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STAFF AND ONLINE REPORTS

If you drive along State Highway 104, which forms the border between Green and Rock counties, you must have noticed construction in farm fields a few miles north of Brodhead.

Crews for Alliant Energy in November 2022 began building driveways and access roads as well as grading this and other sites nearby in the Town of Decatur for the Albany Solar Project.

Preparations for the project, around alternately muddy and extreme cold, will allow pile installation in the spring with vertical steel beams. The beams will be driven into the ground to support solar panels.

Alliant expects the Albany Solar Project to be operational this year, according to its website pages on this and other alternative energy projects it is undertaking around Wisconsin. Through its utility subsidiaries Interstate Power and Light Co. and Wisconsin Power and Light Co., Alliant

Energy provides service to about 985,000 electric and 425,000 natural gas customers in the Midwest. Alliant's total service area is 54,369 square miles in portions of Iowa and Wisconsin.

Its corporate headquarters is in Madison, but it also has a general office in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The utility has more than 3,300 employees, and operating revenues the end of 2021 were some \$3.7 billion.

Alliant estimates the Albany Solar Project will provide new tax revenue, about \$200,000, in annual shared revenue for the Town of Decatur and Green County.

During construction, Alliant believes between 100 and 200 local union jobs will complete the work, and a Midwest Economic Policy Study shows using local union labor will have little to no additional cost to customers.

Once operational, a few full-time employees will

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Solar panels and materials await construction in Alliant's Albany Solar Project, which is leasing about 400 acres in the Town of Decatur and Green County.

TONY ENDS Brodhead Independent Register

Understanding how property tax is allocated for schools

By Dave Novy
 SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

I want to send out a message to residents of Brodhead School District to help everyone understand their property tax bill, specifically the school district's portion of the overall tax bill.

I have been hearing concerns from residents of our school district regarding higher-than-expected property taxes. I want to communicate how the school district's portion of your tax bill is determined.

In October 2022, the Brodhead School District levied a total tax of \$4,391,201 for the 2022-23 school year, which is used to calculate our district's mill rate.

The mill rate is the amount of tax a property owner will pay per \$1,000 of property

value. Each school district in Wisconsin has the authority to levy up to a specific dollar amount for public schools. This amount is different for every district. It is set by the State of Wisconsin in what is known as the "Revenue Limit".

The mill rate is calculated by taking the total local tax levy and dividing this by the total Equalized Value of Property (EVOP) for all properties within the school district.

This answer is then multiplied by 1,000 to get a mill rate, or rate of tax per \$1,000 of property value.

Brodhead School District's mill rate for 2022 is \$6.65.

EVOP is determined by the State Department

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Thoughts from Scotch Hill

City and countryside depend on each other now more than ever

I lived three miles from this newspaper's office for more than 10 years before discovering what I got free in my mailbox was only half the news the Independent Register publishes and sells weekly.

I didn't know all those years that for about 50 cents a week I could get the other 8 pages of local news, too.

Nor did I grasp the importance of that news to me in rural Western Rock County.

City of Brodhead news, and that of neighboring Green County, informed my children's school district.

The full paper covered the technical college system where two of my sons eventually studied skills vital to their occupations.

Both front and inside sections of The Independent Register also would have informed our family about the first responders who came to our farmhouse one night 20 years ago when my wife seemed to stop breathing.

In the very first years we lived in Spring Valley



By TONY ENDS Editor

township, I was editing special sections and "wire" news (national and world) for the Janesville Gazette

I'd leave our rural farmstead, and drive out to Highway 11. There I'd enter a stream of cars at 4:30 a.m.

Many other rural people at that hour back then were changing shifts for General Motors and its parts suppliers around Janesville.

For a time suddenly, it was as if the highway went dark at dawn in 2007. The Suburban-manufacturing plant had shut down, and 9,000 state-line people had lost their jobs.

Kuhn and Stoughton Trailers in Brodhead have kept a good number of my rural neighbors earning incomes to support their farms and rural living.

Most of us shop in Brodhead, dine there, bank there.

We took our children to the dentist in Brodhead. It was our first choice for a pharmacy and clinic.

When three of our children chose to attend Brodhead High School, we found half the casts in plays and musicals also came from surrounding rural townships. It was the same for the athletic teams they joined.

In a column for the Independent Register years ago, I shared historian Lawrence Goodwyn's accounting of how towns and cities first came into being to support farmers across our nation.

Their relationship was captured in a speech William Jennings Bryan gave on accepting his party's presidential nomination in 1896.

"Burn down your cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic," Jennings told the convention, "but destroy our farms, and the grass will grow

in the streets of every city in the country."

We've just come through a historic pandemic and economic downturn, which demonstrated the vulnerability of every community -both rural and urban - across this land.

Every person is vulnerable to supply chain disruptions and reliance on global trade. We depend on it for half our food.

We've seen even more recently how armed conflict thousands of miles away affects fuel and energy prices.

Disrupt the supply chain, and 4 million semi-trucks and vast fleets of shipping containers are snarled, slowed or stalled.

If any city or village neglects its local farms and food production, if it discounts its rural people's importance to local businesses, it risks what Bryan predicted more than 100 years ago would come true.

We - countryside and city - need each other now more than ever. Little local newspapers must keep us informed, help bring us together.

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• Property tax (Continued from front page)

of Revenue and is intended to be an estimate of the fair market value of property relative to other property throughout the state. It considers variations across the state in assessed property values.

School districts use the EVOP to determine how to divide property taxes between the municipalities in their district in a way that is fair and equitable.

The distribution of equalized value of the Brodhead School District for 2023 is: City of Brodhead-Green County (35.6%), Town of Decatur (31.6%), Town of Spring Grove (12.6%), Town of Spring Valley (7.0%), Town of Avon (6.9%), Town of Sylvester (3.5%), Town of Magnolia (1.5%), and City of Brodhead-Rock County (1.3%).

The school district then notifies each municipality how much in taxes to collect on the school district's behalf using this method.

Each municipality then divides the school tax among the property owners based on the assessed property values.

If a property owner has property equal to 0.10% of the total assessed property in the city or town, that person's property tax would be 0.10% of the total tax levy.

The EVOP increase for each municipality from 2021 to 2022 is the following: City of Brodhead (+11.2%), Town of Decatur (+10.9%), Town of Spring Grove (+11.5%), Town of Spring Valley (+12.3%), Town of Avon (+15.4%), Town of Sylvester (+14.1%), and Town of Magnolia (+16.7%).

Assuming no other changes, this is what you could expect the impact of the school's tax levy to be on your property tax bill.

Generally, a large increase in equalized property values will decrease the district's mill rate.

When we passed last year's referendum, we anticipated an increase in the district's mill rate from 6.52 in 2021-22 to 7.38 in 2022-23.

For a \$200,000 home, that would have meant an additional tax of \$170 of tax on average.

Because the EVOP increased an average of 16%, the mill rate dropped to 6.65, with an additional tax impact of only \$28 for a \$200,000 home.

To give another example, the Town of Decatur has 31.6% of the school district's EVOP, so the Town of Decatur is sent a "bill" of \$1,387,180, which is their portion of the district's overall \$4,391,201 tax levy.

The Town of Decatur then "bills" each resident according to the value of property they own.

If a resident of the Town of Decatur owns 1/10% of the EVOP, that resident would pay \$1,387 in property taxes.

Hopefully, after reading this, you should have a better understanding of how the school district's portion of your property tax bill is determined.

There are many variables associated with your overall property tax bill.

Generally, Wisconsin school districts levy taxes based on the average mill rate, send a "bill" to each municipality based on their percentage share of the district's overall EVOP, and municipalities "bill" each individual based on the assessed value of that property.

Obituaries

TIMOTHY ALAN COLE

Timothy Alan Cole, age 68, passed away unexpectedly while at his home in Albany.

He was born on May 12, 1954, in Madison, the son of Wayne and Betty Cole.

He graduated from Madison East High School in 1972 and later from UW-Platteville in 1976. He graduated with a double major in accounting and business management.

He married Cathy Harsha in Muscoda on April 1, 1978.

He grew up in the Madison area and settled down in Albany in his little piece of Heaven by Allen Creek in Albany.



He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing cards, bowling, wine making, canoeing and traveling.

He was self-employed for many years as a painter and accountant. He worked independently for H&R Block for over 30 years.

He is survived by his wife Cathy; two children, Adam (Brooke) Cole and Chris (Jennifer) Cole; four grandchildren, Devin, Kylee, Hayden

and Casey; three siblings, Kay Cole, Pam Kleiber, and Roger (Phoebe) Cole; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Betty; a brother, Robert Cole; and a sister, Dori Cole.

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

A memorial visitation will be held at the Albany Lions Club in Albany this Saturday, Jan. 21 from 4 to 7 p.m. Cremation rites have been accorded.

DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

DORIS C. DEAN

Doris C. Dean, 89 of Brodhead passed away peacefully on Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023 at the SSM Health Hospice in Monroe.

She was born on March 2, 1933, in Grafton, NY, the eldest daughter of Willard and Ada (Teal) Coonradt.

She lived and attended school in Sand Lake, NY; graduating in 1950.

Doris married her childhood sweetheart, George W. Dean, on July 28, 1951, in New York.

Doris and George moved to Wisconsin in 1988 after



retiring with 25 years of service from the Averill Park School District, Averill Park, NY.

Family was very important to her. Her greatest joy was her three boys: Glenn, Rory, and Randy.

She loved traveling and wintered for many years in Lake Havasu City, Ariz., until 2003, when George's health no longer permitted it.

She is survived by three sons, Glenn (Barb) Dean of Mineral Point; Rory (Dawn) Dean of Warnerville, NY; and Randy (Linda) Dean of Brodhead; her grandchildren, Mari (Ryan) Schneider, Jen-

na (Adam) Domack, Yvonne (Nic) Hipenbecker, Derrick (Myka) Dean, Shana Dean, Taber Dean, Logan (Jodi) Dean, and Hannah (Sebastian) Wallner; two sisters, Phyllis Carner and Grace Clinton both of New York; and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Willard and Ada; two sisters, Ada (at birth), Kaye Winn; and her beloved husband, George.

A private service will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the SSM Monroe Hospice, 3252 County Road N, Monroe, WI 53566 in her memory.

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Albany Comet News

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

-Albertson Memorial Public Library open, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
*High School girls basketball at Barneveld, 6 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

-Albertson Memorial Public Library open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

-Albertson Memorial Public Library, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
-Recycling Center, 500 Ogden Ave., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
-Municipal Court, 10 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 23

-Albertson Memorial Public Library, open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
*High School boys basketball vs. Madison Country Day School, 6 to 9 p.m.
-Village Personnel Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

-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 girls basketball vs. Argyle (Parents' Night), 6 to 9 p.m.
-St. Patrick's Mass, 8 to 8:30 a.m.

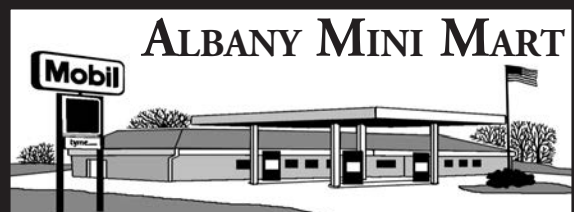
WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

-Albertson Memorial Public Library open 11 a.m. to 6 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.
*Adult basketball open gym, 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.
-Village Police, Fire, and License committee meeting, 6:30 p.m.

- Denotes a community event.

*Denotes Albany School event. For more information, please call 608-862-3225.

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The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is hosting Free Fishing Weekend Jan. 21-22 to share the fun and excitement of winter fishing. No fishing license or trout and salmon stamps are required.

Anglers can fish state waters where there is an open season. All other fishing regulations apply, such as limits on the number and size of fish you can keep and any seasons when you must release certain fish species.

As a reminder, anglers cannot fish spring trout ponds during the Winter Free Fishing Weekend. Please go online and review the trout regulations and 2022-2023 Hook and Line regulations

for more information.

If you plan to keep your catch, be sure to review the DNR's Safe Eating Guidelines online at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/consumption to stay informed of potential consumption advisories impacting some waterbodies throughout the state.

"Free Fishing Weekend is a great opportunity for people from all walks of life to give angling a try, without the added step and expense of getting a fishing license," said Theresa Stabo, DNR Angler Outreach Program Specialist. "Fishing is about so much more than the catch. Get out there and enjoy nature, spend time with friends

and family, and if you're lucky, bring home some fish for your next at-home fish fry."

Find Free Fishing Weekend events on the DNR events webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/events.

Prepare to fish

Visit the DNR's Fishing Equipment For Loan webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Fishing/anglereducation/loanerContacts.html to find a tackle loaner site with ice fishing equipment near you. Locations with ice fishing equipment will have an "IF" next to their name. Basic gear is available; however, sites do not lend out ice augers. Hours and available

equipment vary, so contact the site in advance and plan ahead to pick up the gear.

Winter fishing safety reminders

Remember, no ice is 100% safe. Check with local bait shops for current ice conditions in the area you plan to ice fish. Stay safely on shore if ice conditions are questionable and if open water is within casting distance, give that a try. Always tell someone where you are going and when you'll return.

Lastly, dress for winter comfort, and don't forget your safety gear:

- Warm layers that are water-resistant
- Sturdy waterproof boots with spike-style creepers for traction
- Extra hat and gloves
- Rescue throw rope
- Ice claws

More fishing fun

Continue your fishing adventure after Free Fishing Weekend by buying a fishing license. The next Free Fishing Weekend will take place June 3-4.



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Share the fun and excitement of winter fishing during Free Fishing Weekend, Jan. 21-22.

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.

Friday, Jan. 13 Motor vehicle crash with property damage in Decatur

At 3:29 p.m., deputies along with Brodhead Fire Department and Brodhead EMS responded to the West 400 block of County Highway E in the Town of Decatur for a single-vehicle roll over crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Dana M. Sangermano, 17, of Brodhead, was traveling northbound when the vehicle entered the gravel shoulder causing Sangermano to lose control of the vehicle.

The vehicle then entered the ditch and rolled. Sangermano and her passenger reported no injuries and said that they were wearing their seatbelts. The airbags did not deploy. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

Tuesday, Jan. 10 Vehicle crash with property damage

At 5:30 a.m., deputies responded to the North 6300 block of County Highway A in the Town of Adams for a single-vehicle crash.

Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Jacob A. Castello, 43 of Argyle was traveling northbound when he lost control of his vehicle due to icy road conditions.

The vehicle then entered the west ditch and collided with a parked trailer. Castello reported no injuries and told deputies he was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident.

The vehicle's airbags did not deploy. Castello's vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene. The trailer sustained minor damage and remained on scene.

Monday, Jan. 9 Motor vehicle crash with property damage

At 8:53 a.m., deputies responded to the North 3500 block of Aebly Road, in the Town of Monroe, for a single-vehicle crash.

Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Alexa H.J. McWorthy, 19, of Monroe, lost control of her vehicle due to icy road con-

ditions.

The vehicle struck a road sign before entering the ditch and coming to rest.

McWorthy reported no injuries and told deputies that she was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the accident.

The airbags did not deploy. The vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene.

Warrant for arrest

At 4:01 p.m., deputies responded to the West 3000 block of Main Street in the Town of Jefferson for a Disorderly Conduct incident.

Investigation resulted in Christopher J. Logan, 41, of Juda, being arrested for a warrant through Winnebago County.

He was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending a court appearance. He was also cited for Disorderly Conduct.

Sunday, Jan. 8 Motor Vehicle Accident-Property Damage

At approximately 4:43 p.m., deputies responded to the intersection of State Highway 11 and State Highway 69 in the Town of Monroe for a report of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries reported.

Investigations found that a vehicle operated by Lesley Smith, 60, of New Glarus, had been operating eastbound through the intersection, continuing onto State Highway 11.

A second vehicle operated by Logan Moore, 17, of Argyle, was northbound at the time on State Highway 69.

Moore's vehicle collided with Smith's vehicle.

Smith, Smith's juvenile passenger, and Moore reported wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported.

Both vehicles sustained disabling damages and were towed from the scene. There was airbag deployment in Moore's vehicle.

As a result of the investigation, Smith was cited for Failure to Yield Right of Way.

Saturday Jan. 7 Vehicle accident

At 6:54 a.m., deputies responded to the West 4200 block of Exeter Crossing Road in the Exeter Township for a one-vehicle accident.

Investigation found that a vehicle operated by Alexis S. Radl, 17, of Belleville, had been traveling east on Exeter Crossing Road.

Radl's vehicle entered the

north ditch and struck a tree.

Radl was able to get out of the ditch before the vehicle became disabled.

Radl reported no injuries and told deputies she was wearing her seatbelt at the time of the accident.

There was no airbag deployment in the vehicle. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

Friday, Jan. 6 Motor Vehicle Crash

At approximately 2:43 p.m., deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash in the West 2600 block of State Highway 11 in the Town of Jefferson.

The investigation revealed that Sheena M. Baugh, age 39, of Chicago, was entering the highway from a parking lot when her vehicle was stuck by an eastbound vehicle operated by Donald E. Robieson, age 80, of Monroe.

Both Robieson and Baugh, also a passenger in Baugh's vehicle, reported wearing their seatbelts at the time of the accident. They were not injured in the collision.

Robieson's black 2019 Honda Ridgeline sustained disabling damage to the front with airbag deployment and was towed from the scene.

Baugh's black 2015 Acura MDX sustained disabling damage with airbag deployment and was also towed from the scene.

Baugh was cited for failure to yield the right of way and issued a written warning for operating after suspension.

Motor Vehicle Crash

At approximately 6 p.m., deputies responded to the West 2300 block of County Highway EE in the Town of Albany for a report of a single-vehicle crash with no injury. Investigation determined the operator and sole occupant, McKenna A. Folkers, 19, of Belleville, was traveling east on County EE when she failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway.

Her vehicle lost traction, slid across the roadway, and entered an embankment.

The vehicle continued to travel until it came to a rest in a field.

She reported wearing her seatbelt and not being injured. There was no airbag deployment. The vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene after being removed from the field by a tow service.

Beautiful Babies of 2022

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or email picture to: paper@indreg.com by 3 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 16.
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•Solar (Continued from front page)

help ensure the project is running smoothly.

Alliant is leasing land for the solar fields from landowners in the area, about 400 acres, for the 30-year lifespan of the Albany Solar Project. It says soil recovery during the project's lifespan will protect agricultural land and preserve its value for future generations.

Grass and seed mixes surrounding the solar panels and throughout the solar arrays will help build soil nutrients and create a pollinator-friendly habitat. Pollinator-friendly vegetation has been proven to prevent soil erosion and add benefit to high-value crops, according to an Alliant environmental impact statement.

"Once the grass matures in four years following construction, the water quality of surrounding waterbodies is expected to improve because of reduced nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment, and biological oxygen demand entering these waterbodies," according to the statement online.

"This improves the ecological health of the watershed and the quality of life for all inhabitants, as high loadings of these pollutants can produce excess algae growth and degrade the habitat in adjacent waterbodies."

The Albany Solar Project, an estimated 50-megawatt power source, is one of 12 solar projects that Alliant has received approval to own and operate in Wisconsin. The projects span dozens of communities across nine counties.

Collectively, these projects will add nearly 1,100 MW of solar energy generation to the state's energy grid by the end of 2023. That's enough to power nearly 300,000 homes.

The Albany Solar Project will connect to the electrical transmission grid directly through the local substation. Once complete, the project will generate enough clean, low-cost energy to power thousands of homes.

"These projects demonstrate our commitment to advancing clean energy and



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Equipment stands ready for solar project and substation construction along State Highway 104 north of Brodhead.

strengthening the communities we serve. They create an economic boost for communities and landowners while providing customers with reliable, environmentally friendly energy for decades to come," Alliant says.

Alliant believes investing in the 12 solar projects will help customers avoid more than \$1.6 billion in long-term costs. Other economic impacts from the total project are creation of an estimated 2,000 construction jobs, and \$300 million in revenues to local communities and landowner payments across the 30 years.

Alliant is hoping its clean energy initiatives will help the utility achieve net-zero carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity it generates by 2050.

Also in Rock County, Alliant has undertaken the Paddock Solar Project, an estimated 65-megawatt power source in the Town of Beloit. Its acreage comprises 500 acres. Its construction began in the summer of 2022, and it is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

Alliant has also built a 4-megawatt integrated solar facility to offset auxiliary power use at its natural gas-fired West Riverside Energy Center near Beloit.

Right: Site preparation for Albany Solar Project began in November and the solar field is expected to be operational by or before the end of this year.

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A contractors' sign marks the new solar field substation entrance. The Albany Solar Project will provide an estimated 50-megawatt power source. It is among 12 Alliant solar projects in Wisconsin, spanning dozens of communities in nine counties.

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Parkview-Albany wrestlers on top



Coach Joel Steinmann reported 5 Parkview-Albany wrestling team members made the podium at the Ithaca-Weston invitational Jan. 14. As a team, 11 scored and 2 extras were wrestling. The team finished in first place with 199.0 team points, just ahead of Wisconsin Dells with 194.5, and Middleton with 182.0. Danny Finley #120 (24-5), Wyatt Egan #195 (16-2) and Wes Egan #220 (26-1) finished the day on top of the podium. Evan Suer #145 (14-10) and Sam Schwengels #182 (28-1) placed 2nd. Blake Finley #113 (8-8), Ian Suer #138 (23-7), and Nico Zamara #152 (11-7) placed 4th. Jayden Anderson #160 (10-12) and Sean Morales #170 (4-8) placed 8th. Our extra wrestlers Connor Flippin #113 (6-8) placed 6th, Luc Cramer #145 (6-6) placed 7th.

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Vets Roll Medallion raffle set in Orfordville

A Vets Roll Medallion Raffle will be held at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 11, at American Legion Post 209 in Orfordville.

The American Legion hall is at 3913 State Highway 213 on the southside of Orfordville.

Proceeds being raised through the raffle will provide funds for sending World War II, Korean, and Vietnam veterans to visit memorials in Washington, D.C.

Only 500 souvenir medallions will be sold for \$100 each in the raffle. There will be 50 cash prizes totaling more than \$13,000 awarded. The first prize is \$3000, and there will be many more raffle and auction items.

Food will be available at the fundraiser, too.

Contact Samantha Freitag at 608-728-2642, April Woodstock at 608-314-5245, or Molly Wellnitz at 608-295-2346 for details.

ADRC offers workshop on preventing falls

By Laura Steiner
ADRC GREEN COUNTY

Did you know, one in four older adults has a fall each year? And among those falls, Wisconsin leads the nation in fall-related deaths for people age 60 and older.

But the good news is that falls are not a normal part of aging and can be prevented.

In just seven weekly, two-hour sessions, "Stepping On" workshop gives participants strategies for avoiding falls, which in turn leaves them with less fear, more confidence, and

overall better health outcomes. The Stepping On program has been researched and proven to reduce falls by 31%.

Information participants learn in Stepping On includes balance and strength exercises, home safety hazard checks, medication review, vision issues, and community safety issues.

Participants will hear from guest experts throughout the program. This includes a physical therapist, vision expert, pharmacist, and police officer. All experts provide vital and

relevant information within their range of expertise pertaining to preventing falls.

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The next upcoming Stepping On workshop will be offered on Wednesdays from Feb. 8 to March 22 from 1 to 3 p.m. This workshop will be held at the Green County

Human Services Building in Monroe.

This workshop is free and open to the general public for people 60 years of age and older.

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Fatal traffic crash is Green County's first 2023 road death

GREEN COUNTY SHERIFF
A New Glarus man died and two New Glarus residents were injured in a three-vehicle crash on STH 69 approximately .1 mile south of Highland Drive, north of the Village of New Glarus on Friday morning.

At 8:10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 13, the Green County Sheriff's Office received multiple 911 calls reporting a three-vehicle crash with injuries on State Highway 69, a little more than one mile north of the Village of New Glarus.

EMS and two UW Med Flight helicopters were all dispatched to the scene. Initial investigation indicated that Peter J. Weix, age 57 of New Glarus was northbound on State Highway 69 operating a Volkswagen Beetle, following a Toyota Rav4 SUV operated by Ruth A. Zuber, age 61, also of New Glarus. The Volkswagen apparently made a passing maneuver of the Toyota on the right shoulder, slid broadside in front of the Zuber vehicle after completing the pass and was struck broadside by the Toyota Rav4.

The Volkswagen then entered the path of a south-

bound Subaru Legacy automobile operated by Joyce A. Jensen, age 62, of New Glarus and the resulting collision sent both vehicles to the west shoulder of the highway, while the Toyota came to rest in the northbound lane of Highway 69.

Despite lifesaving efforts by First Responders, Peter Weix was pronounced deceased at the scene by the Green County Coroner.

Joyce Jensen was transported by Med Flight helicopter to a Madison Hospital with critical injuries, while Ruth Zuber did not immediately seek medical treatment.

Airbags deployed in all

three vehicles and all three drivers were believed to be wearing safety belts. Road conditions did not appear to be a contributing factor in the crash.

The Wisconsin State Patrol assisted by sending a crash reconstruction team to the scene, and the Green County Highway Department responded with barricades and personnel to detour traffic.

The highway was closed for approximately 6 hours and was expected to reopen mid-afternoon on Friday.

The crash, which is Green County's first traffic fatality in 2023 remains under investigation.

Orfordville Fire Protection District and EMS meeting after levy vote

Residents of the Village of Orfordville approved a referendum on Nov. 8, 2022, to exceed the levy limit by \$166,599 to hire full-time staff for the Orfordville Fire Protection District and Emergency Medical Service.

However, in order to move forward as a full-time department, the other municipalities in the district needed to approve the funding as well.

The other municipalities in the fire district are town-

ships, which have the ability to vote on the funding at a town meeting instead of having a referendum as state law requires of villages and cities.

Four of the five municipalities which have residents in the fire district approved the funding. They are the towns of Spring Valley, Avon, and Plymouth, and the Village of Orfordville.

The Town of Newark did not approve the additional

funding needed for full-time staff for the department.

The Fire Commission for the Orfordville Fire Department is meeting to determine a plan on how to move forward with the current funding that they have.

At this time, it is not known whether the fire department will be able to hire the needed full-time employees.

The referendum for the Village of Orfordville was specific to hiring full-time

staff. In the event that full-time staff are not hired, the approved money which was included on the December 2022 tax bill will be refunded to the residents of the Village of Orfordville.

If refunded, the money will be adjusted off of the levy for the December 2023 tax bills.

Call the Orfordville Village Hall at 608-879-2004 if you have any questions about this situation.

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AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
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 - XIV. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85, (1)(c) Support Staff Compensation
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SPRING PRIMARY – FEBRUARY 21, 2023 VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing.
Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election

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or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application for an absentee ballot by mail or in person.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail
The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: **Thursday, February 17, 2023 at 5 p.m.**

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person
You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

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The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office:
Friday, February 17, 2023 at 4:30 p.m.

No in-person absentee voting may occur on a weekend or legal holiday or on the day before the election.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on **February 21, 2023**. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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