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## Voters favor water advisory, fire protection measures

### But they reject Parkview referenda

By Tony Ends  
EDITOR

A fire protection referendum won strong support on Nov. 8 in Orfordville with nearly 64 percent of voters in favor, 391 votes for, to 221 votes against.

Orfordville Fire Department wants to hire six full-time employees. This vote moves them toward that goal.

In presentations leading up to the election, fire Chief Ryan Perkins said it was increasingly difficult to staff two individuals part time on each shift through weekends.

Village residents approved increasing the tax levy by \$166,000 to help make that possible.

Town of Spring Valley residents, who are served in part by Orfordville and in part by Brodhead fire departments, also voted ahead of Nov. 8 to increase their tax levy to help districts struggling with reduced volunteer interest and participation.

Voters in the wider Parkview School District, however, rejected both referenda on the

Nov. 8 ballot.

Voters turned back the school district's request to exceed its revenue limit set by state law, with 1,511 (50.54 percent) against, and 1,479 (49.46 percent) favoring the measure. Parkview's facility improvement project, also on the ballot, was defeated, 1,553 (51.99 percent) against and 1,434 votes for the measure.

The operational referendum sought \$2 million annually for 3 years.

It would have paid for non-recurring purposes, including technology and curriculum materials, educational programming, costs associated with recruiting and retaining staff, and other operational and maintenance costs, according to Parkview's website.

The second measure, for facilities asked for up to \$15.4 million in capital improvements.

Among the district's facilities needs in the measure were construction of an addition and renovation at the elementary

school; a partial roof replacement at the junior/senior high school; technological education space expansion; and cafeteria and classroom improvements.

Approval of the operational referendum would have resulted in an annual estimated tax increase of \$64 (\$5.33 per month) for every \$100,000 of property value over the current tax rate for 3 years, according to Parkview School District.

Approval of the capital referendum would have resulted in an annual estimated tax increase of \$3 (\$0.25 per month) for every \$100,000 of property value over the current tax rate.

In pitching the ballot measures to voters, Parkview School District maintained that it had reduced tax rates by over 25% over the last 7 years; and paid off debt early when possible, saving taxpayers over \$250,000 in interest expenses.

School officials also said that if both the operational and capital referendums were approved,

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## Sheriff's office conducting rural Monroe arson investigation

Green County Sheriff's Office is investigating a bridge fire as an arson.

The Green County Communications Center received a 911 call at 2:25 a.m., Nov. 10, from a resident in the area reporting a fire to the bridge for the Badger State Recreation Trail at Round Grove Road.

Monroe Rural Fire Department along with Juda Fire Department and Monticello Fire Department responded to the scene along with Sheriff's deputies.

Responding units located the wooden structure bridge engulfed in flames.

Fire Fighters were able to contain and extinguish the fire. The bridge was constructed for the railroad bed prior to being converted to the recreational trail.

The bridge sustained extensive damage from the fire and was previously damaged from a motor vehicle crash on July 1.

Overall damage posed a public safety risk for motorists and recreational trail users due to the structural instability, according to the Sheriff's office.

The Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau responded to the scene. A detective with specialized training in arson investigations determined the fire was set by a deliberate act.

A Sheriff's office investigation is underway. Detectives ask for anybody on the recreational trail or roadway who may have observed suspicious activity in the overnight hours



FRIENDS OF BADGER STATE TRAIL PHOTO Brodhead Independent Register  
Someone set fire Nov. 10 to a bicycle bridge on the Badger State Recreation Trail at Round Grove Road. Investigators are seeking tips through Green County Crime Stoppers.

of Wednesday, Nov. 9 to 10 to report the details or information to Green County Crime Stoppers.

Green County Highway Department responded and evaluated the bridge. Based off the evaluation by Highway Department, Monroe Rural Fire Department and Sheriff's Office it was determined

the bridge would be removed to protect motorists and recreational trail users.

The roadway was closed for the duration of the day while the bridge was removed.

Green County Crime Stoppers can be contacted by phone at 1-800-I-C-CRIME or online at www.greencountycrimestoppers.com.



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Kris Winkler, left, and Lynn Lokken, right, present a Master Gardeners' donation to Matt Mullen, Executive Director of the Green County Humane Society, which works to place dogs and cats in good homes.

## Master Gardeners make donation to humane society

Green County Master Gardener's Association held a fundraising plant sale on May 14.

Each year, the Green County Master Gardeners try to undertake a fundraiser to provide scholarships and benefit other community activities and outreach.

This year's outreach was to support the Green County Humane Society, in memory of actress Betty White who passed away in the spring.

Plants were grown and donated by Master Gardeners' throughout Green County for the sale and Master Gardeners were also on hand to answer questions.

The main functions of the Master Gardeners group is to serve the needs of horticulturists in the Green County area.

The program provides continuing education for its members and community services through volunteer activities.

Master Gardeners also exchange gardening ideas, promote responsible and sound gardening practices, and provide a link between the community and University of Wisconsin-Division of Extension resources.

Green County Master Gardeners Association was formed in 2004 to provide Master Gardeners with opportunities for professional development and community service.

More than 135 people have been trained since that time. Members of the association volunteer in community service projects throughout Green County.

To maintain the Extension

Master Gardener Certification, participants are required to complete at least 24 hours of community service and participate in a minimum of 10 hours of educational development on a yearly basis.

Green County Master Gardeners Association meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from February through October.

Association officers for 2022 included Tamara Schulte, President; Sharon Adams, Vice President; Linda Boll, Secretary; and Lynn Lokken as Treasurer.

Anyone interested in horticulture and gardening is welcome to join the association. For more information on the Green County Master Gardeners program contact the Green County Extension office at 608-328-9440.

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Every year Monroe Theatre Guild strives to carry on their long-standing tradition of holiday performances worth remembering.

A Christmas comedy classic this year meets that expectation. Elf: The Musical, is their final performance of the 2022 Colony Brands performance series.

Directors Katie Landmark and David Bristow have worked with dozens of volunteers to make their vision for this production come to life.

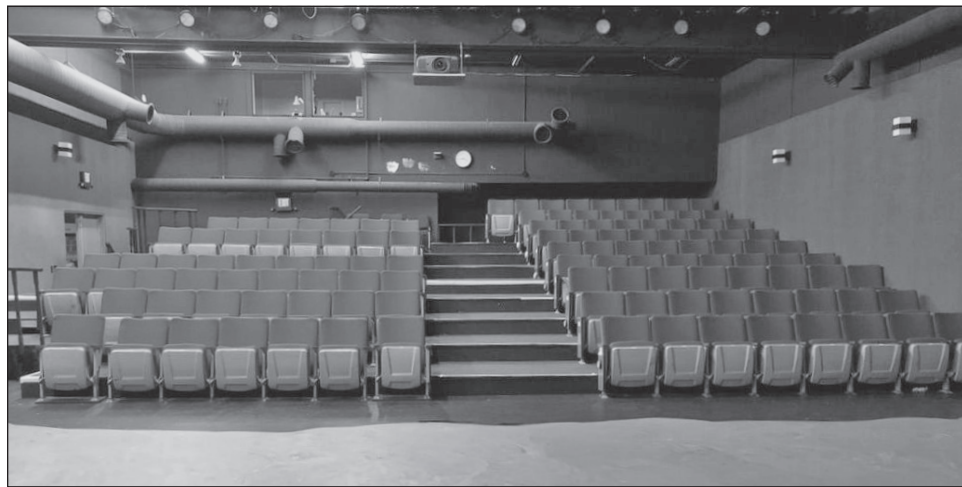
Monroe High School choral director and vocalist Alex Lentz plays the role of Buddy the Elf in his first appearance with the guild.

In this cast of nearly 40, you will see familiar faces from past productions joined by enthusiastic first-timers.

Young and old are coming together in this family-oriented musical production.

Based on the 2003 New Line Cinema hit, Elf features songs by Tony Award nominees Matthew Sklar (The Wedding Singer) and Chad Beguelin (Disney's Aladdin on Broadway).

Elf also features a book by Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan (Annie, The Producers, Hairspray) and Bob Martin (The Drowsy Chaperone).



**Some 40 actors of Monroe Theatre Guild are preparing production of Elf: The Musical, which they aim to delight audiences in this space at 910 16th Ave. in Monroe, come December.**

In the plot line, Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole.

The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth.

With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity.

Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-sis-

ter doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make all audiences embrace their inner Elf.

After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

The show will have nine performances on the Colony Brands Stage:

- Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Dec. 4 at 2 p.m.

- Dec. 8 at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 9 at 7 p.m.
- Dec. 10, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- The show closes Dec. 11 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available on Monroe Theatre Guild's website: [monroetheatre.com](http://monroetheatre.com).

If you would like to purchase your ticket in person, tickets can also be purchased exclusively at the guild's ticket window each Tuesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and each Wednesday, from 3 to 6 p.m. at 910 16th Ave. in Monroe, or by calling 608-325-1111.



## Obituaries

### JENNIE KAY SCHMITZ

Jennie Kay Schmitz, age 74, passed away on Nov. 9, at the Monroe Clinic Hospital.

She was born on May 8, 1948, in Monroe, the daughter of Robert and Viola (Johnson) Tschabold.

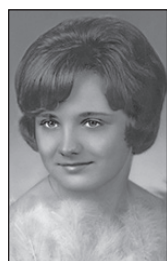
She married Stanley Charles Schmitz Sr. on June 17, 1967, at the Avon Community Church in Avon.

She worked for 33 years before her retirement at Advance Transformer in Monroe.

She enjoyed motorcycle riding with her husband and spending time with family.

She also enjoyed spending time at their cabin up north in Michigan and spending time with her family during the summer for many years at Camp Minnehaha.

She is survived by her husband, Stanley Schmitz Sr.; one son, Stan (Kari) Schmitz;



two grandchildren, Reece Schmitz (Aaliyah) and Dalton Schmitz; one great-grandchild, Islea Jean Schmitz;

one sister, Bonnie Tryan; and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Viola Tschabold.

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

Funeral services took place at DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 11 a.m. A visitation also took place at the funeral home. Burial concluded at the Avon Township Cemetery.

### MARY JEAN WEIHMEIR

Mary Jean Weihmeir of Brodhead passed away Monday, Nov. 7, 2022, at her home.

She was born June 5, 1934, in Nokomis, Ill., to Lucia and Bernard Marley.

She had six brothers: Bernard, Clement (CF), Raymond, Carl, James and Paul; and three sisters: Josephine Cronin, Lucia Johnson, and Teresa Knobloch.

On Dec. 1, 1956, she married William J. Weihmeir of Hopedale, Ill.

They farmed their entire lives, initially in Hopedale, then in Coloma, Wis., from 1960 until 1974 when they moved to Brodhead.

They had six daughters, all who survive them: Bernadette Weihmeir, Altoona, Wis.; Julie (Bobby) Killey of Lino Lakes, Minn.; Cindy (Al) Hermanson of Monroe; Jane (Bruce) Creen of St. Charles, Ill.; Cheryl (Chris) Nettesheim



of Valdese, N.C.; and Betty (Kurt) Marquardt of Cody, Wyo.

She is also survived by 10 grandchildren.

Emmett, Tristan, and Katrina Killey; Cody Hermanson and Ashley Dressler; Josh, April, and Joe Nettesheim; Trevor and Abbey Marquardt; four great grandchildren, Eliza, Saoirse, and Arlin Killey; and Braxton, Hermanson; and her brother Paul Marley.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 2008.

Per Mary's wishes, funeral services will be private. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Albany.

Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church in Footville.

## • Voters (Continued from front page)

the impact would still fall below the 2020-21 tax rate.

Among Green County ballot measures, voters overwhelmingly supported a Clean Water Advisory Referendum on the ballot. The vote was 13,931 yes, and 2,631 no.

That measure read, "shall the State of Wisconsin establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environ-

ment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin?"

Voters also favored AT/UTV referenda in Exeter, Jordan, Spring Grove, and Sylvester townships.

Voters in Green County approved school district referenda in Belleview and Monroe, but did not support Oregon School District's referendum.

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# Christkindle Market to feature 30 vendors, wooden on-street chalets in New Glarus

New Glarus Christkindli Market is set to take place from Friday, Dec 2, through Sunday, Dec. 4.

The outdoor Christmas market will host 30 vendors offering a variety of locally made and sourced holiday gifts, decorations, and foods.

The market will be all housed in wooden, on-street chalets in downtown New Glarus.

Families can visit Santa Claus in his chalet, take a photo with Wisconsin "Reindeer," and sit high on a horse and wagon ride.

Live outdoor music performances and entertainment will be scattered throughout the weekend, and admission to the market is free.

For adults, New Glarus Brewing Company is offering Wassail, a one-weekend-only holiday stout with hints of chocolate, vanilla, and spice, with a sweet finish.

Wassail is finished off with the bierstacheln experience, in which a hot metal rod is plunged into the beer to caramelize it and create a dense foam.

Wassail will only be available for onsite drinking at the Christkindli Market.

New Glarus Christkindli is produced by the New Glarus Chamber of Commerce, and it is made possible through donations from the New Glarus Brewing Company, BNG Investment Services, Chalet Landhaus Inn, Helvetia Systems, and Woodford State Bank.

Market hours are Friday, Dec. 2 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, and a full schedule of events, visit [Swisstown.com](http://Swisstown.com) or call 608-527-2095.



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**A highlight of the holiday market this year is a one-weekend-only beer available for purchase at the event from New Glarus Brewing Company. It's a chocolate, vanilla, spice stout called Wassail that's sure to entertain and warm market-goers.**

## SSM Health at Home for Celebration of Lights

The public is invited to join SSM Health at Home for Celebration of Lights, an event to honor the light and love of someone significant.

During this annual service, SSM Health is hosting the event to help remember those who have been lost and honor those who are still with us.

Celebration of Lights will be held on Thursday, Dec. 1, at Monroe United Methodist Church, 2227 4th St. in Monroe.

Attendees are welcome to join the program at 6 p.m. for a "Make a Memory" rock painting exercise.

The celebration ceremony will begin

at 6:30 p.m. and is expected to last about 45 minutes with a reception to follow.

Registration is not required, and the ceremony is open to all. For those unable to attend in person, the service will be available on the Monroe United Methodist Church (WI) YouTube channel. Visit [ssmhealth.com/Events](http://ssmhealth.com/Events) for more information.

In the past, community members were able to order memorial ornaments directly from SSM Health at Home as part of Celebration of Lights.

This year, ornaments will be sold by Monroe Engraving. Contact them at 608-329-4111 to place an order.

Monroe Engraving will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation's hospice fund.

SSM Health at Home is a Catholic, nonprofit organization providing a variety of comprehensive home care services including home health, hospice, medical equipment, and community health to communities across Wisconsin.

Its care teams are committed to providing exceptional health care services and revealing God's healing presence to everyone they serve.

For more information, please visit [ssmhealth.com/AtHome](http://ssmhealth.com/AtHome).

## Viking news

### Thursday, Nov. 17

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

- Book Club, 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

- Parkview Basketball Boys seventh and eighth grade, Clinton Middle School vs. Parkview at Parkview Elementary School, 4 p.m.

### Friday, Nov. 18

- Orfordville Public Library open till 5 p.m.; Story Time for all children and their caregivers, 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

- Basketball Boys Varsity scrimmage; Parkview vs. Clinton at Clinton High School, 6 p.m.

- Basketball Girls JV2 game, Parkview vs Brodhead at Brodhead High School, 6 p.m.

### Saturday, Nov. 19

- Orfordville Public Library, open 9 a.m. until noon.

### Monday, Nov. 21

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

- No School

- School Board meeting, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday, Nov. 22

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

- No school

- Basketball: Boys JV game 6 p.m., Varsity 7:30 p.m., Monticello vs Parkview at Parkview High School JH/HS - High School Gym, Main Court

- Basketball: Girls JV game 6 p.m., Varsity 7:30 p.m., Parkview vs Iowa-Grant at Iowa-Grant High School.

### Wednesday, Nov. 22

- Village of Orfordville budget meeting, 6 p.m.

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

- No school.

## 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.

### Monday, Nov. 7 Accident- Personal Injury

At 5:11 a.m., Green County Sheriff's deputies, Juda Fire Department and Green County Emergency Medical Services responded to a two-vehicle crash with injuries, at the intersection of STH 11 and CTH OK, Town of Spring Grove.

A vehicle operated by Felipe Herrera Duran, 60, Monroe, was facing eastbound on

STH 11, waiting to turn left/northbound onto CTH OK, with his left turn signal illuminated.

An eastbound truck operated by Kevin William Tucker, 29, Worthington, Iowa, failed to stop for the vehicle waiting to turn, and rear ended the vehicle operated by Herrera Duran.

This collision pushed Herrera Duran's vehicle into the ditch.

Herrera Duran's vehicle sustained disabling rear end damage and was towed from the scene.

There was no airbag deployment. Herrera Duran reported wearing his seatbelt and was transported for injuries sustained in the crash. Herrera Duran was cited for OAR- Alcohol and was

released pending a mandatory court date.

The truck operated by Tucker sustained moderate front end damage and there was no airbag deployment. The truck was driven from the scene. Tucker reported wearing his seatbelt. Tucker was cited for inattentive driving and released with a non-mandatory court date.

### Sunday, Nov. 6 Motor vehicle accident

At approximately 11:33 a.m., deputies responded to the West 6400 block of State Highway 39 in the Town of New Glarus for a single-vehicle accident with no injuries reported.

During the investigation deputies determine that the

driver, Jayde A Brown, 21, of Barneveld, was westbound on Highway 39 when a vehicle in front of her applied brakes.

Brown reported applying her brakes as result.

Brown also reported that while applying the brakes, she lost control in the course of negotiating the curve.

Brown's vehicle then entered the North ditch.

Brown reported no injuries to the deputies and she told them that she had been wearing her seatbelt at the time of the accident. There was no airbag deployment. Brown's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

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# Bartelme votes cast support to amend the U.S. Constitution

In the Nov. 8 election, Wisconsin residents in the town of Bartelme in Shawano County joined communities in past votes around the state and nation to amend the U.S. Constitution.

They voted to clarify that only human beings should have inalienable human rights and money is not the same thing as free speech.

The referendum passed with an overwhelming majority (88%) as it has almost everywhere else it's appeared on the ballot.

This brings the total to 168 communities, including Janesville, Brodhead, and Monroe, and Rock County in 2016, that have called for an amendment.

In total, almost 3.3 million people (58% of Wisconsinites) live in these jurisdictions.

Across the country, 22 state legislatures have voted for an amendment, as well as more than 830 towns, villages, cities and counties.

"Over half of Wisconsinites have already called for an end to 'corporate personhood' and seeing money as a form of speech," said Shawano resident Jan Koch.

"It's time that our state

legislators follow the will of "we the people" and put the referendum on the state ballot. The millions of anonymous dollars spent during this election cycle continue to disenfranchise the average citizens' voice in American governance."

"Our politics has become a money game where only the rich and corporate special interests can ante up to play." said Bartelme resident Steve Parks.

"And, in the meantime, the rest of us are all left wondering why the needs of everyday citizens aren't being addressed."

Resolutions calling for a statewide vote on Citizens United have been introduced into the state legislature (AJR 78 / SJR 61).

The referendum would ask voters if they support allowing individuals and corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns.

Numerous polls show that government corruption and money in politics is a top issue in America. More than 90% of Americans, regardless of party, think special interest money has too much influence in American political campaigns.

Jackie Cody, a resident in Rhinelander, said, "We need limits on how much money can be contributed and spent on political races. Only people have a constitutional right to free speech. Money is not 'political speech' under the First Amendment."

Four in five Americans oppose the Supreme Court's Citizens United v. FEC decision, according to a Bloomberg poll.

A New York Times/CBS poll found that 85 percent of Americans—including majorities of Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—believe we need fundamental changes to our campaign finance system or to completely rebuild it.

Matt Rothschild, executive director of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, summed it up succinctly: "People across the ideological spectrum get it: All of our voices are being drowned out by those with big money."

United To Amend is a non-partisan, all volunteer, citizens group.

For more information visit [UnitedToAmend.org](http://UnitedToAmend.org).



UNITED TO AMEND PHOTO Brodhead Independent Register  
**Momentum of a United to Amend rally in 2015 on the capitol steps in Madison is still resonating with rural and urban voters. Voters in the Town of Bartelme in Shawano County on Nov. 8 joined more than 830 towns, villages, cities and counties (including Brodhead, Monroe, and Janesville) to Constitutionally get money out of politics.**

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### Kohler Park Dunes

Tomorrow, Nov. 17, from 9 to 11 a.m., volunteers will help at Kohler Park Dunes.

Known for its scenic Lake Michigan shoreline and the rare great lakes dune plant community, the dunes are home to several threatened plants.

And of course the scenic views! We will be helping take care of the site by removing invasive honeysuckle that threatens to change the dunes. Join us for a good way to get exercise and do something

meaningful for a special site.

For directions to the Sandeering Nature Center, use Google maps online to access the meetup location for this volunteer event.

For questions or to RSVP message Mollie Mechenich at [emt\\_mmt@yahoo.com](mailto:emt_mmt@yahoo.com) or 920-980-9054. Make sure to provide your phone number so you can receive text alerts if there is a cancellation.

Workdays are on the first Saturday and third Thursday of the month.

### Chiwaukee Prairie

You can help Chiwaukee Prairie Preservation Fund volunteers this Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to care for the state natural area during their monthly workday, which is held on the third Saturday.

Enjoy the beauty of this rich prairie and help start the invasive brush season off

strong by hunting up some buckthorn with the first workday of the winter season.

All the group needs is you to volunteer. No experience is necessary. On-the-volunteer-job training will be provided.

Dress for the weather, bring work gloves, and protective eyewear. Tools and the equipment to get the job done will be provided. If the weather is hot, be sure to bring plenty of water.

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# Holiday Folk Fair International returns to State Fair Park



After 2 years virtual due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the annual Holiday Folk Fair International returns Friday through Sunday, Nov. 18 to Nov. 20, to State Fair Park Exposition Center in West Allis.

A program of the International Institute of Wisconsin (IIW), Holiday Folk Fair International celebrates the cultural heritage of the people living in southeastern Wisconsin.

The 2022 theme, "Celebrate the Culture of Living Heritage," provides opportunities to explore traditions,

customs, practices, knowledge, and skills of these people.

Venues will include instruments, objects, artifacts, and cultural spaces that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage.

Attractions in 2022 include invited international performers and artisans, photographic exhibits, the Artisan corner, the Dirty Kettle Native American interactive display, the Wisconsin Woodturners, a bonsai exhibit, a Wisconsin Scholastic Chess Federation tournament on Sat., Nov. 19.

There will also be an interdenominational religious service Sun., Nov. 20, at 10:30 a.m. in the Coffeehouse.

The three-day event features the All Nations Theater with traditional music and dance; the World Café offering traditional dishes; and the International Stage where young people perform their ethnic dances.

At the Tanzhaus, attendees can dance and sing along with a variety of musical stylings. The Coffee House will feature musicians, beverages, and baked goods.

An International Bazaar includes cultural artifacts as well as shopping, and the Callen Chef's Stage features local chefs preparing traditional cuisine.

Hours are 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 18; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 19; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 20.

In addition, some Folk Fair activities will be shared live via the event's Facebook page.

Advance tickets can be purchased for \$12 through Thursday, Nov. 17, at the International Institute of Wisconsin, 1110 N. Old World Third St., Suite 420 in Milwaukee, and from all participating ethnic groups.

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## In brief

### Footville trustees approve 2023 budget

By Tony Ends  
EDITOR

Village of Footville held a public hearing Wednesday, Nov. 9, at the Village Hall, 261 N. Gilbert St., to review 2022 and 2023 budgets.

In a special meeting thereafter, the Village Board of Trustees unanimously adopted the 2023 budget.

The balanced budget projects total revenues to increase from \$650,690 in 2022 to \$701,953.

A fund balance of \$17,000 from this year's 2022 budget will also be applied to next year, bringing the total 2023 budget to \$718,953.

That is projected to cover expenditures, which have increased for the village in every category but one titled culture, leisure, and recreation.

Public safety is the biggest village budget line item, projected to grow to \$280,581 in 2023, from \$263,387 this year.

Public works at \$198,500 is the next greatest village expense, and those costs will rise from the \$194,100 that Footville spent on public works this year.

General government expenditures account for the third greatest expense for Footville, and they are projected to rise to \$184,925 from \$150,203 this year.

Intergovernmental revenues of \$174,986 in 2022 will drop slightly to \$174,922 in 2023, but still boosting local taxes, which are the village's primary

means of covering expenses.

Tax revenues are projected to rise to \$386,449 in 2023, from \$353,622 this year.

### Green County asks State to help child support agencies

County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously last month to ask the state to boost funding for county child support agencies by \$5 million in each fiscal year of Wisconsin's 2023-25 budget.

That amount is projected to generate \$9.7 million in additional federal funding, and the county, along with other counties around Wisconsin, hopes it will keep the state from slipping in addressing this challenge.

Green County administers the Child Support Enforcement Program on behalf of the State, providing services to Green County children and their parents.

Supervisors laid out details of that help in their resolution to the State's elected leaders.

Assistance includes paternity establishment, help finding employment, obtaining child support, establishing health insurance orders for children, and enforcing and modifying those orders.

Child support is one of the most effective anti-poverty programs in Wisconsin, with county child support agencies serving about 347,000 children and collecting roughly \$906 million in financial support for Wisconsin families in 2021.

Child support is proven to

reduce childhood poverty rates, lead to better educational and behavioral outcomes for children, and have a positive effect on food security, health and housing stability.

County child support agencies work closely with both parents to ensure they have help needed.

State funding for county child support services has failed to keep up with county agency costs, which have steadily increased due to a high number of caseloads per worker, increased complexity of cases, inflation and new regulations.

An abrupt federal interpretation change in June 2019 eliminated \$4.2 million in federal birth cost recovery matching funds for Wisconsin, according to the Green County resolution.

Wisconsin's performance in child support is at risk without additional funding. The state has dropped from 2nd in the nation for collecting current support in 2016 to 6th in the nation in 2021.

Without additional State funds, county child support agencies may need to eliminate positions, further increase caseloads, or reduce services.

That could result in the loss of additional federal funds.

Individuals most impact-

ed by insufficient funding for child support are the children and families served by county child support agencies.

State investments in child support are amplified by a generous federal match. Every \$1 of state GPR invested in the Child Support Program generates roughly \$2 in federal matching funds.

Wisconsin's Child Support Enforcement Program is incredibly cost-effective, Green County officials say, collecting an average of \$6.43 in support for every dollar invested in the program

### Blood drive exceeds quota

A Brodhead Community Blood Drive, held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church Nov. 1, exceeded its quota, collecting 50 units of blood.

Sponsors say just one blood donation can save more than one life and helps patient recipients of all ages.

Volunteers who worked in the drive and donated treats to the accompanying canteen were Anita Kammerer, Lavonne Pinnow, Marion Clark, and Diane Gretebeck.

Bethlehem Lutheran will host blood drives in April, July and November 2023.

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**THURSDAY, NOV. 17**  
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 \*HS girls basketball at Belleville, 6 to 9 p.m.

**FRIDAY, NOV. 18**  
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 to 6 p.m.  
 \*HS boys basketball at Evansville 5 to 8 p.m.

**SATURDAY, NOV. 19**  
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
 \*Girls basketball at Williams Bay, noon to 3 p.m.  
 -Recycling Center, 500 Ogden Ave., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
 -Municipal Court, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**MONDAY, NOV. 21**  
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 to 7 p.m.  
 -NHS Blood Drive, Noon to 5 p.m.  
 -Village Parks Commission meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, NOV. 22**  
 \*HS boys basketball vs Johnson Creek, 6 to 9 m.  
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 -Children's story time at library, 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.  
 -St. Patrick's Mass, 8 to 8:30 a.m.

**WEDNESDAY, NOV. 23**  
 \*No school  
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 to 7 p.m.  
 -Recycling Center, 1 to 6 p.m.  
 -Albany United Methodist Church choir practice, 7 p.m.  
 \*Adult basketball open gym, 7:30 to 10 p.m.  
 -Village Police, Fire, and License meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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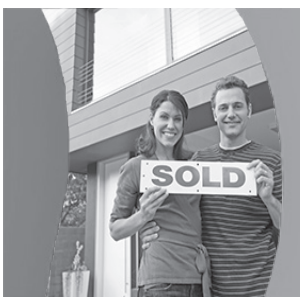
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CERTIFY TAX LEVY ACTION ITEM Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the General Fund Levy of \$4,391,201 for the 2022-23 school year...

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FOR SHORT-TERM BORROWING ACTION ITEM Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the resolution authorizing short-term borrowing for cash flow purposes...

FUTURE AGENDA [November 9, 2022]

- Accept Donation(s)
Resignation(s)
Employment Recommendation(s)
Volunteer Recommendation(s)
Nexus Solutions Facility Assessment Presentation
USI Future Planning Presentation
Approval of 2023 Middle School Washington D.C. Trip

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

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f) at 6:37 p.m., for the discussion of: a. Approval of Alternative Open Enrollment Application b. Administrative Leave and Related Information

Roll Call vote: All ayes (6-0).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 6:49 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ACTION ITEM Motion by Michel Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the alternative open enrollment application. Motion carried, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried, 6-0.

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BUDGET HEARING / ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT High School Auditoria

Monday, October 24, 2022 Minutes

The budget hearing / annual meeting agenda was properly posted in both the Wednesday, October 12 and October 19, 2022 editions of the Independent Register.

BUDGET HEARING The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditoria. Superintendent David Novy presented the 2022-23 budget.

ANNUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER The annual meeting was called to order at 6:13 p.m. by School Board President Mike Krupke.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to nominate Mike Krupke as Chairperson.

Motion by Al Schneider to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mike Krupke. The motion carried, 6-0.

TREASURER'S REPORT REPORT ITEM Superintendent David Novy presented the Treasurer's report for Al Schneider.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT REPORT ITEM Mike Krupke, Board President, gave the President's report.

Resident audience members at the Annual Meeting consisted of the following: Kevin Buxton, Paul Donovan, Doug Pinnow, Lisa Semrow, Gloria Sutter, Chad Dix, and David Novy.

Non-Resident audience members at the Annual Meeting consisted of the following: Cathy Pfeuti and Kelly Knox.

The resolutions necessary for the operation of the School District for the 2022-23 school year were considered as follows:

RESOLUTION A - ADOPTION OF TAX LEVY ACTION ITEM Motion by Doug Pinnow, second by Gloria Sutter, that there be levied a school tax assessed against all taxable property within the District in the sum of \$4,391,201 (General Fund), necessary to operate and maintain the District School System and to finance the recommended budget for the 2022-23 school year. The motion carried, 13-0.

RESOLUTION B - BOARD SALARIES ACTION ITEM Motion by Chad Dix, second by Paul Donovan, that the Board members of the Brodhead School District be paid a salary as follows: President: \$1,173.36; Clerk: \$1,173.36; all others: \$1,119.91. The motion carried, 13-0.

RESOLUTION C - BOARD REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSE ACTION ITEM Motion by Kevin Buxton, second by Doug Pinnow, that the Board members of the Brodhead School District be reimbursed for expenses incurred on District business when traveling outside the District. The motion carried, 13-0.

RESOLUTION D - NEXT ANNUAL MEETING DATE Motion by Kevin Buxton, second by Lisa Semrow, that the Board of Education of the Brodhead School District be authorized to set the date and hour for the 2023 Annual Meeting within the guidelines established by Wisconsin Statutes. The motion carried, 13-0.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER STATE STATUTES ACTION ITEM No additional business as authorized under State Statutes was conducted.

ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 6:28 p.m. The motion carried, 6-0.

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, October 5, 2022 edition of the Independent Register.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Elizabeth Kempel, and Jodi Kail

Absent: Don Buchanan

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ACTION ITEM Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present to give public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES a. Regular Meeting: September 14, 2022

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

a. \$1,000.00 monetary donation from Kid Connection to the Elementary School to help cover costs of Elementary School field trips

4. RESIGNATION(S)

- Sue Cook, ES Foodservice Worker
Paul Huffman, Youth-to-Youth [Y2Y] Advisor
Dawson Van Wyhe, JV2 Boys Basketball Coach

5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

a. Robin Willegal, ES SpEd Paraeducator

6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

- Diane Anderson, Elementary School
Mary Malcook, 3rd Grade Classroom

President Krupke requested to remove approval of the bills off the consent agenda.

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the consent agenda items as presented, with the removal of payment of the bills. Motion carried, 6-0.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve payment of the Insight FS bill, as presented. Motion carried, 5-0-1 [M. Krupke abstained].

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to approve payment of the remainder of bills, as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the early graduation requests as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

COLLEGE/TECH CREDIT APPROVALS ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the early college credit applications as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED & VOLUNTEER COACHES ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the High School and Middle School lists of contracted and volunteer coaches as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF SNOW REMOVAL BID ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the snow removal contract with Cedar Creek Landscaping for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.

APPROVAL OF EQUIVALENT OPTIONS FOR AGRICULTURE COURSE ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the Large Animal Science - AS equivalency course as presented. Motion carried, 6-0.

2ND READING OF NEW POLICY JIHD [VAPE SENSORS] ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the second reading of new Policy JIHD [Vape Sensors]. Motion carried, 6-0.

SELECT BOARD DELEGATE FOR STATE SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to appoint School Board Member Mike Krupke as representative to the State School Board Convention Delegate Assembly held on Wednesday, January 18, 2023. Motion carried, 6-0.

UPDATE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING INFORMATION ACTION ITEM

No action to be taken.

BUILDING GOALS UPDATE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM Information presented by the building principals on their annual goals for the year.

FUTURE AGENDA [October 24, 2022]

- Certify Tax Levy
Resolution to Approve Short-Term Borrowing

ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried, 6

Date: 10-12-22 \$100 Bill List

Table listing items on the bill list: Kobussen Buses Ltd (\$5,356.88), Napa Auto Parts (\$179.99), Niteal Pinnow (\$850.88), Symmetry Energy Solutions (\$3,345.00), Airgas (\$102.80), BSN Sports (\$620.00), Charter Communications (\$562.10), City of Brodhead-Sewer (\$1,021.76)

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room

Monday, October 24, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike at 6:33 p.m. The meeting agenda was properly building posted on Friday, October 21, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, and Jodi Kail

Absent: Elizabeth Kempel

AGENDA ITEMS

