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Advisory women's reproductive rights measure won't go on spring 2023 ballot

Proposal dies, as Green County Board of Supervisors deadlocks

By Tony Ends
EDITOR

Before some 100 citizens, many of them carrying opposition signs, Green County Board of Supervisors deadlocked Dec. 13 over a proposal to place an advisory women's reproductive rights resolution before local voters in 2023.

With one supervisor, Roger Truttman of New Glarus, absent, the resolution proposed as an April 2023 referendum, died in a tie vote, 15 to 15.

At issue and in the national spotlight since June, was a Supreme Court decision striking down Roe v. Wade as the national abortion standard.

In *Roe v. Wade* (1973), the Supreme Court decided that the right to privacy implied in the 14th Amendment protected abortion as a fundamental right.

However, the government retained the power to regulate or restrict abortion access depending on the stage of preg-



Paul Roemer



Todd Larson

nancy. And after fetal viability, outright bans on abortion were permitted if they contained exceptions to preserve life and health.

For the following 49 years, as described at the nonprofit Brennan Center online, states, health care providers, and citizens fought over what limits the government could place on abortion access, particularly during the second and third trimesters.

Yet abortion was fundamentally legal in all 50 states during that period.

In June of this year, the Supreme Court overturned Roe v.



Green County Board of Supervisors members, seen here in the historic courthouse in Monroe as they were sworn into office earlier this year, appeared before a packed gallery of citizens in their December monthly meeting. At issue was a resolution to put a women's reproductive rights advisory referendum before voters. The resolution died when one board member was absent and those present deadlocked at 15-15.

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Wade, calling abortion rights into question everywhere, including in Wisconsin.

In the months since that decision a constituent of Green

County Supervisor Todd Larson, who represents wards in Town of York and Town of New Glarus, took to Larson a desire to be heard on the issue.

Larson strongly believes that as an elected public official it is his duty to give voice to his constituents.

Subsequently, Larson in turn

took this issue to the Green County Public Health Committee for their consideration.

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Brodhead area fire and emergency response: Our history, our future

EMS BOARD AND FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

The pending dissolution of the Fire District has become the topic of much speculation, misinformation, and debate. How did we get to this point?

First, a little background on the Brodhead Fire District (BFD) and the Brodhead Area EMS (BAEMS)

Brodhead Area EMS is a private not-for-profit organization that has, as the main source of funding, the income from charging for ambulance calls.

Additional sources of income include donations, grants and fundraising.

In 2022, when those sources of income proved inadequate, BAEMS started charging the entities in its service area a \$20-per-person service fee.

Those service fee funds have thus far been solely used

to increase compensation and participation of personnel in an attempt to ensure the ambulance will respond to every request for service.

There are currently about 465 calls per year, and typically the average is slowly increasing. The ambulance has failed to respond to about 24 calls so far this year and didn't respond to about 15 calls last year.

Every call requires at least two medical providers per state statute.

There were no full-time or part time personnel involved prior to October of this year, and tasks were done by paid on-call personnel.

Brodhead Fire District is a municipality that gets almost all its funding from the municipalities it serves through taxes.

Additional sources of income are a small amount from billing

for certain calls, 2% dues and grants.

The BFD is also supported by Brodhead Firefighters, Inc., which does fundraising and provides equipment to the district.

The BFD is comprised of the City of Brodhead and the Brodhead Rural Fire Association, which represents the Towns of Spring Grove, Decatur, Avon, Magnolia and Spring Valley.

The Fire Commission is made up of three representatives from the City of Brodhead and 3 representatives from the Brodhead Rural Fire Association.

Funding from each entity is based on a formula, which includes the population and equalized value of each entity.

There are approximately 250 calls per year with the vast majority not involving fire protection.

Most members of the BFD

are Emergency Medical Responders, who provide emergency medical services until an ambulance arrives.

Most of the day-to-day office tasks fall on a full-time Administrative Assistant.

As noted in an earlier article, much like Fire and EMS services across the country, both the Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS have

struggled in recent years with the continuing decline in the number of volunteers.

This, combined with the required duties outside of responding to incidents, is putting a greater burden on the small remaining group that actively participates.

Thankfully a few local employers, particularly Kuhn North America, have been very sup-

portive of the BFD and BAEMS by allowing their employees to leave work to respond to calls. This is unbelievably important during weekday, first shift hours when so few people are available to respond.

Though there are limited personnel now, the problem is expected to get worse as those

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WeCOPE wellbeing lunch hour program set to begin on Jan. 12

By Bridget Mouchon
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4th OWI arrest results in felony charge

Rock County Sheriff's Deputies responded Thursday, Dec. 22, at 7:30 p.m., to a vehicle run off of West State Highway 81 by South Olson Road in the Town of Newark.

Deputies later stated that they found the vehicle off the road running and occupied by Richard Andrews, 44-years-old, from Brodhead.



Richard Andrews

Andrews had been traveling west on Highway 81 before running off the road.

Andrews showed signs of impairment and was subsequently arrested for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated.

Andrews has three prior OWI convictions, making this his fourth offense, a felony in Wisconsin.

"Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme

Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, the public is advised that a charge is merely an accusation," according to a Rock Sheriff's release on the incident.

The statute further states that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

Obituaries

JOHN KEVIN CONNORS

John Kevin Connors, age 62, of Brodhead, passed away on Monday, Nov. 28, 2022, at the SSM Health Hospital in Monroe.

He was born March 23, 1960, the son of Martin and Mabel (McNamer) Connors. He attended Hillsboro High School.

On April 16, 2004, he married Theresa Schoonover.

John worked maintenance at Woodbridge and worked at the McDonalds in Brodhead for the last 10 years. He spent most of his free time going fishing; he also enjoyed coloring.

He is survived by his significant-other, Theresa; step-children, Thomas (Lindsey) Levault, Kasondra (Dustin) Hall, Kyle (Haley) Levault, Mercedes (Billy) Tharp, Neno (Brianna) He-

redia, Felicia Belmontes, Esperanza Belmontes, and Anjelika (Seth Mansfield) Belmontes; 16 step-grandchildren, with one more expected in June 2023; and siblings, Charlotte Scheeler, Phil (Pat) Connors, Sandy (Gordy) Verick, Tom (Kathy) Connors, Pam Olson, and Linda (Randy) Scheidegger.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin Con-

nors and Mabel McNamer-Connors-Preslik; stepson, Jose Belmontes in infancy; sister, Bonnie Solchenberger; brothers-in-law, Jim Scheeler and Raymond "Nip" Olson.

A celebration of John's life will be held noon to 2 p.m., on Saturday, Dec. 31, at Spring Grove Town Hall in Brodhead. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

MARY ANN WHITEHEAD

Mary Ann Whitehead, 83, passed away on Dec. 16, 2022, while at her home in Janesville.

She was born May 12, 1939, the daughter of Roswell and Dorothy (Burtness) Walmer.

She married Rodney Whitehead on May 25, 1958. He preceded her in death on Sept. 16, 1983.

She worked for many years as seasonal help at Swiss Colony, but most people would have known her as a school



Mary Ann Whitehead

bus driver for Brodhead for many years.

She enjoyed making wedding and birthday cakes for all her friends and family and doing holiday baking and candies.

She also enjoyed sewing, making wedding and bridesmaid dresses.

She was survived by her six children, Sheree Clark, Wanda (Lynn) Lunde, Doro-

thy Croake, Russell (Leigh) Whitehead, Roger (Julia) Whitehead, and Rendell (Sherri) Whitehead; 12 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; 9 siblings, Lynn (Irene) Walmer, Carol (Bob) Baun, Toni (Jim) Olson, Kay Bokrony, Sheila Walmer, Brenda (Walt) Wojton, Theresa Straight, Mark (Barb Knudson) Walmer, and Patty Hooker; son-in-law Eric Anderson Whitehead; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Rod-

ney; two sons, Royal Whitehead in 2020 and Ricky Whitehead in 2019; two grandchildren, Christopher Whitehead and Riley Whitehead; siblings, Katherine Davis, Sharon Matthews, James Walmer, Vince Walmer, Larry Walmer, Sheryl and Shelly; and son-in-law Duane Clark.

Per her wishes, she will be cremated with memorial services to be held in the future. DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family, www.dlnewcomer-funeralhome.com, 608-897-2484.

Victim recovered from Rock River

On Dec. 23 at approximately 11:46 a.m., personnel from the Rock County Sheriff's Office, Beloit Township Police Department, Beloit Fire Department and Beloit Township Fire Department, responded for a water rescue in the Rock river in the 6500 block of S. Edgewater Dr., in the Township of Rock.

Upon initial investigation, a 57-year-old women had fallen through the ice and could not be seen. Additional resources responded to the incident including, Rock County Dive Team, Janesville Fire Department Dive Team, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dive Team, Beloit Police Department and Fontana Fire Department. The victim was recovered from under the ice-covered river at approximately 5:30 p.m. and turned over to the Rock County Medical Examiner's Office. The incident is still under investigation, further information along with the identity of the victim may be released by the Rock County Medical Examiner's Office at a later date.

• Rights (Continued from front page)

Public hearings were held at the October, November, and December Public Health Committee meetings, with members of the public speaking on both sides of the issue.

The Public Health Committee finally voted 4-3 at their December meeting to approve placement of the following question on the ballot:

"Should the Governor and Wisconsin Legislature pass legislation to change the law in Wisconsin regarding women's reproductive healthcare options back to what it was prior to the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade?"

An executive summary of the resolution describing its genesis and progress to this point, then went before the full board of supervisors in their mid-December regular meeting.

"There is a common misconception that Resolution 12-1-22 is asking the Green County Board of Supervisors to contemplate the answer to the aforementioned question, which is not the case," the executive summary stated.

"If Resolution 12-1-22 is approved, this will place the aforementioned question on the April 2023 election ballot for the voters of Green County to express their opinions on the issue.

"The results of the referendum will be sent to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Counties Association, all Wisconsin County Boards, and to all local members of the State Legislature."

Larson also provided the supervisors with talking points on the resolution ahead of the meeting vote:

1) Our duty to constituents: this issue was raised by a constituent, wanting their voice to be heard. It is our duty as elected public officials to take that desire very seriously, and do what is within our power – and what we are elected to do – i.e. give voice to our constituents.

2) Let them speak: It's never a bad thing to allow folks to express their opinions. This as at the core of our democracy. All the referendum does is allow the citizens of Green County to express their opinions, on whichever side of the issue they might find themselves.

3) Democracy is more important than conflict aversion: we acknowledge that this is an emotive issue, and folks on both sides have very deeply rooted beliefs. Engaging in disagreement is admittedly an uncomfortable thing, not to be done gratuitously. In this case, however, it is our feeling that promotion of democracy and provision of voice is more important than conflict aversion.

4) Opinions may have

changed since the 1840's: before Wisconsin reverts to an 1840's law, which predates when women had the right to vote, we feel it is not unreasonable to allow folks to express their opinions, to provide a more current reflection of public sentiment.

One of several Brodhead residents serving portions of the City on the county board, Paul Roemer, said that ahead of the December meeting, he had to take off work early to read through all of the email that flooded his internet over the issue.

"I tallied up the Green County Board e mails sent to me and found 26 "yes" votes for the resolution Authorizing Placement of Advisory Referendum on Women's Reproductive Healthcare Options and 79 "no" votes on this resolution for the referendum," said Supervisor Roemer, of Brodhead.

"I also received a phone call asking for a "no" vote and a letter also asking for a "no" vote on the resolution," Roemer said in a brief phone interview last week about the vote.

Roemer said that in keeping with instructions from County Board of Supervisors Chair Jerry Guth, all of the people who spoke regarding the issue were respectful of each other.

However, Roemer said many of the citizens who packed the gallery of the historic courthouse, were carrying signs.

"The minute they read the resolution, the signs went up," Roemer said, describing pictures of babies, of fetuses, words of opposition.

"It was the first time in 8 months since I took office that I've seen that," he said.

"I'm a lifelong, practicing Catholic," Roemer said of his vote against putting the resolution on a ballot in Green County.

In addition to Roemer, voting against putting the resolution on the spring ballot were:

Isaiah Carlson (Sylvester, Mount Pleasant, Brooklyn), Kurt Schafer (Albany), Melissa Even (Monroe), Jerry guth (Monroe), Nick Hartwig (Monroe), Barb Krattiger (Brodhead),Harvey Kubly (Monticello), Harvey Mandel (Juda, Jefferson), Dennis Schwartz (Decatur), Joseph Snow (Monroe), Richard Thoman (Monroe), Jeff Williams (Juda, Spring Grove, Decatur), Mark Gundlach (Monticello), and Russ Torkelson (Washington, Mount Pleasant).

Names of the remaining 15 supervisors voting yes (by district) are accessible at the Green County government website.

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Fulfilling our nation's promise: USS Oklahoma sailor accounted for from World War II

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced recently that Navy Seaman 2nd Class David J. Riley, 25, of Juda, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Feb. 24, 2021. Riley was assigned on Dec. 7, 1941 to the battleship USS Oklahoma, which was moored at Ford Island, Pearl Harbor, when the ship was attacked by Japanese aircraft.



David J. Riley

The USS Oklahoma sustained multiple torpedo hits, which caused it to quickly capsize. The attack on the ship resulted in the deaths of 429 crewmen, including Riley.

From December 1941 to June 1944, Navy personnel recovered the remains of the deceased crew, which were subsequently interred in the Halawa and Nu'uauu cemeteries.

In September 1947, tasked with recovering and identifying fallen U.S. personnel in the Pacific Theater, members of the American Graves Registration Service (AGRS) disinterred the remains of U.S. casualties from the two cemeteries and transferred them to the Central Identification Laboratory at Schofield Barracks.

The laboratory staff was only able to confirm the identifications of 35 men from the USS Oklahoma at that time. The AGRS subsequently buried the unidentified remains in 46 plots at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific (NMCP), known as the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

In October 1949, a military board classified those who could not be identified as non-recoverable, including Riley. Between June and November 2015, DPAA personnel exhumed the USS Oklahoma Unknowns from the Punchbowl for analysis.

To identify Riley's remains, scientists from DPAA used dental and anthropological

analysis. Additionally, scientists from the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System used mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) analysis.

Riley's name is recorded on the Walls of the Missing at the Punchbowl, along with the others who are missing from WWII.

A rosette will be placed next to his name to indicate he has been accounted for.

Riley will be buried on May 27, 2023, in Juda.

For family and funeral information, contact the Navy Service Casualty office at 800-443-9298.

During World War II, a battleship was the U.S. Navy's largest type of ship, and it had bigger guns than any other type of ship.

When built in 1916, USS Oklahoma was the largest and most advanced ship in the Navy, according to the Oklahoma Historical Society.

It needed 2,166 sailors and marines to function properly, and could travel 20,000 miles without refueling.

It weighed 11,000 tons and carried ten 14-inch guns. The guns on battleships are rated by the diameter of the ammunition used.

A 14-inch gun has shells that are 14 inches in diameter and weigh about 1,400 pounds each. Each shell weighed about the same as three motorcycles.

Each of the Oklahoma's guns could fire almost 12 miles, which was farther than anyone could see, even with binoculars or a telescope.

The Oklahoma thus had two spotter airplanes that it would use to find targets.

In the surprise attack on

Pearl Harbor, the Japanese used dive-bombers, fighter-bombers, and torpedo planes to sink nine Navy ships, including five battleships, and they severely damaged 21 other ships.

There were 2,402 U.S. deaths from the attack, with 1,177 of these from the USS Arizona, and 429 from the USS Oklahoma.

The military's historical account states that the USS Oklahoma's crew did everything they could to fight back, but in the first 10 minutes of the battle eight torpedoes hit the Oklahoma and it began to sink. A ninth torpedo hit the battleship as it sank in the mud.

After the battle, the Navy decided that they could not salvage the Oklahoma due to the amount of damage it received, the Oklahoma Historical Society states online.

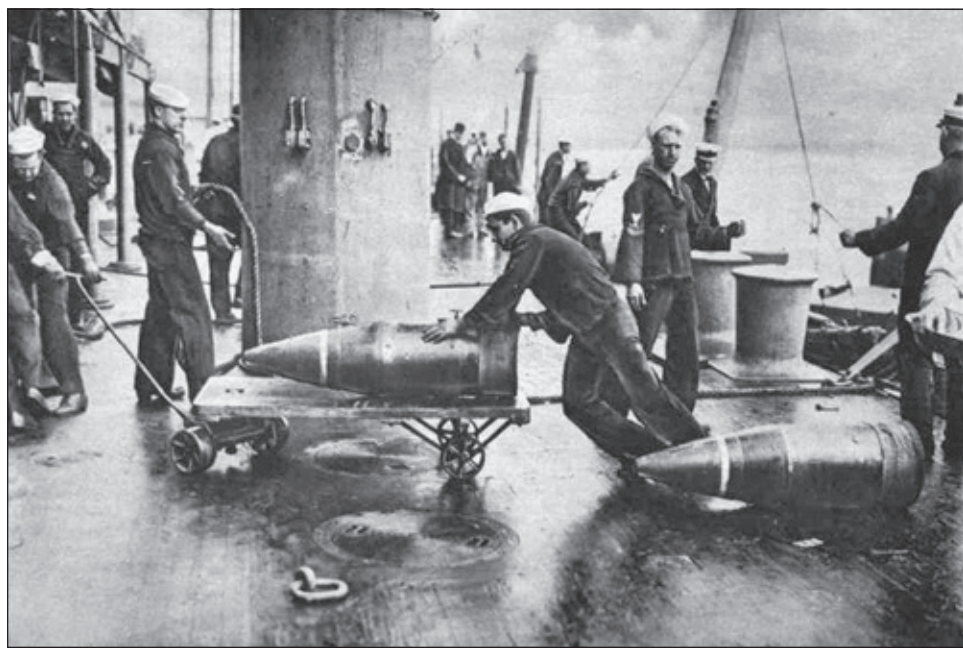
The Navy decided to right the ship and then salvage any equipment or steel they could for other ships to use. They finally finished salvaging everything they could in 1946.

They sold the hull of the Oklahoma to a private company that tried to tug it to California. On the way to California, the hull began taking on water and finally sank to the bottom of the Pacific about 500 miles east of Hawaii.

DPAA is grateful to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Department of the Navy for their partnership in this mission.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil.

For Riley's personnel profile, see dpaamil.sites.crm-force.mil/dpaaProfile?id=a-0J0000000XgXFEAO.



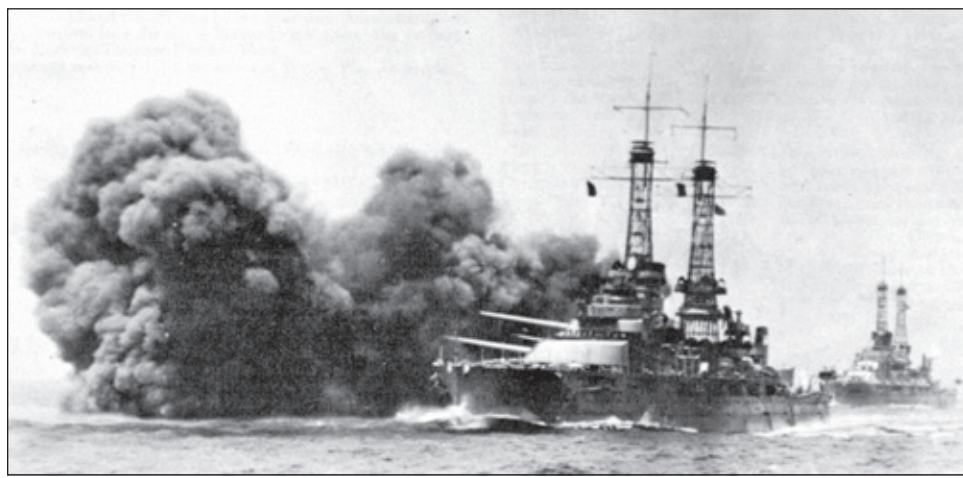
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Sailors moving a 14-inch shell around the deck, by hand.



OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO/NAVEL HERITAGE AND HISTORY COMMAND *Brodhead Independent Register*
A photo taken shortly after the start of the attack, with the first wave of torpedo strikes and bombings over, shows the Oklahoma capsized in Pearl Harbor, while the West Virginia burns in the background.



OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO *Brodhead Independent Register*
The USS Oklahoma at the Puget Sound Naval Yard in Washington, Sept. 28, 1940.



OKLAHOMA HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO/NAVEL HERITAGE AND HISTORY COMMAND *Brodhead Independent Register*
The USS Oklahoma demonstrating its firepower during gunnery practice. Each shell fired by her 14-inch guns required 420 pounds of gunpowder.

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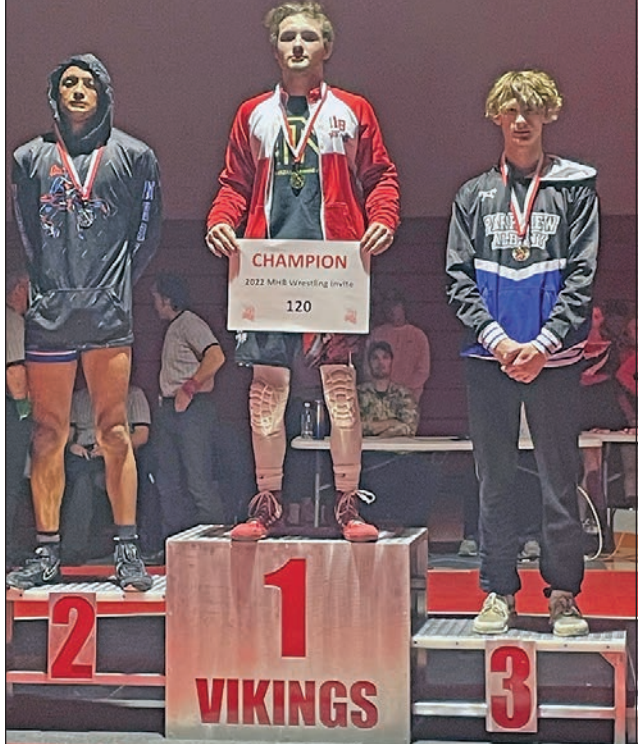
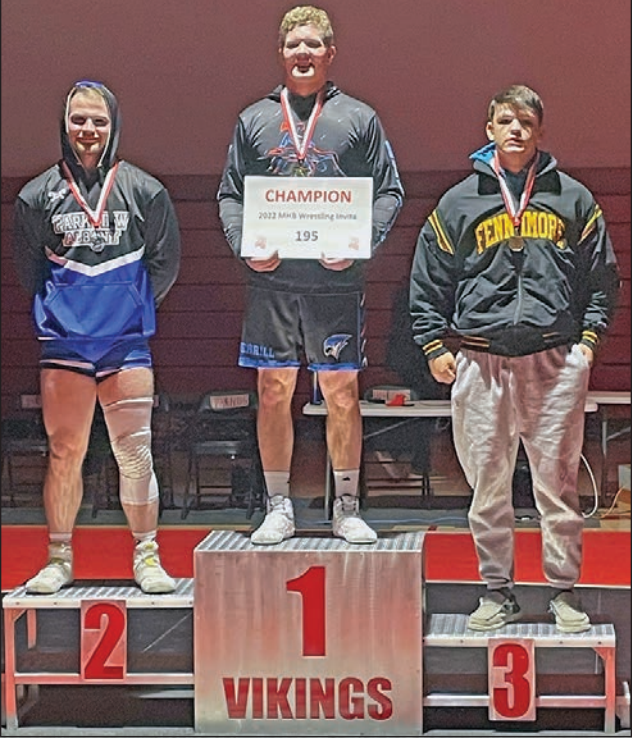
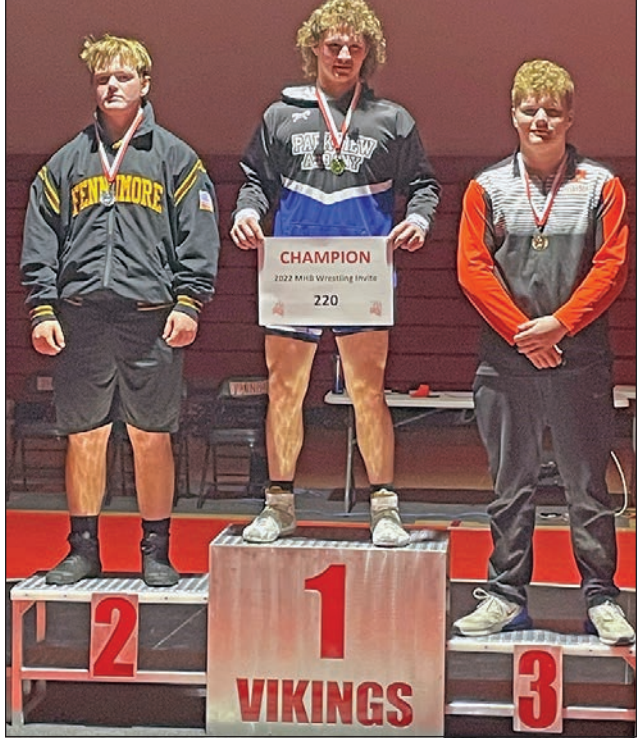
Tournament winners

SUBMITTED PHOTOS Brodhead Independent Register
 Parkview-Albany High School Wrestling went to Mt. Horeb Saturday, Dec. 10 to compete in a 15-team varsity tournament. "The team made a statement, to say the least, according to lead Coach Joel Steinmann. "We finished in 3rd place behind D-3 power house Fennimore and D-1 Merrill. They placed the top eight and medaled for the top three. On top of the podium was Sam Schwengels at 182 lbs. and Wes Egan at 220 lbs. Placing second was Slater Valley at 106 lbs. and Wyatt Egan at 195 lbs. Third place went to Danny Finley at 120 lbs. Placing 4th was Evan Suer at 145 lbs. Fifth place was Ian Suer at 138 lbs., and placing seventh was Blake Finley at 113 lbs. Nico Zamora at 152 lbs., Simo Cenacchi at 160 lbs., and Sean Morales at 182 lbs., all wrestled hard but didn't place. We also had three team members go to the Elkhorn invitational to get some mat time. Jayden Anderson at 160 lbs. placed first. Trevor Haugen at 113 lbs. and Jonathan Girard at 170 lbs. both wrestled well but didn't place. Great job to all involved in our program! Especially the coaching staff giving their time to the kids during the week to prepare them for the meets and tournaments! We won't be back on the mat the rest of this year. Our first meet of the New Year will be in Horicon on Jan 5, 2023, to take our first step towards a conference title!"

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 *High School girls basketball at Parkview, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
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- FRIDAY, DEC. 30**
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 to 6 p.m.
 *Boys basketball vs Barneveld, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 *Girls varsity basketball vs. Barneveld, 7:30 p.m.
- SATURDAY, DEC. 31**
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library closed all day
 -Recycling Center, 500 Ogden Ave., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- MONDAY, JAN. 2**
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library closed all day
 *No school
 *Albany Parent Teachers Organization, 4:30 p.m. (connect via Zoom online)
 -Village Street and Utility Committee, 6:30 p.m.
 *High school girls basketball at Beloit Turner, 5:30 to 9 p.m.
- TUESDAY, JAN. 3**
 -Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 -Children's story time at library, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
 *High School Boys Basketball vs. Potosi, 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.
 -St. Patrick's Mass, 8 to 8:30 a.m.
- WEDNESDAY, JAN. 4**
 -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.
 *Volleyball open gym, 7 to 9 p.m.
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Blackhawk December commencement first such ceremony in decade

About 50 graduates from various programs participated in Blackhawk Technical College's December 2022 Commencement on Tuesday, Dec. 20.

This is the first time in at least a decade that the college has held a December graduation. The college typically has held only a commencement ceremony in May.

Last Tuesday's event also was the first time the ceremony was held in the college's new Conference Center.

"Today is a beginning, not an end. Today, we welcome you into our family of alumni of Blackhawk Technical College," Dr. Tracy Pierner, Blackhawk President, said to the graduates.

Commencement speakers were Marissa Greuel Hainstock, Staff of the Year, Maram Assaf, Student Speaker, and Emily Hopper, Rising Star Alumni Award Winner.

"Graduating college is just one step on an exciting journey ahead of us – one filled with new experiences, challenges, accomplishments and opportunities that will shape our lives forever," said Maram Assaf, the student speaker and graduate from Blackhawk's Criminal Justice program.

"As we go on this path together, let's remember what brought us here: courage, ambition, strength – all traits inherent in each one of us, which can only be amplified by the power of working together towards a common goal."

A full list of graduates follows, with not all graduates participating in the ceremony:

Agribusiness

Technical Diploma
Ashley K. Letcher

Business management

Associate Degree
Andres R. Beltran
Makynzie F. Gleichauf
Makenna J. Hill
Hailey M. Huffman
Brittney Langer*
Rebeca Rojel
Asia L. Schaitel

Business Management Specialist

Technical Diploma
Wendpagnagde S. Gamene
Eric B. Norby*
Evelyn A. Santana

Computer technician

Technical Diploma
Dakota Puckett

Criminal Justice

Associate Degree
Hector D. Aguirre
German Aquino
Maram M. Assaf*
Kaitlyn M. Butt
Shyann Clark+
Kayla L. Crump+
Lauren Day*
Jake D. Duller+
Megan M. Lunsman
Melissa L. McAdory
Hannah Montefelt*

Culinary arts

Associate Degree
Lisette Castellanos Lavarie-



Dr. Tracy Pierner



Maram Assaf

ga*

Christian A. Huston

Digital marketing

Associate Degree
Alyssa N. Whaples*

Early childhood education

Associate Degree
Paige A. Gilman
Melinda Tearman
Coreen L. Wittwer

Electro-Mechanical Technology

Associate Degree
Austin D. Schumann*

HVAC/R

Technical Diploma
Felipe Gonzalez

Human Resources

Associate Degree
Karina D. Moreno-Zarza
Kaylee R. Trawicki*

Human Services

Associate Degree
Heather M. Armstrong*
Hannah M. Myers*
Madeline Rose*
Bobbi A. Underdahl*

Industrial mechanical

Technical Diploma
Sergio Escobar

Lab Food Science

Associate Degree
Chad E. Richards*

Leadership

Associate Degree
Julie A. Morris

Medical coder

Associate Degree
Amber D. Boll*
Katherine Dunlap*
Emily A. Kingslien

Manufacturing information

Technical Diploma
ayden K. Fuerstenberg*

Nursing

Associate Degree
Micheala F. Appner
Kathryn Barr*
Alyssia Bartel*
Matthew J. Bradley*
Kelli J. Butts*
Mackenzie P. Capelle*
Enrique J. Casiano*
Nichole J. Christensen*
Kristina J. Conner*
Cortney R. Cox
Samantha R. Detra
Jenna Dowdy*
Katrina Fraley
Hailey Frazier
Amber L. Golackson
Krystle R. Hubbard*
Teresiah W. Karanja*
Margaret Lowell*
Anastatia M. Maerz*
Morgan M. Melahn
Crystal A. Meyer*
Daisy Ortiz*
Meghan C. Phillips*
Theresa E. Phillips*
Alexandria J. Quade
Anthony J. Smith*
Alexa K. Suiter
Riley J. Trace

Christopher Van Caster*
Karen R. Vindedahl*
DeAnna T. Wallace*

Phlebotomy

Technical Diploma
Denise M. Mireles*
Valerie Oetzel*
Sabrina A. Vasquez

Residential HVAC

Technical Diploma
Rodney P. Burns*

Substance abuse ed

Technical Diploma
Chassidy L. Olson*
Shylow J. Prewitt*

Supply chain manage

Associate Degree
Austin J. Foust

Welding

Technical Diploma
Quinlan Dempsey*
Bryce X. Dyer*
*Honor Cord Recipient (3.5 or high program GPA)
+ Veteran

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.

Saturday, Dec. 24

Disorderly Conduct

At approximately 5:07 p.m., deputies responded to the West 1800 block of Hein Road in the Town of Decatur, for a report of a verbal altercation.

Investigation resulted in the offender, Teryl F. Watson, 59 of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct and Criminal Damage to Property falling under Wisconsin's Domestic Abuse laws.

Watson was booked at the Green County Jail and was released to a responsible party with a future court date.

Friday, Dec. 23

Motor Vehicle Crash

At approximately 9:09 p.m., Deputies responded to 300 block of E. State St., Village of Albany, for a report of a two vehicle crash without injuries. Deputies arrived on scene and spoke with the driver, Hunter Brewer, 22, of Brodhead, who reported that he was traveling west bound when he had swerved to avoid a collision with another vehicle being operated on State St. When Hunter negotiated around the oncoming vehicle, he was unable to control his vehicle due to the snow covered roadway. Hunter's vehicle collided with the rear end of a parked vehicle owned by Beau York, 30, of Albany, where it came to a rest. Hunter reported wearing his safety belt and was uninjured. Both vehicles sustained functional damage with no airbag

deployment.

Hunter was issued citations for failure to maintain control and operating a motor vehicle without insurance.

Disorderly Conduct Arrest

At approximately 10:02 p.m., Deputies and Monroe PD responded to N4721 Gutzmer Rd., Town of Monroe, for a report of an active physical disturbance. Investigation resulted in the offender, Caleb J. McIntosh, 18, being placed under arrest for Disorderly Conduct - Domestic, Criminal Damage to Property and a warrant through the Department of Corrections. Caleb is being held at the Green County Jail pending his initial court appearance.

Thursday, Dec. 22

Motor Vehicle Crash-Property Damage

At 8:37 a.m., Deputies responded to the N8100 block of State Highway 69, in the Town of New Glarus for a single vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Erica M.E. Appel, 40 of Monticello, was traveling northbound when she lost control of her vehicle due to snowy road conditions. Appel's vehicle collided with a traffic sign before coming to rest in the ditch. Appel reported no injuries, was wearing her seat belt, and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene.

Wednesday, Dec. 21

Motor Vehicle Accident-Property Damage

At approximately 6:37 PM, Deputies responded to a two vehicle accident in the W2600 block of State Highway 11, Town of Jefferson.

Investigations found that a vehicle operated by Aiden M

Grey, 18, of Davis (IL), was westbound on State Highway 11 when a deer entered the roadway. Grey slowed his vehicle and was struck from the rear by a vehicle operated by Vaughn L. Barker, 19, of Monroe.

Grey and Barker both denied injury and reported wearing their seatbelts. The airbags in Barker's vehicle deployed.

Grey's vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene. Barker's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

Tuesday, Dec. 20

OWI Arrest

At approximately 5:20 PM, Deputies stopped and cited Anthony J. Klein, 36 of Beloit, for speed (71 MPH in a 55 MPH zone), in the W3800 block of State highway 11, Town of Sylvester. Further investigation resulted in Anthony being placed under arrest for Operating While Under the Influence of a Restricted Controlled Substance - 2nd Offense. Anthony was transported to the Green County Jail where he was released to a responsible party.

Motor Vehicle Crash

At approximately 11:10 PM, Deputies responded to the W8700 block of State Highway 39, Town of York, for a report of a vehicle in the ditch. Investigation determined the operator, Olivia C. Saucedo, 24 of Mt. Horeb, was traveling west on STH 39 when she swerved to miss a deer. The vehicle entered the north ditch and became stuck in a wooded embankment. Olivia reported wearing her seatbelt and not being injured. There was airbag deployment in the vehicle, and it was towed from the scene due to disabling damage.

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Music memory in Monticello

Green County Play-a-thon piano student Finna Sullivan (top), age 9, homeschooled, under instruction of Julie Zimmerman, played *Midwinter*, *Jingle Bells*, and *Good King Wenceslaus* in Monticello last month at the Java Lava Coffee Café. Piper Sullivan (above), age 7, also homeschooled, and also a piano student of Zimmerman played *Angels We Have Heard on High*, *Jingle Bells*, and *Reindeer Wings*. They are the daughters of Tiffany Sullivan.

•Response

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people get older, retire and they may not be available during that time period.

It is very evident that additional personnel were desperately needed by both the BFD and the BAEMS.

Signs were placed on the buildings, an article was placed in the newspaper, members went to the high school during lunch hour to promote the need for volunteers, booths were manned at the Kuhn health fair, mailings went out to every district household, an appeal was made at our fundraisers, and a billboard ad was purchased with virtually no results.

Other actions were needed. Officers from the BFD and BAEMS developed the policies and procedures to create a joint internship program. This would give people interested in pursuing a career in the Fire Service and/or EMS service the opportunity to become members of each department and participate in the duties required while under the guidance of a paid-on-premise mentor.

The intern would have schooling paid for with a commitment to provide a minimum number of hours of service.

Money for this process was approved by the BFD Commission and the BAEMS Board.

Unfortunately, there are other internship opportunities available in the area, and we have been unable to attract any interns from the very limited pool of candidates.

However, we have recently hired two part time, paid on-premise firefighter/paramedics

that respond to calls and perform daily duties during weekday, first shift hours. More had to be done.

Both departments started looking at ways to hire part time, paid on premise staff to ensure at least a minimal response to a call for service. Full time people were never considered because of the cost.

Hiring personnel individually to only cover each department's corresponding calls seemed inefficient and would require twice the personnel. The Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS made the decision to merge as a promising first step in the process of addressing the labor problems of both departments and making the operations more efficient and cost effective.

The goal was to have the merger completed by Jan. 1, 2023.

Monthly meetings between the BFD Commission and the BAEMS Board were started. BAEMS turned over all the details of their assets and liabilities to the BFD.

These included five years of income and expenses, a loan balance, fund balances, and current business events (an upcoming ambulance purchase and recent grant award details).

Mayor Jones made more than one request to BAEMS for a balance sheet from QuickBooks as a typical business would be able to show.

Being a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, Brodhead Area EMS reports earnings and expenses, as is required for tax-

es, so a balance sheet was not available from the QuickBooks software.

This was confirmed by BAEMS accounting firm. Mayor Jones was informed of this and was provided with a handwritten balance sheet.

With the merger in mind, the BFD Officers drafted a budget proposal including both the fire and EMS operations.

This budget expanded the part-time weekday coverage to two part-time positions with 24-hour, seven days per week, 365 days per year coverage to ensure the minimal staffing of an ambulance.

These wages add up quickly because it is around the clock coverage (two people x 8760 hours a year x \$28 = \$490,560, plus taxes and possibly retirement benefits).

The 2023 budget never involved any full-time personnel other than the Administrative Assistant and a Chief, though additional full-time personnel and working more collaboratively with neighboring departments were viewed as possible required steps in the future.

The joint budget proposal was approved by the Fire Commission.

As mentioned above the approved budget includes funds for a full time Fire Chief. The current BFD Chief has changed jobs and is no longer in the area most of the time. He put in his notice that he wanted to step down as Chief by the end of November 2022. No current members of the BFD were interested in the position, so the

BFD Commission decided to advertise for a part-time Chief.

Three excellent candidates were interviewed, and an offer was made. The candidate turned down the offer because he felt the salary was inadequate.

The BFD Commission reviewed their options and decided a full-time position focused on recruitment, training and grant writing would be the best course of action. Eleven applications were reviewed and five were selected for interviews.

This process was suspended when the BFD received a letter from the City of Brodhead calling for the dissolution of the Fire District.

Talk of the City of Brodhead wanting to dissolve the Brodhead Fire District started to circulate, and the BFD was sent a certified letter confirming the rumor shortly thereafter.

When the letter of dissolution was made known to the Brodhead Area EMS Board of Directors, they declined to move forward with the merger because it could result in splitting up the assets of BAEMS.

The Brodhead Fire District has been able to secure grants, most recently for digital radios.

A recent move by Green County Dispatch to digital technology made the addition of digital radios a necessity to be able to communicate.

The grant was for a limited number of radios but it did provide for 50% of the costs involved. All grant writing has been suspended because of the unknowns involved in the dis-

Rock County Sheriff's Office offers two ATV safety education courses

Sheriff Knudson is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer two ATV Safety Education Courses this winter.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, is required to complete an ATV Safety Education Course to legally operate an all-terrain vehicle in places open to the public within the State of Wisconsin.

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

• Class #1: Mandatory Registration is Jan. 3, 6 p.m. at Rock County Fairgrounds – Craig Center. Class is Jan. 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rock

County Fairgrounds – Craig Center

• Class #2: Mandatory Registration is Jan. 24, 6 p.m. at Rock County Fairgrounds – Craig Center. Class is Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Rock County Fairgrounds – Craig Center. Registration is now open for Class #1.

Complete the online enrollment form to reserve a seat. Class size is limited to 30 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.

Registration for Class #2 will open the week of Jan. 9, 2023.

Enroll with the sheriff's recreational safety program online www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/atv-education 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.

Direct any questions to Deputy Terry Borgwardt at terry.borgwardt@co.rock.wi.us.



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The Rock County Sheriff's Office is offering two ATV safety courses in January.

solution of the BFD.

Specific details of the district dissolution are unknown, and the city's letter has been turned over to the BFD attorney to move the process forward.

The Brodhead Rural Fire Association has met with their attorney to consider their next steps.

What is known is that all BFD and BAEMS service area citizens will have some sort of fire and medical coverage. The municipalities are required by law to provide these services.

The specific department(s) or companies providing those services may change for 2024, depending on area, but coverage will be provided.

Though indicated differently elsewhere, insurance rates may be affected.

Fire departments are given an ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating based on many factors of their department pertaining to fire suppression, including staffing levels, response times, certification levels of the members and water availability.

The ISO rating could change, depending on the future fire department rating.

Though situations like the merger suspension could cause the decrease of morale, the members of the Brodhead Fire District are committed to providing the best service possible when their assistance is needed.

Brodhead Area EMS will continue to operate as it has for the last 33 years for the foreseeable future.

Due to the merger not taking place, the municipalities of the

service area will be expected to adhere to the automatically renewing service fee agreement.

Members will continue to cover calls to the best of their ability to ensure prompt medical care in their service area.

The dissolution of the BFD will not decrease the need for more responders.

As membership declines, the remaining members have to leave their full-time jobs more often, respond to more calls during the night and miss out on more family time leading to burn out.

Even the most dedicated volunteer must weigh responding to an emergency vs their own current mental and physical state.

The Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS response area has a population of over 6100 citizens.

Assuming half of the citizens are 18 years of age or older we would need about 1% of the adult population (30 people) to commit to being an active firefighter/emt to eliminate the need for the merger and the large budget increases.

It only takes 1 class to help each department; Firefighter 1 (96 Hours) Hazmat Ops (20 hours) for the fire district and EMT-Basic (180 hours) for the EMS service.

If you're interested in helping, please feel free to reach out to either department to learn about how we operate.

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Apply to Chad Dix, Building & Grounds Supervisor, Brodhead School District, 2501 W. Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520, or call 608-897-2141, ext. 171.

Starting wage is \$14.50 per hour.

Job description available upon request and application forms are available on the district website at www.brodhead.k12.wi.us.

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cation), you must respond with a
written demand for a copy of the
complaint. The demand must be
sent or delivered to the court,
whose address is Rock County
Courthouse, 51 South Main
Street, Janesville, WI 53545
and to Attorney Justin W. Hen-
ry, plaintiffs' attorney, whose
address is Consigny Law Firm,
S.C., 303 East Court Street,
Janesville, WI 53545. You may
have an attorney help or repre-
sent you.

If you do not demand a copy
of the complaint within 40 days,
the court may grant judgment
against you for the award of
money or other legal action re-
quested in the complaint, and
you may lose your right to ob-
ject to anything that is or may
be incorrect in the complaint.
A judgment may be enforced
as provided by law. A judgment
awarding money may become a
lien against any real estate you
own now or in the future and
also may be enforced by garn-
ishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 6th day of
December, 2022.

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**VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE
Notice of Public Hearing**

The Planning Commission
for the Village of Orfordville will
meet on Wednesday, January
4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Vil-
lage Hall at 303 E. Beloit Street
to discuss amendments to C-1
Commercial Zoning. Specifi-
cally, the Planning Commission
will review a recommendation
for Exterior Façade Regulations
for businesses in the downtown
area. The purpose of the regu-
lations is to establish minimum
standards to safeguard life and
property and to promote public
welfare and community aesthet-
ics by regulating the appear-
ance, construction, location,
and maintenance of buildings
in the designated downtown
area. The downtown area is
defined as the 200 block of E.
Beloit Street, 200 block of W.
Beloit Street, 200 block of W.
Brodhead Street, 300 block of
W. Brodhead Street, 100 block
of E. Spring Street, 100 block
of S. Wright Street, 100 block of
Main Street, and 28 S. Center
Street. Property owners in the
designated downtown area will
be notified separately by mail.

The Planning Commission will
then make a recommendation
to the Village Board on Monday,
January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Both meetings are open to the
public.

Sherri Waege
Village Clerk
Village of Orfordville

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**Board of Adjustments Meeting
Town of Avon
Avon Town Hall
16513 W Beloit Newark Road,
Brodhead, WI 53520
January 3rd, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.**

The Board of Adjustments
Committee for the Town of Avon
will be meeting on January 3rd,
2023 at 6:30 p.m. to hear and
review the application submitted
by Dennis Bauling for a drive-
way with less than recom-
mended visibility at W ½, NE ¼,
Section 22-1-10, Parcel # 6-1206B.1
on West Beloit Newark Rd.

If you approve or have an ob-
jection to this request, please
express your actions by letter,
telephone, or in person. If we
do not hear from you, we will in-
fer that you have no objections.
Letters can be mailed to 15444
W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI
53520. For a telephone num-
ber of one of Board of Adjust-
ment members, please contact
Stephanie Schwartzlow at 608-
921-3656.

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk
608-921-3656

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**Town of Avon
Notice of Town Caucus
January 3rd, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
to the electors for the Town of
Avon, in the county of Rock,
State of Wisconsin, that a Town
Caucus will be held at the Avon
Town Hall, 16513 W Beloit New-
ark Road, Brodhead, Wisconsin
on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023
at 7:00 p.m. to nominate candi-
dates for the different Town
Offices to vote on April 4th, 2023

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk

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**NOTICE
TOWN OF MAGNOLIA
NOTICE OF CAUCUS
CAUCUS WILL BE HELD
AT THE MAGNOLIA TOWN
HALL
14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A,
EVANSVILLE, WI 53536
JANUARY 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

NOTICE is Hereby Given to the
electors of the Town of Magnolia,
in the County of Rock, State of
Wisconsin, that a Town Caucus for
said town will be held at the Mag-
nolia Town Hall, 14729 W. County
Road A, Evansville, WI 53536 in
said town on January 10, 2023 at
7:00 P.M. to nominate candidates
for the different town offices to
be voted for at the Town Election
to be held on the first Tuesday in
April of 2023.

**REGULAR MONTHLY
MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT THE
MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL
14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A,
EVANSVILLE, WI 53536
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
THE CAUCUS
THAT BEGINS AT 7:00 P.M.**

- Agenda:
1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approve Agenda
 4. Clerk's Report
 5. Treasurer's Report
 6. Public Comment – limit 3 minutes
 7. Zoning Change Petitions
 8. Highways and Bridges
 9. Official Newspaper
 10. Update of Rock County Hazard Mitigation Plan
 11. Resolution for Ice Age Trail
 12. Agenda for next Month
 13. Pay Bills
 14. Adjourn
- Graceann Toberman, Town Clerk/
Treasurer

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Registration open for Happy Little 5K benefit for trees in state parks

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is pleased to announce its participation in the Happy Little 5k, a race benefiting tree health in Wisconsin state parks.

The race, inspired by artist Bob Ross, is a virtual event with proceeds going towards tree health and protection across the state.

This is a race that anyone and everyone can do. Participation is open to people of all abilities, whether they walk, run, skate, bicycle or use a mobility device.

Participants can pick their start and finish lines for this 5k (3.1 mile) race.

Compete against a friend or find a partner to help you both meet your miles.

Registrants can select Wisconsin as the state they wish to represent.

A portion of the \$34 registration fee will go towards tree

planting and forest health efforts to combat threats from invasive species in Wisconsin state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas.

Everyone who participates gets a Happy Little t-shirt, a commemorative bib and a finisher's medal.

Participants pick the pace and the place, as long as it's outdoors and you reach the finish line between Earth Day (April 22) and Arbor Day (April 28).

The Wisconsin DNR is working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to offer this opportunity.

Michigan started the Happy Little Trees program in 2019 by partnering with Bob Ross Inc. to raise awareness of tree planting and forest protection efforts in its state parks.

The tree planting program - where seeds are placed in the care of inmates in a Michigan

Department of Corrections education program - began in 2004, but grew into the "Happy Little Trees" program in 2019, when the DNR and Bob Ross Inc. partnered on programming to help raise awareness of tree planting and forest protection efforts in state parks.

The program has produced more than 100,000 native plants, shrubs and trees since its start in 2004. With support from the Bob Ross partnership, more than 2,100 trees have been planted in 20 state parks across Michigan.

Collection of local native seeds is key to growing trees, shrubs, grasses and plant products for use in state parks within the same geographical region to provide the best opportunity to survive and to emulate local plant communities

The program spread to other states, including Wisconsin.

This year, Michigan is partnering with other state departments of natural resources, including Wisconsin, to offer the Happy Little 5k.

People around the world are familiar with the work and personality of Bob Ross, the American painter, art instructor and television host who in the '80s and '90s shared his love for painting and the environment with millions of viewers on the PBS show, "The Joy of Painting."

Ross was known for demonstrating seemingly simple brushstrokes that brought gorgeous landscapes - full of happy little trees - to life on the canvas.

Suggested 5k routes at Wisconsin state parks, forests, trails and recreation areas will be available in January on the DNR OutWiGo webpage.

Registration is open until March 1, 2023.

Colton, Eleanor among top baby names at SSM

Monroe area families welcomed 441 bundles of joy into the world at SSM Health Monroe Hospital in 2022.

When looking at the most common names given to these sweet new family members, parents most commonly chose:

- Colton

- Eleanor
- Evelyn
- Nora
- Oliver
- William

Alaina and Jackson topped the hospital's list of popular baby names in 2021.

While SSM Health Monroe

Hospital's Family Birth team is busy caring for families year-round, August saw the highest number of birthdays in 2022, with 47 little ones joining the world.

Birth totals, information and most popular names are collected from Dec. 1, 2021 to Nov. 30, 2022 to represent a full calendar year.



Goose hunting in the Southern Goose Zone is open until Jan. 3, 2023. JAMES BREY/WISCONSIN DNR PHOTO Brodhead Independent Register

Southern goose zone holiday hunt open

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters that the goose season is again open in the Southern Goose Zone.

This opportunity will remain open until Jan. 3, 2023.

Additionally, this portion of the Canada goose season in the southern zone has an increased daily bag limit of five Canada geese, which began in

2021.

The split goose season allows hunters the opportunity to hunt geese over the holidays when many have time off from work and school or may be returning home to Wisconsin for the holidays.

In the northern zone, the goose season wrapped up on Dec. 16. The Canada goose season in the Mississippi Riv-

er Zone ends on Jan. 3, 2023, with a daily bag limit of three Canada geese.

While out in the field, goose hunters are reminded that they must carry either an electronic or physical copy of their Canada goose harvest permit and license.

Acceptable methods of proof include a paper copy, a department-approved PDF

displayed on a mobile device, a Wisconsin driver's license or a Go Wild Conservation Card.

Also, registration of Canada geese and in-field validation of the Canada goose hunting permit is no longer required.

More information on goose hunting, including how to find places to hunt and the regulations, can be found on the DNR's website.