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Electric Scooter Safety

By Chief Brian N. Raupp

Recently we have been dealing with several issues and concerns concerning Electric Scooter use in the City of Brodhead.

Let's discuss Electric Scooter safety.

What is an electric scooter?

—"Electric scooter" means a device weighing less than 100 pounds that has handlebars and an electric motor, is powered solely by the electric motor and human power and has a maximum speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor. "Electric scooter" does not include an electric personal assistive mobility device, motorcycle, motor bicycle, electric bicycle, or moped.

What laws apply to Electric Scooters?

- —Electric Scooters must follow many of the vehicle traffic laws, all signs, and all signals when operating on the street.
- —You should ride as far to the right as safely possible.
- —You must yield to pedestrians and vehicles when required
- —Electric Scooters may operate on sidewalks as well as streets

(except in the downtown business district they are not allowed on sidewalks like bikes or skateboards). Operating on a sidewalk they must yield to all pedestrians walking in the area and give audible signals when passing by someone. Electric scooters are considered the same as pedestrians when crossing the street in a crosswalk. Remember you may have the right-of-way but it is required that you give the vehicles enough time to stop for you and not just ride out into traffic. Be safe and make sure vehicles have stopped before crossing the street.

—If you ride during hours of darkness the Electric Scooter must be equipped with a front white light and a rear red reflector

Safety Tips

- —Electric scooter operators should consider wearing a helmet and eye protection for safety
- —Consider wearing bright colored clothing for visibility
- —Operate your Electric Scooter at a safe and controlled speed
- —Avoid riding in a heavy pedestrian or vehicle traffic area (festivals, events, 1st Center Avenue)

Be Safe and enjoy the summer!



Brodhead Historical monthly meeting Monday, July 28

The Brodhead Historical Society invites you to their next monthly meeting on Monday, July 28. The group's volunteers have been creating files on Brodhead business addresses, and Holly Everson will share information on four different locations. Come and hear the history of the American Cigar Company on East 6th Avenue, the livery barn on West 2nd Avenue and Exchange Street, the Laube Building on West Exchange Street, and a Decatur home that was moved into and around the business district. Any additional information from attendees would be welcomed. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum. A brief business meeting will also be held. The public is invited to attend.



Soggy Prairie entertained the crowd at last Sunday's Twilight in the Park. Just three concerts remain in this summer tradition at Veterans Park. Next week, Brodhead's own, State Line Play Boys will be performing. The Brodhead Optimist will be serving their annual pig roast and pies from 4-6 p.m. or until gone before the music. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Community Comes Together for Jaycees Summer Kickoff Party Splash Pad Fund-raiser

The recent fund-raiser for the Brodhead splash pad was a resounding success, thanks to the incredible support of their generous sponsors and volunteers.

A special thank you goes to Dr. Dan Branson of Brodhead Family Dental, who sponsored the bounce houses that brought so much joy to the kids throughout the day. His continued commitment to our community is greatly appreciated.

They are also grateful to the businesses and organizations that donated raffle baskets, making the event fun and exciting for attendees of all ages. Thank you to Sweet Minihaha Campground, Tastee Creme, Bullwinkle's Coffee and More, the City of Brodhead, Caked by Paige, Kelch Aviation Museum, and Pinnow Hometown Pharmacy for their generous contributions.

A heartfelt thank you to Jim and Deb Huffman for volunteering their time and energy to provide tractor rides for the kids—a highlight of the day and a memory many will treasure.

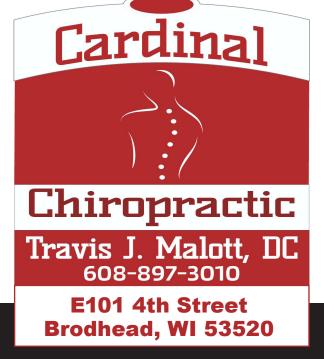
They'd also like to recognize James Carter for generously donating his DJ services, keeping the energy high and the music flowing throughout the event.

And finally, thank you to Kona Ice for donating a portion of their sales to the splash pad fund-raiser. Your support helped bring them one step closer to making this exciting project a reality.

The Jaycees are so grateful for the help from our community to make this fund-raiser a success. Together, we're making a splash for a brighter future!



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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Beth Staniforth-Seamster, Pastor. Sunday worship May 25-August 31—9 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch. com.

Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currenlty open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. 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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. 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 n.m.

Grace Independent Baptist Church, Hwy. 81, three-quarter of a mile east of junction with 11, 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. Worship service 9 a.m. No Sunday school until fall.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi. org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult

David

LeRoy

Rowley

Evansville, Wisconsin, died Mon-

day, July 14, 2025, in the care of

his family. He was born on Janu-

David LeRoy Rowley, age 85, of

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Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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 Jadyn Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead. org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m.; Bible class and Sunday school 10:15 a.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 410 E. State Street, Albany, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on Monday 6:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m., Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. www.ctk-p. org, 608-325-9506. Fully accessible for people with disabilities.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook.

ary 3, 1940, to Robert and Mildred

(Lund) Rowley. He graduated from

Evansville High School and spent

his entire life working on the family

farm alongside his father, sons, and

at a later date. Grace-Bifulk Funeral

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A Celebration of Life will be held

OBITUARIES



Susan Marie Douglas

Susan Marie Douglas, 74, died Sunday, July 13, 2025 at SSM Hospital, Monroe, Wisconsin. Susan was born September 16, 1950 in Monroe, the daughter of Roger Douglas and Magdalene (Foesch) Douglas. Susan was part of the Class of 1968 in Brodhead. Due to a serious automobile accident in 1968, she wasn't able to graduate with her class, but she did obtain a GED at a later date.

Sue was preceded in death by her parents Roger Douglas, May 18, 1980 and Magdalene (Foesch) Douglas, November 30, 1972, and a brother John Maurer, Ohio, November 5, 2017.

Surviving siblings include: Tom Maurer, Paul Douglas, Scott Douglas (Frieda), Matt Douglas (Holly), and Lora Douglas (Guy Stamm).

Surviving nieces (in above sibling order) include: Jennifer, Rebecca, Ember, Nikole, Kandice, Leanne, Leah, Maggie, Kayla, Ashley and Kelly.

Surviving nephews include: Jason, Lance, Daniel, Jordan and

During her stay at Pleasant View, Sue joined every activity and loved to sing along to old songs and share a greeting with everyone she knew. She also could remember most people by name. She said once she didn't know why she was spared in the car accident. Anybody that knew Sue would know exactly why. She was quick to smile and have a good laugh, she was a ray of sunshine. She took to heart what her mother told her after her car accident. She repeated it like this: "Ma always said it could always be worse." She did the best she could with what she had. Sue was a great example of looking for the bright side of any situation. She made an impact on so many people, she will surely be missed.

Sue's family would like to thank Pleasant View Nursing Home and SSM Hospital for their loving care.

A Celebration of Susan's Life will be held at Shriner-Hagar-Gohlke Funeral Home, Monroe on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 1 until 3 p.m.

Oakley-Union UMC Ice Cream Social

Get ready for the Oakley-Union UMC Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. Join them in celebrating the summer with friends, food and more.

The church is located at W2388 Gerber Road, Juda.

For more information call 608-214-0584.

Karen L. Zimmerman

Karen L. Zimmerman, age 80, of Juda, died Thursday, July 10, 2025 at Agrace HospiceCare, Fitchburg. Karen was born on March 3, 1945 in Monroe, the daughter of Ernest and Helen (Munz) Lehr. She graduated from Juda High School in 1963 and was united in marriage to Delton "Brad" Zimmerman on October 30, 1965 in Juda. Karen worked as a transcriptionist at the Monroe Clinic Hospital for 43 years before retiring in 2007. She was an avid bowler, a fan of Elvis, enjoyed following the Brewers and Packers, and was an extreme animal lover. Karen was also known to take the occasional trip to the casino.

She is survived by a son, Mark Zimmerman; daughter, Dawn Golackson, both of Juda; granddaughter, Taylor Golackson of Fitchburg; sister, Donna Newman of Juda; sister-in-law, Norma Lehr of Orfordville; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Delton, on March 15, 2024; brother, Gary Lehr; and brother-in-law, Chet Newman.

A celebration of Karen's life will be held on Saturday, August 2, from 4 until 7 p.m., at Nett's Sports Bar, 1301 17th Street, Monroe. A memorial fund will be established in Karen's name for the Green County Humane Society. The Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe, is assisting the family. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomerfuneralhome.net

The family would like to thank Juda First Response, Green County EMS, New Glarus Home, and Agrace Hospice for their service and wonderful care.

James "Jim" Mauermann

James "Jim" Mauermann, age 82, of Brodhead, passed away on Tuesday, July 1, 2025 at Pleasant View Nursing Home. He was born on October 11, 1942, the son of Willard and Helen (Salzwedel) Mauermann. Jim graduated from Monroe High School. After high school Jim graduated from Green County Teachers College. On May 6, 1967 Jim married Lynda Christensen in Brodhead; they were married for nearly 58 years.

Jim worked for Monroe Parks and Recreation, Swiss Colony, and the City of Sun Prairie Parks and Recreation until his retirement. He was a member of the Monroe United Methodist Church. Jim enjoyed being outdoors fishing, hunting, and boating. He loved traveling and catching up with his friends regularly. Jim and Lynda both enjoyed playing cards with their friends.

Jim is survived by his children: Craig (Sara) Mauermann and Shelli (Robert) Becker; grandchildren: Courtney and Meghan Fowell, Abby (fiancé, Ethan Edwards), Matthew, and Elisabeth Mauermann; brother, Ron (Lois) Mauermann; brother-in-law, Wayne (Ruthie) Gibson; and nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Lynda.

Funeral services were held on Friday, July 11, at the Monroe United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with Pastor Jadyn Meyer officiating. Burial was held at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: shgfuneralhome.net.

Jim Goodsir

Jim Goodsir was born in 1942 in Woodstock, Illinois, to parents Fred, Sr. and Virginia Goodsir.

Jim attended Brodhead High School followed by a four-year enlistment in the Marine Corps. Jim moved to California in the mid-1970s where he was hired as a General Manager of SeaPro, a large seafood processing company. Jim attended Humboldt State University in California, majoring in philosophy and religious studies.

Jim passed away March 25, 2025, after 20 plus years of multiple health issues. He is survived by his wife, Susan; and stepson, Ben; brother, Fred (Ann); and sister, Gail (Joe). Jim's parents lived in his memories, as did his nephews, Joel and Hunter.

DEATH NOTICE

LeRoy E. Burns

LeRoy E. Burns, 84, of Orford-

ville, died on Friday, July 18, 2025 at home.

Grace-Bifulk Funeral and Cremation Service is serving the family.

Kids Summer Craft Morning

The Congregational UCC Church invites children all ages for a free Kids Summer Craft Morning on Saturday, July 26, from 9 to 11 a.m. They will have cookie decorating, various children's crafts, drawing and painting and refreshments. The church is located at E201 23rd Street, Brodhead.



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I would like to thank my family and friends for coming to my 80th birthday party.

Thank you for all the cards and flowers. Thanks again,

- Cathy Flynn

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN-UP (Deadline: Friday, August 8th)

The Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a six-week youth NFL flag football program for boys and girls in second-sixth grades. The games will be played on the high school practice field on Saturday mornings beginning September 6th and ending October 11th.

Registration forms are available at the Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (http:// www.cityofbrodheadwi.us). The cost is \$60, which includes an NFL teamidentified reversible jersey and flag set.

Please return forms to the Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department at City Hall or mail to Brodhead Pool and Rec. Dept. PO Box 168, Brodhead, WI 53520. If you have any questions about registration or about the league, contact Brodhead Pool & Rec 608-897-2159 x9. Deadline is Friday, August 8th. After Friday, August 8th you must call to check availability, if availability, there will be a \$20 late fee added on.

BRODHEAD OPTIMIST PIG ROAST

The Brodhead Optimist Pig Roast and Pies in the Park is Sunday, July 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Brodhead Veterans Park. Pork loin, beans, coleslaw, chips, soda and water. Large selection of pies sold separately by the slice. All monies raised go to fighting childhood cancer. Then at 6 p.m., enjoy music by the State Line Play Boys.

All at Vetarans Park, Sunday, July 27th.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES **BOWLING LEAGUE**

The Thursday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League will be holding their fall meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7 at Albany Lanes. They ask that at least one representative from each team be present at this meeting.

SAVE THE DATE

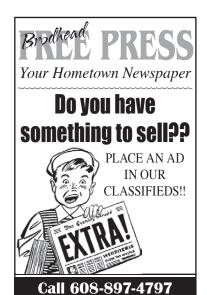
The Brodhead Police Association is hosting the 11th Annual Brodhead Night Out on Tuesday, August 12th (rain date Wednesday, August 13th) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Jaycee Park, 300 4th Street. This FREE Night Out is a community wide event to heighten awareness of crime, drug and prevention efforts and to encourage community participation. For more information please visit them on Facebook!

Lower **Sugar River** Watershed **Association** 2025 Annual **Meeting**

The LSRWA 2025 Annual Meeting is being held on Saturday August 23rd from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Three Waters Reserve, N3941 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead. Please visit Three Waters Reserve's website at https://threewatersreserve.com/ pages/calendar-1 for more information and to purchase lunch tickets.

Juda Fire and First Response pancake breakfast

The members of the Juda Fire and First Response will be hosting a pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 26th for 7 until 11 a.m. at the Juda Community Center and Fire Department. Menu will include pancakes, sausage, applesauce, milk, juice and coffee. A free will donation will be taken. Fund raised helps the department to purchase equipment. The breakfast is being held in conjunction with the annual Juda Fore Fathers event.





School District Administrator, for details on how they might join in this advertising project. In addition to the yearly advertising fee, new advertisers will need to provide a mesh sign conforming to size and design requirements. A local vendor can be contacted to produce a sign at a reasonable cost. Details are available from the School District office at 608-897-2141. Potential advertisers should understand that WIAA rules prevent the District from advertising alcohol or tobacco products or establishments.

The District has adopted this advertising program to generate supplemental funding, and all funds raised are placed in a segregated account reserved for the maintenance of future athletic programs. These funds also supplement facility improvements and some of these donations were used to help pay for the new press box.

Businesses who wish to advertise with the School District should indicate their interest and submit the advertising fee to the District Office as soon as possible, preferably the first week of August, prior to the start of the football season. The first home game is Monday,





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Retirement and 75th birthday party for Shirley Zuhlke

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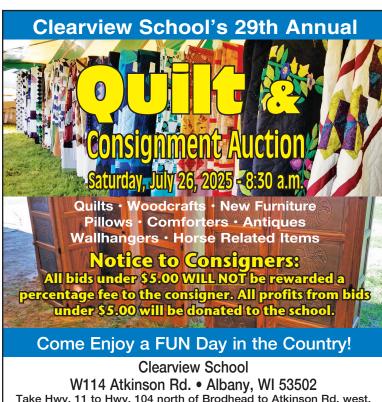


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The pancake breakfast is by donation. All proceeds go toward the Amish community medical bills.

ACADEMICS

UW-LA CROSSE ANNOUNCES MAY 2025 GRADUATES

The following area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May.

Students earning degrees in May include: Remington Stark, Bachelor of Science, International Business Major; Finance Major, of Orford-

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH ANNOUNCES SPRING 2025 GRADUATES

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's 151st spring commencement celebrated the achievements of 1,250 students in two ceremonies May 17 inside Kolf Sports Center. Recognized for earning doctoral, masters, bachelors or associate degrees, the new graduates joined the ranks of more than 100,000 UWO

Among those graduating was Kendra Dollak, Bachelor of Business Administration, Marketing, of Durand, Illinois.

> Advertising **Deadline:** Friday, 5 p.m.

LOCAL STUDENTS AMONG GRADUATES AT UW-EAU CLAIRE

Please join the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in congratulating our 1,230 May 2025 graduates from the Eau Claire and Barron County campuses.

Local students who received degrees and their fields of study are: Jocelyn Rufer, Business, BBA, Human Resource Management, of Brodhead; and Kaylee Ayres, Education and Human Sciences, BS, Communication Sciences and Disorders and Elsie Smith, Business, BBA, Health Care Administration, both of Davis, Illinois.

ACADEMICS

UW-MADISON ANNOUNCES 2025 SPRING GRADUATES

A total of 9,424 students received degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Madison on May 9-10, including students from your area.

There were two live Spring 2025 Commencement ceremonies, one for undergraduates at Camp Randall and one for all graduate degree candidates at the Kohl Center. Keynote speaker and celebrated sports columnist Jason Gay encouraged the graduates to embrace joy in their lives.

Degree recipients include: Haley Elmer, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Biology and Emily Olmedo, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science and Spanish, both of Brodhead; Luke Miller, School of Business, Master **Business** Administration. Business: Real Estate and Urban

Land Economics and Emma Zeller, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Communication Sciences and Disorders, Graduated with Distinction, both of Davis, Illinois; and Raeden Boer, College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work CSWE Accredited, of Orfordville.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

Tuesday's results: The Bar Team 2 defeated Bridges Bar & Grill 11-6; Panoske Plastering defeated Beast Buffet 7-4; Woodworth Team defeated The Bar Team 15-4.

Season standings: Panoske Plastering won 7 lost 0; Woodworth Team 7-0; Beast Buffet 3-4; The Bar Team 2 2-5; Bridges Bar & Grill 1-6; The Bar Team 11-6.



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Saturday Mornings at the Durand

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"Share What You Know" Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the **Durand Library**

There are many ways to give to a community. Sharing what we know is a very personal way of giving to others. The Friends of the Durand Library encourages those who have a special interest or skill to share it with others in an informal setting.

Several months ago in the dead of winter Brenda Kinney graciously brought her sewing machine and her talent to the library to demonstrate how she was able to make such charming items from clothesline. She brought a delightful array of completed projects.

Last summer Sherry Meinert packed up her Monarch butterfly eggs and larva (caterpillars) along with some recently emerged butterflies and brought them to the library. She also brought milkweed leaves for the caterpillars and we learned the importance of a proper diet for these beautiful creatures.

Local beekeeper Phil Raines spoke with us about beekeeping, and explained the health benefits of honey. We also learned, to our surprise, that certain trees are a valuable source of nectar and we learned about the trip his bees make to California each year to help pollinate the almond trees.

The Stateline Modelers and Bob Greenlee brought their amazing scale models of cars, World War II submarines as well as a model of Columbus' flag ship. It was a beautiful wooden one by Dave Dini of the Santa Maria. Dave shared fascinating information about Christopher Columbus and the art of sailing in the 15th century.

Diana Diemer, a longtime backgammon player, shared her enthusiasm for that game at the library as she guided others in how to play. The game is a combination of luck and skill. It turns out that in a serious game, depending on the players, the dice may be placed in a cup to ensure there's no trickery.

It is too easy to take for granted what we know and forget how interesting and new it would be to someone else. Please consider sharing what you know, whether it is a hobby, a creative skill, gardening or flower arranging or anything else.

Please contact the Friends of the Durand Library for more information. Email villagelibrary@cusd322. org, call or text 815-289-8602.

Library hours are Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays 6 to 8 p.m. Entry is at the east end of the school building.

Albany Lion's Club Stuff the **Bus Service Project and Albany Lions** Pig Out

The Albany Lion's Club is once again sponsoring their "Stuff the Bus" Service Project and holding the "Lion's Pig Out". Since 2013, Stuff the Bus has been a project where school supplies are collected for children in our community. Several business locations in Albany provide canisters for cash donations or bins for collection of supplies. The collection sites will be open until Tuesday, August 26 and each have a listing of items that are needed and specifically requested. Last year they collected over 330 individual items and nearly \$1,000 in cash, which was used to purchase additional needed supplies.

On Saturday, August 2, the club is holding their annual "Pig Out". Pork loins and loaded potato bar will be available for serving from 4:30 until 8 p.m. for the cost of \$10. Carry outs are also available. A raffle drawing is also being held. Tickets for dinner and or raffle tickets are available from any Albany Lions member. Raffle proceeds go towards local scholarships and community Lions projects. They will have a drop off box for school donations in the parking lot that evening.

Phyllis Runaas shared, "Everyone is invited to this Lion's event, and encouraged to contribute to the "Stuff the Bus" project. These are just two of our many events held at the Lion's building, which is located just off Hwy 59 on Cincinnati Street in Albany."

SOFTBALL

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 7/13 results: Church of God defeated Orfordville Lutheran 6-1; Bethlehem Lutheran defeated United Methodist 7-3; Congregational UCC defeated Luther Valley

Sunday 7/20 results: Luther Valley defeated Living Word 6-5; United Methodist defeated Church of God 6-5; Orfordville Lutheran defeated Congregational UCC 3-2.

Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 7-2; Congregational UCC 7-2; United Methodist 5-3; Church of God 4-4; Living Word 3-6; Luther Valley 3-5; Orfordville Lutheran 2-7.



a community event, an engagement or wedding announcement, an advertisement, or nearly anything else!!

Call 608-897-4797



67th Annual Tallman Arts Festival Features Weekend of Art, Food and More

The Rock County Historical Society's (RCHS) two-day 67th annual Tallman Arts Festival, a highlight of the summer, is set for Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3 at the RCHS campus, 440 N. Jackson Street in Janesville. Sponsored by Blackhawk Community Credit Union, there is no charge for admission at this year's festival, but donations are appreciated. Hours are 10 a.m.—4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.—3 p.m. on Sunday.

All artwork is juried, and the strong showing of artists from around the region will be on-site throughout the weekend to share and sell their unique, handcrafted creations—with prices to suit a wide range of budgets.

Festival-goers can explore an array of activities, including exhibits from regional artists, food trucks, a beverage tent, children's activities, a silent auction, and more.

"The Rock County Historical Society is proud to continue our tradition of gathering talented artists from across the region to share their creativity and artistic talents with the community," said Executive Director Kathe Crowley Conn. "We are honored to celebrate the arts with the Rock County community,"

This year's festival will showcase a variety of artistic creations, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, mixed media photography, fiber art, and more. The Janesville Art League will host artist demonstrations and a curated selection of members' work for sale in the Tallman Carriage House.

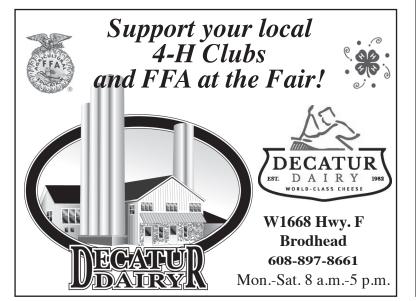
First held in 1958, the Rock County Historical Society's Tallman Arts Festival is Wisconsin's oldest art fair

Parking is free across the street in the Mercy Hospital parking ramp. For more information, visit https:// rchs.us/TAF.









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SSM Health Monroe Hospital's Michele Schiess Honored with Rural Health Ambassador Award

Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC) has recognized Michele Schiess, Director of Acute Care and Emergency Services at SSM Health Monroe Hospital, with the Rural Health Ambassador Award.

This award honors individuals who go above and beyond in promoting rural healthcare and fostering community relationships.

Michele was presented with the award by Jeremy Levin, RWHC Director of Advocacy, during a leadership meeting on Thursday, July 10. She was nominated by the hospital's Administrative Council in collaboration with Rebecca Bordner, Marketing and Communications Consultant.

"In all aspects of her work, Michele demonstrates a passion for rural healthcare and her teams," the nomination stated. "Her commitment to enhancing healthcare in our communities goes well beyond the expectations of her role. Michele and her teams are continuously reviewing safety standards and enhancing best practices to provide the highest quality of patient care."

Among her many accomplishments, Michele recently led the implementation of a Post-Birth Alert program across all SSM Health hospitals in Wisconsin. This initiative rollout included standardized

workflows and training for both internal staff and EMS partners. The program has been well received and was featured at the Wisconsin Hospital Association's Advocacy Day to showcase a proactive approach to maternal medicine advocacy. Michele has also shared program information with RWHC member hospitals, media outlets, and healthcare systems across the country.

Beyond her professional accomplishments, Michele exemplifies what it means to be a compassionate leader. She is a constant presence at the hospital, day and night, supporting her teams, celebrating successes, and organizing employee appreciation events. Her ability to stay connected with staff and foster a positive work culture is testament to her dedication.

Michele's commitment to service extends into her personal life as well. She volunteers as an EMT in her home community of Pearl City, Illinois and plays an active role in supporting local EMS teams.

"Michele exemplifies what it means to be a leader in rural healthcare," said Rebecca Bordner, Marketing and Communications Consultant at SSM Health Monroe Hospital. "Her dedication, innovation, and compassion are truly inspiring."



Michele Schiess after receiving her Rural Health Ambassador Award.



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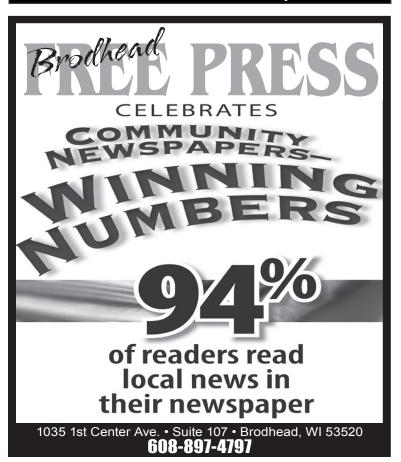
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Green County Humane Society joins NBCU Local's **Annual 'Clear The Shelters' Pet Adoption and Donation**

Campaign this August Nationwide Initiative Has Led to Nearly 1.2 Million Adoptions and Raised More Than \$5 Million Since 2015 Visit ClearTheSheltersFund.org to Donate Now

Through Monday, September 15

Green County Humane Society has joined NBCUniversal Local's 11th annual Clear The Shelters pet adoption and donation campaign scheduled for August 1 to 31, which features an extended fund-raising initiative taking place now through Monday, September 15.

As part of the nationwide initiative, NBC and Telemundo stations partner with animal shelters and rescues in their communities to promote pet adoption and raise funds that support animal welfare. Since its 2015 inception, Clear The Shelters has helped nearly 1.2 million pets find new homes and has raised more than \$5 million for participating shelters and rescues.

Clear The Shelters fund-raising will once again be led by Greater Good Charities, a global nonprofit and longtime campaign partner. Donations to the general fund can be made now through September 15, and donations to individual shelters can be made from August 1 to 31 at ClearTheShelters-

Virtual pet adoptions return for the seventh consecutive year through WeRescue, which allows website and app users to browse adoptable pets in their area by breed, gender, size and other factors, submit applications, and ask questions directly to shelters. Hill's Pet Nutrition, a global leader in science-based pet nutrition, is returning as the campaign's national sponsor for the eighth consecutive campaign.

For more on Clear The Shelters, including participating animal shelters and rescues, along with details on local events, visit ClearTheShelters.com and the Spanish-language site DesocuparlosAlbergues.com.

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NBCUniversal Local's Clear The Shelters™ is an annual nationwide pet adoption and donation campaign held each August. As part of the initiative, NBC- and Telemundo-owned and affiliated stations partner with animal shelters and rescues in communities across the U.S. to promote pet adoption and raise funds for participating shelters. Since its 2015 inception, Clear The Shelters has led to nearly 1.2 million pet adoptions and raised more than \$5 million. Longtime campaign supporters include Hill's Pet Nutrition, a national sponsor for eight consecutive years, Greater Good Charities and WeRescue. Clear The Shelters was inspired by a 2014 North Texas pet adoption event hosted by NBC 5 / KXAS and Telemundo 39 / KXTX. For more information, visit ClearTheShelters.com.

About Green County Humane Society

The Green County Humane Society is a nonprofit, no-kill shelter based in Monroe, WI. Dedicated to the protection and welfare of animals, GCHS provides compassionate care, shelter, and adoption services while promoting responsible pet ownership throughout the community.

To learn more about GCHS, please visit greencountyhumane.org.

Producers and Landowners Can Now Enroll in USDA's **Grassland Conservation** Reserve Program

landowners can now enroll in the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (Grassland CRP). The sign-up runs from today to Friday, August 8, 2025. Grassland CRP, offered by USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA), is a voluntary working lands conservation program that enables participants to conserve grasslands while also continuing most grazing and haying practices.

Grassland CRP emphasizes support for grazing operations, plant and animal biodiversity, and grasslands and land with shrubs and forbs under the greatest threat of conversion.

"Through the conservation of America's essential grasslands, Grassland CRP supports continued agricultural productivity while at the same time prioritizing private lands stewardship," said FSA Administrator Bill Beam. "By of-

The U.S. Department of Agricul- fering landowners the best of both ture (USDA) today announced that worlds—economic viability and agricultural producers and private working lands preservation— Grassland CRP provisions support USDA's commitment to Farmers First."

> CRP, USDA's flagship conservation program, celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. For four decades, CRP has provided financial and technical support to agricultural producers and landowners whose accepted acres are placed under contract for 10-15 years and who agree to voluntarily convert the land to beneficial vegetative cover to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and support wildlife habitat. The American Relief Act, 2025, extended provisions for CRP through Tuesday, September 30.

> Currently, more than 25.8 million acres are enrolled in CRP, with nearly 9.7 million acres in Grassland CRP. On May 12, FSA opened General and Continuous CRP enrollment for 2025. FSA is currently

Green **County Land** and Water Conservation Clean Sweep

The Green County Land and Water Conservation Department is hosting a Clean Sweep event. Clean Sweep is program that helps dispose of agricultural and household hazardous chemicals. This event is taking place at the Monticello Recycling Center, 406 North Main Street, Monticello, and will run from noon to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, August 6.

For agricultural and household products, you can dispose up to one hundred pounds for free. A testing fee may be charged for unknown chemicals if the amount is greater than five gallons or 50 pounds. Participants will need to sign in when bringing in products, no preregistering is needed. Proof of Green County residency is required. All items should be properly identified. Businesses may dispose of hazardous materials for a fee though Veolia Environmental Services. They reserve the right to reject any item that does not meet the intent of the program. Materials will only be accepted by authorized personnel.

Some examples of accepted items are: home products, insecticides, old fertilizer, weed and feed products, mercury, oil based, marine, tractor, auto or lead paint, herbicides, fungicides, wood preservatives, low pressure gas cylinders, cadmium and lithium batteries, and small LP gas tanks.

Some examples of items that are not accepted: explosives/firearms, radioactive material, high pressure compressed gas cylinders, Freon 11 and 12, medical waste, latex paint, fluorescent tubes, waste motor oil, and antifreeze.

Prescription medications may also be dropped off.

For additional information call the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department at 608-325-4195 or email at Todd.jenson@ wi.nacdnet.net. Full informational pamphlet can be found on their website at GreenCountyLWCD.com under the "County Programs" tab.



reviewing submitted offers and will announce accepted offers at a later date. Due to the 27-million-acre statutory cap, only 1.8 million acres are available for all CRP enrollment this fiscal year.

Landowners and producers interested in Grassland CRP should contact their local USDA Service Center to learn more or apply for the program before the Aug. 8 deadline.

FSA helps America's farmers, ranchers and forest landowners invest in, improve, protect and expand their agricultural operations through the delivery of agricultural programs for all Americans. FSA implements agricultural policy, administers credit and loan programs, and manages conservation, commodity, disaster recovery and marketing programs through a national network of state and county offices and locally elected county committees. For more information, visit fsa. usda.gov.

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Green County Sheriff's Department July 14-20, 2025

At approximately 1:45 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the N6800 block of County Highway X, Town of Albany, for a report of a two vehicle accident with injuries. Investigations found that a vehicle driven by Thomas Erbs, 65, of Darlington, was negotiating a curve, northbound, when he crossed over the centerline and struck another vehicle operated by Scott Best, 66, of Albany. Erbs reported no injury, no airbag deployment, and no seat belt use. Erbs vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. Best reported injury, no airbag deployment, and was wearing his seat belt. Best's vehicle was driven from the scene. Erbs was cited for failure to maintain control and released pending a future court

At 12:05 a.m., Sunday, deputies responded to the 1000 block of W. 2nd Avenue, in the City of Brodhead, for a reported disturbance. An investigation resulted in Edmond W. Ellis, 24, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for strangulation and suffocation, false imprisonment, intimidation of a victim, battery, and disorderly conduct, falling under Wisconsin's domestic abuse laws. Ellis was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

District 8 AA locations

Tuesdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Thursdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Fridays: Promises Group, Orfordville Lutheran, 210 Main Street, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

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By Corrine Hendrickson

Politics. The process of how people make decisions that affect our lives has become quite simply, exhausting.

We see the headlines, feel the impacts, and far too often settle on a shoulder shrug amid the chaos because changing it all is just too much to handle. Politics has become too personal, too mean and nasty and no healthy person wants more of that in their lives. So, the solution is we carry on and buffer ourselves from the noise from the people we asked to help "lead" us through difficult moments.

Folks, I've come to believe there must be a better way.

I want to introduce myself and ask for your ideas. I have been a family childcare provider in rural southern Wisconsin for eighteen years. My husband is a fire chief in a small-town volunteer fire department, and we have a couple of kids. Like most families with young children, we didn't have money for fancy vacations, but we took the kids camping, swimming, hiking, kayaking, and hunting throughout Southwest Wisconsin; exploring and making memories. I taught my kids how to fish in Lake Montesian in Monticello and Yellowstone in Blanchardville; even ice fishing! Like all of us, we want safe communities to raise our kids in but also places where they can do the same for their little ones down the road.

I'm sharing this letter because I've given some thought to helping real people have a voice in their own government again. I'm not a member of a political party. I've never run for any partisan office before. I'm a mom who wonders if we all did something together, could we change the thing that frustrates us so much?

There's an election next fall for state senate. The person who's represented us in Madison has been there a long time and done a few good things. Like any line of work though, new ideas can help us work through stubborn challenges. Too many of our schools are struggling. Too many of our roads are crumbling. There isn't enough good paying work across rural Wisconsin to keep families here and the places we fish, well gosh, the water isn't always the greatest is it?

There are lots of good things happening, but if we want southwest Wisconsin to truly be great again, I think there's room for some new ideas. What do you think? What do you want to see done better around these parts? Drop me a line at corrinefor17@gmail.com Let's have a conversation and see what it leads to.

Commitment to Community: Rock County Public Health Recertified as a Level III Health Department

Rock County Public Health earned the highest honor from the state of Wisconsin in June, when they were again awarded "Level III" status—the highest certification level of local health departments statewide.

"Operating a health department requires a special kind of fortitude, commitment, and drive to meet the wide-ranging demands of protecting the public's health," said Paula Tran, State Health Officer and Division of Public Health Administrator. "Public health work impacts everyone and every corner of the community and succeeds when it is a shared effort. I applaud the dedicated, collaborative efforts of Rock County Public Health staff, along with the Rock County Board of Health to keep their community healthy and safe, and I congratulate them on achieving this certification."

This certification recognizes Rock County Public Health's continued efforts to ensure that essential public health services are available countywide. It recognizes their role as a chief health strategist for population health, as well as their commitment to building a highly effective department through workforce development, performance management, and quality improvement.

"As a Board of Health, we appreciate the employees who demonstrate their commitment to the community by providing high-quality services every day," says Board of Health Chair Lou Peer. "We value the department's commitment to ensuring that state requirements are met, while balancing additional local needs."

The state's Department of Health Services outlines requirements for local health departments in Wisconsin Admin. Code ch. DHS 140. Public health departments undergo evaluation by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Division of Public Health (DPH) at least every five years to ensure they meet all legally established criteria.



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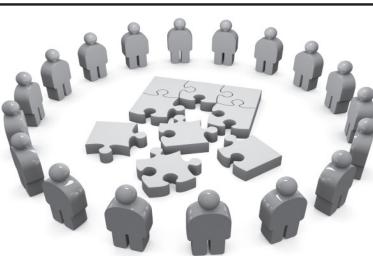
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Brodhead Historical Society Celebrates 50 Years

At its Monday, June 30, meeting, the Brodhead Historical Society celebrated 50 years since its beginning in 1975. The group gave special recognition to the organizer, F.S. "Frank" Gombar, who is 90 years old, and past directors and volunteers who helped the organization carry out its vision to bring Brodhead's rich history to life and display in the Depot Museum. In attendance were Clint Bailey, John Bernstein, Carol Gombar, and Polly Weeden. Unable to attend were the two original museum Curators, Mary Timm and Winona Walters (who recently celebrated her 100th birthday). Some of the members dressed in "groovy" 1970s attire. Each person in attendance received a commemorative 50-year logo

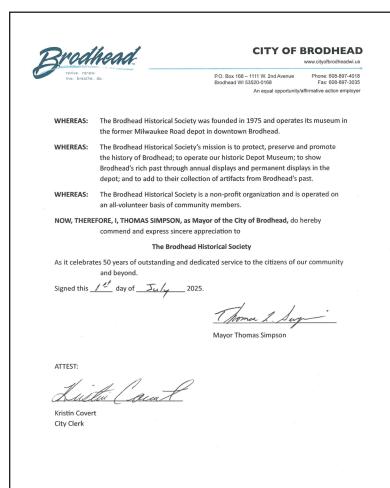
sticker. President Jaine Winters' program recapped major events in the organization's 50 years, with photos and anecdotes to bring them to life. Mayor Thomas Simpson issued a Commendation to the Historical Society for its 50 years. A future article will recap events in Brodhead Historical Society's five decades. There is an exhibit in the Depot Museum depicting several significant things done by the Historical Society since its inception in 1975, which have all been accomplished by its dedicated, energetic volunteers. We hope you stop by the Depot Museum to see our many exhibits. Admission is free, and hours are Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1-4 pm, or by appointment. Call 608-558-9441 or 608-558-4822.



Brodhead Historical Society organizer F.S. "Frank" Gombar, Carol Gombar, John Bernstein, Clinton Bailey, and Polly Weeden.



Clinton Bailey, Polly Weeden, Ann Schwartz, Wendy Pinnow Heise, Jonathan Heise, Holly Everson, Krista Searls, Jaine Winters (kneeling), Paul Roemer, Paris Trumbower sporting 1970s attire for Brodhead Historical Society's 50th Anniversary Celebration.



Combine Cleaning for Weed Management Planned for Tuesday, July 29

Farmers in the region are busy harvesting wheat and other small grains. A local producer-led watershed group, Farmers of the Sugar River, is planning a combine cleaning clinic at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, July 29th, at the Wenger Family Shop, located at N1261 Mount Hope Road, Brodhead. The event will teach farmers and operators why it's important to clean combines, which areas to clean get the most out of their time and when to do it. Removing the bulk of material that gets stuck in a combine head, feeder house and rock trap removes weed seeds that are mixed with the plant material or that settle out in these areas.

Research will be presented that can help farmers understand this important tool they have for weed management on their farms. A waterhemp plant, part of the pigweed family, can retain about 99% of its potential 250,000 seeds up through harvest. Research shows that many plants are spread by mowing or harvesting through the population and subsequently carrying the seed to new adjacent areas to become established. Many field weed seeds are still viable after being buried for 17 years, which makes the case for preventing their presence as a sound option.

Farmers will leave the event knowing where the three main areas are to clean with a battery powered leaf blower. Personal protective equipment like hearing protection, fine dust mask, eye protection and long-sleeved pants and shirt will make the job safer. Lunch will follow the clinic. Lake Ridge Bank has graciously stepped up to provide lunch for attendees. Please call Tonya Gratz with any questions and to RSVP for the event at 608-325-4195 ext 121, text 608-426-2218 or email Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdnet.net by Monday, July 28th.



Small grains, like the oats pictured, often have weed escapes or weeds that weren't killed by herbicides. This field has giant ragweed that could produce viable seed by the time it is harvested. Farmers can help limit weed spread by learning how and why to clean their combines at a workshop put on by the Farmers of the Sugar River on Tuesday, July 29th south of Brodhead, at N1261 Mount Hope Road.

Clean Sweep for Hazardous Chemicals, August 23, 2025

The Clean Sweep drop-off for hazardous household and farm chemicals will be in Janesville on Saturday, August 23rd. Drop-off event is open to all Rock County residents. Space is limited so advance registration is required by calling the Rock County Land Conservation Department at 608-757-5588. Acceptable wastes include: pesticides, mercury, solvents, oil-gas mixes, old gasoline, and contaminated vehicle fluids to name a few. No latex paint, motor oil, electronics, or batteries as all can be recycled locally. Information on what to save for Clean Sweep and what to do with common household chemicals are all at the Rock County Clean Sweep website (https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/clean-sweep) or can be mailed by request.

Rates for household (non-ag) chemicals: \$5 for one small (five quart) pail of items; up to two boxes/five-gallon buckets of items are \$10 each; three boxes or five-gallon buckets is \$40 for all; vendor rates apply for more than four boxes/buckets. County residents can get free disposal for up to 200 lbs or 30 gallons of agricultural chemicals with inventory required in advance.

You're Invited to the Green County Community Baby Shower

Join us on Saturday, August 16th at the Green County Family YMCA from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Green County Community Baby Shower is being hosted on Saturday, August 16th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Green County Family YMCA, hosted by Green County Public Health, the Brodhead Memorial Public Library, and Green County Human Services.

Families are encouraged to RSVP for this event, but it is not required. The first 70 families to RSVP will receive a FREE new baby bag, generously donated by United Way of Green County. To RSVP please go to: https://forms.gle/pfctbDg71qsS-Fyd58

The Community Baby Shower will allow new and soon-to-be parents to connect with over 15 local community organizations who have programs and services to support them and their baby. Some of these organizations include local libraries, the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, UW-Extension Green County, Safe Kids South Central, Rubber Ducky Diaper Depot, and so many others.

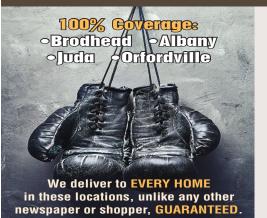
Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend free workshop classes; the first class begins at 11:30 a.m. and will cover breastfeeding information with a Certified Lactation Counselor and Public Health Nurse from Green County Public Health. The second class will begin at 12 p.m. and will focus on car seat safety with Green County Public Health's Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician. The final class will be an arts and crafts project with staff from the Monroe Arts Center, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

There will be over a dozen prizes available for attendees to enter to win; including a highchair, wagon, swing, bath set, car seat, pack n' play, and lots of other great prizes.

Light refreshments will be available for free for attendees; including drinks, cheese and crackers, fruits and vegetables, and, of course, cupcakes!

Free childcare will be available in the new Kids' Zone for event attendees' children during the time of the event, thanks to the Green County Family YMCA.

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