



Pictured are Kaelie, her parents: Rich and Sara, along with representatives from Justice for a Cure. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Make-A-Wish senior project

Abby Mills, a student at Brodhead High School, focused her senior project in the "Make-A-Wish" organization. Abby organized a fund-raiser selling T-shirts, a bake sale, a raffle and a half court basketball shot contest during the Brodhead HS girls' basketball game last Tuesday.

In 2019 Kaelie, a fourth grader in Monroe School District, was diagnosed with neuroblastoma. "Kaelie the Incredible", has been going through cancer treatments for several years and most recently her report is that this cancer is in remission. Kaelie's family includes Rich, Sara and big sisters: Megan, Allison and Sydney. Justice for a Cure presented a check to Kaelie and her family, at the basketball game, to help financially with Kaelie's desire for an upcoming, memory-making trip.

School Board Facility Planning Committee Meeting Update

By Grace Kufahl

At the School Board Meeting Wednesday, February 8, David Novy, Brodhead School District Superintendent, reported that the district currently has 18 people willing to be a part of the Facilities and Planning Committee. With the list of parent, community and staff volunteers and nominees they have, he is confident they will get to the 21 members, with four board members, they are seeking. The goal of the committee is to educate people, share facts and look at alternatives. He presented the board with a draft agenda and expects they'll meet once per month for two hours starting Monday, February 27th.

Lisa Semrow, Middle School Principal, informed the board five students will have artwork on display at the Southwest Regional Art Show hosted by the Common Wealth Gallery in Madison, from February 13 through February 18. Three pieces will be selected to go on to the state exhibit. Kelly Knox, Albrecht Elementary Principal, advised Hannah Waagen is a student teacher in the building this semester.

She will be working in first grade with Mrs. Weis and in fifth grade with Mrs. Ubersox. Jim Mathys, High School Principal, reported that students performed well on a new school-wide assessment. Kevin Buxton, Director of Technology, reported he is looking into an app to replace the current automated intruder alert system. The new app would provide better assurance that the message was received.

In other business:

Open Enrollment started Monday, February 6 and goes through Friday, April 28. Through Open Enrollment, the district enrolled 92 students from other districts this semester and 110 students from Brodhead enrolled elsewhere.

Mr. Novy and Mike Krupke thanked the board for the opportunity to attend the 2023 State Education Convention in Milwaukee in January. There they attended sessions on school law updates and facility planning among others.

Mr. Novy has been making random rounds to solicit feedback from teachers relating to the current emphasis on Communication and Cul-

ture in particular. So far, he's met with eight teachers and has 30 yet to go.

The Summer School Timeline of June 5 to June 30 was approved.

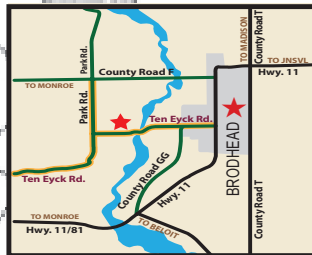


In the quarter finals at the Belleville regionals Evan Suer from Parkview/Albany got his 100 win with a pin over Wyatt Nelson (Evansville).

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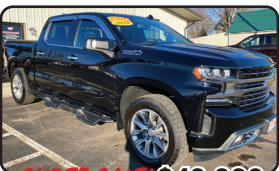
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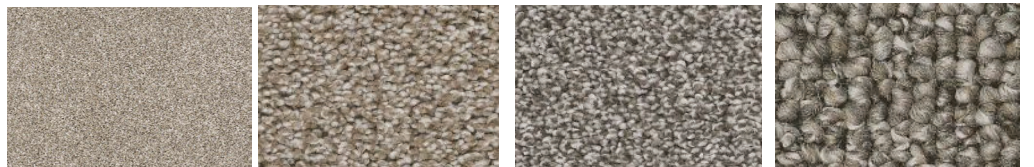
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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Rev. Tom Moe, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch.com.

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 Ave, Brodhead. Rev. Robb Kosky, Interim Pastor. Phone: 608-897-2341 Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.com. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Faith Night—Wednesdays: supper at 5:30 p.m., classes 6-7 p.m. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. Online worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Facemasks and social distancing are highly encouraged and greatly appreciated to protect children and others who are unable to be vaccinated.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other week (September through May). 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. Bible study Wednesdays at noon.

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.

Oakley-Union UMC to host Winter Soup Fund-raiser

The Oakley-Union UMC will have a Winter Soup Fund-raiser on Saturday, February 18th from 11 a.m.—2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center. It is a Drive-Thru Meal. Three soup choices are: chili with macaroni, chili with beans or chicken soup, plus Brick cheese sandwich. Choice of dessert: Texas Sheet Cake or Cherry Cobbler. All for \$8.

Join Albany UMC for bingo

Come join the Albany United Methodist Church for a fun afternoon of Bingo on Sunday, February 19th, from 2 to 4 p.m. They will be playing 10 games of Bingo. Game cards are \$1 a piece, 11 for \$10 or 20 for \$15. All money is going for the Youth Mission Trip. There will be a variety of prizes including a \$20 Kwik Trip Card for grand prize. Popcorn, chocolate chip cookies and drinks will be available for purchase. All are welcome to join them!

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Juda-Zion United Methodist Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. all ages; worship service 10:45 a.m.

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. 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.

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.

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. Monthly church Council and Ladies Aid meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of St. Clare of Assisi Parish, Monroe. 608-325-9506. Father Tafadzwa Kushamba, Pastor. 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. Pastor Kook Ho Kim. 608-897-2515. Pastor's office hours: Tuesdays through Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 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. Christian education Sundays at 10:05 a.m. Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

DEATH NOTICE Donna S. Browne

Donna S. Browne, 71, of Brodhead passed away on February 7, 2023 in Jefferson, Wisconsin. A graveside service was held on Friday, February 10, at the Milton Cemetery at 1 p.m.. The Albrecht Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, Milton, assisted the family.

Basketball contest

The winner of this week's basketball contest was Eric VonAllmen, of Albany, with all the correct games. The highest scoring game was the mens' Nebraska vs. Wisconsin, 73-63. The girls' East Troy at Evansville was postponed. The following all had one incorrect game—Lynette VonAllmen, Curt Elmer and Tom Brewer, all of Albany, and Doug Rezner, of Brodhead.

OBITUARY



Linda Wilson

Linda Wilson, age 79, Brodhead, passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on February 8, 2023 at Oaky Park Place in Janesville after a courageous battle with cancer.

Linda was born on June 29, 1943 in Monroe, Wisconsin, the daughter of Willis and Janet (Marsh) Williams. Linda married her childhood sweetheart, Wally Wilson at the Juda Methodist Church on September 19, 1964. Linda babysat until her children were in school, then she worked at the Bank of Brodhead and the Monroe Clinic until she retired.

Linda enjoyed many bus trips throughout the United States and Canada, bowling, card club, playing the slots, tending to her beautiful flower beds and most of all, quilting.

Linda is survived by her children: Michelle (Dale) Roth, Darci (Jim) Lewis and Eric Wilson (Mary Backenger); grandchildren: Logan and Jacob Wilson, Mikaela and Brianna Roth, J.D. and Jimmy Lewis, Anna Backenger; and five great grandchildren. She is further survived by her siblings: Greg (Carol) Williams and Steven Williams and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Willis and Janet; her husband Wally; her sister, Sherry; and a special family member, Walter Williams.




In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in her memory.

Funeral services were held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Tuesday, February 14, at 11 a.m. A visitation was held at the funeral home on Monday, February 13, from 4 to 7 p.m. and also on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Burial concluded at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Monroe Clinic Oncology Department, the Brodhead EMS, Oak Park Place in Janesville, Agrace Hospice Care and staff in Janesville and Leah Foley at Joyce's Home Care. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



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Wayne Edward Scheider

Wayne Edward Scheider, age 80, of Brodhead, passed away on February 6, 2023 at the Mercy Hospital in Janesville.

Wayne was born on May 29, 1942 in Illinois the son of Glen and Ethel (Fryer) Scheider. He married Judy Kuhl on December 28, 1962 at the Martintown Community Church in Martintown, Wisconsin.

Since Judy passed away eight and one-half years ago, Wayne had wanted to be with her and always said when he goes he will be happy again.

Wayne was so happy living with his son Dan since his retirement to take care of him. Wayne enjoyed going places with Tammy and Paul when he was feeling good. Wayne enjoyed camping with Tammy, Paul, Jenna, Brandon and Bristol, watching Braydon play football and was so proud of all his grandchildren and his great grandchildren.

Wayne was a member and the past president of the Garden Club

for many years and loved all of his flowers and gardening around the house. Wayne enjoyed riding around in the yard on his scooter and picking dandelions or gardening. Wayne grew up on a farm and loved his horses. He helped as a 4-H leader and helped his kids in showing horses and with barrel racing. He later helped his garden club with float entries, led many parades with his horses and flag banners and for many years was the town Santa.

Wayne is survived by his children: Dan Scheider of Brodhead, Tammy (Paul) Sweeney of Brodhead, Mike Scheider of Mt. Carroll, Illinois and Ryan Scheider of Appleton; six grandchildren: Kristie Douglas, Jenna Sweeney (Brandon Angileri), Amanda (Kevin) Pascavis, Samantha Scheider, Kody (Ashlynn) Scheider and Christopher Scheider; nine great grandchildren: Braydan, Colton, Autumn, Bristol, Kaylee, Zander, Elijah, Abby and Azekiel; a sister, Carol (Lester) Tornow, his dog JR and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Wayne was preceded in death by his wife Judy in October of 2014; a daughter Mary (Tracy) Scheider in March of 2019; his parents, Ethel and Glen; in laws, Melvin and Ethel; a sister, Sharon (Ray) Van Dyke; a nephew, Roger Tornow; and his dog, Molly.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in his memory.

Funeral services were held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Saturday, February 11, at 12 p.m. A visitation was held at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Burial concluded at the Greenwood Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.


Better Brodhead community supper

Better Brodhead invites everyone to attend their community supper! This will be hosted at the Brodhead High School from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, February 23. There will be music from the high school band and interactive presentations. This is a free event for all, and they will be serving tacos and have many fantastic door prizes to hand out

Please RSVP by responding by calling 608-897-9081. Let us know if you have any questions!


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The second trip is to Pigeon Forge and Smoky Mountain Show Trip. The dates are October 16-21, 2023. This trip includes six shows, guided tour of the Smoky Mountains and a visit to historic downtown Gatlinburg. Price is \$699.

To sign up or for more information contact Sue Schmelzer. Call 608-558-8797, 608-897-2676 or email: sschmelzer@charter.net

PARK & REC SUMMER APPLICATIONS

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

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

15 years old: Lifeguarding

16 years old: Park Maintenance

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

BRODHEAD PARK AND REC FOURTH, FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE DODGEBALL PROGRAM

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in fourth-sixth grades. The program will be on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-4:30 p.m. at the Brodhead Middle School meeting March 1, March 8, March 22 and March 29. They will NOT meet March 15th due to Spring Break. They'll form new teams each week and learn how to play the original version as well as some variations of this awesome game.

Registration forms are available at the schools and at the Brodhead Park and Rec Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>). The cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by Friday, February 24th to the office or Rec Department. Checks make payable to the Brodhead Park and Rec Department. If you have any questions, please call Domanic at 608-897-2159.

SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5k and up, will take place Wednesday, February 15th-Wednesday, March 15th. Please stop down to City Hall between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, to sign your child up. After 4:30 p.m., registration packet(s) and payment can be placed in the drop box outside of City Hall. Anyone signing up after Friday, March 15th, if spots are still available, will pay a \$20 late fee. Registration forms are also available on the City of Brodhead website at www.cityofbrodheadwi.us

There are several leagues to accommodate the different age groups:

Girls: 8U 5K-first-second grades (\$35), 10U third-fourth grade (\$50), 12U fifth-sixth grade (\$50) and 14U seventh-eighth grade (\$50).

Boys: 8U 5K-first-second grades (\$35), 10U third-fourth grade (\$50), 12U fifth-sixth grade (\$50) and Pony's seventh grade (\$80).

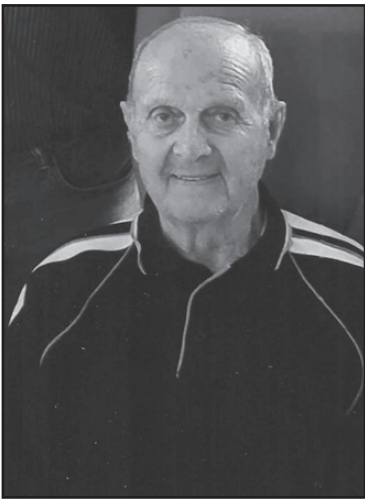
Forms need to be completed and turned in with a fee by Wednesday, March 15th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call Domanic at the Park and Rec. Department at 608-897-2159.

Fund-raising Agreement. As an adult registering a child to participate in the BYBP for the coming year, the player fee charged does not cover the full cost of your child's participation in the BYBP. The BYBP requires each child who participates in the BYBP to participate in an annual fundraiser.

BRODHEAD PARK & REC INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week youth indoor soccer program for boys and girls in K-first grade. The program will meet after school on Tuesdays for first grade and Wednesdays after school for kindergarteners in the elementary school gym. The program begins on Tuesday, March 21st and ends on Wednesday, April 12th. This program is for children at all skill levels and it will teach basic skills and fundamentals.

Forms are available at the elementary school, the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website. The cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with the fee by Friday, March 10th to the school office or Rec Department. Children are encouraged to wear tennis shoes and shin guards. Checks make payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, contact Domanic at Park and Rec at 608-897-2159.



Roland "Gene" Mathewson to celebrate 90th birthday

Roland "Gene" Mathewson, of Orfordville, will be 90 on Thursday, February 16, 2023. Come celebrate with him with cake and coffee on Saturday, February 18, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Luther Valley Church, Beloit. Please let your presence be his present.

South Central Wisconsin Dairy Manufacturers to Compete in 2023 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest

South central Wisconsin cheese and dairy manufacturers are set to compete for the coveted title of United States Champion at the 2023 United States Championship Cheese Contest®. A total of 31 companies and cooperatives have submitted entries to be evaluated February 21-23 at Resch Expo in Green Bay, Wisconsin. Their products are among a total of 2,249 entries across 113 classes of dairy products.

"This nationally renowned competition is an opportunity for dairy manufacturers across the country to improve their products, reach new customers—and achieve one of the industry's highest levels of prestige," said Kirsten Strohmenger, Contest Manager.

Local businesses set to compete among dairy processors from 35 U.S. states include:

- Chalet Cheese Cooperative of Monroe
- Decatur Dairy, Inc. of Brodhead
- Emmi Roth USA of Monroe and Platteville
- Klondike Cheese Co. of Monroe
- W&W Dairy of Monroe
- Wisconsin Cheese Group/Sabrosa Foods of Monroe and Monticello

Preliminary Rounds of judging are open for public observation on Tuesday, February 21 and Wednesday, February 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Attendance is free, and samples will be available. The exciting announcement of the 2023 U.S. Champion will be livestreamed on Thursday, February 23 at 2 p.m. (CT) at USChampionCheese.org.

Hosted biennially by Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) since 1981, the U.S. Championship Cheese Contest is the nation's premier cheese, butter, yogurt, and dry dairy ingredient competition. For more information, visit USChampionCheese.org.



Harmonica Guy DeWayne Keyes with Carmen Strohecker

Thursday evening, January 19, Albrecht Elementary and Kid Connection paired up to have a bookswap and fun entertainment for their families. They had The Harmonica Guy from Madison come and show them how to play the harmonica. Kid Connection handed out harmonicas so that the students could play along. It was a fun night!



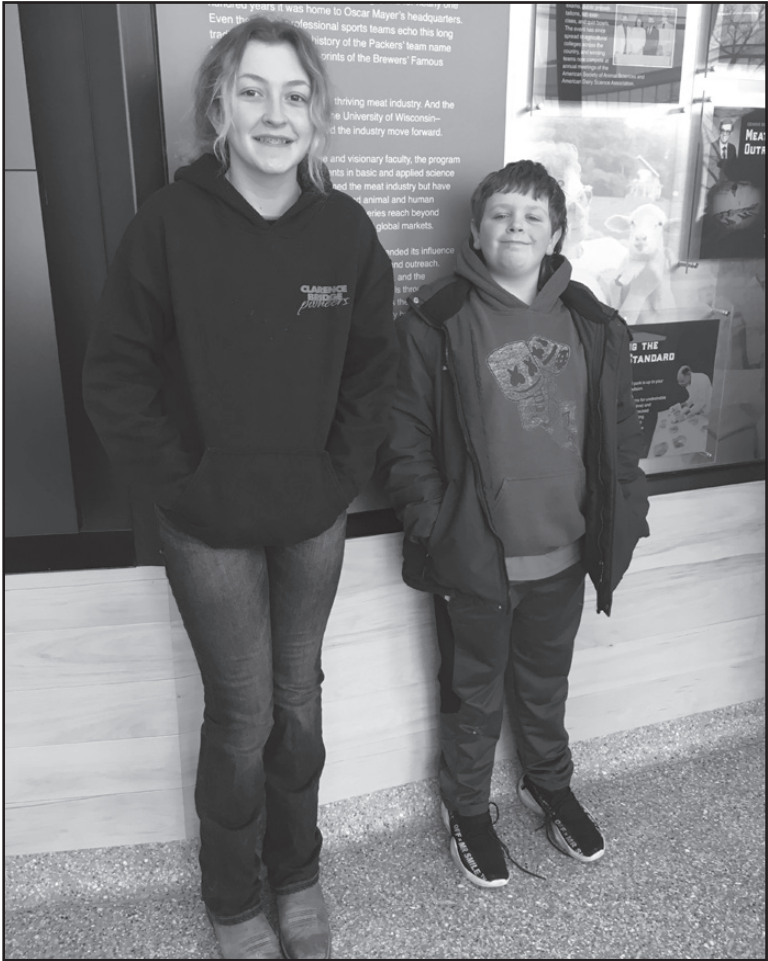
Members of Clarence Bridge Pioneers attend State Meats Evaluation Competition

On Saturday, February 4th, members of the Clarence Bridge Pioneers 4-H Club Brooke Mueller and Tyson Kraft represented Green County at the State Meats Evaluation Competition held on campus at UW-Madison.

There were over 70 4-H members in attendance that placed six judging classes, quality and yield graded two beef carcasses, identified 30 meat cuts and 10 processed cuts.

4-H members in the senior division also gave two sets of reasons, explaining why they placed the meat carcasses that way and answered questions on the placing classes. These useful judging skills can be applied when choosing food from the grocery store or preparing to exhibit animals at a local fair or competition through 4-H or as an FFA member.

To learn more about future judging competitions and opportunities, youth ages nine–18 are always welcome to check out a local 4-H club. Contact The Green County Extension Office for any questions or to get in touch with a local 4-H club. <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/>



Left to right is eighth grader Brooke Mueller and seventh grader Tyson Kraft, both members of Clarence Bridge Pioneers.



Left to right are Jenna Grosshuesch, Paul Ritschard, Ella Olson, and Kinsley Krumwiede

Mr. Ritschard’s sixth grade social studies students have been working hard on a research project on the Culture of Ancient Egypt. They were asked to research topics like food, art, architecture, games, inventions, fashion, education, and dobs. They then had to compare Egyptian Culture to our modern society citing similarities and differences. They were also asked to make a 3D Project that represented Egyptian Culture. They were encouraged to dress like an Egyptian for their presentation.



Congratulations to the Solar Oven Winning Design Teams!

These five teams were voted on by their classmates as having the best designs. They will compete in the Spring to see which design turns solar energy into thermal energy the best (by melting butter). Bring on the sun!

Also special thanks to Firebolt Pizza for donating a bunch of pizza boxes to the cause!
Back row, left to right: Ava Williams, Bella Byrd, Sadie Woelky, Isabella Santiago-Aguilar, and Josie

Smithback; front row: Aleah Zweifel, Cheyenne Marass, Lennon Krattiger, Montana Restivo, Arnott Buxton, Kinsley Krumwiede, Hayden Lewis-Usher, Alexa Jansen, Emma Shelly, and Lluvia Herrera-Hilario.



Library Director Kyle Domer accepts a check from Brodhead Optimist Julio Rodriguez.

Stateline Women’s Connection and Stonecraft luncheon

The Stateline Women’s Connection and Stonecraft cordially invite you to their “Deliciously Yours” luncheon on Wednesday, February 22, at 12 p.m. The cost is \$12 for the lunch. The luncheon will be held at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.
The guest speaker Chuckie O’Leary, from Merrill, Wisconsin, will share “A Life-Saving Story.” She shares how the needs in her family’s life helped her rearrange her priorities. The local spotlight will be Justin Thomas from the Local Joint.
Reservations are due by Friday, February 17, by calling Chris at 608-558-3283 or Judy at 608-558-8358 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.

Albrecht Elementary TOTAL team held pop tab contest

The TOTAL team from Albrecht Elementary School held a pop tab contest the week of January 9-13. Grade levels competed against each other to see who could bring in the most pop tabs. The school collected a total of 365.8 pounds of pop tabs. The pop tabs will be redeemed at the recycling center for cash to be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Madison. The Ronald Mc-

Donald House provides lodging and meals to families of those with children admitted to American Family Children’s Hospital. The donation will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House by the TOTAL team in the spring. Congratulations to the fourth graders for winning the contest. Pictured are the winning fourth grade classrooms.



Mrs. Drasch’s class



Mrs. Padfield’s class



Mrs. Saunder’s class



BMS Savvy Sixth Graders

The Brodhead Middle School is honoring “Savvy” Sixth-Graders for the second quarter! These students were chosen for their positive leadership while at school. Thank you for being kind and working hard at BMS!
Pictured are back row, left to right: Elise Rear, Landen Kammerer, and Tyler Lundgren; front row: Arnott Buxton, Laetin Pinnow, and Elena Boston.

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 2022 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. All were full-time students in the fall/winter 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 Honors, of Albany; and Jersey Medenwaldt—Semester High Honors, Alexis Miller—Semester High Honors, Victoria Urness—Semester High Honors, Marissa VanderKooi—Semester High Honors, and Reba Walder—Semester Honors, all of Brodhead.

UW-PLATTEVILLE ANNOUNCES FALL 2022 GRADUATES

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 500 students for the fall of 2022. Students from this area who graduated include: Bailey Watson, History, of Brodhead.

UW-PLATTEVILLE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the fall 2022 semester. College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean's List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50. Students from this area on the Dean's List include: Bailey Watson, History, of Brodhead and Angela Meiners, Civil Engineering, of Davis, Illinois.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH ANNOUNCES MIDYEAR GRADUATES

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Three Brodhead Wrestlers Move to Sectionals

By Teresa Earleywine

The road to the state wrestling meet began last Saturday as Bellville High School hosted the regional tournament. Area schools competing in addition to Brodhead; Evansville, Monroe and Parkview Albany. The top four finishers in each weight class move on to sectionals. Brodhead wrestlers advancing include Joe Lohmar, Marcus McIntyre and CJ Streuly.

At 138—Lohmar in his first wrestling match was paired with Connor Eckdahl of Monroe. Lohmar would be the successor by fall. In the semifinal Mason Ollerich, Belmont Platteville, was faced with meeting Lohmar. This match would last till the buzzer in the final period but Lohmar would win 7-1 decision. It was Lohmar facing Owen Seffrood, Darlington Blackhawk, in the championship match. Late in the second period, Seffrood would make a move that would allow him to pin Lohmar. Seffrood and Lohmar finish first and second. Evan Suer of Parkview Albany would finish fourth.

Wrestling at 145—McIntyre in the first round would receive a bye. He started his day wrestling Max Kaether of Evansville. McIntyre built a lead, which was too much for Kaether to overcome. McIntyre would win this battle by 14-8 decision. Jacob Dutton of Delavan Darien became McIntyre's opponent in the semifinal. These two were well matched for each other but McIntyre was able to make his move and get the win by fall early in the third period. McIntyre would meet Jack Dubach of Monroe in the championship match. This match would go to the end of the third period. Dubach 7-0 would win by decision. They finish one and two while Kaether would come in fourth.

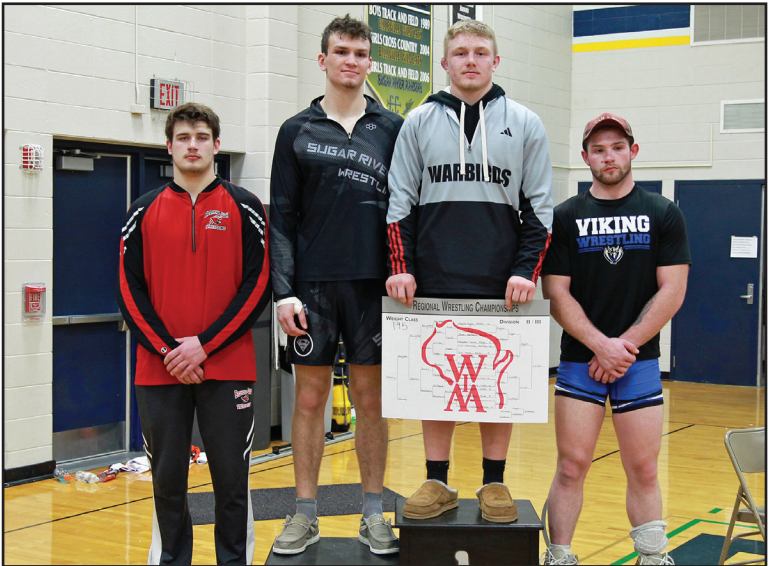
195—CJ Streuly opened his day meeting Cam Moore of Belmont Platteville. Streuly would make this one very short, pinning Moore in 50 seconds. In his next round, Brad Bartz of Evansville would be his opponent. Streuly would win by fall. In the semifinal match Streuly would face Wyatt Egan of Parkview Albany. This time Egan would be the victor. In his final match of the day, Streuly would wrestle Dylan Beighton of Delavan Darien. Streuly would go down by fall but his wrestling career will continue as he finished in fourth place.

Other Brodhead wrestlers competing this day included Jameson Walin who would pin Jacob Huff—DEDA. He would lose his next match to Danny Heuser of Evansville. He would go on to pin Phil McGowan but lose his next match. Charlie Weis-132 lost his opening round but would win by decision over Jayden Anderson of Parkview. In his final match of the day, he would lose by fall. Karson Miller would lose his opening round and finish his season with a second loss to Braedyn Nally of Monroe. Emmitt Allen -220 would win his first two matches. He was then competing for fourth place against Mason Mandurano, Belmont Platteville. Mandurano would win by decision giving Allen a fifth-place finish. Landon King at heavyweight lost his opening match by decision and would lose by fall in his second match.

The road to state continues on Saturday with sectionals being held at Evansville High School, 10 AM is the start time. This event is live streamed for free. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DZ21Ht5oJc>



Wrestlers at 138 moving on include: Evan Suer—Parkview Albany, Joe Lohmar—Brodhead Juda, Owen Seffrood—Darlington Blackhawk and Mason Ollerich—Belmont Platteville. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



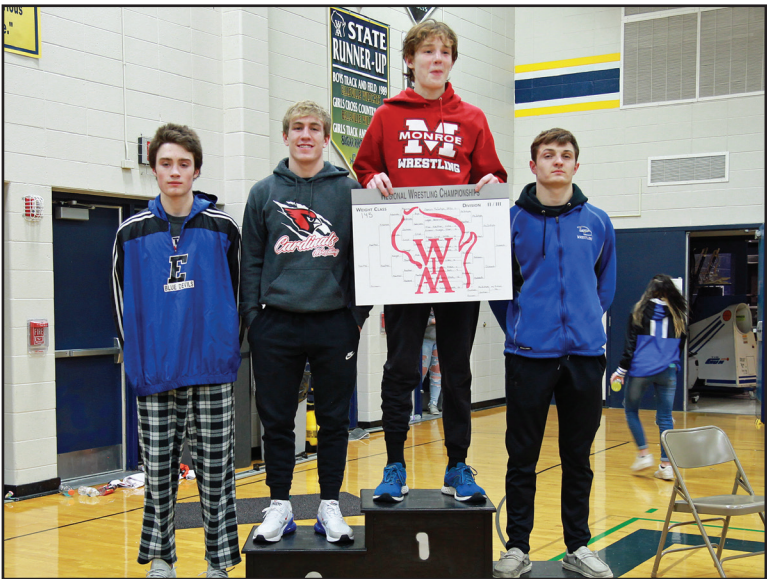
Wrestlers at 195 going onto sectionals: CJ Streuly—Brodhead Juda, Carson LoShaw—Sugar River, Ross Crist—Darlington Black Hawk and Wyatt Egan—Parkview Albany. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Paityn Kail moves the ball down court. Brodhead won their games against East Troy. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brenley Jones makes her shot from the free throw line to bolster the Cardinals lead over East Troy. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Regional winners at 145: Evan Kaether—Evansville, Marcus McIntyre—Brodhead Juda, Jack Dubach—Monroe and Nate Pozzani—Delavan Darien. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Boys Will See Lots of Hardwood this Week

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead will have three home games this week. Tuesday they will host Evansville. Wednesday is the day they will take on Clinton as that game was postponed from last week due to weather. Friday they will face Edgerton in Brodhead. The team is hoping to build on their two-game winning streak.

Brodhead Girls Beat East Troy and Whitewater.

By Teresa Earleywine

The Cardinals hosted the Trojans early in the week. Both teams had a slow start to the game with shots that refused to fall, miscalculated passes and not protecting the ball. It would be a low scoring first half. Alecia Dahl would earn nine of her game high 15 points in the first half while Abby Dix was limited to one. At the break Brodhead would have a 20-12 lead. Coach Brian Kammerer got his team back on track with a man-man defense. East Troy was limited to three points for the first six minutes of the second half. Meanwhile, the Cardinals continued to build their lead. Alexis “Klutch” Kammerer with back-to-back treys would be the catalyst to give Brodhead a surge that would carry them to the end as they gained 31 points to close out the game. Dix and Taetum Hoesly would grab the majority of the teams 25 rebounds. Brodhead would come away with a 51-26 victory.

In game two at Whitewater, the Cardinals were more cohesive as a team putting nine points on the board before the Whippets would score. At the half Brodhead would have a 16-point lead. Brodhead continued to widen the gap. Addison Yates would have a trio of 3-pont shots on the night and head the team with 17 total points. Dahl would contribute 14. Danielle DePorter with 17 would lead Whitewater. The Cardinals would reach for 31 rebounds to Whitewater's 18. Brodhead with a score of 56-40 would earn the win.

In the final week of regular season play the girls will host Jefferson on Monday and be at Edgerton on Thursday. Brodhead is two games behind Edgerton while McFarland has first place in the RVC. The Cards will have a non-conference game at Deerfield on Friday. Deerfield is 8-0 in the Trailways South Conference.

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Brodhead High School Student of the Month—January

Front row, left to right: Noah Perry, Elizabeth Roth, Brynn Riesterer, Nolan Oliver, Jacob Kipp, and Leon Saunders; back row: Emily Reyes-Ramirez, Tessa Kloepping, Lily Bump, Alexis Kammerer, Taetum Hoesly, and Noah Martinez-Bochman.



BHS Pep Band

BHS Pep Bands

Friday evening, January 27th they had a Middle School/High School Pep Band Night. The middle school band students joined the high school students to play Pep Band songs prior to the start of the Varsity Girl's Basketball game against McFarland. Some of the songs the students performed were "Eye of the Tiger", "Sweet Caroline" and "Crazy Train". It was a fun night for all involved.



BMS Pep Band



Karson Miller, concluded his BHS wrestling career by competing at the WIAA Regional wrestling meet in Bellville. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Brodhead Band program Winter Concert

The Brodhead Band program held their Winter Concert Monday, February 6, featuring the High School Concert Band, High School Symphonic Band, Middle School Jazz Band and High School Jazz Band. Some songs performed were: "Fanfare for Flight", "Foundry", "Born to Be Wild" and "Grazin' in the Grass". The students did a wonderful job! The concert was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Photos by Diana Dougherty.



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LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Feb. 16: hot dogs, oven fries, pickle relish.
Fri., Feb. 17: no school.
Mon., Feb. 20: pizza, lettuce salad, veggies and ranch.
Tues., Feb. 21: scalloped potatoes and ham, California blend, roll.
Wed., Feb. 22: elementary—fish sticks; MS/HS—fish sandwich, pasta marinara.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs., Feb. 16: Forensics sub-district competition, 4 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 17: no school; boys’ basketball vs. Black Hawk, 6 p.m.
Tues., Feb. 21: girls’ basketball WIAA regionals.
Wed., Feb. 22: volleyball open gym, 7 p.m.; adult basketball open gym, 7:30 p.m.

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On Thursday, February 2, the Green County Child Care Network (GCCCCN) and Child Care Matters presented the first Community Conversation for Change in New Glarus at the Growing Tree. Future presentations will occur in the other Green County communities so watch for those announcements! Presenters were Brooke Skidmore and Corrine Hendrickson, who spoke about the current underinvestment in the education and care of our youngest children and its impact on our com-

munities and economy. Interweaving young children's mental health and quality relationships with a caregiver act as a buffer to adverse childhood experiences and allow children to develop resilience and increase their future ability to succeed. One parent attendee had this reaction, "I see students that are now in sixth, seventh, and eighth grades, students who are struggling behaviorally most likely have a history of trauma. Having access to high quality child care would allow

Monday Night Mixed League

2/6—High series: Glayden Wahler 698, John Thill 685, Bill Schoen 666. High games: J. Thill 268, Jason Schoen 267, Ted Yaun 257. Beloit Chiropractic-high team game 1,144 and series 3,013. **Standings:** Fosters Gaming won 10 lost 4, Beloit Chiropractic 10-4, Deb's Bar 9-5, Center Tavern 7-7, Albany Lanes 4-10, Broughton's Bar 2-12.

Tuesday Shanigans

1/31—High series: Phyllis Shrier 548, Barb Brugger 535, Alexis Sies 518, Brandon Bong 601, Bill Shrier 562, Dan Eaton 520. High games: B. Brugger 215, P. Shrier 213, A. Sies 191, B. Bong 224, B. Shrier 201, D. Eaton 190. Barely Upright-high team game 683 and series 1,937. **Standings:** Barely Upright won 85 lost 34, Misfits 69-50, Sweet Mini HaHa 55-64, Albany Lanes 53-66, Clayt's Boomtastic 50-69, Greightful Dead 45-74.

Badger

2/7—High series: Russell Beutzer 682, Keith Riese 672, Dave Brugger 640, Brian Purdy 630, Megan Anderson 392 High games: Jim Laughlin 256, Brian Behnke 255, R. Buetzer 253, D. Brugger 244, M. Anderson 144. Renks-high team game 884 and series 2,554. **Standings:** Renks won 9 lost 5, Jim's Mechanic Shop 8-6, Pearl City Elevator 7-7, Brugger Farms Trucking 7-7, Decatur Dairy 6-8, Counter Attack 5-9.

Wednesday Night Ladies

2/1—High series: Nicole Brewer 497, Lindsey Kotte 469, Kari Johnson 454, Dena Laughlin 444, Laurie Thill 434. High games: N. Brewer 220, Tami Behnke 173, K. Johnson 172, Jessica Holtsapple 170, D. Laughlin 169. Glenn-Ann Ladies-high team game 643 and series 1,729. **Standings:** Center Tavern won 35 lost 14, Glenn-Ann Ladies 28-21, Broughton's Bar 28-21, New Glarus Brewery 21-28, Larson Acres 18-31, Albertson's 17-32.

Thursday Night Mixed

2/2—High series: John Pluss 713, Brandon Bayrhoffer 670, Robert Murray 663, Rob Kubesh 661. High games: Tony Brewer 269, R. Kubesh 257, Chad Malcook 257, J. Pluss 254. Rosheisen Rappers-high team game 1,112 and series 3,164. 2/9—High series: Chad Malcook 680, Eric Woodruff 652, Mike Elmer 631, Erich Brandenburg 624. High games: M. Elmer 243, E. Brandenburg 236, E. Woodruff 236, C. Malcook 234. Rosheisen Rappers-high team game 1,059 and series 2,950. **Standings:** Glenn Ann Holsteins won 7 lost 0, Rosheisen Rappers 7-0, Golz Electric 4-3, Attica Bar 3-4, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 0-7, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 0-7.

Saturday Night Kegging Krew

1/28—High series: Ryan Brugger 681, Rob Kubesh 599, Cole Krupke 596, Marcia Brugger 397, Susie Armitage 363, Fran Kubesh 342. High games: R. Brugger 289, R. Kubesh 248, Donnie Nierman 218, M. Brugger 145, S. Armitage 137, F. Kubesh 129. FRMARORY-high team game 735 and series 2,019. **Standings:** Gutter Protectors won 32 lost 10, FRMARORY 23-19, The Mixers 22-20, Glenn-Ann 18-24, The Unreliables 18-24, Team ABCD 9-33.

Saturday Night Live Mixed

2/4—High series: Robert Murray 738, Trevor Wahler 676, Jason Shrier 627, Kerri Brandenburg 525, Phyllis Shrier 469, Dana Harper 400. High games: R. Murray 279, T. Wahler 246, Bill Shrier 234, K. Brandenburg 185, P. Shrier 178, Sara Sanwick 166. Payne's Pub-high team game 821. Broughton's Bar-high team series 2,288. **Standings:** Payne's Pub won 38 lost 25, Fearsome Foursome 38-25, Gary's Center Tavern 35-28, Broughton's Bar 29-34, Rosheisen Wrapping 28-35, Kubly's Automotive 19-44.

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for these families to have an experienced provider to teach them appropriate parenting skills that may be lacking, and help them access appropriate services to move their child forward. Having these types of services early in life, would reduce (and maybe eliminate) the amount of services needed in adolescence.”

The presentation also discussed how families and educators in poverty are less likely to be able to meet their own needs, and therefore, even more difficult to meet the developing children's needs. The low wages and lack of benefits for the educators during the first five years of life when 90% of brain development occurs (\$12.66 an hour currently due to the American Rescue

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The presentation wrapped up with Governor Evers State of the State address from last week calling for \$340 million to continue the funding being allocated from the American Rescue Plan called Child Care Counts, in the upcoming state budget. The funding runs out in December of 2023. Child Care programs will need to raise rates by an estimated 20-40% to make up the difference or have to cut wages. Anne, a parent with a Finance background, supports this state investment and will be writing her state reps and encouraging others to do so as well because, “the Return on Investment (increased money in the economy and reduction in spending for juvenile prisons, and more) is undeniable. Why are our lawmakers willing to throw money at the problem after the fact instead of preventing it to begin with?”



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The agenda for the day is meant to cover a variety of topics so that everyone can learn and take home a tidbit of information to use. At 10 a.m. Steve Apfelbaum, local ecologist and founder of AES, will start the day off and help the audience understand the importance of carbon in our world and how farmers can help with storing carbon. His book, "S is for Soil" will be given to all attendees. There will be a panel of local farmers that have been no-tilling for many years. They will share what they've learned and tips for beginners to get into the prac-

tice. There will be information on a biomass sampling project that was started this past fall to analyze the nutrients in the cover crops. After a hot and delicious lunch prepared by the Albany Lions Club, DNR personnel will update the audience on the health of the Sugar River. Farmers will get a chance to learn different methods to test their own soil for stability. There will be a few farmers that talk about their non-conventional ways of using manure better. The day will wrap up with farmers sharing demonstrations and trials they've been trying on their farms. The program is slated to conclude around 3:15 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, please RSVP with Tonya Gratz at Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdnet.net or 608-325-4195 extension 121 as soon as possible or for sure by Friday, February 17, to make sure there's enough food to feed everyone. There will be a \$10 charge at the door to help offset costs for the day. The Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has awarded the group a grant through the Producer- Led Watershed Protection program, which helps fund educational events such as this.

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Tuesday, March 7th Program—Dementia and Brain Health Basics

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County and the Beloit Public Library are offering four dementia education programs in 2023. The first program, Dementia and Brain Health Basics, will be offered on Tuesday, March 7th from 10-11:30 a.m. at the library which is located at 605 Eclipse Boulevard in Beloit. There is no cost to attend this program. The March program provides information about Alzheimer's disease and related dementias defining the five most commonly diagnosed dementias and accompanying signs and symptoms. Attendees will also learn about what supports brain health and practical steps to make lifestyle adjustments. Time will be reserved for discussion and questions.

"Education is the key to understanding, reducing stigma and lessening the fears associated with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. Armed with information, we can make informed decisions that can improve our quality of life—with or without a dementia diagnosis," said Karen Tennyson the Dementia Care Specialist for Rock County.

In addition to the Dementia and Brain Health Basics program in March, The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County and the Beloit Public Library are also offering the following programs for 2023:

Memory Screenings—Friday, May 12th, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., reservations required.

Dementia Live Experience—Friday, June 2nd, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., reservations required.

Caring for Someone with Dementia, How to Survive the Holidays—Tuesday, November 14th, 10-11:30 a.m.

For more information about this or any of the programs offered by The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County, please contact Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us. When emailing, please include your contact information.

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Green County Sheriff's Department
January 30-February 5, 2023

At approximately 10:10 a.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the Green County Probation and Parole Office and placed Jeremy L. Hartwig, 35, of Albany, under arrest for a Probation Hold through the Department of corrections. Jeremy was transported to the Green County Jail without incident.


At 7:16 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the W3000 block of Main Street, in the Town of Jefferson, for a crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Matthew J. Bremer, 52, of Juda, was backing eastbound when he collided with an unoccupied, parked vehicle. Bremer reported no injuries, wasn't wearing a seat belt, and airbags did not deploy. Bremer's vehicle sustained minor damage and was driven from the scene. The parked vehicle sustained functional damage and the airbags did not deploy.

Green County Sheriff's Department
February 6-12, 2023

At 2:13 p.m., Sunday, deputies responded to a residence in the N5500 block of Shea Lane, in the Town of Albany for a 911 misdial. Investigation resulted in Gina K. Allen, 51, of Albany, being arrested for disorderly conduct and battery (domestic related). Allen was released to a responsible party after posting bond.

At 7:49 p.m., Sunday, deputies responded to a residence in the N5500 block of Shea Lane, in the Town Albany for the report of an injunction violation. Investigation resulted in Gina K. Allen, 51, of Albany, being arrested for violating a no contact order. Allen was incarcerated at the Iowa County Jail pending court.

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Wild Ones
Rock Valley Chapter meeting

The Wild Ones Rock River Valley Chapter will hold a zoom meeting on Thursday, February 16, at 7 p.m. The Zoom address is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82981179997?pwd=alNPR3hZSTJna0UxQnVNUWt5aXc5UT09>

In 2003 Fred Delcomyn imagined his central Illinois backyard of two and a half acres, farmed many years for corn and soybeans, restored to tallgrass prairie. Over the next seventeen years, Delcomyn, with the help of James Ellis planned, planted seeds, photographed, and burned these acres to reconstruct a prairie. In this program, Delcomyn and Ellis will recount the lessons learned about prairie restoration through photographs and stories that they chronicle in their 2021 book, A Backyard Prairie: The Hidden Beauty of Tallgrass and Wildflowers, published by Southern Illinois University Press.

Fred Delcomyn, a professor emeritus of the School of Integrative Biology at the University of Illinois, is the author of more than 100 popular and scientific articles. Since 2009, he has served on the board of directors of Grand Prairie Friends, a not-for-profit conservation organization and land trust involved with natural areas protection and restoration in east-central Illinois. He completed training as a Master Naturalist in 2017, and his writing and photography are often featured in Field Notes, the quarterly newsletter of the East Central Illinois Master Naturalist program.

James "Jamie" Ellis works as the Natural Areas Coordinator for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign where he manages, maintains, and coordinates access to about 1,000 acres of property set aside for teaching and research. Trained as a botanist and plant ecologist, he has published articles and presented talks on prairie ecology, conservation, and management for both academic and general audiences. He is a member of and volunteer with Grand Prairie Friends where he served on the board of directors from 2000-2021. A Backyard Prairie can be ordered from Southern Illinois University Press: <http://www.siupress.com/books/978-0-8093-3818-4>.

This event can be streamed online through the Zoom link above. The video recording of the meeting will be posted on the website shortly after the program. There will be no in-person meeting this month. The program is FREE and open to the public. For more information call Jerry Paulson, 815-222-4414.

Meetings
As 2023 begins, they are returning to virtual programs during the winter months due to the high rate of COVID and RSV infections in the area, and to avoid driving during wintry weather. They hope to be able to return to in-person programs again in the spring. Most of the recorded zoom programs will be available as a YouTube video after the program.

Green County, Wisconsin—
The Place to Be



By Olivia Otte, Executive Director, Green County Development Corporation

Thirty years ago, Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) was created to lessen the burden of the government and become the bridge between local businesses and local government. Times have changed dramatically since then, but our mission has remained the same. GCDC exists to promote and encourage economic growth while maintaining the quality of life that makes Green County, Wisconsin a great place to live and work.

Economic development casts a wide umbrella. We work on many different types of initiatives including the childcare shortage, broadband, clean energy, business growth, expansion, and entrepreneurship. In order to address these needs that affect businesses throughout the county, GCDC focuses on three action principles to help ensure the sustainability of the Green County economy.

The Place to Connect—Organizational Strength

As we roll into the new year, we are excited to unveil our new logo and website. Our decision to do this was to create clear brand recognition to build awareness around the work GCDC does, and the many partnerships we have. Our goal is not to erase the past, but to reframe who we are in representing the county. We are excited to step into 2023 with a new look and vision that keeps our core mission intact and looks to the future. We will continue to tackle problems that keep our businesses and people from being as successful as possible. Industrial, labor, and housing markets are

problems that not one organization or business is going to fix. In order to create the most positive change, GCDC is focused on continued collaboration with the incredibly strong partners within our county and region to create innovative changes. This applies to working with businesses and communities across the county to provide both top-line and labor-force solutions that support their sustainability. Every initiative that GCDC takes on has been accomplished with many great partners. Making these efforts happen takes collaboration and cooperation. That is something that we will continue to prioritize moving forward.

The Place to Grow—Business Retention and Recruitment

Economic Development is ever-changing, and here at GCDC we are constantly working on various types of projects. Some are very visible, and some are not. Gone are the days when economic development was simply focused on poaching companies from other communities. Today, leaders in economic development focus on strengthening assets that enable their distinctive industries to flourish and grow from within, rather than relying primarily on marketing to recruit businesses from outside of the area. Although we will remain readily available and welcoming to any businesses looking to move to the county, we want to make sure our top priorities are to care for our existing businesses and make sure they have what they need to thrive.

The Place to Invest—Talent Attraction and Development

It is no secret that there is a shortage in our workforce. The economic potential of Green County depends on its effectiveness to mobilize talent and equip workers with the skills that our industries demand. Workforce skills are an essential part of attracting new and diverse community members, and making sure that Green County is seen as a place where you can raise a family, advance professionally, form relationships, and prosper. As we look to the future, GCDC will continue to work toward showcasing all that Green County has to offer. Because at GCDC we truly believe, that Green County is the place to be.

Executive Leadership
Breakfast Is March 9

SWWRPC Executive Director, Troy Maggied to speak on Leadership in Changing Times

Green County is like many rural communities in the nation. Populations are declining, housing options are limited, and labor shortages are apparent. In order to maintain the quality of life small towns appreciate, challenges that threaten that must be addressed.

On Wednesday, March 9, Troy Maggied from the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWWRPC) will share rural trends and best practices for moving forward positively. He will specifically talk about ways to collaborate with one another to form a stronger county overall.

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is hosting the event as a springboard for building collaborative efforts to address

these problems longer term. As a non-profit, GCDC is the bridge between public and private partnerships aimed to serve our county's economic development efforts.

The Executive Leadership Breakfast will be at Monroe Arts Center, 1315 11th Street, Monroe. Doors open at 7:30 a.m.; the breakfast buffet begins at 7:45 a.m. Maggied's talk will begin at 8 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 8:30 a.m. Attendees are encouraged to come with questions and ideas.

The event is free, but pre-registration is requested by Wednesday, March 1. Register at [GCDCBreakfast2023.eventbrite.com](https://www.gcdbc.org/breakfast2023.eventbrite.com), by emailing gcdc@tds.net or calling at 608-328-9452.

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Pictured with Mr. Anderson (left to right): Brandt Schout, Connor Buchanan, Jack Elmer, Lylah Carter, Averie Lunda and Carmen Strohecker

Albrecht Elementary completes reading motivational program

Albrecht Elementary completed their month-long reading motivational program in sporting style. The students showcased their reading talents throughout the month and earned fabulous prizes and had some fun dress up days! During the month students logged their minutes reading each week to earn

their MVR (most valuable reader) tickets to the closing program and compete within their grade level classrooms. The winning classroom teachers then got up at the closing to compete in sporting activities too. MVR tickets were collected and some were pulled out at the closing program. Those students got to

help Mrs. Knox sing and transform Mr. Anderson into a ballpark hot-dog. Lots of fun at Albrecht. If you want to watch a portion of that fun make sure to follow and like Brodhead School District's Facebook or Instagram page to see how much fun learning can be at our District!! #brodheadcards.

Picture with Sports Objects (left to right): Annalise Wahl, Owen Johanson, Huxly Wieg, Jack Elmer, Chance Ives and Layney Bauer.

On Monday, January 30, the Albrecht Elementary students received their final prize for taking part in the reading motivational program. Every student got to pick out a book as a prize and take home. These books are funded by the book fair sales and help us get books in the hands of every student at the school.

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