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Duo of Wisconsin female history makers to headline inaugural Educator Conference

Wisconsin Women in Conservation (WiWiC) is proud to celebrate Women's History Month by announcing that pioneering researchers Jean Eells and Rebecca Christoffel will headline the upcoming WiWiC Educator Network Conference on Friday, April 28. The conference theme is "Lighting the Fire with Women Landowners" and the day-long, non-traditional event will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Sentry World Atrium, 501 Michigan Ave. N., Stevens Point. Space is limited and registration is open now at WiWiC.org under Events. The whole day session, including lunch, is \$25 until April 1, thanks to support from NRCS Wisconsin and The Nature Conservancy. After April first, the cost goes to \$35. Scholarships are also available.

What is the key ingredient to supporting Wisconsin women who want to learn how to best steward their land?

According to research done by Eells and Christoffel for over two decades, the answer is conservation educators who understand and use educational strategies and outreach that work best for women.

WiWiC, a national leader in women-focused conservation education, is hosting this firstof-its-kind gathering to bring together conservation educators from across the state to learn about these best practices to support the increasingly power-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Brodhead Independent Register "At this conference we will introduce the Learning Circle model and how it works to support best practices in women landowner education, based on years of research in how women committed to conservation learn best," explains Dr. Jean Eells of E Resources Group. Eells is the leading researcher in this area nationally and facilitates the research component of WiWiC.

women landowners.

Women are now 35% of the primary operators on Wisconsin's farmland. 22% of the women in this group have been farming for ten years or less.

"I feel it's so important to learn to work with women landowners on conservation because ful and growing demographic of women own or co-own almost



SUBMITTED PHOTO Brodhead Independent Register "This upcoming gathering celebrates the growth of women in conservation in Wisconsin and provides tools for educators to amplify that even further," said Dr. Esther Shekinah, WiWiC project lead at the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute. "We are honored to have over twenty conservation organizations partnering in this inaugural event. We started the WiWiC Educator Network to bring together all people in our state dedicated to conservation education for women and are thrilled to have this opportunity to meet and learn together in person."

half of the agricultural land in important, long under-served the USA, including Wisconsin. audience in conservation." In addition, women generally

Dr. Christoffel holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from UW-Madison in Wildlife Ecology and a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Fisheries and Wildlife. Her work focuses on the human dimensions of natural resources management. Dr. Christoffel has served as the State Wildlife Extension Biologist and a faculty member at Iowa State University. She is now a reand is the primary evaluator on er in this subject nationally. She the WiWiC project. She and facilitates the evaluation compoher husband steward 30 acres of prairie on the Wisconsin/Illinois border.

always has a clipboard in her hands.

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nent of WiWiC. "Our research has shown that peer-based, interactive learning environments work extremely well to provide support for women to take action on conservation plans and vision for their land."

Dr. Eells works from the prairie pothole region of north central Iowa, and partners closely with her tenant to

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FOR BRODHEAD

Juda sponsoring trip to Brewers game

The Juda Recreation District has planned cookie, peanuts and fruit snacks provided. a Milwaukee Brewers vs. Los Angeles Angels outing for Sunday, April 30.

The cost is \$25 a person for right field loge bleacher seats, with transportation and a sack lunch of a sandwich, chips,

Please sign-up in the Juda School front office to reserve your spot. Only 100 tickets will be available. Game time April 30 is at 1:10 p.m. but

view their land as community

rather than commodity and are

interested in learning how all

of the pieces fit together. This

mindset is a natural fit for ecol-

ogy and conservation," says Dr. Rebecca Christoffel. "This is an

the bus will leave the school at 9 a.m.

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the interactive Learning Circle approach to women's ed-

ucation, reflecting how our research shows that women

best learn by interacting with each other," said Dr. Re-

becca Christoffel, lead researcher with Jean Eells and E

Resources Group, which leads the evaluation work for

WiWiC. Christoffel attends most of WiWiC's events each

year and administers surveys for evaluation. She almost

SUBMITTED PHOTO Brodhead Independent "This whole conference will very intentionally reflect

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Due to continued increases in costs and State-imposed revenue caps, the City feels an obligation to ask the community for additional financial support through a referendum.

More information can be found at cityofbrodheadwi.us

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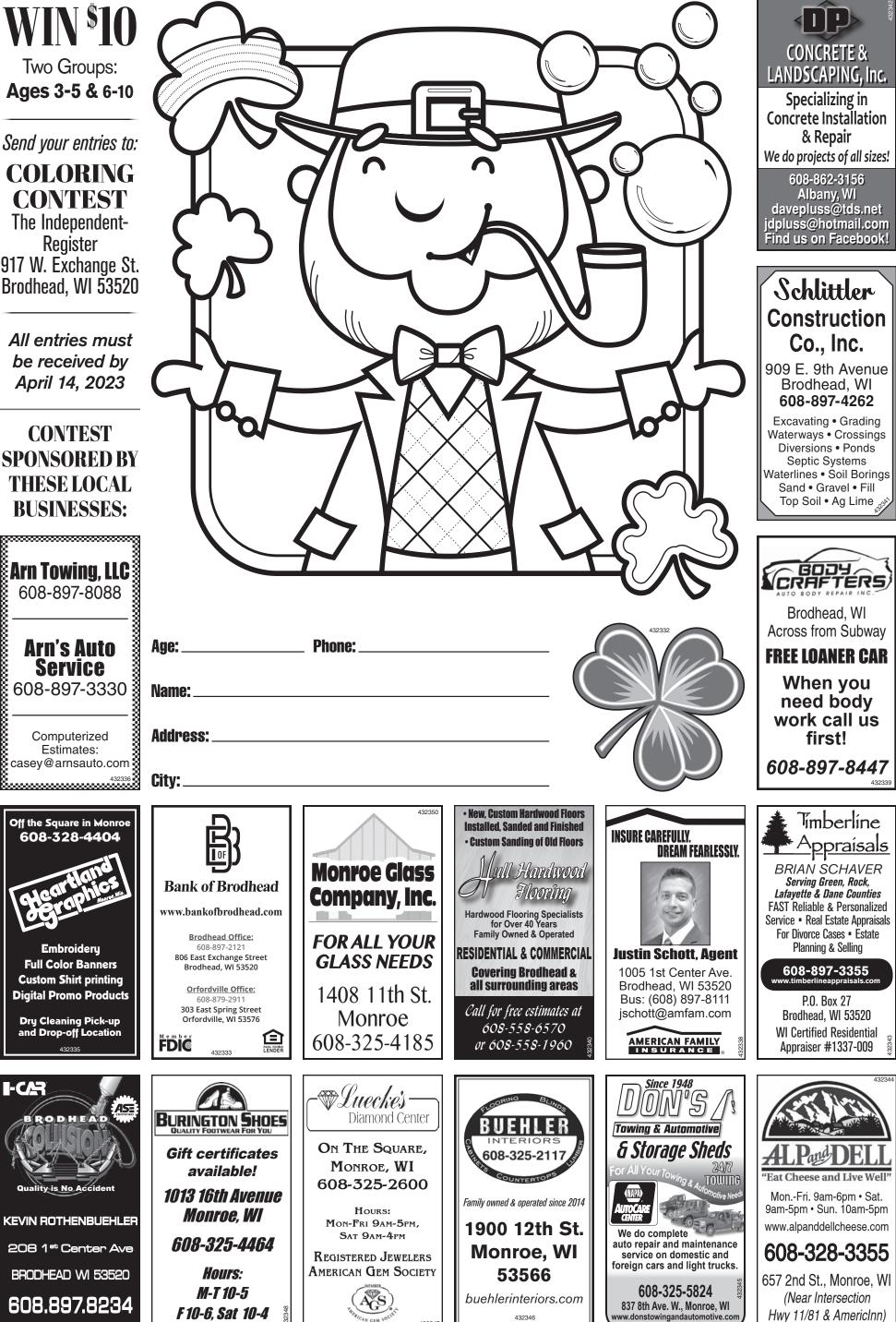
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DEFY Domestic Abuse receives grant to increase space, services

DEFY Domestic Abuse Beloit has been awarded a \$4,000 grant from the Stateline Community Foundation to remodel the program's current donation room into several additional secure, confidential spaces. The change will allow DEFY to increase the number of on-site services for survivors residing at the emergency shelter.

The new space will provide two or three private spaces for residents to receive supportive services on-site from DEFY advocates and providers. Currently, DEFY attempts to use cubical spaces in the program's donation room for these services, but this does not provide a private and confidential space for survivors to engage with these services.

DEFY plans to complete

options for grief support

Local adults living in

are grieving can find hope

and healing with the help of

Agrace grief support special-

This April, Agrace will host "Bridges," a virtual grief

support group for adults who

are grieving the death of any

loved one. This group pro-

vides emotional and peer sup-

port in a professionally led,

group setting and requires ad-

Bridges (virtual) meets on-

line every other Wednesday

and participants can attend as

vance registration.

who

Agrace offers new

Southern Wisconsin

in April

ists.

Agrace news

the project in 2024, which will be a benefit to all survivors served at the facility. In 2022, Defy served 272 survivors at the program's facility.

Kelsey Hood Christensen, Director of Empowerment Services at DEFY, explained that creating these spaces will allow DEFY's Family and Youth Advocate and Bilingual Advocate to have an office on-site for regular and ongoing access to services for youth-, parenting-, and Spanish-speaking- survivors. Currently those services are offered in a different location. The new offices will also provide a private and confidential space for Family Services therapists to provide mental health therapy regularly. Until the renovation, these services are required to be scheduled at cludes the following pro-

are April 12 and 26, from 9:30

Zoom using a tablet, com-

puter or smartphone, which

means people can join from

anywhere in the United States.

is also available by phone or

video chat. This support is

open to anyone, even if the

person who died did not have

There is no fee for Agrace

grief support if a participant's

family member was served

by Agrace Hospice Care or

another hospice in the past 12

months. Modest fees may ap-

ply for others, and fees can be

lowered or waived, if needed.

hospice care.

One-on-one grief support

Online groups meet via

a.m. to 11 a.m., via Zoom.

alternate times because of lack of confidential space.

With the new space, DEFY will more regularly invite other service providers to meet with residents on-site, as the program will not be restricted by inadequate space; these service providers could include housing service providers, child protective services, attorneys, and others.

DEFY Domestic Abuse Beloit is a part of Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. It extends to survivors of domestic abuse all the support offered by Family Services. This includes parenting support, therapy and counseling, legal advocacy, and community outreach.

Family Services also in-

Agrace.org/GriefGroups, call

608-327-7110, or email grief-

Agrace needs thrift store

Agrace is seeking new vol-

unteers in Rock County and

surrounding areas and will

host a volunteer orientation

training April 25 to help them

Local volunteers are need-

ed to assist customers, oper-

ate the cash register and sort

donations at the Agrace Thrift

Store on Humes Road in

Janesville, or make compan-

ionship visits to local Agrace

Hospice Care patients.

support@agrace.org.

volunteers, hosting

orientation in April

prepare for their roles.

grams: Individual and Family Counseling Program, Sexual Assault Recovery Program, Praxis Employee Assistance Program, Youth2Youth 4 Change, and The Neighborhood Resilience Project.

For more information about Family Services, visit www. familyservices1.org.

Family Services is a funded partner of United Way Blackhawk Region and United Way of Green County.

The mission of Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. is to restore, sustain, and enhance the lives of members of the community by providing an array of empowering services that focus on prevention, advocacy, case management, education, counseling and therapy.

day, April 25, from noon to

5 p.m., at the Agrace campus

in Janesville. To register, call

608-327-7163 or visit Agrace.

org/Volunteer to fill out an ap-

plication. All new volunteers

will discuss their skills and

interests with Agrace's Vol-

unteer Services staff before

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ported health care organiza-

tion dedicated to providing

high-quality care and support

to people who are aging, ill,

dying or grieving. With offices

in Janesville, Madison, Bara-

boo, Dodgeville and Ocono-

mowoc, Agrace serves nearly

1,500 patients and clients

Founded in 1978, Agrace is

attending orientation.

Albany Historical Society present film

On Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m., the Albany Historical Society Presents the PBS film "Harvesting The High Plains'

This 60-minute film tells the story of Colby, Kansas during the Depression beginning in 1929 and Dust Bowl of the 1930s. The Dust Bowl ranged from the Texas Panhandle to western Nebraska and has been referred to as the Great American Desert during this time frame. Two men learned how to restore the broken plains and become the wheat breadbasket of the world.

The historical society is located at 119 North Water Street, Albany.

There is no charge to attend and watch.

A short business meeting will be held before the presentation, as well.

If there are any questions, please call or text 608-214-8289, or email jcopus1@frontier.com.

Wisconsin tax season by the numbers

midwav through the income tax filing season, the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is reporting productive numbers, including 3,000 taxpayers who have already taken advantage of a new service allowing individuals to e-file for free their Form 1 and Schedule H returns through the My Tax Account (MTA) portal.

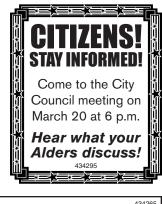
DOR's Tax Operations Bureau reported over 1 million or about 33% of Wisconsin individual income tax returns processed, with about 96.7% submitted electronically for an \$784 average refund.

"Filing your tax return electronically is the most secure way to file," says DOR Secretary Peter Barca, adding that e-filing your return reduces chance of errors and usually results in a faster refund.

service DOR's customer team numbers are ticking toward the positive as well, having already answered over 94,000 inquiries so far this year, assisting customers by phone, live chat, email and in-person at DOR customer service centers statewide. Of these customer service inquiries, nearly 80,000 were by phone with a 1 minute 37 second average call hold time and a 99.81% call answer rate. This, in addition to 842,000 new user visits to DOR's website and 14,000 views of the agency's many instructional videos, means customers are finding and using the resources at hand to help process and file their tax

There are free e-file services available through IRS Free File, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly programs, serving those who qualify, and a new DOR e-file option for qualifying Wisconsin taxpayers through DOR's My Tax Account (MTA) portal.

Another positive this tax season is the increasing number – about 20% - of MTA individual account holders who thus far have signed up for a Wisconsin Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN). The Wisconsin IP PIN is an added layer of security, further protecting taxpayer's personal information by ensuring no one can fraudulently file a tax return in their name. Every taxpayer is encouraged to visit the DOR website and sign up for a Wisconsin IP PIN. Taxpayers are also encouraged to file sooner than later to get their refunds sooner and decrease the chance of errors that can come with having to rush through the preparation process to meet the April 18 tax filing deadline.



increasing threat of avian influenza

avian influenza (HPAI).

tect their birds.

who do not have a biosecurity plan should work with their specific to their operations.

Biosecurity guides and other resources are available from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Defend the Flock Program.

State law requires Wisconsin poultry and other livestock owners to register where their animals are kept. DATCP uses this information to rapidly respond to animal disease outbreaks to protect animal health, the food supply, public safety, and Wisconsin's agriculture economy. Registration is free and can be completed at wiid.org or by calling the Wisconsin Livestock Identification Consortium at 888-808-1910. Poultry owners who recogmortality or clinical signs of

disease, including respiratory distress, drop in food or water intake, decreased egg production, and lethargy are asked to report it to DATCP at (800)

Community Gardens 2023 season

The Rock County Land Conservation Department has open plots for the 2023 garden season.

Plots are \$35 each, or two for \$60. Rental fee includes initial tillage, as well as water for the season.

Gardens are open May 1 (weather dependent) to Oct.

poultry owners.

Plots are approx. 20 ft. by

25 ft. Please visit the garden

website for more information and a list of garden rules: www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/community-gardens.

To rent a plot, feel free to email Ashley Roscoe at Ashley.roscoe@co.rock.wi.us, or call 608-931-5135.

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often as they feel the need for Orientation for new vol-To make an appointment or across southern Wisconsin evsupport. In April, meetings register for a grief group, visit unteers will be held Tueserv dav. **DATCP reminds poultry owners of**

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is reminding poultry owners of the ongoing threat of highly pathogenic

The spring migratory period for wild birds brings an increased risk of infection to all flocks, so DATCP recommends that poultry owners continue using the strongest biosecurity measures to pro-

In Wisconsin last year, 29 domestic flocks in 18 counties were confirmed with HPAI. Nationwide, more than 58.5 million birds have died related to HPAI making it the largest animal disease outbreak in U.S. history, surpassing the

As the spring migration of wild birds begins, DATCP encourages all poultry producers to review and update their biosecurity plans. Those flock veterinarian to develop one that clearly addresses the risks for disease introduction

572-8981.

Please visit hpai.wi.gov for regular updates on HPAI in Wisconsin and resources for

2014-15 bird flu outbreak.

The best way to protect flocks from infection is through strong biosecurity practices that do not allow for virus introduction. All poultry owners, regardless of the size of the operation, must ensure that strict biosecurity practices are in place to prevent nize any abnormal increase in HPAI from infecting flocks.





Activity Assistant

The UW-Extension Green County office has an opening for a full-time Activity Assistant.

Qualified candidates will possess an Associates Degree or three years related experience and/or training or equivalent combination of education and experience. Candidates should be proficient with Google Suite, Microsoft Word, Excel, Publisher, and possess excellent organizational, interpersonal, and strong written communication skills to assist educators in program development and support. Experience with program marketing and knowledge of 4-H is preferred.

To access a complete job description and application, go to www.co.green.wi.gov. Applications are available in an online fillable format. Call 608-328-9440 for more information. Green County offers a competitive wage and benefit package. Applications must be completed by March 24.

Blackhawk announces Fall 2022 President's Lists

Congratulations to the Blackhawk Technical College students named to the President's High Honors list (4.0 GPA) and President's Honors (3.5 GPA or higher) for Fall 2022. Students on both lists were enrolled in six or more credit hours.

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a session with Maia Donohue, Director of the IDEA Hub Accelerator at UW Platteville, and author of The Startup Mentor.

The series kicks off Wednesday, April 19, with "Where Do I Start?". SBDC consultant Nora Roughen-Schmidt will address business plans, financial documents, and the creation of a legal entity.

The remaining sessions include "Your Start-Up in 10 Minutes" with Maia Donohue and continues with the SBDC providing details on "Financing Your Business", "Growing Your Business", and culminates with a pitch contest.

The pitch contest is open to participants who attend all sessions and allows each participant a chance to present their business idea to mentors and lenders. A cash prize will be awarded to the best business idea and all participants will get valuable feedback.

All sessions are held Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at The Bank of New Glarus' newest branch at 701 8th Street in Monroe.

The event is open to Green County residents and is free to attend. Pre-registration is required at GCDC-SmallBusinessSeries.eventbrite.com. Questions can be sent to gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com or call 608-328-9452.

Page 5 **DNR now accepting entries for the Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp contest**

Submissions due July 15

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is now accepting artwork entries for the Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp design contests. The winning designs will appear on the 2024 collection of stamps.

Each year, local artists from around Wisconsin compete for an opportunity to have their artwork commemorated in a historic way on the wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl stamps.

Sales of these three stamps bring in hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for species management throughout the state, including habitat management, restoration, education and research projects. Hunters are required to purchase stamps to harvest these game birds.

The contest is open to anyone 18 years of age or older living in Wisconsin who is a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident. Artwork must meet technical requirements to be eligible, and applicants should carefully review the contest rules to ensure their entries' eligibility.

The deadline to submit stamp designs is July 15. Judging will take place on Aug. 26, at the Waterfowl Hunters Expo in Oshkosh.

The 2023 Wild Turkey, Pheasant, and Waterfowl Stamp design contest winner was Sam Timm of Wautoma, who swept all three categories of wild turkey, pheasant and waterfowl.

Rules, entry information and reproduction rights agreements are available on the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/WildlifeHabitat/stamps.html.

All stamp contest applicants should review contest rules carefully to ensure the eligibility of their entries. Artwork must meet technical requirements to be properly processed and prepared for judging and display.

The DNR is now accepting artwork entries for the 2024 Wild Turkey, Pheasant and Waterfowl Stamp design contests. Shown here is the 2023 turkey stamp winning artwork by Sam Timm of Wautoma.

SAM TIMM/WISCONSIN DNR PHOTO Brodhead Independent Registe



Childcare Network presents 'The critical role of childcare in our community' A community conversation for change

Mark your calendars to learn more about "The critical role of childcare in our community," on Wednesday, March 15, at 6:30 p.m.

The event is hosted by the Green **County Justice Center**

Join Brooke Skidmore, co-owner and administrator of The Growing Tree and Corrine Hendrickson, owner of Corrine's Little Explorers Family Child Care, will co-host an informative and engaging presentation about the importance of the first year in a child's life and the integral role childcare is in that development.

They will talk about the support that

childcare provides families as they navigate childrearing and the ways communities can support childcare; ensuring children, families and local economies can thrive.

Childcare will be provided. Pizza and refreshments will be served. This is a free event.

The event will be at the Green County Justice Center, 28416th St., Monroe.

This event is sponsored by Green County, United Way of Green County, 4C-Helping Communities Help Children, The Growing Tree Childcare Center and Corrine's Little Explorers.

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Letter to the editor

Protasiewicz favors fairly drawn maps

The votes have been counted in the Wisconsin Supreme Court primary election and Judge Janet Protasiewicz garnered 49% of the vote heading into the April 4 election to choose a new justice for the

court. Republicans have controlled ponents, our state legislature's our political maps since 2010, 8 months of inaction during

drawing district boundaries to the pandemic, and Assembly give themselves an advantage in elections. For example, in the 2020 elections, Governor Evers, a Democrat, won with 51% of the votes statewide and yet Republicans control 65 % of the current State Assembly seats.

With gerrymandered dis-

Republicans "gaveling in and gaveling out" to avoid acting on issues like school funding when called on by Governor Evers.

Iowa has had Fair Maps for 40 years and still elect a majority of Republican candidates.

Insist Wisconsin Republitricts, Republican candidates cans earn your votes by con-Judge Protasiewicz favors do not have to earn your vote. vincing you that they have ideas Jim Marousis Fort Atkinson

fairly drawn maps over ger- Examples of this are candidates that will improve your life. Vote rymandered districts. State declining to debate their op- for Protasjewicz on April 4.



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Treasurer - Al Schneider; Jodi Kail, Elizabeth Kempel, Don Buchanan

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room	VOIGT MUSIC CENTER NAPA AUTO PARTS SMITH, ROBIN M	183.62 204.97 225
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 Minutes	WALECHKA, THERESA A DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AIRGAS USA, LLC GARRETT, GAVIN	225 225 235.46 250
The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, February 1, 2023 edition of the Independent Register.	J.F. AHERN CO. KAMMERER, BRIAN J RIESTERER, BETH A GASSER TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	280 324.38 350 407.55
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	KOMPAS CARE ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	456.29 532.5
ROLL CALL Present: Mike Krupke, Jim Wahl, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Jodi Kail, Elizabeth Kempel, and Don Buchanan	CDW GOVERNMENT INC CAPITAL MICROSCOPE SERVICES, INC MECA SPORTSWEAR NASCO	646.42 817.65 862.5 1,007.15
Absent: None	PEPSI-COLA INSIGHT FS	1,072.74 1,230.43
APPROVAL OF AGENDA ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 7-0.	CESA #2	1,476.00 1,789.87 1,978.76 2,201.78
INFORMATION REPORTS The Administrative Team presented information reports on their re- spective buildings and departments.	PIEPER POWER HELM SERVICE, INC OFFICE PRO FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	2,306.25 2,453.18 2,709.15 5,682.48
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD No one was present for public comment.	SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	7,091.13 7,803.61 10,436.62 11,117.13
AGENDA ITEMS	DELL MARKETING L.P. SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	13,062.00 15,978.10
CONSENT AGENDA ACTION ITEM		16,754.16 48,934.37
 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES a. Special Meeting: January 25, 2023 b. Regular Meeting: January 25, 2023 	PIGGLY WIGGLY MATTHYS, JAMES G LAMAR COMPANIES	128.03 137.47 150
2. APPROVAL OF BILLS	VOIGT MUSIC CENTER VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	154 237
 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S) a. \$500.00 monetary donation from the Brodhead Optimist Club to help supplement the Backpack Food Program b. New Perzina Upright Piano donated by the Paul and Alice Roemer Family and The Brodhead Area Foundation to the Brodhead Music Department 	SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD RBS ACTIVEWEAR NASCO WISCONSIN ASSOC OF FFA HEARTLAND GRAPHICS PIGGLY WIGGLY COUNTRY MEATS	278.24 287.26 417 959.66 1,300.00 2,243.00 107.07 118
 4. RESIGNATION(S) • None at this time 	PIGGLY WIGGLY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD HEARTLAND GRAPHICS	121.14 143.82 160
 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S) • None at this time 	VOIGT MUSIC CENTER SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	252.45 281.87 340.2
6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S) a. Robin Krupke, Elementary School	RBS ACTIVEWEAR PEPSI-COLA GUILBAULT, AARON	350.22 373.88 454.2
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the con- sent agenda as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.	SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD VOIGT MUSIC CENTER KRUPKE, STEVEN H LAMAR COMPANIES	833.66 149.97 165 635
	HEARTLAND GRAPHICS	653.75
UPDATE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM Discussion by the Board of Education regarding formation of a Fa- cility Planning Committee.	ALLTEAM SPORTSWEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD PIGGLY WIGGLY	270 148.87 156.93 187.31
APPROVAL OF SUMMER SCHOOL TIMELINES & GUIDELINES ACTION ITEM	GUILBAULT, AARON PEPSI-COLA	225 273
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the 2023 Summer School start date of June 5, 2023, end date of June 30, 2023, and daily schedule as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.	SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD JARVIS, NICHOLAS L SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	291.46 309.7 340
FUTURE AGENDA [February 22, 2023] • Accept Donation(s) • Resignation(s) • Employment Becommondation(c)	BADGER SPORTING GOODS MECA SPORTSWEAR SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD BADGER SPORTING GOODS	380 505 1,903.19 7,200.00
Employment Recommendation(s) Volunteer Recommendation(s)	The Independent Register	
Mid-Year Goals Presentation Facility Planning Committee	3/15/2023 WNAXLP	434234

- F anning Committee
- SAFE Club Presentation

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT

ACTION ITEM

TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f) Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f) at 7:38 p.m. for the discussion of

a. Negotiations

Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to return to open session at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION ITEM Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

Legal Notices IN THE MATTER OF THE STATE OF JANET A. MORGAN

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal

date of death January 18, 2023, was domiciled in Green County State of Wisconsin, with a mail-

• Conference (Continued from front page)

care for the family farmland. She has operated E Resources Group, LLC since 1997 and led the movement to reach women farmland owners with conservation information across the nation after obtaining her Ph.D. in 2008 from Iowa State University.

In 2021, Dr. Eells won Conservation Professional of the Year from the International Soil and Water Conservation Society, Conservationist of the Year from the National Professional Organization of Women in NRCS, and Iowa Woman Conservationist given by the Conservation Districts of Iowa and the NRCS Federal Women's Program in Iowa.

"This whole conference will very intentionally reflect the interactive Learning Circle approach to women's education, reflecting how our research shows that women best learn by interacting with each other," adds Dr. Christoffel. "Anyone interested in this topic is welcome to come, whether you are a conservation volunteer or paid staff, to experience creating welcoming settings for women-focused education and bring home new ideas for your work."

"This upcoming gathering celebrates the growth of women in conservation in Wisconsin and provides tools for educators to amplify that even further," said Dr. Esther Shekinah, WiWiC project lead at the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute. "We are honored to have over twenty conservation organizations partnering in this inaugural event. We started the WiWiC Educator Network to bring together all people in our state dedicated to conservation education for women and are thrilled to have this opportunity to meet and learn together in person.'

'What I think is really the biggest lesson that I've learned through the work I've done with Jean Eells is that if women are provided the information and resources they need, they are apt to take action on conservation. Greater than 50% of women will take some step in their conservation journey after having attended a single event," says Dr. Christoffel. "This is an incredibly important audience for us to capture and cultivate. We satisfy the women landowners' interest in stewarding their land and then they nurture the myriad natural resources that are found on these lands. I daresay we also cultivate more advocates for conservation including clean air, clean water, and reduced soil loss. Now who can argue with that?"

The WiWiC Educator Conference will also include opportunities for conservation educators to network, connect and mentor each other. The conference partner organizations will have resources available to further strengthen educator toolkits. All Wisconsin conservation educators, both men and women, who are interested in learning effective ways of working with women landowners are welcome, from agency staff to non-profit organizations and educators in volunteer roles. Conservationists early in their careers are encouraged to attend.

WiWiC is a state-wide collaborative effort led by the Michael Fields Agricultural Institute in partnership with Wisconsin Farmers Union, Renewing the Countryside and Marbleseed (formerly MOSES). A five-year multifaceted project funded by the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), WiWiC brings together Wisconsin women landowners to connect and learn about conservation practices, resources, and funding opportunities.

In addition to Field Days, WiWiC also provides mentorship to women landowners and farmers who want to increase conservation practices on their properties - and free professionally-prepared Conservation Plans. There will be a series of Spring Learning Circle gatherings across the state followed by Summer Field Days and a series of Fall Learning Circles. Interested parties can subscribe to "The Buzz" monthly newsletter and the "Queen Bee Sessions" podcast on the website as well.

> PLACE: At the Green County Justice Center - Ground Floor Conference Room located at 2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Case No. 2022CV000045 Case Code No. 30404 Foreclosure of Mortgage PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on May 2, 2022, in the amount of \$89,025.09, the Sheriff of Green County will sell the described premises at public auction as follows: DATE/TIME: April 6, 2023 at 09:00 AM TERMS: By bidding at the Sher-iff's Sale, the prospective buy-er is consenting to be bound by the following terms: 1) 10% down in cash, cashier's check, Dated this __ day of _ down in cash, casher's check, or bank-certified funds made payable to the Green County Clerk of Court; 2) Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances; 3) Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Esapplicable Wisconsin Real Es-tate Transfer Tax, costs of deed recording and all costs of sale within 10 days of confirmation of sheriff's sale. Failure to pay bal-ance due will result in forfeiture of bid deposit to Plaintiff; and 4) Bidders net a party to the action Bidders not a party to this action are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 846.155.

TOWN OF DECATUR TOWN BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023 -DECATUR TOWN HALL 1408 -14TH- STREET

BRODHEAD, WI 53520 MEETING AGENDA ACTION ITEM 1. Call to Order 2. Pledge of Allegiance to the

Agenda

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Date: 02-08-23 \$100 Bill List KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD 50,550.74 MAHLKUCH, COLE LEUZINGER, RICHARD VANDE SANDE, MATT MARTENSON, LAUREL B VIDEO & AUDIO INTERGRATORS, LLC ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS WASTE MANAGEMENT OFFICE PRO CITY OF BRODHEAD CEDAR CREEK LANDSCAPING WE ENERGIES SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC 17,293.91 BMO, HARRIS \$15,399.84 AIRGAS USA, LLC BOEGLI, WADE L SCHUPBACH, COURTNEY SCHOOL SPECIALTY GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC REILLY, PENNER & BENTON LLP IMAGINE LEARNING 4,250.00 14,250.00 MIDAMERICA 43,110.34 CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL BADGER SPORTING GOODS HUNTINGTON & SON WELL PUMPS & PLUMBING INC WIL-KIL PEST CONTROL EARLEYWINE, KATHY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD DEMCO INC KRUPKE, MIKE

Citizen Concerns Land Division Request 7. 8 Jeff Murray 9. Review and Approve Atten-105 dance at Board of Review Train-105 120 ing 10. Approve Two Planning 250 **Commission Members** 350 11. Review Town ATV Ordi-645.95 nance 734.7 12. Establish Break Periods 889.03 1,165.72 and Lunch Break for Town Patrolman 1,795.09 13. Roadwork 2,475.00 3,933.17 14. Fire District Update 15. Sharing of Information/ Correspondence 16. Future Agenda Items 102.8 17. Set Dates for Future Meet-120 ings 18. Adjournment 195 759.86 3,835.54 Sandra K. McManua Clerk/Treasurer The Independent Register 100 315 3/15/2023 WNAXLP 434310 132.45 133.67 150 STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY 157.5 166.47 168.05

6:00PM

3. Additions/Corrections to the

4. Approval of Minutes

5. Treasurer's Report

Payment of Bills

ing address of 703 Green Street. Brodhead, WI 53520. interested persons All waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 13, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Register in Probate, Green County Justice Center, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, Wisconsin. /s/ Faun Marie Phillipson Circuit Court Judge March 9, 2023 Attorney Amanda M. Fields Schluesche Fields S.C., 250 N. 18th Avenue, Suite 106 Monroe, WI 53566 608-325-2500 Bar Number 1094267 The Independent Register 3/15, 3/22, 3/29/2023 WNAXLP 43 434309

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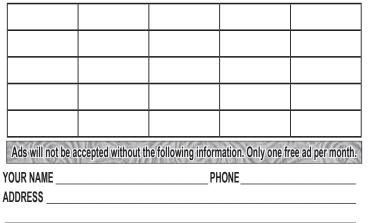
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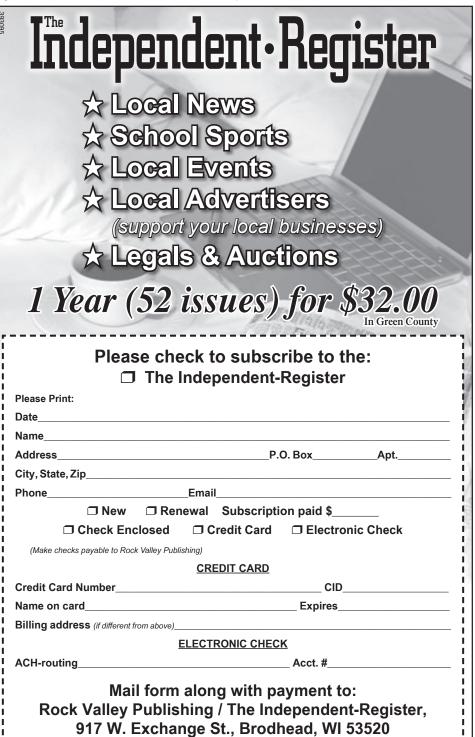




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\$10.4 million in unclaimed property matched to rightful owners by DOR

ment of Revenue (DOR) is sending \$3.9 million to unclaimed property owners in March, and for many, the delivery of a check will come as a surprise.

DOR annually matches tax records against the state's unclaimed property roll. If DOR can definitively match tax records to an owner on the unclaimed property roll, the agency sends out checks automatically for those owed property valued at \$2,000 or less and will send letters to those owed property valued at greater than \$2,000 explaining how to claim the property.

This year's matching program has identified 34,078 unclaimed property owners and will be sending \$3.9 million in refund checks to over 33,000 of them. The remaining taxpayers will be receiving letters explaining to them how to claim their over \$6.5 million in unclaimed property that is just waiting for them. All told,

Wisconsin Depart- DOR has matched \$10.4 million in unclaimed property to tax records via this year's annual matching process.

> This year's first round of checks and letters will be hitting mailboxes at the end of the week. Those receiving a check will receive a "Notice of Claim Refund for Unclaimed Property.' Taxpayers can immediately cash those checks. If a taxpayer has questions about the validity of their check, they can use the "Check Your Claim Status" page on DOR's website to confirm.

> For those taxpayers with unclaimed property valued at over \$2,000 or tangible property (e.g., safe deposit box contents), they will be receiving a "Action Required: Notice of Unclaimed Property" letter that explains how to claim their property.

> The most convenient way for these taxpayers to claim their property is to use DOR's My Tax Account website dedicated to

responding to a Notice of Unclaimed Property.

There is never a fee that unclaimed property owners must pay to the Wisconsin DOR to claim unclaimed property. If a taxpayer receives an unsolicited letter offering to reunite them with their property for a fee, the taxpayer should disregard the letter and visit DOR's website to gain definitive information whether they have unclaimed property waiting for them. They may be surprised; after all, 1 in 7 taxpayers do!

Unclaimed property includes funds from savings or checking accounts, uncashed dividends, insurance policies, or other accounts that the owner may be unaware of or forgotten. Banks, credit unions, insurance companies, and other businesses must report unclaimed property to DOR each year by November 1. DOR then holds the property for safe keeping until the owner claims it.



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