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## Kids form a connection to nature through a hands-on activity and guided nature walk!

Looking to start a different kind of Easter tradition this year? Join Three Waters Reserve for a family-friendly afternoon of outdoor fun and learning on the reserve! Explore the nature trails while learning about conservation from ecologists, discover the first signs of spring, make (and plant!) your very own colorful 'seed eggs' on the prairie, and take one home to plant in your own backyard! Each budding naturalist will receive a map to mark the location of their seed egg so they can return year after year to check the progress. Refreshments will be served. The event will go on rain or shine so be sure to dress accordingly, and bring an umbrella!

This is a FREE EVENT but pre-registration is required. Consider making a donation at the door to support family outdoor fun at TWR and in our watershed.

### Featured Activity: Make Your Own Seed Eggs!

This hands-on activity allows kids to create colorful balls containing biodegradable paper, soil and different combinations of native plants and wildflower seeds. Each seed slurry is designed to flourish in a specific habitat, providing a fun opportunity to learn about the variety in our local ecosystem. Budding naturalists can plant their seed eggs on the reserve and take one for home!

## Brodhead Community Blood Drive

The Brodhead Community Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, April 16, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead.

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

Spring into action: come give blood April 8-28 for a \$10 e-gift card to a merchant of your choice. Plus automatically be entered for a chance to win a \$7,000 gift card, there will be two lucky winners. Terms apply: [rcblood.org/spring](http://rcblood.org/spring).

## Brodhead Community Gardens meeting Wednesday, April 24

Interested in growing your own food? Do you have limited or no space for a garden where you live? Would you like to have fresh beans in July, tomatoes in August and butternut squash for dinner in October? Then you are a candidate to join the Brodhead Community Gardens. There is an acre of land available behind Gasser True Value for community residents to have their own garden plot to grow what they wish. The spaces are approximately 20x25 or roughly 500 square feet. You may reserve up to two sections per family and you may keep your same plot year after year. Participants are asked to use limited amounts of fertilizer, use organic herbicides and insecticides, and clean up their space by November 1. All vegetables are the property of the grower and gardens will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., daylight hours, during the summer months for planting, weeding and harvesting. If you have never had a garden before experienced gardeners will be available to help you get started. There will be water available on site.

They will hold an in-person meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 7 p.m. at the Congregational United Church of Christ, across from the gardens. You can also sign up on Saturday morning, April 27, at 9 a.m. at the Community Garden site. Both meetings are open to existing Community Garden members and those wishing to get a garden plot for the first time. Because of an expected increase in expenses this year they are charging \$20/plot. They will be making plans for the coming year and receiving payment and assigning plots.

Compost will be available by late-April if you want to apply it before the gardens are tilled. Tilling is based on temperature and ground conditions but is usually done by the first week in May. Please do not plant anything until the tilling is done. For more information you may call Tiff Bates at 608-684-0012. Please do not call Gasser Hardware. Happy gardening!

Community Garden members who had plots from last year may sign up by sending a check to Dennis Singstock, 2725 S. State Road 213, Orfordville, WI 53576. Please make your check payable to the Brodhead Community Gardens. Please reserve your plots by Wednesday, May 1. If you are planning not to garden this year and release your garden to someone else, please send a note to Dennis or call Tiff at 608-684-0012.

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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 wor-  
ship 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@beth-  
lehembrodhead.org. Website: www.beth-  
lehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person  
worship with Communion at 9 a.m. On-  
line worship option via Facebook—Beth-  
lehem 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. Sun-  
days: 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 Tues-  
day 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.

Congregational  
UCC's Annual  
Spring Fish Boil

The Brodhead Congregational  
United Church of Christ will be hav-  
ing 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 in-  
cludes: boiled cod, potatoes, car-  
rots, onions, coleslaw, rolls and  
butter, dessert and a variety of bev-  
erages. They will also offer take-out  
meals.

Ticket cost is \$18 for full meal.  
Buy on or before noon on Friday,  
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Living Word Church, 3825 S. County  
Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pas-  
tor 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; Sun-  
day 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. Wor-  
ship 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 Administra-  
tor. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on  
the first Sunday of the month at noon.

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


Brodhead  
Outdoor  
Market

The Brodhead United Methodist  
Church is hosting an outdoor mar-  
ket for local farmers, crafters, food  
trucks, and other vendors on Thurs-  
days from 4:30-7 p.m. The summer  
market will begin on Thursday, June  
6th, running until Thursday, Sep-  
tember 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 Brod-  
head United Methodist Church,  
501 1st Center Avenue/Hwy 11. Ac-  
cording 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 Sun-  
days at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

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*The Day You Went Away*  
*They say that times a healer*  
*But as the time goes on,*  
*We seem to find it just as hard*  
*To face the fact that you're gone.*

*And today it's the anniversary*  
*Of the day that you went away,*  
*And we're standing here*  
*at your graveside*  
*And believe us when we say,*

*You'll never be forgotten*  
*And every year we shed a tear,*  
*But it's only because*  
*We Love You*  
*And wish you were still here.*

*Deeply missed by your*  
*loving family ~*  
*Shirley, Mike & Jen, Wendy,*  
*Dillon, Dustin, Brendan.*

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cheon on Wednesday, April 17, at  
noon. The cost is \$15 for the meal.  
The luncheon will be held at Hope  
Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th  
Street, Monroe.

The guest speaker will be Linda  
Berg, of Superior, Wisconsin., will  
present "Becoming An Author  
Wasn't My Plan. She shares how she  
was helped after suddenly becom-  
ing a widow. The local spotlight will  
be Sunrise Donut Café, Kevin Visel.

Reservations are due by Friday,  
April 12, by calling Chris at 608-  
558-3283 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or  
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tion@gmail.com.



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Technology continues to advance and improve, making difficult things  
easier and complicated things simpler. As a rule, we Americans tend to em-  
brace new things if they make our lives easier or help us live longer. We are  
also quick to embrace technology that keeps us entertained. In fact, most of  
the technology we choose to incorporate into our lives either entertains us  
directly, or promises to reduce our workload so we can have more time to  
be entertained.

Along the way, we've become vulnerable to more deceptive technological  
advances—the kind that makes lies seem true, and fake things seem real.  
It's getting more and more difficult to tell the difference between the two,  
thanks to advances in computer-generated images, stories, and other com-  
munications. That makes it more challenging to determine what we think or  
believe about a given issue, how we react to information, or which candidate  
we support. Finding reliable sources of information is far more difficult than  
it was even 20 years ago, and will only get more difficult in the future.

The good news is, we already have the necessary armor to shield our-  
selves against the onslaught of misinformation. God gave us brains. We  
need to wake them back up.

We need a thinking revolution — a cultural shift where we value intelli-  
gence again. As Americans, we have surrendered the ability to think for our-  
selves and discuss our thoughts with each other. We rely on opinionators  
and influencers to tell us what and who to believe, and they're making really  
good money doing it. Meanwhile we're finding ourselves more and more  
divided into camps, based on who we believe is telling us the truth.

In the Bible, Jesus tells his followers that the greatest command-  
ment is to love God not only with our whole heart and soul, but also our  
whole mind (Mark 12:30). God designed us with the ability to think complex  
thoughts. Our ability to rationally consider and incorporate or reject com-  
plex information is what separates us from other animals.

A properly equipped mind is constantly cultivating the information it ac-  
cepts, because this gift from God deserves only the very best input from the  
world. It is slower to slip into anxiety, because it has cultivated a healthy and  
well-informed worldview.

As part of this process, consider asking the following questions when you  
are receiving information from another source:

•What is fact, and what is opinion? Facts are verifiable, observable, and  
unemotional—they are just things that happened, or things that exist. Opin-  
ions appeal to emotions, and are always someone's reaction to facts. Find  
and consider the facts to reach your own opinions.

•What aren't they telling me? There is always more to the story. Be ridicu-  
lously curious.

•Do I have to care about this? Opinionators and influencers want you to  
care about everything. But emotionally, you just can't. God wants you to fo-  
cus on the areas within your reasonable ministry influence.

Finally, find time to unplug from the onslaught of information you're re-  
ceiving. Spend some time listening to the robin's soprano song, or the frog's  
throaty grunt. They have a message to proclaim too, my friends. Frankly,  
their messages are probably more important anyway.

Moore  
Cemetery  
Association  
meeting

St. Paul of  
Epleyanna  
annual garage  
sale

The Moore Cemetery Associa-  
tion Annual Meeting will be held on  
Thursday, April 11, at 7 p.m. at the  
home of George Crooks, rural Brod-  
head.

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St. Paul Church of Epleyanna is  
having its Annual Garage Sale on  
Friday, April 12th from 8 a.m.—4  
p.m., and Saturday, April 13th from  
8 a.m.—noon. There will be some-  
thing for everyone!

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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

A softball organizational meeting for Sunday Night Church league has been set for Wednesday, April 10th at 6 p.m. at City Hall. All managers must be there or at least a team representative must be present to guarantee a spot in the league. If you are interested in entering a team or have any questions regarding the league, please call Domanic Wiegel at the Parks and Recreation Office at 608-897-2159.

### MENS SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

A softball organizational meeting for the Tuesday Night, 25 and Over league has been set for Wednesday, April 10th at City Hall beginning at 6:45 p.m. All managers must be there or at least a team representative. If you are interested in getting a team in the league or have any questions, please call Domanic Wiegel at the Parks and Recreation Office at 608-897-2159.

### ATTENTION ADULT SOFTBALL TEAMS

If you are interested in getting a team in the Sunday Night Church Coed League, Tuesday Night Men's Master's League or would like to play on a team, call Domanic at the Park and Rec Office at 608-897-2159 ext.9. Leagues will begin in May.



## Brodhead UMC Hosts Chicken Dinner and Christian Concert

The Brodhead United Methodist Men are inviting the public to a chicken dinner and Christian concert on Friday, April 12. The free-will offering dinner will start at 5:30 p.m., with the concert to follow at 6:30 p.m. The church, located at 501 1st Center Avenue, is excited to curate an evening filled with fellowship and joy, centered around the transformative power of music and our shared devotion to praise.

The concert will feature Fox Valley artists Desire Ramazani and Shekinah (pictured), as well as local artists. "It is paramount for each of us to worship the Lord within the cultural context that resonates with our hearts," says Brodhead UMC Pastor Francois Mukosa, "In my upbringing in the Congo, worship is a vibrant expression where we jump, shout for the Lord, and make a joyful noise unto Him." The music will be provided by the dynamic African group band Shekinah, and soloist Desire, who will bless the audience with their powerful gospel music in various languages including French, Swahili, Lingala, and English.

United Methodist Men president Ray Pawlish reports, "This promises to be an enriching experience where we celebrate and embrace the diverse ways in which we glorify God. We are excited to bring both a feast of chicken dishes and a musical celebration to Brodhead."

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

## Durand Home Show

There will be almost 30 local contractors and businesses attending the Durand Home Show Saturday, April 27th at the Durand Legion Hall from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., including a few local non-profit organizations. There will be lots of drawings for prizes, free cotton candy plus games for the kids, and there will be lunch tickets given to the first 100 people through the door.

The Durand Garage Sales are being held this same weekend as well. And the local restaurants and shops are such a treat to enjoy any time.

This is going to be a great event and they are excited with all the feedback they have been getting including lots of local vendors contacting them wanting to be a part of this event. They expect to continue to hold this event annually. Thank you and they look forward to seeing you at the Durand Home Show.

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## Brodhead Evening Garden Club to meet

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Audra Kearns will be the guest speaker and she will be demonstrating container planting. Maybe you don't have the green thumb that you want but they would love to have new faces.

## Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

The Footville Fire and EMS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 27, from 6:30-11 a.m. at the fire station located at 252 N. Gilbert Street. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is adults \$8, children \$5 and two and under are free. Dine in, carry out and delivery available in Footville Fire District. Call 608-876-6118.

There will be 50/50 and basket raffle tickets for purchase. Winner will be drawn at the end of the event. You do not need to be present to win!

## Brodhead Evening Garden Club Scholarship

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club has been offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior since 2006. This scholarship is open to current seniors of Brodhead, Albany, Orfordville or Evansville including qualified home school applicants, who are pursuing a degree in agriculture, with a preference in horticulture, plant science, landscaping or turf science.

Students may attend a four-year, two-year or technical school. The amount of \$500 will be awarded upon completion of first semester. Applicants are asked to submit an application plus one page essay detailing their high school achievements, grade point average, extra curricular activities, future goals and career objectives. The deadline to submit is Monday, April 15.

Applications must be submitted to Ronald Massen, E314 23<sup>rd</sup> St, Brodhead, WI 53520.

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Prince Mahrli Curtis has read 600 books as part of the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program at the Albertson Memorial Library! He's picking out his free book! Great job, Prince!





## 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](mailto:npinnow@brodhead.k12.wi.us) with any questions.



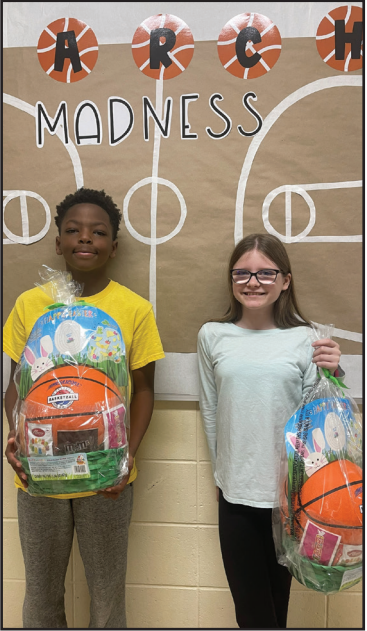
Pictured is Niteal Pinnow receiving a donation check for the 2024-Guys and Dolls production at Brodhead High School. The check was presented by Doug Johnson, Brodhead Lions Club Treasurer.



A group of students, who are interested in the youth apprenticeship program, were able to participate in the Green County Youth Apprenticeship Job Fair. They were able to talk to different businesses in the medical, electrical, finance, and manufacturing areas.

## March Madness

The fifth grade team at Albrecht Elementary School held a March Madness reading challenge throughout the month of March. Each classroom competed by logging the minutes that they read each day. Prizes were awarded for the top readers in each classroom, the top team within each classroom, and the top individual (MVP) in each classroom. All students that participated earned the opportunity to shoot baskets for extra recess minutes. Overall, the grade level read over 37,200 minutes in March!



Miss Pinnow’s top readers (left to right): Drake, Izzy (MVP)



Mrs. Marchant’s top readers (left to right): Monica, Travic (MVP), Easton, Ashlynn



Mrs. Ubersox’s top readers (left to right): Tenley (MVP), Cambree, Aria



Mrs. Rear’s top readers (left to right): Easton, Luke, Vegas, Ramiro, Cristi, Delilah (MVP)

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Allie Dahl taps second base before Jayse Holman gets there for the out in the game against Mt. Horeb. The Vikings mounted a comeback scoring three runs, top of the seventh. Cardinal defense played tough to preserve the 6-5 victory. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)





Senior, Sophia Leitzen #23 drove in four runs on two hits in the Cardinal home opener held last Saturday. This week they hosted Monroe on Monday, Beloit Turner on Tuesday and will travel to Clinton on Thursday and Delavan Darien on Friday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Cardinal baseball came out on top with a 15-0 victory against Monticello Albany played in Brodhead last week. Sam Searls earned the win from the mound finishing with six strikeouts and zero runs and offensively scored two runs and two RBIs. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



In the position as catcher, Gabe Bockhop is the guy with the mitt for Brodhead's pitching squad. This week they played on Monday at Columbus, Tuesday they hosted Whitewater and Friday face Mt. Horeb at home. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Everyone who has donated a quarter or more since 2002 has signed their name on this tarp.

While learning about Africa in Mrs. Tresemer's seventh-grade geography class, students "met" Beatrice from Uganda, whose family was given a goat from Heifer International.

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By Karen Mayhew



nese, Boron, Calcium, Magnesium, Sulphur, Copper, Iron and Zinc. In addition, wool has no phosphorus, so it doesn't contribute to the problem of legacy phosphorus present on many farms from years of manure spreading. Wool also aerates the soil and feeds soil microbial life. Wool pellets completely biodegrade in 6-12 months, creating air pockets in the soil, helping break up compaction while releasing that valuable nitrogen. Better soil health equals better yield for crops. Synthesized fertilizers decrease soil health and fertility by not feeding the soil microbiota the way natural fertilizers do.

Wool balances the soil moisture. It is both hygroscopic and hydrophobic. That means wool gathers moisture from the environment and holds onto it. Then releases that moisture slowly back into the soil, offering drought protection and reducing watering needs by 25%. Wool can replace peat moss for water retention, providing an inexpensive, eco-friendly alternative to non-sustainable peat for water conservation.

I did an experiment in my vegetable garden last summer. Half the garden was planted with wool mixed into the soil, half was planted as I usually do. I am notoriously lazy about watering; I never even got my drip tape hooked up. I watered the garden maybe three times in the severe drought last summer. The half of the garden with wool survived and thrived, giving me a bumper crop of peppers and huckleberries. The half without wool died a tragic death by mid-July.

Wool is a natural protein fiber, made up of 50% carbon. Wool becomes a carbon sink when it is mixed into the ground, sequestering that carbon so it isn't released into the atmosphere. Peatlands grow back at the rate of 1/16" per year, taking hundreds of years to replace, making its use unsustainable. And since they sequester one-third of the world's soil carbon in just three percent of the earth's surface, we need to keep them intact. Wool is the answer; it's renewable and sustainable. Wool sheep grow between five-15 pounds of wool every year!

Research supports using wool as a fertilizer and soil amendment. Not only can it replace commercial fertilizer in your fields, there are other ways to use wool around the farm and garden. Add a layer of wool to the bottoms of your planters to keep the soil in place and hold moisture. Add wool pellets to houseplants and hanging baskets for fertilizer and water retention. Use raw fleeces to mulch around row crops, perennials, trees and berries. The fibrous, barbed structure of the wool repels slugs and snails. The lanolin in the wool repels deer and rabbits as well. The wool mulch will maintain soil moisture and soil temperature.

Ask any sheep farmer and they will tell you there's just no market for American wool anymore and most wool ends up in the trash. Our company, Woollets, LLC is changing that. We buy Wisconsin wool at a fair price, shred it, pelletize it with heat and pressure, and repurpose a waste product into a way to enrich and renew the soil. We offer educational seminars about using wool for gardens, and partner up with growers, wholesalers and retailers to create new markets for wool as a soil amendment. Wool is an untapped resource for our soil and an undervalued product from our farms. It's time for wool to be appreciated for the horticultural treasure it truly is.

SCWFO member Karen Mayhew is a fourth gen farmer and a shepherd, having grown up in Maryland on a large-scale poultry and market vegeta-

Monroe  
Theatre  
Guild (MTG)  
Announces  
Spring 2024  
Theatre  
Workshops

The Monroe Theatre Guild (MTG) will be offering seven new theatre-training workshops for teenagers and adults on Wednesday evening, April 24 and Saturday morning, April 27, all at the MTG building at 910 16th Avenue in Monroe.

MTG has been a pivotal community theatre in Monroe for 54 years, presenting Tony Award-winning Broadway musicals, Pulitzer Prize-awarded plays, and critically important productions that reflect the most current and vital issues in society.

The Guild is proud of being a "home-grown" theatre company that has always drawn upon its community for talent and resources. From performers and stage crews to administration, facilities, and volunteers, MTG continues to thrive thanks to the enthusiasm, loyalty, and support from the people and businesses in the area.

"Offering theatre workshops and classes is a key element for us to continue growing and attracting new talent," says Denise Plantenberg, Facilities Manager at MTG. "It's a vital part of who we are as a community theatre," she adds, pointing to MTG's mission statement:

The Monroe Theatre Guild will entertain and enrich the regional community through live theatre and related performing arts. The Guild will provide education and experiences to develop talent in people of all ages".

The two-hour workshops being offered in April cover acting, stage combat, stage singing for various age groups, stage makeup, theatre scene painting, and playwriting. Each teacher has extensive background and experience in their subject area.

Workshops dates and times vary throughout the year. Other theatre training has included directing, prop making, stage management, circus skills, stage lighting, sound design, and volunteer work.

For more information about the Wednesday, April 24 and Saturday, April 27 workshops (space is limited for some sessions), or to pre-register for any class, please contact Monroe Theatre Guild at 608-325-1111 or sign up at [www.monroetheatre.com](http://www.monroetheatre.com) no later than Saturday, April 20.

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ble operation, shipping semi-truck loads of produce to Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York markets. She now has a small 25-acre family farm outside Argyle with a guest rental in the barn loft and a flock of 40 sheep, mostly heritage Clun Forest and Clun crosses. 40 sheep produce a lot of wool and Karen is always looking for new creative ways to use all that fiber. Find out more about Woollets at [www.woollets.net](http://www.woollets.net)



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Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

What do you do on a rainy day at the library? You splash in the puddles!

We had so much fun last week, reading stories about puddles and 'splashing' in the puddles. AND we made some puddles of our own using two pieces of paper with blue paint between. Squish, splash, slide, then pull apart the papers! Viola! Two puddles to glue your paper boots into! Thanks to Jenny McNeely for the pictures!



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4/1—High series: Robert Murray 658, Josh Fenwick 646, Jason Shrier 643. High games: Glayden Wahler 248, Ty Powell 245, Bill Schoen 241. Broughton's Bar-high team 995 and series 2,945. **Standings:** Deb's Bar won 39 lost 24, Fosters Gaming 39-24, Center Tavern 38-25, Broughton's Bar 34-29, Beloit Chiropractic 26-37, Albany Lanes 13-50.

Tuesday Shanigans

4/2—High series: Alexis Sies 545, Barb Brugger 428, Karen Brugger 358, John Thill 641, Rick Josephsen 617, Brandon Bong 562. High games: A. Sies 201, B. Brugger 150, K. Brugger 136, R. Josephsen 246, B. Bong 234, J. Thill 227. Barely Upright-high team game 824 and series 2,316. **Final standings:** Albany Lanes won 114 lost 54, Barely Upright 97-71, Boomtastic 4 96-72, Misfits 69-99, Greightful Dead 68-100, Sweet Mini HaHa 60-108.

Badger

4/2—High series: Cole Krupke 669, Josh Brugger 644, Ryan Brugger 642, Tony Brewer 602. High games: C. Krupke 241, J. Brugger 234, T. Brewer 226, R. Brugger 222. Renks-high team game 804 and series 2,296. **Standings:** Pearl City Elevator won 46 lost 17, Counter Attack 34-29, Jim's Mechanic Shop 32-31, Renks 31-32, Decatur Dairy 31-32, Team 3 15-48.

Thursday Night Mixed

4/4—High series: Kevin Kline 689, Brandon Bayrhofer 660, Tony Brewer 634, Chad Malcook 626. High games: B. Bayrhofer 264, LeRoy Blumer 238, T. Brewer 237, K. Kline 236. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team game 1,036. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team series 2,939. **Final standings:** Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 51 lost 19, Glenn Ann Holsteins 49-21, Rosheisen Rapper 40-30, Attica Bar 31-39, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 21-49, Golz Electric 18-52.

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Upcoming Benefit Concert and Silent Auction Event

The Lafayette County Historical and Genealogy Society is working on final details for a big event on Saturday night (7pm) at the Darlington American Legion Hall: The Caboose Benefit Concert with Just Jake and Stump Fiddle Band. In addition to great, family friendly music including classic tunes and train songs, there will be a silent auction with proceeds benefiting the Caboose Restoration Fund.

The Society was able to acquire a 1937 railroad caboose and set it on the original rails beside the Darlington Depot in the fall of 2023. Now the work of restoring it to an example of a working caboose of the Milwaukee Road Railroad is underway. Using as much volunteer labor and donated materials as possible the society will repair and paint the exterior, and complete and furnish the interior. The caboose will then be open for the public to enjoy.

The society has received some donations and applied for grant funding but needs to raise matching funds. What is raised by ticket sales (\$10 at the door), silent auction, and sale of desserts at this event will help immensely.

Just Jake is a well-known performer that delivers treasured classics in a way that will "take you back," and Stump Fiddle Band is a local favorite that has been sorely missed since it stopped performing several years ago. Stump Fiddle is not "back in business." They are uniting for this one special event and worthy cause, so this is a "don't miss it" opportunity.

The Silent Auction items donated so far include a wooden caboose toy/bank by Del Norland, a Darlington Depot framed and signed print, framed Kammerude prints, Longaberger baskets, a train centerpiece, a quilt form Pins and Pieces, Roelli's Cheese Tray, homemade cinnamon rolls, an antique victrola, an antique parlor stove, collector's beer stein, and more donations are coming in every day.

Anyone wishing to donate an item for the auction please call Nancy Winslow at 608-482-1140, or Barb at 608-482-2483. Items can be delivered to the Museum Monday-Friday from 1 to 4 p.m. or brought to the Legion Hall on Saturday between 4 and 7 p.m.

This event fund-raiser will be a great addition to the Legion's famous steak and chicken fry dinner. If you can't attend but want to support the Caboose Restoration, donations can be sent to Lafayette County Historical and Genealogy Society, 525 Main Street, Darlington, WI 53530, marked "Caboose." For any questions call Barb at 608-482-2483.





## SSM Health welcomes new physician in Monroe

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group is pleased to welcome Dr. Paul Lentz, a board-certified Sports Medicine physician, to the organization.



Originally from Brodhead, Dr. Lentz earned his medical degree at Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center and Fellowship trained at University of Michigan Health-Metro Health Hospital. He also spent four years in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon.

Dr. Lentz is board certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Neuromusculoskeletal Medicine, BLS Certification, Drug Enforcement Administration, Oregon

Board of Medical Examiners, Washington Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery, Wisconsin Medical Examining Board.

Primarily focused on sport-related injuries to the shoulders, knees, hips, ankles, and elbows, Dr. Lentz also sees patients with neck and back pain. He treats musculoskeletal conditions that keep patients from being active, or any condition they may be suffering from as a result of physical activity, including concussions.

Dr. Lentz is accepting new patients. Please call 608-325-7529 to request an appointment.

## POLICE

### Green County Sheriff's Department April 1-7, 2024

At 3:07 p.m., Tuesday, deputies along with Albany Fire Department responded to the N6000 block of State Highway 59, in the Town of Albany, for the report of a two-vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Mitchell L. Soddy, 18, of Orangeville, was traveling southbound when he lost control due to the snowy road conditions and collided with a northbound vehicle operated by Ethan J. Cleary, 33, of Albany. Soddy reported no injuries, was wearing his seat belt, and no airbag deployment. Cleary sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital for treatment. Cleary reported wearing his seat belt and the airbags deployed. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene.

At 5:17 p.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the W2500 block of State Highway 92, in the Town of

### April is Alcohol Awareness Month

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Kids who drink alcohol are more likely to have problems at school, with their friends, and with the law. Worse, alcohol can harm kids' physical and mental health. But you don't need a big speech to help a kid understand the dangers of underage drinking. Start small instead. Having a lot of small, casual talks—at the store, in the drive-thru, or between video games—can make a big difference in a kid's health. Start around age eight to prepare kids to make a lifetime of healthy decisions. Relax. Talk. Listen. Repeat. Visit [SmallTalksWI.org](http://SmallTalksWI.org) for talk tips, facts, and more. This campaign is sponsored by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services.

Exeter, for a single vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Jennifer G. Bunner, 45, of Albany, was traveling eastbound when she lost control due to the snowy road conditions. The vehicle then entered the north

ditch and collided with an embankment. Bunner reported no injuries, was wearing her seat belt, and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle sustained functional damage and remained on scene pending removal.

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