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Tuls Dairies' Emerald Sky CAFO settles 2019 spill with Department of Justice

Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) last Thursday, June 30, announced a court settlement with Emerald Sky Dairy, LLC, requiring the large dairy to pay \$65,000 to resolve violations in November 2019.

The agreement relates to a manure discharge into a creek near the Town of Emerald in St. Croix County, about 265 miles northwest of Brodhead.

Tuls Dairies, which also operates the concentrated animal feeding operation Pinnacle Dairy just west of Brodhead in the Town of Sylvester, purchased what is now Emerald Sky Dairy in March 2016.

In May 2017, Tuls Dairies settled a 2016 manure spill at Emerald Sky Dairy for \$80,000 with the DOJ.

In that spill, 275,000 gallons of liquid manure spilled from a cracked transfer pipe from one of the dairy facility's buildings.

Saint Croix County Circuit Court approved the second, more recent manure discharge settlement between the huge dairy and the DOJ on June 7, according to a DOJ press release.

"Polluting our water negatively impacts water quality and wildlife," stated Attorney General Josh Kaul in the release. "CAFOs must ensure that manure runoff doesn't unlawfully end up in Wisconsin waterways."



WISCONSIN DNR PHOTO Brodhead Independent Register

Dead forage minnows recovered from Hutton Creek downstream of the County Highway bridge in a 2019 DNR manure discharge report near Emerald Sky Dairy in St. Croix County.

In the 2019 manure spill, the DOJ alleged that Emerald Sky Dairy improperly land-applied manure on an agricultural field near the dairy's CAFO on Nov. 20, 2019.

DNR Agriculture Runoff Program staff who responded to report of the spill found that the liquid manure application resulted in ponding and movement of manure on the field.

The manure spill investigative report dated Dec. 23, 2019, states that DNR staff had conducted a manure handling audit with Emerald Sky Dairy on the

field east of the dairy the previous day.

In the subsequent court settlement, the DOJ alleged that a forecasted rainstorm occurred on the evening of Nov. 20, 2019, and that manure ran off the field, flowed about 250 yards down a ditch along a county highway, and then entered Hutton Creek.

The DNR conducted investigations, took water samples that showed abnormal levels of bacteria and nutrients in the creek, and discovered a related forage fish kill.

The DNR also worked with



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Manure laden water flows down a ditch along County Highway G in a photo of a manure discharge the state investigated.

Emerald Sky Dairy personnel to respond to the spill and contain and then clean up the runoff, according to the DNR.

The DNR subsequently compiled a 26-page report on the incident.

An anonymous complainant first reported the discharge to authorities on the evening of November 20, 2019.

Manure spill investigators didn't get the tip, however, conveyed through the Deforest State Patrol at 11 p.m. until the next morning. The manure discharge report was left on a DNR warden's answering machine, and the warden was off duty at the time.

The DOJ alleged that the discharge did not comply with a surface water quality standard for Hutton Creek and contributed to the kill of forage fish.

The agreement requires Emerald Sky Dairy to pay \$65,000 in forfeitures, surcharges, court costs, and attorney fees.

A stipulation for the settlement, however, maintains that nothing in the court document "shall be construed as an admission of Emerald Sky Dairy's liability or as a concession by the state regarding the veracity of its allegations."

A Tuls Dairies website entry for Emerald Sky states that the CAFO's herd size is 1,550 milk-

ing cows producing 120,000 pounds or 14,000 gallons of milk per day.

"Tuls Dairies has focused on ensuring that Emerald Sky meets the same standards of agricultural excellence as its other farms in Wisconsin and Nebraska," the website stated. DOJ Public Protection Unit Assistant Attorney General Emily M. Ertel represented the State of Wisconsin in the settlement.

The DOJ worked closely with Wisconsin DNR to obtain this result.

The public can report tips anonymously to the DNR Tip Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367).

Wisconsin SeniorCare Program to cover vaccines provided at pharmacies

New benefit will increase senior access to vaccines

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Gov. Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) announce Wisconsin's SeniorCare Program has received approval from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to cover certain vaccines that members receive in pharmacies.

Vaccines covered include those that protect against shingles, tetanus, meningitis, and Hepatitis A and B. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends these vaccines for adults aged 65 and older.

"Access to health care shouldn't just be for the healthy and the wealthy, and that's why we've worked hard to expand coverage for aging and older adults by fully funding SeniorCare, pushing for BadgerCare expansion, and proposing comprehensive legislation to reduce prescription drug prices," said Gov. Evers.

"Requiring SeniorCare to cover vaccines is another important step in ensuring older adults can get the care they need and stay healthy."

Members with other insurance that covers vaccines, such

as Medicare Part D, must first utilize their primary coverage and then SeniorCare will cover any copays or deductibles when vaccines are delivered in a pharmacy.

SeniorCare members with Medicare Part B coverage must use Medicare Part B coverage to get certain vaccines—those that protect against the flu, pneumonia, or COVID-19.

Members should check their plans and work with their providers to find where they can get vaccines under their coverage.

SeniorCare can only pay for vaccines provided and billed for at a pharmacy. To receive a SeniorCare-covered vaccine at a pharmacy, members should call ahead for information about what vaccines are available and how to schedule appointments. They should bring their SeniorCare card with them when they go. Members will be able to take advantage of this benefit later this month after they receive notice by mail.

"Vaccines offer critical protection from disease for people of any age," said DHS Secretary-designee Karen Timberlake.

"Being able to help Wisconsin's seniors get many of the vaccines they need at their local pharmacies continues the success we've had in working with our pharmacy partners to make vaccines more accessible in communities across Wisconsin. By expanding vaccine coverage for the SeniorCare Program, we hope to see an increase in vaccination rates for preventable diseases."

Created in 2002, SeniorCare is a prescription drug assistance program for Wisconsinites who are 65 years of age or older.

In April 2019, Gov. Evers announced that CMS had approved a 10-year extension of the waiver that allows the state to offer the program.

The governor first proposed requiring SeniorCare to cover vaccines in a package of COVID-19 relief legislation he announced in April 2020, and the Legislature later included the provision in 2019 Wisconsin Act 185.

Currently more than 100,000 seniors are enrolled in the program.

To learn more about the program or to apply, visit www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare/index.htm



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Obituaries

ROBERT JOHN ROSS

Robert John Ross, 97, of Brodhead, died on June 26, 2022.

He was born March 5, 1925, to Howard and Ruth (Johnson) Ross in Marquette, Mich. He wanted to join the military when he was 17, but he needed his parents' consent. His mother wouldn't sign, so when he turned 18 on March 5, he enlisted. The date of his induction was April 9, 1943. The date of service into active duty was April 16, 1943, and his date of separation from service was March 22, 1946. He was with the 89th Airborne Squadron. He was the Aerial Engineer for the B-25 Bomber. He served overseas in the China, Burma, India Theatre of operations for 23 months and 15 days.

He received The Good Conduct Medal, The American Theater Service Medal, and The Asiatic-Pacific The-



ater Service Medal, and was a WWII Veteran. Later in life he went back to school and got his GED. He said the luckiest day in his life was Aug. 13, 1949. He married Alma A. Kern in a candle light ceremony in Waukesha.

She passed away Sept. 28, 2014. They were married 65 years. They lived in Waukesha for 48 years. They moved to Brodhead in 1987, when he retired.

He was a mechanic at a garage in Milwaukee from 1946 to 1954. He was a salesman/driver for Hawthorne Melody Ice Cream from 1954 to 1974. After Hawthorne closed down he went to work as an electrician for International Harvester of Waukesha, working

there from 1974 to 1987.

He was a member of United Methodist Church of Brodhead. He also was a member of the VFW Post 6858 of Brodhead.

Along the way, he had a lot of hobbies. He was a Ham Radio Operator, K9GKE, certified Scuba Diver, and Radio Controlled Airplanes enthusiast.

His motorcycle, 4-wheeling, riding his bike on the Brodhead Bike Trail, and walking his dog, Betsy Ross, around North Towne were also favorite pastimes.

One of his biggest pleasures was getting his Pilot's License and flying all around Wisconsin with his wife. They would go to every Pancake Fly-In they could attend. They were very proud of their Cessna and would fly it to EAA Air Venture in Oshkosh.

They also owned property on Castle Rock Lake. They

enjoyed lake life.

He is survived by his children: Howard (Roz) Ross of Long Beach, California, Karen (Jeffrey) Williams of Brodhead and Patti (Donald) Labs of Islamorada, Florida; daughter-in-law, Amy (Douglas) Limburg of Bountiful, Utah; grandchildren: Sarah (Eric) Pearlman, Paul Ross, John (Sarah) Ross, Kyle (Fonda Sanyaolu) Hudnall, Ashley Williams, Danyelle (Tyler) Bollig, Mathieu (Lauren) Labs, and Kristen (Trevor) Santarius; great-grandchildren: Ethan and Scarlet Pearlman, Sawyer and Ashlynn Phillips, Paxley, Oaklynn, and Stetsyn Bollig.

He was preceded in death by his parents, in-laws: Benjamin and Alma Kern, sister: Helen Ross, son: William Ross, son-in-law: James Hudnall, brother-in-law: Ben (the late Dorothy) Kern, sister-in-law: Esther (the late Oscar

Staab, sister-in-law: Rosetta Johnson, and brother-in-law: Arnold Johnson.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Friday, July 1, at the United Methodist Church, Brodhead. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, with Military Honors. Visitation was held Thursday,

June 30, at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead. Family said in his memory, "Our Dad is now flying to Heaven to pick up Mom. She will be ready to go and have the map to where the next Pancake Fly-In is."

In lieu of flowers please donate to your favorite charity.

LAURIE ANN THRUN

Laurie Ann Thrun, 60, passed away while at home on July 3, 2022, after an extended illness.

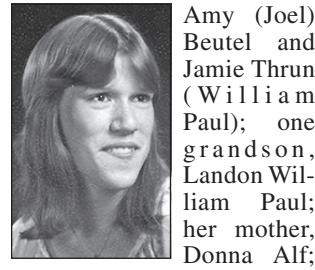
She was born on Aug. 24, 1961, in Beloit, the daughter of McKinley and Donna (Real) Alf.

She married Gordon Thrun on July 7, 1979, at the Brooklyn Lutheran Church. This Thursday they would have celebrated 43 years together.

Laurie worked for 18 years at Ogden Manufacturing in Albany and then another 19 years at Wolfe Appliance in Fitchburg.

She enjoyed gardening, cooking and playing with her three chihuahuas, Chico, Max and Milly. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her grandson, Landon.

She is survived by her husband, Gordon; 2 daughters,



Amy (Joel) Beutel and Jamie Thrun (William Paul); one grandson, Landon William Paul; her mother, Donna Alf;

a brother, James (Connie) Alf and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Alf; a nephew, Scott Alf; her father, McKinley Alf; a sister, Rhonda Alf and her beloved chihuahuas, Jack and Jill.

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

A Celebration of Life will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Friday, July 8, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

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2022 Rock County Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Wisconsin

Rock County Sheriff's Office announced continued collaboration with Special Olympics Wisconsin to host the Rock County Final Leg of the Law Enforcement Torch Run on Monday, July 18.

The event will start at 10 a.m. with a brief opening ceremony behind the Rock County Sheriff's Office, 200 East U.S. Highway 14, Janesville.

At approximately 10:15 a.m., participants will run from the Sheriff's Office eastbound on East U.S. Highway 14 to the parking lot of Jimmy John's, 2929 Milton Avenue, Janesville.

The route is approximately 2 miles. Afterwards, participants will enjoy subs courtesy of Jimmy John's.

Sheriff Knudson invites the public to attend this community event to show support for Special Olympics Wisconsin athletes and the public safety personnel participating in the run.

Community members can participate in the event as a runner, walker, or spectator.

There is no entry fee. Anyone who wants to run or walk in the event should plan to arrive between 9:30 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. for onsite registration at the Sheriff's Office.

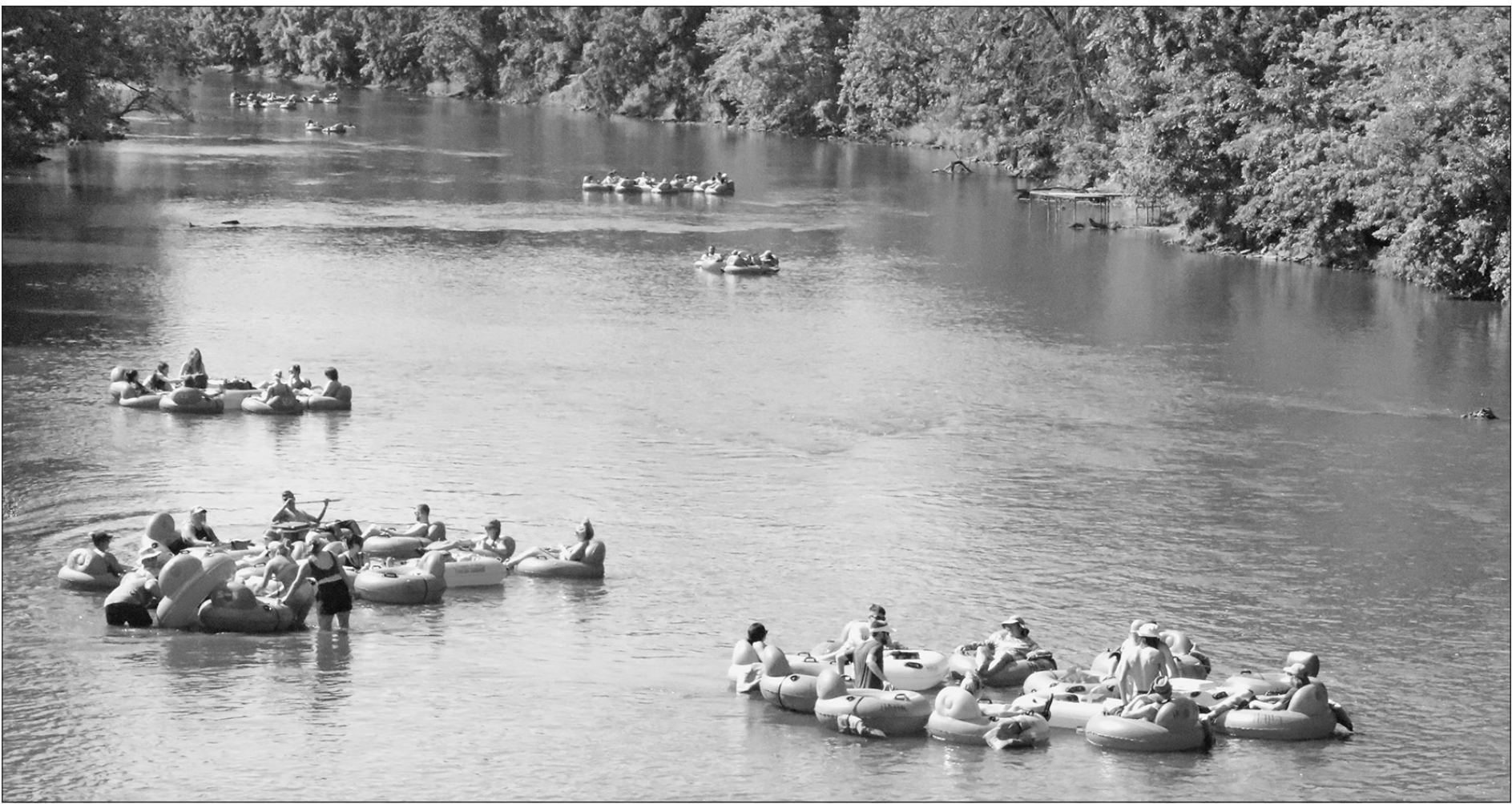
Additional information and advanced registration are available at www.classy.org/event/2022-rock-county-torch-run-for-specialolympics-wisconsin/e404915.

Online registrants can purchase an event t-shirt at a cost of \$15 for Youth Sizes Small - Large, \$20 for Adult Sizes S - 2XL, or \$25 for Adult Sizes 3XL - 4XL. Law Enforcement Torch Run events raise funds and support for Special Olympics Wisconsin, which provides year-round sports opportunities for more than 10,000 Wisconsin athletes, of any age and skill level, with intellectual disabilities.

During these events, law enforcement officers carry the Special Olympics Torch across Wisconsin in recognition of Special Olympics Wisconsin games and tournaments.

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Tubing the Sugar River

The summer heat over the July 4 weekend drew many tubers to the Sugar River.

BECKY MALKOW *Brodhead Independent Register*

Rock County Senior Fair set for new location Sept. 9

Rock County Senior Fair is planned for Friday, Sept. 9 at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, 1717 Center Ave., Janesville.

The center is in the former Pick 'N Save store building. Senior Fair hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with free admission and parking.

The theme of this year's event is "Open Your Mind, One Book at a Time."

Not only will seniors dis-

cover resources available for older adults to lead a healthy and active lifestyle, they will also find a dash of mystery, a few lyrical tales and a sprinkling of poetry throughout the event

Participants will be able to visit more than 60 informational booths to gather more resources, according to Rock County Aging and Disability Resource Center.

"Get your flu shot. Bring in old or outdated medication to

safely dispose them through the RX Roundup. Protect your private information and bring in papers or documents to safely dispose in the All Pro secure shredding bins," said Teena Monk-Gerber for the ADRC in a release on the fair.

"Contribute to ECHO by donating canned goods. Bring in old eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Club Recycle for Sight. Whatever activity you choose to do at the senior fair, we look forward to see-

ing you there," Monk-Gerber, ADRC's Family Caregiver Support Specialist, said in the release.

ADRC is seeking vendors/exhibitors for the senior fair. Anyone who provides services to or works with older adults in Rock County is welcome to register for a booth space at the senior fair.

Contact Monk-Gerber at 608-758-8455 or teena.monk.gerber@co.rock.wi.us for a registration packet.

College news

Tate graduates UW-Stout

Tate Hancock of Brodhead was among graduates from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie in May, with an M.S. degree in operations and supply management.

UW-Stout, Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, has 47 undergraduate majors and 24 graduate programs, including one doctoral degree.

UW-Stout, established in 1891, prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with an employment rate above 97% for recent graduates. The university was awarded the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2001.

Enrollment was 7,670 in the fall. The university graduated 876 undergraduate and 229 Graduate School students in May 2022.

UW-Stout is Wisconsin's Polytechnic University, with a focus on applied learning, collaboration with business and industry, and career outcomes.

ates was held Saturday, May 7, at Leach Theatre. Ceremonies for undergraduates and students earning master's degrees were held Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, at the Gale Bullman Building.

Missouri S&T awards bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, master of science and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees

Missouri S&T has traditionally recognized graduates earning a bachelor's degree with honors by placing the designation "summa cum laude," "magna cum laude" or "cum laude" on their diplomas. Magna cum laude is the designation for a GPA of 3.5 to 3.79, and cum laude indicates a GPA of 3.2-3.49.

Missouri University of Science and Technology (Missouri S&T) is a STEM-focused research university of 7,200 students. Part of the four-campus University of Missouri System and located in Rolla, Missouri,

Missouri S&T offers 101 degrees in 40 areas of study and is among the nation's top 10 universities for return on investment, according to Business Insider. S&T also is home to the Kummer Institute, made possible by a \$300 million gift from Fred and June Kummer. For more information about Missouri S&T, visit www.mst.edu.

high honors in the spring 2022 semester.

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Founded in 1866, UW-Platteville is located in Southwest Wisconsin and has branch campuses in Richland Center and Baraboo. UW-Platteville is ranked the best public institution in Wisconsin for value by Payscale. For more information on the university, visit www.uwplatt.edu.

Students from this area on the Dean's List include:

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- Liz McGuire, Agricultural Education
- Ali Rosheisen, Agricultural Education, Animal Science
- Bailey Watson, History

Davis, Ill.

- Emilee Davis, Fine Arts (BFA)

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- Trent Davis, Criminal Justice
- Jace Morris, Criminal Justice

ending May 2022.

Qualification for the Dean's List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

Local students on the Dean's List from this area include:

Albany

- Kassi Heins, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education
- Ryan Winder, Computer Science Major

Brodhead

- Catherine Speckman, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science - Pre-professional Track
- Morgan Tresemer, Biology Major
- Zoe Tresemer, Early Childhood through Middle Childhood Education Major

Davis, Ill.

- Kaylyn Field, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science - Pre-professional Track

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- Mariah Riese, Psychology Major

UW-La Crosse, founded in 1909, is one of the 13 four-year institutions in the University of Wisconsin System. UWL has more than 10,400 full and part-time students enrolled in 101 undergraduate, 28 graduate and two doctoral academic programs.

Davis, Ill. student graduates with Missouri S&T honors

Approximately 1,000 students received degrees from Missouri University of Science and Technology during four commencement ceremonies held on campus this past May.

Among graduates was Cade Meier of Davis, Ill., who graduated with a bachelor of science, mechanical engineering degree, cum laude.

A ceremony for Ph.D. gradu-

UW-Platteville announces spring 2022 Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned

UW-La Crosse announces spring 2022 Dean's List

Area students have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year,

Albany Comet News

- THURSDAY, JULY 7**
- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Oceans of Possibilities library program all day
 - CUP hearing and Village Planning Commission meeting, 6:30 to 7 p.m.
- FRIDAY, JULY 8**
- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
 - Oceans of Possibilities library program all day
- SATURDAY, JULY 9**
- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- SUNDAY, JULY 10**
- *Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.
- MONDAY, JULY 11**
- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Oceans of Possibilities library program all day
 - Miss Laura's Labs
 - *Comet SWAT Class Session 1, 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; Session 2, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
 - Village Board meeting, 6:30 to 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, JULY 12**
- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 - Oceans of Possibilities library program all day
 - Joint Library Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - *Comet SWAT Class Session 1, 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; Session 2, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
 - Town of Albany Regular Meeting, 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JULY 13**
- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
 - Oceans of Possibilities library program all day
 - *Comet SWAT Class Session 1, 6 a.m. to 7:15 a.m.; Session 2, 7:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.
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Among Wisconsin's jobless, Black applicants half as likely as whites to receive pandemic aid

Wisconsin's unemployment insurance system buckled for many during the pandemic

By Jacob Resneck
WISCONSIN WATCH

A federal audit has uncovered what researchers into Wisconsin's unemployment insurance system have long suspected: People of color are less likely to receive jobless compensation than their white counterparts.

The Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development previously told Wisconsin Watch that it lacked data to know whether its systems might favor some groups over others, such as producing different outcomes around racial lines.

But a June report by the Government Accountability Office – a nonpartisan watchdog that reports to Congress – found that Wisconsin was among the slowest to begin paying federal pandemic unemployment relief, and whites received compensation at twice the rate of Black claimants. Native American and Hispanic applicants were also less likely than white claimants to receive help.

The report examined how Wisconsin and four other states – Arizona, Louisiana, New York and North Dakota – implemented Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. Congress created the program in 2020 to aid self-employed and part-time workers who lost work but wouldn't otherwise qualify for regular compensation. It has paid out at least \$131 billion nationwide.

The Wisconsin data covered January 2020 through April 2021, when the state's unemployment insurance system buckled under a pandemic stress test, leaving many jobless residents to miss bill payments, rack up credit card debt, face eviction – and even homelessness.

The pandemic struck after Wisconsin's Republican-led Legislature spent years toughening rules for accessing unemployment benefits – in the name of reducing fraud – and leaders in both parties failed to upgrade antiquated computer systems that cannot answer phones and print compensation checks at the same time.

It took Wisconsin two months to begin distributing PUA following Congressional approval. DWD reported making its first payments on May 21, 2020, but paid fewer than 1,000 claimants by the

State (analyzed through):	Louisiana (Oct. 2020)	New York (Dec. 2020)	North Dakota (Apr. 2021)	Wisconsin (Apr. 2021)
White, non-Hispanic/Latino	66.9%	84.4%	39.0%	43.3%
Black, non-Hispanic/Latino	72.3%	83.5%	19.5% *	21.9% *
Asian, non-Hispanic/Latino	91.7% *	91.4%	61.7% *	41.8%
American Indian/Alaskan Native, non-Hispanic/Latino	73.7%	82.6%	39.6%	27.2% *
Hispanic/Latino	67.4%	85.5%	36.8%	24.8% *

Source: GAO analysis of aggregated Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) claimant data provided by states. | GAO-22-104438

This screenshot of Government Accountability Office report shows the racial disparities in federal pandemic aid to those without jobs.



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month's end, according to the GAO.

Only North Dakota (34.8%) granted a lower percentage of overall claims compared to Wisconsin (38.1%). The two states also saw the most severe racial disparities in payouts, the audit found.

In Wisconsin, 43.3% of white claimants received PUA payments, compared to 21.9% of Black claimants, 24.8% of Hispanic claimants, 27.2% of Native American claimants and 41.8% of Asian claimants.

The figures add to a lengthy list of racial disparities in Wisconsin, which has some of the country's starkest inequities in education, public health, housing, criminal justice and income.

People should receive unemployment benefits based on need and not "because of the color of their skin," U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh told Wisconsin Watch. "We have to be equal across the board."

He says the Labor Department welcomes the audit and is looking into its recommendations.

"One of the things that we're doing, quite honestly, is acknowledging and identifying the challenges that we see in the system," he added.

One of those recommendations is for President Joe Biden's administration to study what happened in the early months of the pandemic to help states avoid future snafus.

The Labor Department agreed with a GAO recommendation to advise Congress on future options to help unemployed freelancers and other contingent workers. It partially agreed with the audit's call to examine the reasons for racial disparities in pandemic aid, but expressed concern that doing so would distract from other efforts to improve equity.

DWD officials told auditors that they could not explain Wisconsin's racial inequities in disbursing federal pandemic relief.

"Officials stated that their IT system does not capture the reason for denial of claims, and that they would need to examine each PUA application manually," the report said.

But the GAO identified language barriers in Wisconsin and other states for claimants who don't speak English. The PUA online application was only available in English, forcing those needing translation help to phone call centers that were overwhelmed early in the pandemic.

Late last week, DWD announced a \$3 million "UI Navigator" partnership with United Migrant Opportunity Services to boost aid access to migrant and seasonal farmworkers workers, non-English speakers and other workers who face persistent poverty and inequality. The federal Labor Department is funding the partnership, along with similar new programs in six other states.

"The Department of Workforce Development strives to make Wisconsin a fair and just place for all people to live and work. This includes eliminating racial and ethnic disparities while advancing equity and economic opportunity through workforce development," Jennifer Sereno, a DWD spokesperson, said in a statement that



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Victor Forberger, supervising attorney for the University of Wisconsin's Unemployment Compensation Appeals Clinic, works from his home in Madison, Wis., on May 26, 2020. Wisconsin's complex claims filing process might explain some of the racial disparities that a Government Accountability Office report found in examining how the state distributed federal pandemic aid to the jobless.



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People should receive unemployment benefits based on need and not "because of the color of their skin," says U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh.

called PUA "a new federal program with entirely distinct eligibility criteria."

Sereno added: "Disparate access to information, technology, documentation, and challenges with validating applicant information can affect the implementation and outcomes of support programs."

Critics of Wisconsin's approach to unemployment insurance have warned of such barriers for years.

Madison attorney Victor Forberger has represented dozens jobless clients struggling to receive unemployment aid – even before the pandemic. He said Wisconsin's complex claims filing process might explain some inequities.

"The claim filing process in Wisconsin is incredibly difficult," he told Wisconsin Watch. "It's set up as a bunch of hoops and obstacles that people have to jump through."

DWD in late 2020 announced a plan to simplify application language, which Forberger says falls short. And it recently updated its online claimant portal that allows people to submit documents online instead of mailing or

faxing them.

The agency says it also aims to ease filing for people without internet access. DWD has also taken initial steps to update its 1970s-era IT system, but doing so is expected to take years and cost about \$90 million.

Forberger said the federal government requires state unemployment systems to avoid discriminating against people with disabilities, people of color and those who don't speak English.

"And the feds need to start enforcing those requirements, and they've not been enforcing those requirements nearly to the extent that they need to," he said.

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Village Police Committee meeting held

Chairman Nikki Tuffree called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. Monday, June 27 in Orfordville Village Hall. Present were Chairwoman Tuffree, Chuck Boyce, and Beth Schmidt. Also present were Dennis Burtness, Chief Jeremiah Burdick, and Clerk Sherri Waege.

Alcohol licenses

Chief Burdick said that he reviewed the background checks of all the applicants. He said there is one applicant, with an existing Operator License who does not meet the criteria in the Resolution. He said he has had two additional contacts with the applicant that were of concern but did not result in citations.

Motion by Boyce, seconded by Schmidt to recommend the Village Board approve the following Operator Licenses to expire June 30, 2023:

Lori Boers, Rhonda Bowers, Joseph Collins, Julia DeLong, Carter Diekhoff, Alexia Essen, Wayne Feggstad,

Lori Francis, Sandra Giddley, Yuliana Guzman, Abby Huffman, Angel Garcia Jimenez, Rupesh Karki, Laurie Knutson, Shari Knutson, Amanda Linard, Henry Maas, Courtney Mielke, Dawn Muenchow, Nathan Olsen, Kelli Phillips, Karl Sarbacher, Brigitte Schumacher, Kimberly Sepeda, Kelsey Shortridge, Darcy Smith, Dayle Stapleman, Morgan Turner, Jessica Wendelschafer, and Analyse Worachek.

Motion carried.

Interview committee

Discussion held on having a representative from the school on the committee. Chairwoman Tuffree explained that Guy Stricker is not available on Wednesday night. Schmidt will check with Mary Stelter to see if she is available Wednesday night. The rest of the Interview Committee will be the members of the Police Committee and Cami Myers-Alstat.

Interview questions

The interview questions were reviewed. Chief Burdick will remove question 11 from the list and add the question regarding handling Board Member complaints.

Day-to-day operations

Chairwoman Tuffree asked if there were any other applicants for the full time and part time positions.

Burdick stated that there were not; however, the deadline is July 8.

Boyce said that he can see three unlicensed cars from his backyard that have sat there a long time. Burdick stated that he would look into it.

Burdick reported the following:

- He is working on staffing with part time officers;
- He met with the school administration after the school shooting in Texas to review their emergency plans.
- He assisted the Fire Department with the house fire on North Mowe Street. He

assisted with getting the pets out and helping hook up the hoses for the Fire Department.

- He attended the Bell Ringing of Remembrance at Orfordville Lutheran Church.

- He assisted with the first Movie in the Park event which had a great turn out.

- He approved a Chicken Permit on South Richards Street.

- He got the Rock County Health Department to assist with the removal of a dead animal on W. Beloit Street.

- He and Officer Rufer worked at the Memorial Day Parade in Footville and Orfordville.

- He had a good presence at June Days, but said the department had a lot of calls outside of June Days to deal with. Burdick said he may reach out to Blackhawk Technical College to have students in the Police Officer program volunteer to assist with June Days so there is coverage when the officers on duty get called out.



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Parkview All Star

Jenna Olin represented Parkview and Kiarra Moe represented Brodhead High School at the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All Star District 4 South basketball game June 29 at Just a Game Field House in Wisconsin Dells. Practices from the previous Monday preceded the game. Olin raised close to \$800 for cancer research in her participation.

Village of Orfordville releases June 27 meeting minutes

Village of Orfordville last week released its meeting minutes for the regular board meeting held Monday, June 27 in the village hall.

Village President Dennis Burtness called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. Present with him were board members Chuck Boyce, Beth Schmidt, Nikki Tuffree, Terry Gerber, and Jason Knox. Also present were Howard Franklin, Kerry Knutson, Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Perkins, Police Chief Jeremiah Burdick, Department of Public Works Director Nick Todd, and Village Clerk Sherri Waege. Absent was Cami Myers-Alstat.

Public input

Howard Franklin of 507 S. Richards St., was present and asked if the electric service was still in place for downtown decorative street lights.

Waege said the conduit was put in place in the event that decorative street lights were ever put up. Knox explained that the former public works director told him that some of the conduit is missing. Franklin said he would like the board to keep it in mind in the event that money is available for the lights.

Todd said he has been in contact with Tapco to see what is available for pillar lighting downtown.

In new board business

A Village Planning Commission recommendation for a Conditional Use Permit renewal for Knutes Bar & Grill was heard.

Kerry Knutson told the board he is going to expand his parking lot as he is no longer going to have the volleyball courts.

Knutson said he would like to extend his outdoor patio in the back to be the size of 20x40 feet. The patio will be fenced in, and he will still keep the handicapped accessible ramp.

Burtness said cars will also have an additional exit, which will go off of Dickson Street.

Boyce asked if the barn was going to stay.

Knutson said the barn will still be there, and the parking lot will be paved to the barn.

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Boyce to accept the Planning Commission recommendation to revise the Conditional Use Permit to allow dining and outside consumption in the rear

outside dining area, in addition to the front outdoor patio, as described on the annual license. Motion carried.

A Police Committee Recommendation for Operator Licenses was heard.

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Boyce to accept the Police Committee Recommendation to approve the following Operator Licenses to expire June 30, 2023:

Lori Boers, Rhonda Bowers, Joseph Collins, Julia DeLong, Carter Diekhoff, Alexia Essen, Wayne Feggstad, Lori Francis, Sandra Giddley, Yuliana Guzman, Abby Huffman, Angel Garcia Jimenez, Rupesh Karki, Laurie Knutson, Shari Knutson, Amanda Linard, Henry Maas, Courtney Mielke, Dawn Muenchow, Nathan Olsen, Kelli Phillips, Karl Sarbacher, Brigitte Schumacher, Kimberly Sepeda, Kelsey Shortridge, Darcy Smith, Dayle Stapleman, Morgan Turner, Jessica Wendelschafer, and Analyse Worachek. Motion carried.

Alcohol Licenses

Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to approve the following licenses to expire June 30, 2023: "Class A" Fermented Beverage and Intoxicating Li-

quor License to Dolgen Corp LLC (Lori Boers Agent) of 507 N. Main Street, the Knute Inc. d.b.a. as the Liquor Barn of 204 E. Beloit Street and The Station LLC (Charlotte Fick Agent) of 616 W. Beloit Street; Class "B" Fermented Beverage and Class "C" Wine to Angel Garcia Jimenez for Taqueria Guzman located at 100 E. Spring Street, "Class B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Intoxicating Liquor to Fibs North LLC (Michelle Deal Agent) of 214 Viking Drive, Knute Inc. (Kerry Knutson agent) for Knutes Bar & Grill at 206 E. Beloit Street, and Stables Bar & Grill LLC (Lori Mueller agent) for Stables Bar & 717 Genesis Drive. Motion Carried.

Fire Department Staffing

Deputy Fire Chief Ryan Perkins was present on behalf of the Orfordville Fire Department.

Perkins said the department is struggling to get volunteers for the EMS. He said initially they were a volunteer Fire Department, with strictly volunteers; however, that is no longer working.

Perkins said there is a nationwide shortage of EMT and firefighters, which is especially affecting small town departments.

Perkins said the department has tried every avenue for staffing and is still struggling. He said the state mandated training requirements are part of the problem, as it is a large commitment for a volunteer. Perkins said the department has a core group of four people from Orfordville who volunteer; everyone else is from outside the area.

The department is having a hard time staffing the ambulance and is falling below the state standard when it comes to coverage.

Perkins said the situation is better than it was a couple months ago, but they still need help.

Discussion was held on hiring full time Paramedics for the Department.

Having full-time employees would require additional payroll expenses, which would require approval by a referendum.

Full-time employees would also mean faster response times.

Perkins said former Fire Chief Gene Wright was working on a referendum package prior to his retirement.

Burtness said the fire district is the largest in Rock County.

All five municipalities would have to agree to the increase for the full time staffing.

The Village is the only one of the five that would have to have approval via referendum.

Village Attorney Oellerich said the Fire Commission will have to approve a plan for the referendum, which must be approved 70 days before the election.

Oellerich will also look into other options that may be available, such as special assessments.

Discussion was also held on having a private ambulance service.

Perkins said other districts that have done that wish they would not have. He said Elkhorn went to a private service, which ended up costing more money than having their own department.

He said municipalities also do not have the control over a private service as they do with a fire district.

Schmidt said she spoke to Orfordville's State Representative, and he said that a lot of departments are going to full-time staffing as they are having the same problem.

Knox said he was at the Town of Porter's meeting and was told seven departments in the state have shut down since Jan. 1.

Knox said the City of Janesville is pushing for a county wide department, which would rely on GPS monitoring systems which would determine who would respond to what call.

Perkins said they have spoken with neighboring departments about combining; however, none of the departments has enough people to get it going.

Perkins added that now is the time for the Village to come together and promote our local Fire Department.

Tuffree suggested the fire department reach out to the school about promoting fire and EMS careers.

Burtness said Barney will be at the July 11 meeting to discuss the situation.

The board thanked Perkins for the information.

Resolution R-2022-02 Compliance Maintenance Annual Report

Todd said the annual Compliance Maintenance Annual

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News from Parkview in Orfordville: Viking Times

THURSDAY, JULY 7

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

- Orfordville Public Library Preschool Story Time, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Lunch with the Librarian at Purdy Park, 100 W. Church St., 11 a.m. to noon
- Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Vouchers distributed first-come-first-served basis, 608-757-5428, ADRC.
- Movies in the Park – 80's night! 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 9

- Orfordville Public Library, open 9 a.m. until noon
- Parkview Clay Schwackers Trapshooting Meet – Nationals, Marengo, Ohio (through July 16)

MONDAY, JULY 11

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 12

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Teens Tuesdays 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

- Orfordville Library in Purdy Park (for all ages), 100 Church St., 1 to 3 p.m.

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Man arrested for possession of child pornography

Law enforcement officers arrested an Orfordville man on charges of possessing child pornography early June 29. Rock County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau, Special Investigations Unit, Bureau of Identification, along with the Village of Orfordville Police Department were involved in the arrest. Officers first executed a search warrant in the 100-block of S. Center Street in the Village of Orfordville for evidence in violation of Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 948, Crimes Against Children. Subsequent investigation resulted in the arrest of 21-year-old Aaron J. Myhre of Orfordville. Myhre was arrested and held at the Rock County Jail on the charges of 8 counts of Possession of Child Pornography - 948.12. Myhre was held at the Rock County Jail until his initial court appearance on June 30.

Parkview fourth quarter honor roll

Highest Honors- 4.0

- Seniors**
Kassandra Clint, Olivia Cox, Khloe Crecelius, Tobias Engle, Noah Flood Elyafi, Brynn Menke
- Juniors**
Henry Krajeck, Paul McCarthy
- Sophomores**
Natalie Abey, Victoria Marian, Samuel Schwengels, Cassandra Spencer, Savanna Warthen, Jazmyn Wiedmer
- Freshmen**
Rafe Bjoin, Emily Femyer, Kathryn Klassy, Michael Sanders
- 8th Grade**
Alexis Crawford, Sheri Montgomery, Keegan Steinke
- 7th Grade**
Loralei Arnold

- zler, Caden Cleasby, Morgan Coyne, Ethan Diddens, Allison Dolphin, Autumn Hollibush, Rusty Klitzman, Elle McMahon, Gabriela Mendez, Gauge Pomplun, Kyra Suiter-Meyers, Paige Valley, Katelynn Weeks
- Sophomores**
Sydney Brown, Carter Cronin, Alec Dolphin, Kadin Doolley, Dillan Heisz, Elizabeth Huber, Allison Johnson, Josephine Meyers, Karson Redman, Jack Ross, Cheyenne Stefanczyk, Conner Winn
- Freshmen**
Jadelyn Clark, Teagan Clough, Ryan Douglas, Evan Fronk, Lilyanna Gallardo, Isabella Kovac, Americus Pomplun, Owen Slye, Slater Valley, Maysen Wellnitz

- renity Pautsch, Makenna Phillips, Karly Slye, Lacey Sorg, Michael Welch
- 6th Grade**
Keely Douglas, Harley Furlong, Braedyn Girard, Skyla Gray, Dellah Hall, Dawson Maylord, Hannah Treinen, Benjamin Uhe, Jemma Wilke
- Honorable Mention - 3.49-3.0**
Seniors
Evan Clark, Camron Duncan, Trevor Kjelland, Pedro Negrini La Salvia, Evan Noble, Catelyn Nolan, Dylan Sorg, Kyla Stacy Autumn Stratton, Jameson Terry, Zander Wilson
- Juniors**
Tyler Kersten, Chloe Mielke, Autumn Pautsch, Diesel Simplot, Kolton Smith, Autumn Stratton, Evan Suer, Ian Suer, Autumn Wolfe Mayer

- Anderson, Ashley Bloedow, Sydney Coyne, Willow Crecelius, Isaac Diddens, Dasia Dixon, Gianna Elrod, Lily Gestrich, Alyxander Jackson-Price, Lillian McMahon, Nathaniel Rapson, Mathias Treinen, Samuel Vogt
- 8th Grade**
Callum Babler, Ally Beeman, Hunter Brannin, Johnathon Castle, Jaryn Clough, Arianna Dean, Aryn Dolphin, Aiden Engle, Cullen Fox, Anthony Galfano, Jonathon Girard, Kylee Helmer, Alex Johnson, Grace Krajeck, Kyla Lloyd, Lacey Lloyd, Lacey Meldrum, Ayla Myhre, Aivee Paul, Ava Polheber, Wyatt Schumacher, Kelon Wendt, Emma Woodman
- 7th Grade**
Sawyer Carr, Julianna Elrod, Martin Gowen, Marleigh Kamppi, Vienna Millner, Owen Moffitt, Louis Nath, Peter Roth, Zackary Sosinsky, Gracin Speich, Harper Williams

Legal Notices

TOWN OF DECATUR NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND MEETING OF SUPERVISORS TO DECIDE UPON TOWN HIGHWAY RESOLUTION STATE OF WISCONSIN

Town of Decatur Green County
A resolution having been adopted by the supervisors of the Town of Decatur, Green County, Wisconsin, to lay out a Town highway, commonly known as Cozee Lane, and as is described as follows:
A parcel of land being a part of Lot 1 of Malcove Estates AND ALSO, being a part of Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4 of Certified Survey Map No. 1269, as recorded in Volume Four of Certified Survey Maps of Green County on Page 137, being Green County Certified Survey Map No. 1247 in the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 35, Town 2 North, Range 9 East, Township of Decatur, Green County, Wisconsin and described as follows: 27.5 feet in even width North of, and 38.5 feet in even width South of the following reference line; commencing at the East Quarter corner of said Section 35; thence S1°26'46"W along the East line of Section 35, 574.99 feet; thence N85°13'23"W, 286.36 feet, to the point of beginning; thence N89°07'50"W, 546.19 feet, to the North right-of-way line of County Highway GG.
Notice is hereby given that the supervisors of the Town will meet and hold a public hearing on July 18, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. of that day, at the Decatur Town Hall, Brodhead, Wisconsin. After closing the Public Hearing, the supervisors of the Town Board will decide upon the Resolution.
Dated this 3rd day of June, 2022.

Sandra K McManus
Sandra McManus, Town Clerk
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AGENDA BROADHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Finance Committee Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
HIGH SCHOOL LMC
2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
6:30 P.M.

AGENDA
I. REVIEW BILLS
II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE
III. ADJOURN
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AGENDA BROADHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
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III. ROLL CALL
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V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
VI. APPROVAL OF BILLS
VII. INFORMATION REPORTS

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
AGENDA
IX. PRESENTATION FROM KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD.
X. AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE STAFF
XI. APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS
XII. 1ST READING OF REVISIONS TO POLICY JICA [STUDENT DRESS CODE]
XIII. 1ST READING OF REVISIONS TO POLICY JICDA [CODE OF CONDUCT K-12]
XIV. 2ND READING OF NEW POLICY IMG [THERAPY DOGS IN SCHOOLS]
XV. 2ND READING OF CHANGES TO POLICY BEDB [AGENDA PREPARATION]
XVI. CONSIDER FUNDING BROADHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT'S CLC AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM with ESSER III Funds
XVII. PERSONAL DAY DISCUSSION
XVIII. REVIEW AND APPROVE POTENTIAL NEXUS SOLUTIONS CONTRACT REVISION CHANGES
XIX. ACCEPT MILK & BREAD BIDS FOR 2022-23
XX. ESTABLISH STUDENT BREAKFAST/LUNCH/MILK PRICES FOR 2022-23
XXI. ESTABLISH STUDENT FEES FOR 2022-23
XXII. APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR HANDBOOKS FOR 2022-23
XXIII. APPROVAL OF 2021-22 BUDGET REVISIONS
XXIV. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
XXV. RESIGNATION(S)
XXVI. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
XXVII. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
XXVIII. FUTURE AGENDA
XXIX. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85, (1), (c)
a. Consider Compensation of an Employee
b. Superintendent Evaluation
XXX. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
XXXI. ADJOURNMENT
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TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY Monthly Meeting
Monday July 11, 2022 at 6 PM
Orfordville Fire District Meeting Room
173 N. Wright St., Orfordville, WI
AGENDA
1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper public notice
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Reports
A. Supervisors
B. Chairman
7. Audience communication
8. Old business
A. Rock County Public Works
B. Road work
C. Building Inspector/State Inspections
9. New business
A. WE Energy variance
10. Future agenda items
11. Payment of bills
12. Adjournment
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Juniors

- Hailey Beeman, Dayne But-

Green GOP sets July 9 meeting in Monroe

The Republican Party of Green County will be holding a regular monthly breakfast meeting at the American Legion, 1627 12th Ave., Monroe at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 9. Interested Republicans are invited to attend, according to a county party press brief. Contact Bruce Kloepping at 608-897-8395 if you have any questions or need more information.

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Otte joins GCDC as Executive Director

Olivia Otte has joined Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) as its new Executive Director. In this role, Otte will serve as a resource and advocate for economic development in Green County and lead GCDC initiatives. Before joining GCDC, Otte served as an Economic Development Consultant for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development where she worked with towns and

non-profits to develop housing. She also managed state and federal grant programs. Otte graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Health Science. "Olivia is an outstanding choice to lead GCDC. Her expertise and skills will greatly benefit our organization, our partners and our communities here in Green County," said GCDC Board President Nikki Austin. "We're thrilled to

have her on board." Otte enjoys sporting and outdoor activities in her free time. She also enjoys reading, and spending time with family and friends. Contact Otte at olivia.gcdc@tds.net or call 608-328-9452. The GCDC office is located in the historic Green County Courthouse on the Square in downtown Monroe. The address is 1016 16th Ave., Monroe, WI 53566.

Green County Sheriff's report

Green County Sheriff's Department released their week's log of incidents. All individuals arrested or cited in this report, however, are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Deputies' activity reports included the following:

Saturday, July 2 OWI
At approximately 6:45 p.m., deputies responded to the North 4500 block of County Highway E in the Town of Decatur, for a report of a single-vehicle accident.

All occupants in the accident denied injury and reported wearing their seatbelts. There was no airbag deployment. The vehicle sustained functional damage. As a result of the investigation the driver, Raqqim M Bradley, 25, of Janesville, was arrested for operating while under the influence (1st offense). Bradley was released to a responsible party.

Friday, July 1 Traffic Crime
At 3:17 a.m., deputies stopped a vehicle in the West 2300 block of State Highway 11 in the Town of Spring Grove for speeding. Investigations resulted in the driver, Priest G.G. Williams, 48, of Janesville, being cited for Operating after Revocation and Failure to Install an Ignition Interlock Device.

Accident-Property Damage
At 2:30 p.m., deputies re-

sponded to the West 5200 block of Round Grove Road in the Town of Monroe for a report of a bucket truck striking a bridge. Investigations found the driver, Todd J Richard, 31, of Lancaster, was driving the vehicle when he misjudged the height of the bridge. As a result, the boom/bucket struck the bridge. Richard did not claim to have sustained injury and reported wearing his seatbelt. There was no airbag deployment. Richard's vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene. A Badger State Trail bridge sustained severe damage from the accident, resulting in bridge and road closures. The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Monroe Township, and Green County Highway Department assisted with the investigation.

Wednesday, June 29
Nothing newsworthy to report.

Tuesday, June 28 Warrant Arrest
At approximately 9:54 a.m., Scott W Bartosik, 64, of Monroe, was arrested for a Wisconsin Community Corrections warrant. Bartosik was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

Warrant Arrest
At approximately 4:08 p.m., Peter J Knutson, 43, of Monroe, was arrested for a probation warrant.

Knutson was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

Monday, June 27 Warrant Arrest
At approximately 2:11 p.m., deputies arrested Daniel Garcia Itehua, 29, of Monroe, who had an active warrant through the Iowa County Sheriff's Office. Garcia Itehua was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

Sunday, June 26 Possession of THC
At approximately 2:54 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the West 5200 block of State Highway 11 in the Town of Monroe. The investigation resulted in the operator, Randolph I. Berger, 42 of Beloit, being cited for Possession of THC - Less than 25 Grams and for speeding, 83 MPH in a 55 MPH zone. Randolph was released pending a future court appearance.

Saturday, June 25 Disorderly Conduct, Domestic Abuse
At approximately 2:45 a.m., deputies responded to W1000 block of Cottage Road in the Town of Decatur for a report of a verbal altercation between two parties. Investigation resulted in Dustin J. Garwell, 36 of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct falling under the Wisconsin Domestic Abuse laws. Dustin was booked at the Green County Jail and released to a responsible party with a future court date.

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Green County adopts ATV/UTV route ordinances in five townships

Ordinances 22-0601 to 22-0605 modify Green ATV/UTV routes

By Tony Ends
INTERIM EDITOR

In its regular meeting for June, Green County Board of Supervisors modified Title 8 of the Green County Code on unanimous voice votes relative to the county's All-Terrain Vehicle/Utility Terrain Vehicle routes.

Earlier, Green County Highway Committee had approved ATV/UTV routes in the towns of Washington, Jefferson, Cadiz, Decatur, and Adams.

They requested the full county board also approve the following routes as described in the now adopted ordinances:

- In the Town of Washington on County Highway J east

- to Washington Road, and on County Highway N from Tucker Road north to Hefty Road;
- In the Town of Jefferson on County Highway P from Five Corner Road – east to Freeport/Hummer Road and north to County Highway K; and on County Highway K from County Highway P east to the Jefferson and Spring Grove Town line (.75 miles east of County Highway S);
- In the Town of Cadiz on County Highway M from Schlappi Road and ending at West River Road, and on County Highway MM from the Tri-County Cheese Trail North and ending at County Highway M (Lafayette County border);
- In the Town of Deca-

tur on County Highway GG from Ten Eyck Road south and ending at County Highway GG (Town of Spring Grove border); and on County Highway E from Race Road heading north and ending at County Highway E (Town of Albany border); and on County Highway F from Brodhead City Limits heading west and ending at Park Road.

In phone interview this past weekend, District 19 County

Supervisor Paul Roemer of Brodhead said that he raised safety issues in questions before the board ahead of the vote.

Roemer acknowledged that ATVs can be very useful in a wide variety of agricultural and business settings, and he said that he has used them in controlled burns and in his employment in the past.

"We are required at work to use ear protection when we

are using them; they can be loud, 85 decibels," Roemer said, noting that some citizens have noise concerns about ATVs.

"I have a friend who was struck by a car years ago on the bridge by the Putnam Park pool where one of these routes begins, and now he walks with a limp," Roemer said.

"Cars are parked on both sides of the road there, obstructing the view, and I am

concerned about the amount of traffic there," he said. "We do have to consider other people's interest in using ATVs recreationally, too."

Roemer said that Green County Sheriff's Department and the highway department will monitor the newly approved routes on county roads and close them off if problems result.

He also spoke for more signage along the routes.

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Report (CMAR) is required by the Department of Natural Resources. He said the village did very well on the report this year and received an A grade based on operations, flow, expenses, and kilowatts.

There were no violations for 2022.

Motion by Gerber, seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution R-2022-02 for the Compliance Maintenance Annual Report. Motion carried.

teered and set up the annual June Days Celebration.

He said the new angle parking on North Center Street was nice for additional parking.

He said South Richards Street construction is coming along, and that there were a couple of water main breaks.

He said he really likes the look of the stamped concrete on the bump outs downtown. P

He thanked Todd and the Public Works Department for the great work that they are doing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Gerber thanked the Police Department for the work they did at June Days.

June meeting minutes were submitted to The Independent-Register from Sherri Waage, Village Clerk.

Vouchers

Motion by Knox, seconded by Tuffree to approve the vouchers with a check range of 34573-34585. Motion carried.

Village President Update

Burtness recognized with appreciation everyone who vol-



Blackthorn Folly will perform at MAC's Sounds of Summer concert series on Wednesday, July 20 at 6:30 p.m.

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Tonight, Wednesday, July 6, Monroe welcomes Neil McLinden's return to the MAC stage.

He is a New York City-based singer, actor, and multi-instrumentalist. Originally from Brookfield, Wis., he began playing piano and singing from an early age, and quickly developed an interest in many different musical styles.

In New York City, McLinden is a musical theater accompanist and performance

teacher at the Neighborhood Playhouse school of acting, and also produces and performs music with his friends and associates.

Vince's Hot Dog and More food truck will be at the concert on July 6 serving top shelf eats all evening.

Blackthorn Folly will perform on the South Terrace at MAC on July 20. Blackthorn Folly is a five-piece traditionally inspired band from the Milwaukee area, playing traditional Celtic tunes, pub songs, American standards, and even some pop music with high energy and a ground stomping tempo.

Blackthorn Folly was formed in 2012 and performs regularly in pubs in the Milwaukee area, as well as Irish cultural festivals, including the Milwaukee, New Dublin, and Oshkosh Irish fests.

Jose's Authentic Mexican Food Truck will be serving up Mexican eats that are as mouthwatering as they are authentic at MAC on the day of the concert.

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