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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 service 10 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

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

Brodhead Church of the Nazarene, 1004 13th Street. Pastor Ken Lawson. Adult worship 10-11 a.m.; children's church 10-11a.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Nursery care is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church Soup-er Bowl Dinner

Come and warm up at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, February 13th for a “soup-er” bowl supper. When you arrive, you will choose a soup bowl and then you can fill it up with your favorite soup. They will be serving all you can eat homemade soups, breads, and desserts from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Coffee and lemonade are also included.

The cost for dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. As a bonus, you get to take your bowl home with you!

VOLLEYBALL

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

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblor. 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.

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

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

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

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

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

Preschool Playtime

The Brodhead United Methodist Church is hosting a preschool playtime on Thursday mornings, 9:30-11:00am, at the church. The playtimes will support a child's social, physical, and intellectual growth with fun activities: building, drawing, dancing, reading, singing, and making new friends. Parents and grandparents are invited to bring preschoolers to the free, drop-in playtime (no registration is required). All preschoolers are welcome to attend!

They hope you will bring your preschooler to the first playtime on Thursday, February 8th. This program is free and registration is not required. Contact Tiffany Moore, at the church office, for additional questions.

The Brodhead UMC is located at 501 1st Center Avenue and is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

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Friday, 5 p.m.**

OBITUARY



Patricia A. Pluss

Patricia A. Pluss, age 83, of Albany, passed away on January 29, 2024, at the New Glarus Home with her family beside her. She was born March 17, 1940 on St. Patrick's Day (Palm Sunday) in Monroe, the eldest daughter of Nathan and Clara (Zentner) Crouch. She graduated from Monroe High School in 1958. Patricia married Clarence Pluss on September 17, 1961 at St. Johns United Church of Christ in Monroe. They were married 61 years working together on the family dairy farm near Albany.

Pat was a faithful and active member of Zwingli U.C.C. of Monticello. Pat was never a talker, but she loved writing letters and sending cards to fellow church members and friends through Zwingli's Sunshine Team. In her spare time, Pat enjoyed long drives and walking on the hill with her miniature dachshund, Amos. Pat was a wonderful baker, and her pies and snickerdoodle cookies were the best.

Patricia is survived by her son, Paul, of Albany; daughter, Barbara (Chris Hageman) of Mt. Horeb; sisters: Jane Miller of Peoria, Illinois, and Mary Green, of Gays Mills, Wisconsin; as well as nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Clarence (04/24/23); in-laws: Herman & Irene Pluss; brothers-in-laws: John Pluss, Joe Green, Bill Miller; and nephews: Allen and Roger Pluss.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 6, at 11:30 a.m., at Zwingli United Church of Christ in Monticello with Mary Gafner officiating. Interment was in Highland Cemetery, Monticello. Visitation preceded the service beginning at 10 a.m. A memorial fund will be established in Pat's name for Zwingli U.C.C. The Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe, is assisted the family. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomerfuneralhome.net


The family would like to thank the staff at the New Glarus Home, the nurses of Agrace Hospice, and the SSM Monroe Palliative care team for all their assistance.

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It's Brodhead Optimists Essay Contest Time!

Calling all high school and middle school students! Grab your pen, pencil or keyboard to express yourself and have the opportunity to pick up some scholarship money. Applications will be available at the Public Library, and both the middle school and high school offices. The Optimist Club of Brodhead is encouraging all Brodhead and surrounding area youth, including the home-schooled scholars, to write an essay 700 to 800 words long on the topic “Optimism: How it Connects Us”.

The Optimist Club will judge the local students' essays based on content and writing skills to determine the top winners. The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2024. The local winners will win CASH AWARDS and the winning essay will be sent to the district to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship.

“As they prepare for their future, many of our local students need experience expressing their thoughts and opinions,” Club Co-Chair Christine Dieckhoff said, “The Essay Contest challenges them to do just that and also offers an opportunity for scholarships.

The deadline to hand in essays with their applications is Friday, February 16. Just drop them off at the Middle or High School offices, the Brodhead Memorial Public Library or directly to me, Christine Dieckhoff, W2202 Pinnow Rd, Brodhead WI 53520, or christidee@litewire.net.. Essays will be judged and sent off to district by Thursday, February 22nd, to make the Wednesday, February 28th deadline.

The Optimist Club of Brodhead has been participating in this contest for a dozen years or more and has been active in the community since May of 2002. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include Christmas gifts for families in need The Mitten Tree Project, Tri-Star Basketball competition, a fishing derby, pumpkin decorating, and an art contest. The Club also makes donations to numerous school departments, the public library, childhood cancer patients and pediatric cancer research.

Union Presbyterian Church 77th Annual

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Youth Bake Sale

Pancakes anyone? Union Presbyterian Church members and friends invite you, your friends, your neighbors and the entire community to their 77th Annual “Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper” on Tuesday, February 13. Tickets may be purchased in advance from UPC members, or by contacting Lisa in the church office at 608-325-2519. Tickets may also be purchased at the door the evening of the supper

The event will be dine in/carry out. Ticket prices are \$8 per adult; \$6 per child (ages three-12; children under three are free.

The menu includes: All-U-Can eat pancakes by the Albany Lions Club, sausage, applesauce and cheese.

The church is located at 2707 5th Street in Monroe, next to Northeast Park. UPC is handicapped accessible. Please join them! All are welcome!!

Stateline Women's Connection


The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecraft cordially invite you to their “Friendship Builders” luncheon on Wednesday, February 21, at noon. The cost is \$15 for the meal. The luncheon will be held at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.

Barb Wire will be the guest speaker. There will be a Make and Take: decorated binder clip.

Reservations are due by Friday, February 16, by calling Chris at 608-558-3283 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.


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~George Bernard Shaw





Andersons celebrate 30th wedding anniversary

Guess what turns 30 this February 5th? It's not a classic film, a timeless tune, or a vintage car. Brace yourselves for something extraordinary—the three-decade saga of Scott and Ann Anderson!

In 30 years of wedded bliss, Scott still declares that hitching his wagon to Ann was the best decision of his life. It's like he's hit the penny slot machine every day for three decades, and with Ann, that winning streak just keeps rolling!

Ann reflects on how lucky she is in her marital adventure with Scott. She feels like she's won the cosmic lottery. Scott's patience, warmth and enduring love create a foundation for a blissful marriage, and Ann is grateful for every moment with her incredible husband.

Here's a toast to Scott and Ann, the power couple who've perfected the art of love, laughter and long division. May the next 30 years overflow with escapades, inside jokes and perhaps a couple of equations.

Cheers to the Anderson—may your love burgeon exponentially, like Scott's incredible patience with Ann's charming quirks!

Happy 30th anniversary, Scott and Ann!

2023 Tax Assistance Appointments

Appointments are now available for free income tax preparation services for low to moderate income, elderly and disabled persons through the AARP Foundation/Tax-Aide program. Assistance provided includes the preparation of federal and state (including homestead) income taxes. Appointments are available in Monroe on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning February 5th through April 10th. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. with the last appointment at 11:30 a.m. at the Green County Government Services Building, N3152 State Rd 81, Monroe. Please call the ADRC at 608-328-9499 to schedule an appointment. Enter at the ADRC entrance at the lower level parking lot.

This year taxes will be prepared in person and only one appointment is required. However, taxpayers will be required to obtain a packet of information from the ADRC prior to the appointment and must complete the forms in the packet before your appointment. The packet also includes a list of items to bring with you to your appointment. The ADRC can also email you the contents of the packet for you to print out and prepare at home if that's more convenient.

They will not be preparing returns in Brodhead this year due to a shortage in staffing.

School Bus Driver Recognition Week

The State of Wisconsin has declared the week of Monday, February 12th thru Friday, February 16th as School Bus Drivers Recognition Week. This week is highlighted each year to recognize the commitment to safety excellence of over 15,000 Wisconsin school bus drivers, who drive over 82 million miles each year and transport over 600,000 students on any given school day.

Kobussen Buses, LTD will be recognizing their drivers, "We are planning a full week of activities to celebrate the outstanding job that our drivers do each and every day at each of our 22 terminals." These activities will include such things as free lunch, door prizes and recognition of perfect attendance. Kobussen continues, "With all of the day to day activities that happen, it is easy to forget to thank them for all that the drivers do. Setting aside this week helps us show a small amount of our appreciation."

They hope that the public will join them in taking time to thank the drivers for all that they do and to take a minute to pause and think about what we can all do to help our students be safe.

Fabulous Fashion, Friends and Heroes

In recognition of World Cancer Day a Fabulous Fashion, Friends and Heroes Style Show and Dinner will be held on Saturday, February 10, at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Road 81, Monroe. The spaghetti dinner will start at 6 p.m. followed by the program and style show. The style show will feature Hero models—law enforcement: Sheriff Jeff Skatrud, Larry Kamholz and Donna Hamilton; medical professionals—Brooke and Nicole Kamholz and Madison and Paityn Kail; inspiring students: Zachary-trades and Brandon White-high school; and special guest—Krista Hatcher Uelmen, Magic 98, Madison.

The event is hosted by Justice for a Cure along with JoAnn's Dress Shop and Max's Threads of Monroe.

Tickets are \$25 and available at JoAnn's Dress Shop, Max's Threads, Bartels Co. and Tap and Justice for a Cure. In the event of inclement weather the snow date is Sunday, February 11.

Juda Booster Club Valentine's Meal

Join the Juda Booster Club for a Valentine's Meal on Tuesday, February 13, from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Juda School cafeteria. There will be two meal options, both costing \$15. Option one is Heart Breaker—side salad, pork tenderloin, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and milk; option two is Love Potion #9—side salad, shredded chicken, mashed potatoes, vegetable, dessert and milk. A kid's meal—Be Mine—will be available for \$6 and will include a hot dog, macaroni and cheese, milk and dessert. You can substitute tenderloin or shredded chicken for the hot dog for an additional \$2.

Meal tickets will be pre-sold and can be purchased from a Booster Club member or the Juda School Office. The meat is provided by Up N' Smoke Bar-B-Que.

Basketball contest

The highest scoring game was the boys' Edgerton at East Troy, 82-48. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Eric VonAllmen, Albany, with all the correct games and 80 points. The following also had all the correct games: Doug Rezner—85 points and Brian Malkow—77 points, both of Brodhead; and Tom Brewer—78 points, of Albany.

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(Running Progressive Pot)

Thursday, February 8

Continuing 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m.
Food stand open at 5:30 p.m.

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Albrecht Elementary accepting four- and five-year old kindergarten applicaitons

Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four- and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four by Sunday, September 1st of this year, he/she will be eligible to attend school in the fall.

You and your child are invited to participate in a special night set aside for incoming 4K children and their families. This year 4K Enrollment and Information Night will be held on Thursday, March 21st between 4 and 7 p.m. They are asking that you and your child sign up to attend one 1-hour session that evening.

The 4K Team will keep your child company while engaging them in a play-based environment in the 4K classrooms. The parent information portion will be for parents to hear about the program and answer any questions you may have.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, or wish to learn more about the program, please call Albrecht Elementary School at 608-897-2146 or you can email Ashley Smith at ashleysmith@brodhead.k12.wi.us They are looking forward to hearing from you!

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Wisconsin Holstein Association announces 2023 award winners

The Wisconsin Holstein Association is pleased to announce its 2023 Distinguished Breeder and Service award winners. Those being recognized include: Mike and Marcy McCullough, Rock-N-Hill Holsteins as Distinguished Holstein Breeder; Tony and Jacob Brey as Distinguished Young Holstein Breeder; David Sarbacker as the Holstein Horizon award winner; and Jim Rickert as the Marlowe Nelson Distinguished Service Award winner. These individuals will be honored at the 2024 Wisconsin Holstein Convention banquet in New Glarus on February 24, 2024.

Distinguished Holstein Breeder: Mike and Marcy McCullough, Rock-N-Hill Holsteins, Juda. Mike and Marcy McCullough started farming in 1973 in Illinois with seven Registered Holsteins and nine heifers along with some pigs in a 34 stall tie-stall barn. They moved their herd and two children to Juda in December of 1976 where they purchased a 160-acre farm with a newer 48 tie-stall barn. About 80 percent of the current herd traces back to Mike's first Registered Holstein calf, Taylor Knoll Suzie VG-87. Today, the herd includes 50 milking Registered Holsteins with a BAA of 110.9% and rolling herd average of 24,331 pounds of milk, 962 pounds of fat and 753 pound of protein. Mike has bred 103 Excellent and 237 Very Good as well as 32 cows who have produced more than 200,000 pounds of milk. Standout cows Mike has bred and developed include Rock-N-Hill AJ Ella EX-90 5E and Rock-N-Hill Knucklebuck EX-94. The McCulloughs believe in breeding for high type cows from 100% RHA bulls and have been a completely homebred herd for 20 years. Mike is a past president for Wisconsin Holstein Association and the Green County Holstein Breeders. Marcy helped build a strong junior program in Green County, serving as leader and dairy bowl coach for almost 20 years. Mike and Marcy have five children who were very involved on the farm growing up and most still have active roles today.

The Wisconsin Holstein Convention will be held February 23-24, 2024 at the Chalet Landhaus Inn in New Glarus. The award winners will be recognized during the annual banquet on Saturday, February 24 at 6:30 p.m. A full schedule of convention events and convention registration can be found at www.wisholsteins.com/adultconvention.

Local Master Gardener Symposium to be held March 9th

The Green County Master Gardeners Association (GCMGA) is excited to present their 15th Annual Gardening Symposium. "Garden Inspirations for All Seasons—Healthy and Fit—The Garden and You!" will be held on Saturday, March 9th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Albany Lions Club, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, Albany. Both experienced and novice gardeners are encouraged to attend this public seminar. Participants will receive lunch, refreshments and resource materials with their paid registration.

How can underwear help your garden thrive? Do you want to get a head start with seedlings? Do you have questions about using shrubs and trees in your yard? Any gardening questions that you have been looking for answers to? Do you often wonder if you garden properly for your body muscles and mechanics?

They have a great line up of speakers to answer all of these questions and more. Please plan on attending their symposium!

Our speakers and topics will include:

- Tonya Gratz, Green Co Land and Water Conservation Department—“Soiling Your Undies,” will explain how you can improve your soil with this interesting technique.

•Brian Hudelson, director of the UW-Madison Plant Disease Diagnostic Clinic—"Confessions of a Black Thumb," will be sharing his knowledge on plant disease problems and what can be done about it. Brian will be answering your questions during a special Q and A session with him.

- Parker Havens, owner/operator of Havens Tree Care—“Selecting Trees & Shrubs for Your Landscape,” will help you choose the right trees and shrubs for your landscape.

•Ryan Carroll, Director of Wellness and Life Enrichment for the New Glarus Home—“Fitness for Gardening Lifestyles and Changes,” will help us learn how to safely garden.

- Heather Lynch, Conservation Ambassador for the Women, Food and Agricultural Network—“Winter Gardening and Seed Sowing,” will show us how to get a head start on our garden planting, by winter sowing ideas.

Early registration for the Annual Gardening Symposium is \$40 and closes on Thursday, February 23rd. After February 23rd, the price goes up to \$45 for late registration and walk-ins. More information for this day of gardening tips is available through the Extension Green County by calling 608-328-9440 or check the website at: <http://green.extension.wisc.edu>.

BHS Wall of Fame seeks nominations

Do you know someone that has achieved great accomplishments? Brodhead High School is seeking nominations for its "Wall of Fame." The Wall of Fame was started about 12 years ago to recognize the graduates of Brodhead High school that have gone on to accomplish great things. Not only does the wall recognize great people, it also demonstrates to the students at BHS what can be achieved with hard work. The people that are selected for this award get honored at the BHS National Honor Society banquet. The honoree gets to speak to future graduates about what it took to become a success.

Many past graduates have been nominated over the years. This number has decreased substantially over the last couple of years though. Although there is still a great list of possible choices, BHS is hoping to receive more nominees. Even if the person is not chosen, it is still an honor to be nominated. After the NHS ceremony, an article is placed in the newspaper about the year's choices.

There are some people that have graduated from BHS that are deserving of this honor. Please take the time to nominate them. Nomination forms are located at the High School or in the Brodhead Free Press. Any former graduate up to the year of 1995 can be nominated.

BHS WALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

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 Thursday, February 15. They 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 4, at 6 p.m. 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 to: Wall of Fame Committee, Attn: Mr. James Matthyss, Brodhead High School, 2501 W. 5th Ave, Brodhead, WI, 53520.

Name of person nominated _____

Year of graduation from Brodhead High School_____

Please list accomplishments of person being nominated or reason for nomination

Name of person submitting this nomination_____

Phone Number and address _____

YMCA Vision to Become A Reality

YMCA Board of Directors
Sets Groundbreaking

What started out as a bold vision four years ago, is now closer to becoming a reality. With unanimous support, the Green County Family YMCA's Board of Directors has officially approved a Spring 2024 groundbreaking, paving the way for a building expansion that will be revolutionary for local residents.

Will Fedders, President of the Board stated, “We are thrilled to announce the approval of the groundbreaking for our expansion. This transformative project is a crucial step in solidifying the YMCA’s position as a vibrant hub for health and community engagement.” This project will enable the YMCA to better serve the community in offering something for everyone while also providing space for other non-profits to collaborate on addressing real community needs.

Work will be conducted in two phases, so as to minimize the impact to YMCA members and programs. Phase #1 will focus on the facility expansion with construction anticipated to last 12-13 months. Phase #2 will focus on the renovations needed within the existing

facility.

To date, over 400 families and local businesses have pledged support for the project with a one-time gift or a five-year pledge. If you'd like to contribute to the Building A Stronger Community Capital Campaign or to learn more about the project, visit www.greencountymm.org.

ca.org/stronger.

Fedders concluded, "May this facility stand as a cornerstone of Green County, nurturing community development, fostering economic growth and instilling a shared sense of pride for generations to come."

Exploring the Benefits of Cooperative Housing Models in Green County

Cooperative Housing Models were presented as a solution for increasing housing inventory and affordability in Green County at a Thursday, January 18th meeting in Monroe. Speakers, Kelly Maynard, Cooperative Development Specialist with the UW Center for Cooperatives, and William Oemichen Professor of Practice at UW Madison explained the benefits of this model as an innovative and sustainable approach to housing and one that puts community at the forefront of home ownership.

Cooperative housing offers a unique housing arrangement for residents, who own and manage their housing community, which can be single-family homes to units in complexes. The cooperative ownership model gives residents a say in decision-making processes, creates a sense of shared responsibility and community as “shareholders” in the housing corporation, and provides more affordable homeownership than traditional homes purchases.

With demand for sustainable housing solutions growing, cooperative housing models are gaining traction. Federal and state financial programs exist to increase the affordability and building quality. In Green County, a housing cooperative is a viable option for increased home ownership.

Another meeting specific to this housing model approach for Green County is scheduled for Friday, February 9th at 2:30 at the Justice Center, lower level, in Monroe. This program is offered in partnership with Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), UW Extension Green County, and the Green County Health Community Coalition. For more information, please contact GCDC at gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com; 608-328-9452.

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It was parent and senior night at the wrestling meet last week. Charlie, Weiss, Joe Lohmar, Marcus McIntyre, Emmitt Allen, Landon King as wrestlers and Nolan Oliver as manager, were recognized for their leadership and contributions to the Brodhead Juda wrestling program over the last four years. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Senior Charlie Weiss had his last wrestling meet at home last week when Brodhead Juda hosted Big Foot. The Cardinals won 45-30 over the Chiefs. Regionals will happen on Saturday in Dodgeville. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Dane Huffman pins Joe Leon. The team traveled to Delavan Darian last Saturday for the RVC Meet where they finished in seventh. Lohmar and McIntyre were crowned conference champs. King and Allan each placed fourth in their weight class. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Four champions for Parkview/Albany

By Joel Steinmann

The 14-team invite. This was the first year the conference added the girls' only tournament. Parkview/Albany had three girls compete. Danny Finley at 126, Sam Schwen-gels at 190, Wes Egan at 215, and Sydney Coyne (Girls) at 235 all earned first. Autumn Hill (girls) at 107 and Slater Valley at 113 placed second. Ayda Klein, at 120, placed third (girls). At 138, Peter Roth placed fourth. At 157, Jayden Anderson placed fifth. Balin Lacy at 138 and 285 Sam Vogt at 285 did not place.

Sydney Coyne became the first girl to win a conference championship for Parkview/Albany. Coming

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Jaelynn Hilliard strives to create pressure against Trojan's player at Beloit Turner last week. The Cardinals in all areas and came up short with an uncharacteristic 24-46 loss. They had won nine of their last 10 games. No other stats were available at press time. You can catch the girls in action at home on Tuesday hosting Clinton and on the road Friday to take on Edgerton who leads the conference. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Junior Cullen Walker achieved his 1,000th point with this shot in the game against Jefferson last Friday. Brodhead was able to rally from an 11 point halftime deficit to push the game into overtime. It would be the Eagles who finished on top with a 62-61 final score. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Parkview/ Albany

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off a championship at the Huskies Invite last week she kept the momentum going to get back on top of the podium. Wes Egan went back-to-back champion and Danny Finley and Sam Schwengels both got their first.

2024 Trailways Conference Tournament Results for Parkview

113 Slater Valley (36-5) placed second

126 Danny Finley (40-2) placed first

132 Balin Lacy (9-20) place is unknown

138 Peter Roth (19-16) placed fourth

157 Jayden Anderson (21-24) placed fifth

190 Sam Schwengels (42-1) placed first and scored 26.0 team points.

215 Wesley Egan (41-1) placed first

285 Sam Vogt (6-9) place is unknown

Girls

107 Autunm Hill (2-14) placed second.

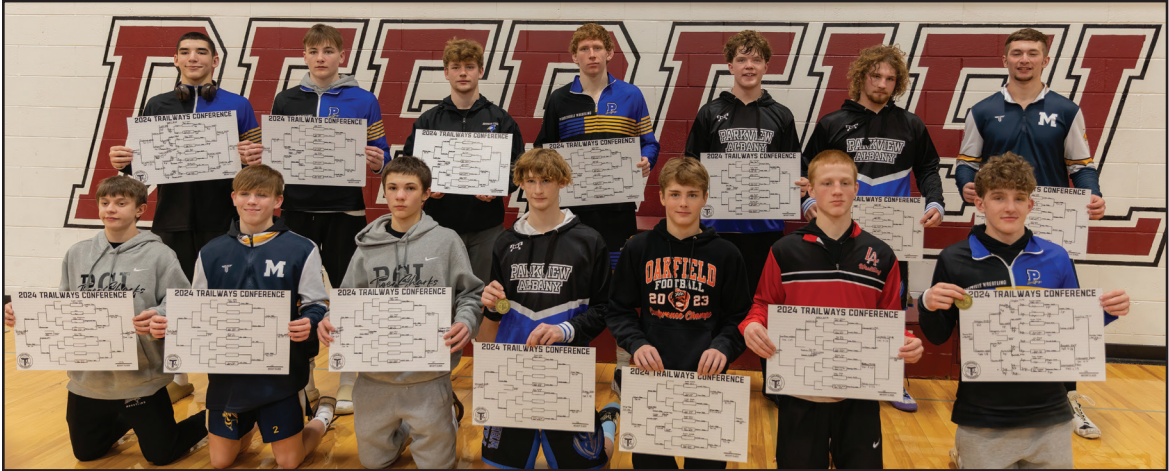
120 Ayda Klein (0-9) placed third.

235 Sydney Coyne (16-5) placed first.

Parkview/Albany varsity boys will be at Mineral Point on Saturday, February 10th for regional's, with the top four in each weight moving on to sectionals the next week along with the girls.



2024 Trailway Champions — Girls



2024 Trailway Champions — Boys



The Cardinal student section counted down the number of points needed and celebrated Walker's 1000th point. Tuesday the team traveled to Cambridge and will host Beloit Turner on Thursday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



At the Kid Connection Book Swap they traded out the old and brought home some new books for their home libraries. They also got to watch E-Squared Martial Arts, from right here in Brodhead, show them some sweet new moves. They taught them a few new ones to try out with them. Master Rhiannon and Master Yoder taught them that you have to persevere in martial arts, pushing through hard things to learn, grow and improve. The reading mission is POSSIBLE too if we also persevere.



Coupons to help in the library

Desi and Kamryn, from fourth grade, choose coupons to help in the library. They were a great help with the kindergarten and first grade classes.



Reading Makes Our Mission Possible

Albrecht students finished up their month-long reading program Friday, January 26th with a fun closing program to celebrate their success! Students tallied up their reading minutes and found out they read for a combined total of almost 157,000 minutes. The top reader in each grade got to compete in the closing program's Ultimate Spy Obstacle Course along with the winning class teacher. They had fun trying to solve the mystery of the missing books and had mystery readers with clues to solve as well each week. Fun month celebrating great readers!

Top readers from left to right: Hunter Newman, Lylah Carter, Izzy Bennett, Kenzi Clark, Louie Ends and Rosalie Ends



The reading program has come to an end. To celebrate their reading, every student was able to pick out a book to take home, Monday, January 29th. These books are purchased by money raised from the Scholastic Book Fair held during PT Conferences. I think the students found some good ones! Thanks for making reading fun! —Mrs. Novy



World Cancer Day

World Cancer Day is marked on Sunday, February 4th to raise awareness of cancer and to encourage its prevention, detection, and treatment. The primary goal of World Cancer Day is to significantly reduce illness and death caused by cancer.

In recognition of World Cancer Day, Justice for a Cure's mission is getting the law enforcement family working together with the community to support cancer programs, support the cancer heroes, and raise funds to support research to find a cure for ALL cancers.

The Members of Justice for a Cure asked TOTAL students at Albrecht Elementary School to make paper cancer ribbons or get well notecards with words of encouragement and messages on them for them to share with cancer patients in need.

Pictured are the TOTAL students with officers from Justice for a Cure after presenting them with their ribbons and notecards.

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union Meatsmith Cooperative: A Local Solution for Small Meat Producers

By Frieda Synnestvedt



At the time I started raising sheep I was a vegetarian. I soon realized that when you start to breed sheep there will be excess males who will be meat for someone. So I went back to eating meat and kept my own butchered lambs. Eventually I started selling at the smaller farmers markets and from the farm. In recent years I have had between six and twelve breeding ewes with 9 to 18 lambs.

In the last few years I have found it challenging to schedule butcher dates. For me on-site slaughter is essential since it is less stressful for both the animals and the farmer than trucking them live to the butcher site. Of the butchers who offer on-site slaughter, there are only one or two who provide state-inspected slaughters. I can't sell individual cuts of meat at the farm or at farmers market if it isn't inspected. Also without that inspection, I can only sell half or whole lambs to the customer and then the customer must deal directly with the butcher for processing instructions and fees. Most of my customers don't want to do that.

Butchers who offer inspected on site slaughter are scheduling over one year out which means before my sheep are even bred and sometimes even before I have a ram on

site I need to have the butcher date scheduled. Since I'm am raising grass-fed, grass finished lamb I want to maximize the time they are on pasture and minimize the amount hay I feed. Also, the nutritional values change after they are no longer eating fresh grass. For me the ideal time to schedule a butcher date is November or early December. Most meat processors keep November open for deer processing.

Besides processing animals for farmers, butcher shops also bring in meat from elsewhere to butcher and sell in their own stores. This meat is not necessarily local meat but it can provide a large part of their income. In this situation the small farmer may have a lower priority from an income to hassle ratio. This lower priority could be why mistakes are common in their processing orders. I'm fortunate that I haven't had cutting errors (where cuts of meat don't match what was ordered) as many of my friends have. The errors on my orders have been mistakes on labeling which is still problematic.

So when I heard of a butcher co-operative forming to serve local small farmers I was all in. I wouldn't be competing with hunters for scheduling times. I wouldn't be vying for processing time with the butcher shop's own production. Meatsmith Co-op is a producer- and worker-owned co-op serving farmers, butchers, and consumers in a 6 county area: Rock, Lafayette, and Green, Iowa, Dane, and Grant.

The Meatsmith Co-op will work with members to offer more tailored products, such as member-developed sausage recipes. When you raise grass-fed, grass finished meat it doesn't make sense to be selling it in products made with preservatives, corn syrup, and MSG. The co-

operative will offer more options in ingredients and specialty products. This isn't an option most processors offer. It's a premium product we can then offer to local markets. This meat is locally raised and will be processed locally for local consumers who want to know their farmers. Meats that come from an inspected slaughter can be sold from the farm and at farmers markets, as well at local grocery stores and restaurants.

The on-site slaughter is one of the key offerings of the co-op with an eye on supporting the humane treatment of animals as well as sustainable farming practices. Initially the slaughters may not be inspected but the plan is to add an inspection that could allow for sales across state lines.

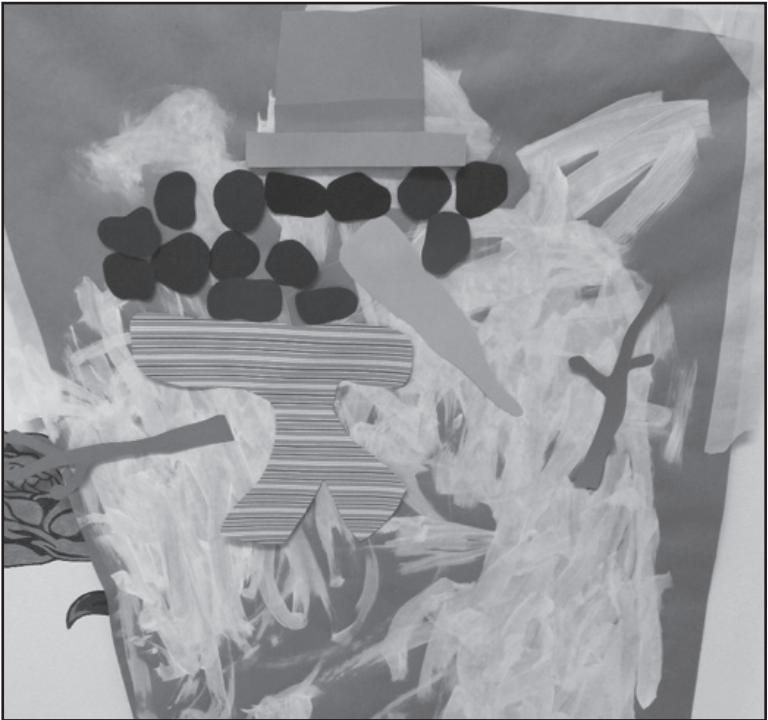
The butcher I have used for years has done a good job for me. My main issues are with scheduling, the labeling errors and the distance to their facility. The fact is we need more butchers! I am so looking forward to the start of operations of Meatsmith Cooperative.

Frieda Synnestvedt owns Dancing Sun Gardens, LLC, an 80 acre farm in Lafayette County. She has a small, mixed breed flock of sheep which she raises for wool, sheep skins and meat, with long-term plans of integration with growing produce. Frieda joined SCWFU to network with fellow farmers and support policy changes that will serve small family farms.

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union is a member-driven committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement in Rock, Green, and Lafayette Counties.



Preschool Storytime at Albertson Memorial Library . . . We painted a snowman and then added all the 'parts.' So much fun!



Is There Farmland Preservation Program Interest in Green County?

Wisconsin's Farmland Preservation Program helps farmers and local governments preserve farmland, protect soil and water, and minimize land use conflicts. Through participation in the program:

- Counties develop farmland preservation plans.
- Local governments can develop farmland preservation zoning districts.
- Landowners and local governments together form Agricultural Enterprise Areas.
- Landowners meet soil and water conservation standards to become eligible to claim an income tax credit.

But before farmers can claim credits in Green County, the Land and Water Conservation Department (LWCD) needs to do a few things . . . First we need to hear from rural landowners and farmers: are you interested in participating in the program? The LWCD committee has to decide in the next month or two if the LWCD should rewrite The Green County Farmland Preservation Plan. It was written in 2012. It was good for 10 years—but extended to the end of 2024. The LWCD is planning to update it "in house" to keep the costs to a minimum, but need to know, should this be a priority? Are you willing to speak up at the township or county level to say yes—let's do this. It's not obligating anyone to anything—its only paving the way for more to happen. Are landowners interested in \$10 per acre tax credit (with no minimum or maximum) in exchange for meeting state conservation standards?

A county farmland preservation plan establishes trends and resources related to agriculture, documents policies and goals related to farmland protection and identifies lands that will remain in agricultural use for the foreseeable future. Counties with agricultural lands can use a farmland preservation plan to guide conservation and preservation efforts in the county. This plan also acts as the foundation for other aspects of the farmland preservation program including certified zoning, agricultural enterprise areas (AEAs) and farmland preservation agreements. The planning process is an opportunity for different levels of local government to cooperate and build relationships. When a county plans for farmland preservation, they are acknowledging that agricultural lands are integral to the future of that community. What do you think- should landowners in Green County participate in the Farmland Preservation Program?

The LWCD needs a current certified plan in order for other layers to be built on top of it. Those possible layers are zoning- either through townships or the county or an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA). An AEA is a community led effort establishing designated areas important to Wisconsin's agricultural future. Once these layers are added on the planning base, then farmers can get into agreements that reward them with tax benefits.

So please, let your township planning commission, county supervisor or LWCD office know that you want this program used in Green County. Is it worth the County's time to update a plan if no one is interested in using the program? If the LWCD doesn't hear of interest, they won't be spending the time to create another plan that sits on the shelf- those shelves are already pretty full.

The LWCD's office number is 608-325-4195 ext 121 or stop in at the USDA service Center on the southwest side of Monroe at 1627 4th Avenue West to chat about your concerns and interest.

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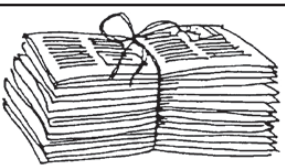
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DG stores are proud to provide area residents with an affordable and convenient store location to purchase household essentials including food, cleaning supplies, paper products, over-the-counter medicines, hygiene products, baby items and more through its mission of Serving Others. In addition to the national and private branded products customers trust Dollar General to carry, the new Brodhead location includes the Company's new stylish, on-trend home décor and an expanded party preparation selection.

The new store also features a curated assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables including lettuce, tomatoes, onions, apples, strawberries, potatoes, sweet potatoes, lemons, limes, salad mixes, and more. The produce set offers the top 20 items typically sold in traditional grocery stores and covers approximately 80% of produce categories most grocery stores carry.

"At Dollar General, we believe the addition of each new store provides positive economic growth for the communities we proudly serve, and the addition of our new Brodhead store highlights our commitment to deliver a pleasant shopping experience that includes great prices on quality products in a convenient location," said Matthew Simonsen, Dollar General's senior vice president of real estate and store development. "We look forward to welcoming customers to our new store and hope they will enjoy shopping at our new location."

Furthermore, DG strives to be a good neighbor and is committed to the communities it proudly calls home, evidenced by unwavering support of literacy and education initiatives through the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The addition of the Brodhead store opens the opportunity for schools, nonprofit organizations and libraries within a 15-mile radius of the store to apply for Dollar General Literacy Foundation grants. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$238 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 19.6 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For

GCDC Annual Business Awards Open for Nominations

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is now accepting nominations for special awards to honor those who have made an outstanding contribution to our business community. Nominations are due Monday, February 26.

Award categories include:

•Outstanding Business of the Year, which honors a business that has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to Green County's economic growth. This business will have made a significant improvement to strengthen its market position or have overcome an obstacle affecting the company's ability to grow.

•Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, which honors an entrepreneur with a hunger for opportunity, a growth mindset, a willingness to learn, a willingness to find solutions to challenges and problems, and a strong work ethic.

•Richard B. Schmied Leadership Award, which honors an individual who exemplifies the character of a true leader.

Any individual, group or business may nominate a business or leader, and businesses and individuals may nominate themselves. Businesses and individuals from throughout Green County are eligible.

To nominate a business or individual, visit greencountydevelopment.com/news-events. Scroll to the red News section and a link for a fillable form will be provided. This form can be emailed to gcgc@greencountydevelopment.com or mailed to GCDC, 1016 16th Ave, Monroe WI 53566.

More information and assistance are available by emailing tracy@greencountydevelopment.com or calling 608-328-9452.

The awards will be announced and presented during GCDC's Annual Dinner and Awards, on March 21 at Turner Hall in Monroe. Details on this event will be released in the near future.

GCDC, is a non-profit organization building the economic future of Green County communities and businesses through public-private partnerships. For more information, visit GCDC at www.greencountydevelopment.com.

more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit www.dgliteracy.com.

Dollar General plans to create new jobs in the Brodhead community as the store is expected to employ approximately six to 10 people, depending on the individual needs of the store. The Company provides employees with competitive wages, world-class and award-winning training and development programs and benefits including day-one telemedicine eligibility as well as health insurance coverage options, 401K savings and retirement plans, tuition reimbursement, paid parental leave and adoption assistance to eligible employees.

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Exploring the Benefits of Accessory Dwelling Units

Stemming from interest from the Housing Action Forum in December, Green County residents were able to learn about Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs on Thursday, January 25th at the Justice Center in Monroe. This topic followed the cooperative housing models session in mid-January. Both topics were presented as alternative considerations for addressing the limited housing and rental opportunities in Green County.

ADUs have been around for centuries, though often known as a coach or carriage house, a garage apartment, a guest cottage, or in-law suite, to name a few. An ADU is self-contained, having its own bathroom, kitchen and sleeping areas. It is typically a small residence that shares a single-family lot with a larger, primary dwelling. They can be located within, attached to, or detached from the main residence on the property.

ADUs offer a way to create affordable housing options and add homes to a community, a much-needed amenity for workforce recruitment, and increasing taxable income in the community. While ADUs can be a revenue generating source, they are often created for family members or friends and can be a viable alternative to a costly assisted-living facility. Concerns about destructive tenants are minimized with the owners of the primary residence living on-site.

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Rebecca Roberts, UW Stevens Point Center for Land Use Education presented the benefits and considerations for having ADUs in a community and provided examples and insights to understand and shift zoning restrictions to accommodate these dwellings.

On Friday, February 9th at 2:30 p.m. the conversation will turn back to housing cooperative models and what that could look like in Green County. This will take place at the Justice Center.

Incorporating clean energy practices into housing development will be discussed on Thursday, February 22nd from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This meeting will take place via Zoom. Please contact GCDC to register for the webinar.

Each of these programs are offered in partnership with Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), UW Extension Green County, and the Green County Health Community Coalition. For more information, please contact GCDC at gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com; or 608-328-9452.

Monday Night Mixed League
1/29—High series: Ryan Flood 693, Jason Shrier 684, Robert Murray 660. High games: Ty Powell 276, R. Flood 267, J. Shrier 257. Center Tavern-high team game 1,047. Deb's Bar-high team series 2,851. **Standings:** Deb's Bar won 49 lost 21, Center Tavern 43-27, Broughton's Bar 35-35, Fosters Gaming 32-38, Beloit Chiropractic 28-42, Albany Lanes 23-47.

Tuesday Shaningans
1/30—High series: Phyllis Shrier 533, Alexis Sies 517, Becky Riese 512, John Thill 600, Larry Ommodt 504, Mike Hanneman 472. High games: P. Shrier 203, A. Sies 203, B. Riese 195, J. Thill 225, Dennis Atkinson 182, L. Ommodt 179. Albany Lanes-high team game 797 and series 2,388. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 72 lost 33, Boomtastic 4 60-45, Barely Upright 57-48, Greightful Dead 44-61, Misfits 43-62, Sweet Mini HaHa 39-66.

Badger
1/30—High series: Josh Brugger 638, Ryan Brugger 629, Cole Krupke 617, Ethan Pfueti 602, Megan Anderson 412, Jen Parrish 250. High games: J. Brugger 246, E. Pfueti 237, C. Krupke 232, R. Brugger 226, M. Anderson 153, J. Parrish 102. Renks-high team game 840 and series 2,200. **Standings:** Renks won 56.5 lost 13.5, Jim's Mechanic Shop 45-25, Counter Attack 40.5-29.5, Pearl City Elevator 29-41, Decatur Dairy 25-45, Team 3 14-56.

Wednesday Night Ladies
1/31—High series: Zoe Krattiger 532, Anna Laughlin 469, Kari Johnson 461, Joan Flood 442, Sarah Flood 439. High games: Z. Krattiger 180, K. Johnson 173, Lindsey Kotte 171, Tara Blumer 166, Tami Behnke 165. Crystal's Team-high team game 622 and series 1,822. **Standings:** Crystal's Team won 30 lost 12, Larson Acres 27-15, Glenn-Ann Ladies 21-21, Broughton's Bar 20-22, New Glarus Brewery 16-26, Albertson's 12-30.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies
2/1—High series: Barb Chapman 453, Tana Klitzman 429, Sheryl Johnson 410. High games: Chris Rosheisen 179, B. Chapman 176, Betty Helwig 158. Knutes-high team game 533 and series 1,544. **Standings:** Mike's Flooring won 29 lost 20, Albany Lanes 23-26, Ball's Installation 27-22, Knutes 29-20, Nolte's Garage 33-16.

Thursday Night Mixed
2/1—High series: John Pluss 644, Michael Morton 641, Ty Anderson 639, Chad Malcook 611. High games: J. Pluss 241, M. Morton 233, Brandon Bayrholder 225, T. Anderson 214, C. Malcook 214. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team game 975 and game 2,874. **Standings:** Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 7 lost 0, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 5-2, Attica Bar 5-2, Rosheisen Rapper 2-5, Golz Electric 2-5, Glenn Ann Holsteins 0-7.

Brodhead Juniors
2/3—High series—boys: Parker VanderPal 505, Brittian Paulson 437, Casey Johnson 427, Evan Johnson 406, Trenton Murray 392, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 344. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 181, E. Johnson 179, A. Ramirez-Vogel 166, C. Johnson 159, B. Paulson 156, T. Murray 142. **High series—girls:** Grace Gold 469, Kylee Wahler 455, Harper Krattiger 291, Aubree Brugger 267, Lilly Schwartzlow 242. High games—girls: G. Gold 169, K. Wahler 159, H. Krattiger 107, A. Brugger 99, L. Schwartzlow 91.

Brodhead Early Rollers
2/3—High games: Stella Brugger 84, Abigail Fenwick 73, Kinslee Brewer 58.

Brodhead Youth
2/3—High series: Carter Fenwick 137, Jayse Bennett 110, Jaxson Brewer 100, Henry Johnson 47, Kole Dillard 41, Kelsee Brugger 197, Lilly Johnson 182, Ayla Brugger 111, Keira Shrader 74, Brynlee Brugger 59. High games: C. Fenwick 77, J. Brewer 68, J. Bennett 65, H. Johnson 47, K. Dillard 28, L. Johnson 104, K. Brugger 100, A. Brugger 58, K. Shrader 51, B. Brugger 31.

Saturday Night Live Mixed
2/3—High series: Tim Huffman 642, Trevor Wahler 607, Cory Miller 551, Lynsey Stevens 502, Emily Tucker 453, Zoe Krattiger 422. High games: T. Wahler 238, T. Huffman 226, C. Miller 199, L. Stevens 201, E. Tucker 164, Z. Krattiger 160. Payne's Pub-high team game 711 and series 1,959. **Standings:** Payne's Pub won 52 lost 18, Rosheisen Baling 44-26, Brodhead Free Press 36-34, Fearsome Foursome 30-40, Up N Smoke 23-47, Broughton's Bar 21-49.

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Green County Sheriff's Department
January 29-February 4, 2024
At 3:39 p.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the 2800 block of 6th Street, in the City of Monroe, to assist Department of Correction Agents. Investigation resulted in Royce J. Brauer, 21, of Brodhead, being arrested for a probation violation. Brauer was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court

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Brodhead Optimist Club holds evening meeting

The Brodhead Optimist Club held their evening meeting on Tuesday, January 30th, at Bridges Bar and Grill, it was an event well attended and they had several speakers.

They had the opportunity to listen to Angie Arn, the new owner of First Central Floral and Garden about her plans to expand and continue serving the community.

Christine Martin from White Gift was also a speaker, she emphasized the need of several families from our area who depend on the public's generosity to donate items for the food pantry since there is no government funding program at all.

The Brodhead Optimist Club was able to donate \$1,000 to the

Brodhead Jaycees, to help with their Splash Pad Fund-raiser for a project to be done at the Jaycee Park, which will benefit many children in our community. Katie Porterfield representing the Jaycees spoke about this ambitious project.

Jim Gilmore, Development Program Manager at American Family Children Hospital, was the main speaker. His older son was a cancer patient at the hospital when he was only two, and he benefited from the resources offered there, and now he has graduated from college and has accepted a position in Chicago, talk about a success story coming from a very hard and uncertain beginning! Mr. Gilmore also spoke about this

young patient now nine, who has been in treatment at the hospital for seven years, and now his cancer is back and he will need more treatment. His outlook is good, but it is sad that he has to go through so much at such young age.

The Brodhead Optimists Club holds a fund-raiser every summer to collect funds to help eradicate childhood cancer, they were able to present Mr. Gilmore with a check for \$3,000, for which he was very grateful. It was a very emotional event. If you would like to join this group, you are invited to attend breakfast on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month, at Country Garden Restaurant at 7 a.m.



Mike and Jenny Flory graciously donated a Yamaha Arius digital piano to the Middle School Band. They are so grateful for their generous donation!



Marissa Rodriguez, Brodhead Optimists Club President presenting a check for \$1,000 to Katie Porterfield for the Jaycees Splash Pad Fund-raising project.



Marissa Rodriguez, Brodhead Optimist Club President presenting a check for \$3,000 to Jim Gilmore from the American Family Children Hospital.



On Friday, the youth apprenticeship students were acknowledged for their hard work balancing school with work. The students who are in the youth apprenticeship are the following from left to right: Hailey Thelen, Lux Hawkinson, Kyla Miller (CNAs at Pleasant View Nursing Home), Hunter Condon, Brandon Bernet (welders at Kuhn Manufacturing), and Brody Kiser (bank teller at Bank of Brodhead). Missing was Summer Eldred (resident aide at St. Elizabeth's) Paityn Kail (CNA at Pleasant View Nursing Home) and Macy Fernandes (bank teller at Sugar River Bank).

Donated to Women's Heart Health in celebration of National Wear Red Day

February is Women's Heart Health Month and Friday, February 2nd was National Wear Red Day. We wear red in support of February being National Women's Heart Health Month. To wear red, each employee donated towards women's heart health and then Bank of Brodhead matched that total. We are always in favor of supporting women struggling with health concerns.

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