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City Council Council Reorganized After Election

By Grace Kufahl

The Council bid farewell to departing Mayor Casey Jones and thanked him for his service to the city. Thomas Simpson took his place as the new mayor. Incumbent Alderpersons Jill Baxter, Benjamin Gritzmeyer and Paul Naramore were each re-elected for another two-year term. With Simpson moving from alderperson to mayor, there is an open position on the Council. The Council voted to post the position and have candidates apply to be appointed to fill the remaining one year of Simpson's term. The application deadline is Tuesday, May 7th. Jill Baxter was re-elected Council President.

Ben Andrews from MSA, attending virtually, led the required public hearing for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) street project. No members of the public commented on the project. The CDBG application deadline is Thursday, May 16th. The Council approved Resolution 2024-005 to commit CDBG match funds. The city could earn another 10 points in favor of their application by adopting a Capital Improvement Plan. However, part of that plan was agreeing to approximately \$2 million dollars in remaining project expenses after grant funds. The resolution for that was not adopted and a special meeting was set for

Monday, May 13th to discuss it with MSA.

Arbor Day is Friday, April 26th. Mayor Simpson read the Arbor Day proclamation, which is one of the requirements for Brodhead to remain a Tree City.

In Other Business:

The Park and Rec Department summer staffing plan was approved.

The Treasurer was directed to obtain bids for the replacement of the City Hall HVAC system after routine maintenance showed the air conditioning unit needs to be replaced.

Mayor Simpson gave Council members their committee assignments for the coming year.

The Council voted to hold off on discussing the Emergency Dispatch contract until the new board member is in place.

Brodhead Historical Society to present The Evolution of South Side Grocery to Sentry

Brodhead was once the home of many grocery stores, much different from today's lone Piggly Wiggly. One of the larger and longer-term historical grocery stores was Peterson's South Side Grocery. The Brodhead Historical Society is pleased to host Sandy Peterson at their next meeting, to be held Monday, April 29. Sandy is the son of Dean and Mary Peterson, founders of that grocery store, and will speak on The Evolution of South Side Grocery to Sentry.

Sandy is a Brodhead High School graduate, and received his bachelor's degree at UW-Whitewater. He went on to earn a master's degree in Speech Communication and a doctoral degree in Organizational Communication at Indiana University-Bloomington. His career has been in academics, consulting and management, from Indianapolis to Utica, New York and finally, to Kansas City, Missouri. After retirement in 2014, he continued pursuing his interests in American and British history, consulting on parliamentary procedure, and the collection of coins and currency. Sandy recently donated a collection of materials related to the grocery store and the Peterson family. These artifacts will be used in a new grocery store exhibit in the museum, and may be seen when the museum opens in May.

The meeting, including a short business session, begins at 7 p.m., and will be held in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum. The public is welcome to attend. Former employees of South Side Grocery are especially welcome.

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.

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OBITUARIES



Tommy M. Butts

Tommy M. Butts, age 68 of Brodhead, was called to his heavenly home on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, while being cared for with love, by his best friend, Susie Coplien. Tom was born on December 3, 1955 at Chanute Air Force Base in Rantoul, Illinois, the son of Frank and Annette (Zimmerman) Butts. He attended Brodhead High School and then enlisted in the U.S. Marines, where he served from 1975 to 1984. Tom was a very proud Marine. He worked at Woodbridge Corp for many years, and also worked at Stoughton Trailers in Brodhead. Tom happily retired in 2018. In his retirement years, he worked at the Janesville Gazette delivering newspapers in Brodhead. He was voted "Best Newspaper Delivery Guy" by many of his subscribers. He enjoyed being outdoors and working in his yard. He loved history, his music and was an avid sports fan, his favorites being the LA Lakers, NY Yankees and the Badgers. He enjoyed spending time with nephews: Travis, Sky and Trevor and niece, Ella. He also dearly loved his Yorkie puppies. Tom's proudest accomplishments were being a Marine and spending 32 loving years with his soulmate, Susie.

Tom will be sadly missed by his significant other of 32 years, Susan (Susie) Coplien; daughter, Kelly Douglas; siblings: Daniel Butts, Marsha (Ralph) Burgener, James (Cathy) Butts, Eric Markham and Rian Markham. He was preceded in death by his parents and his beloved Yorkie, Maggie.

A Celebration of Tom's Life will be held on Wednesday, April 24, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Everson Funeral Home in Brodhead. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the family in his memory.

A special "Thank You" to SSM Hospice, The Veterans Administration, Pastor Francois, Marsha, Trevor, Cindy, Robert, Monica and Travis and all of our family and friends that helped us through this trying time.

The greater the love, the greater the grief. I will love you forever, Tom. Till we meet again. Rest In Peace. Love, Susie



Shirley Ann Peterson

Shirley Ann Peterson, age 75, Brodhead, passed away on April 19, 2024 while at her home surrounded by her family.

Shirley was born on August 21, 1948 in Monroe, Wisconsin, the daughter of Robert Springsted and Virginia Nenneman.

Shirley is survived a special friend, Howard Phillips; her children: Deanna Anderson, Eric Peterson and Darrin (Christine) Peterson; her grandchildren: Hannah (David) Schock, Danielle Anderson, Taylor (Josh) Broge, Savana (Mitchel) Peterson, Makenzie (Joe) Peterson, Holden Rook, Haley Elmer and Charlie Martin; her great grandchildren: Ian, Elijah, Izaiah, Tilman, Brayleigh, Kase, Easton, Maisie, Kaelani and another baby girl on the way.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and her siblings.

Shirley enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Per Shirley's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded and a celebration of life will take place at a later date. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

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.

Oakley Union UMC to host Old Fashioned Sing A Long

The Oakley Union United Methodist Church will have an Old Fashioned Sing a Long on Sunday, May 19 at 2 p.m. Music by Ernie Saunders and Friends. Stay for refreshments and fellowship after. Free will donations appreciated.

Directions to the church: from Juda south on County S, turn left on Gerber Road and drive until you see the church on the hill.



Brodhead UMC Chicken Dinner and Christian Concert


The Brodhead United Methodist Church hosted a chicken dinner and Christian concert on Friday, April 12. The free-will offering dinner, hosted by the United Methodist Men, opened an evening filled with fellowship and joy, centered around the transformative power of music and our shared devotion to praise.

The concert featured Fox Valley artists Desire Ramazani and Shekinah, who blessed the audience with their powerful gospel music in various languages including French, Swahili, Lingala, and English. The event was supported by Arn's Auto, Brodhead Collision, Center Avenue Auto Sales, Body Crafters, Al and Carol Schneider, Knutes, Speich Oil, Nolte's Garage, Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center, Piggly Wiggly, Pinnow Hometown Pharmacy and Texas Roadhouse Janesville.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BMS SEEKS MULTICULTURAL MORNING SPEAKERS

Brodhead Middle School is looking for speakers to participate in its annual Multicultural Morning event on Wednesday, May 8. If you have traveled outside the USA for vacation, work, military, or any other reasons, you are invited to share your experiences with seventh-grade students. You will have 30 minutes to present photos, souvenirs, and memories of your time abroad.

The students will be divided into small groups and travel with a “passport” to listen and learn about different cultures, cuisines, tourist attractions, physical landscapes, holidays, and more. If you like, you can bring souvenirs or snacks to share, and you can organize a formal or informal presentation. Presentations will occur from 8:15 a.m. until 11:45 a.m., and guests are welcome to speak for more than one session.

Participating in this event has many benefits, such as inspiring young students, sharing your passion for travel, and making meaningful connections with community members. Please respond to Stephanie Tresemer at (stresemer@brodhead.k12.wi.us) by Wednesday, May 1, to be added to the morning’s travel itinerary.

BRODHEAD AREA EMS ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Brodhead Area EMS, Inc. will be held Monday, May 6th, at 7 p.m. at the Brodhead Area EMS training center, 1125 W. 2nd Avenue, 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: Lynn Johnston and Derrick Pinnow, as crewmembers and Barb Clark 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.

DLMRA ANNUAL MEETING

The Decatur Lake and Mill Race Association (DLMRA) will be having its annual meeting on Saturday, April 27, from 1-3 p.m. at the Kelch Aviation Museum social hall located at N2463 Airport Road, Brodhead. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Following the brief business meeting and updates on the activities of DLMRA there will be a humorous presentation on the “Mistakes Made” by guidebook author Timothy Bauer. Bauer’s tales come from years of paddling the many creeks and rivers of the Midwest. His book, Canoeing and Kayaking South Central Wisconsin—60 Paddling Adventures Within 60 miles of Madison is an excellent guidebook and a good read as well.

Timothy Bauer and his paddling partner host the online paddling resource: MilesPaddled.com... <https://milespaddled.com/>. The website has many more trips than the guidebook does and has much useful information on Midwest paddling adventures.

The amazing Kelch Aviation Museum is open for visitors 10 a.m.-4 p.m. DLMRA members past and present as well as the general public 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.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

Clinton Zettle to celebrate 90th birthday

Friends and family are invited to help Clinton Zettle celebrate his 90th birthday on Sunday, May 5, from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Albany Lions Club building, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, Albany.

Monroe Moose Breakfast Benefit

The Monroe Moose Lodge 754-Woman’s Chapter 599 will hold a Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight on Sunday, June 2nd, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Lodge is located at 639 3rd Avenue, Monroe. Help send our veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorials built in their honor. The cost of the all you can eat breakfast is adults \$11; children five years to 10 \$6 and children four and under are free.

Donations sought for Curtain Fund

By Sharon Pryce

The Albany School District is continuing to make improvements to the school. I am reaching out to the community and Albany Alumni to help raise the funds for a new stage curtain, which the original curtain was purchased by John Littel in 1938. The project would also include curtains to wrap around the side and back of the stage, and lighting on the stage. The school has made great strides in the athletic and weight training programs with the help from outside donations. We need to make conservative efforts for the students who are involved in the fine arts. The estimated cost for the improvements is \$33,000. Any donations can be mailed to the Albany School District, P.O. 349, Albany, WI 53502 (curtain fund).

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The Albany United Methodist Church quilting group has concluded its third year of Linus Project quilts for the Albany community and SSM Monroe hospitals. Winter can be long in Wisconsin so this effort serves two purposes. Fellowship together as they construct the quilts and a way to reach out to others. They are in hopes that their quilts bring comfort and blessings to those who receive them

Pictured are as follows from the left: Eunice Clark, LaDonna Buxton, Terrie Blumer, Julie Wanless, Judy Johnson and Holly Atkinson. Missing from group Barb Briggs

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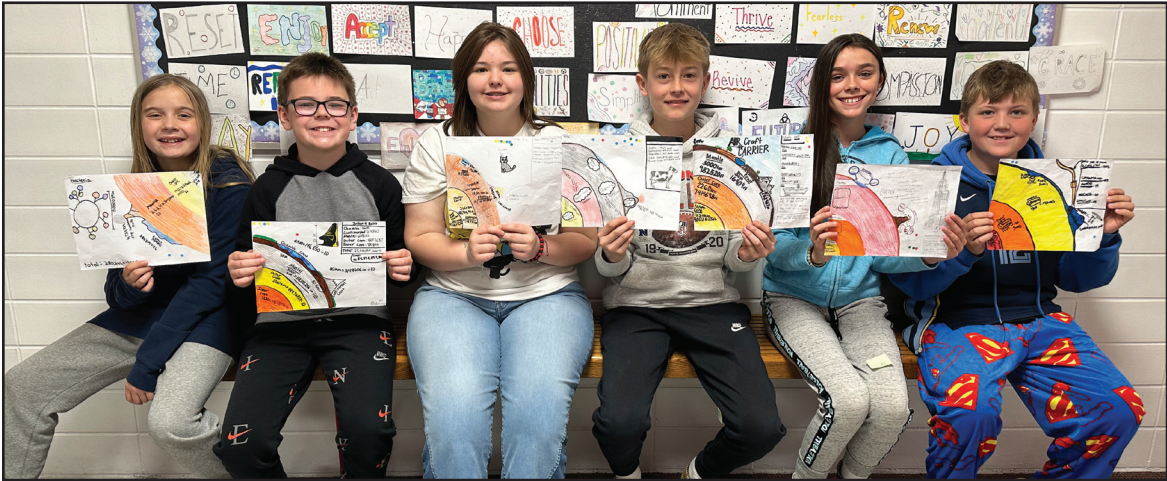
“Guys and Dolls” wanted to send out a huge thank you to everyone within the different communities that came together and helped them reach their goal of \$5,000 in sponsors to get Wisconsin Singers to come to Brodhead. On Saturday, April 13th the Wisconsin Singers put on a show that was an absolute joy to watch! Listed are the individuals and companies that contributed in the effort to raise the money that was needed. Thank you for supporting them and helping aid in the continuation of the “Guys and Dolls” program for future years.

Level 1 Sponsor \$25-\$99—Arn’s Auto Service, Bank of Brodhead, Brian and Aimee Fish, Brodhead Dance Academy, Brodhead Vision Clinic, Jon Laursen, Knute’s, Laverne and Sandra Hays (son is a Wisconsin Singers Alumni), LPL Financial, Marjorie Jasinski, Splittin’ Hairs, Systech Automotive, Tropical Exposure, Vintage On Exchange

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These Brodhead Middle School sixth graders were chosen by their peers and science teacher for choosing a unique item to measure the depth of the earth’s layers by. Brielle (far right) measured by the size of a bacteria—her answers taught her to use scientific notation! Jordan (far left) measured by the length of the Great Wall of China. His answers showed him why decimals are important. Other objects measured by, in size order, were Air Jordans, a cat, a cow, an aircraft carrier, and the Empire State Building. Great job students!

What’s WEB?

WEB is an orientation program to welcome in the sixth graders so they get off to a great start at Brodhead Middle School. WEB Leaders play a crucial role in that because they can share what they’ve learned throughout their middle school experience. WEB Leaders will be trained in how to work with incoming sixth graders. Each WEB Leader will work with a partner to lead a small group of sixth graders. WEB Leaders will guide, mentor, and lead their sixth graders through the year.

Wednesday, April 17th, was the first official WEB Leader training day. They have a group of 22 students who applied and were selected to be WEB Leaders. These students have shown a dedication to being kind, helping others, being respectful, and leading with a positive attitude. They also aren’t afraid to step out of their comfort zone and have FUN! They will create a welcoming space for the sixth graders to feel like they belong at BMS.



Baseball Pushed into Double Header

By Teresa Earleywine

Men’s baseball game for Tuesday and Thursday were moved to Wednesday as a double header at Big Foot. Kohen Sawle covered the pitching duties through all seven innings in game one. He had six strikeouts, four hits and no runs. Offensively the Cardinals collected five hits, Evan Senobe, Dave Masloske, Clayton Elliott, Brooks Malkow and Sawle, with Gabe Bockhop, Senobe, Sawle and Malkow scoring to give Brodhead the 4–0 victory.

In game two of the double header, the Chiefs scored two runs in the opening inning. Brodhead’s pitching team faced challenges from the rubber allowing 10 walks on the night. They combined for 12 strikeouts and limited Big Foot to six hits. Cardinal defense was stellar in the field with no errors. The Chiefs were also tested from the mound as they allowed 11 walks and struck out four. Senobe helped lead the Cards scoring three runs and had two hits including a double. Elliott also was 2-for-3 in the game while Masloske was credited for two runs batted in. The final score 5–3 gave the Cards the win to sweep the Chiefs.

On a blustery Friday night, at Delavan Darien, Brodhead’s southpaw Senobe, pitched four innings compiling seven strikeouts that included a total of 90 pitches with 51 being strikes. The wind may have been a factor in the five walks, and surrendered five runs on three hits in the bottom of the third. Elliott came on as relief for the final two innings and earned five strikeouts, tossing 44 pitches with 23 strikes total. The Cardinal bats were strained with Bockhop and Ryan Searls collecting they only two hits in the game. Searls and Elliott would score in the seventh but it was not enough to overtake the Comets who finished 5–2 to hold off Brodhead.

The team faced Edgerton on Tuesday and will host the Tide here on Thursday and will also have East Troy at home on Friday.

Softball

With the challenges of Mother Nature last week, women’s softball was a complete washout. Brodhead will have a busy week playing at Edgerton on Monday, face Evansville at home on Tuesday, travel to play Beloit Turner on Thursday and have East Troy at home on Friday.

Lady Cards Champs at Jim Church Invite

By Teresa Earleywine

Ten schools competed at the Jim Church Invite last Friday. The women of Brodhead-Juda captured the championship with their team score of 154.5 points. Other schools competing and finishing second-10th were Delavan Darien, Elkhorn, Beloit Turner, Evansville, Clinton, Big Foot, Albany, and Monticello.

Senior Onni Williams, competing for the Cardinals, placed first in both discus 37’4.5 and shot-put 34’2.5 and was named MVP in field events for the women. Kalena Riemer, 2:26.56, running 800m led all her competitors as did Stella Arn, 12.8, in the 100m dash. Arn was also second in the 200m sprint. Addison Yates with first place finishes in 100m hurdles—16.7 and long jump—16’10.5 and second place in high jump and 300m hurdles helped propel her team to the top of the leader board. Brenley Jones in triple jump was third. Relays was another area the Cardinal women shined with three-second place finishes. 4x100m consisted of Jones, Elliana Shank, Bernice Bevars and Arn, the 4x400m included Riemer, Olivia Hartwig, Danica Demrow, and Brielle Engen with Hartwig, Madi Brown, Serena Santiago and Demrow teaming for the 4x800m.

For the Cardinal men, senior Nathan Engen leaped 20’1 which gave him first place in long jump. Brodhead’s 4x400m relay team of Blake Adkins, Eric Woodward, Engen, and Jorge Villalva 3:43.7 was the other first place finish. Second place finishes in relays included 4x200m Grayson Arn, Woodworth, Teagan Pinnow and Gavin Boegli while the 4x800m team included Engen, Blake Adkins, Marcus McIntyre, and Jorge Villalva. Gavin Pinnow placed second in high jump and third in 800m run. Engen finished second in the 400m and Gunner Boegli was third in the 100m sprint.

Evansville led all men’s teams with 111 points followed by Elkhorn—104, Clinton—91, Brodhead-Juda—87, Beloit Turner—84, Delavan Darien—69, Big Foot—61, Albany—56, Blackhawk—25 and Monticello—one.

This week they competed at Edgerton on Tuesday, and will compete at the Badger Invite on Friday.



Gavin Pinnow high jumped 5’10” into second place. (Photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Onni Williams was named women's MVP of field events with first place finishes in shop-put and discus. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Mavrik Plummer, 10th grader, competed at the Rockford Christian Invitational on Saturday, April 20 at Rockford Christian High School. He took first place in both the 400m (53.04) and 800m (2:02.34).

Nimt兹 Farm to Host 44th Annual Green County Breakfast on the Farm:

The Green County Ag Chest is eager to announce the return of the 44th Annual Breakfast on the Farm event. On Saturday, May 25th, Jeff and Julie Nimtz and family graciously invite you to join them at the farm for a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, cheese, homemade coffee cake, milk, coffee and orange juice, along with strawberry ice cream sundaes. Breakfast will be served from 6 to 10 a.m. The farm is located at W7497 Farmers Grove Road, Monticello. Parking will be available on-site, weather permitting, however, transportation provided via bussing from New Glarus High School and Wal-Mart Supercenter in Monroe, from 5:30-9:30 a.m. is highly encouraged as space is limited. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 for adults (ages 11 and older), \$5 for youth (ages 5-10) and free for children (ages four and under). Entertainment during the breakfast will consist of the State Line Play Boys band from 7 to 10 a.m., an antique tractor display and petting zoo, as well as agricultural education stations and various craft vendors. The Ag Chest looks forward to seeing you back on the farm for breakfast on Saturday, May 25th!




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Brodhead's 4x400 relay team of Blake Adkins, Eric Woodward, Nathan Engen and Jorge Villalva closed out the Jim Church Invite with a first place, come-from-behind, finish. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



These are the hardy Brodhead Juda women that stayed until the end of the meet to collect their first place trophy. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Saturday Mornings at the Duramd Library Two Part Series on Vegetable Gardening

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

Everyone is invited to the Durand Library for a two part series on vegetable gardening at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27 and Saturday, May 4. Registration is not required but a heads up to the email below would be appreciated as this helps with preparing handouts.

Barbara Flores, a Master Gardener through the University of Illinois Extension, will lead the talk. She and her husband, Frank, began a vegetable garden at the five day a week Rock River Valley Pantry on Rockton Avenue in Rockford in 2012. This 3,000 sq ft garden is now entering its 13th year.

On Saturday, April 27 basic gardening decisions will be discussed beginning with why do we want to plant a vegetable garden: for fresh vegetables for table use, to preserve produce, to share with a child or just for fun? But where will you put the garden? The most important factor is the amount of sun, then access to water, type of soil, raised bed or not also figure in that decision. .

Deciding what to grow—and when to plant it—starts with determining your hardiness zone. The U.S. Agriculture Department maintains a map that breaks the nation into growing zones based on temperatures and average first and last frost dates.

There is a proper time to start each type of vegetable. There are the cold hardy and frost tolerant plants which, includes the cole family as well as turnips and beets. The great majority of vegetables are annuals but there are two perennial vegetables to consider for the garden, rhubarb and asparagus. Succession planting of beans, beets and other vegetables can increase production from the same space.

Saturday, May 4 we'll discuss warm weather plants and talk in detail about planting tomato, pepper, eggplant, cucumber and more as well as when and how to harvest. It is important also to avoid planting things too close together as this can promote bacterial and fungal growth. Healthy plants need space to grow, And, of course, there will be hazards to expect e.g. insects, disease, wildlife.

Please plan on coming to one or both of these sessions and bring your questions! Gardening is a lifetime hobby that brings joy and satisfaction.

Representative Clinton Anderson Announces Run for Re-Election to 45th Assembly District

State Representative Clinton Anderson (D-Beloit) announces he will be seeking re-election to the 45th Assembly District. The 45th Assembly District consists of the cities of Beloit and Evansville, the Village of Orfordville, and the Towns of Avon, Beloit, Magnolia, Newark, Spring Valley, Turtle and Union.

"It has been a great honor to serve in the Wisconsin Assembly. With new legislative maps for 2024, I am eager to go into the next session and get more done. Voters want elected officials who can stick to their values and work across the aisle. I have done that and will continue to do so."

"There was so much to celebrate from this last session. My bills to protect our elections from AI and to help Evansville get a \$700 million dollar soybean processing plant were signed into law. We also passed a historic increase in shared revenue to our local governments. However, we still have more work to do. We need to address the issues facing Wisconsinites on a daily basis. Whether it's affordable child-care, public education funding, or healthcare, I hope the voters will send me back to Madison to do that work," said Representative Anderson.

The Primary Election is Tuesday, August 13th and the General Election is Tuesday, November 5th. For more information, go to clintonforassembly.com.

The Alpacas are returning to Madison

The 2024 Great Midwest Alpaca Festival and the Wisconsin Alpaca and Fiber Fest return to Madison Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28. More than 300 alpacas will compete in a double halter and walking fleece show. Fiber artists and alpaca enthusiasts will find several fiber workshops and seminars on business planning, marketing, fiber processing and animal husbandry. More than 30 vendors will offer everything from alpaca yarn, roving and socks to teddy bears and candles. Silent auction bidding will run through noon on Sunday with proceeds going to alpaca research.

Dates: Saturday, April 27 and Sunday, April 28

Cost: FREE, \$8 parking.
Location: New Holland Pavilion 1 at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison

Hours: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday; 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday

For more information and a full schedule go to www.wisconsinalpacafiberfest.com.

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Brodhead Optimist Drawing and Painting Contest Winners

The Optimist Drawing and Painting Contest winners are as follows. Cash prizes will be mailed. First place \$25, second place \$15 and third place \$10.

The Optimists judged on originality, creativity, and presentation of artwork. Thank you all the artists and schools who took part in the contest.



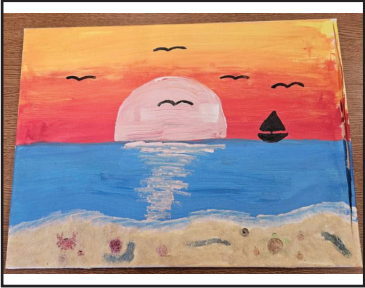
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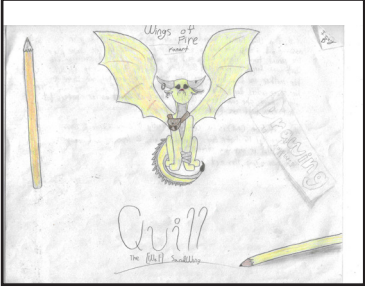
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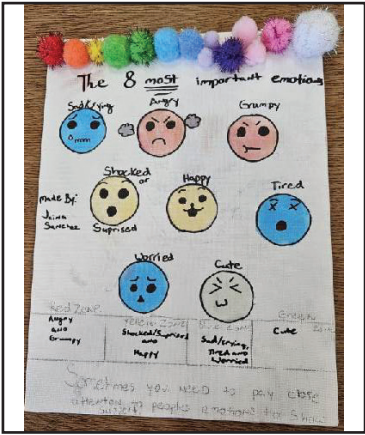
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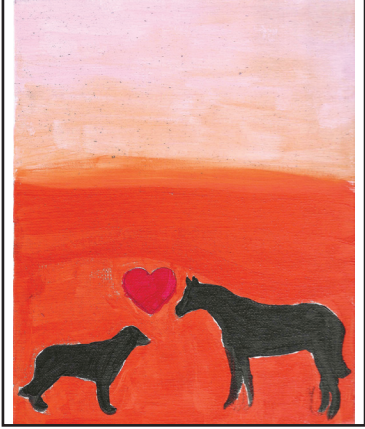
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Now Is A Great Time To Talk With Youth About Alcohol

Research shows that having frequent, casual conversations about the dangers of alcohol can make a big difference in your kid's choices. However, once your small talks get started, you may get hit with some tough questions, like, "If alcohol is so bad, why do you drink wine?" But don't sweat it. Better Brodhead is partnering with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services to help. We've put together more tips, more tools and more answers to tough questions, such as, "Did you drink when you were a kid?" and "What if my friends ask me to drink?" and "Why do I need to wait until I'm 21?" These new resources are part of Small Talks, a campaign from Wisconsin Department of Health Services, which encourages adults to have short, casual conversations with kids frequently, starting at age 8 on the dangers of drinking alcohol before the age of 21. To access the resources go to the Small Talks website at SmallTalksWI.org. Then, share your small talks moments on social media using #SmallTalksWI.

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Cyclo-cross Bike Race

By Evelyn Crooks, Brodhead Historical Society

Bicycle racing enthusiasts and spectators gathered at the Ernest Exum farm October 10, 1976, on rural Brodhead's Decatur Road. Madison's Two Tyred Wheelmen bicycle club joined efforts with Ernest Exum, local Steve Stair and Tyger Johnson for the event. Contestants came from Brodhead, Missouri, Kansas, Illinois, and Dakota to compete in the first race of the season. The course totaled 11 miles of varied terrain through a cornfield, wooded area, up a bluff, across a cow pasture to a steep sandy hill. Rain and mud added to the challenge. Contestants rode, walked or carried their bikes throughout the course. An extra bike, repair and spare parts for breakdowns were waiting if needed.

Contestants were competing toward a mid-west victory to eventually compete in the National Championship in Eugene, Oregon. One of the contestants, Tyger Johnson, has been a world champion. Brodhead's Steve Stair kept close pace with Tyger and came in a second place winner.

The worldwide sport is held October through February in varying weather conditions, adding to the endurance challenge. The sport cyclo-cross racing began in France in 1902. The first explicit cyclo-cross bikes appeared in the 1960s, manufactured by European counties the Netherlands, Belgium and Italy. Also known as CX or CXB bikes, they roughly resemble road-racing bikes. Cyclo-cross bicycles have been modified to perform in the varied course conditions and terrain-type of metal/carbon fiber frame, tires, rims, brakes/levers, handlebars, and pedals. A UCI (Union Cyclist Internationale) sanctioned event has specific rules for the bikes: handlebar width, tire width with no studs or spikes, at least a 12 spoke wheel, bicycle weight at least 15 pounds to two significant features.

According to sources, the race was held for two or three years in Brodhead.

Imagine Discover Connect

Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

We read books this week about rainbows and even made a rainbow wand to chase away the 'grumpys.'

Then we got out the paint and mixed colors to make rainbows. Be careful, though! Too much mixing makes the colors turn to MUD! Thanks, Jenny McNeely for the pictures!

And THEN we made rain! We drew on our paper with white crayons and painted with blue watercolors to make the rain show up.

