally appeared on the Green County Fair's website, greencountyfair.net/pageserver/history.

2022 Schedule of Events

Wednesday, July 20

Bucking Bulls

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7 p.m. - Green County Bulls & Barrels, Colony Brands Grandstand

Thursday, July 21

Badger State Tractor Pullers

6:30 p.m. - Badger State Tractor Pull, Colony Brands Grandstands

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Saturday, July 23

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1 p.m. - Lawn Mower Races, Colony Brands Grandstands

2 p.m. - Tim Glander: Magician and Balloon Sculptor, Hospitality Tent

7 p.m. - Ashley Barron & Dylan Gerard Concert, Colony Brands Grandstands, free with paid gate admission

Friday, July 22

6:30 p.m. - Green County Fair Local Truck & Tractor Pull, Colony Brands Grandstands

Sunday, July 24

5 p.m. - Demolition Derby, Colony Brands Grandstands

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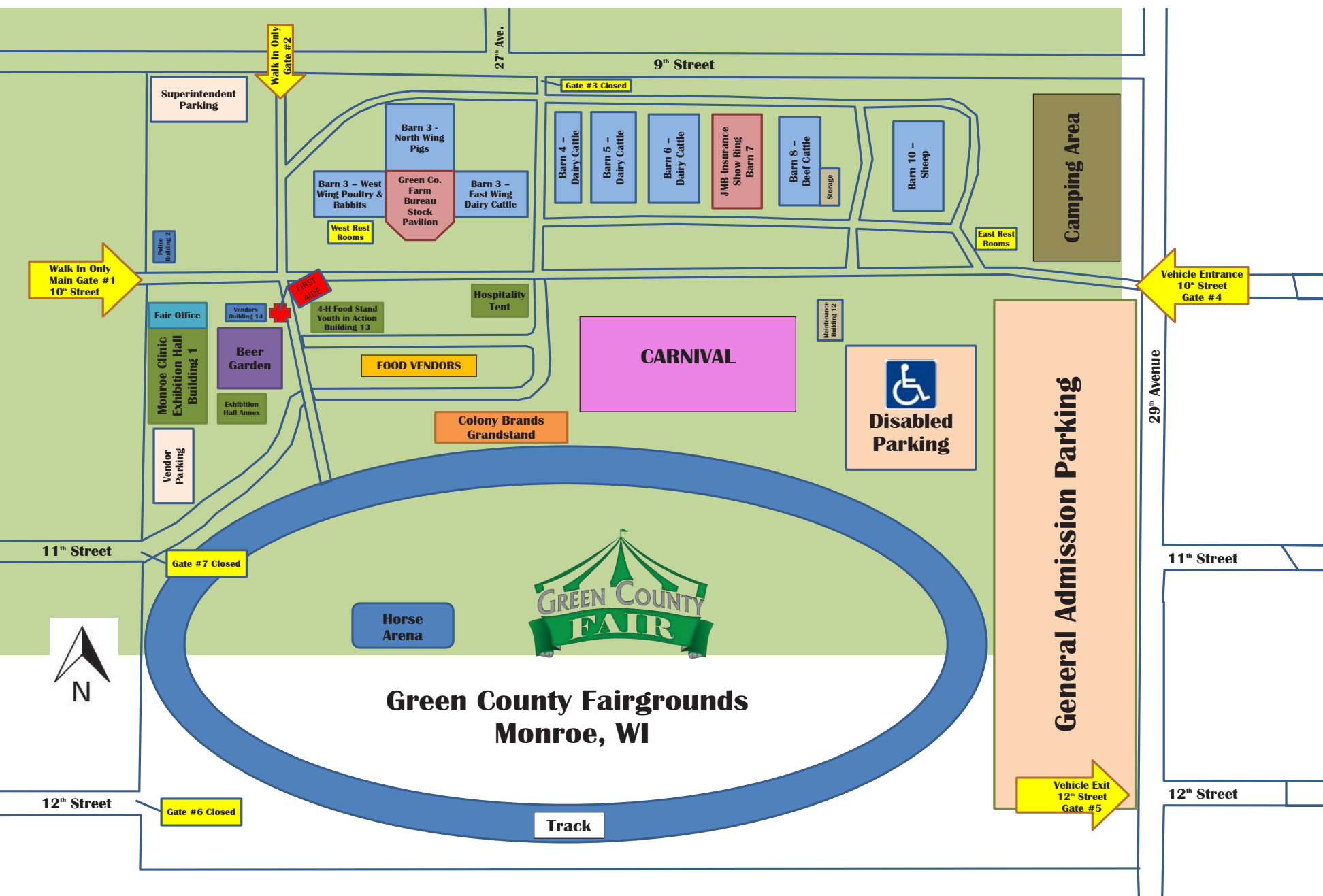


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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:01 p.m. The meeting Agenda was published in the Wednesday, June 1, 2022 edition of the Independent Register.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Elizabeth Kempel, Jodi Kail, and Don Buchanan [virtually]

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ACTION ITEM

Regular Meeting: May 11, 2022 Regular School Board Meeting Minutes were declared approved, as printed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team presented information reports on their respective buildings and departments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Paul Donovan commented on the Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan contract language with Nexus Solutions.

AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVAL OF WASB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ACTION ITEM

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the annual renewal of the Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) membership for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF 2022-23 WIAA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the High School and Middle School 2022-23 WIAA Membership Agreements, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN ACTION ITEM

Kevin Hickman from Nexus Solutions was present to present information on the proposed Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the Long-Term Capital Improvement Plan with Nexus Solutions, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A LONG-TERM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND [FUND 46] DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

Superintendent Novy presented information on establishing a Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund (Fund 46). Further discussion was had regarding the official depository for Fund 46 and the amount of an initial deposit to get the Fund started.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the resolution authorizing the Brodhead School District to establish a Long-Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund [Fund 46]. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the Bank of New Glarus - Brodhead as the official depository for the Long Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund (Fund 46) and make an initial deposit of \$10,000 to start the fund for the 2021-22 fiscal year. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021-22 BUDGET REVISIONS ACTION ITEM

Comptroller Cathy Pfeuti presented 2021-22 budget revisions and reasoning for such revisions.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the 2021-22 budget revisions, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2022-23 PRELIMINARY BUDGET ACTION ITEM

Comptroller Cathy Pfeuti presented the preliminary 2022-23 budget.

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the start of spending for the preliminary 2022-23 budget, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

1st READING OF NEW POLICY IMG [THERAPY DOGS IN SCHOOLS] DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

Superintendent Novy presented a draft Therapy Dogs in Schools policy.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the first reading of Policy IMG [Therapy Dogs In Schools], as revised. Motion carried, 7-0.

1st READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY BEDB DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM

Superintendent Novy presented proposed changes to the Agenda Preparation policy to consider the addition of a Consent Agenda item.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the first reading of changes to Policy BEDB [Agenda Preparation], as revised. Motion carried, 7-0.

ACCEPT DONATION(S) ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to accept the following donation(s):

- \$1,500.00 monetary donation to the Brodhead School District from the Brodhead Lion's Club to be used to offset the costs of student field trips
- Six [6] new Aldo Leopold Benches donated by the McManus Family to Brodhead School District for the M.J. Blackford School Arboretum
- \$1,000.00 monetary donation from the family of Nora McManus to the Brodhead School District to support the M.J. Blackford School Arboretum
- New Flotec Jet Pump and accessories [\$345.30 value] donated by Paul Roemer for the M.J. Blackford School Arboretum
- \$300.00 monetary donation from Rustic Road Training to the District's Fund 21 Activity Account
- Trombone donated by the Schoeller Family to the Brodhead Band Department
- \$600.00 monetary donation to the Elementary Art program from Christopher Searles and Jeanne Pinnow in memory of Mary Searles
- Monetary donation from the Brodhead Sports Boosters to help with the transportation to the WIAA Track Sectionals in Prairie du Chien
- King Trumpet donated by the Vold Family to the Brodhead Band Department

RESIGNATION(S) ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the resignation of Pam Colden, Elementary School Paraeducator, effective May 23, 2022. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the resignation of Jennifer Sanchez, Elementary School Third Grade Teacher, effective at the end of the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the resignation of Kathy Visger, High School Assistant Show Choir Director, effective immediately. Motion carried, 7-0.

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S) ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the status change of Joyce Burns from District-wide Health Aide to High School Special Education Paraeducator, beginning August 23, 2022.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the change in hours of Mariah Douglas as follows: from 4 hours/day as Middle School Special Education Paraeducator and 3 hours/day as District-wide Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant, to 3.5 hours/day for each position, beginning August 23, 2022. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Stacie Geiken as Elementary School Special Education Paraeducator, at the rate of \$14.50/hour, beginning August 23, 2022. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the status change of Stephanie Hurt from High School English Teacher to High School Instructional Coach, beginning August 16, 2022.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the status change of Mary Kiser from Elementary School LMC Aide to High School LMC Aide, beginning August 23, 2022. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hours increase of Penny Mahkuch, Elementary School Special Education Paraeducator, from 1,187 hours/year to 1,246 hours/year, beginning August 23, 2022. Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the hiring of Derek Richmond as a High School English Teacher, effective August 16, 2022, at a starting salary of \$72,000.00 (MA-30).

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VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S) ACTION ITEM

None at this time.

FUTURE AGENDA [July 13, 2022]

- Presentation from Kobussen Buses LTD.
- Authorization to Hire Staff
- Approval of Academic Standards
- 2nd Reading of New Policy IMG [Therapy Dogs In Schools]
- 2nd Reading of Changes to Policy BEDB [Agenda Preparation]
- Personal Day Discussion
- 1st Reading of Revisions to Policy JICA [Student Dress Code]
- 1st Reading of Revisions to Policy JICDA [Code of Conduct K-12]
- Review and Approve Potential Nexus Solutions Contract Revision Changes
- Accept Milk & Bread Bids for 2022-23
- Establish Student Breakfast/Lunch/Milk Prices for 2022-23
- Establish Student Fees for 2022-23
- Approval of High School & Middle School Co-Curricular Handbooks for 2022-23
- Approval of 2021-22 Budget Revisions
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) at 8:10 p.m., for the discussion of:

- Board Evaluation
- Superintendent Evaluation
- Staffing
- Consideration of Compensation of an Employee

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to return to open session at 9:03 p.m.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to modify the Athletic Director stipend to \$5,000 per season (3 athletic seasons per school year). Motion carried, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Date: 6-8-22 \$100 Bill List

Table with 2 columns: Vendor Name and Amount. Includes items like MONTGOMERY, RANDY, AIRGAS USA, LLC, MECA SPORTSWEAR, etc.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of Brodhead, on July 13, 2022, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2021 - 22 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

Table with 5 columns: LINE ITEM, ACCOUNT, PREVIOUS, AMENDED, CHANGE. Titled 'SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27)'. Shows budget line items and their changes.

A dog gone good time

Area woman-dog team wins big at Westminster

By Tracy Ouellette
STAFF WRITER

When Stevie Duffek, of Eagle, decided to show her dog at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show this year, she didn't have any expectations.

"I always wanted to go to Westminster, it's the Super Bowl of the dog world, who doesn't want to do that?" Duffek said. "Last year I showed Leelu more casually and I wanted to get a grand championship title."

"With Leelu turning three this year with how well she did last year, I just decided it was time."

Duffek said they didn't

go to their first dog show last year until April 1, but Leelu won best of breed in the Vizsla division.

"And within six weeks she was ranked No. 5 in the country last year and from there we showed on and off," she said. "Because she did so well, I figured with her age and how well she did last year we should try to go. I thought it would be a very competitive show so I didn't have any expectations. The best of the best are there, so I really had no expectations for us."

Leelu may have had other ideas however, because she brought home the Best of Opposite Sex in the Vizsla Sport-

ing Dog division at Westminster June 22.

"It was such a shock," Duffek said. "We were just very happy and honored to be there and then she won! It definitely made people turn their heads and take me more seriously as a trainer and breeder."

Duffek, 30, has been breeding and showing Vizslas since she was a kid. She grew up in Waterford and graduated from Waterford Union High School in 2010.

She graduated from Berklee College of Music and originally pursued a career in music, but it didn't suit her and she returned to the dogs she loves.

"Vizslas are kind of our family dog," she said. "I've been showing them since I was little. My father did a lot of hunting with is pointers, and I've been handling dogs since I was 7 and showing them probably just as long. I started in obedience and branched out to confirmation. I've been competing in the AKC (American Kennel Club) since I was 10 years old."

Duffek added that her father bred Vizslas back then, but has since handed over the

breeding program to her.

As for Leelu, Duffek bred her from her much-loved mother, Kozi, who she showed for years.

"Kozi was a very, very versatile dog," she said. "I said I wanted a smart, competitive dog and I should have been more careful what I wished for. She sure kept me on my toes!"

Duffek said Vizslas are "fun dogs, but not for everyone," citing their high-energy and intelligence.

According to the American Kennel Club website, "The Vizsla is a versatile, red-coated gundog built for long days in the field. For centuries these rugged but elegant athletes have been the pride of Hungarian sportsmen, and their popularity in America increases with each passing year. As a hunter expected to work closely with humans, Vizslas form a tight bond with their owners and hate to be left alone. They are eager and graceful trotters of great stamina, making them ideal jogging or biking companions."

"It's a great dog, but a Vizsla has to fit with your lifestyle," she added.



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Stevie Duffek, of Eagle, and her dog, Leelu, celebrate winning Best of Opposite Sex in the Vizsla Sporting Dog division at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show June 22.

Duffek named her dog training business, Kozi's K9, in honor of Kozi.

Duffek is an AKC Breeder of Merit in Vizslas and Brit-

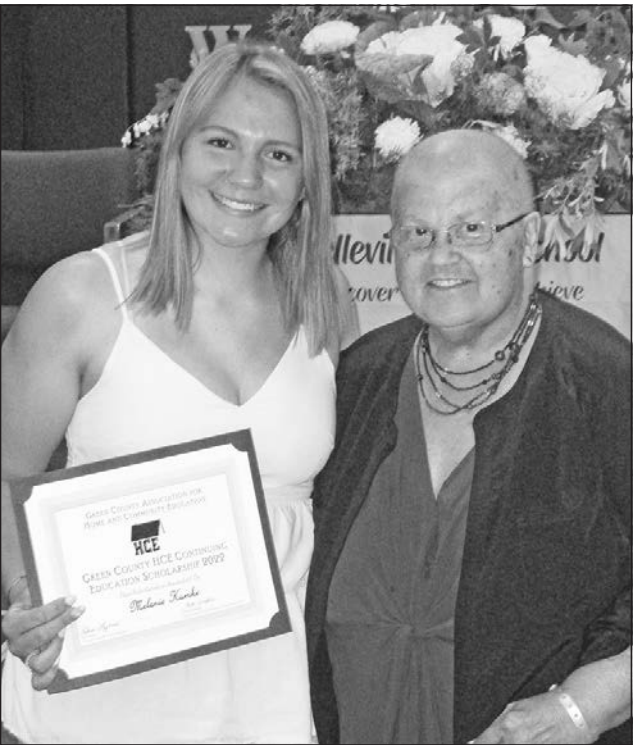
tans under the kennel name: Dzika Place Kennels. People can follow her breeding program on Facebook and Instagram.

•Winners (Continued from page 3)

private college or a Technical College either within the state of Wisconsin or outside of the state.

Scholarship winners are selected by the Green County HCE Scholarship Com-

mittee that is chaired by Beth Campbell. Those who have any questions regarding the HCE scholarship process may call Extension Green County at 608-328-9440.



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Beth Campbell (right) of Green County Home and Education presents a scholarship to Melanie Humke of Bellville High School.

Webinar to focus on crop insurance for diversified operations

Farmers and ranchers are invited to participate in a free webinar Tuesday, July 26, from noon to 1 p.m., to learn more about their federal crop insurance options.

"Crop Insurance for Diversified Operations" will be hosted by Center for Rural Affairs Policy Associate Kate Hansen and Megan Vaith, crop insurance agent and founder of Northbourne Organic Crop Insurance LLC.

"This presentation will provide an overview of multiple federal crop

insurance programs and what types of coverage may be available," Hansen said. "We will also discuss programs of specific interest to specialty and diversified operations, such as small grains coverage, Whole Farm Revenue Protection, Micro Farm, written agreements, Pasture, Rangeland, Forage coverage, and organic options."

In addition, a new set of educational resources will be shared during the webinar. Each resource includes information on a different small grain –

wheat, oats, barely, rye – and the types of crop insurance available.

"While diversified operations look different across the country, most federal crop insurance policies' structures are the same nationwide," Hansen said. "Interested producers from any state or region are welcome to attend."

Attendees are encouraged to come with questions. Visit cfra.org/events to register. For more information, contact Hansen, kateh@cfra.org or 515-215-1294.

•Field day (Continued from front page)

weeder, electric weed zappers, and organic-approved inputs, including biologicals.

"The organic market offers potential markets beyond the typical corn-soybean-wheat rotation," stated Erin Silva, UW Extension Specialist in Organic Agriculture and OGRAIN program leader.

"While organic commodity grain still offers a strong domestic market for farmers, demand for many other crops is expanding as well," Silva stated in a release on the field day. "Diversified rotations including these more unique crops not only offer market resilience, but production resilience as well."

Both organic and conventional grain farmers are invited to this field day. Organic producers will hear new tips and options, and conventional producers interested in exploring the transition to organic grain production will find value in the event, too, Silva stated.

"A strong demand for domestically-produced organic wheat, barley, oats, specialty grains, corn, beans and forage provides a wide variety of opportunities for the aspiring organic grower and those who are looking to diversify their operations," stated Silva, who conducts organic production research for UW. "Transitioning to organic, as well as improving organic farming

If you go...

WHAT: Field day
WHERE: Hughes Family Farm, Janesville
WHEN: Wednesday, July 27, 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
CONTACT: Erin Silva, emsilva@wisc.edu 608-890-1503
REGISTRATION: ograin.cals.wisc.edu

ment today," according to Lori Stern, Executive Director of Marbleseed.

MOSES, now Marbleseed, was first incorporated in 1995, after six years of growing what is now known as the largest organic farming conference in the United States.

In 2023, Marbleseed will be holding its 34th annual Organic Farming Conference in La Crosse.

Throughout the year, Marbleseed's free and low-cost farmer-led events, trainings, and resources are helping to grow the Midwest's organic and sustainable farming movement and support thriving farm businesses.

Delia Ends, who operated Scotch Hill Farm with husband Brodhead for 25 years, is president of Marbleseed's board of directors.

Marbleseed aims to help farmers transition to organic and sustainable farming systems that are ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially just. It does this through farmer-led events, educational resources, and community connection.

OGRAIN stands for Organic Grain Resource and Information Network (OGRAIN). It offers an educational framework for supporting organic grain production in the Upper Midwest. Whether you farm 10 acres or 10,000, are an ex-

perienced organic grower or just considering the transition to organic, OGRAIN provides learning to all scales of farming, from 10 acres to 10,000. It hosts opportunities to improve organic row crop and small grain operation.

From weed control to marketing, grain storage to termination of specific cover crops, OGRAIN unites a community of experienced growers, researchers, industry experts and others to support organic farming.

OGRAIN works with university researchers, extension experts, and community partners like Marbleseed to develop and share resources, build relationships, and connect with farmers and other organic grain stakeholders.

OGRAIN is led by Dr. Erin Silva, UW-Madison Associate Professor and Extension Specialist in Organic Agriculture.

UW-Madison partners include the Cereals Breeding and Quantitative Genetics and Seed to Kitchen Collaborative programs, as well as nonprofit stakeholders including the Artisan Grain Collaborative and Michael Fields Agricultural Institute.

Join the OGRAIN listserv by emailing ograin+subscribe@g-groups.wisc.edu. It features highly informative conversations with experienced growers. You can also find OGRAIN on Facebook.

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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held Monday, August 8, at 6:00 p.m., prior to the regular monthly town board meeting at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI for the following purpose: To consider an application by WE Energies agent for Northern Natural Gas, Box 1188, Houston, TX, Nathaniel Sheahan (representative for WE), 231 W Michigan St, P277, Milwaukee WI 53203, for a variance to install a 120 gallon above ground tank and a 6x6 building within the 150 ft. setback requirements at approximately 100 feet from the centerline of State Road 104. Variance Zoning Ordinance 7.1, 7.2, 7.3 for the Town of Spring Valley. The 7,500 square feet property is located at 3329 S State Rd. 104, Brodhead WI 53520 NW ¼ SW ¼ COM 1800.1' N&W 33' E of SW SEC RCO, E 100', N 75', W 100', S 75' to POB SE ¼ of Section 14, Parcel 6-18-154.1.

The Town of Spring Valley Planning & Zoning Committee considered the application at its June 27, 2022, 7 PM meeting and will advise the Board of their recommendations regarding this variance. Immediately following the public hearing the Spring Valley Town Board will consider the application at its regular meeting.

Dela Ends, Clerk
The Independent Register
7/20, 7/27/2022
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NOTICE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA
There will be a public test of the electronic voting equipment

on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Magnolia Town Hall, 14729 W. County Road A, Evansville, WI 53536. The DS 200 and Express Vote machines will be tested in preparation for the April 5, 2022 election. The public is welcome to attend. Graceann Toberman, Town Clerk / Treasurer
The Independent Register
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
GREEN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE NAME CHANGE OF
Annika Madeline
Sarah Bernstein
Notice and Order for
Name Change Hearing
Case No. 22CV97

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Annika Madeline Sarah Bernstein

To: Blue Nox Niko Bernstein
Birth Certificate: Annika Madeline Sarah Bernstein

IT IS ORDERED:
This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Green County, State of Wisconsin

Judge's Name: The Honorable Faun Phillipson
Place: 2841 - 6th St., Monroe WI 53566

Date: Aug. 16, 2022
Time: 10:00AM

DATE SIGNED: July 12, 2022
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Faun Marie Phillipson
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Job description available upon request and application forms are available on the District website at www.brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Send letter of interest, resume, and application to: Mr. Chad Dix, B&G Director, Brodhead School District, 2501 W. 5th Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520. Or email cdix@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Deadline for applications is July 22.

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DNR to co-host Waterfowl Hunters Expo

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and waterfowl conservation organizations will again co-host the Waterfowl Hunters Expo on Aug. 27, at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh.

The outdoor, family- and dog-friendly expo will allow hunters to engage with the latest experts and technologies ahead of the Wisconsin migratory bird seasons. Wisconsin is a great waterfowl hunting state, thanks partly to hunters' enthusiasm and dedication to the sport. The public is invited to join in a day of exhibits, competition, hands-on learning and all things waterfowl season in Wisconsin.

The Waterfowl Expo's one-of-a-kind experience will feature the 2022 Wisconsin Duck and Goose Calling Championships, a fastest-retriever contest, judging for the 2023 waterfowl stamp contest and a chance for hunters to showcase their rigs. In addition, the Expo will include hands-on exhibits and booths from industry experts, habitat managers and waterfowl scientists.

The expo is also the new home of the state Waterfowl, Turkey and Pheasant stamp competition, an event that helps hunters, conservationists and stamp collectors to support wildlife and habitat management, restoration and conservation around the state.

Find more event and ticket information on the Waterfowl Hunters Expo website. For more information about migratory birds in Wisconsin, visit the DNR Waterfowl Hunting webpage at dnr.wi.gov.



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The Waterfowl Hunters Expo will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27, at the Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh. The outdoor, family- and dog-friendly expo will allow hunters to engage with the latest experts and technologies ahead of the Wisconsin migratory bird seasons.

If you go...

- WHAT:** Waterfowl Hunters Expo
- WHERE:** Sunnyview Expo Center, 500 E. Highway Y, Oshkosh
- WHEN:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 27
- COST:** \$10 for adults and \$8 for active military/veterans and first responders. Children younger than 12 get in free.

DNR invites comments on trail's effect on turtles

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources proposes to issue a permit for the incidental taking of a rare turtle, which may result from the paving of the Peace Trail, which is a bike and pedestrian trail running from Janesville to Beloit.

Incidental take refers to the unintentional loss of individual endangered or threatened animals or plants that does not put the species' overall population at risk.

The Peace Trail is currently comprised of crushed limestone with a proposal to pave the trail. A recurring theme during public meetings was the idea of a Rock River route that would provide a link to Janesville from the Beloit/Stateline area. Additionally, the Rock River gained National Water Trail status in April 2013, and a designation of the Rock River Trail Scenic and Historic Route.

The trail will provide users of the existing on-road route a safer alternative and will improve the connection between Beloit, Afion and Janesville. This trail section is vital to the continued establishment of a completely off-road bike/pedestrian route between the two cities and will improve regional connectivity in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, according to the DNR.

The presence of the state endangered ornate box turtle is confirmed in the vicinity

of the project site. DNR staff determined that the proposed project may result in the incidental taking of some turtles.

The DNR concludes that the proposed project is not likely to appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival or recovery of the species within the state, the whole plant-animal community of which it is a part of or the habitat that is critical to its existence.

Conservation measures to minimize the adverse effect on the endangered species will be incorporated into the proposed Incidental Take Permit. Copies of the jeopardy assessment and background information on the ornate box turtle are available by visiting the DNR Incidental Take Public Notices webpage or upon request from DNR Conservation Biologist Rori Paloski at 608-516-3742 or rori.paloski@wi.gov.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments regarding project-related impacts to the ornate box turtle by July 27, 2022 to:

Department of Natural Resources
c/o Rori Paloski, DNR Conservation Biologist
101 S. Webster St. Madison, WI 53703
rori.paloski@wisconsin.gov or 608-516-3742

Spring surveys show mixed results for ruffed grouse, pheasant and waterfowl

The annual spring surveys of Wisconsin ruffed grouse and pheasant showed below-average counts, according to a recent news release from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. By contrast, the results of the spring waterfowl breeding survey indicate good numbers and excellent habitat conditions for migratory birds.

DNR wildlife biologists reported a 5% decrease statewide in ruffed grouse drumming activity from 2021.

"These results are not surprising. Ruffed grouse typically follow a 10-year population cycle," said Brian Dhuey, DNR wildlife surveys specialist. "While we don't have data for 2020 due to COVID-19 restrictions, we know that cycles usually peak in years ending in 9, 0 or 1. We're likely going to see that abundance begin to wane in the coming years as we enter the 'down phase' of the cycle."

Drumming is a practice performed by male ruffed grouse, typically during mating season. During the ritual, males first beat their wings slowly and then more rapidly to create a deep, thumping sound. The display usually lasts 5 to 10 seconds, during which the wings can beat about 50



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Wildlife survey reports for ruffed grouse, pheasants and migratory game birds are now available on the Department of Natural Resources website at dnr.wi.gov.

times. Surveyors listen to this sound to identify and count male ruffed grouse each spring during the mating season.

The department also reported a slight increase in pheasant observations compared to 2021 in its annual spring ring-necked pheasant survey. However, the count remained below the most recent five-year average.

DNR wildlife managers use a measurement known as an abundance index to assess the state's wild pheasant population each year. This assessment is a roadside count of crowing

males that accounts for the number of breeding males in the area and indicates the abundance of pheasants going into the breeding and nesting season. The abundance index was the highest in the northwestern part of the state, but all three areas had an increase in their abundance index in 2022.

The DNR's annual breeding waterfowl survey also took place this spring. The survey showed stable to increasing numbers for two of the state's primary breeding waterfowl: mallards and blue-winged teal. The third primary species, wood ducks, showed a slight decline. The survey team also reported above-average wetland conditions.

Survey results point to a promising season this fall for Wisconsin waterfowl hunters. Surveyors estimate the state's breeding duck population at 591,762 birds, a 6% increase over the 2021 estimate and 34% over the long-term average.

Canada goose numbers are up as well compared to 2021, consistent with the stable to increasing population seen over the past 10 to 15 years.

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