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## School Board Board Opts to Implement Health Clinic

By Grace Kufahl

After receiving feedback from staff and the teacher's union and much debate over different options, the board voted unanimously to keep health insurance coverage the same this year and, in partnership with SSM, implement a District Wellness Clinic for staff. As an incentive to use the new clinic, the board also voted to decrease next year's contribution to staff health insurance by approximately \$500 for those who do not use it. Michael Oellerich abstained from voting on both measures and Jennifer Flory was not present.

Kevin Mullen from Baird presented financing recommendations to the board for renovations resulting from the referendum. Baird recommends the district borrow in two phases with no more than \$15 million borrowed in 2024, to stay under the threshold for earning income on borrowed funds before they're used, and \$4 million to be borrowed in 2025. Mullen further

advised the board adopt a resolution next month setting parameters for issuing bonds to finance the remodeling projects. This would give Superintendent Novy and Board President Mike Krupke flexibility to enter into the bond market when the timing is right. The bonds would be marketed in late June and close in mid-July, when the district would start to see funds coming in. Mike Krupke commented the plan was "well thought out" and Michael Oellerich added it "sounds great".

### In Other Business:

In approving the Consent Agenda, the board accepted the resignation of Julie Jones, Elementary School Head Cook, and added the position of District Director of Curriculum and Instruction to Elementary Principal Kelly Knox.

Novy reported approved open enrollments out are higher than open enrollments in due largely to students leaving for full day 4k in other districts.

Substitute Aide pay was increased from \$14.50 to \$15 dollars per hour in hopes of attracting more subs.

To remain competitive with other local employment, pay for summer grounds workers was increased to \$12 per hour for the first year and \$13 per hour for those returning.

The board approved hiring a local Elementary School Teacher Intern from UW-Whitewater for first semester at a total cost of \$5,000.



Pictured left to right:  
Bambi Pryce and  
American Legion  
Commander Bruce  
Sutherland with her  
District 3 award.

## Register Print Center Changes Ownership

The Register Print Center has served the community since 1929 and will continue to do so in the future. Barb Cook has sold her interest in the print shop to Casey Jones and will enjoy a semi-retirement. The Register Print Center thanks Barb for her many years of service to the community while working at the Register Print Center.

Ed Mikkelson and Casey look forward to continuing the great service that has been provided in the past. Thank you for your continued support of this long-time Brodhead business.



Pictured left to right: Shane Nehls, Tylor Hoard, Bambi Pryce and American Legion Commander Bruce Sutherland.

## American Legion Post 197 presents awards

Policeman of the Year—Officer Tylor Hoard has been selected as this year's Policeman of the Year for American Legion Post 197 here in Brodhead. Officer Hoard has played an instrumental role in helping to train new officers. He has helped new officers and mentored the experienced officers from other agencies coming into Brodhead's department.

Officer Hoard has been training to handle administrative tasks such as reviewing reports, processing court citations, being the court officer and helping to oversee investigations and training for the department.

Fireman of the Year—Shane Nehls has been a fireman for 17 years with the Brodhead Fire Department. Shane's interest in the fire service started when he was a young boy, he would come to the station with this dad who was a member of the Brodhead Fire Department. Once in high school, he joined the Explorer program for several years until he was old enough to join the department in November 2007.

Shane continues to be one of the top responders to fire and first response calls in the department.

EMT of the Year—Bambi Pryce has been selected as the EMT of the Year for Brodhead. Bambi has been in the department for over two years. Bambi is a life-long resident of the Brodhead area and became interested in being an EMT during the summer of 2021 when she learned from a co-worker that the EMS needed more EMTs, she immediately enrolled in the fall semester course. In January 2022 she received her state license as an EMT. Bambi is now currently enrolled in the Advanced EMT program.

Life all members of the EMT service, Bambi has made donating her time a normal part of her weekly routine by spending numerous hours at the EMS building to be available to respond to a call.

All three recipients advanced to the Green County Board with Shane and Bambi being selected to advance to District 3. District 3 selected Bambi to advance to the next level and those results will not be available until the middle of June.

Congratulations to Tylor, Shane and Bambi for being selected for these awards.

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500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206.  
Rev. Tom Moe, Pastor. Sunday worship  
at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Check our web page  
at albanyumchurch.com.

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

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

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

Congregational United Church of  
Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-  
897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sun-  
days: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school  
every other Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Nursery  
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Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tues-  
day and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

## SOFTBALL

### Sunday Night Church

Season standings: Luther Val-  
ley 2-0; Congregational UCC 1-0;  
United Methodist-Albany 1-0; Beth-  
lehem Lutheran 1-1; Church of God  
1-1; Living Word 0-2; Orfordville Lu-  
theran 0-2.

## 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 re-  
freshments and fellowship after.  
Free will donations appreciated.

Directions to the church: from  
Juda south on County S, turn left on  
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the church on the hill.

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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. Pas-  
tor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.  
org. E-mail: pti@livingwordwi.org. Adult  
Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at  
10 a.m. worship at church and also via live  
stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sun-  
day evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist  
Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-  
293-4232. Pastor Jadyn Manjekar. Wor-  
ship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school  
September-May 9 a.m.

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

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

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

## OBITUARY

### Lane Garwell

Lane Garwell, 72, of Edgerton,  
Wisconsin, passed away on Thurs-  
day, May 9, 2024 at Froedert Medical  
College, Milwaukee. Lane was born on  
September 26, 1951 in Green  
County to the late Frank and Cath-  
erine (Douglas) Garwell. He gradu-  
ated from Brodhead High School in  
1969 and attended UW Rock County  
to pursue his love of music. He then  
worked many years at Dorsey Trail-  
ers before attending Blackhawk  
Technical College and received an  
Associate's Degree in Nursing. Lane  
loved all sports, especially the Pack-  
ers, taking motorcycle rides, music  
and taking walks at Riverside Park  
and being in the elements.

Lane is survived by his daughter:  
Jessica (Brian) Krieg of Edgerton  
and their children, Dominic and  
Ava; and a son: Rich (Tami) Garwell  
of Beloit. He was preceded in death  
by his parents.

A Celebration of Life will be held  
on Thursday, May 16, at the Albrecht  
Funeral Homes and Cremation Ser-  
vices, 1004 S. Main Street, Edgerton  
from 5 to 7 p.m.

## OBITUARY



### Richard Marvin Weeden

Richard Marvin Weeden, of  
Brodhead, passed away at age 91, on  
May 7, 2024, at Pleasant View Nurs-  
ing Home in Monroe.

Dick was born July 1, 1932 in Be-  
loit, Wisconsin, to Marvin and Bes-  
sie (Opsahl) Weeden, the oldest of  
five kids. His father was a barber on  
Brook Street in Beloit and he grew  
up in a large house on Bluff Street  
along the Rock River.

Dick attended Hackett Grade  
School, Lincoln Junior High School,  
and Beloit High School, graduating  
in 1950. He enjoyed playing baseball  
with friends and cousins, watching  
his brother Don get in (and out) of  
an endless series of mishaps, tin-  
kering with cars, listening to Spike  
Jones, and riding his Whizzer mo-  
torbike.

Always fascinated with avia-  
tion, Dick joined the U.S. Air Force  
in 1952 during the Korean Conflict.  
He served as an Aircraft Instrument  
Mechanic at Pinecastle Air Force  
Base in Orlando, Florida, working  
on B-47, F-86, and other top line  
aircraft of the period. He enjoyed  
this period of his life immensely  
and traveled the world on several  
tours of duty.

At age 16, Dick took his first flying  
lessons at the South Beloit Airport  
in a brand new Piper Cub; he even-  
tually obtained his private pilot's  
certificate in 1976. Dick attended  
Blackhawk Technical Institute in  
Janesville, where he received his  
Airframe and Powerplant mechan-  
ic's license with Inspection Authori-  
zation, something that he used daily  
for the rest of his life.

Dick met his future wife Pauline  
"Polly" Beischel in 1954 at the North  
Central Airlines ticket counter at  
Midway Airport in Chicago. Polly  
worked there as a ticket agent, and  
Dick was trying to hitchhike home  
to Beloit for a visit from Orlando.  
His last ride dropped him in Chica-  
go, but he knew that North Central  
had a daily flight to Beloit. A ticket  
cost \$9.55; Dick had exactly \$10 in  
his pocket. Chatting over the North  
Central ticket counter, Dick and Pol-  
ly discovered they were both from  
Beloit and even had mutual friends  
back home. After a long-distance  
courtship through letters and visits,

Dick and his family built one  
of the first modern hangars at the  
airport in 1974, when he started  
Weeden Aviation, an aircraft and  
engine maintenance shop. Though  
he worked on all kinds of aircraft,

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through moves and deployments,  
Dick proposed. "I guessed this was  
love, so I asked her to marry me, and  
she must have felt the same because  
she said yes." Dick and Polly were  
married August 11, 1956 at Our Lady  
of Assumption Catholic Church in  
Beloit.

In 1957, the young Mr. and  
Mrs. Weeden had their first child,  
Thomas, followed through the next  
decade by Michael, Mary, James,  
William, and Patrick. Though reluc-  
tant to leave their community in Be-  
loit, Dick and Polly needed a larger  
home for their young family, and  
they moved to Brodhead in 1969—  
the adopted hometown for which  
Dick would play a huge part in "put-  
ting on the map" in the worldwide  
aviation community.

Dick worked as a tool and die  
maker for Warner Electric Brake  
and Clutch Company in Beloit for  
26 years, and for Knight Manufac-  
turing (now Kuhn North America)  
as a model maker for another 19  
years. In 1996 he retired to start his  
own machine shop in his hangar  
at the Brodhead Airport, where he  
continued to make custom parts for  
customers around the country.

Most of Dick's friends and com-  
munity knew him through his love  
of aviation. He was one of the found-  
ers of the current Brodhead Airport  
by organizing a now-legendary  
meeting in his living room in 1972  
to arrange the airport's purchase  
and conversion into a shareholder-  
owned, public-access facility. He  
was a charter member and served  
as the first president of Experiment-  
al Aircraft Association (EAA) Chap-  
ter 431, and was instrumental in  
organizing the annual fly-in events  
that take place at the Brodhead Air-  
port to this day. If you have ever en-  
joyed an event at the Brodhead Air-  
port, you can thank Dick and Polly  
for getting it all started and making  
the name Brodhead a familiar one  
around the world—in aviation cir-  
cles, at least.

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of the first modern hangars at the  
airport in 1974, when he started  
Weeden Aviation, an aircraft and  
engine maintenance shop. Though  
he worked on all kinds of aircraft,

his specialty were vintage models.  
He built and restored numerous air-  
craft and was especially proud of his  
scratch-built Pietenpol Air Camper,  
and his 1935 Rearwin Sportster  
7000, which he rebuilt from al-  
most nothing to an award-winning  
showplane. He gave hundreds of  
airplane rides over his lifetime, and  
influenced pilots, mechanics, and  
restorers from all over the world  
through both example and encour-  
agement. Old cars and trucks were  
a later love, and his restored 1949  
Chevy Carryall—"just like the one  
I drove in the Air Force"—was a  
regular at area car shows.

In retirement, Dick continued  
to enjoy aviation and the commu-  
nity he found there. Highlights in-  
cluded a trip to Australia in 1996 to  
visit friends from the international  
aerobatics team, an Honor Flight to  
Washington, DC for veterans, an-  
nual trips to Oshkosh Airventure,  
and always the fly-ins at Brodhead  
Airport.

Richard is survived by his wife  
of 67 years, Polly Weeden; and chil-  
dren: Thomas (Lesa) of Dodgeville,  
Wisconsin; Michael (Joanne) of  
Abilene, Texas; Mary of Verona,  
Wisconsin; James (Lisa Braley) of  
Blanchardville, Wisconsin; Wil-  
liam (Jeni Shogren) of Albany; and  
Patrick (Tracey Nelson) of Oregon,  
Wisconsin; plus a large number of  
grandchildren, great grandchildren,  
and a wide community of extended  
family and aviation friends. He was  
preceded in death by his parents,  
brothers: Don (Patricia) and David;  
and sisters: Jeannine (Dan) Johnson  
and Carol (Paul) Brom, all of Beloit.

A private funeral is being held,  
with a public celebration of life on  
Friday, May 17, at the Kelch Aviation  
Museum at Brodhead Airport, start-  
ing at 12:30 until 3:30 p.m. In lieu of  
flowers, the family requests dona-  
tions for a future memorial at the  
airport. The DL Newcomer Funeral  
Home in Brodhead is assisting the  
family with arrangements. Online  
condolences can be made at www.  
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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### BRODHEAD MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

On Monday, May 27th, the Brodhead VFW, American Legion and  
AM Vets would like to invite the public to the Memorial Day ceremony.  
It will begin with a small parade starting at 9 a.m. going from the Vet-  
erans Park on 12th Street and to Greenwood Cemetery with the cer-  
emony and guest speaker State Representative Nik Rettinger to follow.  
In case of bad weather the program will move to the Brodhead High  
School.

We honor those that sacrificed everything for our freedom!

### TAKE FLIGHT FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Come join us for the Second Annual "Take Flight for Mental Health"  
event at the Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead, on Saturday, May  
18th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. There will be plenty of fun activities for adults  
and children to explore, including multiple bounce houses, free hot-  
dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, t-shirts, swag items, and carnival games!  
Everything is free! Courtesy of Better Brodhead, Mental Health Mat-  
ters Coalition of Green County, and the Green County Healthy Com-  
munity Coalition.

### GREEN COUNTY 4-H TALENT SHOW

The Green County 4-H Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 31st,  
at the Twining Park Bandshell in Monroe. Come on down and support  
the performers! The show is featuring the 4-H Concert Band and the  
4-H Theater Troupe along with the individual acts. The show is at 6  
p.m. and is free to attend!

## Albany United Methodist Church Hosts Shekinah King and Potluck Meal

Join Albany United Methodist Church on Sunday, May 26 as they wel-  
come once again Shekinah King to their Church in the Park event. She is  
an award winning songwriter, keyboardist, wife, mom, Christ follower and  
joy chaser. The event will take place at 9 a.m. at the Albany Village Park lo-  
cated at 201 Sugar River Parkway.

Bring your lawn chair and sit back to listen to some wonderful Christian  
music followed by a potluck meal.

## Albany Alumni Banquet

The 2024 Albany Alumni Banquet 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 class-  
mates. 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.

## Keep the Sugar River Sweet and Clean

**Volunteer on Saturday, May 18th**

**By Frank Kapel, L.W.S.R.I.A.**

Do you love the Sugar River? Do you like to see it clean of refuse or full of  
trash? Do you like it full of dangerous tree falls or safe for our kids to nav-  
igate? If your answer to these questions is yes, then why not come out and  
join us on Saturday, May 18th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at our annual Sugar River  
Cleanup! We will have canoes available to use so basically it's a FREE Canoe  
Trip where all you have to do is pick up trash or clear branches. Shuttle ser-  
vice will be provided for those that want to help, but don't want to go on the  
water.

The Lake Winnetka Sugar River Improvement Association Inc. will hold  
the cleanup in Albany. We will meet at the Albany American Legion Hall at  
300 N Water Street across from the Boat Ramp near the Police/Fire station.  
Our goal is to remove as much garbage as possible from the river and its  
banks. We also want to clear a path through fallen trees that totally block  
navigation of canoes and create hazards. The type of work varies from  
walking the banks or riding in canoes and picking up trash to cutting tree  
branches and handing them to people on shore. Equipment needed is can-  
oes or small boats, chain saws, bow saws and waders. The association will  
provide trash bags and local businesses will provide food and refreshments.  
We will get organized at 9 a.m. and begin cleaning up at 10 a.m. or sooner,  
however, a representative will be on premise at the Albany American Legion  
to direct those who want to come later. Our cleanup is registered with the  
American Rivers National River Cleanup. Scout groups can earn commu-  
nity service points by helping out.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER your help or equipment. You can contact us for  
more information by E-mail at lwrsia@aol.com or "Like" us on Facebook at  
https://www.facebook.com/pages/Lake-WinnetkaSugar-River-Im-  
provement-Association-Inc/374367135943433 or call 773-418-7123. Leave a  
message including your name & phone number and we will return your call.

Come on out and help us clean up while enjoying the great outdoors after  
a long dull winter. Food and refreshments will be served to all volunteers as  
a token of our appreciation. Hope to see you there!!

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## Monroe Moose Breakfast Benefit

The Monroe Moose Lodge  
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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; chil-  
dren five years to 10 \$6 and children  
four and under are free.

## Brodhead Chamber of Commerce can drive

Brodhead Chamber of Com-  
merce is holding an aluminum can  
drive and will pick up your cans  
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Piggly Wiggly. Bags must have alu-  
minum cans only! Every can that is  
donated helps fund the fireworks.  
They will pick up cans Saturday,  
May 25-Sunday, May 26. Call or text  
Keith at 608-558-7857 to arrange for  
pick up. Thank you!

## Kelch Aviation Museum Vintage Hangar Dance

The Kelch Aviation Museum will  
whisk you back in time with the help  
of the Waunakee Big Band. Back by  
popular demand, The Kelch's Mu-  
seum Vintage Hangar Dance will be  
held on Saturday, June 1, starting at  
6 p.m. Enjoy the sights, sounds and  
sweet swinging songs of the 1930s  
and 1940s.

Featuring live music from the  
Waunakee Big Band, themed drinks  
(non-alcoholic) and snacks, 1940s  
style dance class, costume and  
dance contests, door prizes and of  
course airplanes.

Tickets are \$25 when purchased  
ahead or \$30 at the door. Children's  
tickets are \$15. Buy your tickets now  
at www.kelchmuseum.org.

## May meeting of Brodhead Historical Society

The next meeting of the Brod-  
head Historical Society will be held  
on Monday, May 20. After a busi-  
ness meeting, there will be a sneak  
preview of this year's exhibits at  
the Depot Museum. The museum  
volunteers have been working tire-  
lessly to put the finishing touches  
on them, as well as refreshing the  
museum's other exhibits. The meet-  
ing is open to the public and begins  
at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of  
the Depot Museum. The museum  
will open for the 2024 season on  
Saturday, May 25, and continues  
to have free admission. Please join  
them. You can plan your tour route  
for visits throughout the summer.

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## Keeping Up With The Jones's



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for their daughter Denessa's wedding.*

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The Clean Sweep drop-offs for hazardous household and farm chemicals  
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advance.



# Saturday Mornings at the Library

Past Programs and Future Plans!  
Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

We are delighted to see a steady increase in the number of patrons at the library. It is truly a pleasure to play a part in the life of the community by making library services available.

As a small organization taking on an unfamiliar task we were concerned about how to publicize the library and how to encourage more enjoyment of this resource. We hoped that offering programs on various topics would bring folks in, so that's what we did.

We asked local organizations and individuals with a special knowledge or talent to present programs. Not only were the programs of great interest in and of themselves, but it brought many new people to the library who learned for the first time where the library was located, how large it was and the services offered.

We are already planning programs for the fall. Meantime, Summer Reading Program will begin June 4 for five Tuesdays. Details will follow about this as well as a reading challenge for students, Bulldog Book Bonanza, which will run through the summer and comes with a nice congratulatory prize for those who complete the goal.

We are very thankful for the following individuals and groups for the sharing their time, talents and knowledge.

Our very first presentation was by the Scrapbag Quilt Club and the members were so generous in the wealth of material they brought to display. It was a gathering of talented quilters and a very appreciative audience.

When the Stateline Modelers brought their intricate models to the library, we learned history as well. A wooden model of one of Christopher Columbus ships led to a fascinating discussion about this controversial explorer while the stories about the models of Japanese subs were equally absorbing and sobering.

Sheri Meinert shared her experience in raising butterflies and brought Monarchs in at three life stages: larva or caterpillar, pupa and adult. It was fascinating to hear how she feeds and cares for these beautiful creatures.

Dr. James Giocomo, or Jim, as he likes to be called, is the director of the Central Region of the American Bird Conservancy. He presented a talk on cranes, shore birds and other water birds. Not ocean birds, but our very own native birds who live in and around watery areas.

We got a tantalizing taste of art at Art for All, presented by Kat Heitzman. She brought art to life with her discussion and then set the group loose with paper and some cool pencils that, once dipped in water, became watercolor paint!

We are very lucky to have Jim Giocomo living right here in Durand and he returned to the library with a fascinating look at owls. It made us all want to go out at night to hear what we could hear.

Phil Raines, our famous local beekeeper, gave a delightful presen-



By Sarah Carpenter

The Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library are thrilled to debut their latest contribution to the library: The Friends of the Library Coffee Cart. If you've ever wished you could have a hot cup of coffee or tea while you're perusing the newspaper, a magazine, or a book, your wish has come true.

Located in the Quiet Reading Room, you can now help yourself to the Keurig and the varieties of coffees and teas available. While there



## Trail Clean Up Thank You!

The Friends of the Badger and Sugar River State Trails, along with the DNR, say thank you to the groups, families, and individuals who helped clean up the trails to honor Earth Day. The health of these trails depends on local stewards, and they are grateful to count you among them.

Thanks go out to: Albany Schools, New Glarus Schools, Belleville Middle School, Monroe Junior Optimists, the Everson Family, the Funseth and Nolden Families and the families of the Friends Board Members.

Thank you also to volunteers whose names we've missed and to those who have worked to clean up the trails on their own.

If you have photos or stories to share, please send them to us at [information@friendsofthebadgerandtrail.org](mailto:information@friendsofthebadgerandtrail.org) or on our Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsoftheBadgerandSugarRiverStateTrails>



Albany School Earth Day participants

tation on the production of honey and its health benefits. With humor and science he explained how honey is beneficial.

We heard a fascinating account of the Native American city of Cahokia, the largest such site north of Mexico, by Mark Peterson, a student of history and a compelling story teller. He brought the ruins of this World Heritage Site to life.

Master Gardener Julie Thomas presented a program on native plants discussing the characteristics of several plants and the importance of using native plants in our yards. Her practical advice to the gardeners present was "don't be afraid to move things around."

We learned from Susan Lehnhardt about the lower Sugar River watershed and how the Lower Sugar River Watershed Association, of which she is a founder, is monitoring the health of the creeks which flow in to the Sugar River.


A two part presentation on vegetable gardening was presented late April and early Mayk just in time for

is no charge for any drinks, a donation is encouraged if you enjoyed your drink and would like to support the upkeep of the Coffee Cart.

The Friends are hopeful that this new installation in the library will spread the word about their organization, what they stand and work for, and will inspire others to want to do more for their library by joining the Friends.

More information about The Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library can be found on their Facebook page 'Friends of the Brodhead Public Library' and on the library website, [www.brodhead-library.org/friends](http://www.brodhead-library.org/friends). The Friends will have their next meeting on Monday, August 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the Brodhead Library.






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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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**Class Officers: Sydney Brown, Allison Johnson, Victoria Marian, Savanna Warthen**  
**Class Motto: You define your own life. Don't let other people write your script.**  
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**Class Song: The Nights —Avicii**  
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**Friday, May 24th at 7:00 p.m. H.S. Gymnasium**

**Valedictorian: Alana Durtschi; Salutatorian: Ava Ahnen, Andrew Sertle**  
**Class Motto: "Do not go where the path may lead.**  
**Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."**  
**Class Flower: Orange Carnation**  
**Class Officers: Alana Durtschi, President; Myah Johnson, Vice-President;**  
**Ava Ahnen, Treasurer; Avary Briggs, Secretary; Allison Rhyner, Reporter.**

## Congratulations Albany Class of 2024!







**Mavrik Plummer, of Brodhead, a sophomore on the Homeschool Eagles, placed first in all three of his events at the Beloit Daily News Invitational. He won the 800m (2:01.26), the 400m (51.41) and his relay team won the DMR (11:44.66).**

## Track Leads RVC at the Rock Valley Conference Championship

By Terea Earleywine

The Rock Valley Conference Championship was held at Whitewater last Friday. There are two divisions with the conference. The Valley consists of East Troy, Monroe, Delavan Darien, Jefferson, and Whitewater. The Rock division includes; Brodhead, Big Foot, Beloit Turner, Clinton, Edgerton, and Evansville. Monroe won outright the men and women's division with 146 and 129 points respectively. Brodhead women with 125 points led the Rock Division and second overall. Cardinal men finished with 69.5 points giving them a fifth-place finish overall.

It was another record-breaking night for the women with Addison Yates high jump of 5'5" breaking her previous record. Madi Brown finished second at 4'10". Yates also placed at the top in the 100m hurdles and was second in the long jump. The foursome of Yates, Brenley Jones, Eliana Shank, and anchor person Stella Arn finished the 4x100 with a time of 50.74 to set a new school record that was 51.08 set in 1995. Arn was also first in the 100m and 200m and Kalena Riemer was again first in the 400m and 800m runs. Onni Williams competed and completed first place status in shot put 38' and threw 113'3" in discus. Arn and Williams each collected MVP awards at the event for track and field as voted on by the coaches.

Gavin Pinnow led the Cards with his high jump of 6'2" for first and was second in the 800m 2:02.95. Nathan Engen contributed with his time of 41.67 for second in the 300m hurdles and 20'6.25 gave him third in long jump. The 4x100 relay Eric Woodward, Gunner Boegli, Tegan Pinnow and Grayson Arn placed second, 44:82 a new PR (personal record) for the group while the 4x400 team of G Pinnow, Woodward, Jorge Villalva and Engen, 3:40.72 earned third place and Engen, G Pinnow, Marcus McIntyre and Blake Adkins ran to third in the 4x800m relay. In other field events, Blake Matthys, 45'4.75 was a second-place finish in shot-put.

The road to Lacrosse for the state meet begins with regionals on Monday, May 20th at Beloit Turner and sectionals on Thursday, May 23rd in Portage.

## Back -to- Back RVC Champs for Softball

By Teresa Earleywine

The Brodhead Cardinal softball team has taken back-to-back conference titles with the commanding 16-0 win over Evansville last week. With Ava Risum's three hits and five RBIs, including a grand slam to center field in the fourth inning, it was lights out for the Blue Devils. Sophia Leitzner also went 3-for-3 while Tatum Ceslok was 3-for-2 and Jericca Schwartz was credited with three RBIs with her 2-for-4 at the plate. In the abbreviated game, Risum on the mound accumulated seven strikeouts, no runs, no hits and no walks.

Saturday non-conference action had a 1-3 loss against Cuba City and a 0-3 loss versus the Braves of Belmont. The Brodhead players saw struggles at the plate and committed errors in the field that contributed to the losses. Coach Krupke in his end of game review stated it was everyone needing to

be more focused and do better at their respective positions.

Coach Krupke's team 13-0 and 14-3 overall will finish the regular season with a double header on Tuesday at Big Foot and take on Barneveld, nonconference, on Thursday. The return to state will commence on Tuesday, May 21st when Brodhead, seeded #1 in D3, will host either Monticello New Glarus or Columbus.

## Baseball Plans to Finish Strong

By Teresa Earleywine

The "Cardiac Cards" were at it again this week when they took on East Troy with no score until the bottom of the fourth when Brodhead scored two as a result of Max Pinnow's single to center field that allows Clayton Elliott to score

and Sam Searls advanced to second base. Bases are loaded when Tyrin Foster sailed a sacrifice fly to left field and Searls scored to get the Cards on the board. East Troy would tie the score top of the seventh. Brodhead is up to bat, Evan Senobe gets on base with a double, the Trojans intentionally walk Gabe Bockhop. With two on, no outs, Dave Masloske at the plate, 2-balls and 2-strikes, connects to send the ball to right field. Senobe scores and it is another 3-2 walk-off victory.

Taking on Monroe, Bockhop helped lead Brodhead to a 9-4 win going 4-for-4 at the plate including a triple, a double and two singles. Masloske and Elliott were each credited with two RBIs. As a team they tallied 12 hits. Sam Searls and Elliott were on the mound for the team. A non-conference game against Stoughton saw the Vikings jump out to a 7-0 lead in the first inning. Brodhead utilized three



**Addison Yates, Brenley Jones, Eliana Shank, and anchor person Stella Arn set a new school record in the 4x100 with a time of 50.74 that was previously 51.08 set in 1995. Yates also broke her own school record for her 5'5" high jump at the RVC Track event. (Courtesy photo)**



**Both the boys and girls of the BHS Track and Field celebrate the successes with a team photo at the end of the RVC track meet event. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)**



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pitchers in the game where Stoughton gained nine hits and 11 runs. The Cardinal pitching trio had 10 walks in the game. Braylon Strehlow would be the one to score in the fifth for Brodhead.

With one week to go, the Cardinals are in second place in the Rock Division with their 7-3 record, one game behind the leader, Beloit Turner. This sets up a show down at ABC Supply Stadium against Turner on Tuesday this week, 7 p.m. game time and then will host Turner on Thursday. They finish the season on Saturday in Clinton with a double header.

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## Family Promise of Green County “10 Grand in Your Hand” fund-raiser

Family Promise of Green County is offering the community an opportunity to win \$10,000, while helping families affected by homelessness through their way toward housing stability. This year's "10 Grand in Your Hand" fundraiser will be held in-person on Thursday, June 13 at 6 p.m. at Ludlow Mansion Events. Tickets to the event include dinner for two, beer, wine, soda, live music, auction and a raffle ticket. Every tenth raffle ticket drawn wins a prize worth at least \$100. The last ticket drawn could win \$10,000. You do not need to be present to win. There are limited tickets available this year, and each ticket costs \$100. This meaningful area evening, supporting an important cause, is a wonderful way to say thank you to employees or your work team, and it is also an exciting night out for friends and family.

As part of this year's fundraiser, Family Promise of Green County will also hold an online auction from Thursday, June 6, 2024, through 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13. The auction offers many exciting items and packages donated by area businesses and individuals. To view and get registered on the Family Promise of Green County online auction, visit <https://auctria.events/TenGrand2024>. Auction items will be added throughout the coming weeks, so check back frequently. Make sure to register early on the auction site so you are ready to get in on the bidding fun when you are at the 10 Grand event!

Family Promise of Green County has helped hundreds of families find stable housing and address challenges that impact their ability to maintain housing. The Green County affiliate of Family Promise was founded in November 2011 and uses a three-tiered model to prevent families from becoming homeless, to provide shelter to those who need it, and to empower families through stabilization.

If Family Promise of Green County's mission is important to you, help us spread the word! You can find 10 Grand event social media graphics on <https://www.familypromisegreencounty.org/> to share at your workplace or on your social media pages.

Family Promise cannot carry out its mission without community support! If you or your organization would be interested in donating items for our raffle or auction or you would like to purchase a ticket, please contact Family Promise Executive Director Rick Gleason at 608-328-2600, or by email at [director@familypromisegreencounty.org](mailto:director@familypromisegreencounty.org).

## National Day of Action

Submitted by Corrine Hendrickson, secretary Green County Child Care Network



On Monday, May 13th, the third annual National Day of Action is happening to bring awareness to early care and education/childcare and its foundational role in our communities and economic success bringing educators, families, childcare program business owners, other business owners, elected officials, and community members together at the Village Park, New Glarus, from 9-11 a.m. Confirmed Speakers are Deputy Undersecretary Jeff Pertl, State Superintendent Jill Underly, Secretary of State Sarah Godlewski, Main Street Alliance Policy and Political Impact Director, Shawn Phetteplace, Olivia Otte of Green County Workforce Development, Teresa Keehn of the Green County United Way, Sue Nelson County Supervisor, Heather DuBois Bourenane of Wisconsin Public Education Network, Sen. Spreitzer, Rep. Jacobson, Corrine Hendrickson of Corrine's Little Explorers, Brooke Skidmore, of The Growing Tree confirmed to speak along with professionals from child care and parents. We also will be welcoming individuals who are inspired to speak up to share their stories after the scheduled speakers are finished. Event can be found on the Child Care Matters Facebook Group :<https://fb.me/e/3khBLJNu>

The current child care landscape in Green county: 740 slots short (plus an additional 100 slots considered "available" are not due to closed classrooms) costing us \$26 million annually. This is an improvement from a year ago, but still not enough.

With the investments in Green County through partnerships with the Green County Workforce Development, United Way, and Green County Child Care Network through grants from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, Preschool Development Block Grants, and the Child Care Matters campaign since 2021 the number of regulated programs increased by four, (first increase in over a decade), seven more programs accept WI Shares as they now participate in Youngstar, however, only 8% of all eligible families utilize WI Shares subsidy.



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

It's starting to look like summer here at Albertson Memorial Library! The decorations are going up for the Summer Library Program. The theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library." We'll be going on a hot air balloon adventure, stopping to learn about different states, including New York, Oregon, Texas, Louisiana, and Wyoming. (As a teaser, each of these states have something in common with Wisconsin. Do you know what it is? Extra points if you can name another state that 'fits' with this list!) We'll have more information as the dates get closer!

We celebrated Mother's Day last week, creating tulip greeting cards



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## University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Student Nationally Honored as Major of the Year in Exercise Sport Science

SHAPE America—Society of Health and Physical Educators honored Kassi Heins of University of Wisconsin—La Crosse as a Major of the Year during the organization's 138th National Convention and Expo, Tuesday, March 12th-Saturday, March 16th, in Cleveland, Ohio! The award celebrates outstanding undergraduate students in the health, physical education, recreation, and dance professions who are nominated by a faculty advisor or professor. Kassi Heins was recognized on Thursday, March 14th during the Major of the Year Ceremony.



"The outstanding achievements of future professionals like Kassi is integral to the future of SHAPE America and our profession," says SHAPE America President Sarah Benes.

Heins' recognition stems from her exceptional contributions and innovative efforts in the field. Her achievements span both academic and practical domains, showcasing a relentless commitment to excellence and advancement in physical education. Heins' journey is marked by notable milestones, including her involvement in undergraduate

research as part of the Dean's Distinguished Fellowship program, highlighting her academic prowess and dedication to scholarly inquiry. Additionally, her leadership role as an officer member of the Physical, Adapted, and School Health (PASHE) club underscores her ability to inspire collaboration and drive positive change within the educational community. At the annual convention for Wisconsin Health and Physical Education (WHPE), Heins showcased her ingenuity by presenting an educational dance lesson that cleverly integrated the video game Guitar Hero to elucidate the concepts of effort, demonstrating her knack for blending technology with traditional pedagogy in meaningful ways. Furthermore, her hands-on experiences in areas on campus such as supervising the equipment room, strength center and ropes course facilities, reflects her versatility and commitment to providing comprehensive learning experiences for her students. Kassi Heins' well-deserved recognition as Major of the Year is a testament to her outstanding achievements and unwavering dedication to the advancement of physical education.

When asked what it means to receive this prestigious and nationally recognized award, Heins expressed, "Receiving this award from SHAPE America is an absolute honor, one that fills me with gratitude beyond words. I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to my loved ones and my incredible professional learning community for their unwavering support and encouragement throughout this journey. Their belief in me has been my greatest strength. While UW-La Crosse will always hold a special place in my heart, I'm eager to continue spreading my passion for physical activity and health back home - surrounded by those who have shaped me into the person I've always dreamed of becoming and continue to inspire me to be my best."

"Kassi is a future professional that does not only meet but exceeds expectations. She has a sound professional disposition, an incredible work ethic, motivation to truly embody what it means to be a lifelong learner, and a demeanor that all around her admire and appreciate. I am very proud of what she has accomplished and excited to see the impact she will leave on the profession and her students in the future," said Rachyl Stephenson, PASHE Undergraduate Program Director at the University of Wisconsin—La Crosse.

In 2024, Heins will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education for grades K-12. She is an alumni of Albany High School.

For more information about SHAPE America's National Convention & Expo, visit the website and follow #SHAPEcleveland.

## Sugar River Duck Race Albany Hooked on Fishing

The Albany Chamber is hosting the Sugar River Duck Race on Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at 3 p.m. at the Albany Legion Park. Buy a duck from a member of the Albany Chamber or the Hooked on Fishing committee. The cost is \$10 per duck and first place will win \$250, second place \$150 and third \$100. Proceeds will be split between the Albany Chamber and Hooked on Fishing!

Pre-register at <https://survey-monkey.com/r/WJJS7BZ> for FREE worms and extra drawings! Check out the event on Facebook for all the details.









Pictured above, left to right, are Ken Hoesly, Brandon Riese, Jerry Elmer, DeAnne Boegli, Derrick Pinnow and Gary Voegeli. Jerry and DeAnne represent the Brodhead Area Foundation which as generously donated \$150,000 over the next five years. The funds will be put towards the purchase of a new ambulance arriving in November 2024. The other members are part of the Brodhead Area EMS ambulance committee. Brodhead is very fortunate to have the Brodhead Area Foundation to help with larger purchases in the Brodhead area.

## Brodhead Optimists Respect for Law Contest Results

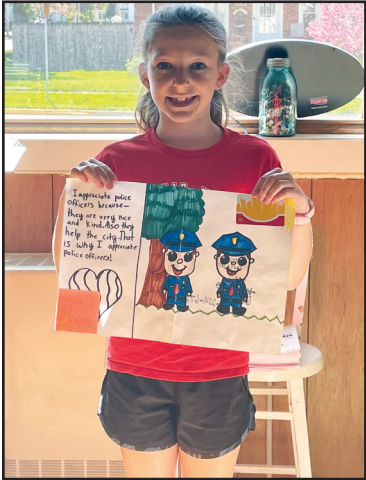
By Casey Jones

The Brodhead Optimists sponsored the “Respect for Law” contest in observance of Police appreciation week. Contestants from the Grade school were invited to make posters showing their respect for the law. The posters were judged on message and originality. Here is the list of winners:

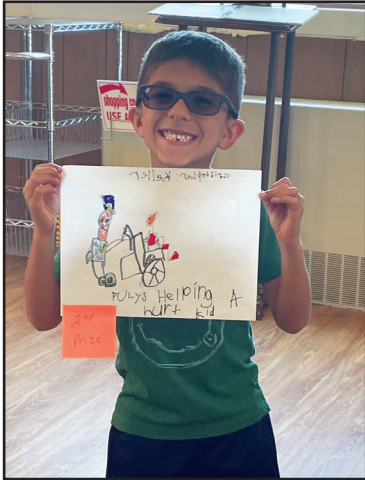
First place: Juniper Carvallio, nine years old, \$5 gift certificate plus gets to be with an officer for a day—lunch, recess and tour of police car;

Second place: Christopher Keller, six years old, \$10 gift certificate;

Third place: Tabatha Hasselmann, six years old, \$5 gift certificate.



Juniper Carvallio



Christopher Keller



Tabatha Hasselmann

## Green County Genealogical Society annual meeting

The Green County Genealogical Society annual meeting; hosted with Monroe Public Library, presents Goode Rebeka, Trial by Fire “The Salem Witch Trials” presented by Jessica Michna. First impressions, it was a new world. The settlers from England had gained a foothold in the verdant land called “Amerika”. Old traditions would be laid aside, new ones instituted. Greed, jealousy, suspicion would still persist. Were these at the root of “The Salem Witch Trials”? Innocent residents of Salem, Massachusetts were tried and many executed in perhaps the most infamous chapter in early American history. Meet Goode Rebeka, an elderly woman hanged as a witch in 1692, but was she really a witch? Perhaps by the end of the program you will be able to answer that question.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jessica Michna developed a love of history at an early age. She and her family visited many historic sites throughout America. Her love of theater and history would eventually bring Jessica to found her company, “First Impressions.” Since its founding in the year 2000, Jessica has expanded her repertoire to include seventeen historic figures. In 2016 she was awarded the Presidential Service Center’s Distinguished Service award for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies. While she has appeared before a wide range of audiences, including appearances at the National Churchill Museum, the Lincoln Boyhood Home National Site and Valley Forge. Jessica is particularly fond of performing for senior groups and communities. The life experiences of those in her senior audiences enhances her understanding of life stories. She often reminds her audiences that everyone has a history and encourages them to record their own stories.

Please join the Green County Genealogical Society and the Monroe Public Library for this immersive performance and presentation by Jessica Michna. The meeting will be held at the Union Presbyterian Church at 2707 5th Street, Monroe at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 1.



Youth Apprentice students, left to right: Alexa Heimann, Dartanion Padulla, Jayden Anderson, Hunter Condon, and Brandon Bernet are honored at the Signing Day event.

## Kuhn Celebrates Youth Apprenticeship Graduates

Kuhn North America, Inc. recently celebrated its first-ever Welding Youth Apprenticeship Signing Day event. During the event, upcoming graduates signed their commitment to the “KUHN U” program, with their families, educators, and KUHN staff in attendance.

Four Welding Youth Apprentice students will complete the program and graduate from high school this spring. All four have committed to continue honing their welding skills through post-secondary education with support from the KUHN U tuition reimbursement program. They have all enrolled in either a one- or two-year welding program at a local technical college to further their welding education. While in school, they will work at least 20 hours per week at KUHN. After graduation from the program and one year of full-time employment, the student will be reimbursed up to \$5,000 in tuition.

One additional Welding Youth Apprentice student was recognized for completing year one of the program and signing on to continue for a second year.

The Green County Consortium for the Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship program was formed in 1998. The Wisconsin Youth Apprenticeship is an industry-driven and nationally recognized talent acquisition strategy in which employers hire high school juniors and seniors for a one- or two-year Youth Apprenticeship. Employers provide mentored on-the-job training and evaluation for the students, who pair courses related to the profession to enhance the on-the-job learning.

KUHN helped spearhead the birth of the Welding Youth Apprenticeship program in Green County and hosted its first Youth Apprentice in 1999. Since then, over 40 students have successfully completed the program at KUHN and the company is proud to be a continuing sponsor of this valuable training program for students for 25 years and counting.

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