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## City Council

### Plans Discussed to Distribute Fire Protection Fees to Additional Property Owners

By Grace Kufahl

Alder Gritzmaker proposed including vacant lots and fire district townships in paying the Fire Protection Fee, rather than just billing those with water meters. Water and Light Superintendent Ed Hoff advised the Council of the complexity of the issue due to the city's records using parcel numbers while Water and Light bills by address. He also stated townships are already billed for water that goes outside of the city limits. Hoff suggested billing by electric meter as a more equitable solution and recommended a joint meeting of the Common Council and the Brodhead Water and Light Commission.

Administrator DiRe addressed the council about a December letter from the DNR regarding the dam. Some required work dates back to 1990. The DNR says the city needs to address seepage, a sinkhole at the headgate, removal of vegetation and dead trees, installation of benchmarks and gauges, surveying the spillway, and emergency action and maintenance plans. Mayor Simpson replied with a letter suggesting actions and timelines, noting the DNR letter was received after the 2026 budget was passed. At the meeting, Simpson questioned why the work has never been done, its cost, and whether it should be the city's responsibility. DiRe replied a resident reached out to Senator Marklein about it, and that city per-

sonnel could handle vegetation removal and action plans. It was noted that some residents don't want trees removed. Alder Gritzmaker concurred with DiRe and stated there may be grant money available for this. Simpson indicated the Pearl Island Committee should be informed, and Gritzmaker made note of that.

#### In Other Business:

Citizen Patti Brugger asked the council how she can get issues in the alley behind her property addressed.

Final Requests for Qualifications and for Proposals for a City Engineering Firm were approved.

The Public Works and Personnel Committees will review Wastewater staffing needs since the contracted employee submitted his resignation.

The Ehlers proposal for an updated wastewater facility study was referred to the Finance Committee for a recommendation.

Alder Naramore's motion for 211 phone service flyers and information to be posted on the website passed stipulating that Alger Riese provide the flyers.

The 2026 Open Book date was set for Thursday, October 15.

The Council voted to have the Personnel Committee change the handbook to reflect employee lunches are unpaid.

City Hall will no longer be closed on Wednesday afternoons.

### Brodhead Historical Society first monthly meeting for 2026

It's time! The Brodhead Historical Society will begin their 2026 monthly meeting schedule on Monday, March 30. The speaker will be Brodhead native Bill Pfisterer. He will be giving a presentation about his experiences teaching in Alaskan villages 60 years ago. Please note, this meeting will be held at the Brodhead Memorial Library, 1207 25th Street, rather than at the Depot Museum.

Please join them for an opportunity to hear this special speaker. Bill's presentation had to be postponed last March, and they are happy that they were able to reschedule.

The meeting is free and open to the public, and begins at 7 p.m.

  
**Will be closing at Noon on Friday, April 3rd in observance of Good Friday.**

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. Online worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship September through May. Sunday school every other Sunday September thru May at 8:45 a.m. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday service, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. Bake sale in lobby Bank of Brodhead Friday, April 3, from 8 a.m. to noon. Palm Sunday, March 29 at 10 a.m. Annual Easter Egg Hunt immediately following service. Outdoors weather permitting.

Grace Independent Baptist Church, Hwy. 81, three-quarter of a mile east of junction with Il, Brodhead. Donald Adams, Pastor. 608-897-8484. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. Wednesday 6 p.m. service.

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

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Magnolia Christian Church, located on County A just off Hwy. 213. Services are Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. and can be viewed on their Facebook page. Call 608-449-6510 for more information.

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jady Meyer. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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**OBITUARY**



**Nora Nipple**

Nora Nipple, beloved mother and friend, passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at the age of 94. Born on February 25, 1932, in Wisconsin, Nora was the daughter of the late Dean and Laura Hawkins.

Nora was a devoted homemaker whose passion for nurturing those around her extended beyond her own family. She found joy in traveling and exploring new places, creating lasting memories with her loved ones along the way. Nora enjoyed bowling and also managing rental properties; she was fond of the excitement of real estate ownership.

She is survived by her daughter, Jocelyn Webb; and her son, Larry (Norma) Nipple; grandchildren: Trenea Wade (Michael), Terrence Webb, Rebecca Briggs (James), Sarah Day (Donald); 10 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Nora's warm heart and kind soul touched the lives of everyone who knew her, and she will be dearly missed. In addition to her parents, Nora was preceded in death by her brother, Donald Hawkins; and her sister, Charlotte Cassidy.

In honor of Nora's wishes, she was cremated and will be returned to her home state of Wisconsin.

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Do not place spring or summer items until Friday, May 1st.

Gap Church Cemetery, W2401 State Highway 59, Albany, Wisconsin.

**Happy Easter on Sunday, April 5th!**



**JUDA ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH**

N2350 Church Street, Juda, WI

**PALM SUNDAY - March 29**  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
1:30 p.m. Easter Musical: "The Borrowed Tomb"  
Free performance!

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**  
April 2 - 6:00 pm

**GOOD FRIDAY - April 3**  
April 3 - 1:30 pm  
1:30 p.m. Easter Musical: "The Borrowed Tomb"  
Free performance!

**EASTER SUNDAY - April 5**  
8:00 a.m. Sunrise Service  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Served by our Youth Group

**Holy Week and Easter Services**

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**PALM SUNDAY SERVICE & EASTER EGG HUNT**  
Sunday, March 29th at 10 a.m.—Join us for our special Palm Sunday Service. Palms, which are symbols of victory, triumph, peace and eternal life, will be available for congregation to wave as we welcome Jesus into the city.

**Sunday, March 29th immediately following worship service—** Children of all ages are invited to join in on the fun as we host our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** at the UCC. Rain or Shine event.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & SIMPLE SUPPER**  
Thursday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m., join us for this brief service. We will be hosting a brief Maundy Thursday Service at the UCC followed by a Simple Supper of Soup & Bread.

**UCC WOMEN'S GUILD SPRING BAKE SALE FUND-RAISER**  
Good Friday, April 3rd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Bank of Brodhead lobby the Women of the UCC will be hosting their Annual Spring Bake Sale. Lots of goodies to choose from—  
Let us help with your Easter Baking this year!

**EASTER DAY SERVICES & SONRISE BREAKFAST**  
Sunday, April 5 at 8 a.m.—Easter Son-Rise Service  
Sunday, April 5 at 8:45 a.m.—Son-Rise Breakfast  
Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m.—Easter Sunday Regular Service



**Juda Zion Community Church Cantata**

The choir of the Juda Zion Community Church will present the cantata "The Borrowed Tomb" on Palm Sunday, March 29 and on Good Friday, April 3. Both performances are at 1:30 p.m. This cantata was created by Steve Moore and David T. Clydesdale. It tells the story of Christ's death and resurrection from the perspective of two members of the Sanhedrin, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. We witness their struggle of faith and belief as they interact with each other, members of the Sanhedrin, Mary Magdalene, and Jesus. The cantata is directed by Shelly Jordan.

Those participating in the performances are:  
Cast members: Steve Anderson, Kathy Broger, Sara Carr, Irv Case, Sharon Kreuzer, Julie Davis, JoAnn Eberle, Jake Hoesly, Joyce Hoesly, Peg Jordan, Judy Kaderly, Rudy Kaderly, Jaelyn Kainz, Laurie Martenson, Debbie Mason, Jason McQueary, Kristi Meck, Grace Peterson, Brooklynne Ramirez, Nicole Ramirez, Graelyn Ruter, Jordon Ruter, Stacy Ruter, Carrie Schwartz, Bob Severson, Ryan Schmitt, Kim Shields, Carrie Soddy, Cashtin Soddy, Cullin Soddy, Justin Soddy, Koltin Soddy, Lily Williams, Caleb Woodward, Lucas Woodward, and Pastor Mark Woodward.



Crew: Eileen Daniels, Bill Jahn, Joe Kaderly, Kalvin Kaderly, Brian Matzke, Hazel Matzke, Peggy Matzke, Monica Ramirez.

Following the performances a time of refreshment and fellowship will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. Both performances are free and open to the public.

Zion Church is located at N2350 Church Street, Juda.

Pictured: Jason McQueary and Jaelyn Kainz

**St. Peter Lutheran Church Holy Week**

You're invited to join St. Peter Lutheran Church for Holy Week worship in person and through their livestream. Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Friday, April 3: Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8 a.m., Worship, 9 a.m. Find them on Facebook or in person at 1708 W. 6th Avenue, Brodhead.

And [Pilate] set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ~Matthew 27:37

Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us. . .He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. ~Colossians 2:14 NKJV

Two writings were put on the cross when Jesus was crucified. Pilate put the first. God put the second, which listed all of our sins and indebtedness—the real reason Christ was there. God nailed it to the cross of Christ as a powerful testimony to the full and finished work of His Son in paying for them all. Christ's crucifixion wiped out condemnation. Praise God! —K.J.W.

*My sin, not in part, but the whole;  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, on my soul!* —Horatio Spafford

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Please contact us to place a community event, an engagement or wedding announcement, an advertisement, or nearly anything else!!

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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### GREENWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The regular annual meeting of the Greenwood Cemetery Association will be held on Wednesday, April 1, at John's Barber Shop, 911 W. Exchange Street, Brodhead.

Notice of Annual Lot Owner's Meeting: 5:30 p.m.

Notice of Annual Trustee's Meeting: following.

### BRODHEAD POOL AND REC INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

The Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department will be holding a four-week youth indoor soccer program for boys and girls in K–first grade. The program will meet after school from 3-4 p.m. on Wednesdays in the elementary school gym. The program begins on April 8th and ends on April 29th. This program is for children at all skill levels and it will teach basic skills and fundamentals.

Forms are available at the elementary school, the Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website. The cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with the fee by Friday, March 27th to the school office or Rec Department. Checks can be made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, contact Ashley at 608-897-2159.

### BRODHEAD LIONS AND LEOS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Brodhead Lions and Leos are having their spring pancake breakfast to raise money for Brodhead School District field trips. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 28, at Albrecht Elementary School, from 7 to 11 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. There is no charge for the meal. They are asking only for your free will donation.

### DLMRA Annual Meeting

The Decatur Lake and Mill Race Association (DLMRA) would like to announce their upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Kelch Aviation Museum. The public is invited to attend as well as all members. Directors will be updating members on recent activities, electing new board members and presenting a minor change to the bylaws to provide more flexibility in when the annual meeting dates will occur (members must be present to vote on these items). The guest speaker will be Tonya Gratz of Green County Land and Water Conservation District and Farmers of the Sugar River.

DLMRA is an active organization in the Brodhead area dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the experience of interaction with the area's natural resources. DLMRA has installed docks on Decatur Lake and the Mill Race. DLMRA also works with the Pearl Island committee for improvements, stocked our local waters with thousands of fish and provided opportunities for youth to experience fishing among many other endeavors. New ideas and programs are in the works—join them!

To join DLMRA by mail: send a check for \$30 and your contact information to DLMRA, N4177 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead WI 53520 or email info@DLMRA.org for an application form. More information may be found at DLMRA.org or DLMRA on Facebook. Venmo is accepted via the website.

### Next Generation 4-H Spring Craft Fair

Next Generation 4-H is sponsoring a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Road S, Juda. Snow date is Sunday, March 29.

Admission is free. Stop in and see the amazing vendors as well as treat yourself to breakfast or lunch!

Coffee trailer provided by Liquid Chaos.

The Easter Bunny will be hopping by from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Saturday Morning at the Durand Library

### Book Give Away Week of March 30

Normally, a lending library like the volunteer driven Durand Library lends books to patrons. But after three fun years of "running" the library the Friends of the Durand Library have accumulated many books that need a home.

How does this happen? The school library weeded their shelves a year or so ago and book lovers like us picked up many of those books, including nonfiction and biographies. The original Village Library collection also needed weeding. And generous folks donated books to the library some of which were duplicates, or craft books and how to books that didn't fit our fiction collection. Many nonfiction books are as good as new.

So, they will be spread out on tables, easy to view during the spring school break during our regular hours – Tuesdays 6-8 pm and Saturdays 9 am-Noon. We also plan to have a weekday afternoon tbd.

These are all adult level reading but bring the kids along as they can enjoy reading books from the elementary collection.

So, please come by and take a look. We promise there will be something that catches your eye!

For any questions or more info email villagelibrary@cusd322 or call 815-289-8602.

## Albany High Alumni Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held at the Albany High School gym on Saturday, April 11th. Games will start at approximately 9 a.m. that day and will continue till around 6 p.m. with the final championship game. Food will be available to purchase.

This is their only fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to scholarships for deserving seniors. Please come out and support this worthwhile cause. They hope to see you there!

## Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

The Footville Fire and EMS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 25, from 6:30-11 a.m. at the fire station located at 252 N. Gilbert Street. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is adults \$10, children \$5 and two and under are free. Dine in, carry out and delivery available in Footville Fire District. Call 608-876-6118.

There will be 50/50 and basket raffle tickets for purchase. Winner will be drawn at the end of the event. You do not need to be present to win! There will be some silent auction items as well.



Brodhead Memorial Public Library

By Sarah Carpenter

There's plenty to look forward to at the Brodhead Memorial Public Library this spring, with programs for readers, learners, and food lovers alike.

The Spice Rack, will meet on Friday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *Bride* by Ali Hazelwood. This adults-only (18+) group is perfect for readers who enjoy romance with a little extra spark. Bring a snack or appetizer to share, and join in the lively conversation. Copies of the book are available at the library.

We're also excited to introduce a brand-new quarterly book club, *The Recipe Roundtable*. Participants will check out the same cookbook—this time *Half Baked Harvest: Quick and Cozy* by Tieghan Gerard—choose a recipe, and bring their dish to share at the gathering on Saturday, April 11 from 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. It's a delicious way to connect with others and try something new in the kitchen. Please call

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the library to sign up to ensure no duplicates of recipes.

For our younger learners and families, Homeschool Connection will meet on Thursday, April 9 from 10:30–11:30 a.m. This month's session will focus on local pollinators, with a hands-on activity where participants will create their own pollinator hotels.

Looking ahead, the library is honored to welcome Wisconsin author Claire Swinarski on Tuesday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. for a special joint meeting of Books and Brews and the Brodhead Book Club. The group will discuss her novel *The Funeral Ladies* of Ellerie County. You do not need to be a book club

member to attend, and themed refreshments will be served. Copies of the book are available for checkout now.

There is still time to sign up for the Antique Appraisal event, sponsored by the Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library. Mark Moran, Antique Appraiser, will be at the library on Saturday, March 28 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. The cost is \$15 per item, payable by cash or check. Call the library to reserve your spot, and visit the event page for details on acceptable items.

Stay connected with the library on our website and social media for the latest updates, and we look forward to seeing you at the library!

## A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

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"And the day came when the risk to remain tight in a bud was more painful than the risk it took to blossom."

~ Anaïs Nin



# Brodhead-Juda Wrestling Awards

Wrestling awards were handed out Tuesday, March 10th at the High School.



Pictured from left to right: Rush West, Most Improved Wrestler for the boys; Lily Scheidegger, Most Valuable Wrestler for the girls; Jai'lynn Amundson, Most Improved Wrestler for the girls; and Thomas Lohmar, Most Valuable Wrestler for the boys.



Pictured are All Conference Wrestlers. Left to right: Ashlyn Cayentano-Pueblita, 1st Team All-Conference 132 Girls; Olivia Brooks, Honorable Mention, 138 Girls; Hayden Lewis, 2nd Team 120 Girls; Lily Scheidegger, 2nd Team 165 Girls; Thomas Lohmar, 2nd Team 120 Boys; and not pictured is TJ Hall, Honorable Mention 144 Boys. Congratulations to all and Best of Luck in your spring sports. Let's put in the off season work and make next season a huge success.

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## A Voice of Experience for Green County: Paul Hardenstine Announces Write-In Campaign for District 18

As the Spring Election approaches, residents of Brodhead's Wards 5 and 6 have a vital choice to make for the Green County Board of Supervisors. Paul Hardenstine has officially registered as a write-in candidate for District 18, bringing a platform centered on common-sense fiscal oversight, rural infrastructure preservation, and a commitment to keeping Green County an affordable, safe place to live and work. With the county currently managing major capital projects—including the multi-million dollar Law Enforcement Center—Hardenstine believes the board needs leaders who will scrutinize every tax dollar. His campaign focuses on ensuring that Brodhead receives its fair share of county resources for road repairs and public safety, while maintaining the steady, non-partisan governance that District 18 residents expect.

For many in Brodhead, this seat has long been synonymous with the diligent and professional service of Barbara Krattiger. Hardenstine's candidacy is rooted in deep respect for that legacy. "Barb Krattiger has set a high bar for what it means to be a public servant," Hardenstine noted. "She has been a steady hand for our district, particularly in her oversight of county properties and parks. My goal is to follow in those professional footsteps, providing the same level of accessibility and integrity that our neighbors have come to rely on. I believe that by listening to our citizens and working collaboratively with county departments, we can continue the progress Barb has made while meeting the new challenges of the 2026 budget cycle with transparency and care."

### How to Cast Your Vote

To ensure your vote for Paul Hardenstine is counted on April 7:

1. Find the County Board Supervisor - District 18 section on your ballot.
2. Locate the blank line for «Write-in.»
3. Fill in the oval next to that blank line.
4. Clearly print Paul Hardenstine on the line. Note: Both filling the oval AND writing the name are required for the vote to be valid!

## Juda School District

### Board Meeting Wednesday, March 11, 2026

- Traci Davis stated the juniors took the ACT's today. She also updated the Board on the other testing that will be taking place in the coming weeks with include Forward Exams, and Pre-ACT test for the Freshman and Sophomores.

- Dennis Pfingsten reminded the Board of spring elections taking place on Tuesday, April 7th. Legislative updates were emailed to the Board earlier in the day.

- Traci Davis updated the Board on upcoming events taking place at the school.

- Pam Green updated the Board on the Rec District. Progress is being made on the installation of

new playground equipment. Green County Development Corporation has reached out to the district to install some equipment at the park to expand broadband in rural areas. A sign noting park hours will be erected in the coming months. Juda Bash will be held at the park June 12th and 13th. Some Juda FFA students will be doing a clay shooting league and the Juda FFA Alumni has funded this opportunity for the students.

- Buildings and Grounds Committee will be setting up a meeting in May when new Board members are installed, and committee assignments have been updated.

- Approved policy 35.1 and Act 57 (policies 1213, 2313, 4213 and 8462).

- Traci Davis gave the Board an overview of the readiness of stu-

dents through E4E (Education for Employment) and ACP (Academic Career Plan).

- Approved out of state field trips and an overnight field trip.

- Coming out of Executive Session the Board approved the reassignment of duties of current staff member Kurtis Mansfield currently serving as Advisor/Dean of Students to a combination of Advisor/Middle and High School (6-12) Principal. The Board also approved the hiring of Amber Williams to a combination role of Director of Curriculum/Elementary (PreK -5) Principal.

- Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 7 p.m.



**Brodhead Basketball Awards**  
 Left to right: Logan Krupke—Most Improved Player; Nolan Bump—Honorable Mention All Conference; Sam Searls—MVP and 2nd Team All Conference.



**Seniors—Lucas Keating, Nolan Bump, Sam Searls**

## Cody Kanable for Green County Sheriff

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the election of Green County Sheriff.

My entire professional career has been devoted to serving Green County with an emphasis on public safety and communication. My career started as a Deputy in our Patrol Division where I held roles as a canine handler, instructor and field-training officer. I had the great fortune to be promoted throughout the years to Patrol Sergeant then to Patrol Lieutenant. In late 2023 I was sworn in as Undersheriff. In 2024 I was given the opportunity to serve as Chief Deputy for our agency. Since July 1, 2024 I have served as Sheriff of Green County.

To lead an agency of professionals on a daily basis has been extremely rewarding and brings me great pride. I had set a goal for myself 10 years ago that I wanted to be Sheriff. This goal came from observing and learning from previous Sheriffs and also my desire to give back to Green County for all of the support they have provided me and my family over the past 18 years.

You cannot build a reputation on what you are going to do, but what you have done. Since being sworn in as Sheriff, under my leadership

we have made great strides forward in the service we provide.

In our 911 Communications Center we have implemented:

- Response plans allowing protocol based alerting systems for our Fire and EMS partners throughout the county allowing auto aid assistance to be seamless.
- Developed an early alert system for Fire and EMS to get resources on scene faster.
- Secured funding and took steps to move our 911 calls to the statewide system allowing redundancy and creating better communication amongst neighboring 911 Communications Centers.
- Implemented a program that allows geographical push notifications to alert the public of critical incidents in the immediate area.
- Established competitive wages that focused on retention and recruitment of our valuable 911 Dispatchers.

In our Jail Division we have implemented:

- Increased inmate programming options through a partnership with Extension Green County focusing on resources for reentry to the community.
- Provided resources and support

## Brodhead's Kalena Riemer Helps WashU Win NCAA National Title and Break Division III Record

Brodhead native Kalena Riemer helped lead the Washington University in St. Louis women's track and field team to a national championship in the Distance Medley Relay and an overall team win at the 2026 NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships in Birmingham, Alabama. The meet took place on Friday, March 13th and Saturday, March 14th.

Riemer, a sophomore majoring in Environmental Engineering, ran the 800-meter leg of WashU's Distance Medley Relay team alongside teammates Lauren Raley, Kylie Spytek, and Lucinda Laughlin. The quartet captured the NCAA Division III national title, breaking the Division III national record in the event with a time of 11:29.59 and delivering one of the championship meet's standout performances.

The Distance Medley Relay consists of four legs totaling 4,000 meters: 1,200 meters, 400 meters, 800 meters, and 1,600 meters.

This marks the second All-America performance of Riemer's collegiate career. As a freshman in 2025, she was also part of the WashU Distance Medley Relay team that placed sixth at the NCAA Division III Indoor Championships, earning All-America honors in her first collegiate season.

Riemer graduated from Brodhead High School in 2024, where she set the school record in the 800 meters before continuing her running career at Washington University.

The NCAA Division III Indoor Track and Field Championships bring together the nation's top athletes, making the relay victory, record-setting performance and team victory a significant achievement for Riemer and her teammates.

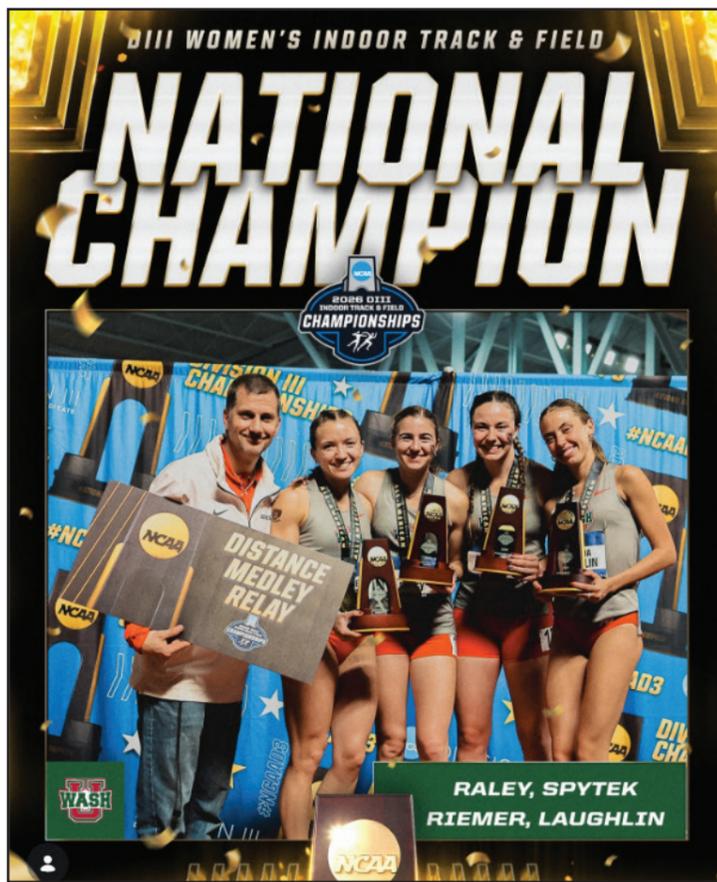
to deputies in the jail to conduct criminal investigations of inmate conduct resulting in criminal prosecutions. This directly improves the safety and security of the entire jail facility.

- Secured grant funding to install detention grade enclosures to offer further means for telehealth visits and mental health counseling for inmates.

- Implemented electronic monitoring protocols for all inmates with Huber work release privileges to effectively supervise them in the community.

Within our Patrol and Detective Division we have implemented:

- Stronger community engagement programs focused on safety and awareness through Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE), Hunter Safety programs and Cyber Safety for fraud and sextortion.
- Secured grant funding to purchase equipment related to narcotic



investigations, enforcement and incident security.

- Developed capital asset planning for maintenance and replacement of law enforcement specific equipment including less lethal weapons and body worn cameras better enabling our deputies to react to dangerous and fluid situations.

Beyond these noteworthy accomplishments I have also been able to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement that solidified a desirable working schedule with competitive wages for our deputies. We held our first ever Sheriffs Citizen Academy that provided a behind the scenes look into our daily duties. I implemented foundational training for all Green County Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS personnel related to Active Shooter Incident Management and Rescue Task Force, allowing Green County

to have a collective knowledge and preparedness for our communities in a time of need. And the largest milestone was the approval of the public safety campus project which includes the construction of a new Sheriff's Office, Jail, 911 Communications Center, Emergency Management and Coroner's Office.

All of these accomplishments are only possible because of the amazing professionals at the Sheriff's Office. The work that our team does around the clock is second to none, in my opinion. As Sheriff you can expect from me hard work, open communication and dedication to public safety in Green County.

I would truly be honored to have your support as Sheriff in the upcoming election.

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## A Shared Commitment to Green County: Teresa Keehn Transitions from United Way to Green County Development Corporation

In a transition that reflects the strength and collaboration of the Green County community, the United Way of Green County and the Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) jointly announce that Teresa Keehn will be stepping into a new role as Community Development Coordinator with GCDC.

Keehn has served as Executive Director of United Way of Green County, where she has been deeply involved in bringing people together—connecting businesses, nonprofits, schools, and community leaders to strengthen support for individuals and families across the county.

During her time with United Way, Keehn helped build strong partnerships, expand community engagement, and reinforce the organization's role as a trusted agency in Green County. Today, United Way remains in a strong and stable position, supported by dedicated volunteers, generous donors, and committed community partners.

"This community means everything to me," said Keehn. "The relationships United Way has built with our partner agencies, businesses, schools, and volunteers are what make Green County so special. I am incredibly proud of where United Way is today. It is in a great place, and I have full confidence it will continue to grow and make an impact."

Keehn shared that her new role is a natural extension of the work she has been passionate about.

"This is a wonderful opportunity to continue investing in the community I care so deeply about," she said. "I've always believed that when we work together we can achieve more. This role will allow me to continue the important work of bringing people together, strengthening partnerships, and supporting initiatives that help Green County grow and succeed," Keehn said.

United Way of Green County Board President, Traci Davis, emphasized both appreciation and confidence in the organization's future.

"Teresa has led with heart, energy, and a true commitment to this community," said Davis. "United Way is in a great place—strong, stable, and well-positioned for the future. The relationships she has built will continue to benefit this organization and our community for years to come."

The Green County Development Corporation welcomed Keehn, noting that her experience and deep community connections will strengthen their work across the county.

"Teresa understands Green County—its people, its partnerships, and its potential," said Olivia Otte, Executive Director of Green County Development Corporation. "Her ability to bring people together and turn ideas into action is exactly what community development is all about. We are excited to have her join our team."

Both organizations highlighted that this transition reflects the ongoing collaboration that defines Green County.

"This isn't a goodbye—it's a continuation of the same work, just from a different seat at the table," said Davis. "We know Teresa will continue to be a strong partner to United Way and to so many organizations across the county."

Keehn will remain actively involved with United Way during the transition to ensure continuity and support the onboarding of new leadership. The United Way Board of Directors will begin the search for the next Executive Director immediately.

"Green County shows up for each other—that's what makes this place so special," Keehn added. "I'm grateful to have been part of United Way's work and excited to continue serving this community in a new way."

## South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union to Host Regenerative Agriculture and Earth Day Celebration Event

Please join the South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union Chapter for their upcoming chapter meeting and regenerative ag educational event in celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 25 from 2-5 p.m.! The day will be filled with great information, hands-on experiences, and chapter business. All are welcome to attend! The event will be held at Doudlah Farms, 10339 N. Wilder Road, Evansville WI.

Doudlah Farms Organics will showcase their regenerative operation from field to finished products, including popcorn, beans, sunflower seeds, flour, and cornmeal. In addition, Brian Wickert will be on hand to discuss the benefits of Biodynamic Preps for your gardens and farms. Our chapter meeting segment will focus on WFU's updates and signing up for our upcoming offering of homesteading classes, including Making Beeswax Food Wraps, Felting, and more.

Doudlah White Bean Chili and Popcorn will be served. Please bring a potluck salad or dessert to share.

For more information or questions, please contact penny@stillpoint.farm.



By Laura Roth,  
Children's Librarian

Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library returned to the theme Animals and Nature last week, learning about giraffes. A tape measure showed how tall a giraffe is: taller than the ceiling at the library, 14-18 feet! The kiddos tried to build a Lego tower that tall, but sadly, couldn't make it stand. Giraffes Can't Dance (by Andrae) had everyone up and moving and grooving, and A Giraffe and a Half (by Silverstein) was a fun rhyming story about a giraffe with all kinds of silliness going on. This Book Is Upside Down (by Wage) proves that books can go in any direction . . . just like preschoolers. The craft of the day was a paper sack giraffe puppet, complete with a tail.

Next week, the Family Theme features dads, including the books I Love My Daddy Because (by Gaylord), Time Together Me and Dad (by Catherine) and Daddies Do It Different (by Sitomer). The youngsters will again do a paint resist project, using masking tape to spell DAD and paint around the letters in a starburst design. It should be super colorful and super messy, just the way we like it.

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m., before the library officially opens, so we don't disturb regular patrons. There's plenty of room for more friends and we look forward to seeing some new faces next week!



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# POLICE

## Green County Sheriff's Department March 16-22, 2025

At 7:25 a.m., Monday, deputies responded to the N4600 block of Rechsteiner Road, Town of Sylvester for a single vehicle in a field. The investigation determined that on Sunday, March 15, Trenton T. Eisch, 27, of Albany was northbound on Rechsteiner Road when he lost control due to roadway conditions and entered the east ditch. Eisch's vehicle struck an embankment in the field that disabled his vehicle. Eisch was uninjured during the crash and wearing his seat belt. Eisch gained permission by the landowner to remove the vehicle at a later date.

## Green County Genealogical Society to meet

The Green County Genealogical Society will present—"A Visit to WHS: Genealogy Collections and Services" by Rebecca Hopman. The presentation is Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The program is open to the public!

Ready to take a trip to the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS)? WHS holds one of the top five genealogical collections in the country, with materials from across the United States and Canada. Discover more about our extensive newspaper and family history collections, learn how to search our catalog and website to find materials on your family, and get details on how to plan for your visit. Even if you can't make it to Wisconsin, you'll find out how to get access to our collections so you can keep researching your ancestry!

Rebecca Hopman is the Genealogy Services Librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society, where she helps people discover their family stories. She lectures on a variety of topics, including genealogy, oral history, and historical research. She has a BA in History, English, and German from Augustana College (IL), an MLIS in Archives and Records Management from the University of Maryland, College Park, and an MA in Women's History from Sarah Lawrence College. She currently serves as a board member for the Augustana Historical Society.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is [www.greencogenealogywi.org](http://www.greencogenealogywi.org)

## GCDC Hosts Annual Dinner and Awards Night, Honors 2026 Award Recipients

With record-breaking attendance of nearly 300 people, the Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) held its Annual Dinner & Awards Night on Thursday, March 19 at Turner Hall in Monroe. The evening brought together community members, business leaders, and partners to celebrate the individuals and organizations driving growth and opportunity across Green County.

GCDC Executive Director Olivia Otte welcomed attendees, highlighted the year's accomplishments, and recognized nominees across three award categories. In 2025, Green County saw \$133 million in private sector investment, reflecting strong momentum and continued confidence in the local economy.

GCDC also reported a year of strong organizational impact, securing \$1.4 million in grant funding, deploying \$1.2 million in loans, and hosting 14 events with nearly 1,000 attendees. For every \$1 invested in GCDC operations, \$16 is returned to the community, demonstrating the organization's strong return on investment and value to Green County.

The evening also featured a three-person panel discussion focused on why people choose to live and work in Green County. Panelists included Nic Owen, Green County's new County Administrator, Dr. Stephanie Schmidt, Plant Chemist at Badger State Ethanol, and Madeline Kuhn, Cheesemaker at Emmi Roth. Each shared their personal story and perspective, reinforcing a central theme of the night: economic development is ultimately about people and the choices they make to invest in a community.

"Green County's success comes down to people who choose to be here and invest in this community," said Otte. "When you look at the businesses growing, the leaders stepping up, and the partnerships forming, it's clear that we have something special here. Our job is to keep building on that momentum and creating opportunities for the next generation."

Awards presentations followed for Entrepreneurial Spirit, Outstanding Business of the Year, and the Richard B. Schmied Leadership Award.

The Outstanding Business of the Year award, recognizing a business that has demonstrated a strong commitment to economic growth through innovation, investment, and community support, was presented to Klitzman Seed. The Brooklyn-based, family-owned business was recognized for its long-standing dedication to supporting the agricultural community and contributing to the strength of Green County's economy.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, honoring a business that exemplifies innovation, resilience, and a drive for growth, was presented to Joanne's Dress Shop. Under

## Rotary Botanical Gardens Hosts Earth Day Celebration on April 26

Family-Friendly Event Features Zoozort Live Animal Program, Local Conservation Groups, Hands-On Activities, Food Trucks, and Artisan Vendors

Rotary Botanical Gardens invites the community to celebrate Earth Day with a family-friendly event on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event will take place throughout the Gardens and will feature interactive exhibits, local environmental organizations, food trucks, artisan vendors, and educational activities focused on sustainability and conservation.

Admission to Earth Day at the Gardens is free, with regular garden admission waived for all attendees. Guests may also choose to purchase advance tickets for the Zoozort Live Animal Program, an engaging indoor experience that introduces audiences to exotic wildlife through up-close, educational presentations.

Zoozort tickets are \$5 per person, with children under two admitted free. Tickets must be purchased online in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door. Seating is limited to 200 people per show, and tickets are expected to sell out.

Zoozort showtimes include: 11 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 2 p.m.

Event Highlights Include:

- Interactive booths and activities hosted by local environmental organizations
- Hands-on crafts and educational experiences for children and families
- Zoozort Live Animal Program (ticketed add-on)
- Food trucks offering a variety of options
- Artisan and small business vendors

"Our Earth Day celebration is designed to be engaging and accessible for everyone," said Laura Kenyon, Marketing and Public Relations Manager at Rotary Botanical Gardens. "By bringing together local partners, hands-on activities, and educational experiences, we hope to inspire people to take meaningful steps toward sustainability."

Participating Organizations and Vendors

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with local environmental groups, sustainability advocates, and community organizations, including:

Organizations and Exhibitors—Bartlett Tree Experts, Citizens Climate Lobby, Rock County Health Department, Protecting Wisconsin Waterways, Rock County Beekeepers, City of Janesville Recreation Department, Rock Prairie Master Gardeners Association, Basics Co-op, Rock County Ice Age Alliance, Welty Environmental Center, Janesville Urban Forest Alliance, Greenlight E Recycling, Rock County Conservationists, All Energy Solar, Dawn Harvest Solar Energy, DNR, City of Janesville Recycling Program, Salvation Army, Kiwanis, Lions Club, Office Pro, URTE

Food Trucks—RMN Donuts (Chris Anich), The Wok This Way (Alissa Lange), Taqueria Don Regino (Mireya Valadez), JD's Lunch Box (John Toles), Buzz Moment (Dalton Campbell), Boba House (Hannah Jane Kellogg)

Artisan and Small Business Vendors—Restoration Candle Company (Chloe Oestrich), The Teacher Truck (Megan Austin), Judy's Art Company (Judy Hatlen)

### Sponsors Making a Difference

This year's Earth Day celebration is proudly supported by Bartlett Tree Experts, whose support helps make this free community event possible. Rotary Botanical Gardens is grateful for their commitment to environmental stewardship and community investment.

This event is open to all ages. Visitors are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles and eco-friendly shopping bags to support sustainability efforts.

der new ownership by Lisa Buol, the long-standing Monroe business continues its legacy while embracing new opportunities, demonstrating both respect for tradition and a forward-looking approach.

The Richard B. Schmied Leadership Award, which recognizes selfless leadership, community commitment, and lasting impact, was presented to Nikki Austin. Austin was recognized for her steady and impactful leadership across multiple organizations, consistently giving her time and expertise to strengthen Green County.

In addition to the award recipients, GCDC recognized Klondike Cheese Company and Colony Brands for 100 years of business and their lasting contributions to Green County's economy. Mayor Donna Douglas was also recognized for her lifetime achievement in economic development and her decades of leadership and service to the community.

GCDC is proud to recognize this year's award recipients and all nominees, whose commitment and leadership continue to move Green County forward.

The mission of GCDC is to promote and encourage economic growth while maintaining the quality of life that makes Green County, Wisconsin a great place to live and work. Through strong public-private partnerships, GCDC continues to support businesses, expand opportunities, and build a vibrant future for the community.

For more information, visit [www.greencountydevelopment.com](http://www.greencountydevelopment.com) or follow GCDC on Facebook and LinkedIn.



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**By Melissa Everson, Director**

From the Director's Desk . . .  
Last week, I shared our library's reasoning for not joining LinkCat, the online catalog system operated by South Central Library System and shared with 51 other libraries in south central Wisconsin. Based on the extensive costs—short term and long term—our library would incur, it wasn't an easy decision for me or for the Board of Trustees of the Albertson Memorial Library. While we all can probably agree, having the ability to request any of the almost three million items available through LinkCat is quite remarkable, the costs of providing this service to members of the Albany community are daunting. It's just too expensive.

The great news with regard to this subject is, while we are not a member library, our library is still able to reserve any of the 800,000 different items listed in that catalog for our patrons. Yes, any! While our library patrons don't have direct access to the shared online catalog, our library does! If there is a particular book or other resource that you are dying to read, need for a special project, or simply want in order to learn something new, all one needs to do is visit, call, or email our library with the title or subject and we can get that item for you. Our patrons typically have the same borrowing privileges with the other libraries that they have with our library. It's completely free, and rarely are there fines charged for overdue items. Patrons usually have a four-week check-out period—the same for books held by our library—and books can be renewed one time. The only caveat is that we are not able to request books or materials that have been released in the past

six months.

To some, a six-month wait can be a problem. However, even if we were a "linked" library and patrons were able to submit their own request online, it would most likely take that long or longer to get that particular new release. If we were linked with all of the other libraries and purchased a new release, we would be able to keep that book locally in our library for our patrons to check out for only two months before it would be made available to every patron in our library system (all 51 libraries). That means, in some instances, that new release would be available to as few as two of our patrons if each patron kept that book for the allotted four weeks. After that two months, that new release would be thrown in the "pool" for anyone and everyone who has reserved that particular book through LinkCat. A patron who reserved that title would, most likely, get a copy from a different library somewhere else in the system—Brodhead, Poynette, or even Marshfield. Because we are not linked, though, our newly acquired treasures are available to only patrons of our library—forever. As a non-linked library, we don't have to share any of our materials.

We are blessed here at Albertson Memorial Library to have a healthy budget for library materials. We are also blessed to have a staff member in charge of purchasing our new books who is really in tuned with what our patrons are looking for (No, it's not me!). Our patrons also know that if there is a book that they are really interested in reading, all they have to do is ask. Now that doesn't mean that we purchase every book that every person requests, but if it's a book that is highly requested in LinkCat by other patrons from other libraries, it's given high consideration.

The bottom line is that, our library can get just about anything that your little heart desires to read. All you have to do is ask! We are here to serve you!

## Green County EMS Announces Hanne as New EMS Chief

Green County EMS is pleased to announce the appointment of Hanne to a leadership role within the organization, bringing with her more than 35 years of experience in the Emergency Medical Services field.

Hanne began her career with humble beginnings as an EMT-Basic and has built an extensive career that spans direct patient care, critical care transport, education, management, and EMS administration. Throughout her career, she has remained deeply committed to serving patients, supporting EMS professionals, and strengthening the communities she serves.

After ten years serving as a Paramedic with OSF Lifeline Ambulance in Rockford, Illinois, Hanne transitioned to the OSF Lifeline Helicopter program, further expanding her expertise in advanced prehospital care. In 2018, she joined the Flight For Life program, serving both on the helicopter and within the ground Critical Care Transport Program, where she provided specialized care for critically ill and injured patients.

Following her flight experience, Hanne moved into a leadership role with Ridge Ambulance Service, where she served as EMS Coordinator, TraumaSoft Coordinator, and Critical Care Transport Program Manager. During her time there, she played a key role in launching an innovative Critical Care Transport Response Program in partnership with the Kishwaukee EMS System and the State of Illinois. The program was designed to bring critical care transport services to rural communities when air medical resources were unavailable and was exceeding expectations while still in its pilot phase.

Through these diverse experiences, Hanne has developed a comprehensive understanding of both private and non-profit EMS transport, as well as the unique challenges facing rural emergency medical services.

Now returning home to Wisconsin, Hanne brings her experience, leadership, and passion for EMS to Green County EMS. Her vision is centered on strengthening the organization while supporting the professionals who serve the community every day.

"I want to move Green County EMS forward by finding solutions to common challenges facing EMS today," Hanne said. "I believe in empowering employees to be the best version of themselves, because when our crews are supported with the right tools, education, and opportunities, it benefits the entire community."

Hanne is committed to fostering strong collaboration between EMS, fire departments, first responders, healthcare facilities, and community partners. She believes that teamwork and interdepartmental relationships are essential to delivering the highest level of care.

She also emphasizes a guiding principle for the organization summarized by the acronym CCER—Care, Compassion, Empathy, and Respect.

"These values should guide how we treat everyone—our patients, their families, our coworkers, our partner agencies, and the communities we serve," Hanne said. "At the end of the day, we are all working toward the same goal: caring for patients and protecting our communities."

Hanne also strongly believes that access to high-quality healthcare should not depend on geography.

"Whether someone lives in a large city or a rural community, they deserve the same level of care and compassion," she said.

Green County EMS is excited to welcome Hanne and looks forward to the experience, leadership, and dedication she brings as the organization continues its mission of providing exceptional emergency medical care to the residents of Green County and the surrounding region.

## SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital-Janesville announces Chelsea Hardacre as new president

SSM Health is pleased to announce that Chelsea Hardacre has been named President of SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital – Janesville, SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group.



Hardacre brings more than 12 years of health care management experience to the role. She first joined SSM Health Monroe Hospital in 2015 and became Monroe's Chief Nursing Officer (CNO) in March 2020. She also became Janesville's CNO in December 2023.

Prior to taking on leadership responsibilities, Hardacre worked for years as a bedside oncology nurse.

In March 2025, Hardacre received SSM Health's highest honor—the Presidential Coin—for exemplify a commitment to living the Mission of SSM Health. She was named interim president of SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital – Janesville, SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group in late December 2025, following the retirement of former president Jane Curran-Meuli.

"Chelsea Hardacre emerged as the clear choice for the permanent President role and has already shown herself to be the right leader for our health ministries in Janesville and Monroe," said SSM Health Regional VP—Acute Care Operations Dawit Tesfaislassie. "SSM Health is fortunate to continue counting on her seasoned leadership."

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