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## Brodhead Lions annual rose sale

The Brodhead Lions are selling roses—delivered in time for Mother's Day, Saturday, May 11. A dozen roses sell for \$20. Contact any Lions member to order or contact Jim Huffman at 608-558-1507 by Tuesday, May 7th to put a smile on someone's special face.

## 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.



## Sheriff Skatrud's Retirement Notice

By Jeff Skatrud, Green County Sheriff

After an almost 43-year law enforcement career, I have made the very difficult decision to retire, effective Sunday, June 30, 2024. Simply put, a number of physical challenges are interfering with my ability to serve as Sheriff. It's time to step aside.

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve the people of Green County since 1981. I've raised my two sons here and been a part of the community for basically my entire adult life. It has given back to me way more than I have been able to give it. I'll be forever grateful for the partnerships and friendships that we've cultivated over the years and know that those friendships will continue.

Knowing that I was in the final years of my career, we've been purposeful in hiring and promoting great people who are much smarter than I have ever been. The Green County Sheriff's Office is in great hands and is well prepared to meet the demands of the present and in the future.

I thank everyone for their support over the years.  
Forever grateful.

## Brodhead-Juda Baseball presents Junior Cardinal Youth Ball Day

Brodhead-Juda Baseball will host Junior Cardinal Youth Ball Day on Tuesday, May 7, at 4:45 p.m. at their game versus Clinton at Brodhead High School. There will be trivia for prizes, 50/50 raffles, silent auction items: Brewer tickets, CRB baseball packages, Sky Carp tickets, Rockford Rivets tickets, Madison Mallard tickets, 608 the Factory, Decatur Cheese and much more.

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Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@beth-  
lehembrodhead.org. Website: www.beth-  
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Living Word Church, 3825 S. County  
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tor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.  
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stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sun-  
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Magnolia Christian Church, located  
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ship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school  
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St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS),  
corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th  
Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.  
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2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—  
Sundays: worship 9 a.m.; Bible class and  
Sunday school 10:15 a.m.

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

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

## OBITUARY



### Robert David Olsen

Robert David Olsen, age 86,  
Brodhead, passed away on April 24,  
2024 while at his home surrounded  
by his family.

Bob was born on March 9, 1938  
in Afton, Wisconsin, the son of  
Charles and Blanche (Jones) Olsen.

Bob married the love of his life,  
Donna Weidman on October 18,  
1958 at the Zion United Methodist  
Church in Juda. They were married  
for 62 years and have always been  
active members of the Brodhead  
community.

Bob was a member of the Brod-  
head United Methodist Church,  
Brodhead School Board member  
for 12 years, an avid Brodhead High  
School sports fan and worked with  
the boosters for many years. Bob  
enjoyed mowing, and in years past  
helping at the fire department. Bob  
was a huge UW Badger fan and  
there were only two colors, cardinal  
red and white. Finally, Bob served  
on the Brodhead Fire Department  
for 51 years and served his country  
in the US Army from 1956-1959.

Bob is survived by his four chil-  
dren: David (Connie) Olsen, DeAnn  
(Kerry) Schlittler, Dawn (Tom)  
Swanson and Terry (Tony) Peters  
all of Brodhead; two siblings: Jerry  
(Carol) Olsen of Davis, Illinois and  
Carole Riese of Brodhead; three sis-  
ter-in-laws: Phyllis (Bud) Seibert of  
Brodhead, Lanaya Jones (Gary Al-  
tenbernd) of Beloit and Barb Olsen  
of Davis, Illinois; seven grandchil-  
dren: Jordan (Samantha) Schlittler,  
Bethany (Nick) Jarvis, Garret (Jade)  
Olsen, Conner (Marissa) Olsen, Ca-  
leb (Alissa) Ahrens, Mariah (Trent)  
Gerlach and Allen (Jessi) Peters;  
and 10 great grandchildren: Maken-  
na and Keaton Jarvis, Leo and Arlo  
Olsen, Wyatt and Payton Schlittler,  
Baylor and Chet Gerlach; Madison  
and Cooper Olsen and one Baby  
Gerlach on the way and many other  
nieces, nephews and other relatives  
and friends.

Bob was preceded in death by  
his parents, his wife, Donna in  
2020; two grandchildren, Gavin  
and Jarred Olsen; one brother, Dick  
Olsen and two brother in laws: Jerry  
Jones and Art Riese.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can  
be directed to the family in Bob's  
memory to establish a memorial  
fund at a later date.

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A visitation was held at the DL  
Newcomer Funeral Home in Brod-  
head on Sunday, April 28, from 2 to  
6 p.m. Funeral services were held  
on Monday, April 29, at the Brod-  
head United Methodist Church at 11  
a.m. with a visitation prior from 10  
a.m. until the time of services. Burial  
with military honors was held at  
the Greenwood Cemetery. Online  
condolences can be made at www.  
dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

## DEATH NOTICE

### Robert Lentine

Robert Lentine, formerly from  
Brodhead, age 75, passed away on  
Saturday, April 20th at Azura Mem-  
ory Care of Beloit. He is survived  
by his wife, Jacqueline; daughters:  
Susan Wescott of Beloit and Holly  
Hasse of Juda. Per Robert's wishes  
there will be no services. Full obitu-  
ary can be found at Brian Mark Fu-  
neral Home web site.

## Albany Alumni Banquet

The 2024 Albany Alumni Ban-  
quet will be held Saturday, May 25th  
at the Albany Lions Building, 402  
N Cincinnati Street. The \$18 roast  
beef dinner is served family style  
and starts at 7 p.m. Come early and  
visit with your classmates. Send  
your reservation and money to Dan  
Weber, N5926 Marie Ct, Albany WI  
53502 payable to the Albany Alumni  
Association or call 608-862-3260.

## 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.



## A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

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~Unknown



## Brodhead UMC Faithful Servants

The Brodhead United Methodist Men recently celebrated the two shining lights in the church family. Faithful Servant Awards were presented to Ron Nenneman and Al Schneider on Sunday, April 21st. Nenneman has continually cared for the church both inside and outside for decades. He has served as head usher, usher, prepared communion, and donated garden produce. Ray Pawlisch noted, in presenting the award, Ron is "always there" when needed. Schneider has been managing the church sound and video system for years. Again, Pawlisch commented that "Al has been in charge of anything with a cord" at the church. Schneider has also assumed leadership roles, serving on the Church Leadership Council, Finance Committee and as a Trustee.

The Brodhead United Methodist Men meet on the first Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. for "Breakfast and Bible Study." The church, located at 501 1st Center Avenue, is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome to join them!



## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### 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.

### 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 10th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 11th 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 12th. 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!!

## 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).

## Brodhead Blood Drive

By Deb Malcook

A big shout-out to donors and volunteers of the Brodhead Community Blood Drive hosted by Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, April 16. The generosity of donors will impact the lives of 132 recipients.

Thank you to Diane Gretebeck and Pastor Callie Arndt for volunteering in the canteen and to Pam McKay, Janice Knight and Donna Winterland for providing treats.

The next blood drive scheduled for Bethlehem will be Tuesday, July 9.

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## Pastor's Corner

**Pastor Shawn Stapleton**  
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Our recent solar eclipse was quite the spectacular sight. The hazy light can be almost disorienting. The way all of creation seems to stop and contemplate the event can be equal parts thrilling and unsettling. News accounts of communities in the path of totality showed some spectators cheering, while others wept. Some stared through their special eclipse glasses quietly—prayerfully, even. Some were convinced the much-hyped “rapture” was upon us, and watched with anticipation.

Anytime we are confronted with the smallness of our existence, and the vastness of the universe, it becomes a “spiritual” experience. It’s a common reminder for people of faith—we celebrate our smallness, and God’s vastness, every moment of every day. For us, it’s just like God is waving at us, reminding us, in yet another spectacular display, of His amazing presence and power.

For those who are not people of faith, it can have the same sort of emotional impact. They marvel at the enormity of life, and seem to contemplate the smallness of their own struggles in the face of such immensity. They feel the closeness of their neighbors and friends as they witness the spectacle together, forever linking them in a shared existential experience. It’s a memory they will always hold close, as they return to their daily routines and wait for the next opportunity to experience such connectedness again.

We only get so many interstellar experiences to remind us of the enormity of the universe, of powers greater than ourselves. But, week in and week out, people of faith are experiencing that joy, humility, and exhilaration in churches and other houses of worship. We enter sacred spaces with all sorts of joys and concerns, but walk out somehow transformed, reaffirmed, and uplifted. For so many, a short time basking in the presence of God helps them navigate their weekly obligations with a little more joy.

If you felt that emotional and spiritual exhilaration during the eclipse, and want to continue connecting with people as you witness the wonder of God, visit a local church this week. Keep reminding yourself that so much of life doesn't have to be yours to control. Surrender to the power of God, and feel the love of Christ among those who have gathered. Then get involved in the work they are doing to bring the message to others.

The sun may occasionally get blocked by the moon, but the light of joy and love can never be darkened. Avail yourself of that light this week!



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## Discover Open Doors Green County: A Fun Adventure for All!

Submitted by Hannah Sprouse

The Green County Leaders program is thrilled to announce the launch of Open Doors Green County, a fantastic tourism-based project. Led by emerging community leaders Jennie Lembach, Emily McGee, Christine Ceroni, Noah Steiner, and Hannah Sprouse, this exciting event invites you to explore the hidden gems right here in our own backyard.

What Is Open Doors Green County? Open Doors Green County is all about discovering the rich tapestry of our community. From charming farms to historic sites, from local food and beverage producers to non-profits making a difference, this event showcases the heart and soul of Green County. Whether you're a longtime resident or a curious visitor, there's something for everyone!

When and Where? Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 18th and Sunday, May 19th! Participating organizations will open their doors wide, offering behind-the-scenes tours and insights. You won't want to miss it! Grab a map (available soon) and chart your adventure.

Why Open Doors Green County? We believe that understanding our community's assets brings us closer together. Let's celebrate what makes Green County special—its people, places, and traditions.

How to Learn More:

- Connect: Follow the 'Green County, Wisconsin' Facebook page.
- Visit: We'd love to chat with you at our booth at the Monroe Farmers Market on Saturday, May 18th.

Join us as we swing open the doors to discovery! See you there!



## Wisconsin's Top 32 Scholar Athletes to Be Recognized

Sixteen senior girls and 16 senior boys from St. Croix Falls to Racine have been selected as finalists to receive the prestigious 2024 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association's (WIAA) Statewide Scholar Athlete Award, presented by We Energies Foundation and Wisconsin Public Service Foundation. More than 1,213 Scholar Athlete finalists have been recognized since the program began in 1984.

To determine the top 32 finalists, four boys and four girls were selected (based on both athletic and academic achievement) from each of the four WIAA divisions. "Each of these remarkable student athletes has excelled in academics and athletics," said Tom Shafranski, Assistant Director of the WIAA. "17 of this year's 32 WIAA Scholar Athlete finalists have a grade point average of 4.0 to date. When you combine all 32 scholar athlete GPAs, the average is 3.9. This year's honorees have already earned a total of 323 varsity letters during their first 3-1/2 years of high school. That's an average of ten letters per athlete, and we have not yet completed our spring sports season."

This year more than 836 seniors were nominated for the award by 422 high schools throughout the state.

The 2024 WIAA Scholar Athlete Finalists will be recognized at an awards ceremony Sunday, May 5 at SentryWorld in Stevens Point. Keynote speaker will be Joe Delagrave, a two-time Paralympic medalist and current head coach of the U.S. Wheelchair Rugby Team.

A live stream of the awards program will be available statewide across ABC affiliates, including WKOW, WAOW, WXOW, WQOW, WVTM and CW14 at 1 p.m. on Sunday, May 5. A video replay of the Awards Program will take place on Sunday, May 12 at 1 p.m.



Among those recognized is Alana Durtschi, Albany High School—4.0 GPA. Durtschi is first in her class academically and has earned 11 varsity letters in three sports, including basketball, softball and volleyball. She helped her Comets basketball team win a State championship her senior year, and she received the all-conference honors as the league's MVP the past two seasons. On the softball field, she helped the softball team finish State runner-up in 2021 and earned team MVP honors her sophomore and junior seasons in addition to receiving all-conference

recognition as a junior. Durtschi shares, "Juggling academic studies with a busy athletic schedule is tough, but it taught me the importance of hard work and perseverance. I've learned that sports can be a temporary thing, so I make sure to apply the same level of determination to academics. I've achieved high marks in difficult classes and multiple college courses that earned me the honor of valedictorian." Durtschi intends to study education at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.



Evan Senobe on the pitcher's mound was key in Brodhead's sweep of Edgerton last week. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

## Baseball Sweeps Edgerton

By Teresa Earleywine

The Cardinals in game one against Edgerton last week built an early 14-6 lead but the Tide remained diligent and chipped away at the score getting eight runs to Brodhead's one in the final three innings. The Cards persevered and preserved the 15-14 final. Brooks Malkow, Evan Senobe and Kohen Sawle each were 2-for-4 at the plate with Malkow leading the way with three runs batted in. Brodhead went deep into their pitching crew with Sam Searls earning the win while he maxed the pitch count in the third, throwing 53 strikes while on the mound. Clayton Elliott, Sawle and Senobe each filled in on the rubber.

The rematch in Brodhead on Thursday saw the Tide collect seven hits to six for the Cards but walking six and handing the home team four unearned runs, for an 8-5 score, seals the fate of Edgerton. Dave Masloske, Senobe and Elliott collected two runs each. Gabe Bockhop led his team at the plate with two hits in four at bats. South paw, Senobe earned the win firing 100 pitches, 60 total strikes and six strikeouts. Parker Vanderpahl closed out the game to collect the save.

This week the team hosted Dodgeville on Monday, took on Evansville at home on Tuesday and will travel to Blue Devil territory on Thursday, Jefferson is on dock for Friday at home.

## Track Succeeds Against Edgerton

By Teresa Earleywine

Both the men and women were successful competing at Edgerton in a dual meet. The guys edged the Tide 79.5 to 72.5. The women tallying 91 points overpowered Edgerton's 46.

Earning first place honors for the Cardinals included Erik Woodward 23.6—200m, Marcus McIntyre 56.4—400m, Brody Kiser 2:57.8—800m, the 4x100 relay—46.1 comprised of Woodward, Gunner Boegli, Isaac Saunders, and Brody Riese, the 4x200 relay 2:46.6, Woodward, Riese, Cullen Walker and Boegli, 4x800m relay 8:51.1, Blake Adkins, Anton Pfeifer, Gauge Jorgenson and McIntyre. Field events were led by Blake Matthys 43'8.5 shot-put, Gavin Pinnow 5'10" high jump, and Simon Moore 7'6" pole vault.

Leading the Brodhead women with double first places in 100m—12.3 and 200m—26.6 were Stella Arn, 400m—1:07.3 and 800m—2:58.2; Olivia Hartwig with Addison Yates double firsts on high jump 5'0 and long jump 16'2.5. Kalena Riemer 1600m—5:54.5, Madi Arnold 3200m—16:58.8 handled the distance races. In relays, they saw success in the 4x100m—55.0 with Brenley Jones, Claire Anderson, Elliana Shank and Stella Arn whereas the team of Madi Brown, Kennedy Lerch, Brielle Engen and Serena Santiago, 12:28.3 for first in the 4x800m. Onni Williams 36'8.25 shot put, Shank cleared 7' for first in pole vault and Jones triple jump 31'9" rounds out the first place leaders for Brodhead.

They competed on Tuesday at Beloit Turner in a RVC mini-meet and the annual Beloit Daily News invite will be on Friday.

## Softball Remains Undefeated

By Teresa Earleywine

Coach Krupke's softball team had a shutout week playing three games, held their opponents to no score and racked up 27 runs in the process. Monday at Edgerton Allie Dahl drove in four runs on three hits when she tripled on a line drive to left field. Ava Risum pitched a no-hitter and striking out 12. The Cards win 12-0. Tuesday, they faced Evansville where Risum pitched a 1-hit-0 runs, 12 strikeouts and no walks in the five innings. Jaelyn Hilliard led the team with 3-for-4 at bats while Tessa Kloeping and Risum contributed, each going 2-for-3 at the plate and Dahl was credited with three RBIs and a homerun. Brodhead finished with a 10-0 victory.

At Beloit Turner on Thursday, this game would extend to the seventh inning but the Cardinals come out on top, 5-0 to maintain the perfect season. It would be the fourth inning before Brodhead would get its first run when Hilliard scores from third base when Leah Rear grounds out to second base. Risum who had advanced to third crosses home plate when Dahl singles on a line drive to center field. Keegan Steinke hits a single that scores Dahl before the Trojans retire the inning. Sohpiea Leitzen added to the score in the fifth when Risum was able to hit a single to send her home. Cards at top of the sixth, has bases loaded; Leitzen on first, Kloeping at second and Steinke on third. Risum at bat, is walked after four balls to allow Steinke to score. Risum striking out 10, one walk and one hit is solid from the mound.

Softball has five games this week scheduled for home versus East Troy—Monday, Clinton—Tuesday, Edgerton—Thursday and travel to Jefferson for a double header on Friday.

## Golf Team Chips Away

By Teresa Earleywine

Golf competed in Evansville this past week with senior Nolan Oliver placing fifth at a mini-meet last Tuesday. Playing in the Evansville Invite on Friday, 17 schools competed. Brodhead's team finished with 390 for their score. McGinty Maddox, Joe Lohmar and Oliver each scored 94. Jaxon Dooley and Joey brown round out the team.

The team played at Prairie Woods on Tuesday and will be at Krueger Haskell golf course on Friday.

## Reserve now—space is limited to 100 State of the State of Dementia in Wisconsin

Wednesday, June 5—9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.—University of Whitewater Community Engagement Center

A conference for all professionals in aging and healthcare, the day's expert speakers will provide valuable insight and information regarding the 2024-2028 Wisconsin State Dementia Plan. Conference speakers and presentations include:

"2024-2028 State Dementia Plan Overview"—Carrie Molke, director Bureau of Aging and Disability Resources, Department of Health Services and Bryce Dorff, research analyst, Department of Health Services

"Adult Protective Services, Dementia and Crisis"—Laurie Kohler, APS coordinator, Department of Health Services chaired crisis response workgroup for the 2024-2028 plan

"Dementia, Stabilization, In-Patient Psychiatric Units & the Law"—Jake Dunn, MSW, LCSW, Stoughton Hospital—geriatric psychiatry

"Family Caregiver Concerns and Community Education"—Bonnie Nuttkinson, MS, research program coordinator dementia care & caregiver research Wisconsin Alzheimer's Disease Research Center and Karen Tennyson, MSW, LCSW, CDP, dementia care specialist, ADRC of Rock County

Conference fee is \$25 and includes all-day conference, four CEUs sponsored by UW-Whitewater and lunch.

Registration is required. For registration information, please contact Karen Tennyson, dementia care specialist, Rock County 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

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### BHS Prom 2024

Brodhead High School's junior prom was held Saturday night with "Starry Night" chosen for the theme. Chosen by their peers for the court include first row: Stella Arn, Kyla Miller, Ava Risum, Kylee Wahler, Olivia Hartwig and Madi Brown. Prom pages are Elijah Hackle and Audrey Ackley. Second row: Brooks Malkow, Clayton Elliott, Gabe Bockhop, Dakota Day, David Masloske and Cullen Walker. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Queen Stella Arn and King Dakota Day were crowned after the grand march. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Cardinal pitcher Ava Risum in three games last week limited her opponents to 2 hits, 0 errors and struck out 34 batters. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Senior Tessa Kloeping was 2-for-3 at the plate in the game against Evansville. Brodhead won 10-0. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brooks Malkow in the first game against the Tide was 2-for-4 at the plate and had 3 RBIs. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

## Durand Charm Housing

Submitted by Pam Ward

Great news from the Wall Street Journal...our area (Rockford) is #1 in America's housing market, and the only area in Illinois in the WSJ top 50.

And great news from Durand too! Durand Charm's Housing team has been ahead of the housing curve, formed just eight months ago and focusing on improving housing options for residents of all ages, family compositions, and budgets within the entire Durand School District 322 area.

Durand is well-known also for its volunteers and the Durand Charm all-volunteer Housing team has demonstrated just how much can be accomplished. As part of the public outreach conducted as an offshoot of Durand Charm and in conjunction with the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs/Western Illinois University MAPPING program, this team has established a partnership with the Illinois Housing Development Authority with the intent of assessing both what the community needs/wants, and taking stock of what options and funding/building resources are available. The partnership will develop housing planning, useful to the residents, five townships, county and state, Village of Durand, Lake Summerset, realtors and developers, and others, beginning with survey outcomes within the next few months.

Kicking off the first week of May, the team is launching the regional Community Housing Needs Assessment Survey for the Durand Illinois area. The purpose of this survey is to capture information about current housing supply, demand, and affordability within our region and begin to identify what types of housing may be needed in the future. It will identify potential targeted improvement strategies and actions for housing.

The Housing team will also be conducting a Land Use/Housing Stock survey at this same time, mapping out the community's buildable lots, historic preservation opportunities, revitalization opportunities, etc. The team is currently exploring partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, Landmarks Illinois, USDA and others in preparation to cover this wide variety of housing initiatives.

For survey results and progress on the Durand area regional housing process moving forward, or to volunteer on our teams, please contact DurandCharm@gmail.com.

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## SSM Health welcomes two new Behavioral Health providers in Monroe

Mental health continues to be top priority in the community. As care evolves to support local needs, SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group is pleased to welcome two new providers to the Behavioral Health team: Becky Brown, PhD, and Beth Jessie, LPC.



Dr. Becky Brown is returning to SSM Health as a Clinical Psychologist. Dr. Brown's specialties include trauma-informed care, OCD, and somatic psychotherapy.

The conditions that Dr. Brown primarily sees include depression, anxiety, complex trauma, and behavioral concerns. She also sees patients for Autism screenings.

When asked about her practice, Dr. Brown shared, "I'm a generalist and I can collaborate with medical providers to assist with adjusting to new or chronic medical conditions."



Beth Jessie is also joining the Behavioral Health team as a Licensed Professional Counselor. Beth received her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin-White-water, and her Master of Science from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

The conditions that Beth primarily sees patients for include anxiety, depression, separation anxiety, relationship issues, PTSD, and trauma.

Beth shared, "Counseling is a process. My goal is to help patients know that they can be and will be successful."

To inquire about services, please call the Behavioral Health department at 608-324-2394.

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## Gun Show

**Gun Show—Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18**, at the SLICE Ice Arena, 1632 4th Avenue West, Monroe. Hours: Friday 3-8 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Info 608-426-0113. (05/15)



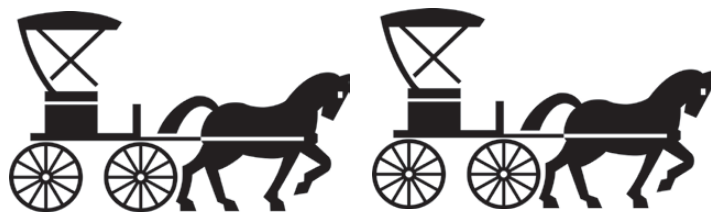
### By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

"April Showers bring May Flowers." Or so they say. The lilacs and the apple/pear trees are all blossoming and the flowers in front of the library are happy and healthy. Another round of rain and some sunshine and we'll have blossoms.

During April, the preschool story time at Albertson Memorial Library focused on clouds and rain and splashed in pretend puddles. We made rainbows and painted rain and even made clouds using hot water and ice cubes. It was like magic science!

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grow? In May, we'll answer that question by Planting A Rainbow (by Lois Ehlert) of flowers and see how quickly they come up. Grow Flower Grow (by Lisa Bruce) and The Very Greedy Bee (by Steve Smallman) are also on the agenda to be read. My Garden (by Kevin Henkes) spotlights a girl who grows chocolate

rabbits and jellybeans and beach balls. I wonder what happens when you plant a jellybean . . . We'll also read some stories honoring Mother's Day and Father's Day and maybe make a greeting card or two for our moms and dads. Keep tuned in for pictures showing the fun!

Our last Preschool Story Time for this year is Tuesday, May 21st, but we'd love to have you join us during the month of May. We meet at 10 a.m., before the library opens so we have full run of the library. Looking forward to seeing you!



# Transformational Green Amendment Will Protect Wisconsin's Environment for All Current and Future Generations

All People in Wisconsin Should Have the Right to a Safe and Stable Climate

Representative Darrin Madison (D-Milwaukee) and Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) celebrate Earth Day and Wisconsin's natural environment by highlighting 2023 Assembly Joint Resolution 144 / Senate Joint Resolution 135—a Green Amendment to Wisconsin's State Constitution.

The amendment declares that: "The people, including future generations, have the right to a clean, safe, and healthy natural environment, including pure water, clean air, healthy soils, self-sustaining ecosystems, and a safe and stable climate, and to the preservation of the natural, cultural, scenic, and healthful qualities of the environment."

Green Amendments have been passed in Montana, Pennsylvania, and New York. They have been introduced in 23 states. Visit [www.WIGreenAmendment.org](http://www.WIGreenAmendment.org) to learn more.

Representative Madison issued the following statement: "I am proud to introduce a green amendment that will protect Wisconsin's climate and environment for current and future generations. Communities across Wisconsin are struggling with environmental challenges ranging from a lack of access to sustainable and affordable food to lead and PFAS contamination in our waters. By granting constitutional rights to all people, this green amendment creates strong environmental justice pathways for marginalized communities across Wisconsin that too often face the brunt of environmental pollution. This amendment provides a transformational opportunity for the people of Wisconsin to vote to protect our natural resources for all regardless of socioeconomic status."

Senator Spreitzer issued the following statement: "Wisconsin's natural beauty, resources, and outdoor economy are an invaluable part of our state's identity. Our state's constitution already protects the right to fish, hunt, trap, and take game, as well as guaranteeing access to our state's navigable waters, and adopting this amendment would integrate environmental protection with those existing, complementary rights. As warmer winters and unpredictable precipitation patterns impact Wisconsin's \$23.7 billion tourism industry, extreme weather events are also making it harder to predictably plant and harvest crops, decreasing soil quality, and leading to higher amounts of runoff—all of which hurts our \$104.8 billion agricultural economy."

"From Superior to Beloit, this constitutional amendment presents an opportunity to safeguard our environment, strengthen Wisconsin's rights, and preserve our state's economic drivers. By supporting this amendment, Wisconsin will join a growing movement to preserve our natural resources and our way of life for generations to come."



### By Sarah Carpentier, Adult Services and Outreach Librarian

New releases in Adult Fiction: The Murder Inn by James Patterson and Candice Fox, One By One by Freida McFadden, Toxic Prey by John Sandford, Daughter of Mine by Megan Miranda, A Killing on the Hill by Robert Dugoni, Say You'll Be Mine by Naina Kumar, The Husbands by Holly Gramazio, She's Not Sorry by Mary Kubica, Just for the Summer by Abby Jimenez, A Calamity of Souls by David Baldacci

Details about our upcoming Summer Library Program, and a new kind of Summer Reading Challenge that will be open to ALL ages, to come soon!

# POLICE

## Green County Sheriff's Department April 22-28, 2024

At 5:23 a.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the 400 block of 3rd Street, in the Village of Albany, for a domestic dispute. The investigation resulted in Jennifer L. Parrish, 47, of Albany, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, battery, criminal damage to property, and strangulation (domestic abuse related). Parrish was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At 2:13 p.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the N4300 block of State Highway 104, in the Town of Decatur, for a two-vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Jonathan M. Garcia, 41 of Orfordville, was turning southbound onto State Highway 104 from Borchardt Road, when he was struck by another vehicle traveling southbound, operated by Joshua J. Pocklington, 34, of Fitchburg. Garcia reported no injuries, was wearing his seat belt, and the airbags did not deploy. Pocklington reported non-life-threatening injuries, was wearing his seat belt, and his airbags deployed. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. Investigation resulted in Garcia being cited for operate motor vehicle without insurance. Garcia was released pending court.



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## Nimtz 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!



## Bethlehem Lutheran Confirmation 2024

On Sunday, April 28, Bethlehem Lutheran Church confirmed five youth. Pictured are front row, left to right: Pastor Callie Arendt, Penelope Logan, Lilli Stevens; back row: Jenna Pinnow, Tegan Pinnow and Dylan Ross.



On Sunday, August 28, St. Augustine's second graders received their first communion at the Sunday mass. They were excited to receive the body of Christ and we were happy to pass on our faith. St. Augustine's is located in Footville. Pictured with the second graders is Father Randy Budnar.

## UW-Extension Green County welcomes two additional Regional Agriculture Educators

UW-Extension Green County is pleased to announce Jordyn Sattler has been hired as the Regional Crops and Soils Educator and Kimberly Kester has been hired as the Regional Livestock Educator, for the counties of Grant, Green, Iowa and Lafayette Counties.

Sattler graduated from UW-Platteville in 2013 as a double major in Agricultural Education (Non-Teaching) and Soil and Crop Science with a Plant Breeding and Genetics emphasis. Since then, she has spent most of her time working as a retail sales agronomist in Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois. She is excited to start meeting with local producers and providing resources and information that will help farms achieve their individual goals.

Sattler looks forward to providing research-based education for farmers on crops and soils questions! For more information, contact Jordyn at 608-228-0208 or email her at Jordyn.sattler@wisc.edu. She can also be reached at the Extension Green County office at 608-328-9440.

Kester graduated from UW-Madison in 2014 with a double major in Dairy Science and Poultry Science. After graduation she worked as a bull herdsman for Accelerated Genetics in Westby, WI. In 2017, she moved to Georgia where she was a county agriculture agent for over six years, with much of her work focusing on beef heifer development, small ruminants, beekeeping, and tobacco. She recently moved back to Wisconsin to start her new role. Kester says, "I am happy to be back and can't wait to meet livestock producers in the area!"

Kester will be happy to answer your livestock questions! For more information, contact Kim at 608-228-5400 or email kimberly.kester@wisc.edu. She can also be reached at the Extension Lafayette County office at 608-776-4820.



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