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Upcoming Referendum information on how services may be affected

provided general information on the upcoming referendum question. This week, they are providing more information on how services might be affected if the referendum does not pass.

Most department funding requests have been cut in the past two years. The 2022 Budget process saw initial budget requests for all departments being cut, with an average reduction of 7.4%. Public Works, Library, and City Hall budgets also saw reductions in funding for 2021.

The \$200,000 referendum will help departments balance rising costs of providing public services. If the referendum were to fail, departments would need to drastically cut their budgets. Cuts will be larger than in recent years due to increased fees from the Fire District's internship program and new fees as of 2022 for service from Brodhead Area EMS.

If the referendum was to fail and the \$200,000 cut had to be taken proportionately based on the percentage of each department's 2022 appropriation, the Police Department could see a cut of \$80,887, Public Works a cut of \$26,493, Parks a cut of \$15,562, and the Library a cut of \$10,492. General operating costs at City Hall would need to be reduced by \$23,443 and Court costs would need to be reduced by \$1,713. These amounts do not account for some payments for services, which the City is contractually obligated to pay, including garbage fees, Fire

Last week, the City of Brodhead District payments, and debt services. Annual fees to Brodhead Area EMS are not included in these calculations

> In terms of what these cuts could mean for City services, Department of Public Works Director, Rich Vogel, indicated that a reduction of \$26,493 may lead to the condition of City streets deteriorating faster than necessary repairs could be paid for. Library Director Angela Noel stated that a cut of \$10,492 could force a further reduction of operating hours after cuts from 2021 as well as possible cuts to programming and materials. City Clerk Nikolai Wahl indicated that cuts could force the closure of the pool and increased response times from emergency services, as the City may have to rely on County emergency services if budgets must be cut.

> While the next City Council will have final decision-making powers around how much funding each department will receive, the failure of the referendum will result in service level changes in some capacity, with some Departments potentially seeing larger cuts than others.

> City officials urge voters to cast their ballots on Tuesday, February 15 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. The referendum question is posted at City Hall, Brodhead Memorial Public Library, and on the City's website (http:// cityofbrodheadwi.us).

> Absentee and early voting options are also available. For more information, or to request an absentee ballot, call City Hall at 608-897-4018.

School Board

Masks required in all school buildings; numbers will be reviewed to be determine for how long

By Gloria Sutter

Masks will be required in all school buildings during school hours because of the large increase in CO-VID cases throughout the district. During the next couple of months, the Board is meeting twice monthly so numbers will be reviewed to determine how long this is necessary. CDC protocols regarding quarantine and isolation will be followed.

Because of staff absences, many staff members are putting in additional time and energy to keep the buildings running smoothly. The administration recommended some changes in the upcoming school calendar to give personnel some compensation time. Wednesday, February 2 will change from an early release day to a full in-service day for teachers. Students will not attend school that day. On Friday, February 18, the afternoon in-service will change to time off for teachers.

Because of a lack of referees, the athletic director was given permission to schedule winter sport activities on Wednesday nights. This is only for this year and is not a prec-

School Psychologist DeAnne Larson and Counselors Jessica Gardipee and Amber Talcott presented information on Trauma Sensitive Schools. The program is designed to make staff aware of techniques to use when dealing with students involved with emotional trauma. Basically, adults become more sensitive to positive interactions with students.

In other business:

Building safety drill reports were

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Who's on the ballot? Four seats and only one name on the ballot

City clerk seeks write-in candidates

By Maureen Vander Sanden, **Brodhead Independent-**Register

Alderman Casey Jones will be the sole name on the ballot in the April 5 election despite four open seats on City Council.

Mayor Troy Nyman and aldermen Timothy Schadewaldt, Robert Moon and Casey Jones filed notice of non-candidacy papers with the clerk's office.

Jones is seeking the mayoral seat, leaving the three incumbent aldermanic seats up for grabs by writein candidates, according to the city clerk.

"At this point in time we are open to registered write-ins," City Clerk Nikolai Wahl said Friday, after the filing deadline.

This isn't the first time the city relied on multiple write-in candidates to fill the Council, according to the clerk. In the 2021 spring election, only one candidate filed nomination papers for three open seats, leaving two spots to be filled by write-ins.

Wahl said anyone who would like to be registered as a writein can contact him at cityclerk@ cityofbrodhead.wi.us or stop into City Hall, 111 W. 2nd Avenue, during business hours. Alderman and mayoral positions are for two-year terms, and earn \$2,040 and \$3,000 respectively.

Deadline to register as an official write-in candidate is Friday, April 1

Despite the lack of competition, a primary is necessary, as the city is placing a referendum question on the Tuesday, February 15 ballot, asking voters if the city should exceed the state-mandated tax levy in order to maintain services.

Casey Jones Jones wishes to 'move the community forward'

Casey Jones said he has come a long way since his unsuccessful run for Brodhead city mayor in 1980when he was 18 years old.

"I had a big, ugly car painted pink with interior house paint... When we would congregate, mine was a Junker so everyone sat on it, and ended up getting pink butt," he recalled of his old Buick LeSabre he used to campaign with.

"I didn't (run) for the right reason," he said of his first-time bid. "I did it for my own ego."

In 1988, he threw his hat in the ring again. Jones said his next run for the city's top official seat was again for the wrong reason.

In '88 the alderman said he was motivated to run due to a business conflict with the city—not because it was in his heart to serve.

Today he said he is running with good intentions, because he cares about the city where he grew up.

"I think I have a lot to offer and I can put people first," he said, "and I've got the time and the experi-

Casey says he prides himself in being known around town as someone who can get the job done.

As publisher of the Brodhead Free Press, he has his finger on the pulse of the community.

Jones bought and restored the historic United Church of Christ church at 905 10th Street into the Pearl Island Bed & Breakfast. The Brodhead lodging staple attracts hundreds of people into the city where his daughter Denessa Jones, who also serves on the Council, plays host, showing guests the town and surrounding area's best offer-

His most recent business venture was last month's acquisition of Woods View duplexes on 23rd Street, where residents 65 and older hold lifetime leases.

Jones said the property acquisition is one he takes pride in because he said he fought to help the elderly tenants get the security that things would continue to be status quo.

"After Wood's Crossing (assisted living facility) closed, there was talk about turning the property into con-

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor Rick Gleason. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship 10 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2341. www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Web site and Live Stream information at www.bethlehembrodhead.org. In-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Masks and social distancing are required at this time. Contact church leadership at office@bethlehembrodhead.com.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. 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.

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 United Methodist Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. for all ages, worship service 10:45 a.m. Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday worship and children's Sunday school 9 a.m.

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 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.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead. org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m. Monthly church Council and Ladies Aid meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. Pastor Kook Ho Kim. 608-897-2515. Services air on Channel 988 at 11 a.m. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. Sunday in person worship, live streamed on Facebook.

VOLLEYBALL

Winter Sunday Night Volleyball

Season standings: I'd Smack That won 27 lost 0; Killer Serves 15-12; Nirvana 13-14; One Hit Wonders 14-13; The Bumpsters 14-13; Super Soy 10-17; The Blockheads 10-17; Net Ninjas 5-22.



OBITUARY



Marilyn Carol Bowen

Marilyn Carol Bowen, age 85, Brodhead passed away on January 10, 2022 while at her home.

Marilyn was born on October 22, 1936 in Monroe, the daughter of Gustave and Grace (Brandt) Schadewaldt.

Marilyn was a CNA for many years. She enjoyed playing cards, dancing, camping, wearing western apparel and playing spoons with the grandchildren.

Marilyn is survived by her children: Cindi (Mike) Jones of Brodhead, Judy (Billy) Stietz of Gratiot, Wisconsin, Richard Andrews of Wiota, Wisconsin, Debra Patterson of Amarillo, Texas, Gus Andrews of Texas, Connie (Bobby) Mc-Gee of Fayetteville, Arkansas and Buck (Dreama) Andrews of West Virginia; siblings: Kathleen Woolever of Oregon, Wisconsin, Chet Schadewaldt of Monroe, Deb Myers of Juda, Sonya Kohl of Brodhead, Butch Disch of Woodstock, Illinois and Pat Simonson of Orfordville; 30 grandchildren and numerous great

Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, two sons: Randy and Eugene Andrews and a daughter, Bonnie Bunch.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family with arrangements.

Basketball contest

The winner of this week's basketball contest was Curt Elmer, Albany, with all the correct games. The highest scoring game was the boys' Brodhead vs. Black Hawk, 78-66. The McFarland at Mount Horeb and Platteville at Evansville games were postponed. Doug Rezner, Brodhead, also had all the correct games and 85 points.



ACADEMICS

UW-Green Bay announces academic honors

The University of Wisconsin-Green Bay has made public the names of undergraduate students receiving semester honors for fall 2021 semester academic achievement. Students who earn a 4.0 grade point average, which represents all "A" grades, receive highest honors. High honors go to students earning 3.99 to 3.75 grade point averages. Honors are given to students earning 3.74 to 3.50 grade point averages. Students are listed by the Wisconsin county or state claimed as place of permanent residence. All were full-time students in the fall term, earning 12 or more credits of graded coursework. This list includes students attending all four UW-Green Bay campuses (Green Bay, Marinette, Manitowoc, Sheboygan).

Among those named were Audrey Ischi—Semester Highest Honors, of Albany; and Kajen Medenwaldt—Semester Highest Honors, Alexis Miller—Semester High Honors and Reba Walder—Semester High Honors, all of Brodhead.

UW Oshkosh Fall 2021 Dean's List, Honor Roll released

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh officials have released the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List and Honor Roll in fall 2021 across its three campuses (Fond du Lac, Fox Cities and Oshkosh).

The term grade-point average (GPA) requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.3; the term GPA requirement for Dean's List is 3.75 out of a possible 4.0.

To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. There can be no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run.

Among those named were Haley Swan, Honor Roll, of Durand, Illinois and Hannah Brennan, Dean's List, of Orfordville.

Green receives Dean's List recognition

Adam Green, of Davis, Illinois, was placed on the Dean's List at Greenville University for the Fall 2021 semester.

To qualify for the GU Dean's List, a student must successfully complete a minimum of 12 hours for the semester. Freshmen (0-29.5 credits) must have a semester GPA of 3.5 or above. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors must have a semester GPA of 3.7 or above.

17 Snows To Go!



ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

PARK & REC SUMMER APPLICATIONS

Applications are now available at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department for summer 2022 employment. Positions available include Park Maintenance, Lifeguard, Basket Window Attendant, Concessions Cashier, and Playground Instructor. Applicants must qualify for a work permit (15 years of age) 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 Friday, February 28th. If you have any questions, please call the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159.

BRODHEAD COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Brodhead Community Blood Drive will be held Monday, February 7, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Use sponsor code: Brodhead. Walk-ins welcome! You can save up to 15-minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Warm hearts, great gifts—as a thank you for coming to give February 1-28, they'll send you a \$10 Amazon.com gift card via email, thanks to their partners at Amazon. Terms apply. Visit rcblood.org/together.

BETTY WHITE CHALLENGE

In honor and remembrance of Betty White's 100th birthday a \$5 donation challenge has been made to raise funds for the Green County Humane Society and the Sully Fund at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center. The Sully Fund was set up by the veterinary group in memory of a yellow lab they cared for years ago named Sully. Funds are used for assistance when its determined help is needed for care.

Donation containers will be available until Monday, January 31 at the Sugar River Bank-Brodhead and Piggly Wiggly-Brodhead.

If you have any questions call Janet at 608-214-1871.



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A LITTLE GOOD NEWS



The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written.

~ Melody Beattie



Ballot

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dos, which concerned a lot of residents," he said.

After Jones struck a deal with the owner of the assisted living development, he said those worried residents are now contented that their life leases would remain intact.

Jones has also partnered with a number of others in local and outof-state business acquisitions, including the historic Harris House at 1101 First Center Avenue, and BC Cole Auctioneers in Arizona, which is now run by his son Rusty.

He is also a part owner of a landmark building-the former Huntington Bank at 1035 1st Center Avenue, which his team transformed into the Brodhead Business Center, giving new and promising life to downtown commerce.

Despite his robust business profile, Jones said he has confidence in the people who run each entity and that his time matched with his skills would keep the city running efficiently.

He also credits Lori, his wife of nearly 40 years, for the love and support she gives him and their partnership in giving back to the community together.

Besides his work on the Pearl Island Recreation Corridor and the city, the pair are active Lions Club, Brodhead Chamber and Optimist Club members, among other civic

"We try to do whatever we can for the community to help move forward and we care about the people in it."

"I have a lot to give to the city," he

Editor's note: Maureen Vander Sanden is the editorial coordinator for the Brodhead Free Press. This article appeared in the Jan. 19, 2022

The annual audit report was ap-

presented to the Board.

School Board

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Ballot positions were drawn for Board candidates in the April 5, 2022 election. Jodi Kail is first and Al Schneider is second.

The School Calendar for 2022-23 was approved. Notable changes include adding three minutes to each school day and adding an additional hour to early release time.

Mike Krupke was directed to vote his conscience on resolutions for the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.

The following donations were accepted: \$300 from The American Legion to supplement the backpack program; \$3,200 from Colony Brands, Inc. to supplement the backpack program; a scooter board from Sue Coplien to the Occupational Therapy Department; \$500 from Kirsten Novy, from her JV2 Volleyball Coaching pay, to the Brodhead Volleyball Program; Glow-in-the-Dark Stars and Sign Language Cards from Jessica Perkins to the Brodhead Occupational Therapy Department.

The resignation by Laura Maum, as elementary custodian, was ap-

Sarah Jordan was hired as middle and high school vocal music teacher and high school musical director. Niteal Pinnow was hired as show



BHS is accepting Wall of Fame nominations

Brodhead High School is pleased to accept nominations for alumni who have brought honor to our community as one of Brodhead's "Shining Stars". Nominations will be considered for any person who graduated from Brodhead High School. Nominations will be accepted until January 21, 2022. We are looking for people who have gone on to achieve outstanding academic accomplishments, have served our community or country in truly outstanding ways, have received national or state recognition for excellence in some area, or have gone on to demonstrate excellence within their vocation. Candidates selected for the "Wall of Fame" will be awarded a plaque at a ceremony on Monday March 7, 2022. A second plaque with their photo and a profile of their accomplishments will be placed forever on Brodhead High School's Wall of Fame for the students and public to view. Please send nominations attention:

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2501 W. 5th Ave. Brodhead, WI, 53520.

Name of person nominated

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Year of graduation from Brodhead High School
Please list accomplishments of person being nominated or reason for nomination
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Name of person submitting this nomination
Phone and address

Brodhead Optimist Club to Sponsor Oratorical Contest for Students

The Optimist Club of Brodhead is encouraging area students to speak their minds about the topic "Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times" as part of the Optimist International Oratorical Contest for the 2021-2022

The Optimist Club will judge the local students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Winners will receive cash awards and the winning speeches will be sent to the Zone level, and possibly the District level for the opportunity to win college scholarships. Winners of the District level will be eligible to compete in a regional competition in St. Louis, Missouri, at Saint Louis University. Winners of the regional contests will compete in the World Championship also held at Saint Louis University. Students could possibly win up to \$22,500 in scholarships! The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2021.

"As they prepare for their future, many of our local students need experience expressing their thoughts and opinions to an audience," Club President Christine Dieckhoff said. "The Oratorical Contest challenges them to do just that and also offers an opportunity for scholarships. In this way, our club hopes to bring out the best in each of them and help them achieve their goals for the future."

The deadline to hand in speeches is Monday, February 28th. Students wishing to participate in the oratorical contest should mark their calendars for Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. The venue is yet to be determined.

The Optimist Club of Brodhead has been participating in the Optimist Oratorical Contest for a dozen years and has been active in the community since May of 2002. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include Optimist Fun day, Tri-Star Basketball competition, a fishing derby, art and essay contests. The Club also makes donations to numerous school departments, the public library and for childhood cancer patients and research.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with over 80,000 adult and youth members in almost 3,000 clubs in the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Mexico and throughout the world. The Optimist Oratorical Contest is one of the organization's most popular programs, with more than 2,000 clubs participating annually. Carrying the Mission Statement, "By providing hope and positive vision, Optimists bring out the best in youth, our communities, and ourselves. Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, please call 314-371-6000 or visit the organization's website at www.optimist.org.

Optimist Visual Arts Contest Returns!

Attention all kids from the age of 11 or under! Get your paints, crayons, colored pencils, graphite pencils or anything else you have to create a wonderful picture of "what you hope for" or "what you hope happens" in 2022 for the second annual Brodhead Optimist Visual Art contest! It's fun and creative and gives you a chance to express how you feel about a better world

All you have to do is send an 8x10 picture by Monday, February 21, to Denessa Jones at the Pearl Island Bed and Breakfast, 905 10th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520 to enter. The Optimists will then judge all pictures together, taking the age of the artist into consideration. They will look for originality, creativity and execution of the pictures and announce the winners by Tuesday, March 1st. The grand prize winner will be the recipient of a beautiful art case, filled with everything imaginable! And the five honorable runners up will receive a gift card to McDonalds. Finally, we hope to display all pictures publicly to show off our talented artists!

Please fill out the entry form below and send it with your picture, or put your information on the back of your picture.

Age		
Address		
Parents Name	and phone#	
I certify that I c	reated this work of art	

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Panther Hill

LUNCH MENU—

Thurs., Jan 20: mac n cheese, veggie and fruit.

Fri., Jan 21: no school.

Mon., Jan 24: taco, veggie and fruit.

Tues., Jan 25: soup day. Wed., Jan. 26: JPC Bowl.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—

Thur., Jan. 20: girls' basketball vs. Barneveld; wrestling at home vs. Evansville.

Fri., Jan. 21: boys' basketball at Argyle; no school.

Sat., Jan. 22: girls' basketball vs. Durand, Illinois; youth basketball both gyms (AM).

Tues., Jan. 25: blood drive; boys' basketball home vs. Johnson Creek; girls' basketball at Monticello.

January family Covid-19 vaccine clinics—Green County Health Department will be hosting a family Covid-19 vaccine clinic on Tuesday, January 25 from 3-5:30 p.m. They'll be offering the pediatric Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine for kids five to 11 as well as the adult Pfizer vaccine, Moderna and Johnson and Johnson.

The Juda School District will be hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 25th from 1 to 6 p.m. Please consider donating. Every pint of blood collected could save up to three lives!

Panther Pride Night-Monday, February 28th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Come to celebrate; a night to highlight student achievement. To include: free dinner, a parent guest speaker, daycare for younger children, and STEAM activities for students. RSVP by Monday, February 21st at https://bit.ly/JudaPantherPride.



Juda School **Board** meeting

Regular Board Meeting January 12th, 2022

At the board meeting on Wednesday night the Juda School Board:

•Heard from five of the nine Foreign Exchange Students and their chaperon who are visiting and will be attending school in Juda until February 8th.

•Learned there will be two candidates on the ballot for the spring school board election.

•Board was reminded of the School Board Convention to be held January 19th to the 21st in Milwaukee. No board members will be attending this year but Pat Daniels will be attending the delegates assembly virtually on January 19th.

•Set a date of May 16th, 2022 for Board/Staff Communications Meeting to be held in the afternoon.

of resolutions to be voted on in the Delegates Assembly.

still be accepted for the open music position in the district.

•Approved no limitations on open enrollment for Regular and Special Education for the 2022/2023

•Approved the 2022/2023 school calendar.

 Approved revisions to the school for quarantining were approved. Masking will be mandatory for all students and staff for a period of two weeks beginning January 17th, 2022. The masking requirement will be evaluated at the end of those two weeks.

be held Wednesday, February 9th,

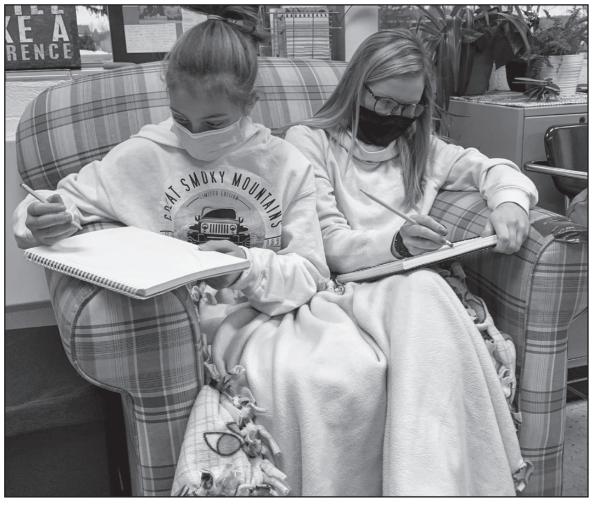
•Pat Daniels informed the Board

•Learned that applications are

school year.

operations as it pertains to the ongoing pandemic. CDC guidelines

 No closed sessions was needed. Next regular board meeting will



BMS seventh-grade students, Kaylee Miller and Bernice Bevars, add creative touches to their sketchbooks. Throughout the school year, art teacher, Erica Foulker inspires students to complete projects through several mediums including plaster, graphite, acrylic paint, and clay.



Brodhead Middle School Counselor, Jessica Gardipee, teaches social-emotional learning lessons during STAR. The students learned about mindsets and why it's important to have a growth mindset this week. If you have a growth mindset, you are excited to try new things, keep trying when things get hard, and believe practice helps you improve.

2022 January National Mentoring Month

January is National Mentoring Month. The word mentor often means "a wise and responsible tutor" or "an experienced person who advises, guides, teaches, inspires, challenges, and serves as a model". All this and more can be said about Foster Grandparent volunteers.

More than a half of a million adult Americans serve as volunteers through the AmeriCorps Seniors volunteer programs. Engaging Americans to strengthen their communities through volunteer service is the primary role of the AmeriCorps, which encourages Americans to give back through the primary national service programs of AmeriCorps Seniors and AmeriCorps. Southwest Wisconsin has a AmeriCorps Seniors volun-

teer program, The Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) which taps into the skills, talents, and experience of adults 55 and older. Locally the Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program (Southwest CAP) sponsors the FGP volunteer program in Green, Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Sauk, Vernon, and Crawford counties.

Volunteers of the FGP assist their communities by volunteering at approved sites such as schools, after-school programs, family enhancement programs, not-for profit daycare agencies, and other qualified youth programs. Unlike foster care, children are not placed in a volunteer's home. Foster Grandparent volunteers under the supervision of host station staff volunteer as classroom helpers to provide supportive activities such as assisting with reading, math skills, social skills, or other areas where children may be challenged to keep pace with their peers. To off set the cost of volunteering qualified FG volunteers who meet FGP income and program guidelines receive a modest tax free hourly payment which does not affect income sensitive programs such as housing and SSI. Additional benefits include a meal and travel allowance. Most volunteers agree the best benefit is the satisfaction of interacting with and helping children and youth of the community.

Is your new year's resolution to help others in your community? Want to learn more about volunteering for the Foster Grandparent Program? Just contact FGP at SWCAP. 149 North Iowa Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533. You may also e-mail fostergrandparents@swcap.org or call 1-800-704-8555 extension 209. Additional information on the Foster Grandparent Program is available at www.southwestcap.org or www. americoprs.gov.





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2022 Wisconsin 4-H Foundation **Scholarship Applications Now Being Accepted**

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award m ore than \$15,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin 4-H members and alumni pursuing higher education in 2022. To be considered for financial support, applications must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email between December 1, 2021 and March 15, 2022.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth through 4-H, development and leadership in 4-H, academic performance and futur e educationals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least three years; have a grade pointaverage of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and be enr o lled or planning to enr o ll at a university, college or technical school during the 2022-2023 academicschool year. Scholarship winners from previous years are not eligible to receive a second 4-H Foundation scholarship.

The application is a one-page cover letter and a one-page résumé, both of which give the 4-H youth a chance to share their 4-H achievements, as well as their future plans. Applicants are asked to treat this process as if applying for a job.

Cover letters and résumés must be submitted as one PDF document and emailed to scholarships@ wis4hfoundation.org. For detailed information about what to include in and how to prepare the application documents, 4-H youth can visit www.Wis4HFoundation.org/ scholarships.

A panel of experienced youth educators will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be ranked by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria.

Applicants who are awarded scholarships will be notified by postal letter and email in May.

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Around the Town in 1954

Brodhead Keeps Municipal Pace

Civic Improvements Completed; Many Planned for '54 By Augusta Ryall

Brodhead—The year 1954 will see completion of several municipal projects already in progress here, including sewer and water mains, widening of streets, and placing of curbs and gutters.

Brodhead in 1953 had more civic improvements to its credit than perhaps any previous year in history. A total of 17 blocks of curbing, grading and sewer have been installed. Tenth Street has been widened to 40 feet on the east end, with many intersecting streets sharing in this widening operation. In addition, curb and gutter is also being installed on Tenth Street as well as the intersecting streets.

Twelfth Street, on the south side of Brodhead, has all its sewer and water main installations completed with plans for curb and gutter to be carried out in the spring. Widenung will be done whenever possible.

The new lift plant is in operation, serving the city's south and east sides. A new comfort station has been completed in North Side Park.

Use Landfill Method

The land the city purchased south of the disposal plant is now being filled with surplus dirt taken from the various street projects. Here the new "land fill" method of garbage disposal is also in operation. The approximate cost of all these projects is \$60,000 to date.

The city water department has laid 5,846 feet of six-inch water mains, and 913 feet of eight-inch mains. Ten new fire hydrants have been installed, all at an approximate cost of \$34,309, according to Dale Johnson, superintendent of the water and light plant.

The Milwaukee Road built several new crossings and placed new culverts at these crossings. Streets were widened wherever new culverts were built.

Several new industries have located in Brodhead. Apco Manufacturing Co. was brought here by a group of civic minded citizens who formed the Brodhead Building Corp. and purchased the former Riese Trailer plant, remodeled it to conform to state regulations for manufacturing purposes and interested the officials of the Apco Co. in centering their business here. About 25 persons have been employed throughout the season. The concern plans expansion immediately after the first of the new year.

Opens New Plant

Ph Robotrol Co., Ltd., has opened a plant on 1st Center Avenue for manufacturing a device for controlling the (PH) acidity in ice cream. The article manufactured is electronic and automatically and continuously controls acidity in ice cream and is also applicable to dairy and food industry products where PH is a problem. This firm also plans expansion in the future.

New business plants in 1953 included a self-service grocery at the site of the old Hahn Floral Co., known as North Side Grocery, and owned by Dean Peterson: the new Mobilgas Station on 1st Center Avenue and 5th Street, operated by Rad Myers and the new Hahn greenhouse just north of town.

Roderick Lumber Co. is building a large warehouse adjacent to present buildings, which will be completed in 1954. The Farm Bureau also contemplates an addition to its present building, according to Allan Ross, manager.

The new church under construction by the Evangelical United Brethren congregation will be completed in early spring. St. Peter's parsonage is well under way and it should be complete early in 1954.

Several new homes were built in Brodhead in 1953. Among them were the Leo Scheberle home on 4th Street: the Melvin Swain home on 4th Avenue: the William Gurske home on E. 4th Avenue, and the Wilton Hurley home on E. 5th Avenue.

Several Business Changes

There have been several business changes. Art and Chuck's Standard Station is now being operated by Arthur Riemer. Myrtle Schmitt and Helen Lavasseur purchased the Gibson Fashion House formerly operated by Mrs. Elmer Emminger. Loren Sutherland of Monmouth, Ill., purchased the interest of George Charles in the Federated Stores and the Ben Franklin Store. Martin Golden, the other partner, having interests in Green Bay, has moved there, and Sutherland manages both places of business. Woodling's Café was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Chet Rode of Milwaukee. The Brodhead Bakery, formerly owned by Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Benson, is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Surfus of Beloit.

Brodhead High School has made several changes in order to accommodate the ever growing enrollment. One classroom was made out of an equipment room; two first grade classrooms were made of the former kindergarten room. Ample parking facilities are now available on the lot south of the school next to the railroad. Curbing has been installed on the school property. The City Council hired a professional director during the vacation season to supervise use of the playground equipment installed at North Side Park.

Seek School Attachment

The citizens committee appointed at the time of the annual school meeting has put forth some effort in behalf of contacting certain districts which expressed interest to attach themselves to Brodhead school district, and it is felt that some of them will be attached during 1954, according to Stanley Knight, president of the school board.

Four new spiritual leaders have taken up their duties in 1953 in this area: The Rev. Wilbur Leatherman, of Richland Center, is new pastor of the Methodist Church; the Rev. Roland Welch, of Springfield, Ill., is pastor of St. Peter's Lutheran Church; the Rev. William H. Johnson, Beloit, is pastor at the Assembly of God Church; and the Rev. Wilfred Schuster of the Madison diocese was called to serve St. Rose's Catholic parish, Brodhead and St. Patrick's parish, Albany.

CASEY'S CORNER

-By Casey Jones-

Good morning readers! It's time to grab your favorite beverage and your favorite newspaper!

This past week was pretty eventful around the city of Brodhead! While doing paperwork, I sometimes take a break and look at some Facebook. My mom and niece were upstairs and I hear my mom say, "Did you see those two big dogs in the backyard?" As you probably already know we live in North Towne. Sure enough, right on queue a post shows pictures of two large dogs roaming our area. The poster was trying to notify the owners.

What seemed like a very short time later the same two dogs are reported to be downtown heading south! The next post had them near Kwik Trip, then down past the high school and then over near Kuhn. It was quite entertaining for about an hour or so until they were united with their owners safe and sound. Those dogs enjoyed their freedom!

I remember another chase that took place a while back with a white Bronco running around in California. The kids and I were home while Lori was at work. I was amazed at what I was seeing. This white Bronco just kept driving and driving with the whole police force following like a slow parade on New Year's Day.

The kids came out and said "Dad, what's for lunch?" Not wanting to miss the climax of the chase I recall telling them to grab some pop-tarts or candy or something. The pursuit went on for hours even into the dark. "Dad, what's for supper?" Grab some pop-tarts or something was my quick retort. Even though all I could see was the red lights filling the driveway that the white Bronco stopped in, I had to keep watching.

Finally, after hours, it ended unceremoniously with the surrender of O. J. Simpson. Immediately, I asked the kids what they were doing up still. They informed me that I hadn't told them it was their bedtime.

That was when I realized I had just wasted nine hours of my life watching a white Bronco slowly creep around in California. Immediately, I made one of the best decisions for my family. I unplugged the TV and cut the cord.

The next two years without TV was spent enjoying my family and getting a lot of those little projects you don't seem to have time to do. We also spent the new found time working on our finances. It wasn't a real long time before we could take the kids where ever and whenever we wanted to go. We have awesome kids and it tickles me when we get to spend time with them. They grow up so fast. Please spend as much time as you can with your children, you will be glad you did!

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Cards win over Big Foot, stay on top of RVC

The Brodhead boys' basketball team traveled to Big Foot on Thursday last week and stayed on top of the RVC with a 55-50 win. Cullen Walker and Owen Liefker each had 16 points and Brady Malkow added another 12 points. On Saturday in a non-conference game against Black Hawk the Cardinals chalked up another win with a 78-66 final

This week they will host Jefferson on Tuesday and McFarland on Friday.





Coach Kammerer along with team members and crowd react at Tuesday's game. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



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Kiarra Moe, with pressure from Crimson Tide player Katie Gunderson, led Brodhead in points, 14, as they tangled with Edgerton (10-2, 6-2) last Tuesday. The Cardinals were able to hold off the Tide with a 41-38 win. This week on Thursday they will play at Evansville and played against New Glarus on Monday in a non-conference game. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Abbie Dix scored double digits in both games last week. On Friday Brodhead hosted Beloit Turner and with a victory of 58-12 they maintained their first place position, (12-2, 10-0), in the Rock Valley. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Brodhead wrestlers finish 4-1 at RVC duals at Edgerton

On Friday, January 14th, the Brodhead wrestling team traveled to Edgerton for the RVC Duals, where they had to face East Troy, Whitewater, Clinton Big Foot and Edgerton.

The night started against East Troy which ended in a team score of 42-42 that came down to criteria tie breaker which went to the Cardinals.

The next match against Whitewater would come down to the last three matches and unfortunately went Whitewater's way. The Cardinals fell to the Whippets.

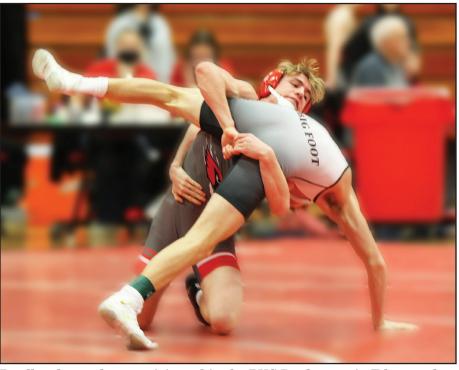
In the last three duals the Cardinals would come out and dominate Clinton, Big Foot and Edgerton from start to finish. The Cardinals would finish t he night at 4-1 with three wrestlers going 5-0 on the night-Jacob Lohmar, Marcus McIntyre and Cole Hoesly.

"Everyone stepped up when needed and fought through adversity. I was very proud of the way we wrestled and supported each other as a team. It's nice to see what happens when things come together for the kids," said Coach Chris Hoesly.

On Saturday the kids got back on the bus to travel to River Valley for another tournament for the day. Macrus McIntyre ended up finishing second on this day at 138 weight class. Most of the wrestlers looked like they were hungover from the

night before but this is the type of competition and thing you need to do to reach goals and see how good

Over all Coach Hoesly was very pleased with the teams performance. They have two home duals left and host the RVC meet on Saturday, February 5th.



Brodhead wrestlers participated in the RVC Duals meet in Edgerton last Friday. Marcus McIntyre pinned Grayson Grunnow of Big Foot. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Clayton Elliott persevered to win his match by decision against Will Wojcik.



It was a long three periods but Seth Mansfield one by decision over Cristian Carreno.



Cole Hoesly had 2 pins and a forfeit after the completion of round three in the RVC Duals.



Mario Reyes wrestled Aaron Rowland, at 152, and won his match. This week on Thursday Brodhead will host Evansville.



Right-Emmitt Allen raises his hand in victory after pinning his opponent, Eduardo Malbae





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ALBANY COMETS News

LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Jan. 20, scalloped potatoes and ham, winter blend.

Fri., Jan. 21, pizza, corn, strawberry pudding.

Mon., Jan. 24, BBQ chicken fillet, au gratin potatoes, broccoli.

Tues., Jan. 25, French toast sticks, egg patty, yogurt, applesauce.

Wed., Jan. 26, cheeseburger, pickles, fries.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs., Jan. 20, wrestling home (Parkview) vs. Deerfield, 7 p.m.

Fri., Jan. 21, boys' basketball vs. Monticello at home, 6 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 22, girls' basketball vs. Potosi/Cassville at home, 1 p.m.; wrestling at Monroe, 9:30 a.m.

Sun., Jan. 23, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.

Mon., Jan. 24, regular Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 25, girls' basketball vs. Black Hawk at home, 6 p.m.

Wed., Jan. 26, early release 2:37 p.m.; Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.; adult open gym, 7 p.m.; adult volleyball, 7 p.m. elementary school gym.

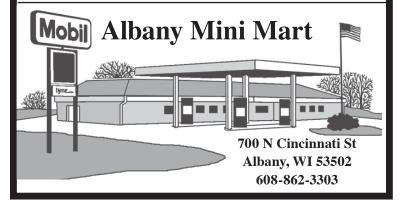
Pep Band—Games: Saturday, January 22, arrive by 1:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, January 25, arrive by 6:30 p.m.

Prom for Pennies will take place on Saturday, January 30 at Monroe High School from 1 to 4 p.m. Prom/formal dresses, shoes, jewelry, other accessories and hopefully tux vouchers will be available. All dresses are \$40 or less and proceeds will go to Jacob's SWAG Foundation, Inc.

High school students learned about freestanding and relief sculptures, craft knife safety, scoring, attachment methods, and practiced brainstorming ideas for their own sculpture. Students were also introduced to sculpture artists: Andy Yoder, Duane Hanson, Micahel Velliquette, and Louise Nevelson. Enjoy the photos that show some of their work in progress and final sculpture

Mrs. Nienhaus's ELA classes have been learning and singing a song to help them remember many of the prepositions. The seventh graders were the loudest and strongest preposition singers!

Brianna Dahl became the Albany Lady Comets all-time career scoring leader with her 16 point performance on Saturday, January 8th vs. Rio. Brianna surpassed the previous leader, Amy Golz, who had 1,166 career points. Brianna now has 1,171 career points with a half of a season to go. There was a recognition of Brianna's accomplishment prior to the start of the girls game on Tuesday vs. Barneveld. Congratulations Brianna!



Badger Dairy Insight webinar focuses on silage quality—from pricing to feed behavior

When corn silage sells, the grower and dairy producer each assign values based on different goals. Both like the agreement to be simple and understandable. Have we based these agreements too much on the grain value in the past? Where does fiber digestibility fit into value calculations? For answers to these questions and others, plan to be on the virtual meeting Tuesday, February 8th, from 1-2:30 p.m.

Forage quality goes beyond intake and production, and also modulates feeding behavior patterns. The rest of the presentation will share recent research updates on this topic and connect forage, feedbunk management and animal response. Presenters for this session are: Luiz Ferraretto, UW-Madison Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist-Ruminant Nutrition, and Matt Lippert, Extension Clark and Wood Counties Agriculture Educator.

There will be no session on February 22, 2022. Instead, Extension agriculture educators are encouraging producers, veterinarians, and allied industries to attend the Wisconsin Dairy & Beef Well-Being Conference held at the Farm Wisconsin Discovery Center, Manitowoc, WI. It is our intent to foster engaging sessions that include the latest research and industry information. To help achieve these goals, a team of excellent speakers will discuss the current cattle well-being concerns of Wisconsin's farmers.

The conference will feature BQA and FARM updates. The day will feature Ms. Emily Yeiser Stepp, Vice President of the National Dairy FARM program, outlining critical points of care where dairy farms are missing FARM 4.0 compliance. The results of a 2019 disbudding survey will be highlighted by Dr. Jennifer Van Os, UW-Madison Extension Animal Welfare Specialist, and Dr. Sarah Adcock, UW-Madison Assistant Professor of Animal Welfare. In the afternoon, Dr. Jimena Laporta, UW-Madison Assistant Professor of Lactation Physiology, will focus on heat stress and implementing improved ventilation for dry cows. Fitness for transport and using genetics to improve animal health will be discussed, and rounding out the program, Dr. Kate Creutzinger, Assistant Professor of Dairy Animal Welfare at UW-River Falls, will present maternity cow health management strategies. To register please

Monday Night Mixed League

1/10—High series: Robert Murray 847, Denny Schultz 702, Scott Wahler 695. High games: R. Murray 300, D. Schultz 298, Jason Shrier 285. Center Tavern-high team game 1,125 and series 3,132. Standings: Broughton's Bar won 32 lost 24, Center Tavern 31-25, Fosters Gaming 30-26, Beloit Chiropractic 29-27, Deb's Bar 28-28, Albany Lanes 18-38.

Tuesday Shaningans

1/11—High series: Alexis Sies 678, Barb Brugger 458, Phyllis Shrier 452, Dan Eaton 590, Brandon Bong 571, Dennis Atkinson 486. High games: A. Sies 258, B. Brugger 183, P. Shrier 160, B. Bong 232, Bill Hawkinson 215, D. Eaton 206. Sweet Mini Haha-high team game 716. Barely Upright-high team series 1,920. Standings: Barely Upright won 53 lost 38, Greightful Dead 49-42, Albany Lanes 47-44, Sweet Mini HaHa 47-44, Clayt's Boomtastic 44-47, Misfits 23-68.

Badger

1/11—High series: Rob Kubesh 712, Ryan Brugger 679, Tony Brewer 643, Randall Anderson 617, Megan Anderson 414. High games: R. Brugger 248, Keith Riese 245, R. Kubesh 244, Dave Brugger 234, M. Anderson 149. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 894 and series 2,531. Standings: Jim's Mechanic Shop won 43.5 lost 12.5, Renks 29.5-26.5, Pearl City Elevator 26-30, Brugger Farms Trucking 26-30, Decatur Dairy 24-32, Counter Attack 19-37.

Wednesday Night Ladies

1/12—High series: Darcy Stephenson 453, Rikki Thomas Martin 447, Amber Foster 437, Barb Larson 427, Laurie Thill 424. High games: R. Thomas Martin 182, D. Stephenson 175, B. Larson 164, L. Thill 163, Lindsey Kotte 162. Albertson's-high team game 564 and series 1,619. Standings: New Glarus Brewery won 12 lost 2, Larson Acres 10-4, Center Tavern 7-7, Broughton's Bar 5-9, Albertson's 4-10, Glenn-Ann Ladies 4-10.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

1/13—High series: Debbie Williams 455, Phyllis Shrier 455, Becky Riese 437, Barb Chapman 413, Betty Blum 396, Nancy Salzwedel 384. High games: D. Williams 173-156, B. Riese 161, B. Chapman 161, P. Shrier 158, B. Blum 156. Splits: B. Riese 3-10, P. Shrier 3-10, N. Salzwedel 3-10. Knutes-high team game 619 and series 1,754. Standings: Knutes won 13 lost 3, Mike's Flooring 11-5, Huntington Plumbing 11-5, Ball's Installations 6-10, Albany Lanes 5-11.

Thursday Night Mixed

1/6—High series: Boomer Detra 685, Dave Brugger 683, Brian Behnke 681, Tony Brewer 662. High games: D. Brugger 268, John Pluss 246, B. Behnke 244, B. Detra 239. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,015 and series 2,900. 1/13—High series: John Pluss 708, Tony Brewer 669, Brandon Bayrhoffer 662, LeRoy Blumer 651. High games: Mark Helwig 255, J. Pluss 254, B. Bayrhoffer 253, T. Brewer 243. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,027 and series 2,967. Standings: Glenn Ann Holsteins won 42 lost 14, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 29-27, Attica Bar 27-29, Golz Electric 27-29, Irv's Masonry 24-32, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 19-37.

Saturday Morning Juniors—Cardinals

1/15—High series—boys: Parker VanderPal 581, Trenton Murray 494, Tyrin Foster 462, Dawson Blum 422, Avery Rufer 375, Brittian Paulson 369. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 205, T. Murray 198, T. Foster 182, B. Paulson 159, D. Blum 154, A. Rufer 128. High series—girls: Zoe Krattiger 436, Seaira Foster 388, Grace Gold 350, Harper Krattiger 324, Grace Welbig 190. High games—girls: Z. Krattiger 154, S. Foster 152, H. Krattiger 126, G. Gold 121, G. Welbig 105.

Early Rollers—Cardinals

1/15—High games: Henry Johnson 87, Amelia Fenwick 65.

Saturday Morning Youth—Cardinals

1/15—High series: Rowan Krattiger 143, Reese Popanz 100, Carter Fenwick 72, Emma Welbig 53, Lilly Johnson 40. High games: R. Krattiger 75, R. Popanz 55, C. Fenwick 43, E. Welbig 31, L. Johnson 29.

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Learn the most up-to-date information on topics from dairy and livestock production to forage and farm management. Farm Ready Research webinars continue through May 2022. For more information on the Badger Dairy Insight, or additional webinars through Extension's Farm Ready Research program, please visit http://go.wisc.edu/FarmReadyResearch.



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Wild Ones present Lee Johnson: A Naturalist's Life on Thursday, January 20, 7 p.m. via Zoom Local naturalist, Lee Johnson,

turned 90 years old on December 18, 2021, and sat with WORRV chapter president Jerry Paulson and videographer Charles Johannsen to reflect on the changes to the natural environment he has witnessed during his life. A keen observer of nature and a life-long bird watcher, Lee will share his remembrances during the first program of the New Year at 7 p.m. on Thursday, January 20th. Lee's Great Grandfather came to Winnebago County in 1838 and settled near Harrison. His father lost his job and all of his savings during the Great Depression. He worked hard to send Lee and his sister to school where Lee excelled in science and natural history. Growing up in Roscoe near Kinnikinnick Creek, he and his sister explored the creeks, woodlands and wetlands along the Rock River and began his lifelong interest in birds. In 10th grade he visited the area along the Sugar River known as Colored Sands to look for birds. He later acquired the natural area to protect it from being mined for sand and started the Sand Bluff Bird Observatory, a bird banding station, on the property. In 1974 he sold the land to the Forest Preserve District of Winnebago County, and the southern part became Colored Sands Nature Preserve. Lee served as Director of the Burpee Museum of Natural History from 1985-1997, raising \$3.5 million to build a new wing to the museum. Lee has received the Seth B. Atwood Award for Parks and Recreation, the George & amp; Barbara Fell Award, the National Parks and Recreation Award, Service Above Self Award from the Rockford Rotary Club, and the National Audubon Society Presidential Recognition Award. He served on the Natural Land Institute board, Forest Preserve District Board of Commissioners, Girl Scouts of Rock River Valley board, the board of Sinnissippi Audubon Society, and was a founding member of the North Central Illinois Ornithological Society along with his expert in Arizona.

Information on how to connect to the Zoom presentation will be posted on the chapter website (www.wildonesrrvc.org) and Facebook page, and distributed via email to members prior to the meeting. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 779-537-8939.

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Child Care is the Foundation of our

Economy By Corrine Hendrickson

The shortage of childcare affects availability of workers for all public and private sectors. About half of our family childcare programs have closed since 2010, only 148 slots remain, and of the 801 licensed group center slots over 100 are unavailable due to no teachers. In Green County, parents of approximately 700 children need care for their young children. This impacts local businesses as they adjust hours according to staffing levels, employees job loads are increased, and people spend less. Public schools are losing staff and students due to open enrollment to other communities with wrap around care available.

Unemployment rate hovers around 3%; 70% of women already participate in the workforce (10% more than the national average) and that jumps to 95% once their children are in full day school. Some of these women may be choosing to stay home, but many report being unable to find consistent, quality, affordable care as their reason for leaving employment.

During the state budget process, Green County Development Center and the Green County Child Care Network held a roundtable to discuss the proposed Department of Children and Families addition of childcare as a line item to the State Budget. Parents, business owners, community stakeholders, and childcare professionals had a conversation with our counties elected State Senators and Representatives (Sen Erpenbach (D-JFC), Assembly Reps: Pope (D), and Novak (R), and Spreitzer (D). After, at Sen. Ringhand's (D) request, a summary was sent. Sen. Marklein's (R-JFC) office didn't respond to the invitation. One parent, from Monroe, spent months calling 21 locations before finding a patchwork of care for their child. Business owners and school districts all report that they lose employees, have fewer applicants, or people decline offers because of the lack of care. Human resource departments are now calling childcare programs on behalf of employees, looking for care. The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) voted 12-4 on party lines to deny the motion to include DCF's request in the budget.

Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation's (WEDC) 2020 Blue Ribbon Commission on Rural Development cited childcare as an important foundation needed for economic success both for today's working parents and for our future workforce and entrepreneurs. Accordingly, in 2021, WEDC awarded a \$100,000 seed starter grant to the county and the YMCA of Monroe a DWD/WEDC workforce innovation grant to expand their facility. Better wages and benefits for childcare professionals are imperative, for quality and availability of early care and education, but parents cannot afford to pay more than the current 12-24% of their income per child. Public investment at the local, state and federal level would create a working system. Increasing the

Parkview JR/SR High Second Quarter Honor Roll

Highest Honors 4.0—seniors: Kassandra Clint, Olivia Cox, Jake Engle, Noah Flood Elyafi, Emily Kjelland, Jenna Olin, Cora Schutte.

Juniors: Henry Krajeck, Paul McCarthy, Gauge Pomplun.

Sophomores: Natalie Abey, Sydney Brown, Allison Johnson, Victoria Marian, Samuel Schwengels, Savanna Warthen.

Freshmen: Rafe Bjoin, Emily Femyer, Evan Fronk, Kathryn Klassy, Nathaniel Rapson, Slater Valley.

Eighth grade: Gage Burrell, Alexis Crawford, Sheri Montgomery.

Seventh grade: Loralei Arnold.

Sixth grade: Matthew Abey.

High Honors 3.99-3.50—seniors: Alexander Brown, Cally Burrell, Brooklyn Crecelius, Khloe Crecelius, Sierra Draeving, Paolo Gozzini, Megan Heisz, Kelly Hudson, Jenna Hume, Hunter Juhl, Bryson Kjelland, Trevor Kjelland, Brynn Menke, Legacy Meyer, Emma Nelson, Catelyn Nolan, Treyton Oswald, Anna Retamar Vlad, Dayle Simpson, Christina Stark, Xylie Teeman, Dylan Wells.

Juniors: Hailey Beeman, Dayne Butzler, Caden Cleasby, Morgan Coyne, Ethan Diddens, Allison Dolphin, Connor Flippin, Autumn Hollibush, Rutsy Klitzman, Gabriela Mendez, Chloe Mielke, Autumn Pautsch, Kolton Smith, Ian Suer, Kyra Suiter-Meyers, Paige Valley, Katelynn Weeks.

Sophomores: Noelle Chapman, Asa Collins, Greyson Cramer, Carter Cronin, Alec Dolphin, Kadin Dooley, Nathan Fiebig, Calahan Fox, Bayley Galfano, Dillan Heisz, Elizabeth Huber, Ann Keintz, Bowen Kopp, Cole McMahon, Josephine Meyers, Jessica Ortner, Temperance Pautsch, Karson Redman, Jack Ross, Mallory Schindler-Comstock, Cassandra Spencer, Cheyenne Stefanczyk, Carter Uppenkamp, Malachi Wendt, Jazmyn Wiedmer, Connor Winn.

Freshmen: Ashley Bloedow, Jadalyn Clark, Teagan Clough, Willow Crecelius, Dasia Dixon, Ryan Douglas, Everett Fisk, Lilyanna Gallardo, Isabella Kovak, Americus Pomplun, Michael Sanders, Mathais Treinen, Samuel Vogt.

Eighth grade: Sahara Boers-Augustine, Esther Burchell, Chloe Cleasby, Aiden Crane, Arianna Dean, Aiden Engle, Oliver Friedrich, Jonathon Girard, Milo Jackson, Amelia Luttig, Lacey Meldrum, Belden Moran, Aubrianna Paul, Ava Polheber, Jesse Rapson, Zoie Resch, Keegan Steinke, Catherine Treinen, Corbin Williams.

Seventh grade: Jessah Allen, Abigail Farnsworth, Kase Hazeltine, Olivia Huber, Ryan McCarthy, Mallory Nifong, Adrienne Paul, Serenity Pautsch, Makenna Phillips, Waylon Robinson, Peter Roth, Harper Williams.

Sixth grade: Amber Bloedow, Ryder Carter, Harley Furlong, Braedyn Girard, Skyla Gray, Dellah Hall, Sydney Luety, Dawson Maylord, Hannah Treinen, Benjamin Uhe, Sophie Valley, Jemma Wilke, Charley Wohlfert.

Honorable Mention 3.49-3.0—seniors: Evan Clark, Madison Copeland, David Landis, Sarah Mabie, Ledgor McGoff, Bridgette Neal, Evan Noble, Kyla Stacy, Jameson Terry, Charles Vogt, Zander Wilson.

Juniors: Jeyden Hough, Tyler Kersten, Elle McMahon, Dayton Olson, Autumn Stratton, Evan Suer, William Toberman.

Sophomores: Jaxon Boogard, Titus Burchell, Jaxon Cronin, Angelina Dean, Gehrig Grenawalt, Aaliyah Gunn, Taylor Mazzarisi, Makenzie Morris, Connor Northcutt, Justyce Peacock, Megan Ritter, Ian Soderstrom, Carter Stall, Kylie Stark.

Freshmen: Abigail Anderson, Shelby Anderson, Keaton Bergendal, Sydney Coyne, Alan Diaz, Isaac Diddens, Chloe Groetken, Trevor Haugen, Christian Hobon, Lillian McMahon, Charles Neblock, Anthony Paul, Owen Slye, Story Uppenkamp, Maysen Wellnitz, Jack Worden.

Eighth grade: Callum Babler, Ally Beeman, Lacy Blazier, Allysen Boer, Hunter Brannin, Johnathon Castle, Jadyn Clough, Athena Condon, Aryn Dolphin, Sabrina Engel, Anthony Galfano, Devin Hatch, Kylee Helmer, Alex Johnson, Kyla Lloyd, Lacey Lloyd, Evan Moriva, Ayla Myhre, Sarah Pfluger, Jordyn Rummelhoff, Wyatt Schumacher, Noah Teeman, Kelon Wendt, Jagger Wilke, Emma Woodman.

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Sixth grade: Luci Anderson, Amaya Boers-Augustine, Carson Bovenmy-er-Olin, Keely Douglas, Ava Flodeen-Schroeder, Braelynn Haugen, Caroline Luety, Morgan Meyers, Abigail Moriva, Niko Nelson, Jason Revels, Jewel Stanley, Emily Vogt.

wages and benefits for the highly qualified and educated professionals we entrust with our children's care and education would allow more family childcare businesses to thrive and increase availability at group centers. In turn, allowing other businesses to recruit and retain employees because all parents wanting it would have consistent care, of their choosing, for their children.

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ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Jan. 20: teriyaki chicken dipper, fried rice, sesame breadstick, oriental crunch salad, carrot snax.

Fri., Jan. 21: Italian flatbread pizza, oven roasted ratatouille.

Mon., Jan. 24: Fiestada pizza, refried beans, grape tomato, ranch dressing.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs., Jan. 20: girls' JV basketball game at Abundant Life Christian High School, 6 p.m.; varsity wrestling meet vs. Deerfield at home, 7 p.m.; girls' varsity basketball game at Abundant Life Christian High School, 7:15 p.m. Fri., Jan. 21: boys' JV2 basketball game at Belleville, 6 p.m.; boys' varsity basketball game vs. Markesan at Randolph High School, 8:30 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 22: varsity wrestling invitational at Monroe High School, 9:30 a.m.; girls' JV basketball game vs. Wisconsin Heights at home, noon; girls' varsity ice hockey vs. Brookfield East at Mandt Hockey Arena, noon; girls' varsity basketball game vs. Wisconsin Heights at home, 1:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 25: girls' JV basketball game vs. Williams Bay at home, 6 p.m.; girls' varsity ice hockey vs. Cedarburg at Kettle Moraine Ice Center, 6 p.m.; wrestling varsity dual at Pecatonica, 7 p.m.; girls' varsity basketball game vs. Williams Bay at home, 7:15 p.m.

Recently, PES hosted its annual spelling bee. Each classroom in grades three through five held spelling bees this month and the top two spellers from each classroom competed today. They started the first round with 18 spellers. About an hour, 17 rounds and 107 words later, fifth grader Chloe Meyer spelled the word invigorating correctly to win the school spelling bee. Chloe will represent Parkview in the regional spelling bee on Tuesday, February 22. This event will be hosted virtually. Chloe faced fierce competition. Fourth grader Jackson Castle and fifth grader Mylee Sorg placed second and third, respectively. Great work,

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Parkview School District Breakfast and Lunch will continue to be free for all enrolled students through June 30, 2022. You can now find the menu and nutrition information for all school buildings at the https://family.titank12.com/menu/44NGAC?lang=English.



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Child Care in Crisis

By Corrine Hendrickson

In March of 2020, schools mandatorily closed in an effort to reduce the spread of Covid and not risk the lives of our teachers with a virus we knew very little about. However, at the same time, early childcare and education were asked to stay open. Not only were we asked to stay open, but our regulating office; the Department of Children and Families (DCF) also removed many of our regulations, like capacity numbers; so that we could take in even more of the school-age children, who now had no school to go to. Yet at this same time, we were not able to procure any PPE from the government. As you can imagine, this sent a clear message to ECE professionals that we are necessary but that our lives hold less value than others.

Now as we approach the beginning of our third year living in a pandemic, not much has changed for early childcare. In fact, things are significantly worse for the profession. Our regulations continue to change, our youngest does not have access to vaccines, and we still do not have access to PPE, rather each individual provider is left to their own. Luckily, I am part of a childcare network in Green County, where we had the know-how to personally reach out to our county emergency management system and ask if we could get supplies given the situation we are in. Kindly they agreed to help us out.

These past years have no doubt been some of the most difficult years that many will ever experience. With that said, I wanted to share my personal experience as the director and teacher of a group childcare center. Our goal is first and foremost the safety of our children. With a pandemic, we are forced to navigate through the myriad beliefs of many parents and their varying levels of concern about the virus. Some do not take any of it seriously, and some parents take every precaution to prevent the virus from coming into their household and subsequently into our center. Or, we have those that we have to repeatedly ask to please wear a mask when dropping off and picking up (and not just putting it under your nose either). Not only are we trying to appreciate each family's perspective and keep the kids safe, but we are trying to remain in business at the same time. Pre-Covid, we would have between 12-16 teachers, today we only have five teachers left. And those teachers are giving their all.

I watch a teacher as she scoops up a one-year-old who had just fallen. She holds him close in her arms to comfort him with his big tears while snot runs down his nose, and inevitably the child coughs in the teacher's face. I see the teacher do a slow blink and hold her eyes closed for a few long seconds. She opens her eyes after a long exhale, smiles down at the little boy, and continues to comfort him, and she keeps going. We in the profession know this all too well. During those few seconds after being coughed or sneezed on, many things are flashing through our tired brains. Is this child sick with Covid? If so, will it spread to the others? How can I afford not to be able to work for a week? If I do get sick will I be one of those that the virus takes down hard? All of these and more are constantly going through our heads all day. But when we open our eyes again after those seconds and look back down at the children we comfort, love, and care for, we keep going.

However, it is getting harder and harder to "keep going." Providers are closing their doors every day, either they can't afford to stay open, or they can't afford their health to stay open.

This past year, our State government denied placing early childcare and education in the state budget. On Dec. 23rd last month the Joint Finance Committee denied the proposed use of remaining federal American Rescue Plan Act funds for childcare, without reason.

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January Healthful Hint "Unleaded, protecting our children"

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Lead exposure can cause many developmental issues in children, including learning disabilities, behavioral problems, damage to the nervous system, and delays in speech and growth. Lead can also cause infants to be born prematurely or with low birth weight.

Lead exposure remains a significant health concern for many children in Rock County because of persistent lead hazards in the environment. Much of the lead exposure occurs in homes and childcare facilities built before 1978 that have lead paint or from antique toys, imported toys and children's jewelry items that may contain lead pigments. Ways to prevent lead poisoning in your home:

- •Keep children away from peeling paint around windowsills, door frames, and porches
- •Wash hands regularly
- •Clean dusty surfaces with a wet cloth or mop
- •Do not play in bare soil near older buildings
- •Avoid antique and imported toys and jewelry

The Rock County Public Health Department recommends families test their children at one and two years if there is a potential for exposure. Talk to your pediatrician about lead testing for your children.

Erin Yenser is a Public Health Strategist for the Rock County Public Health Department. If you would like to ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us with Healthful Hint in the subject. The Rock County Public Health Department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable. For more information, follow us on social media @rockcountyPHD.



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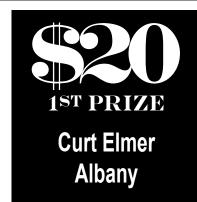
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Members of the Brodhead High School Band were joined by Brodhead Band alumni on Friday, January 7th as they played Pep Band for the boy's basketball game that evening. There were 46 alumni that returned to perform with the group. It was such a fun night for all involved!

