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School Board

Brodhead School Board hears about Therapy Dogs in the schools

By Gloria Sutter

During a meeting prior to the regular School Board meeting, Nexus Solutions presented information on how they work with school districts in developing long-range plans. Kevin Hickman, Brian Winterle, Becky Backhaus, and Michael David explained their expertise as part of the total team. They work with the district core team, staff, community, and School Board to develop a comprehensive facility assessment and plan for the future.

Goals will include developing a Fund 46, which is a capital improvement trust fund developed through State Statute; engaging staff and community, evaluating facility life, deferring maintenance, reducing maintenance and utility costs, and minimizing local tax impact. The Board has decided to proceed with the procedure.

Regular meeting:

Re-elected Board members Jodi Kail and Al Schneider took the Oath

of Office.

Scott Lindner and teacher, Heather Fenwick presented information on Therapy Dogs in the schools. The Board approved working with the dog owners to determine if satisfactory training and insurance can be developed.

The Board approved plans for the use of 1.3 million in ESSER Funds. These funds are related to COVID's impact on schools. Some of the issues addressed include additional staff and programs to help with lost learning and emotional impact. Physical plant improvements related to air quality are being studied.

In other business:

A new District copier agreement was approved that will save \$10,795.68 compared to the old contract.

Heartland Business Systems was approved for a new camera system throughout the District at a cost of \$72,890.

The second reading of Board Policy IKF, graduation requirements,



Scott Lindner discussing Therapy Dogs at School Board meeting. (Free Press photo by Gloria Sutter)

was approved.

The following resignations were accepted: Mikayla Bowe, High School English Teacher; Megan Evans, High School Math Teacher; and Jeanne Vogel, High School Special Education Para-Educator.

Seeking volunteers to help judge senior projects

It's that time of the year. The Brodhead High School is looking for volunteers to help judge this year's senior projects. They are looking for volunteers to help out from 5:30 to approximately 9 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 and Thursday May 5.

If you are interested, please email Mrs. Doescher at JDoescher@Brodhead.K12.wi.us or call and speak with her at 608-897-2155.

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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Rev. Tom Moe, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8 and 10 a.m. with education for all ages at 8:45 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch.com.

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Reverend Darin Wiebe, Interim Pastor. Phone: 608-897-2341 Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.com. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. Online worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Faith Night: in-person every Wednesday (Dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by class time 6–7 p.m.). Face masks and social distancing are highly encouraged and greatly appreciated to protect children and others who are unable to be vaccinated.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 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.

Durand city-wide garage sales

Durand, Illinois, citywide garage sales will be held Friday, April 29th and Saturday, April 30th from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

St. Paul's Annual Garage Sale

Mark your calendars. St. Paul Church of Epleyanna is having its annual garage sale Friday, April 22 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m., and Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. There will be something for everyone! They are located at 8800 E. Epleyanna Road in rural Davis. For more information call 815-865-5314.

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

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

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m. Monthly church Council and Ladies Aid meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. Pastor Kook Ho Kim. 608-897-2515. Pastor's office hours: Tuesdays through Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook. Christian education Sundays at 10:05 a.m. Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

OBITUARIES



Karen M. Landis

Karen M. Landis, 72, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on April 11, 2022 surrounded by family after a long battle with Alzheimer's.

She was born on September 30, 1949 to Vern and Janet (Jones) Butzler in Sparta, Wisconsin. Karen grew up in Footville, Wisconsin and attended Footville Elementary and later graduated from Orfordville Parkview High School. In 1967 she married Michael R. Landis, her high school sweetheart. They were blessed with two sons, Michael C. Landis and Gregory C. Landis. Karen attended Blackhawk Technical College and received her degree in Nursing. While attending there, she was president of her class.

Karen was employed at Rock Haven as a Registered Nurse for 18 years and was president of the union. Later she worked as an occupational nurse for Stoughton Trailers and Lear Seating. She also spent some time doing home health care.



Linda M. Krupke

Linda M. Krupke, aged 67, of Brodhead, died Thursday April 7, 2022 at SSM Health Monroe Hospital. She was born on October 15, 1954 in Beloit, Wisconsin, the daughter of Howard and Jeanette (McDonald) Krupke. She graduated from Brodhead High School in 1972 and attended MATC in Madison and UW-Whitewater. She was most recently a self-employed piano teacher, which she enjoyed immensely. She also worked part-time in the deli at Piggly Wiggly and had done freelance writing and photography for the Brodhead Independent Register, Monroe Times, and Janesville Gazette.

Linda was a member of the New Horizons Methodist Church in Footville, Wisconsin; she helped deliver "Meals on Wheels" in Brodhead; and she loved to play the piano, garden, go for long walks, and bake, especially for her grandchildren. She brought creativity and beauty to everything she touched.

Karen loved spending time with her family and spoiling her grandchildren. She loved her dogs and watching and feeding the birds. Her hobbies included, ceramics, macramé, crochet, flowers, gardening, refinishing furniture, fishing and traveling. Karen enjoyed going on UTV rides in Black River Falls, Monroe and Ride Royal Blue in Tennessee with her family and friends.

She is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Michael R. Landis; two sons: Michael C. (Anna) Landis of Beloit and Gregory C. (Jodi) Landis of Orfordville; four grandchildren: Kari J. Landis, Carter M. Landis, David M. Landis and Ava K. Landis; one great grandson, August Daniel; nine siblings: Carole Hausmann, Dean (Vickie) Butzler, Peggy (Bruce) Johnson, Mary Butzler, Robert (Sue) Butzler, Lynette (Jim) Riehle, Janan (David) Wolfe, Kayleen (David) Smith and David Butzler; brother-in-law, Chuck (Jackie Neil) Landis; aunt, Phyllis Christiano; and numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Karen was preceded in death by her parents, Vern and Janet Butzler; mother and father-in-law, Mary June and Pete Landis; and brother-in-law, John Hausmann.

A funeral service for Karen was held. Daley Murphy Wisch and Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, assisted the family with arrangements.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to Starr, Kim and the entire staff at The Next Inning and Agrace for their wonderful care and compassion throughout this difficult time.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.daleymurphy-wisch.com.

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She is survived by her mother, Jeanette Krupke of Brodhead; children: Abbey (Ben) Wellemeyer of Olympia, Washington and Ben (Jenny) LaBarre of Delafield, Wisconsin; grandchildren: Jackson and Brady LaBarre, Louisa and Owen Wellemeyer; brothers: Mike (Robin) Krupke and Steve (Wendy) Krupke, both of Brodhead; several nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Howard Krupke.

Private services will be held at New Horizons Methodist Church; and a public visitation will be held Saturday, April 23, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at New Horizons Church in Footville. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family. Memorials can be made in Linda's name to Great Lakes Teen and Adult Challenge, P.O. Box 250771, 5301 N 91st Street, Milwaukee, WI 53225.

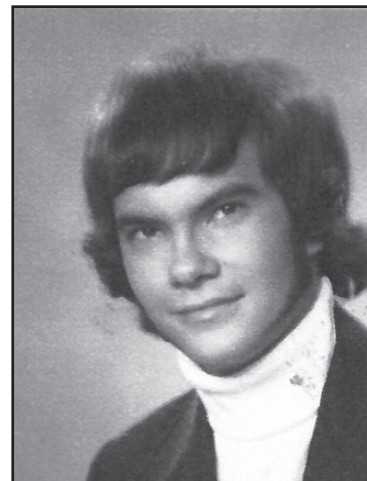
Mt. Hope Cemetery Association annual meeting

The annual meeting of the Mt. Hope Cemetery Association will be held Tuesday, April 26, at 7 p.m. at the Spring Grove Town Hall, County Road GG, Brodhead.

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William Richard Sarow

William Richard Sarow, age 63, of Brodhead, passed away on April 13, 2022 at the Meriter Hospital in Madison.

William was born on June 25, 1958 in Stoughton, Wisconsin, the son of Frances Sarow. William married Lou Ann Ostenson on September 15, 1984.

William worked for over 32 years as a welder at Knight Implement, now Kuhn North America in Brodhead. William loved watching the Green Bay Packers and NASCAR and his favorite driver was Dale Earnhardt. He also enjoyed Doctor Who, Star Trek, Dragon Ball Z, and Sports Center and the news. He loved spending time working on his cars, but he especially enjoyed spending time with his family and his grandchildren.



William is survived by his wife, Lou Ann; five children: Chris Sarow, Tim Sarow, Tony Sarow, Jonny Sarow and Katrina Sarow; four grandchildren: Lillian, Makenna, Naomi and William; his mother, Frances Hanson; one sister, Jody (Bob) Deschepper and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

William was preceded in death by his daughter, Kristina Sarow in 2003.

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

Funeral services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home, 1105 E. 9th Avenue in Brodhead on Saturday, April 23, at 1 p.m. A visitation will also be held at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Burial will conclude at the Greenwood Cemetery.

Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

OBITUARIES



Daniel Stephen Cook

Daniel Stephen Cook, age 37, Brodhead, passed away unexpectedly while at his home on April 13, 2022.

Daniel was born on February 21, 1985 in Beloit, Wisconsin, the son of Stephen and Suzanne (Warriner) Cook.

Daniel has worked for Kuhn North America for over 15 years as a graphic designer and formerly owned and operated his own T Shirt shop, Venice T-Shirts. Daniel loved to play guitar, enjoyed traveling with family and friends and spend time with his pets.

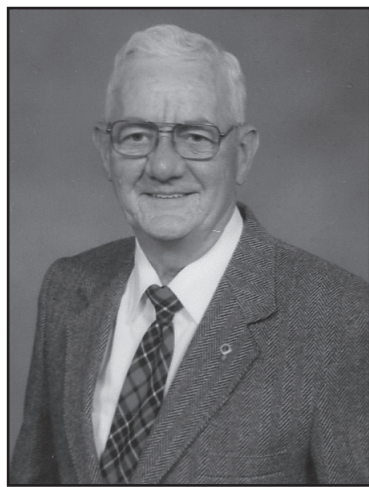
Daniel is survived by his mother, Suzanne Cook; a sister, Betsy Cook (Victor Maldonado); his beloved pets and several other aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives and friends.

Daniel was preceded in death by his father, Stephen in 2017.

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

Memorial services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home, 1105 E. 9th Avenue in Brodhead on Friday, April 22, at 6 p.m. A visitation will also be held at the funeral home on Friday from 4 until 6 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded and Daniel will be buried at a later date at Newark Cemetery outside of Beloit.

Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



LaVerne Olson

LaVerne Olson, age 95, a resident of Eagle River died on April 14, 2022 at his home. He was born in Newark, Wisconsin, on September 13, 1926 to Edwin and Isabel Olson.

LaVerne served in the US Navy for two years in the Philippine Islands during World War II as a postal clerk. He married his wife Carol on April 16, 1949 at the Luther Valley church. LaVerne then worked as an electrician for 52 years and 37 of those years a self employed electrical contractor in Brodhead. He retired and they moved to Eagle River in 1995.

LaVerne enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He was a member of the Prince of Peace Church in Eagle River. He served as the VFW Post Commander for two years in Eagle River; he was the past president of Green County Special Deputy Association, and past treasurer of the Brodhead Lions Club.

Laverne is survived by his daughter, Linda (Terry) Olson Gomer of Minocqua, Wisconsin; sons: Leslie of Boston, Massachusetts and Kevin (Allison Pitlik) of Sugar Camp, Wisconsin. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol (Johnson) Olson; and parents, Edwin and Isabel Olson.

Private family services were held. Arrangements by Gaffney-Busha Funeral Home, Eagle River. Online condolences may be expressed at gaffney-busha.com.

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Brodhead Dance Academy to perform "BDA on the Air"

Brodhead Dance Academy is ready to perform "BDA on the Air" at its annual dance recital, which will be held Saturday, April 23 and Sunday, April 24 at the Brodhead High School. Tickets are still available, and the public is welcome to attend. The show's theme celebrates television show tunes and classic films. Audiences will enjoy hearing old familiar songs from the 50s to the 2000s. Classics like Gilligan's Island, The Andy Griffith Show, Peanuts, and even new hits from Bridgerton and Wonder Pets.

Registration for next season, which begins in September, is open now. New students are welcome starting at age three. There is also a four-week summer trial class for three-five-year olds available in July. Those interested are encouraged to visit their website at www.brodheaddance.com or on Facebook.

Better Brodhead sponsoring Safe Driving Event

Better Brodhead is sponsoring a Safe Driving Event on Wednesday, April 27th from 2-8 p.m. that is free to Green County students and community members. This event will take place in the Bethlehem Lutheran Church parking lot in Brodhead. The Arrive Alive program utilizes a high-tech simulator vehicle to educate students and community members about unsafe driving behaviors. More specifically, the simulator allows for participants to experience (in a controlled environment) the potential consequences of distracted driving and driving while intoxicated, to help prevent them from making this mistake in the future. The Safe Driving Event will also feature the Seat Belt Convincer from the Department of Transportation that will demonstrate the value of wearing a seat belt. There will also be an opportunity for individuals to meet with driving instructors and insurance agents to discuss their programs for new drivers.

Better Brodhead cannot wait to see you there!

Brodhead Community Gardens meeting Saturday, April 23

By Tiff Bates

We will hold an in-person meeting on Saturday morning, April 23, at 9 a.m. at the Congregational United Church of Christ across from the gardens. The meeting is 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 we are charging \$20/plot. We will be making plans for the coming year and receiving payment and assigning plots.

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 plot by Sunday, 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.

Afterwards, weather permitting, we will have a short work day to install our two signs and other simple jobs. Compost will be available by mid-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 at 608-684-0012. Please do not call Gasser Hardware. Happy gardening!



Talk on Roaring 20's at Depot Museum April 25, 7 p.m.

Brodhead Historical Society is kicking off the 2022 monthly meetings, open to the public, with a presentation of Brodhead in the 1920s. Prohibition! Flappers! Jazz! Cars! It was the lively Modern Era and fun-times change of pace after The World War. Put on your string of pearls, grab that malted milkshake, whistle "Sweet Georgia Brown" or anything by Louis Armstrong. There will be fun and merriment as Jaine Winters shows artifacts (yes, the museum has flapper dresses, a working Victrola, and some of those "modern convenience electric washing machines"), and shares stories of events gleaned from our extensive collection of local newspapers. Refreshments served will be of the era, and include delicious icebox desserts, "giggle water", and more. Electric refrigerators (as opposed to iceboxes) were just being introduced to local kitchens, and homemakers proudly offered guests desserts that required refrigeration.

They hope to see you at Brodhead Depot Museum, Knight Addition on Monday April 25th, 7 p.m. Entrance is on E. 2nd Avenue, convenient parking available after-hours in the Bank of Brodhead parking lot. Plan to be entertained!

Barnstormer Barbecue Friday, April 29

You're invited! Join them at the Kelch Aviation Museum's first-ever Barnstormer Barbecue on Friday, April 29th! What could be better: delicious local food, Wisconsin springtime, and a world-class family-friendly aviation museum to explore.

Food will be served from 5 to 7 p.m., and the museum showroom hangar will be open for visitors to enjoy until 8 p.m. Catered by their friends at Fibs Restaurant, the menu will include pulled pork, burnt ends, vegetarian roasted Portobello mushrooms, sides and dessert. \$15 per plate, \$8 kids plates.

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Little Prairie Family Daycare

By Lori Sutherland

The Week of the Young child was celebrated at Little Prairie Family Daycare using the NAEYC Theme. Monday we celebrate MUSIC by making rainsticks and testing out other musical instruments. Wednesday we WORKED TOGETHER and built towers, castles, and garages with our Legos and tackled puzzles. Thursday was our ARTSY day with painting birdhouses, butterfly sun catchers, and coloring a tote bag. Friday was FAMILY day and we shared pictures of our families and planted marigolds to watch them grow with our families.

Christina's Family Daycare

Providing childcare is nothing new for Christina Becker. She's been a certified childcare provider in Monroe for almost 26 years.

She started in childcare in 1996, after her first son was born with congenital heart disease. Becker said her own heart guided her to be a stay-at-home mother for her son (who is now "thriving with his heart health") and "care for the children of our future generations."

Last fall, she became a licensed family daycare, enabling her to accept up to eight children, ages two months to nine years old.

"I honestly care for each child as if they were my own," she said.

She makes sure to introduce new, healthy foods to those in her care. "It's so important for children to have good, healthy eating choices," she said. Becker also makes sure to teach basic skills, like setting the table and meal prep, "with smiles and bear hugs and positive words."

There's much to enjoy about working with children and families, she said. Knowing children are learning in different areas of child development is one of her favorite things. She also loves making memories with the children and providing a sense of feeling loved in a healthy environment while their parents and guardians are working.

Transition times can be challenging when working with infants, toddlers and even older children. Becker has developed her own method to deal with these periods and help children ease from one activity to the next. "I sing positive words and keep faith in myself for each transition," she said.

This positivity is important to Becker, who stresses other affirmations such as "sharing is caring" and "be a kind soul" to keep a calming atmosphere.

Becker said she hopes more people can focus on how childcare has evolved over the years. "We're not babysitters – with the secondary education we do and yearly continuing education training in areas of child development, we're trained professionals," she said.

She encourages the entire community to support childcare by showing respect and appreciation for the work that childcare educators do. It impacts everyone because the work they do is vital for the health of communities.

"With the blessed circle of early childcare professionals, parents and guardians are able to provide for their families, and businesses have employees," Becker said. "This allows businesses to remain open on a positive path forward."

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation's Celebrate the Arts Contest Culminates in a Virtual Auction

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation kicks off a week-long celebration of the arts with an online auction Wednesday, April 20th through Tuesday, April 26th. The online auction will feature the winning entries from the statewide 4-H art contest held last fall and more.

Art created by talented 4-H artists as well as professional artists from Wisconsin, many of whom got their start in 4-H, will be offered during the online auction. In total, 28 pieces, featuring a variety of media from photography, painting, barn quilts, concert tickets and more, will be available for purchase during the event. There will also be 4-H-themed jewelry for sale, which are great gifts for any 4-Her.

The Best of Show announcement will kick-off the festivities on Wednesday, April 20th on their Facebook event page. Then from April 20th to 26th an online auction will be open with a Buy It Now option on some of the art pieces. Preview what's available: <https://www.32auctions.com/Wisconsin4H>

For more information and links to the online auction site, please visit <https://wis4hfoundation.org/celebrate-the-arts/>.

The art created by 4-H youth was chosen at a statewide art contest held last fall. Over 100 youth entries in eight categories were evaluated by a blue-ribbon panel of experts. Eight category winners and eight honorable mention award winners will be sold during the celebration. Proceeds from the event will be split with half invested in the Talen Endowment for 4-H Arts and half used for 4-H arts and communications programming over the next year.

"In 2021 youth worked on nearly 50,000 arts and communication projects, which comprise one of the largest project areas in Wisconsin 4-H. These projects cover a wide array of interests from public speaking, dance and theater arts to photography, drawing and weaving," shared Brenda Scheider, Executive Director of Wisconsin 4-H Foundation. "Involvement in youth arts and communications programs provide opportunities to explore and develop artistic awareness, creative potential and appreciation of the art and artistic process."

Based in Madison, Wisconsin, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation provides essential funding for 4-H programs throughout Wisconsin. By partnering with individuals, corporations and foundations, the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation supports more than 150,000 youth who take part in various 4-H leadership, development and community-building activities throughout the state. Learn more about the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at www.Wis4H-Foundation.org.



Sometimes being a mom can be difficult. You forget to take time for yourself and to have adult conversation. Moms Meeting Moms is a new group founded in Brodhead but welcoming mothers from the local area for conversation and camaraderie. All moms are welcome whether your child is just days old or is an adult. Find them on Facebook.



Abigail (1) and Claudia (4) Niemeier enjoy playing games at the kick off celebration Saturday, April 2.

GCCCN celebrates Week of the Young Child

By Corrine Hendrickson

It is the 50th Anniversary of the National Association for the Education of Young Children's Week of the Young Child. The Week of the Young Child (WOTYC) is a celebration of young children and their families and educators. It was created to bring awareness to the importance of the early years as the foundation for all future development. This year, the Green County Child Care Network brought back their celebration, unfortunately, the snowy weather interfered with the planned celebration. President Andrea Priebe, stated, "We are bringing back the Week of the Young Child to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families, and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Week of the Young Child is a fun-filled week celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, families, and communities."

However, the children that came were able to play games in a space provided by Monroe Park and Rec and still got to take a goody bag home with Culver's Scoopie Token, a small toy donated from either the Kinderladen or Little Rascal's Family Child Care. Each day of the Week follows a theme with Music Monday, Tasty Tuesday, Work Together Wednesday, Artsy Thursday, and Family Friday.

WOTYC Co-chair Theresa Klemm is excited for next year "We have so many ideas and want to continue to grow this week every year."

In addition, childcare educators will also be inviting elected representatives from the local level to the Federal level to visit. We ask that you, as community members, contact elected representatives to ask them to solve childcare by investing in our children and their educators so parents can have the ability to work and employers can recruit and retain high quality employees. Green County needs an additional 700 slots and loses \$21 million annually according to www.childcaregap.org.

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Local Law Enforcement Agencies, Advocates Partner to Develop Rock County Sexual Assault Response Team

A dozen law enforcement and social service agencies have signed an agreement to participate in a new Rock County Sexual Assault Response Team (SART). The purpose of the SART is to improve community and system response to sexual violence in Rock County.

An initiative of the Sexual Assault Awareness Program (SARP), which is part of Family Services of Southern WI and Northern IL, the team is community-based and multidisciplinary. Attendance is limited to professionals who work with victims/survivors of sexual violence and are stakeholders in this issue.

Members of the newly developed SART are Family Services, which includes the Sexual Assault Recovery Program; Mercy Health Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE); the Rock County District Attorney's Office; YWCA of Rock County; the Rock County Sheriff's Office; and the following police departments: City of Beloit; Town of Beloit; Clinton; Edgerton; Evansville; Janesville; and Milton.

Team members said they are looking forward to working collaboratively to help survivors of sexual assault.

"The officers of the Edgerton Police Department are proud to be part of the SART. The expertise and professionalism of the group are assets to our department," said Chief Bob Kowalski of the Edgerton Police Department. "The assistance provided to law enforcement at a time when a victim is the most vulnerable and emotionally traumatized

is invaluable. We look forward to a long-term relationship with the Rock County SART."

The participating agencies and organizations have been working since 2019 to develop the Rock County SART, and this newly signed memorandum of understanding represents the final step in building the foundation for moving forward.

"I think we need to give all members of the Rock County SART big kudos and huge thanks for all of the work that went into creating this team and its memorandum of understanding. As an advocate for survivors of sexual violence, I look forward to working with the dedicated professionals on this team," added Julie Reinhart, sexual assault survivor advocate with SARP.

As part of Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc., SARP extends to survivors of sexual violence all the support offered by Family Services. This includes parenting support; therapy and counseling; legal advocacy; and community outreach.

In addition to the SARP, Family Services includes the following: DEFY Domestic Abuse; Individual and Family Counseling Program; Praxis Employee Assistance Program; Youth2Youth 4 Change; and The Neighborhood Resilience Project.

Family Services is a funded partner of United Way Blackhawk Region, United Way of Green County, and the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin.

Native plant sale orders due Friday, April 22

A large selection of native woodland, prairie and wetland plants are available to order from the Wild Ones Rock River Valley Chapter 2022 Native Plant Sale. Orders are due by Friday, April 22. Information about the plants that are available and an order form is posted on the Chapter's website at: <https://www.wildonesrrvc.org/2022/February/2022-plant-sale-brochure.pdf>. Plants can also be purchased during the public sale on Friday, May 6 from 3 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 7 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the plant sale site, 4601 Paulson Road, Caledonia, Illinois. A selection of additional plant species that are not on the order form will be available for purchase only during the public sale. The selection of plants that are still available may be limited. For information about the availability of plants contact Jane Evans at 815-494-7731.

Rock County Land Conservation and UW Extension to host garden series

This year, Rock County Land Conservation Department is teaming up with UW Extension to host a garden series this year. Events are open to everyone and no pre-registration is required. Please contact Julie Hill at julie.hill@wisc.edu OR Ashley Roscoe at ashley.roscoe@co.rock.wi.us with any questions.

Gardening in Community Gardens—Insect and Disease Management—Tuesday, 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.

Requests for reasonable accommodations for disabilities or limitations should be made prior to the date of the program or activity for which it is needed. Please do so as early as possible prior to the program or activity so that proper arrangements can be made. In certain situations, information related to requests may be shared with staff or units necessary to help coordinate an appropriate accommodation.

Spring Hat Show

The Lafayette County Historical Society is hosting a Spring Hat Show complete with tea and cake! Their extensive collection of hats donated by ladies of Lafayette County will be displayed and modeled with informative coordination by Marilyn Hill. Wear your favorite hat, or take your photo in one of theirs and celebrate spring with them Sunday, May 15 at 1:30 p.m. in the lower level of the museum at 525 Main Street, Darlington. All ages welcome. For more info call 608-776-8340.

Kid Connection TEXTILE RECYCLING DRIVE

When: Saturday, April 30th from 9–11 a.m.
Where: NEW OFFICIAL LOCATION—three car garage located between Albrecht Elementary School and Brodhead Middle School on the corner of 21st Street and W. 7th Avenue.

What is a Textile Drive? It is a fund-raiser where they get paid by the pound for recycling old/used fabric items. First, anything usable is distributed to communities in need. Second, donated items not suitable for wear are recycled into wiping rags. Lastly, items not suitable for wiping purposes are processed back into fibers that are remanufactured into paper, yarn, insulation, carpet padding, etc.

Help them by bagging up your dry, clean/odor free old clothing, undergarments, bed sheets, curtains, and paired shoes. All items must be put in plastic bags that can be tied shut. Small garbage or shopping bags work best. Fabric scraps, pillows, comforters and rugs are NOT accepted. Please refer to the Kid Connection/AE PTO Facebook page for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items. For questions call or text Lori Riese at 608-931-6901.

All monies raised will be used to help enhance the educational experience at Albrecht Elementary School. Thanks in advance for helping to make a difference in more ways than one!

Interesting fact, did you know that in the U.S. 81 pounds of clothing per person are thrown away annually? Textiles currently make up 6.3% of the waste stream. Donate to improve our environment and elementary school.

ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

SUMMER 4-ON-4 SAND VOLLEYBALL LEAGUES

DEADLINE: Tuesday, May 31st

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be offering a four-on-four Coed sand volleyball league on Thursday evenings at Jaycee Park beginning Thursday, June 9th. The four-person team may be any male/female combination. High school aged players are welcome with a signed waiver by parent or guardian. The cost for this league is a flat rate of \$100 per team.

To register a team for the league, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159 ext. #9. Deadline is Tuesday, May 31st.

TROOP 108 FLOWERING PLANT AND BAKE SALE

You will not want to miss the Brodhead Troop 108 Scout Flowering Plant and Bake Sale to be held Friday, May 6th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 7th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Trackside Mobil.

Come for some delicious baked goods and choose from a selection of potted geraniums, and a variety of hanging baskets. Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th. Stop in and buy Mom some sweet treats and a flowering plant grown by Ahren's Acres.

They hope to see you there! All proceeds will go to help fund the Scout activities, Scout camps and Scout equipment. Thank you for supporting the Scouts!!

BAEMS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Brodhead Area EMS, Inc. will be held Monday, May 2nd, at 7 p.m. at the Brodhead Area EMS training center, 1003 12th Street, Brodhead. All members are encouraged to attend. This meeting will follow the regular monthly crew meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. that evening.

Business and progress over the last year will be covered and three directors will be elected. The directors whose terms expire are: Jordan Naramore and Chris Searles as crew members, and Tami Jacobson as non-crew member. The BAEMS Inc. is required to have nine directors, holding three-year terms, of which four directors are non-crew members from the area.

BRODHEAD POLICE ASSOCIATION OFFERING SELF DEFENSE CLASS

The Brodhead Police Association has partnered with Fluid Motion Jiu Jitsu to provide a basic self defense class for FREE! They are offering a second on Saturday, April 23rd from 8-10 a.m. The class will be held at the Kelch Aviation Museum at N2463 Brodhead Airport Road, Brodhead. The class is open to both men and women, ages 15 and up. To register, please go to https://brodheadpa.ticketleap.com/basic-self-defense-class/?fbclid=IwAR3GJta4nb_Dytn_1y16o7nhfZfqUz0462JqoCypYYwrFtjpr7DSMWEVuz0

For more information, please visit their event tab on the Brodhead Police Association Facebook page. You can email them at brodheadpa@gmail.com if you have any questions.

SOFTBALL TEAMS NEEDED

The Brodhead Park and Rec Department is looking for softball teams for Tuesday night Men's 25 and over Softball league. If you would like to get a team in the league or you have questions, please call Wade at 608-897-2159 x9.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

The Brodhead Park and Rec Department is looking for adult softball players for Tuesday Night Men's and Sunday Night Church Coed. If you are new to the area or are interested in playing softball this summer, call Wade at 608-897-2159 x9. Leagues will begin Sunday, May 1st and Tuesday, May 3rd.

BANK OF BRODHEAD BUS TRIP

The Bank of Brodhead presents the Branson Holiday Show Extravaganza. The trip is six days—five nights, November 14-19. The cost is \$670 per person/double occupancy. Call Susan Schmelzer at 608-558-8797 for more information or to sign up.

BRODHEAD PARK AND REC YOUTH SOCCER

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week youth soccer program for boys and girls in 4K–fifth grade. The program will meet on Saturday mornings at Marigil Park located south of the Dog Park beginning Saturday, April 30th and ending May 21st. This program is for children at all skill levels and it will teach basic skills and fundamentals with a scrimmage each week.

4K=9–9:45 a.m.

5K=9:45–10:30 a.m.

First grade=10:30–11:15 a.m.

Second grade=11:15 a.m.–noon

Third–fifth grade=noon–1 pm.

Forms are available at the elementary school, the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website. The cost is \$25, which includes a T-shirt. Forms need to be completed and turned in with the fee by Wednesday, April 27th to the office or Rec Department. Children are encouraged to wear tennis shoes and shin guards. Checks made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, contact Pete Claustro at 608-447-1236 or email him at pete.anthony970@gmail.com or Wade at the Park and Rec at 608-897-2159.

April Chapter Meeting—Wisconsin Farmers Union, South Central Chapter

Submitted by Matt Sheaffer, Chapter VP

Sunday April 24th—Hawk's Mill Winery 3-5 p.m.

Welcome Back: Unmasking Our Farming Issues and Meeting Our Policymakers

Please come join the local chapter of the Wisconsin Farmers Union at the beautiful Hawk's Mill Winery for an afternoon of catching up and hearing from our great government relations' team. Guests include Nick Levendofsky, WFU Govt. Relations Director and Michelle Ramirez-White, WFU Policy Coordinator. Also invited are newly elected county and local officials. Open to members and nonmembers alike! Light snacks provided.

Please contact the chapter at wfusouthcentral@gmail.com with any questions.



CASEY'S CORNER

By Casey Jones

Good morning! Grab your favorite beverage and get ready to reminisce! Downtown Brodhead is making a resurgence back to the popular place to be. During the past five years, a wave of new ownership and revitalized old ownership have really been sprucing up the downtown. The storefronts are being restored to the grand structures of yesteryear. The vacancies of a few years ago are now being exchanged for new types of businesses that still give people reason to go downtown. Parking spots are getting harder and harder to find during the week.

Change is not always good but sometimes it is very necessary to the existence of the good things we can remember from childhood. While the types of downtown businesses have morphed over the years, the buildings are retaining the looks of yesteryear thanks to the efforts of the Historical Preservation Committee and the Bid (Business Improvement District) Board and Retail Revitalization Committee.

I can only remember the downtown area from the 70s forward but I know there is a whole generation or two that can share memories of downtown long before I knew the downtown. If you like history, then I would encourage you to search out the many "Tables of Knowledge" or other places that seniors gather in Brodhead. It usually doesn't take much to effort to get the memories flowing but once you do you will be glad you did. The number of stories and recollections of the past are as vast and varied as the people in the room. The words "Remember when...?" seem to be the keywords to smiles and stories from yesteryear.

I hope that you will take the time to spark up a conversation with the next senior you have the chance to spend time. Not only will it cause you to smile but it will also light up their life.

Have a great week!
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Brodhead track hosted McFarland and Clinton

Brodhead hosted McFarland and Clinton last week in track and field. The women put together 88 points while the men came through with 45 points.

Jada Burkhalter took first in the 100m while Stella Arn captured first in the 200m run. Addison Yates led the field in the 100m and 300m hurdles and also in the high jump and long jump. The Lady Cardinals also excelled in the relays with Burkhalter, Ellie Yates, Brenley Jones and Arn in the 4x200m and E. Yate, Jones, Arn and Kalaena Riemer running to a first place in the 4x400m race, while Olivia Hartwig, Lexie Lobeck, Emily Welsh and Liana Daniels took second in the 4x800m relay. Adding points to the team total in field events was Kiara Moe, Kirsten Fish and Onni Williams going 1-2-3 for shot put, Tori Urness and Fish going 1-2 in discus. E. Yates also took second in long jump and triple jump.

Nathan Engen earned points coming in second in the 300m hurdles. In relays Sy Weeden, Isaac Saunders, Gage Boegli and Brittan Paulson took second as did the 4x800m foursome of Omar El Maatouki, Eric Woodward, Nathan



Isaac Saunders and Sy Weeden get a smooth handoff in the 4x200m relay. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Engen and Gavin Pinnow. Gage Boegli and Blake Matthys were 1-2 in the shot put event, Matthys also took second in discus. Joe Lohmar cleared nine feet in pole vault, Josiah Engen jumped six feet in high jump and Pinnow jumped 34'8.5" in triple jump each taking firsts.

Track will be at Beloit Turner on Tuesday and host the Jim Church Invitational on Friday.



Ryan Searls connects with this pitch for a hit. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Cooper Woelky was on the pitcher's mound in last week's game against Jefferson. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Baseball Drops Two

In Brodhead High School baseball this past week the team completed two games. Beloit Turner got on the board in the first inning and coasted to an 8-0 victory earning seven runs in the final inning. Brady Malkow took the loss for the Cardinals, he also went 2-for-3 at the plate.

Last Friday our team hosted Jefferson and the home team scored two runs in the first inning when Gabe Bockhop singled to left field allowing Malkow to score. Dave Mazloski hit a double that brought Bockhop home. But the Silver Eagles tied it up in the third inning and then in the sixth inning were able to go up by two runs and hang on for the win. Mazloski and Clayton Elliott were each 3-for-2 at the plate.

This week the team will play Big Foot twice, Tuesday away and home on Thursday. They will travel to Jefferson on Friday and Saturday a makeup game will be played at ABC Supply Stadium against Edgerton.



Addison Yates took first in both the 100m and 300m hurdles. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Eggstravaganza

More than 220 kiddos and their families braved the cold clear day on Saturday for the JC Eggstravaganza.

Bottom right—Brad and Jordan Matzke with their children Charlie and Noah empty the eggs they collected. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



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Daisy Nelson caught this fly ball in left field against Evansville. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Ava Risum slides safely into second base, she also had a homerun last week. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Softball Wins Three

Brodhead made short work of East Troy last Monday with a 15-1 victory. Sophia Leitzen had four hits and Cora Hafen and Taetum Hoesly each had three. The Cardinals totaled 19 hits on the day. In game two it was Evansville coming into town. Again the bats were hot for Brodhead with 13 hits collected. Leitzen was 4-for-3, Jaylynn Hilliard was 3-for-2 and Madisyn Kail went 2-for-2. Taetum Hoesly drove in four runs and had a homerun.

Defensively they committed no errors. McKenna Young and Ava Risum shared pitching duties each striking out six.

In Friday's game against Jefferson, who are the two-time defending league champions and had not lost a conference game since early 2019, it was a tight game. Young was on the mound for the Cardinals and struck out 11, threw 96 pitches with 68 strikes. Offensively Risum homered and was 3-for-2 with two RBIs. Brodhead came away with an

upset with a 7-5 win. This week they will travel to Jefferson on Tuesday and Wednesday to Beloit Turner for a makeup game. They will host McFarland on Thursday and travel to Whitewater for a double header on Saturday.

Brodhead-Juda baseball presents Cardinal Youth Ball Program Day

Brodhead-Juda baseball presents Junior Cardinal Youth Ball Program Day. On Saturday, April 30, the Brodhead-Juda baseball team will host a doubleheader vs. New Glarus. The games are at 10 a.m. and noon. They will have trivia all day to win prizes along with a 50/50 raffle and silent auction items, which include GRB Package, VIP Brewers Package, Sky Carp Package and many more. First pitch participants are Jacob Fields, Declan Geiwitz and Finley Riese.



Putting all his eggs into one basket is Zander Donovan. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Christos Vastakis did not let the cold weather deter him from his egg finding expedition. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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ALBANY COMETS



LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Apr. 21: dino nuggets, tri-tater, chocolate chip bar, fruit.
Fri., Apr. 22: quesadilla, chips and salsa, cheese, black beans, fruit.
Mon., Apr. 25: mini corn dogs, baked beans, yogurt parfait, fruit.
Tues., Apr. 26: orange chicken over rice, broccoli, Jell-O cups.
Wed., Apr. 27: deli sub, Sun Chips, pickles, apple wedges.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Fri., Apr. 22: track at Brodhead 4 p.m.; softball home Juda vs. Catholic Central, 4:30 p.m.; baseball home Albany vs. Cambridge, 5 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 24, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 25, track at Darlington, 4 p.m.; softball home Juda vs. Barneveld, 5 p.m.; baseball home Monticello vs. Black Hawk, 4:30 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 26, softball home Juda vs. Monticello-New Glarus, 5 p.m.
Wed., Apr. 27, early release, 2:37 p.m.; Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.; Large Group Band/Choir Festival.

Large Group Festival, Wednesday, April 27—high school band and choir students will be traveling to Argyle to perform in the conference's concert festival. Similar to Solo and Ensemble Festival, students will perform for a judge who will give them comments and a rating. The festival is during the school day.

MS/HS Band and Choir Concert—Albany middle and high music students will perform their spring concert on Wednesday, May 4, t 7 p.m. in the main gym.

Elementary Concerts—fifth grade music class will have their concert on Wednesday, May 11, at 5:30 p.m. in the elementary gym. Kindergarten, first and second grade music classes will have their concert on Wednesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the elementary gym.

The Albany Athletic Department would like to thank Coach Derek Allen for his six years of service as the Albany boys' varsity basketball coach. Coach Allen was a great role model and leader of the COMET boys program over the years and will be missed. Thank you for your dedication and leadership Coach Allen!

The Albany Athletic Department would like to thank Coach Sydney Pitney for her six years of service as the Albany JV and varsity girls' volleyball coach. Coach Pitney was a great advocate for female sports and leader of the COMET volleyball program over the years and will be missed. Over the winter, Sydney and her husband Scott welcomed their first child into their family. Enjoy your time with Baby Noa and thank you for all that you have done for LADY COMET VOLLEYBALL!

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Albany Alumni Banquet

For the past two years the Albany Alumni Banquet had to be cancelled due to Covid. This year the banquet will be held Saturday, May 28th, at the Lions Club. They will have special seating for three 50-year classes. Social starts at 6 p.m. and the \$18 roast beef dinner at 7 p.m. Send reservations and check to Dan Weber, N5926 Marie Ct, Albany WI 53502. The class of 2022 will be awarded scholarships and welcomed into the Alumni Association.

The association appreciates all the donations and give a special thank you to the following sponsors for ads on the back of the tee shirts sold during their successful Alumni Basketball Tournament held March 25th and 26th—Brooklyn Rolling Green Dairy Farm, D P Concrete and Landscaping, Elmer Meats LLC, Harvey Kopp Apartments, Harvey Kopp Farms, Malkow Farms LLC, Runaas Family, Sugar River Storage, Wayne and Nora Rentals, United Structures, Menahan Refrigeration and Heating, Broughton Corner Bar LLC, Schlitter Construction Inc., Dam Near Home, Badger Party Pontoons, Boss Family Farms, Randy Bump Farms, Kranig Excavating, Southern Wisconsin Septic, Pryce Families, Brugger Farms Trucking LLC, Brugger Farms, Glenn-Ann Holsteins, Town & Country Insurance, Local Productions LLC M&R Powers, Durtschi's Pleasant Valley Farm, Zurfluh Family, Napa of Brodhead, Brewers Chester Whites, S&B Tubing, Gary's Center Tavern, Zurfluh Farms, Century 21 Tonya Briggs, Brigg's Heating & Cooling, L H Designs LLC, Evansville Oil Pros. Abe's Bounce House Rental, Albany Lanes, Brugger Dairy LLC, Bank of Brodhead, Jeremy Pinnow and Associates, Helwig Roofing LLC, Greenwood State Bank, Patricia McNeely, Morton Farms LLC, Reese Concrete Pumping, Plainview Stock Farms, Pfeuti Trucking LLC, Purdue Masonry, Roenneburg Machine and Tool, Olin Oil, Richardson Lawn Equipment and Deanna Hubert-Norwex Consultant.



Becky Kauk, of DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead, presents a donation check to Shi-
anne Broughton and Kamden and Kaleb Broughton for the Albany Dug Out Club.

Occupational therapists collaborate to enhance patient health and well-being

The rehabilitation department at any hospital houses several rehabilitation professions, all of which have one goal—to give the patient the best service so they can get better. One subspecialty of rehabilitation is occupational therapy (OT).

A common question is why this team is called 'occupational therapy' when the purpose is not on helping people get jobs? OT comes from a historical idea of occupation in the reference to whatever 'occupies' someone's time.

This evidence-based profession that takes a holistic view of both a patient and their environment to

enable them to participate in daily living despite injury, illness, or disability. Occupational therapists work in various settings and with a diverse population towards the goal of making long-term and meaningful differences in patients' daily lives.

Illness or injury can lead to impairments, which often make completing every day activities challenging. When creating a rehabilitation plan, OTs focus on what daily living activities are meaningful to the patient. Then through rehabilitation exercise, adaption and/or compensation, OTs help patients

reach those goals to return to those activities.

Patients that commonly utilize occupational therapy are those recovering from stroke, an upper extremity fracture, lymphedema, shoulder pain, after a shoulder surgery, upper extremity nerve dysfunction such as carpal tunnel syndrome, or tendinopathy such as "tennis elbow."

Patients may encounter OTs at SSM Health Monroe Hospital during a hospital stay or in a clinic appointment. These team members actively collaborate as a team with the patient and their referring provider to develop an individualized plan to assist in their return to valued activities.

To learn more, visit ssmhealth.com or call 608-324-1178.

Stateline Music Foundation offering scholarship

The Stateline Music Foundation is offering scholarship aid for high school seniors graduating in 2022, public or home school, who will enroll in a music curriculum in either a four-year college or a junior college. Auditions will be held Saturday, May 14, from noon-5 p.m. in the Freeport Art Museum, 121 N. Harlem, Freeport, Illinois.

Home school students may write Kenneth Drake at keosdrake@gmail.com for information and an application form.

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Orfordville rummage sales

The Annual Spring Rummage Sale Day for the Village of Orfordville will be on Saturday, May 7th. Many sales will also be open on Friday. The Orfordville Fire Department will be having their annual pancake breakfast beginning at 6 until 11 a.m. at 173 N. Wright Street. Taqueria Guzman will have food at their Cinco de Mayo event, which will be in the 100 block of E. Spring Street. They hope to see you in Orfordville on Saturday, May 7th!

Espenscheid Forest Preserve in Rock City, Illinois has a newly planted oak tree savanna

Espenscheid Forest Preserve in Stephenson County is now home to an oak tree savanna thanks to local youth and community members. The group of 25 oak trees, called a savanna, will bring new life to oak-hickory forests currently under threat in Illinois.

The 4-H Green Communities Tree Program focuses on tackling global issues at a local level.

“Oak savannas are being overtaken by invasive species, as well as more shade-tolerant trees, such as maples,” says Curt Sinclair, University of Illinois Extension 4-H specialist. “Illinois 4-H is primed to take action to increase the number of oak trees in the state. The natural world is talking to us, and Illinois 4-H is primed to listen, learn, and act.”

Espenscheid Forest Preserve in Rock City was chosen for this savanna because it is an already preserved piece of land that is open to the public 365 days a year. “We wanted a place that was large enough to plant all 25 trees in an oak savanna, as well as provide the public with access to come and see them whenever they wanted too,” says Brenda Heimann, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Program Coordinator for Stephenson County.

The 4-H Forestry Club youth took part in the planting in Stephenson County along with volunteers from the local Soil and Water Conservation District, University of Illinois Extension, and the Jane Adamsland Park Foundation.

“We had a perfect day of blue skies and sunshine,” says Heimann, “the youth and volunteers were able to enjoy the beautiful weather and nature. We could not have asked for a better day to plant an oak savanna.”

Throughout the spring of 2022, youth in 31 counties throughout Illinois are planting groupings of 25 oak trees on public properties in their county for a total of 775 newly planted trees across the state.

The 4-H Green Communities Tree Program follows the “learn-by-doing” philosophy of 4-H and is guided by the priorities of the Illinois Forest Action Plan. To help support this project, please visit: <https://go.illinois.edu/4hgreencommunity>.

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Brodhead Schools Opening Under New Superintendent

BRODHEAD—Classes will begin in the Brodhead public school system Wednesday, August 30, with a half-day session. School will be held from 8:20 a.m. to 12 noon at the high school and 8:30 to 11:40 a.m. at the grade school. Full sessions are set for Thursday and Friday with no school on Labor Day. Regular classes will resume Sept. 5 at which time the school lunch program will go into effect.

The teaching staff numbers 41 with 15 of the faculty and Supt. G. E. Thompson serving for their first year in the system. Supt. Thompson came here from Reeseville to succeed Ronald Rockwell, who has taken a post as superintendent of Barron County Consolidated School District.

The faculty includes:

Ruth Amerpohl, kindergarten; Mrs. Thelma Olin, Mrs. Rita Schedder, Mrs. Delores Frehner, first grade; Mrs. Virginia Schultz, Mrs. Joyce Trutman, Betty Timm, second grade; Miss Gladys Nafzger, Mrs. Lela Fisher, Mrs. Margaret Mouw, third grade; Mrs. Leila Elmer, Mrs. Genevieve Ganshirt, fourth grade; Mrs. Letha Zee, Mrs. Vera DeVoe, Dennis McGinley, fifth grade; Mrs. Isabel Collins, Francis Gombar, Jr., sixth grade.

Robert Okray, elementary principal; Mrs. Margaret Rieder Jr. high librarian; Lawrence Landerholm, Mrs. Thelma Blackbour, Ronald Kerl, Charles Wieman, Richard Collins, Jr. high; Miss Donna Becker, music; Donald Robb, art.

Henry Appel, high school principal; Mrs. Esther Cain, home economics; Mrs. Joyce Condon, Latin; Robert Keen, Agriculture; Ronald Rockow, music; Ronald Baribeau, football coach; Mrs. Margaret Rollins, English 9 and 10; Jon Barber, chemistry; Mrs. Jimmie Gibson, French; Caroline Kohlhaas, English II; Dennis Field, industrial arts; Dean Twist, senior-sophomore English; Mary Preston, history; Miss Darlene Johnson, physical education; Miss Kathleen Cooper, commercial; Dave James, biology and football coach.

Mrs. Estelle North, county nurse; Mrs. Beth Ringen, Mrs. Marion Keller, secretaries; Harry Welch, John Jones, Ralph Pengra, Mrs. Vera Wallace, Mrs. Florence Schneider, custodians.

John Pengra, Fred Ties, Elliot Montgomery, Willis Sarow, Ray Timm, Lloyd Iverson, Gene Schultz, Vance Anderson, bus drivers; Helen Riese, Pearl Erickson, Iva Williams, cooks.

Members of the school board are Dr. M.W. Stuessy, president; Dean Peterson, clerk; Mrs. Sidney Stair, treasurer; Stanley Knight, Herbert Stuessy, Ralph Mau and Jennings Christensen, directors.

Brodhead Briefs

The following are teaching in area rural schools: Rhoda Schaar, Howard School; Mrs. Jean Duchow, Oakley; Mary Jane Culles, Hoosier Grove; and Phyllis Bouton, Hanover.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Peterson and family have returned from a vacation in Michigan.

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Schaar and daughters returned Thursday from a visit to the William Schaar's at Rock Island, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Douglas, Rte. 2, will be hosts to Our Club Monday evening. Election of officers will follow the 7 p.m. picnic supper.

Panther Hill

LUNCH MENU—

Thurs., Apr. 21: brats and hot dogs, baked beans, fruit.
 Fri., Apr. 22: tater tot casserole.
 Mon., Apr. 25: hamburgers, tater tots, fruit.
 Tues., Apr. 26: walking taco, fruit, veggie.
 Wed., Apr. 27: chicken nuggets, fries, fruit.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—

Thur., Apr. 21: baseball home vs. Big Foot; middle school track at Parkview.
 Fri., Apr. 22: baseball at Jefferson; softball home vs. Catholic Central; track at home.
 Mon., Apr. 25: middle school track at home; softball home vs. Barneveld.
 Tues., Apr. 26: baseball at Whitewater; softball home vs. Monticello/New Glarus; track at Evansville.

Juda Pride Day is going to be Friday, May 20th. They are excited to get back out there and do some community service projects. If you have a project (i.e raking leaves, yard clean up, making cards for a group, etc.) or ideas for the students, please let them know. If they can do it, they will! Please call the Juda School office at 608-934-5251 or email davis@judaschool.com or ptrotter@judaschool.com with your ideas and requests.

The 10th Annual Juda Hill Climb will be on Saturday, May 21st. Join them for the Kids Run Fun, 2k Walk or 5k Race. The fun starts at 9 a.m. from the Juda School District. Award ceremony with medals for the top three runners in different age groups and door prizes to follow. Contact Amber Williams with any questions, williams@judaschool.com. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2022JudaHillClimb>

The fifth/sixth grade math meet was held at Orfordville. Juda participants were: fifth grade—Bindy Lynaugh, Avriel Hosch, Christina Roth and Mason Liphart. Sixth grade—Olivia Brooks, HaLinda Reasa, Spencer Rufer and Rush West. District winner was HaLinda and second was Christina. Congratulations to everyone!



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News from Parkview High School




ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Apr. 21: cheese pizza, green beans, Caesar side salad.
 Fri., Apr. 22: French toast sticks and sausage links, tri tater, wango mango fruit and vegetable juice.
 Mon., Apr. 25: brat on bun, turkey hot dog on bun, potato salad, baked beans.
 Tues., Apr. 26: chicken taco, queso pull-a-part, seasoned black beans, tomato diced fresh, shredded Romaine lettuce.
 Wed., Apr. 27: beef-a-roni, whole grain garlic toast, glazed carrots, tossed salad with ranch.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs., Apr. 21: boys' varsity golf meet at Delbrook Golf Course, 3 p.m.; varsity baseball game vs. Horicon at home, 5 p.m.; varsity softball game vs. Horicon at home, 5 p.m.
 Fri., Apr. 22: JV1 baseball game at Fall River, 4:45 p.m.
 Sat., Apr. 23: varsity baseball doubleheader vs. Palmyra-Eagle at home, 10 a.m.; JV softball game at Fennimore, 10 a.m.; varsity softball doubleheader vs. Palmyra-Eagle at home, 10 a.m.; track invitational at home, 10:30 a.m.
 Sun., Apr. 24: FFA/FFA Alumni corn hole social, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Mon., Apr. 25: JV softball game at Deerfield, 5 p.m.
 Tues., Apr. 26: fifth grade music concert; boys' varsity golf meet at Portage Country Club, 3 p.m.; JV1 baseball game vs. Johnson Creek at home, 5 p.m.; varsity baseball game at Johnson Creek, 5 p.m.; varsity softball game at Johnson Creek, 5 p.m.
 Mark your calendars for the performance of the year! Parkview Pizazz will be performing their spring show on Saturday, April 30! You don't want to miss this show!



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What's happening in Orfordville?

MAY 7th

Annual Spring Rummage Sales on May 7th, with many opening on Friday, the 6th. In past years, we've had over 100 sales in the Village!

Orfordville Fire Department will be having their Annual Pancake Breakfast beginning at 6:00am until 11:00am.

This will be held at 173 N. Wright Street.

Taqueria Guzman will also have food at their Cinco de Mayo event (during the day) Held in the 100 block of E. Spring Street.



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Green County Sheriff's Department April 11-17, 2022

At approximately 12:27 p.m., Monday, deputies along with Albany EMS, the Albany Fire Department, and Albany Police Officers, responded to the W1300 block of State Highway 59, Town of Albany, for a report of a commercial motor vehicle that had overturned. The driver, Robert G. Haberman, Jr., 71, of Brodhead, reported being westbound on State Highway 59 when he proceeded to negotiate a curve. Haberman reported his vehicle entered the gravel causing him to take corrective action. As a result of the corrective action and the weight of the load, Haberman's vehicle overturned onto its side. Haberman reported wearing his seat belt and sustained injuries as a result of the crash. Haberman was transported for further medical care. Haberman's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. Haberman was cited for failure to maintain control.

At approximately 2:12 p.m., Thursday, deputies arrested Eric A. Calkins, 35, of Albany, for an active warrant while he was at the Green County Justice Center for a court appearance. Eric was issued a signature bond and was released from custody.

Healthful Hints

**April Healthful Hint
 "You Have the Power to Protect"**

National Infant Immunization Week is April 24-30, 2022. The Rock County Public Health Department would like to remind parents and caregivers that it is important to keep young children up to date on immunizations to help protect the health of our community.

National Infant Immunization Week is an annual observance highlighting the importance of protecting children two years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases. This year, it is crucial that families stay on track with their children's routine checkups and recommended vaccinations following disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report found a troubling drop in routine childhood vaccination during the pandemic due to families staying at home and not going to routine doctor visits. Rock County also experienced a decrease in immunizations for children aged two years and younger. Although the rate began to increase in 2021, many children in Rock County are still behind on their vaccinations. Higher vaccination rates decrease the chances of these diseases re-emerging or becoming more prevalent in our community.

Why are vaccines important for infants?

•On-time vaccination is critical to protect against potentially life-threatening diseases. Giving infants the recommended vaccinations by age two is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases, like pertussis (whooping cough), measles, and polio.

•Vaccines have been proven to be a successful and cost-effective tool to prevent disease and death. Vaccines help prevent and reduce the spread of infectious diseases, which helps protect both individuals and communities. Among children born during 1994-2018, vaccination will prevent an estimated 419 million illnesses, 26.8 million hospitalizations, and 936,000 deaths over their lifetimes.

•Vaccines work! In the decade before 1963, when the measles vaccine became available, most children got the disease by the time they were 15. Up to 4 million people in the United States were infected each year, 400-500 people died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and 4,000 suffered encephalitis, or swelling of the brain. Now, two doses of measles vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles if someone is exposed to the virus.

Are vaccines safe for infants?

•Vaccines are safe, and scientists continually work to make them even safer. Each vaccine undergoes extensive testing before it is licensed for use and continues to be tested and monitored while in use.

•Most side effects from vaccination are minor, such as soreness at the injection site or a low-grade fever. These side effects are a normal part of the body's immune response and do not typically last long.

•Serious reactions are very rare. The risks involved with getting a vaccine-preventable disease are far greater and much more dangerous than the small risk of a severe vaccine reaction or side effect.

What can parents and care-

givers do to ensure their infants are up to date on vaccinations?

•View the CDC's Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>.

•Look up your child's immunization record on the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. Parents can access their child's records by going to <https://www.dhfs.wisconsin.gov/immunization>, clicking on "Public Immunization Record Access," and entering the needed information.

•Schedule a well-child exam to catch up on immunizations.

•If you do not have insurance or your insurance does not cover vaccines, contact the Rock County Public Health Department at 608-757-5440 and make an appointment to get your vaccines at an affordable price.

The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that parents stay on track with their children's well-child appointments and routine vaccinations. If you are behind, be sure to make your appointment today.

Janalyn Eisele is a Public Health Nurse for the Rock County Public Health Department. If you would like to ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us with Healthful Hint in the subject. The Rock County Public Health Department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable. For more information, follow us on social media at [rockcountyPHD](https://www.facebook.com/rockcountyphd).

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Garage Sales



ALBANY

W509 Atkinson Road, Fri., Apr. 22, and Sat., Apr. 23, 8 a.m.-? Multi-family garage sale. Antique doors, blinds, bassinet, dishes, clothes—assorted sizes, many more items not listed.

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Christian Education Director, The United Methodist Church of Brodhead is seeking a qualified candidate to fill the position of part-time Christian Education Director beginning around July 1, 2022. Salary/wages to be based on qualifications and experience.

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March 30, 1972

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SAVVY Caregiver Online Workshop

Being a caregiver of a family member or loved one with dementia is overwhelming! Providing the needed care for the person, as well as, taking care of yourself is balancing act. The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin is now taking registrations for our next series of the SAVVY Caregiver program. Participants will learn how to be more effective in their caregiving and finding resources while also taking care of themselves.

SAVVY Caregiver is an evidence-based program that helps family caregivers acquire and strengthen knowledge, skills, and attitudes empowering them to be more intentional, strategic, and responsive in their caregiving role. Taking care of a person with dementia is specialized work. To do this, caregivers need special skills, knowledge and a positive attitude that helps them to care for themselves as well.

Through this seven-week class, caregivers gain skills to manage daily care, learn new approaches, and gain confidence! Our program will be held on Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m. from Wednesday, April 27th through Wednesday, June 8th. This program will be held virtually via ZOOM.

For more information on this program or to register please call Bonnie at 608-426-4295, limited enrollment available, register soon!!



Workshop for Family Caregivers of a Person with Dementia

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