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Kalena Riemer's "Music and Fashion Through the Ages" at Historical Society meeting

The Knight Addition of the Brodhead Depot Museum was packed with viewers for the Monday, March 25 presentation of "Music and Fashion Through the Ages". With several costume changes, using clothing from the museum archives, Kalena Riemer's show highlighted songs from several decades and included a timeline of Brodhead history. The show was presented by Kalena for her senior project for Brodhead High School. She was assisted by Josie Picard, Bethany Woodward, Erik Woodward, Anton Pfeffer, Bryce Riemer and Paul Roemer.



Here is Josie Picard in a wedding dress from 1945, worn by Brodhead resident Louise Roenneburg.



Josie Picard, Bethany Woodward, Kalena Riemer, and Erik Woodward



Josie Picard, Bethany Woodward, Kalena Riemer, Erik Woodward, Bryce Riemer. Seated: Anton Pfeffer and Paul Roemer.



Gary Sutherland, on behalf of the Green County Conservation League, presented a check for \$500 to Casey Jones for the Brodhead Optimist Club.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital to Host Advance Directives Workshop

Receive free help on completing your Healthcare Power of Attorney Form

Are your loved ones prepared? Completing a Healthcare Power of Attorney (HPOA) document is one of the most important things a person can do to ensure that wishes regarding their health are followed.

To help provide important education on the topic, answer questions, and assist with completing HPOA forms, SSM Health Monroe Hospital will be hosting a FREE Advance Directives Workshop at SSM Health Monroe Hospital, 515 22nd Avenue, Monroe, on Tuesday, April 16.

The workshop will run in the Café Conference Rooms, Hospital second floor, from 3-7 p.m. A formal presentation on the purpose and content of the HPOA will begin at 3 p.m., 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m.

HPOA forms allow a representative to make medical decisions when a patient is unable to understand or state their wishes. They also help define what level of care and lifesaving measures should be taken under different situations.

Giving HPOA to loved ones allows them to speak on the patient's behalf, without guilt or concerns that the "wrong decisions" are being made.

SSM Health employees will be available during the workshop to walk attendees through completing their own HPOA form for both Illinois and Wisconsin after the presentations, as well as provide witness signatures.

Registration for this workshop is not required. Attendees should come with phone numbers and addresses of the individuals they intend to designate as HPOA representatives. Multiple individuals can be listed in priority order and must be at least 18 years old.

Please call 608-324-1466 with any questions.

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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 position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OBITUARIES



Ronald L. Colden

Ronald L. Colden, age 76, of Brodhead, passed away on March 24, 2024 at the Pleasant View Nursing Home in Monroe, Wisconsin.

Ronald was born on April 14, 1947 in Monroe, the son of Julian and Iva (Jones) Colden. He married Beth Olson on May 26, 1973 in Brodhead.

Ronald and Beth lived for many years in Sauk Prairie. He worked and retired as the meat manager at Sentry Foods in Sauk Prairie, Wisconsin. After his wife passed away in 2011, Ronald moved to Brodhead in 2012 to be closer to his family. Ronald enjoyed sitting in his recliner and watching TV and was an avid Wisconsin sports fan.

Ronald is survived by his daughter, Carrie (Ben) Campana and their two sons: Tim Zagar and Sam Campana; two siblings: Bev Torkelson and Gary (Lou) Colden and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Ronald was preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Beth in 2011.

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 Friday, March 29, at 10 a.m. A visitation was also held at the funeral home from 9 a.m. until the time of services. Burial concluded at the Greenwood Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

About the Durand Library

Public library hours are 9 a.m. until noon every Saturday and are maintained by the Friends of the Durand Library. All residents of the school district have check out privileges as well as access to Interlibrary Loans. Entry is at the east or playground end of the school building, just follow the signs along the wide paved walkway.

For more information about this program or library services, please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602. Visit our Facebook page for current information, Facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary.

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James P. Mair

James P. Mair, age 72, of Garland, Texas, passed away January 17, 2024 at a Hospice Care facility in Dallas, Texas. He was formerly from Footville/Janesville area. James was born March 14, 1951 to Ronald and Gale Mair. He was a graduate of Parkview High School, class of 1969.

James is survived, and going to be missed forever by his family. Sisters: Judy (Dale) Wenger of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin, and Ronda Mair, of Reedsburg, Wisconsin; brother, Jeff (Lynn) Mair of Gratiot, Wisconsin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He will especially be missed by his beloved buddy and companion, Tanner. Jim is preceded in death by his parents, and sister, Carol Mair.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, April 6, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the American Legion in Orfordville. A luncheon will be provided.

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Friday, 5 p.m.**

Brodhead Outdoor Market

The Brodhead United Methodist Church is hosting an outdoor market for local farmers, crafters, food trucks, and other vendors on Thursdays from 4:30-7 p.m. The summer market will begin on Thursday, June 6th, running until Thursday, September 26th (except Thursday, July 4th). Vendors will also have access to a special indoor winter market on December 12, 2024. The market will be in the parking lot of the Brodhead United Methodist Church, 501 1st Center Avenue/Hwy 11. According to a 2019 Brodhead Market Analysis, nearly 8,000 cars travel through Brodhead daily on Hwy 11.

Space is available, either for the entire season or individual dates. Contact the Church office at office@brodheadumc.org or 608-897-2515 for details.

The Brodhead United Methodist Church is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

Congregational UCC's Annual Spring Fish Boil

The Brodhead Congregational United Church of Christ will be having their Annual Spring Fish Boil on Saturday, April 20th from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The UCC located at E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, will serve their always delicious menu which includes: boiled cod, potatoes, carrots, onions, coleslaw, rolls and butter, dessert and a variety of beverages. They will also offer take-out meals.

Ticket cost is \$18 for full meal. Buy on or before noon on Friday, April 19th and receive \$2 off cost. Tickets on sale now! Available from any church member or by stopping in the church office between 10 a.m. and noon, Monday-Friday.

Saturday Mornings at the Library
The Lower Sugar River Watershed

Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

The Durand Library is very pleased to have Susan Lehnhardt, senior ecologist at Three Waters Reserve, speak with us Saturday, April 13 at 10 a.m. about the lower Sugar River watershed and the water resources in the northwest part of Winnebago County. Lake Summerset, Laona, Harrison and Durand Townships as well as the Village of Durand are all in that watershed.

Susan is a tireless advocate for the protection of water resources and several years ago spearheaded the formation of the Lower Sugar River Watershed Association. She will discuss the watershed of the lower Sugar River and the sub watersheds, which flow into it and help us understand why and how we must protect the many creeks and rivers which flow through our area.


The local creeks, the north and south branches of Otter Creek, join the Sugar River, which then joins the Pecatonica River which itself joins the Rockford River. After joining the Kishwaukee, the Rockford River flows to the Mississippi River and those waters travel all the way to the Gulf of Mexico, nearly 1,000 miles away, carrying nutrient pollution with it.

Understanding that each sub watershed flows into the Sugar River gives one a clear picture of how critical it is for all of us to protect the natural resources under our stewardship. Will a bottle with a message in it reach the Gulf of Mexico? Perhaps not, as it may get lodged in some vegetation along the bank. But it is certain that the water itself will get there and carry with it any nutrients and pollutants, which it may have picked up from our yards and agricultural fields.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come to the library Saturday, April 13 to learn more about the watershed in which we live, the creeks which drain into it, and the importance of keeping those waters clean and healthy.


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Brodhead hosted McFarland in a non-conference home opener last Thursday. The score was tied, 1-1, at the bottom of the fifth. Evan Senobe started on the mound and Clayton Elliott closed, taking the 1-3 loss. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Max Pinnow tags the McFarland runner for the out at first base. This week Tuesday the boys hosted Whitewater and travel to Delavan Darien on Thursday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brodhead Jaycees held their annual Easter egg hunt at the arboretum. These volunteers were assisting with “bunny security” during the event. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Thank you

By Aaron Guilbault

A heartfelt THANKYOU from the Brodhead-Juda High School Baseball Program to all of our Brodhead Youth Baseball Camp Sponsors! On Saturday, March 23, we had the largest camp we’ve ever done. Thank you to the parents for their support, and the community involvement!

We could not put on the camp we do without partners like Exit Realty, Brodhead Dental, 608 The Factory, Piggly Wiggly, Metal Coating Specialists, Anytime Fitness, Local 583 Firefighters, Jeremy Pinnow and Associates, Kobussen, Pinnow Hometown Pharmacy, Bank of Brodhead, Bank of New Glarus, and Junior Cardinal Baseball, Inc. and last but not least Decatur Dairy for sponsoring our lunch for all of the campers and coaches!



Wesley Burton was one of 200 plus kids looking for eggs. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Cardinal softball had their home opener last week hosting Whitewater. With the score tied 0-0, bottom of the seventh, freshman Leah Rear hit a double for Brodhead. Sophia Leitzen, pictured here in this file photo, hit a hard ground ball up the middle to bring Rear home to beat the Whippets 1-0. Junior Ava Risum pitched a no-hitter. The Cardinals expect to have a target on their back as they are the 2023 State Champs. This week they hosted Monroe on Tuesday, Friday they are scheduled to travel to River Valley whom they knocked out of the playoffs in the 2023 sectional final. (Free Press file photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Boys’ basketball award winners

From left to right: Gunner Boegli—Most Improved Player; Cullen Walker—Most Valuable Player, Second Team All Conference; Gabe Bockhop—Honorable Mention All Conference; Brody Riese—Honorable Mention All Conference; and Jaxon Dooley—Second Team All Conference.



Quinn Carvalho finds success in hunting for eggs at the JC egg hunt. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Governor Evers Signs Bill Dedicating the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway with Bipartisan Legislators and Local Leaders in Orfordville

Monday, March 25, Governor Tony Evers signed into law 2023 Act 215 which designates Highway 11 between Orfordville and Footville as the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway. After graduating from Parkview High School in 2009, Corporal Benjamin Neal joined the U.S. Army and was on his second deployment when he was killed in action in Afghanistan's Kandahar Province on April 25, 2012. The Governor signed Act 215 in Corporal Neal's hometown of Orfordville at Well-Davis-Young-Neal American Legion Post 209.



Bipartisan authors of the legislation designating the highway in Corporal Neal's honor, and local members of American Legion Post 209 in Orfordville, attended the Governor's signing of Act 215 and stated:

Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit): "I thank Governor Evers for signing Act 215 here in Orfordville with Corporal Neal's parents Don and Trisha and the Orfordville community. I am grateful to the bipartisan coalition of legislators and advocates who worked together to make today a reality. I would particularly like to thank Post Commander

Kurt Stuvengen, the members of Wells-Davis-Young-Neal American Legion Post 209 in Orfordville, Bill Fitters and the American Legion Riders, and the American Legion Department of Wisconsin for their longtime and dedicated advocacy."

Representative Ellen Schutt (R-Clinton): "Corporal Benjamin H. Neal was a true American hero, giving up his life to serve his country. I am grateful that Highway 11 between Footville and Orfordville will display his name to honor his service and sacrifice."

Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit): "It was great to have Governor Evers in Orfordville to sign Act 215 into law. Renaming a section of Highway 11 after Corporal Benjamin Neal is long overdue. Corporal Neal paid the ultimate sacrifice defending our country. His military honors include the Purple Heart, NATO Medal, the Bronze Star, the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with Campaign Stars, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon. I sincerely appreciate everyone who worked hard to get this done."

Kurt Stuvengen, Post Commander of American Legion Post 209: "It has been a long emotional road to get this accomplished. I watched Ben grow from a young boy to the warrior and hero he became. He is highly deserving to be remembered in this way by his fellow Wisconsinites. Regardless of how you feel about the military or their missions around the globe, 'Remember the warrior if not the war.'"

Bill Fitters, Officer of the American Legion Riders of District 1: "The American Legion Riders of District 1 from Post 209 wanted to ensure that no one ever forgot Corporal Benjamin H. Neal's sacrifice for our country. For the Riders, seeing Ben's name as we are heading out or returning reminds us of the importance of our mission."



Governor Tony Evers signs 2023 Act 215, designating the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway.



Governor Tony Evers speaks to Don and Trisha Neal, Corporal Neal's parents, after signing 2023 Act 215.

GCDC Announces Award Recipients

With record breaking attendance, Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) held their Annual Dinner and Awards on Thursday, March 21st at Turner Hall in Monroe. Attendees celebrated outstanding community and business leaders and included a presentation from Keynote speaker Missy Hughes from Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

GCDC Executive Director, Olivia Otte welcomed over 200 people, revisited accomplishments of 2023, and recognized the 18 nominees from the three award categories. Otte also shared her vision for 2024, noting that Green County is what opportunity looks like!

Awards presentations followed for Outstanding Large and Small Business of the Year, Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, and the Richard B. Schmied Leadership Award. The Outstanding Business of the Year, recognizes existing businesses that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to the county's economic growth through innovation, job creation, new investment, and/or extraordinary long-time interest in supporting other business.

The Outstanding Large Business of the Year was presented to Precision Drive & Control (PDC). PDC, a 100% employee-owned company based in Monroe was recognized for its commitment to Green County through business reach, employee growth and participation in local events. PDC has also recently been recognized by trade groups earning varied distinguished awards and recognition, representing the pride of the PDC employee-owners.

The Outstanding Small Business of the Year was presented to Dirty Dog Taphaus owners Leah Hansen-Kube and Keith Kube. The New Glarus business was recognized for making significant contributions to the economic growth and vibrancy of Green County through their innovative approach, dedication to the community, and commitment to excellence.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award honors an entrepreneur who leads the way for the business, demonstrating a growth mindset, a strong work ethic, a willingness to learn and find solutions to challenges, and a hunger for opportunity. This year's award was presented to Joey and Jordyn VanMatre. The VanMatre's were identified as exemplifying the true definition of entrepreneur by taking risks and giving back to their community. Together they own TruHome/Bath Planet, Sweet Serendipity, Smokin' Joe's, Iron Haus, Cheese Country Rentals, and Safe and Sound Securities. Joe is also an agent with Advantage Real Estate Group. They were major donors for the Monroe Splash Pad and give donations monthly to non-profit organizations.

The Richard B. Schmied Leadership Award commemorates Richard B. Schmied, a former New Glarus resident and business owner, remembered for the characteristics of selfless leadership he exhibited, and exemplifies the character of a true leader. This year's recipient was pre-



Guys and Dolls present Wisconsin Singers

"Guys and Dolls," a collaborated group of high school students from Brodhead, Juda, and Parkview, so far have raised \$3,350 from the generosity of our communities!!! Thank you all who have helped with this. They still need to raise \$1,650 for Wisconsin Singers to come to Brodhead in order for all ticket proceeds to go towards "Guys and Dolls". There is no set sponsor fee, whatever amount you feel comfortable donating is appreciated. They will be performing at Brodhead High School Gymnasium at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 13th.

Please make checks payable to Brodhead High School Show Choir. Mailed donations can be sent to: Brodhead High School, 2501 W. 5th Ave, Brodhead, WI 53520

Tickets can be purchased at the Brodhead High School office. \$15/adult, \$10/youth and 65+, three and under are Free.

Please email Niteal Pinnow, Show Choir Director, at npinnow@brodhead.k12.wi.us with any questions.



Brodhead Middle School is honoring "Savvy" Sixth- Graders for the third quarter!

These students were chosen for their positive leadership while at school. Thank you for being kind and working hard at BMS.

Pictured, left to right, back row: Cullen Risum, Nicole Cuevas, Reese Popanz, Aspen Moore; front row: Molly Arn and Grayson Wallin.



sented to Chad Kundert of Kundert Construction. Chad was nominated for his commitment to the success and well-being of his customers, employees, and company. His leadership style is characterized by empathy, mentorship, and a genuine interest in the professional and personal growth of each team member. In addition, Chad actively engages in initiatives that benefit the community, demonstrating a sense of responsibility beyond the bottom line.

GCDC is proud to recognize all nominees and honor the commitment and dedication it takes to run a successful business and give back to their communities. The mission of GCDC is to promote and encourage economic growth while maintaining the quality of life that makes Green County, Wisconsin a great place to live and work. As a non-profit organization they are building the economic future of Green County communities and businesses through public-private partnerships.

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The Green County Humane Society Celebrates One-Year-Long Wait Come to an End for Devona, an Adorable Canine

It has been a long wait for Devona, the adorable dog who has been under the care of the Green County Humane Society for almost an entire year. But now, the wait is over, as she has finally found her forever home.

Devona, a mixed-breed dog, wasn't thriving in the shelter environment, which was making it hard for potential families to see her true, sweet demeanor. Using funds specifically set aside for animal care and enrichment, the Humane Society sent her to training with Cortney Gilbertson of Memphis and Co. Dog Training, a home-based environment with clarity, structure, and consistency. For two weeks, Devona and Cortney established a trusting relationship full of understanding.

"Because of the trust we built I was able to work on her confidence with other dogs. The Devona I saw at my house compared to the dog at the Humane Society was a night and day difference. Instead of the hyper and hard-to-manage dog, she became a level-headed, calm, and obedient dog who was eager to please and learn," said the owner of Memphis and Co.

The Operations Manager at the Green County Humane Society is thrilled that Devona has found her forever home. She expressed her gratitude to Memphis and Co. for helping Devona become more adoptable.

"We're so proud of Devona and the progress she's made. It's been a long journey, but we're thrilled that she's found her forever home. We're grateful to our local partners at Memphis and Co. Dog Training and Fitness Nutrition Center (Devona's sponsor) for helping us make Devona more adoptable," said the Operations Director at the Green County Humane Society.

Devona's new family is excited to welcome her home and give her all the love and care she deserves.

Cortney (Memphis and Co.) commented, "Everywhere we went, she was so excited to greet people. I knew when we found the right person, she was going to make a wonderful family pet. When GCHS set up her meeting with Trae she leaped into his arms and was glued to him."

Her new owner Trae Seffrood, was visited by Cortney the day after her adoption where Devona was content, calm and not leaving Trae's side. It was clear she had found her forever home.

The Green County Humane Society encourages everyone to adopt a pet in need of a good home and give them the love and care they deserve.

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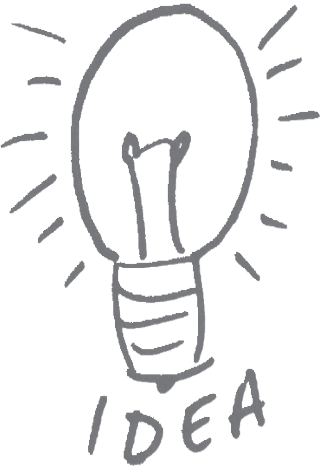
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Green County 4-H Youth Participate in Communications Contest

Green County 4-H held its annual Communications Contest on Sunday, February 4 at the Green County Justice Center. This contest was open to all countywide 4-H members in grades 5K through one year past high school. Presenting or speaking before a group or audience is an important life skill to develop. The goal of the Green County 4-H Communications Contest is to give 4-H youth an opportunity to develop and polish these skills in a supportive and encouraging environment. Youth were eligible to submit one entry in each of two divisions: Demonstration Division (individual or team demonstration); Speaking Division (prose/poetry or traditional speech). This year's participants were Mickaelynn Andrews (Washington Center), Benjamin Biank (New Glarus), Esther Biank (New Glarus), Jonathan Biank (New Glarus), Micah Biank (New Glarus), Parker Burnard (Dayton Dairylanders), Aubree Drake (Dayton Dairylanders), Brooklynn Drake (Dayton Dairylanders), Landon Hughes (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), Emily Kruse (Next Generation), Noah Kruse (Next Generation), Ayden McCoy (New Glarus), Ezekiel Ritschard (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), Carmen Strohecker (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), Mac Wand (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), and Eloise Zimmerman (Dayton Dairylanders). 4-H participants were evaluated and provided constructive feedback on their presentation, each receiving a certificate of participation and a participation ribbon (grades 5K-2) or ribbon placing (grades 3 through one year past high school). For more information about Green County 4-H, please visit green.extension.wisc.edu.



Top row, left to right: Parker Burnard (Dayton Dairylanders), Ayden McCoy (New Glarus), Mickaelynn Andrews (Washington Center), Mac Wand (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), Benjamin Biank (New Glarus), Esther Biank (New Glarus); middle row: Ezekiel Ritschard (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), Noah Kruse (Next Generation), Brooklynn Drake (Dayton Dairylanders), Eloise Zimmerman (Dayton Dairylanders), Carmen Strohecker-Hughes (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), Jonathan Biank (New Glarus); rottom row: Emily Kruse (Next Generation), Aubree Drake (Dayton Dairylanders), Landon Hughes (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), Micah Biank (New Glarus)



The Blackhawk Cruisers Car Club made a \$500 donation to the South Wayne Fire Department. The Car Club originated in the South Wayne/Gratiot area many years ago. This is the first annual donation that will be made to a local Fire/Rescue department in the Tri County Area. The Club members presenting the donation are Judy Trout and Barb Berget, along with Tara Breadon.

Monday Night Mixed League

3/25—High series: Trenton Sauer 704, Paul Wakeley 670, Denny Schultz 669, Ty Powell 669. High games: T. Sauer 259, D. Schultz 257, T. Powell 255. Deb's Bar-high team 1,060 and series 3,103. Standings: Deb's Bar won 39 lost 17, Fosters Gaming 39-17, Center Tavern 31-25, Broughton's Bar 27-29, Beloit Chiropractic 21-35, Albany Lanes 11-45.

Tuesday Shanigans

3/26—High series: Alexis Sies 541, Becky Riese 425, Barb Brugger 415, John Thill 631, Dennis Atkinson 583, Rick Clark 533. High games: A. Sies 224, B. Riese 162, Lisa Josephsen 144, J. Thill 258, D. Atkinson 219, R. Clark 198. Barely Upright-high team game 833 and series 2,377. Standings: Albany Lanes won 112 lost 49, Barely Upright 94-67, Boomtastic 4 92-69, Misfits 67-94, Greightful Dead 63-98, Sweet Mini HaHa 55-106.

Badger

3/26—High series: Ethan Pfueti 647, Keith Riese 640, Dave Sawdey 631, Craig Krueger 621, Megan Anderson 458, Jen Parrish 237. High games: C. Krueger 254, E. Pfueti 245, D. Sawdey 237, Randall Anderson 233, M. Anderson 190, J. Parrish 92. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 844. Renks-high team series 2,479. Standings: Pearl City Elevator won 39 lost 17, Counter Attack 32-24, Jim's Mechanic Shop 30-26, Renks 26-30, Decatur Dairy 26-30, Team 3 15-41.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

3/28—High series: Nancy Salzwedel 489, Becky Riese 430, Cindy Sheldon 422. High games: B. Riese 182, Laurie Thommen 177, N. Salzwedel 173. Mike's Flooing-high team game 591. Knutes-high team series 1,577. Standings: Knutes won 67 lost 38, Ball's Installation 67-38, Nolte's Garage 65-40, Mike's Flooring 60-45, Albany Lanes 48-57.

Thursday Night Mixed

3/28—High series: Erich Brandenburg 694, Rick Reed 689, Michael Morton 680, John Pluss 661. High games: M. Morton 300, R. Reed 266, E. Brandenburg 245, J. Pluss 244. Rosheisen Rappter-high team game 1,109 and series 3,053. Standings: Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 49 lost 14, Glenn Ann Holsteins 42-21, Rosheisen Rapper 35-28, Attica Bar 26-37, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 19-44, Golz Electric 18-45. _

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This close to Easter, we couldn't resist reading stories about eggs and then painting Easter Eggs! Thanks Jennifer McNeely for the pictures!



The image is a promotional graphic for Taylor Creek greenhouse. The top section features the business name 'Taylor Creek greenhouse' in a mix of black and green fonts, with a pink wavy line and three stylized flowers (blue, yellow, and yellow) above it. To the right, a blue box contains the phone number '608-897-4307' in white, followed by the address '16348 W. Gempler Rd. Brodhead, WI 53520'. Below the address, the hours are listed: 'Hours: Mon. - Sat. 8 a.m.-6 p.m. • Closed Sunday' and 'Closed Thursday, May 9 - Ascension Day'. A pink box at the bottom contains the text 'CASH OR CHECK ONLY'. The middle section lists various plants and services in two columns, separated by two stylized flower illustrations (yellow and blue). The bottom section features a pink banner with the text '1st Day Opening • Saturday, April 13. Visit Us!'.

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Three staff members are standing in a room, each holding a children's book. The woman on the left is wearing blue scrubs and glasses, holding two books. The woman in the center is wearing a grey shirt and dark pants, holding one book. The woman on the right is wearing a blue jacket and dark pants, holding one book. The books are colorful and feature various characters and scenes.

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group Pediatrics team members Dr. Katie Rebedew, Sarah Schroeder, RN, and Marissa Eaton, RN hold donated books for patients collected from their staff book drive at SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group.

**More than 900 books
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In less than a month, SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group's Pediatrics team collected 951 new or gently used children's books to give to pediatric patients at sick visits.

The book drive, open to staff at SSM Health, collected books at the clinic in Monroe, as well as other SSM Health Monroe Medical Group locations.

"We are so appreciative of everyone that donated books. We weren't sure what to expect, but this is well beyond anything we imagined," shared Amy Schultz, RN, and Manager of Monroe's Pediatrics team.

Teams will begin distributing the books soon.

Green County Humane Society Welcomes New Content Marketing Strategist to Their Team

Green County Humane Society is pleased to announce the appointment of their new Content Marketing Strategist, who will play a vital role in promoting the shelter's mission and increasing awareness about the organization. The new strategist will take on responsibilities such as promoting adoptions, increasing community engagement at the shelter and its events, as well as fundraising for donations.

The new position was filled by Monroe resident Ashley Curtis who said, "I'm excited to work with a passionate group of people dedicated to bettering the lives of the animals at Green County Humane Society. I can't wait to use my job as a way to contribute to the GCHS cause and hopefully make a difference in the organization and in the animals' lives as well."

With a passion for animals and a wealth of experience in content marketing, the new strategist is excited to join the Green County Humane Society team and make a positive impact on the lives of animals in need. The strategist's responsibilities will include creating and implementing content marketing strategies, developing engaging and informative content for the shelter's website and social media accounts, and collaborating with the team to plan and execute fundraising events.

"We are thrilled to welcome our new Content Marketing Strategist to the team. We believe that their experience and expertise in content marketing will help us reach a wider audience, bring attention to our mission, and ultimately help us provide better care for the animals in our shelter," said the shelter's Executive Director.

The new strategist will work closely with the shelter's staff and volunteers to ensure that the organization's message is clear and consistent across all channels. By shedding light on the shelter's mission, promoting adoption, and engaging the community, the Green County

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