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## Benefit planned for Bonnie Stuckey

Bonnie Stuckey has devoted her life to serving others and to blessing countless people through her teaching career and her musical giftedness.

In December this past year, following oral surgery, she continued to experience ongoing concerns with pain and swelling that eventually led to emergency surgery on Feb. 19 at the University of Wisconsin Hospital in Madison. It appeared that she had a serious infection in the jawbone.

As a breast cancer survivor for over 30 years, it did not occur to her or her physicians that cancer might be the source of this problem, but a biopsy during surgery revealed that there was cancer in her jaw.

Following that diagnosis, she went through a very extensive eight-hour surgery to remove her entire left jaw, all of her teeth and then to place a reconstructed jaw made partially from her own thigh muscle.

After a lengthy recovery, she had 30 radiation treatments at UW Hospital and six weeks of intense chemotherapy as part of an experimental trial. Through so much pain, exhaustion, and disruption of taste as well as difficulty swallowing, Bonnie has continued her positive focus, even returning to play the organ at her local St. Paul Church of Epleyanna whenever her doctors and her physical condition allow.

She continues to need rehydration therapy at SSM Health in Monroe until she is able to sustain enough intake to maintain correct electrolyte balance.

To assist Bonnie and her husband, Merle, with the many expenses not covered by insurance, a benefit has been planned for Saturday, Aug. 20 in Dakota, Ill, in her honor called "Bucks for 'B'". Various events will be running from 3 to 11 p.m. at both the Dakota High School, 400 Campus Drive, and Route 75 Bar and Grill, 320 E. Main Street.

Donations can also be made directly to an account that has been set up in her name at the State Bank of Davis, located at 100 IL Rt. 75.

### Schedule of events

#### At Dakota High School:

- Cow Pie Plop: Dakota FFA
- Bounce house and obstacle course
- Bonnie Bingo: Country Cousins 4-H Club
- Dunking Booth sponsored by Best Dam Bar
- Nails by Parlor on Main

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## Get a taste of entrepreneurship, community — Soil Sisters style

Meet Wisconsin's inspiring community of women farmers championing local food and family farms at this Soil Sisters weekend.

The award-winning, multi-faceted, on-farm weekend runs from Aug. 5 to 7. This year it involves more than 20 women-owned farms in and around Monroe, Brodhead, New Glarus and Blanchardville.

"Come meet your farmers and learn about local, seasonal food and how we can all transform what's on our plate," said Dela Ends, of Scotch Hill Farm near Brodhead and among founding members of Soil Sisters since the event started 10 years ago.

"From heirloom tomatoes to pickles, sheep to solar energy, farm-stay bed and breakfasts to beef, we soil sisters offer a unique diversity of farm experiences showcasing the summer's bounty and are excited to return after a 2-year COVID hiatus."

Soil Sisters is a project of the non-profit Renewing the Countryside, with additional support from Edible Madison, the Wisconsin Farmers Union and North Central SARE.

All 2022 events will be held outdoors with plenty of room for social distancing and are ticketed with limited space available.

Soil Sisters was featured on the latest episode of Around the Farm Table along with Midwest Living, Modern Farmer, Living the Country



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Farmer Katy Dickson of Christensen Farm in Browntown will be sharing her farm story during an all-day workshop on Fri. Aug. 5 during Soil Sisters.

Life, and FarmHer.

It was also a Top Rural Development Initiative Award winner. Soil Sisters offers a range of on-farm immersive workshops, from preserving the harvest to learning about fiber to touring a dairy farm.

It also offers opportunities to experience a little of what it would be like to run your own farm.

Dining events featuring items Soil Sisters members have raised include the Pizza on the Farm fundraiser held at Inn Serendipity Farm and Bed & Breakfast and a new cheese tasting finale for 2022 hosted by Anna Landmark and Anna Thomas Bates.

Bates and Landmark met at a Soil Sisters potluck. Together, they now run the award-winning cheese-making operation, Landmark

Creamery.

"Soil Sisters showcases the increasing role women farmers play in our rural areas, representing one of the fastest growing groups of new growers prioritizing small-scale, diversified, community-focused agriculture," stated Katy Dickson of Christensen Farm in Browntown.

Her farm will be the site of the Soil Sisters Share kick-off event on Aug. 5 with a day-long special session for aspiring women farmers called Soil Sisters Share.

"I have received so much advice and support from my women farmer community, I look forward to sharing my experiences at the Aug. 5 workshop. In the true spirit of Soil Sisters, participants get a chance to share their own stories and dreams, as well as

network with others to help deepen connections to our rural countryside."

The Soil Sisters weekend includes:

• Soil Sisters Share: A Buffet of Ideas, Inspiration and Resources for Women Farmers, a day long, hands-on program for aspiring women farmers with over a dozen organizational resources represented and resources for starting your own local women farmer network. Friday, Aug. 5; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; special pricing of \$25 with scholarships available.

• Green Acres Workshops: More than 20 on-farm, hands-on fun and educational workshops; Friday, Aug. 5 through Sunday, Aug. 7. There are both 2-hour introductory

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## Top Cheese Contest entries raise funds for good causes

Winning cheeses drew nearly \$76,000 for good causes in Green County Fair's annual cheese contest auction.

Green County Fair's Grand Champion, a 40-lb. Baby Swiss, sold for \$9,375 — an average \$234.38 per pound. Richard Buss, Jr. of Chalet Cheese Co-op of Monroe made that top cheese in this year's fair, and it carried the day in the benefit auction, too.

Foreign Type Cheesemaker's Association of Monroe announced results last week of the 2022 fair benefit auction. The auction is held on Sunday, the last day of the fair.

There were 31 bidders on 79 pieces of cheese that totaled 416 pounds from the fair competition, according to Gail Zeitler, the association's executive director.

Spring Grove Dairy entered the highest bid per pound of \$325 for 6 lbs. of Muenster made by Matt Henze of DeCATUR Dairy Inc. of Brodhead.

The 9 lb.-piece of Buholzer Brothers Dill Havarti entered by Luke Buholzer garnered the highest lot price of \$2,430

with the winning bid from Faith Engineering, Inc.

"Regez Supply Co. was our largest purchaser at this year's auction," Zeitler stated. "Thanks go to all bidders and purchasers who made this auction such a success."

"We also must thank Dave and Rena Koning, Paul Beach, Joe Mellem, and Cal Shaver for conducting an excellent auction. Alpine Slicing staff of Monroe provided their services in cutting and packaging all of the cheese for auction," she stated.

"Foreign Type is very proud of their cheesemakers and the excellent cheese they produce."

Cheese that was not sold at the auction (approximately 240 pounds) was donated to the Monroe and Green County Food Pantries for distribution in Green County communities.

The auction proceeds will support the United Way, the National Historic Cheesemaking Center, the Green County Fair, and other dairy- and cheese-related events over the next year.

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## Baileys celebrate 60th wedding anniversary

Clinton R. Bailey and Mary Jane (Kleist) Bailey were married in Wisconsin Rapids at the Community of Christ on Aug. 5, 1962. They are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with their children gathered in Wisconsin Dells.

# Obituaries

## HUBERT ALAN CREED

Hubert Alan Creed, 85, passed away on July 30, 2022, at the Riverwalk Assisted Living in Waterloo, Wis.

He was born on Sept. 7, 1936, in Coretta, West Virginia, the son of Shade and Selma Creed.

He married Rozella Kennedy on Feb. 3, 1962, at the Trux Airbase in Madison.

He served his country in the U.S Airforce. He worked for 26 years before his retirement at Hamlin Industries where he worked at Director of Quality Control.

He was a simple man who loved to study scripture and was a member of the Gospel Hall in Brodhead.

Alan is survived by his wife, Rozella; two children, Steve (Marlene) Creed and Jeff Creed; 4 grandchildren, Dee Dee Collette, Raymond (Amber) Schlesner, Nicole (Jeremy) Jones and Luke (Becky)



Creed; 11 great grandchildren, Adawna, Arturo, Alan, Tenevia, Raymond, Mason, Cole, Dillon, Jacob, Terrence and Devin; one sister, Peggy Knight; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter Debbie

Barnes, a grandson, Steven Collette and five siblings, Howard, Nancy, Judy, Debbie Sue and Dennis.

Funeral services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Monday, Aug. 8 at 11 a.m.

A visitation will also be held at the funeral home on Sunday, Aug. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m., and also Monday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Burial will conclude at the Greenwood Cemetery.

## THEODORE JOSEPH MERTENS

Dr. Theodore Joseph Mertens, DVM, 72, of Brodhead, passed away on July 21, 2022, in the Cloud Peak Wilderness in Buffalo, WY.

He was born Easter Sunday morning, April 9, 1950, to Clement T. and Ida Mae (Stockman) Mertens.

He was proud to have been raised on a dairy farm in California, Missouri.

He graduated from veterinary school at the University of Missouri in 1974. He married Barbara (Helland) Mertens July 9, 1977. He worked and was an owner at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center from 1974 until retiring in 2016.

He was active in the Brodhead Jaycees and Lions Club for many years. He enjoyed drinking coffee, and one of his prized possessions was a Mobil coffee mug that provided him with free refills for multiple decades.

When trail riding with family and friends he was renowned for his camp meals. He took great pride in owning Missouri Foxtrotter horses and mules. He had ridden his personal horse in 46 states.



He was preceded in death by his parents, Clement and Ida, and his brother-in-law Andy Gerke.

He is survived by his wife Barbara; son, Dr. Jason (Keri); grandsons, Quentin, Eli, and Oliver; brother, Dave (Carolyn); sisters, Bev (Dale) Riley and Karen Gerke and several nieces and nephews.

Please join us on Monday, Aug. 8 at St. Clare of Assisi Parish in Monroe.

There will be a funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. in the church and a celebration of life luncheon from noon to 3 p.m. in the St. Victor School gymnasium across the street.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Sully Fund, providing veterinary care for animals in need at Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center, or Johnson County Search and Rescue, 614 W. Fetterman, Buffalo, WY 82834, to support the many people who hiked in to help him.

DL Newcomer Funeral Home is assisting the family locally with arrangements.

# Green County Sheriff's report

Green County Sheriff's Department released deputies' reports of the following incidents they recorded over the past week. All individuals arrested or cited in this account are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

p.m., deputies arrested Sebastian D. Streiff, 19, of Brooklyn, for a probation violation. Streiff was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

## Wednesday, July 27 Motor Vehicle Accident Property Damage

At approximately 2:28 a.m., deputies responded to the West 9600 block of County Highway MM in the Town of Cadiz for a report of a single-vehicle rollover accident.

Investigations found the driver, Billy J Paige, 57, of South Wayne, had been eastbound on County Highway MM when a deer was observed in the roadway. Paige took evasive action and entered the North ditch where his vehicle overturned.

Paige reported no injuries to deputies. He reported that he had been wearing his seatbelt and that there had been no airbag deployment.

Paige's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

## Tuesday, July 26 Traffic Crime

At 7:01 a.m., deputies were notified of a vehicle driving through a field in the North 3600 block of County Highway F, in the Town of Decatur.

Deputies located the vehicle and identified the driver as Sergio R Ochoa, 49, of Janesville. Ochoa was cited for operate without a valid license (2nd offense within 3 years).

Ochoa was released with a court date.

## Saturday, July 31 OWI Arrest

At approximately 5:06 p.m., deputies and Brodhead EMS, responded to the West 1000 block of Decatur Road in the Town of Decatur, for a report of a car crash into a tree.

Deputies reported that an investigation determined the operator, Brynn M. Pinnow, 32 of Fitchburg, was traveling west when she lost control of her vehicle.

The vehicle exited the northern portion of the roadway and struck a tree.

Deputies say the driver reported she was wearing her seatbelt, not being injured. There was airbag deployment. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

Further investigation resulted in the driver being arrested and charged with Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of Alcohol – 1st Offense.

She was also cited for Prohibited Alcohol Concentration and Failure to Maintain Control of her vehicle. She was released to a responsible party pending a future court date.

## Friday, July 29 Probation Violation

At approximately 3:35

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# Green County Fair Master Showman competition results



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Green County Fair top livestock entries in competition are, bottom row from left: Nicholas Roe (dairy), Champion Master Showman; Marissa Vosberg (dairy), Reserve Master Showman; Jensen Christensen (goats), and Briley Swedlund (goats). Top row, from left, are: Carson Gafner (sheep), Alana Durtschi (sheep), Stevie Cobb (poultry), Colten Beckman (swine), Gabrielle Klahn (swine), McKenna Pfeuti (beef), Bryce Montgomery (beef), and Jordan Lerch (rabbits).

The 16th annual Green County Master Showman Competition was held at the 2022 Green County Fair on Saturday, July 23.

This event brings in the top senior (grades 10 and above) showmen in the dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry departments at the fair.

Two youth from dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goats are invited to participate, and one youth is invited from the rabbit and poultry divisions.

During the event, the 12 participants show all the animal species exhibited at the fair in a round-robin format.

Youth are judged by qualified showmanship judges and members of the agriculture industry from the surrounding communities.

After 6 rotations of the event are completed, the scores are tallied and the member with the highest score earns the title of Green County Fair Master Showman.

2022 Master Showman participants were: Gabrielle Klahn (Oregon FFA), Colten Beckman (Monroe FFA), Nicholas Roe (Monticello FFA), Marissa Vosberg (Young Americans), McKenna Pfeuti (Monticello FFA), Bryce Montgomery (Browntown Busy Beavers), Briley Swedlund (Juda FFA), Jensen Christensen (Monroe FFA), Alana Durtschi (Jolly Mixers), Carson Gafner (Monticello FFA),

Jordan Lerch (Juda Jolly Juniors), and Stevie Cobb (Black Hawk FFA).

The 2022 Green County Fair Master Showman was awarded to Marissa Vosberg (Young Americans). Jensen Christensen (Monroe FFA) was named Reserve Master Showman. Dan Ziegler, a past FFA Advisor from New Glarus, was Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Showmanship judges included: Swine, Ben Veum, Stoughton; Rabbits, Alyssa Bailey, Brodhead; Beef, Grace Link, Deerfield; Goats, Ben Amara, Stoughton; Sheep-Andrew Slack, Evansville; Dairy, Ben Kronberg, Milton; Poultry, Laura Jorgenson, Evansville.

The overall winner received a plaque and embroidered item of their choice and reserve received a medallion and a plaque.

The rest of the contestants received a medallion and all contestants got a t-shirt for being a qualifier in the event. Extension Green County coordinated the 2022 Green County Fair Master Showman Competition with sponsorship from Compeer Financial, State Bank of Cross Plains, Colony Brands, Inc, Klitzman Seed LLC, and the Green County Farm Bureau.

For more information about the Master Showman Competition, contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, 608-328-9440.

## Nominate individuals, businesses for annual award

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is accepting nominations for awards to honor those who have made an outstanding contribution to our business community.

Nominations are due Tuesday, Sept. 6.

These awards are:

- The Outstanding Business of the Year, which honors a business that has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to Green County's economic growth. This business will have made a significant improvement to strengthen its market position or have over-

come an obstacle affecting the company's ability to grow.

- The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, which honors an entrepreneur with a hunger for opportunity, a growth mindset, a willingness to learn, a willingness to find solutions to challenges and problems, and a strong work ethic.

- The Richard B. Schmied Leadership Award, which honors an individual who exemplifies the character of a true leader.

Any individual, group or business may nominate a business or leader, and businesses and individuals may nominate

themselves. Businesses and individuals from throughout Green County are eligible. To nominate a business or individual, visit greencountyedc.com and look for this information on nominations. It includes a link for a fillable form under the News tab. A link to a PDF version is also available to print, fill out and mail. A list of past winners is also included.

More information and assistance are available by emailing gcdc@tds.net or calling 608-328-9452.

The awards will be announced and presented during

GCDC's Annual Dinner, planned for October. Details on this event will be released in the near future.

GCDC, a multi-jurisdictional economic development corporation, was formed to bring professional economic development expertise to its member communities to create a competitive advantage to spur job creation and new investments. The organization is building the economic future of Green County communities and businesses through public-private partnerships. For more information, visit GCDC at www.greencountyedc.com.

## ECHO gets \$12,125 from CROP Hunger Walk benefit

Donations of \$12,125 that ECHO received from this year's Janesville Area CROP Hunger Walk will help the Janesville-based organization provide temporary housing, food and transportation to people in need, executive director Jessica Locher said.

ECHO depends on money from the walk to support its programs, she said. "Eighty-five percent of our annual

operating budget comes from donations from the community and events like the CROP Walk." About 100 walkers raised more than \$49,000 to help fight hunger around the globe and in our local communities during the Janesville Area CROP Hunger Walk on April 24, event coordinator Kathy Holcombe said. ECHO received 25 percent of donations from the

walk, with the rest used to fight hunger internationally through the efforts of Church World Service. "The generosity of so many people made the walk a success," Holcombe said. "I especially want to thank team captains for their hard work preparing for the walk, recruiting walkers and collecting donations." It's not too late to help. Online donations can

be made at www.crophungerwalk.org/janesvillewi. Regardless of its size, your gift will help people in your neighborhood and around the world. Mark your calendars for the 2023 walk, which is scheduled for Sunday, April 30. If you would like to join the planning committee and help prepare for next year's walk, please email janesvillecrophungerwalk@charter.net.

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**THURSDAY, AUG. 4**

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oceans of Possibilities program (all day)
- Village Plan Commission, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

**FRIDAY, AUG. 5**

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 to 6 p.m.
- Oceans of Possibilities program (all day)

**SATURDAY, AUG. 6**

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

**SUNDAY, AUG. 7**

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

**MONDAY, AUG. 8**

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 to 7 p.m.
- Oceans of Possibilities program (all day)
- Miss Laura's Labs, library
- Village Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, AUG. 9**

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Oceans of Possibilities program (all day)
- Village Building, Grounds, Cemetery and Recycling Meeting, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, AUG. 10**

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 to 7 p.m.
- Oceans of Possibilities program (all day)
- \*Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.
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# Orfordville Village Board turns down tower lease buy-out request

Orfordville village board members in their regular July 25 meeting turned down a bid to buy the Clark Street tower. Present at the July 25 meeting were Village President Dennis Burtness, Chuck Boyce, Beth Schmidt, Cami Myers-Alstat, Nikki Tuffree, Terry Gerber, and Jason Knox. Also present were Tayna Burtness, Fred Carr, Darla Grenawalt, Michael Moore, Jason Ostrander, Attorney Michael Oellerich, Engineer Nick Bubolz, Jeremiah Burdick Jr., David Cliffe, Preston McIntosh, Police Chief Jeremiah Burdick, Department of Public Works Director Nick Todd, and Village Clerk Sherri Waega. Burtness told the village board that he had reviewed the buyout offer from Townnorth for the tower located on Clark Street. Burtness said that the tower is up but not complete. He said the village receives \$1,000 a month rent for the tower. Burtness said the village has received a buyout offer to purchase the lease outright for \$165,000. Knox prepared a spreadsheet for the village showing the

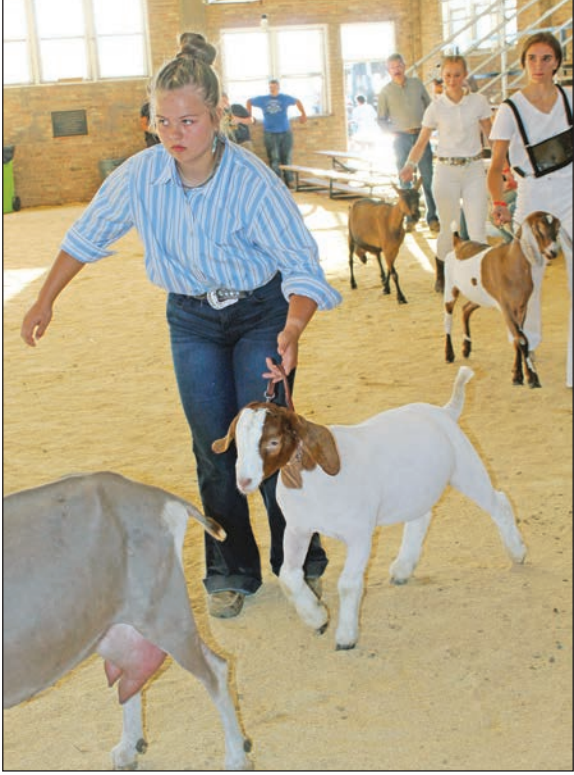
revenue for the rent forecast through the 50-year lease. Burtness said the lease renews every 5 years, with the annual rent increasing 7% upon renewal. He said it will take 13 years of rent payments to equal the \$165,000 offer. He also said that the lump sum is nice but he doesn't think it we will reap the benefits financially than if the village stays with the long-term lease. Tayna Burtness told the board that she believes the money up front is nice, but she said the village will be giving up the extra money that we could get later. She said that she thinks the village should think of the longevity of the financial benefits. Todd said that accepting the buyout will affect future budgets. He said the \$1,000 per month contributes significantly to the budget, especially if growth were to slow down. Oellerich said the initial lease is for 5 years, and that they can take the tower down after 5 years if they wish to do so. Burtness noted that Verizon needs the service in the Village. Motion by Knox, seconded by Myers-Alstat to deny the

lease buyout request from Townnorth. Motion carried. In other meeting minutes from the village board meeting: **Citizens wishing to be heard** Chuck Boyce told the village board that the Go Fund Me page for Don Cox is up to \$1,200, and the 50/50 Raffle resulted in \$790. Boyce said Cox was told that he couldn't have a mailbox in the downtown and asked if there is a village ordinance to that effect. Waega said she wasn't aware of the ordinance. **Archery training request** Jason Ostrander of Hononegah Archery addressed the board. He said he is an archery instructor and 4-H Leader. Ostrander said he is looking for a location in the village where he can offer classes to train people in archery. He said that it is a safe and supervised program and that he has training nets so that the arrows are confined. Ostrander said that the training bows pull at 10-20 pounds so they can be contained. He also said that he works with a veteran from the U.S. war with Iraq who was able to get at Action Track Wheelchair that is available to be used at no cost. Attorney Oellerich told the board that Village Ordinance 232 prohibits bow and arrow shooting in village parks. A discussion held on using the back parking lot. Oellerich said that Ordinance 240-4 allows Ostrander to submit a written application to the Chief and Village Board to be able to do his training in the village, as long as it is in not in a Village Park. Ostrander will submit an application to Burdick so that it can be discussed at the Aug. 8 Regular Board Meeting. No action was taken.

derground for the sewer utility. Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Boyce to approve Pay Request #2 for McCann's Underground for \$61,367.75. Motion carried. **Possible Fire Department Referendum discussed** Village President Burtness said that there were citizens present that attended the Fire Commission meeting on July 20. Burtness asked them to speak. Fred Carr, of 313 Willow St., said he was not at the Fire Commission meeting but wanted to let the board know that the coverage has been a little better. Carr said need is still there as existing volunteers are pulling more shifts to help until more people are hired. Darla Grenawalt, of 610 E. Church St. said, she did attend the Fire Commission meeting. However, she said the Village has to approve the Referendum in November to make sure that we will still have Orfordville Fire and EMS service. Grenawalt said she is glad that the coverage has gotten better; however, she doesn't want that message to hurt the referendum's chances. Grenawalt said she thinks the coverage is up due to an increase in the wages, She said she also believes the community has settled down which may have helped. Burtness said coverage is a little better as existing people are taking on more shifts. He said he is concerned that the existing people will get burned out doing the extra shifts. Tayna Burtness said the pace the volunteers are working is not sustainable. She said the existing volunteers are trying to fill in until more money is available to hire people. Oellerich asked if there was a specific proposal for the referendum. He said that the referendum has to be clear as to how much is needed and what the money is going to be used for. He said Fort Atkinson just approved a Public Safety Referendum for Police and Fire, and it was very specific and that providing more information in the referendum is better than not. Tuffree asked what would happen if the village stated it is hiring six full time people and ended up hiring fewer full time and more part time with the referendum money if approved.

Oellerich said sometimes plans don't come to fruition, but the use has to be for what was approved. Michael Moore from the Town of Avon told the board that he is the former chair from the Town of Avon and is very vested in the Fire Department. Moore said if the referendum is not approved, the village will lose its Fire and EMS Department. He said that if that were to happen, the state would come in and take over. He said the village would lose control of the local service and could spend more money for the services. Moore said that eventually the departments are going to have to combine with Brodhead and Footville. Oellerich said that the northern part of Rock County has started that process. Howard Franklin, of 507 S. Richards St., asked if the referendum request would be strictly for personnel. Burtness said that it would be strictly for personnel and that they would not be able to use it for anything else. Waega asked if the referendum was a recurring referendum. Oellerich said that it would be a recurring referendum. Waega asked what needed to be done when personnel costs increase over time. Oellerich said that they would have to come back for additional money in the event that it is needed. Moore said he believes costs may go down in time if departments combine. Franklin said he believes the referendum is the way to go for now and the regional combined department would need to follow. Boyce said the service levels should increase with a combined department and additional funding. Burtness said the Fire Commission meets again on Aug. 10. Defined numbers and questions should be decided at that meeting, so that the village can approve the required Resolution in August. Oellerich said it has to be approved by the second meeting in August to comply with state statutes for the November Elec-

tion. No action was taken. **Vouchers** Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Schmidt to approve the vouchers for \$171,820.98 with a check range from 34463-34691. Motion carried. **Village president's update** Village President Burtness said the following: The water and sewer are in on S. Richards Street with storm sewer work starting next. Burtness thanked the residents that live there for their patience during the project. The new signs for Haugen Park and Stavn Park are up and thanked the DPW for doing the work. Traffic has increased in the village due to the bridge project on Highway 11. President Burtness reminded the residents to be careful with the additional traffic. The planters by the Sassy Farm Chicks are being moved back a little. President Burtness reminded the residents that the project is not complete, the curbs will be painted, the crosswalk will be painted, and crossing lights are going in. The bump outs and planters will prevent vehicles from passing on the right downtown which has been an issue during school crossing times. Thanked the Bank of Brodhead and the Ding a Ling for the Music in the Park on July 21. Thanked Nikki Tuffree for the Movie in the Park work that she has done. Reviewed the Library month end report and added that the Library Staff is doing a great job. Encouraged the residents to follow the Library Facebook Page to see their events. Schmidt added that the Library offers story time on Fridays and also hosts the Senior Luncheons. **Closed Session** Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Schmidt to go into closed session at 8:08 p.m. pursuant to Wisconsin State Statutes



TONY ENDS *Brodhead Independent Register*

**Showing goats**  
Katie Zettle of Orfordville keeps her eye on the judge in the exhibition ring last Friday at the 2022 Rock County 4-H Fair in Janesville.

**Operator License**  
Motion by Gerber, seconded by Knox to approve the Police Committee recommendation to grant an Operator License to expire June 30, 2023 to Dynally Mould. Motion carried.

**Pay Request No. 2 for McCann's Underground**  
Engineer Nick Bubolz spoke to the board about that the final Pay Request for McCann's Un-

## • Soil Sisters

(Continued from front page) workshops and five-hour intensives, covering topics like sustainable living, organic gardening, and food preservation. • Pizza on the Farm family-friendly fundraising meal hosted by Inn Serendipity Farm and Bed & Breakfast, featuring made-to-order personal pizzas made in a wood-fired oven with local ingredients including fresh produce and award-winning Emmi Roth cheeses; Saturday, Aug. 6, 5 to 8 p.m. • Cheese Tasting Finale: How to Taste Cheese Like a

Pro at Landmark Creamery; Sunday, Aug. 7, 4 to 6 p.m. "The Soil Sisters weekend celebrates women farmers pioneering new approaches to family farm businesses while honoring Wisconsin's agricultural roots and encouraging new farms to launch," says Jan Joannides, Executive Director of Renewing the Countryside. "Soil Sisters weekend provides a unique opportunity to directly connect with women stewarding our land and revitalizing our rural economy."

## • Benefit

(Continued from front page) • Face painting by Watson and friends • Bags Tournament: sponsored by Dakota girls' softball (call Jeff Kinney to sign up 815-291-6890) • Silent auction from 3 to 7 p.m. (contact Marilyn Thoren to donate items 815-789-4707) • Brat/hot dog meal from 4 to 7 p.m. sponsored by St. Paul Church of Epleyanna • Live auction at 7:30 p.m. in the gym sponsored by St. Paul Church of Epleyanna (contact Sally Kuhlmeier to donate items for auction 815-

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# 2022 Green County Premier Exhibitor competition results

The 13th annual Green County Premier Exhibitor contest was held at the 2022 Green County Fair. This event is designed to recognize 4-H and FFA members who have shown exceptional involvement and knowledge in their respective project area, according to Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator in a Green County Extension release.

The Premier Exhibitor contest is open to any exhibitor in the areas of swine, dairy, beef, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry, and is divided into two age divisions.

The junior division is for exhibitors in grades 3-8, and the senior division is for exhibitors in grades 9 and up.

There is also a Platinum division for youth in the senior division who have previously won 1st place in their respective species.

Youth who participate in this division are tested on all species rather than just their own. During this event, contestants participated in showmanship, a skillathon, and took a 35 point knowledge quiz.

The skillathon consisted of four stations: breed identification, equipment identification, meat and cheese identification and feed identification.



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**Green County businesses drew smiles from this year's Premier Exhibitors with rewards for their knowledge, skill, and effort across 4-H and FFA livestock and other projects.**

## 2022 Premier Exhibitor Results

**Beef:**  
 Junior Division –  
 1st Place: Josh McCullough, Juda FFA  
 2nd Place: Paityn Fritchen, Browntown Busy Beavers  
 3rd Place: Benson Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers  
 Senior Division –

1st Place: Jack Follet, Juda FFA  
 2nd Place: Jackie Nusbaum, Juda FFA  
 3rd Place: Bryce Montgomery, Browntown Busy Beavers

**Dairy:**  
 Junior Division –  
 1st Place: Abby Withrow, Decatur 4-H

2nd Place: Allyson Judd, New Glarus FFA  
 3rd Place: Annelise Bethke, Cheese Country Clovers  
 Senior Division –  
 1st Place: Alex Roe, Monticello FFA  
 2nd Place: Trenten Hendrickson, New Glarus FFA  
 3rd Place: Isabelle Zimmerman, New Glarus FFA

3rd Place: Sawyer Phillips, Next Generation  
 Senior Division –  
 1st Place: Helaina Keehn, Next Generation  
 2nd Place: Mickaelynn Andrews, Washington Center  
 3rd Place: Emily Goers, Washington Center

**Poultry:**  
 Junior Division –  
 1st Place: Elizabeth Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers  
 2nd Place: Georgia Christen, Washington Center  
 3rd Place: Dalia Williams, Browntown Busy Beavers  
 Senior Division –  
 1st Place: Kiera Indergard, Washington Center

**Goats:**  
 Junior Division-  
 1st Place: Brooke Mueller, Clarence Bridge Pioneers  
 Senior Division-  
 1st Place: Levi Leitner, Cheese Country Clovers

**Rabbits:**  
 Junior Division –  
 1st Place: Thadeus Miller, Browntown Bus Beavers  
 2nd Place: Peter Goers, Washington Center

**Sheep:**  
 Junior Division –  
 1st Place: Jack Follet, Cheese Country Clovers

2nd Place: Olivia Christen, Washington Center  
 Senior Division-  
 1st Place: Daniel Dunphy, Albany FFA  
 2nd Place: Reaghan Schmelzer, Spring Grove Honest Workers

**Swine:**  
 Junior Division –  
 1st Place: Olivia Brooks, Spring Grove Honest Workers  
 2nd Place: Phoenix Homan, Juda Jolly Juniors  
 3rd Place: Owen Larson, Decatur 4-H  
 Senior Division –  
 1st Place: Katie Brooks, Juda FFA  
 2nd Place: Jerzie Lerch, Juda FFA  
 3rd Place: Breanna Brooks, Juda FFA

**Platinum Premier Exhibitor:**  
 Grand: Megan Leitner, Cheese Country Clovers  
 Reserve: Marissa Vosberg, Young Americans

The top participant in each species and division received a cooler bag, \$20 in Monroe Money, and a bag of candy donated by Colony Brands Inc. The 2nd and 3rd place participants in each division received \$30 and \$20 Nasco show supply or Farm and Fleet gift cards, respectively. The Grand Platinum Premier Exhibitor earns an embroidered gym bag, with the Reserve earning a \$25 Culvers gift card.

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## Board (Continued from page 4)

19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction-specifically to hire part time officers, increase the wage for part time officers, and to approve a contract for Burdick.

Roll Call Vote-Boyce, Schmidt, Myers-Alstat, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness-all YES.  
 Motion carried.

**Reconvene**  
 Motion by Knox, seconded by Gerber to reconvene into Open Session at 10:05 p.m. Roll Call Vote-Boyce, Schmidt, Myers-Alstat, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness-all YES.  
 Motion carried.

Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Schmidt to approve the contract for Burdick as revised and approved by Burdick. Roll Call Vote-Boyce, Schmidt, Myers-Alstat, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness-all YES.  
 Motion carried.

Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Boyce to increase the hourly

wage for part-time police officers to \$25 per hour.

Roll Call Vote-Boyce, Schmidt, Myers-Alstat, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness-all YES.  
 Motion carried.

Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to promote Officer Mike Rufer to Senior Part Time Officer for \$26 per hour with an updated job description that includes being the:

- Court Officer,
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- Supervision of part-time officers,
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- Responsible for the WIBERS data entry,
- Coordinator of Badger tracs and Spillman Software,
- To be the Field Training Assistant, and to assist with regular duties.

Roll Call Vote-Boyce, Schmidt, Myers-Alstat, Tuffree,

Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness-all YES.

Motion carried.  
 Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Boyce to offer a Conditional Offer of Employment for a Part Time Police Officer to Jeremiah Burdick Jr.

Roll Call Vote-Boyce, Schmidt, Myers-Alstat, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness-all YES.

Motion carried.  
 Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Gerber to offer a Conditional Offer of Employment for Part Time Police Officer to Preston McIntosh.

Roll Call Vote-Boyce, Schmidt, Myers-Alstat, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness-all YES.

Motion carried.  
 Motion by Tuffree, seconded by Boyce to offer a Conditional Offer of Employment for Part Time Police Officer to David Cliffe. Roll Call Vote-Boyce, Schmidt, Myers-Alstat, Tuffree, Gerber, Knox, and President Burtness-all YES.

Motion carried.  
 Meeting adjourned.

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Green County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute, also known as the Green County Fair, has received a \$4,000 Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America grant was awarded the grant.

The grant has upgraded lights to LED light fixtures in the fairground's Exhibition Hall.

Compeer's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, is supporting county fairs with grants to improve facilities and experiences offered to rural communities across the Upper Midwest. 64 fairs received County Fair Facility Upgrade Grants this year, totaling \$244,500.

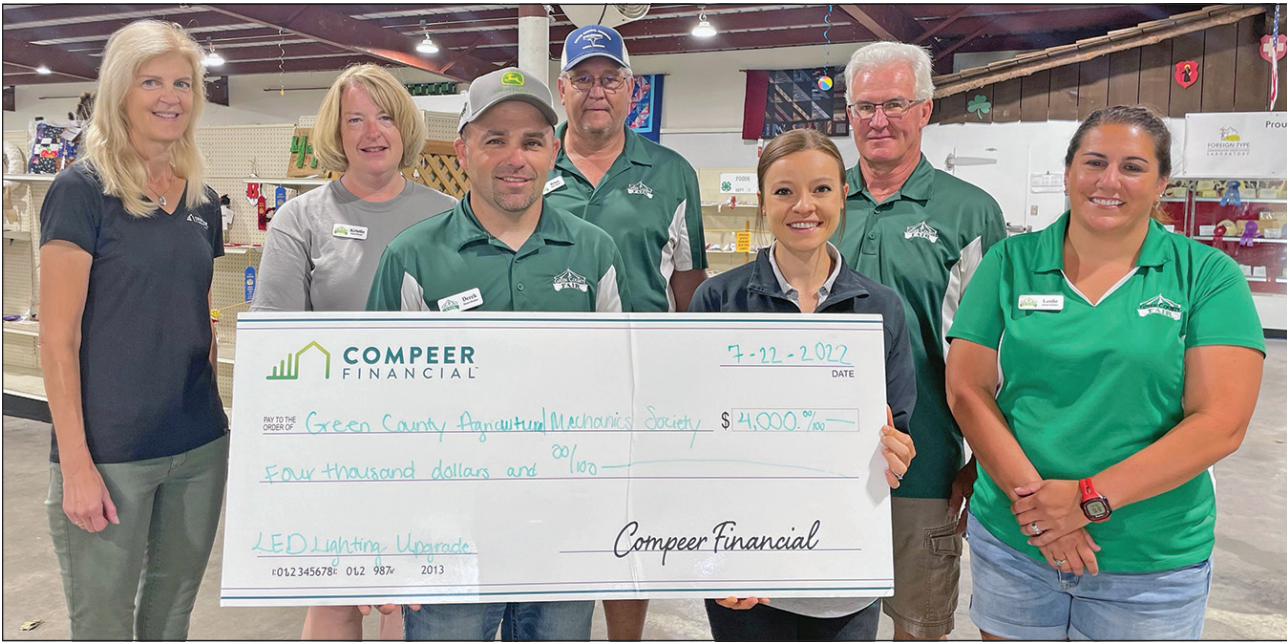
In a release on the award, Stephanie Huber, Green County Fair Sponsorship Chair, stated "the LED lighting upgrade makes a big difference. Individuals have already noticed the change and provided positive feedback."

In addition to hosting a variety of exhibitors' project entries during the week of the Green County Fair, the exhibit hall is available for rent to host other community and private events throughout the year.

Since Compeer established the program in 2018, Fund for Rural America has awarded 304 County Fair Facility Upgrade Grants, with an impact of \$944,742. The fairs estimate 8.7 million fair organizers, participants and attendees take part in their fair events.

The Fund intends to offer this grant again in March 2023.

The 64 organizations in Compeer Financial's territory receiving support from the



Under the new LED lights in the Exhibition Hall in Monroe from left are Compeer Financial Loan Officer Anne Schultz, Green County Fair Board Members Kristin Bansley, Derek Gilbertson and Brian Beck, Compeer Financial Loan Officer Erin Mullett and Green County Fair Board Members Steve Mayer and Leslie Brugger.

County Fair Facility Upgrade Grant Program include:

### Illinois

Jo Daviess County Agricultural Society: repurposing one of the livestock buildings to a show ring, including new barn lime, replacing boards and electrical

Kane County Fair: replacing siding on the rabbit and poultry barns

Kankakee County Fair & Exposition, Inc.: purchasing lumber, cages and wire to construct new pens for the poultry barns and repairing or replacing pens in the rabbit barn

Kendall County Fair Association Inc.: electric service upgrades to the 4-H livestock pavilion

Ogle County Fair Association: replacing electrical outlets, repairing conduct and replacing breakers in barns, replacing wooden electrical panel mounts with metal mounts, and installing underground conduct for new transformer

Rock Island County Agricultural Fair Association: installing concrete flooring in the calf birthing barn

Western Illinois Fair Association: updating lighting and electric with a new service panel, and replacing water lines in livestock barns

Whiteside County Central Agricultural Society: repairing structural posts and exterior boards in beef and dairy barns

Winnebago County Fair

Association: replacing roof support posts, repainting, and replacing pen gates in the sheep barn

### Wisconsin

Adams County Agricultural Society: building and installing swine waterers for the swine exhibitors and building carts to store the poultry and rabbit cages

Ashland County Fair: building a pavilion to host the market sale and show the animals

Barron County Fair Rabbit Program: purchasing new rabbit cages and setup supplies

Barron County Pro Rodeo Inc: building a new announcer stand/booth with lighting, sound and wi-fvi

Buffalo County Agricultural Fair: new doors and headers in the beef barn, and replacing the wash racks

Calumet County Agricultural Association: fixing the roof and replacing windows in the dairy barn HG buildings

Crawford County Fair: adding and upgrading electrical receptacles in the animal barns

Dunn County Fair: pouring concrete in the sheep and llama barn and installing fans in the dairy and beef barn

Eau Claire County Friends of the Fair: improvements and signage in the milk house

Elroy Fair: adding outlets, upgrading power boxes, and increasing breaker size in the hog and sheep buildings, adding more power supply in the beef barn, installing outlets and upgrading breaker boxes

in the exhibit building, and replacing all the public address wire in the older buildings and public address horns

Green County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute: completing lighting upgrade project to LED lighting in the exhibition hall building

Green Lake County Fair: replacing the milk house roof, purchasing free-standing goat pens, updating the cow - heifer headboards and ties, replacing water lines inside the dairy barn, and replacing the vacuum pump for milking

Iron County Fair Association: purchasing industrial grade LED light fixtures and electrical wiring supplies to improve lighting inside the livestock barn, small animal barn, and livestock show arena

Jackson County Ag Society: purchasing a new stage

La Crosse County Ag Society - La Crosse Interstate Fair: purchasing ceiling fans and hanging brackets for sheep and swine show ring

Lafayette County Fair: construction of a manure push-off area in the swine, goat and sheep barn and reconstruction of the stall areas in the dairy and beef barn

Pierce County Livestock Committee: construction of a new sheep wash rack, expanding the swine wash rack, and adding a holding tank

Polk County Fair Society Inc.: cement floor in the small animal, poultry and rabbit barn

Richland County Fair: electrical upgrades and addition-

al outlets in the Connection Building and upgrading lights in the grandstand area

Rusk County Livestock Committee: adding clay and leveling the dirt floors in the animal barns and adding fill on the outside of the barns

Trempealeau County Agricultural Society, Inc.: upgrading the electrical service in the Farm Progress Arena

Washburn County Jr Fair Assn: repairing beam in the connecting link between the dairy and beef barn and the sheep and swine barn

Winnebago County Fair Association: replacing barn water lines, leveling ground with additional gravel screenings, adding electrical, and replacing pins in sheep pen gates

For more information about the Country Fair Facility Upgrade Program, visit [compeer.com/giving-back](http://compeer.com/giving-back).

### Fund for Rural America

The Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America is the corporate giving program of Compeer Financial, structured to support Compeer Financial's mission to enrich agriculture and rural America. Compeer Financial's Board of Directors has dedicated one percent of annual net earnings to support the Fund's focus areas of agricultural advocacy and development, agriculture education, cooperative initiatives, rural development and community enrichment; and youth engagement.

A Board of Trustees, of members from Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin and members of the Compeer Financial Board of Directors, manages the fund.

More information about opportunities available through the Fund can be found at [Compeer.com/giving-back](http://Compeer.com/giving-back).

### About Compeer Financial

Compeer Financial is a member-owned Farm Credit cooperative serving and supporting agriculture and rural communities. The \$27 billion organization provides loans, leases, risk management and other financial services in 144 counties in Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

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## Two fall Hunter Safety Education Courses offered for August

Sheriff Troy Knudson has announced that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer two Hunter Safety Education Courses this fall at the Edgerton Conservation Club, 900 Stoughton Road.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1973, is required to complete a Hunter Safety Education Course in order to legally hunt in Wisconsin.

It is recommended that participants be at least 12 years of age or turn 12 shortly following completion of the class.

- Class #1: Aug. 27 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Aug. 28 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mandatory registration is on Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Edgerton Conservation Club
- Class #2: Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sept. 11 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mandatory registration is on Aug. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Edgerton Conservation Club

Online enrollment at [www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/hunter-education](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/hunter-education) is now open for class #1. Complete the online enrollment form to reserve a seat. Class size is limited to 25 students.

Upon submission of the online enrollment form, the submitter will see an onscreen confirmation message with information on the mandatory in-person registration meeting.

Online enrollment for class #2 will open on Aug. 15.

A class fee of \$10 per student will be collected at the in-person registration meeting.

The student, and a parent or legal guardian if the student is underage, must attend the mandatory registration meeting in order for the student to take the course.

Students will receive course materials at the in-person registration meeting.

Please direct any questions to Deputy Terry Borgwardt at [terry.borgwardt@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:terry.borgwardt@co.rock.wi.us).