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Happy New Year from the Mayor!

By Casey Jones, Mayor

Happy New Year to everyone but especially to the citizens of Brodhead! 2022 was a mixed bag for just about everyone I know. 2023 is starting with a lot of questions that will require a lot of tough answers.

The Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS have written a very informative article and placed it in the newspaper. I agree with many of the points the article makes. There are a couple of errors in the article, mostly semantics, but overall is a good summation of the situation that is facing most all of the smaller municipalities in Wisconsin.

First and foremost, the Brodhead City Council and I represent the citizens of Brodhead. With that in mind, we made the decision to present the Brodhead Fire District with

the Resolution of Dissolution based on our belief that the actions being taken by the Fire District were not in the best interests of the citizens of Brodhead.

This past week, upon the approval of the Council, I have contacted the President of the Brodhead Rural Fire portion of the District to sit down and discuss our reasons for our action. I believe that discussing our grievances face to face rather than through the media is the proper way to handle this situation.

We are taking this situation very serious and will be looking at all options necessary to provide the services the citizens of Brodhead need in a way that is sustainable over a longer period of time.

The council and I appreciate the Brodhead Area EMS and the Brod-

head Fire District for the services they have provided during their existence.

During 2022, the City of Brodhead started the journey back to the small-town lifestyle that was interrupted by Covid. People have started coming back to town for festivals, shopping and to tour the local attractions. We look forward to even more excitement in the coming year.

Brodhead is my hometown. I am honored to serve its citizens as Mayor. I will spend 2023 continuing to seek better and more effective ways to carry out the operations of government in the city of Brodhead. Brodhead will be faced with some tough decisions, but I know that the citizens of Brodhead will pull through with flying colors.

Together, let's have a prosperous and happy 2023!

Sugar River Raceway Under New Ownership

By the Searles Family

We have a lot to clear up with what's happening around the track.

In the 2022 race season many of you are aware that we lost longtime owner of Sugar River Raceway (Marshall Fairman). This has been a very hard time for everyone. Marshall was an amazing person on and off the track. He was loved by many and will be missed by all.

With the loss of Marshall there have been a lot of questions circulating that many of you may want answers to. Most of our regular season points racers have been kept in the loop with what's been happening. Many of you rent-to-racers may not know what's been in the works. We certainly hope this post will help.

As of 12/22/22 Sugar River Raceway is now under new ownership.

Trevor Searles (Searles Motorsports) has purchased the business and property to ensure that the history of Sugar River Raceway and the legacy that was built by Marshall and his family will live on for many more years.

Background:

Trevor raced karts in the late 90's and early 2000's, right here at Sug-

ar River Raceway! Oddly enough, purchasing the track 20 years after his last and championship season in Sr. Super Stock. Trevor actually met his wife through Sugar River Raceway. Their son Parker Searles is also not bad behind the wheel of a go kart. Parker was the 2018 Kid Kart Champion, had a short run in the Jr Box Stock Series and has now moved onto racing a Bandolero car at local Wisconsin short tracks. Their youngest son, Lincoln Searles currently races a kid kart at Sugar River Raceway and will also continue to race karts for many years at the facility. Trevor's father (Chris Searles) is Sugar River Raceway's on site EMT during our regular season points races and is a longtime friend of Marshall and Marshall's brother, Tim Fairman. Are you getting the vibe that this place is pretty important to the Searles family yet?

What's to come:

Currently there are a lot of bugs to work out of the system. We are currently going to be changing the phone system, Website, and a few other odds and ends. We are also remodeling the old kitchen area at the track that was not being used. This

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Harold A. Haugen

Harold A. Haugen, 97, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, passed away on Monday, December 26, 2022.

He was born on October 29, 1925 in Newark Township, Rock County, the son of Knute and Margaret Haugen. He married Jean Ruth Everson on September 8, 1945 at Luther Valley Church.

He was a long time dairy and grain farmer who had one of the first milking parlors in Wisconsin. Harold was a real estate broker and also a long time sales and service dealer for several farm manufacturing and livestock nutrition companies in the area. His customers were very important to him.

Harold enjoyed pheasant and deer hunting, old time dancing, a good cigar and tractor pulling. He was also a Green Bay Packer fan and very proud of his Norwegian heritage and speaking Norwegian. Harold was a lifelong member of Luther Valley Church, serving as a trustee.

He is survived by his children: Linda Cowan of Brodhead, Carolyn Hagen of Orfordville, and Rodney Haugen of Brodhead; grandchildren: Steven Cowan, April (Dan) Halbach, Crystal (Ed) McConnell, Travis (Leah) Haugen, Todd (Noe) Haugen, Cody (Megan) Cash and Tiffany (Jared Kotajarvi) Cash; 18 great grandchildren; sister, Irene Engen of Brodhead; and many nieces and nephews.

Harold was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Alice Onsgard, Mabel (Hansen) Onsgard; only brother, Alfred Haugen; brothers-in-law, Edward Engen Jr., Selmer Onsgard, and Herbert Hansen.

The family would like to give a special thank you to his nurse, Tanya, and Mercy Hospice for making him comfortable as possible during his last days at home.


A funeral service for Harold was held on Saturday, December 31, in the Daley Murphy Wisch and Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, Beloit. Burial was in Luther Valley Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to his family at www.daleymurphy-wisch.com.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

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Reservations for the park shelters will be accepted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4th, at the City Hall. Reservations are based upon first-come, first served basis only, with no one allowed to register before that time. Registering may be done over the phone, by calling 608-897-2159 or by stopping down to the City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. Once you have registered, a payment of \$35 for a resident of the City of Brodhead and \$45 for a non-resident; along with Park Reservation Agreement must be turned in within five business days or your name will be removed from the calendar.

PARK & REC SUMMER APPLICATIONS

Applications will be available at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department beginning Wednesday, January 4th for summer 2023 employment.

14 years old and a freshman in HS: Basket Window Attendant, Concessions Cashier, Playground Instructor and Umpiring

15 years old: Lifeguarding

16 years old: Park Maintenance

Applicants must qualify for a work permit (14 years of age and in HS) to be considered. Applications are available at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>) and are due to the Parks and Recreation Director by Tuesday, February 28th. If you have any questions, please call the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159.

Moving Forward: Grief and Ambiguous Loss Associated with Dementia Caregiving

The Aging & Disability Resource Center of Rock County is offering the 16-week educational support group on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 p.m. beginning on Monday, January 18th and running through Wednesday, May 3rd. This is a hybrid group being offered in-person at the UWW Community Engagement Center in Whitewater and online. There is no cost to attend.

Who is this group for? The group is for anyone who is or has cared for someone with dementia. Caring for someone with dementia entails a constant series of losses and not just losses related to death. The first 30 minutes of each session will cover a variety of grief, loss and bereavement topics followed by about 60 minutes of conventional support group discussion.


To register, please contact Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

Basketball contest

The highest scoring game of the week was Rutgers over Cop-pin State, 90-57. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Lynette VonAllmen, of Albany, with all the correct games and 91 points.


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Juda Booster Club to hold Pasta Bar

The Juda Booster Club will host a Pasta Bar on Tuesday, January 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Juda School cafeteria. Carryouts are available.

The Pasta Bar includes cavatappi noodles, garlic bread, apple crisp, ice cream and milk. The cost is \$10 for adults and children over 10; 10 and under are \$6.

Come cheer on the Juda girls' basketball team as they take on the Argyle Orioles. Game will start at 7 p.m.



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Fire District News

By Brodhead Area EMS Board of Directors and Brodhead Fire District Commissioners

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

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

Brodhead Area EMS is a private not-for-profit organization that has, as the main source of funding, the income from charging for ambulance calls. Additional sources of income include donations, grants and fund-raising. In 2022, when those sources of income proved inadequate, BAEMS started charging the entities in its service area a \$20 per person service fee. Those service fee funds have thus far been solely used to increase compensation and participation of personnel in an attempt to ensure the ambulance will respond to every request for service. There are currently about 465 calls per year, and typically the average is slowly increasing. The ambulance has failed to respond to about 24 calls so far this year and didn't respond to about 15 calls last year. Every call requires at least two medical providers per state statute. There were no full-time or part time personnel involved prior to October of this year, and tasks were done by paid on call personnel.

The Brodhead Fire District is a municipality that gets almost all its funding from the municipalities it serves through taxes. Additional sources of income are a small amount from billing for certain calls, two-percent dues and grants. The BFD is also supported by Brodhead Firefighters, Inc., which does fund-raising and provides equipment to the district. The BFD comprised of the City of Brodhead and the Brodhead Rural Fire Association, which represents the Towns of Spring Grove, Decatur, Avon, Magnolia and Spring Valley. The Fire Commission is made up of three representatives from the City of Brodhead and three representatives from the Brodhead Rural Fire Association. Funding from each entity is based on a formula, which includes the population and equalized value of each entity. There are approximately 250 calls per year with the vast majority not involving fire protection. Most members of the BFD are Emergency Medical Responders who provide emergency medical services until

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

As noted in an earlier article, much like Fire and EMS services across the country, both the Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS have struggled in recent years with the continuing decline in the number of volunteers. This, combined with the required duties outside of responding to incidents, is putting a greater burden on the small remaining group that actively participates.

Thankfully a few local employers, particularly Kuhn North America, have been very supportive of the BFD and BAEMS by allowing their employees to leave work to respond to calls. This is unbelievably important during weekday, first shift hours when so few people are available to respond. Though there are limited personnel now, the problem is expected to get worse as those people get older, retire and they may not be available during that time period.

It is very evident that additional personnel were desperately needed by both the BFD and the BAEMS. Signs were placed on the buildings, an article was placed in the newspaper, members went to the high school during lunch hour to promote the need for volunteers, booths were manned at the Kuhn health fair, mailings went out to every district household, an appeal was made at our fund-raisers and a billboard ad was purchased with virtually no results. Other actions were needed.

Officers from the BFD and BAEMS developed the policies and procedures to create a joint internship program. This would give people interested in pursuing a career in the Fire Service and/or EMS service the opportunity to become members of each department and participate in the duties required while under the guidance of a paid-on premise mentor. The intern would have their schooling paid for with a commitment to provide a minimum number of hours of service. Money for this process was approved by the BFD Commission and the BAEMS Board. Unfortunately, there are other internship opportunities available in the area and we have been unable to attract any interns from the very limited pool of candidates. However, we have recently hired two part-time, paid on premise firefighter/paramedics that respond to calls and perform daily duties during weekday, first shift hours.

More had to be done.

Both departments started looking at ways to hire part time, paid on premise staff to ensure at least a minimal response to a call for service. Full time people were never considered because of the cost. Hiring personnel individually to only cover each department's corresponding calls seemed inefficient and would require twice the personnel. The Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS made the decision to merge as a promising first step in the process of addressing the labor problems of both departments and making the operations more efficient and cost effective. The goal was to have the merger completed by January 1, 2023.

Monthly meetings between the BFD Commission and the BAEMS Board were started. BAEMS turned over all the details of their assets and liabilities to the BFD. These included five years of income and expenses, a loan balance, fund balances, and current business events (an upcoming ambulance purchase and recent grant award details). Mayor Jones made more than one request to BAEMS for a balance sheet from QuickBooks as a typical business would be able to show. Being a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, Brodhead Area EMS reports earnings and expenses, as is required for taxes, so a balance sheet was not available from the QuickBooks software. This was confirmed by BAEMS accounting firm. Mayor Jones was informed of this and was provided with a handwritten balance sheet.

With the merger in mind, the BFD Officers drafted a budget proposal including both the fire and EMS operations. This budget expanded the part-time weekday coverage to two part-time positions with 24/7/365 coverage to ensure the minimal staffing of an ambulance. These wages add up quickly because it is around the clock coverage (two people x 8,760 hours a year x \$28 = \$490,560 plus taxes and possibly retirement benefits). The 2023 budget never involved any full-time personnel other than the Administrative Assistant and a Chief, though additional full-time personnel and working more collaboratively with neighboring departments were viewed as possible required steps in the future. The joint budget proposal was approved by the Fire Commission.

As mentioned above the approved budget includes funds for a full time Fire Chief. The current BFD Chief has changed jobs and

is no longer in the area most of the time. He put in his notice that he wanted to step down as Chief by the end of November 2022. No current members of the BFD were interested in the position, so the BFD Commission decided to advertise for a part-time Chief. Three excellent candidates were interviewed, and an offer was made. The candidate turned down the offer because he felt the salary was inadequate. The BFD Commission reviewed their options and decided a full-time position focused on recruitment, training and grant writing would be the best course of action. Eleven applications were reviewed and five were selected for interviews. This process was suspended when the BFD received a letter from the City of Brodhead calling for the dissolution of the Fire District.

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

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

The Brodhead Fire District has been able to secure grants, most recently for digital radios. A recent move by Green County Dispatch to digital technology made the addition of digital radios a necessity to be able to communicate. The grant was for a limited number of radios but it did provide for 50% of the costs involved. All grant writing has been suspended because of the unknowns involved in the dissolution of the BFD.

Specific details of the district dissolution are unknown, and the city's letter has been turned over to the BFD attorney to move the process forward. The Brodhead Rural Fire Association has met with their attorney to consider their next steps.

What is known is that all BFD and BAEMS service area citizens will have some sort of fire and medical coverage. The municipalities are required by law to provide these services. The specific department(s) or companies providing those services may change for 2024, depending on area, but coverage will be provided.

Though indicated differently elsewhere, insurance rates may be affected. Fire departments are given an ISO (Insurance Services Office) rating based on many factors of their department pertain-

ing to fire suppression, including staffing levels, response times, certification levels of the members and water availability. The ISO rating could change depending on the future fire department rating. Though situations like the merger suspension could cause the decrease of morale, the members of the Brodhead Fire District are committed to providing the best service possible when their assistance is needed.

Brodhead Area EMS will continue to operate as it has for the last 33 years for the foreseeable future. Due to the merger not taking place, the municipalities of the service area will be expected to adhere to the automatically renewing service fee agreement. Members will continue to cover calls to the best of their ability to ensure prompt medical care in their service area.

The dissolution of the BFD will not decrease the need for more responders. As membership declines, the remaining members have to leave their full-time jobs more often, respond to more calls during the night and miss out on more family time leading to burn out. Even the most dedicated volunteer must weigh responding to an emergency vs. their own current mental and physical state.

The Brodhead Fire District and Brodhead Area EMS response area has a population of over 6100 citizens. Assuming half of the citizens are 18 years of age or older we would need about one-percent of the adult population (30 people) to commit to being an active firefighter/EMT to eliminate the need for the merger and the large budget increases. It only takes 1 class to help each department; Firefighter 1 (96 Hours) Hazmat Ops (20 hours) for the fire district and EMT-Basic (180 hours) for the EMS service. If you're interested in helping, please feel free to reach out to either department to learn about how we operate.

Brodhead Area EMS, phone 608-897-4092, e-mail: brodhead-areaems@gmail.com

Brodhead Fire District, phone 608-897-4270, e-mail: brodhead-firedistrict1@gmail.com.



Girls Split Non-Conference Matchups

By Teresa Earleywine

It Brodhead opened the Christmas break on the road to Bellville. The Cardinals opened the game strong with Abbie Dix, Taetum Hoesly, McKenna Schooff, Addie Yates and Alecia Dahl on the hardwood. The Wildcats did get within three points but Brodhead held their own and took a 26–21 halftime lead. Brodhead offense widened the gap early in the second half. Hoesly demonstrates her no-fear mentality and is often scrapping for control of the ball and rebounds. Alexis Kammerer and Yates contributed from the perimeter. The girls finished with a dominating 68–37 win. No individual stats were available at press time.

The second matchup of the week the girls' hosted Cuba City. Brodhead took a quick opening lead but then they went dead cold and saw their lead not only diminish but be overtaken. They managed to find some degree of life tying the score at 22 just before the break. With the score 23–25 the home team was down by two at halftime. Their woes continued in the second half but had a glimmer of hope when on a pass from Kammerer to Dix, who was able to score from down under and the Cardinals held a brief one point lead. Cuban Olivia Olson was a scoring machine for the opposing team earning 23 total points and going 9-of-10 from the stripe to lead all scorers. Yates led the Cardinals with 10 points, Dix was held to eight. As a team Brodhead was 13-of-23 from free throw line. The Cards finished with 46 while the Cubans scored 60 for the win. Cuba City has a 10- 0 record overall in the SWAL conference.

Brodhead travels to Jefferson on Thursday for regular conference match-up.

No Gifts in Non-Conference Action

By Teresa Earleywine

Over the Christmas break the boys' basketball team participated in two non-conference matchups through a holiday tournament hosted by New Glarus. The Cardinals faced the Knights in the first match. Brodhead lacked energy and fervor in the first half being held to just nine points with 7:33 on the clock. Sam Searls demonstrated some spark getting back-to-back treys that had Brodhead trailing by 12 points. The Cardinals slowly chipped away at the deficit and at the break were down by eight. Ethan Friedrich and Adam Strok were a double whammy for the Cardinals scoring 18 and 21pints on the game to lead New Glarus. S. Searls and Gabe Bockhop led the Cardinals in points for the game scoring 16 and 11 respectively. It was a 48–72 finish with the Knights earning the victory.

In the second game Brodhead faced Monroe, which has a field of experienced players with George Brukwicki and JT Seagreaves leading the charge for the Cheesemakers. The Cards were in a hole down by as many as twelve points. They got within nine but would not get any closer. As the final seconds ticked down Monroe overpowered Brodhead and went home with a 76–56 win. Brodhead was led by Cullen Walker with 19, Jaxson Dooley at 13, Brody Riese with 12 and Gavin Pinnow with eleven.

The Cardinals return to regular season play this week traveling to Evansville on Tuesday and at Edgerton on Friday.

Wrestling returns to action on Saturday at Lancaster.



Sam Searls had four 3-point shots in his game against New Glarus to lead the Cardas with 16 total points. (file photo) (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Alexis Kammerer takes a shot from beyond the arc to get 3-points. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Addison Yates goes up strong, she scored 10 points to lead the Cardinals in the Cuba City game. (file photo) (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Raceway

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will now be the new pro shop and sign-in area (no more ramp into and out of the basement). The basement will be turned into a museum for vintage karts and an area that you can see a timeline from when the track opened to where it is now. As of right now, we project that we will be closed during the month of January. Please be patient with us during this process.

What to look forward to in 2023:

We will continue as normal for all rent-to-race programs in 2023 (bachelor parties, company outings, turn-key Thursday etc.). The only thing we will change is a rotation of what karts are on the track during Wednesday night practice. Every 15 minutes for racers, every 15 minutes for walk in rentals (in a rotation). This will allow us to still run rentals during Wednesday night timeframe but will also still allow our regular point series racers to get some good laps in.

Regular point series racers will see more changes:

We are currently waiting on a few other track schedules so we can come out with our 2023 schedule (we hope to have this done by the end of January).

We are also working on a few gray areas of the rule book that need some attention.

There will also be some money races introduced in 2023, especially to attract that Briggs 206 group!! Yes, that's right, we want to grow that Briggs 206 group!!

New kids running in the kid kart class will need to pass a pre-race driving class. As much as many parents want their little ones to hop in a kart and win like their favorite NAS-CAR driver, some just aren't quite ready yet. However, we are going to offer driving schools and extra practice sessions for those kid kart drivers. This is for the safety of your child and others! No exceptions!

Full rear bumpers that protect rear wheels are mandatory for all Kid Kart and Jr. drivers. Again, safety!

The number 26 has been retired at Sugar River Raceway and will not be allowed to be used during the regular point series season and was also removed from the rental kart. The number 26 was Marshall's number and will only be used by a member of the Fairman family if they wish to use it.

We have created a board of the best members in the racing community working on all the things listed above. We are going to be extremely aggressive with the regular point series program to gain the high kart turnout that we use to see at the facility in the past. Some of the best racers in the country started right here at Sugar River Raceway.

We hope you all have a Happy and Safe New Year. See you all in 2023!



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By Sarah Carpenter, Outreach Librarian

The New Year often brings a time of reflection and a new motivation to change for many. Here at the library, we're doing the same thing! As you may have heard, we have officially changed our hours to a more standard schedule; Monday through Friday we will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. with Saturday remaining open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Story-time families, don't fret! We will still be holding Children's Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.—just keep in mind all other library usage will not be available until 11 a.m.

This week also marks the first official week on the job for our new Library Director, Melissa Everson! Mrs. Everson has been a teacher in the School District of Albany for 17 years, serving as a classroom teacher at several elementary grade levels and now as the district's reading intervention specialist. Mrs. Everson is excited to bring her passion for reading and learning, along with new ideas for building on the partnerships between the library, school, and community. Keep an eye out for further details for a special Library Open House when you can come welcome and chat with her!

Speaking of changes, you may be thinking about making a resolution or two of your own. Whatever you decide, keep in mind the free perks you have access to with your Alb-ertson Memorial Library card! Did you get a new Kindle, or just looking to read a bit more this year? Check out the Libby app for thousands of free ebooks, audiobooks, and even magazines! You can even track your reading through our Beanstack website, where we'll be kicking off the new year with the 'All The Feels' Reading Challenge! Looking to be craftier, or just have some more hobby time for yourself? Creative-bug has fun classes for things such as painting, baking, and more! We also offer Transparent Language, where you can choose from dozens of languages to learn and master. More information about all these resources can be found on our web-site at www.albertsonlibrary.org, or feel free to come in or give us a call!

Finally, just some book club reminders! The Monday Morning Mayhem book club is blasting off into space this month with 'Red-shirts' by John Scalzi. If you're a sci-fi fan (especially of Star Trek) you'll love the voyage this book takes you on. Join us for a great discussion on Monday, January 16th at 10:30 .am. All Booked Up is also back after a month off with the hilarious story of novelist-turned-acciden-tal-hitwoman in 'Finlay Donovan Is Killing It' by Elle Cosimano. Join the discussion on Monday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

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At your appointment time, you will complete an intake interview in person at the site. Your documents will then be scanned by the counselor and given back. Preparation of the tax return will be done remotely. You will then be required to make a second appointment on Friday of the same week to review and sign the return in person.

Bring your photo ID, social security card, last year's tax returns, Forms W-2, SSA, 1099, 1099R, 1099G, brokerage statements and self employment records. Additional documents include mortgage interest; medical/dental expenses (including Form 1095A and insurance premiums); charitable donations; and sales, income and property taxes. We cannot prepare returns with self-employment if any apply: there are employees, losses, expenses that exceed \$25,000, depreciation or business use of home.

For homestead credit, bring the above documents and also a copy of your real estate tax bill or an original rent certificate signed by your landlord. If you are age 62 and under, are disabled and have no income, you must also provide written proof of your disability.

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Wild Ones Rock Valley Chapter presents Sara Dykman

The Wild Ones Rock Valley Chapter presents Sara Dykman: Bicycling with Butterflies on Thursday, January 17, at 7:00 p.m. The Zoom link is: <https://bit.ly/Wild-Ones-Jan-2023>

In 2017 Sara Dykman became the first person to bicycle the entire route of the migrating monarch butterfly. She traveled from Mexico to Canada and back on an old mountain bike weighted down with all the supplies she would need for nine months on the road. Along her 10,201-mile route, Dykman gave presentations to people about the monarchs and what people could do to protect the migration. She became a voice for the monarchs. Now her voice has the potential to travel even further, with the launch of her book, Bicycling with Butterflies. Part science, part adventure, part love letter to nature, Dykman hopes her book will inspire people to see the beauty of our own backyards and the power each of us has to be part of the solution. Sara Dykman is the founder of beyondabookorg, which fosters lifelong learners, boundary pushers, explorers, and stewards. She works in amphibian research and as an outdoor educator, guiding young people into nature so they can delight in its complicated brilliance. She hopes her own adventures—walking from Mexico to Canada, canoeing the Missouri River from source to sea, and cycling over 80,000 miles across North and South America (including the monarch migration trip)—will empower young and old to dream big.

This event can be streamed online through the Zoom link above. The video recording of the meeting will be posted on the website shortly after the program There will be no in-person meeting this month.

Monday Night Mixed League

12/26—High series: Jason Schoen 733, Denny Schultz 691, Jason Shrier 681. High games: J. Schoen 288, D. Schultz 255, Garrett Johnson 246. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,069 and series 3,165. **Standings:** Beloit Chiropractic won 33 lost 9, Center Tavern 24-18, Deb's Bar 23-19, Albany Lanes 17-25, Fosters Gaming 15-27, Broughton's Bar 14-28.

Badger

12/27—High series: Dave Brugger 660, Brian Behnke 657, Keith Riese 636, LeRoy Blumer 617, Kim Qualley 414. High games: D. Brugger 246, B. Behnke 235, K. Riese 233, L. Blumer 228, K. Qualley 166. Renks-high team game 854 and series 2,526. **Standings:** Renks won 33 lost 9, Counter Attack 24-18, Jim's Mechanic Shop 21-21, Pearl City Elevator 18-24, Brugger Farms Trucking 16-26, Decatur Dairy 14-28.

Wednesday Night Ladies

12/21—High series: Julie Williams 472, Fran Kubesh 460, Tami Behnke 444, Sarah Flood 428, Joan Flood 410. High games: J. Williams 191, Chris Rosheisen 176, J. Flood 168, Laurie Thill 166, Lindsey Kotte 164. Albertson's-high team game 572 and series 1,637. **Standings:** Glenn-Ann Ladies won 7 lost 0, Albertson's 5-2, Center Tavern 5-2, Larson Acres 2-5, Broughton's Bar 2-5, New Glarus Brewery 0-7.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

12/29—High series: Becky Riese 482, Sheryl Johnson 437, Virginia Schliem 436, Debbie Williams 426, Laurie Thommen 422. High games: B. Riese 175, S. Johnson 169, V. Schliem 167, D. Williams 161, L. Thommen 161, Cora Ball 160. Splits: D. Williams 4-7-9, Lorraine Williams 4-5, V. Schliem 3-10, Cindy Sheldon 5-6, B. Riese 5-6x2. Ball's Installation-high team game 596. Mike's Flooring-high team series 1,608. **Standings:** Nolte's Garage won 4 lost 0, Mike's Flooring 3-1, Albany Lanes 3-1, Ball's Installation 1-3, Knutes 1-3.

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