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School Board

Brodhead School Board drops mask mandate

By Gloria Sutter

Summer School dates of June 6-July 1, were approved. Salaries have not increased for several years and are the lowest in the area. The Board approved a \$2 per hour raise to \$22 per hour.

COVID cases have dropped considerably since the mask mandate was reimposed. Because of this, the Board approved dropping the requirement. They also approved authorizing the Superintendent and Nurse the ability to address any hot spots that might pop up in individual grades or classrooms between Board meetings.

To enable a better testing procedure, only juniors and seniors will attend school on Tuesday, March 8. Juniors will take the ACT exam and seniors will have a choice of job shadowing, school visits, or a Blackhawk Tech visit. On Wednes-

day, April 27, freshman and sophomore students will be involved in testing and upper classmen will not attend school.

In other business:

Boys and girls hockey coops were approved for the 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years.

Public comments were made regarding masks, the referendum and staff support.

Public meetings regarding the referendum will be held March 28

The following resignations were accepted: Linda Dean, High School Library Media Aide; Juliann McCarty, High School Special Education Para-Educator; Shane Miller, Middle School Track Coach; and Dolly Stibbe, High School Art Teacher and Yearbook Advisor.

Mariah Douglas was approved as Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach.

What is Social and **Emotional Learning**

By Ethan Anderson, **Albrecht Elementary School** Counselor

Social and Emotional Learning or SEL make up an important set of skills that are required every day by kids and adults to solve problems and care for others. Students will experience more academic success, build stronger positive relationships, and develop more self-awareness and confidence the more they learn about and practice SEL. That is why every student at Albrecht Elementary School receives SEL lessons.

SEL skills are taught by the school counselor using an evidence-based curriculum. At Albrecht Elementary, we use Second Step and Zones of Regulation. Broad topics covered include self-awareness, emotion management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. The way these topics are addressed looks a little different in each grade.

One of the department's favorite topics to teach is how to self-regulate or manage strong emotions. Kids are really engaged when they learn what is happening in their brains and bodies when they are having big emotions. It can be difficult even as an adult to keep calm in all situations, but it can be a great teachable moment to express what you are feeling and then show your child the steps that you take to calm down when you are experiencing a big feeling.

It is important that each topic is broken down into smaller steps so that skills are made clear and easily understood so students can use them. For example, students learn how to tell how others are feeling by using clues. By looking at someone's face, body, and the situation or what's happening around them, we can tell how someone is feeling.

Knowing how someone feels will help us to respond thoughtfully and with empathy.

Another helpful skill is problemsolving. We teach a four-step process to solve problems: say what the problem is and what each person wants, think of solutions, explore outcomes to see if each person's wants are met, and then pick the best solution and identify why they

When students have a tough time learning and applying these skills, they can get extra support through small groups or one-on-one meetings. Look for worksheets coming home that include your child's work in their SEL lessons. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about Social Emotional Learning, please email Ethan Anderson, Albrecht Elementary School Counselor at eanderson@brod-

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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Grace Independent Baptist Church, Hwy. 81, three-quarter of a mile east of junction with 11, Brodhead. Donald Adams, Pastor. 608-897-8484. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. Wednesday 6 p.m. service.

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

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi. org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead. org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, 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. Lenten services 7 p.m., Wednesdays—Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6, 13 and 15. Sun., Apr. 17 9 and 11 a.m.

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

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OBITUARIES



Sandra Louise Bonlie (Haycraft)

Sandra Louise Bonlie (Haycraft), of Brodhead, known amongst family and friends as "Sandi" passed away peacefully on February 8th, 2022 at the Monroe Hospice Home.

Sandi is survived by her children: Troy Shirley, Aaron Haycraft and spouse Brooke Haycraft, Signe Doyle (Bonlie) and spouse Matt Doyle, Hannah Condon (Bonlie) and spouse Corey Condon; her grandchildren: Kylie and Hunter Whalen, Maddox, Gavin and Viosa Doyle, Lachlan Condon; and multiple "Fur-Grandbabies:" Mose, Olive, Gilly, Peepa, Lily, Frank, Beans,

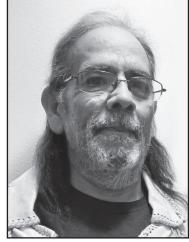
Darla and Baby.

She is preceded in death by her mother and father: Ellen (Peggy) and Gene Haycraft; her sister, Ellen Haycraft, and her stepson, Zachary Bonlie.

Sandi was born on December 6, 1949 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. She grew up and Graduated High School in Waterloo, Iowa and eventually resided in Brodhead, where she spent many years as a well-known self-employed Antique Dealer. Sandi had a shop in downtown Brodhead for many years where locals and Antique Dealers from all around would visit from a welcoming place to browse for unique finds.

Sandi was a devoted Christian mother who was hard-working and enjoyed the simple things in life. She loved God and enjoyed going to church, coffee and conversation, garage sale, auction and estate sales, jewelry, crossword puzzles and solitaire, and being in the company of family and friends. She was a generous woman who spent her last years donating to her favorite causes that advocated for those who are underprivileged as well as animal rights. Sandi was a woman who was comfortable in solitude and took comfort in her own company, which is a rarity of the times.

There will be a visitation held from 1-2 p.m. followed by a memorial service from 2-3 p.m. on Saturday, February 19th, at Living Word Church in Brodhead. The Rosman Funeral Home in Beloit assisted the family.



James "Jim" Meligan

James "Jim" Meligan, age 60, aka Julio, of Juda, passed away on February 6, 2022 at SSM Health Hospital in Monroe. He was born March 16, 1961 in Shawno, Wisconsin, the son of Seal and Marjorie (Whippler) Meligan. He graduated from Brodhead High School in 1979.

Jim married Sheri Peters on September 1, 2015 in Minocqua. He was a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe. He enjoyed dart league, fishing, camping, woodworking, and time with his grand-children.

He is survived by his wife, Sheri Meligan of Juda; children: Tiffany (Ryan) Moore of Beloit, and AJ (Alyssa) Meligan of Monroe; six grandchildren: Simon, Malcolm, Lili, Violet, Ryerson, and Calvin; a sister, Adeline (Mike) Fulton of Brodhead; and two nieces: Amanda (Jared) Condon and Sarah (Austin) Hawk.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Randy Meligan.

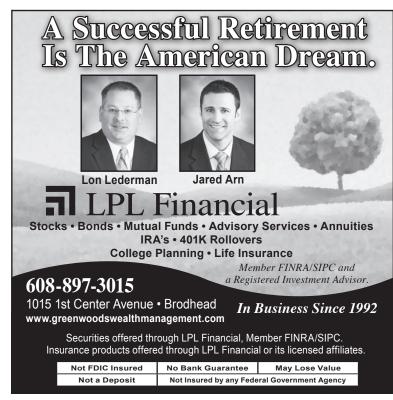
A visitation was held on Saturday, February 12, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. with a service following at 12 p.m. at Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers any donation to the family for expenses would be deeply appreciated.

Condolences may be sent to the family at: shriner111.com

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.







John H. Sandlin

John H. Sandlin, age 60, of Monticello, died on Thursday, February 10, 2022 at the Monroe Hospice Home following a hard fought battle with cancer. John was born on January 29, 1962 in Monroe to Eugene D. and Lillian (Maass) Sandlin. He graduated from Albany High School in 1980. John and his three brothers grew up working on the family dairy farm in Mt. Pleasant Township. He worked mainly nights as a custodian at Wal-Mart for over 30 years and part time for the Village of Monticello for 13 years helping with recycling. He enjoyed his job with the village as he liked visiting with the people. John loved to host a yearly cookout for his family during Monticello Homecoming and enjoyed spending time and spoiling his many nieces and nephews. He could be seen in Monticello walking his pup, Toby, and always liked an occasional trip with family to a Dubuque casino.

John is survived by his three brothers: Jim (Lu) Sandlin, Joe (Dianne) Sandlin, and Jeremy (Jodi) Sandlin; 13 nieces and nephews and numerous great nieces and nephews whom he loved; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

A celebration of John's life will be held on Friday, February 25, at 4 p.m., at the Voegeli-Newcomer Funeral, Monticello, with Chaplain Linda O'Leary officiating. Chaplain O'Leary gave John great comfort during his hospital stays and they developed a good friendship. There will be no visitation. Private family graveside services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established in John's name. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.newcomerfuneralhome.net.

"John was more than a brother, he was a friend."

DEATH NOTICE



Basketball contest

The winner of this week's basketball contest was Doug Rezner, Brodhead, with all the correct games and 74 points. The highest scoring game was the girls' McFarland vs. Beloit Turner, 69-30. The following also had all the correct games: Tom Brewer—76 points, and Eric VonAllmen—81 points, both of Albany.



Jean Steuri

Jean Steuri, 84 years old, of Brodhead passed away on February 8, 2022, at Willowick Assisted Living in Janesville, Wisconsin. Jean requested no funeral services.



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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

CARDINALS BASEBALL CLINIC

The 2022 Brodhead-Juda Baseball Clinic will be held on Saturday, March 19th, in the Brodhead High School gym for grades third through eighth, rain or shine.

The pitching session will be held from 9 to 11 a.m., followed by the hitting session from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. and the fielding session will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Each session will be focused on the fundamentals of baseball in either pitching, hitting or fielding. Each camper will be put through a series of drills designed to improve their overall skillset. They will leave with a foundation to build on, as well as having learned multiple drills to take home and continue their work with confidence.

The cost is \$25 for single session, \$35 for two sessions and \$40 for all three sessions, cost includes t-shirt. Checks are payable to Brodhead-Juda Baseball. Registration is due by Wednesday, March 16.

YOU CAN'T DODGE OUR CAUSE

The Brodhead Police Association is hosting their seventh annual "You Can't Dodge Our Cause" Dodgeball tournament on Saturday, March 19th at the Brodhead Middle School. Teams can register online at https://zippyreg.com/online_reg/?e=1624 or by emailing brodheadpa@gmail.com by the registration deadline of Saturday, March 5th. During the duration of the tournament, there will be a silent auction with all proceeds to benefit the Brodhead K9 fund. For more information, check them out on Facebook at the Brodhead Police Association or by emailing brodheadpa@gmail.com.

SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5k and up; will take place Tuesday, February 15th-Friday, March 18th. 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 18th, 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-six grade (\$50), Pony's seventh grade (\$80)

Forms need to be completed and turned in with a fee by Friday, March 18th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call Wade 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

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

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a three-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in fourthsixth grades. The program will be on Wednesday afternoons from 3:15-4:30 p.m. at the Brodhead Middle School meeting March 9, March 23 and March 30. They will NOT meet March 16th 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, March 4th to the office or Rec Department. Checks make payable to the Brodhead Park and Rec Department. If you have any questions, please call Wade at 608-897-2159.

What programs the Brodhead **Optimist Club does for Kids!**

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ACADEMICS

UW-Platteville announces fall 2021 graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 600 students from its three campuses for the fall of 2021. The ceremonies were held inside Williams Fieldhouse on the UW-Platteville campus.

Students from this area who graduated include: Colleen Johnson—Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, Seth Rosheisen-Industrial Technology Management, Jay Strohmenger—Industrial Technology Management, and Bobby Wolter-Industrial Technology Management, all of Brodhead; Jared Lee—Mechanical Engineering and Bradley Meiners-Industrial Engineering, both of Davis, Illinois; and Mason Spencer-Dairy Science, of Orfordville.

Concordia University Wisconsin releases **Fall Honors List**

Concordia University Wisconsin officials have released the Fall Honors List for the 2021-2022 academic year. To be eligible for the honor, students must achieve a minimum 3.60 GPA.

Among the area students named to the list were: Nickole Becker, senior, psychology and Hannah Waagen, junior, early childhood and elementary, both of Brodhead; and Haleigh Komprood, sophomore, marketing, of Orfordville.

Two Events for Better **Brodhead** this Month!

Better Brodhead has not one, but TWO events this month of February. Better Brodhead is hosting an Acts of Kindness Contest in hopes to inspire children and their parents to be kind to others. HOW TO EN-TER: Nominate one (1) individual and in paragraph form, please describe why he/she/they should win the acts of kindness contest. Entrants cannot nominate themselves. The winner will be awarded a \$50 gift card at the end of the month!! To find out more details about the contest and to submit your nominee who you feel has committed the ultimate act of kindness, go to the Better Brodhead website at www. betterbrodhead.org.

Better Brodhead would also like to invite you and your family to join them at the Jazz and Friends National Day of School and Community Readings as they listen to four storybooks about transgender and non-binary youth that will be read aloud by four community leaders. These readings will take place via Zoom on Thursday, February 24th at 7 p.m. Go to the Better Brodhead website above to register for this inspiring event.

Albrecht Elementary to hold 4K Enrollment and **Information Night**

Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four (4) by 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 3rd between 4 and 7 p.m. They are asking that you and your child sign up to attend one one-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 Angie Fields at afields@brodhead.k12.wi.us. They are looking forward to hearing from you!

Brodhead High School honor roll for first semester

Brodhead High School is pleased to announce the students who achieved honor roll for the first semester of the 2021-2022 school year. Students who achieved a 3.00-3.49 grade point average are placed on the "B" honor roll. Students who achieved a 3.50-4.00 grade point average are placed the "A" honor roll.

The following students are "A" honor roll students—seniors: Vanessa Allen, Brielle Baxter, Nadia Becerril, Makaylee Blum, Gage Boegli, Brady Bruns, Jada Burkhalter, Colton Buttke, Jordan Charneco, Levi Clark, Alexis Cook, Payton Demrow, Lindsey Dodd, Josiah Engen, Aliza Gallagher, Kiersten Glynn, Cora Hafen, Junior Hilario Herrera, Madisyn Kail, Owen Leifker, Seth Mansfield, Jared Marden, Rebekah Masloske, Gabrielle McCarty, Emaleigh McNeece, Jersey Medenwaldt, Brooklyn Michel, Taylot Midthun, Kiarra Moe, Daisy Nelson, Onnikah Oliver, Ephraim Olson, Kyleigh Raupp, Joie Steinmann, Cherokee Turner, Bryce Tway, Victoria Urness, Amanda Visger, William Weeden, Hans Wenger, Cooper Woelky, Kaila Wolline, Alexya Wood, Ellie Yates.

Juniors: Josue Barahona Rodriguez, Kjersten Bernstein, Ruthann Buehl, Kaiden Chojnacki, Ephraim Corbit, Abbie Dix, Kirsten Fish, Alayna Gibson, Breleigh Gierhart, Skylar Gretebeck, Sean Huffman, Alexis Kammerer, Jacob Kipp, Macayla Lang, Alexis Lobeck, Blake Loeffelholz, Keira Malott, Elena Martinez, Noah Martinez-Bochman, Abigail Mills, Matava Mordhorst, Lauren Parrish, Abigail Santiago, Leon Saunders, Emily Welsh, Hannah Withrow, McKenna Young.

Sophomores: Evangeline Bennett, Gunner Boegli, Jaxon Dooley, Nathan Engen, Kylee Gosnell, Zoe Hoke, Isabel Huebner, Brenley Jones, Brody Kiser, Tyra Lehman, Sophia Leitzen, Joseph Lohmar, Caden Malott, Blake Matthys, Marcus McIntyre, Nicole Miller, Alvera Naber, Emma Nelson, Nolan Oliver, Gavin Pinnow, Kiara Quimby, Kalena Riemer, Lexus Sandlin, Isaac Saunders, Jerrica Schwartz, Margaret Smital, Hailey Thelen, Onnika Williams, Hanna Withee, Addison Yates.

Freshman: Stella Arn, Joshua Blum, Gabe Bockhop, Madilyn Brown, Tatum Ceslok, Dakota Day, Henry Droessler, Clayton Elliott, Achilles Fowler, Hannah Grover, Olivia Hartwig, Brooks Malkow, David Masloske, Kyla Miller, Miley Mordhorst, Eli Olson, Joselynn Picard, Ava Risum, Makenna Schooff, Nikoli Stephenson, Selena Ugalde De La Cruz, Parker Vanderpal, Kylee Wahler, Cullen Walker.

The following students are "B" honor roll students-seniors: Madalynn Andrews, Presleigh Arnold, Melody Baxter, Anjelika Belmontes. Trev Boeck, Shyleigh Condon, Piper Conway, Tyler Hawkins, Cole Hoesly, Reece Leutenegger, Jacob Lohmar, Julia Meyer, Addison Olson, Riese Price, Mario Reves-Ramirez, Caleb Rossetti, Blake Senobe, Colten Steiner, Benjamin Wiley.

Juniors: Kaidynce Bevars, Lily Bump, Jackson Fields, Devan Green, Taetum Hoesly, Karson Miller, Austin Moe, Emilee Montague, Grant Purdue, Joseph Ross, Curtis Streuly, Trent Thompson, Judy Villalva, Aidyn Vondra, Ethan Yoshida.

Sophomores: Kayla Baxter, Brandon Bernet, Isaiah Bishop, Camaryn Blackwood, Joseph Brown, Maddie Fraley-Markley, Jaelyn Hilliard, Owen Hillstrom, Zoey Hinkle, Paityn Kail, Tessa Kloepping, Dylan Lewis, Madeline McGuire, Claire Meythaler, Lance Peterson, Molly Regenold, Blake Sandlin, Montanna Schumacher, Evan Senobe, Samuel Wenger.

Freshman: Dax Benton, Michael Boston, Adelynn Clark, Jade Condon, Emorra Eldred, Jordan Gilson, Nicholas Lobeck, Alexis Miller, Lila Montiel, Noah Perry, Max Pinnow, Emily Reyes Ramirez, Brody Riese, Princesa Santiago Aguilar, Mason Shimeck, Bryce Turner, Bethany Wenger, Chase Wilhite, Brady Zimmerman.





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~ George Sand



Panther Hill

LUNCH MENU—

Thurs., Feb. 17: mac n cheese, smokies, fruit and veggies.

Fri., Feb. 18: no school.

Mon., Feb. 21: beef stew, bread, fruit and veggie.

Tues., Feb. 22: taco, fruit and veggies.

Wed., Feb. 23: JPC Bowl, fruit.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—

Thur., Feb. 17: sixth grade girls' basketball vs. Albany, 5:30 p.m.; girls' basketball vs. Albany; Parent-Teacher Conferences; softball banner night; Sports Booster Potato Bar 4:30 p.m.; sixth/ninth grade orientation 6-7 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 18: boys' basketball vs. Monticello; no school.

Sat., Feb. 19: Solo and Ensemble; youth basketball open gym.

Sun., Feb. 20: softball open gym, 1 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 2215: girls' basketball regionals.

A Community Covid-19 Vaccine Clinic will be held on Thursday, February 17, at the Juda Schools, from 4 to 6 p.m. The Pfizer, Moderna and Pediatric Pfizer Covid-19 vaccines will be available. No appointment, no insurance, FREE open to the public. Parents/guardians will need to be present at the vaccine clinic with their child and complete a vaccine consent form for any children five-17 years old.

The Juda Booster Club will be hosting a Baked Potato Bar on Thursday, February 17th, from 4:30 until 7 p.m. The same night the girls' basketball team will be hosting Albany. The game will start at 7 p.m. Grab a bite to eat then check out a great basketball game.

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

Need to learn about your camera settings or lighting? Join the Juda Recreation District for Photography 101 on Saturday, February 26, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Juda School. There is no charge. Bring your camera. What you will learn: basic settings on a DSLR camera, natural lighting, composition and basic camera gear education. To register e-mail Holly Walker at walker@judaschool.com.

Some sixth graders enjoyed making Energy Bites in their FCS rotation class. They learned about the health benefits of each ingredient. A tasty and nutritious snack!



Heart & Vascular appointments now being offered at SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group in Brodhead

Dr. Thomas Stoiber is now seeing patients in Brodhead



Dr. Thomas Stoiber, SSM Health Monroe Hospital Heart & Vascular provider, is excited to expand his practice and is now seeing patients at SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group in Brodhead.

Dr. Stoiber is a board-certified in Echocardiography, Cardiovascular Computed Tomography, Nuclear Cardiology and Cardiovascular Disease. Some of the clinical services he offers includes high blood pressure, non-invasive cardiology treatment, heart health patient education and a variety of stress testing and cardiovascular imaging.

"My goal is to diagnose and treat my patients using state-of-the-art medical and surgical approaches so they may return to an active life-

style," shared Dr. Stoiber. "I focus on preventative cardiology whenever it is possible to do so."

Patients can see Dr. Stoiber in Brodhead and Monroe. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-324-2227.

Juda Booster Club to host Baked Potato Bar

The Juda Booster Club will host a Baked Potato Bar on Thursday, February 17, from 4:30-7 p.m. in the Juda School Cafeteria. The cost is \$8 for adult and children over 10; 10 and under are \$6. Toppings include butter, onions, bacon, chili, shredded cheese, sour cream and broccoli/cauliflower. A second meal option of a hot dog, chips, milk and cookie will be available for \$6. Carryouts will be available.

Come cheer on the Juda girls' basketball team as they take on the Albany Comets. They will also be honoring the 2021 State Runner Up Juda-Albany softball team.

Please be sure to practice social distancing and follow all CDC guidelines.



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AROUND TOWN

Around the town 1961

Brodhead Senior Class to Give Play Nov. 17-18

BRODHEAD—Brodhead seniors will present "Spring Green" November 17-18 at the high school. Members of the cast are: Sharon Wichelt, Daphne Mauermann, Al Lucchi, Jean Rostad, Mary Mae Steussy, Ken Peterson, Helene Kletzien, Neil DeVoe, Susan Brandenburg, Diane Fricke, Lawrence Steussy, Louise Schaar, Jim Looze, Dick Johnson, Holly Bransenburg, Maureen Shrier, Eileen Hafen, Paul Krattiger and Terry O'Bel.

Saddle Club Elects

John Wideman, Juda, is the newly elected president of Green County Boots and Saddle Club. Other officers are: Roger Dunwiddie, Juda, vice president; Gledys Helland, Brodhead, secretary; Betty Dunwiddie, Juda, treasurer; Helen Bosshart, Brodhead, sunshine; Ruth French, Monroe, reporter; and Leo Culles and Marvin Malkow, Brodhead, directors.

The group will hold its annual Christmas party at Maple Grove Inn Thursday, December 7. Reservations are to be made with Mrs. Ruth Jensen. The annual polio benefit dance sponsored by the group will be held at Bluff View Park on January 27, music to be furnished by Tune Toppers. Two members left with the 32nd Division, James G. Wells and Robert L. French, who are stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash.

Bloodmobile Going

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Brodhead on Thursday, December 14, from 2-6 p.m. at the elementary school gym. The quota for Brodhead-Albany-Juda is 125 pints. Dr. Ronald Pawlisch is chairman for the area, and Delbert Heins recruiting chairman. Mrs. Thelma Burt is Albany Chairman and Ted Miller chairman of the Juda-Spring Grove area. Mrs. Donald Condon will have charge of nurses and typists and Mrs. A. O. Lehnherr will preside over the canteen.

Brodhead Briefs

Brodhead Lions Club will again sponsor the lamp pack sale Wednesday evening November 8.

The annual Thanksgiving service will be held at the Congregational Church at 9:30 a.m. Thursday November 23.

Mrs. Grace Hartman will be hostess to Round Table Study Club on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Fretah McClellan has the program.

Mrs. Earl Pinnow, Rte. 2, will be hostess when State Line Aid Society meets November 8.

Childcare Profile: Glorious Giggles

Getting a new childcare business off the ground at the same time that a global pandemic was keeping families with young children at home wasn't easy. But Laura Callaway, who takes pride in being understanding and flexible, persevered to make her family childcare a reality.

Starting Glorious Giggles in Brodhead was the culmination of many years of planning, Callaway said.

"I looked for many years for a house that would have space to start a family childcare. The bi-level home that I bought was perfect. I was able to set up the childcare on the lower level. After getting my furnishings and toys set up and my paperwork done, I was able to become a certified family childcare provider in February of 2020," she said. However, "it was difficult getting my business going because Covid-19 hit and people were staying home."

Callaway forged ahead and at the end of 2021, she was able to be licensed. "Now I have plenty of children to take care of," she said.

Glorious Giggles, which offers both full-time and part-time care, encourages learning through exploration and free play. "We read and look at books, and play instruments while singing songs. I encourage children to initiate activities according to their interests. We practice taking turns, sharing and using our words to communicate. We talk about emotions and how different situations may cause certain feelings, and build relationships. We have fun while we learn," Callaway said

There's a lot to keeping a family childcare like Glorious Giggles operating—in addition to caring for and providing educational opportunities for the children, there's cooking, cleaning, advertising, giving tours, completing paperwork, handling finances, and attending continuing education courses and keeping up with licensing requirements.

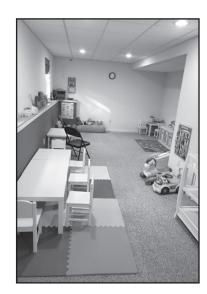
But Callaway knows that she is providing a service that's a vital component of the community fabric: Childcare is necessary for businesses to have access to parents in the workforce.

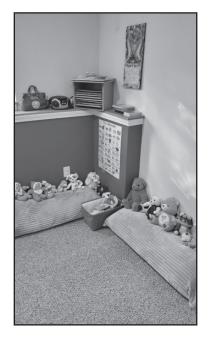
"Childcare helps parents to be able to go to work and to be able to provide the income they need for their family. It provides quality care for their children; a safe environment in which to learn and build friendships," she said. In addition, the childcare profession helps the entire community by building relationships between families and children, she said.

Being in childcare can be frustrating, Callaway acknowledged. There's a constant struggle to find a way to pay providers a decent income while keeping childcare affordable for families. "Financial gifts would be appreciated to help childcare providers be able to get through temporary closures due to Covid-19 and other illnesses. Financial gifts also help in acquiring quality equipment and toys that the children could use," Callaway suggested.

Despite a lack of financial reward, there are perks to being in the profession. Simple moments,

like seeing two young children looking and giggling at each other while sitting in their high chairs eating, make her job rewarding. "It is fun watching the interactions between children," she said.







Home Of Our Own receives \$10,000 grant

A grant for \$10,000 provided by the Arc-Green County from its LEO Fund was presented Friday, February 4th to Mary Oemichen and Susan Wallitsch, co-chairs of Home Of Our Own (HOOO). The organization will use the funds to promote community activities, provide for programing and amenities at the Prairie Haus. Presenting the check are Lori Stietz, Arc secretary, and Laverne Robieson, Arc Treasurer.

HOOO applied for a grant to provide entertainment, programming, amenities and community engagement opportunities for the Prairie Haus in New Glarus.

The Prairie Haus is a residential apartment complex providing apartment living for people with disabilities and regular living space for many others. It was designed to meet the needs of disabled residents and help with inclusion in to the area. The apartment is home to a diverse group of dwellers, not all with disabilities, to live in a safe affordable environment in their community.





Hot off the presses!

Newspapers in Education (NIE) is an international program that promotes and increases our children's literacy by using the newspaper as a teaching tool. NIE is a unique way for schools, businesses, and the local newspaper to work together in a partnership that benefits all of us - now and in the future. The Wisconsin State Journal partners with NIE to deliver extra copies of the newspaper so that classrooms can use this valuable resource. Students have been reading the weekly fictional story and following daily current events around the state and across the nation.









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Books from Better Brodhead

Better Brodhead is a community coalition addressing youth substance use, bullying, and dating violence among youth in the Brodhead School District through education, awareness, and advocacy. Better Brodhead donated twenty-one books to Mrs. Kammerer's classroom library to support substance-free youth activities. All BMS students are encouraged to read and access these graphic novels and fictional stories that focus on diversity and inclusion. Thank you, Better Brodhead!

CASEY'S CORNER

By Casey Jones

Good morning! I hope you are enjoying your favorite beverage while reading your favorite newspaper. We all have people in our life that at some point had great influence on our lives. Jim Meligan was that person for me.

It was in March of 1981 that Jimmie invited me to join him and Carl Putney on their bowling team at Imperial Lanes in Beloit. Every Tuesday night, we would make the trip in the Pink Panther, 1971 Buick LeSabre painted with pink interior house paint, to Beloit to drink probably more than necessary while bowling. It was while bowling that I saw the girl I was going to marry. She was at the alley bowling and hanging out with her friend, Cathy. Cathy just happened to be Jimmie's girlfriend. How fortuitous for me was that? It took quite a while, 26 weeks, but finally, Lori was persuaded to go out with me on a double date with Jimmie and Cathy. It was on that night, Friday, December 18, 1981 that my life was changed forever!

Lori Bach was everything I ever wanted. Jimmie, Cathy, Lori and I spent many nights laughing and having a great time enjoying life in the months to come. The time from that night in December until Lori and I were married in October of 1982, Jimmie and Cathy were always there. Jimmie and Cathy both stood up for our wedding.

It was during that summer that Jimmie and I, while living with a friend, pulled off one of the most memorable pranks in our history as friends. I will spare the friend's name because it was not a memory of which he would like to remember. It started earlier in the evening when Jimmie and I took the girls to the Rock County fair. I remember winning a nearly life size stuffed tiger for Lori. I don't think her parents knew we were out that night so it couldn't go home with her, so home it went with me and Jimmie.

After quite a few beers at our friend's place, the prank was devised and executed. There was a long corridor along the north side of the trailer we were living in. At the end of the hall was our friend's room. He was sleeping. Time for a wake-up call! We snuck down the hall giggling and carrying on like a couple of fools while trying to be quiet. We posed the tiger with his front paws leaning up against the door. Back in those days, if you dialed the correct sequence your phone would ring back. We dialed the number and waited, one ring, two rings, three, four and five rings! Our friend must have really been sleeping hard. Changing plans, I answered the phone and hollered down the hall. Our friend grumbled as he got up. He jerked open the door, then the tiger lunged forward, Jimmie growled ferociously and our friend jumped backwards about six feet, landed on his bed and just sat there staring at the tiger waiting for his life to be over. The next day, we were asked to find other living arrangements.

Jim Meligan passed away February 6, 2022. His giggles will last with me throughout my life. I count myself lucky to have had such a good friend while growing up.

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Cards regain sole possession of first place in RVC

On Thursday last week the boys took care of Clinton with a 68 -53 victory. Josiah Engen led the Cardinals with 24 points and Owen Leifker added in 23 additional points.

On Saturday, the guys faced Beloit Turner, which had given them their first loss of the season in the Rock Valley Conference. At the half, the Cardinals were trailing by 12 but they managed to get within one point but the Trojans managed to increase their lead and maintain their lead. Then with under 32 seconds on the clock, Brodhead earns a one-point lead and hangs on with a 50-48 victory. The Cardinals regained sole possession of first place in the Rock Valley Conference when Evansville pulled off an upset victory over East Troy last Thursday.

Four Brodhead wrestlers advance to sectionals

Brodhead wrestlers competed in regional competition this past Saturday at Beloit Turner. The top two finishers in each weight class move onto sectionals that will be at Richland Center on Saturday this week.

Advancing to sectionals and representing Brodhead High School are Ja-



Kiarra Moe scores 1,000 career point

Kiarra Moe reached a milestone this past week when she joined the elite club of scoring 1000 points in her high school basketball career during the game last week at East Troy. At Friday's home game she was recognized. She is the daughter of Greg and Emily Moe. Her older sister Kylie, who graduated in 2016, is also a member of this club. Pictured is Kiarra with Greg, Brittany, Dustin, Austin, Kylie and Emily. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Lady Cards clinch RVC Championship

Coach Brian Kammerer and the Lady Cardinals clinched the Rock Valley Conference championship with their win on Friday against Whitewater. This week the team will face Jefferson on Monday and host Edgerton on Thursday. Row one, left to right: Landen Kammerer, Payton Kail, Madisyn Kail, Macayla Lang, Sophia Leitzen, Onni Oliver, Gretchen Kammerer and MaKenna Jarvis; row two: Coaches Nick Jarvis and Brian Kammerer, Alexis Kammerer, Addison Yates, Taetum Hoesly, Tori Urness, Abbie Dix, Joie Steinmann, Kiarra Moe, Coaches Eric Oliver and DJ McGowan. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Right—Taetum Hoesly sets up her shot for two. She along with Kiarra Moe, Abbie Dix, Addison Yates were in double scoring totals when they beat Whitewater last Friday with a 67-37. Last Tuesday the girls continued their winning ways with a 66-36 victory over East Troy. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)







Brady Malkow helped lead the Cardinals to two victories last week. Brodhead will host Evansville on Tuesday and travel to Edgerton on Friday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



With under 32 seconds on the clock, members of the Cardinals team react when they take a one point lead. Brodhead hangs on for the win. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Show Band, left to right: Kayla Baxter, Kalena Riemer, Nikoli Stephenson, Parker VanderPal, Caden Mallott, Taylor Midthum, Kiara Quimby, Haylee Ball.

Brodhead Guys and Dolls to perform in Monona Grove

Brodhead Guys and Dolls have nine seniors leading their group. Eight singers and dancers and one in Show Band on bass guitar. Brodhead Guys and Dolls returns to competition Saturday, February 19th in Monona Grove at 12 p.m., the cost is \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and masks are required. They are directed by Niteal Pinnow and Curtis Wetzel.

Guys and Dolls Dancers, pictured right, left to right: Anthony Johnson, Ethan Yoshida, Emorra Eldred, Lexi Sandlin, Zoe Hinkle, Serenity Miller, Makaylee Blum, Zoe Krattiger, Presleigh Arnold, Jackson Fields, Josie Picard, Melody Baxter, Amanda Visger, Noah Martinez-Bochman, Isabel Huebner, Brooklyn Michel, and Perla Yescas.



Boegli, Malkow & Buttke sign letters of intent

On Tuesday, February 8, the following Brodhead High School athletes signed their letters of intent to play sports at the college level. From left to right: Gage Boegli, Football, UW LaCrosse; Brady Malkow, Baseball, UW Whitewater; and Colton Buttke, Football, UW Platteville. They are pictured below with their ooaches. (Free Press photos by Gloria Sutter)





Seniors, left to right: Amanda Visger, Makaylee Blum, Zoe Krattiger, Anthony Johnson, Brooklyn Michel, Presleigh Arnold, and Perla Yescas. Not pictured Taylor Midthum.



News from Parkview High School

ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Feb. 17: BBQ pork sandwich, sweet potato fries, peas.

Fri., Feb. 18: pizza dippers, marinara cup, roasted broccoli.

Mon., Feb. 21: Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, carrot snax.

Tues., Feb. 22: toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, tossed salad w/ranch.

Wed., Feb. 23: scalloped potatoes w/ham, whole grain biscuit, glassed carrots.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs., Feb. 17: boys' JV basketball game vs. Cambridge at home, 5:30 p.m.; boys' varsity basketball game vs. Cambridge at home, 7 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 18: boys' JV basketball game vs. Madison Country Day at home, 6 p.m.; boys' varsity basketball game vs. Madison Country Day at home, 7:15 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 19: wrestling varsity sectional at Westby Area High School, 9 a.m.

Mon., Feb. 21: boys' JV2 basketball game at Monticello, 5:45 p.m.

Tues., Feb. 22: girls' varsity ice hockey sectionals, TBD

Wed., Feb. 23, WYSO Tour performance, 7:30-10 a.m.

February is Career and Technical Education Month. This month we highlight the amazing opportunities and achievements of our Parkview Students in CTE!

Bryson Kjelland is in the Transportation, Distribution and Logistics Pathway and working as an Automotive Technician Apprentice at Burtness Chevrolet in Orfordville. Bryson receives hands-on training under the supervision of a skilled mentor combined with classroom instruction and will graduate with valuable experience and marketable skills.

Paige Valley is a Finance-Accounting Youth Apprenticeship student at Burtness Chevrolet in Orfordville. Paige is learning valuable skills through handson learning under the supervision of a skilled mentor combined with classroom instruction.

Jack Woodman is an Agriculture Youth Apprentice at Gil-Bar Farms and Sons in Janesville. Jack is receiving high school credit and will graduate from high school with marketable skills and valuable work experience.

Tyler Kersten is in the Agriculture Pathway and working as an Agriculture Youth Apprentice at Gil-Bar Farms and Sons in Janesville. Tyler is receiving high school credit and will graduate from high school with marketable skills and valuable work experience.

Evan Noble is a Manufacturing Youth Apprentice at Scot Forge in Clinton. The goal of the Youth Apprenticeship Program is to provide students with real world experience while in high school to better prepare them for their post-secondary path. After graduation, Evan will continue his employment at Scot Forge and begin a registered apprenticeship in Mechatronics, studying at Blackhawk Technical College.



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Kalena Riemer on piano and Charlie Weis on drumset



Jordan Dix on drumset, Aubrie Yoshida on guitar, Logan Krupke on alto sax

Brodhead Band Department held mid-winter band concert

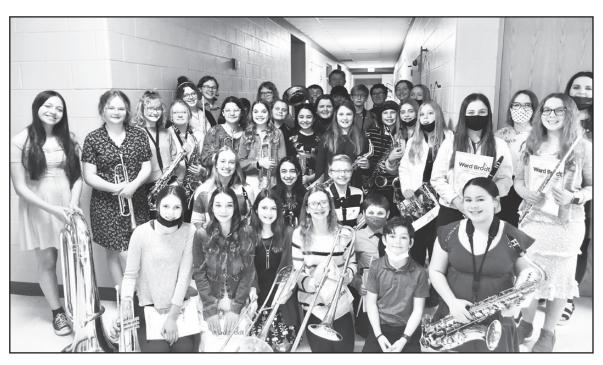
The Brodhead Band Department held their mid-winter band concert on Monday, February 7th. The concert featured the High School Concert Band, High School Symphonic Band, Middle School Jazz Band and High School Jazz Band.



High School Concert Band



High School Jazz Band



Middle school jazz band members



High School Symphonic Band

Monday Night Mixed League

2/7—High series: Josh Strehlow 692, Chris Murray 655, Scott Wahler 648. High games: J. Strehlow 289, Robert Murray 257, S. Wahler 257. Deb's Barhigh team game 1,112 and series 2,965. Standings: Broughton's Bar won 14 lost 0, Beloit Chiropractic 9-5, Fosters Gaming 5-9, Center Tavern 5-9, Albany Lanes 5-9, Deb's Bar 4-10.

Tuesday Shaningans

2/8—High series: Alexis Sies 591, Phyllis Shrier 501, Barb Brugger 490, Bill Shrier 544, Bill Hawkinson 516, Dan Eaton 510. High games: A. Sies 207, P. Shrier 194, B. Brugger 186, B. Hawkinson 222, B. Shrier 194, D. Eaton 172. Sweet Mini HaHa-high team game 701 and series 1,890. Standings: Barely Upright won 69 lost 50, Albany Lanes 68-51, Greightful Dead 65-54, Sweet Mini HaHa 64-55, Clayt's Boomtastic 56-63, Misfits 23-96.

Badger

2/8—High series: Ryan Brugger 733, LeRoy Blumer 688, Rob Kubesh 645, Lance Brugger 642, Megan Anderson 469. High games: R. Kubesh 27 9, L. Blumer 269, R. Brugger 259, Don Nieman 256. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 979 and series 2,609. Standings: Counter Attack won 9 lost 5, Brugger Farms Trucking 9-5, Renks 8-6, Jim's Mechanic Shop 6-8, Pearl City Elevator 6-8, Decatur Dairy 4-10.

Wednesday Night Ladies

2/9—High series: Joan Flood 457, Fran Kubesh 433, Darcy Stephenson 428, Tara Blumer 422, Sarah Flood 415. High games: Lindsey Kotte 202, J. Flood 185, T. Blumer 174, F. Kubesh 172, Chris Rosheisen 168. New Glarus Brewery-high team game 582. Albertson's-high team series 1,565. Standings: New Glarus Brewery won 31 lost 11, Larson Acres 27-15, Broughton's Bar 23-19, Glenn-Ann Ladies 16-26, Center Tavern 16-26, Albertson's 13-29.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

2/10—High series: Laurie Thommen 470, Karen Brugger 425, Debbie Williams 410, Barb Chapman 409, Nancy Salzwedel 399. High games: L. Thommen 183-157, Chris Rosheisen 157, N. Salzwedel 154, K. Brugger 151, B. Chapman 150, Becky Riese 150. Splits: Joyce Nipple 2-7, Shirley Sutherland 3-10, L. Thommen 3-7, Cora Ball 3-10, Linda Reilly 2-7, K. Brugger 3-10, B. Chapman 3-10, 4-5. Albany Lanes-high team game 554 and series 1,546. Standings: Knutes won 26 lost 6, Huntington Plumbing 20-12, Mike's Flooring 18-14, Ball's Installations 16-16, Albany Lanes 12-20.

Thursday Night Mixed

2/10—High series: Tim Golz 711, Gary Pfingsten 696, John Pluss 672, Ryan Flood 649. High games: Cory Ritschard 276, Michael Morton 264, T. Golz 260, J. Pluss 255. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,098 and series 3,133. Standings: Golz Electric won 12 lost 2, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 9-5, Glenn Ann Holsteins 7-7, Irv's Masonry 7-7, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 5-9, Attica Bar 2-12.

Saturday Morning Juniors—Cardinals

2/12—High series—boys: Parker VanderPal 628, Avery Rufer 455, Tyrin Foster 452, Dawson Blum 447, Trenton Murray 343, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 316. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 246, A. Rufer 199, T. Foster 185, D. Blum 168, A. Ramirez-Vogel 131, T. Murray 124. High series—girls: Zoe Krattiger 508, Seaira Foster 418, Kylee Wahler 412, Taylor Sauer 406, Grace Gold 363, Harper Krattiger 349. High games—girls: Z. Krattiger 199, S. Foster 159, Grace Gold 150, K. Wahler 150, T. Sauer 144, H. Krattiger 122.

Early Rollers—Cardinals

2/12—High games: Henry Johnson 106, Amelia Fenwick 68.

Saturday Morning Youth—Cardinals

2/12—High series: Rowan Krattiger 181, Reese Popanz 149, Carter Fenwick 62, Lilly Johnson 64. High games: R. Krattiger 113, R. Popanz 97, C. Fenwick 35, L. Johnson 52.

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By Sarah Carpenter, Outreach Librarian

We have exciting news! Book Club is making its big return in the form of 'All Booked Up!' led by Albany School District Reading Specialist, Melissa Everson. The first selection is 'Away' by Amy Bloom and is available now for checkout; it's also available on audiobook through the Libby app for free with your library card. Please call or stop in today to sign-up and secure your spot, as the group will be limited to ten participants to start.

If you've stopped by lately, you

may have received a flyer about Broadband in Green County. If you haven't already, we encourage you to take the Broadband Speedtest at www.greencountywi.org/397/ Broadband-Resources to help ensure everyone in Green County has quality access to Internet. The information collected from this speedtest is used to aid the Green County Broadband Committee to work with Internet providers and possibly apply for federal and state grants. Your address is NOT stored when you take the test, just a general location of where the test was performed. If you do not have Internet access, your input is still important. The library computers are available for you to come and report No Available Service so that you can still be counted. Thank you for helping ensure that everyone in Green County has Internet access!



Internationally Renowned Judging Team to Evaluate Over 2,900 Entries at 2022 World Championship Cheese Contest

Less than a month remains until dozens of highly qualified judges from around the world gather in Madison, Wisconsin for the 2022 World Championship Cheese Contest. From March 1-3, the group of 53 international experts will evaluate 2,919 dairy product entries, selecting the best in each class - and the 2022 World Champion.

This year's judging team includes cheese graders, cheese buyers, dairy science professors, and researchers with more than 700 combined years of experience in the dairy processing industry. They hail from 16 countries and 13 U.S. states.

"The skill, expertise, and knowl-

edge of our Contest judges are part of what make this competition so unique," said Kirsten Strohmenger of the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association, host of the biennial event. "Their precise, rigorous evaluation adds meaning and value to the golden Contest seal consumers see on the store shelf, helping to boost sales and drive interest in the winning companies."

Under the leadership of Chief Judge Jim Mueller, Chief Judges Emeritus Bill Schlinsog and Bob Aschebrock, and Assistant Chief Judges Tim Czmowski, Stan Dietsche, Josef Hubatschek, Mariana Marques de Almeida, and Sandy

Toney, the judges will calculate a precise score for each cheese, butter product, yogurt, and dry dairy ingredient entered in the Contest. Products are evaluated on a variety of attributes including flavor, body, texture, salt, color, finish, packaging, and others.

Gold, silver, and bronze medals are awarded to the three highest scoring entries in each of this year's 141 distinct classes. The World Champion Cheese will be announced live online at WorldChampionCheese.org at 2 p.m. (CT) Thursday, March 3.





(Starting March 1st hours: Tuesday - Sunday 6 am - 2 pm)

LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Feb. 17: chicken Alfredo, breadstick, fruit.

Fri., Feb. 18, cheese dunkers, marinara sauce, carrot sticks and ranch.

Mon., Feb. 21, no school.

Tues., Feb. 22, hot dog, baked beans, Sun Chips. Wed., Feb. 23, pizza, corn.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed., Feb. 16, early release 2:37 p.m.; Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:30-7 p.m.; Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.; adult open gym, 7 p.m.; adult volleyball, 7 p.m. elementary school gym.

Thurs., Feb. 17, girls' basketball at Juda, varsity only, 7 p.m.

Sat., Feb. 19, Solo Ensemble.

Sun., Feb. 20, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.

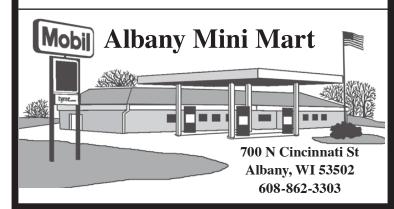
Mon., Feb. 21-Fri., Feb. 25: FFA Week.

Mon., Feb. 21, virtual Bingo night, boys' basketball at Madison Country Day, 6 p.m. Tues., Feb. 22, midterm progress reports.

Wed., Feb. 23, early release 2:37 p.m.; Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.; adult open gym, 7 p.m.; adult volleyball, 7 p.m. elementary school gym.

High school softball open gym in Juda Sundays 1-3 p.m. February 20th, and 27th. Students need to sign up with Coach Briggs if you are planning on riding the school van on these days.

The Albany Child Find will be held this year on Thursday, March 10 from 1:30 to 6:30 p.m., and Friday, March 11, from 8:30 to 11 a.m. at Albany Elementary School, 309 Vinton Street, Albany, in the four-year old kindergarten room. During the screening process, families will have the opportunity to get information on their child's development and have the chance to sign-up for the Four-Year Old Kindergarten Program for the fall. This program is open to all children who reside in the Albany School District who are or will turn four years old by September 1, 2022. Please call 608-62-3225 to set up a time for screening if you have a child who is four years of age or younger. Children who will not be four before September 1, 2022 are encouraged to join them for screening as they can provide additional services if necessary, as well as provide a chance to talk to the County Birth to Three Program. Please be ready to give the child's name, date of birth, and phone number when you call to set up an appointment. Thank you and see you at our screening!



Upcoming Programs for Community Gardeners

Get your calendar and join us for this three-part series about how you can make your community garden plot succeed this year! Gardening in a community garden has its own challenges in addition to those that every gardener faces. In each of these programs, you will learn strategies you can use to improve the health and productivity of your community garden plot for the upcoming growing season.

- •These free programs will be in-person. No pre-registration required.
- •Please note: Visitors to County facilities will be required to wear masks.

Gardening in Community Gardens: Part 1-Planning—March 1, 5:30 p.m.

Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center, 1717 Center Ave., Janesville It is a perfect time to start planning! We will discuss crop rotation, succession planting, cool and warm season crops and more.

Gardening in Community Gardens: Part 2-Get Ready and Grow—April 19, 5:30 p.m.

Daniel Hale Williams Resource Center, 1717 Center Ave., Janesville Let's talk about proper planting techniques, weed control and soil health.

Gardening in Community Gardens: Part 3-Insect and Disease Management—June 14, 5:30 p.m.

Rock County Community Garden, Hwy 14, Janesville

Learn how you can help reduce insect and disease problems without chemicals.

Programs presented by Julie Hill, Horticulture Outreach Specialist, UW-Madison Division of Extension Rock County in collaboration with the Rock County Land Conservation Department.

Please contact Julie Hill at julie.hill@wisc.edu OR Ashley Roscoe at ashley.roscoe@co.rock.wi.us with any questions.

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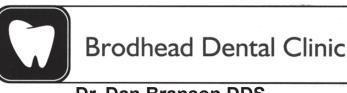
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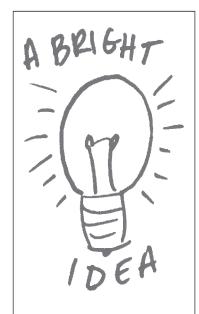
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At approximately 7:27 a.m., Sunday, deputies responded to the W3500 block of State Highway 11, Town of Sylvester, for a report of a vehicle in the ditch. The driver was identified as Victoria MA Streuly, 18, of Brodhead, who was westbound on State Highway 11 when she lost control of the vehicle. Streuly denied injury, reported wearing her seat belt, and no airbag deployment. Streuly's vehicle sustained functional damage and was removed from the ditch.



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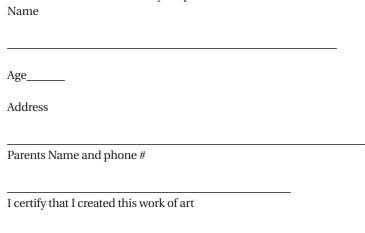
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All you have to do is send an 8x10 picture by Monday, February 21, to Denessa Jones at the Pearl Island Bed and Breakfast, 905 10th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520 to enter. The Optimists will then judge all pictures together, taking the age of the artist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

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Lavender cart brings healing and comfort to staff at SSM Health

Draw inspiration from a new resource that gives staff opportunities to de-stress

In a time when mental, emotional and physical well-being are at the forefront of our intentions, a new resource is available to give staff opportunities to de-stress at SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Monroe Clinic Medical Group.

The lavender cart, having received its name from the healing and relaxation that the color is associated with, promotes well-being by encouraging staff to take a 'time-out' from a stressful day and provide care for themselves. The mobile unit is a beautifully revitalized dresser on wheels that can be easily taken to individual departments. It was customized during refinishing

to allow for ample space for selfcare items such as massagers, aromatherapy, relaxing sound therapy machine, comfort foods and beverages, coloring pages, chocolate therapy, relaxation activities and more. A binder filled with reflections, prayers, meditations and debriefing outlines are also resources found on the lavender cart.

There is not a limit for how long the lavender cart can be reserved for. This gives departments the option to keep it overnight to assume pm shift workers get to enjoy the cart as well.

The cart has successfully benefitted a few departments already. Recently SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group's Phlebotomy Team checked out the lavender cart.

"The team really enjoyed the lavender cart, from the oils to the uplifting and thoughtful quotes," shared Paige Heinke, Phlebotomy Manager. "In fact, one team member is still carrying one of the messages in her badge holder, it is so meaningful to her."

The concept of added initiatives for treating staff came from an Accelerated Improvement Workshop run by Chelsea Hardacre, SSM Health Monroe Vice President of Patient Care. A small committee began to formulate a plan to positively impact employee well-being items at SSM Health Monroe and a proposal to establish a lavender cart was submitted.

Around the same time, an anonymous employee donation of \$3,000



to the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation was received with the purpose of providing well-being efforts to staff. The connection of the donation to the lavender cart proposal was made and pieces began falling in place to make it a reality.

To make the lavender cart accessible to all SSM Health Monroe employees, lavender cart items are available to put in baskets for branches by following a similar checkout process as the full cart. Also, new in the coming weeks will be 'lavender bags' that can be ordered for remote staff. These bags will include something sweet and salty to eat, chocolate therapy, a

blessing card, aromatherapy and a resource guide with stretching exercises, sound therapy links, employee resource information, humor, prayer and suggested moments of reflection.

"This cart is merely a small token of our greater appreciation of all that they do. We need to care for the caregivers and remind them to care for themselves as well. Truly what they are doing is living our Mission and carrying on the great work our sisters began and entrusted us to do," described Linda O'Leary, SSM Health Monroe Hospital Spiritual Care Manager and Mission Action Team Member.



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