

WCMA Cheers \$12 Million in Funding for Dairy Innovation

The Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) today applauded the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) announcement of \$12 million in federal funding for four dairy innovation centers across the U.S., including the Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA) run by WCMA and the Center for Dairy Research (CDR).

The announcement was made at Decatur Dairy, a WCMA member business led by Steve Stettler, a current member and former president of WCMA's Board of Directors. The company received a DBIA grant in 2022 to support the expansion of its cheese plant and strengthen the local market for milk from the producers of the Decatur Swiss Cheese Co-op.

"The DBIA is delivering real successes—and more than \$16 million in grants so far—to dairy businesses across the Midwest," said WCMA Executive Director John Umhoefer. "We appreciate USDA's ongoing support, and we're excited to continue this critical work with our partners at CDR."

Since DBII was launched in the 2018 Farm Bill under the leadership of Senator Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), it has directed \$165 million in federal funding to support farmers and processors.

"The Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives utilize a unique approach of providing both technical assistance and subawards to small and mid-sized dairy businesses," said USDA Under Secretary Jenny Lester Moffitt. "Through this, the businesses are able to diversify markets and income, develop higher value uses for their milk products, and achieve higher returns."

The new funding will be awarded noncompetitively to the four existing programs. The DBIA will be eligible for approximately \$3 million to support product research and development, technical assistance, education, and grants to dairy businesses in Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

As Congress debates appropriations for DBII for the next Farm Bill and fiscal year, dairy processors' voices are urgently needed to advocate for continued funding for this essential program. WCMA urges dairy businesses to visit bit.ly/supportdairyinnovationfunding today to contact their lawmakers in just a few clicks using the Association's simple form.



WCMA Executive Director John Umhoefer



USDA Under Secretary Jenny Lester Moffitt



WCMA Member Steve Stettler

Family Fest Parade Dairy Queens

(Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Thoughts about being a veteran

By George Abrams, Master Sergeant (Ret)

During past wars like World War I and World War II, our way of life was threatened; we felt it was our Patriotic duty to join the military to defend our country and we were our county's citizens. Young people joined the military because they felt it was their duty. Many members of the military saw action in the war zone in combat situations and many died serving their country. Many also served in support positions both abroad and at home.

During the Vietnam War era the public increasingly became opposed to the war. It was not a popular war at home. The public then took it out on the soldiers. They did not honor them or respect them. Nobody said "Thank you for your service". Young men and women still had volunteered or been drafted and were trained in the same manner as previously.

Many people like myself enlisted because of the mandatory draft. I joined the Air Force to have the choice of a non combat role but I did serve my country. Through military entrance test, I was selected to receive personnel clerk training. Many ran away to Canada. People burned the flag. Some went absent without leave after they were in the military. This was not a war where people felt like we were defending our country; the patriotic spirit was often lacking. Myself and others who joined the military joined because it was required. After we joined we were trained and obeyed orders for as long as required. I certainly didn't join to learn a trade or because of pay. Sometimes people did learn something they could apply to a civilian job in the future. I found myself over 2000 miles from home with very little money. Starting pay was less than \$100 month. It was difficult to get home even when I got time off. Sometimes I was lonely even with thousands of servicemen around me. I thought that at least I had a job where I was safe from combat. My service as a clerk did provide me with three meals a day and a comfortable room at my duty station. I was supporting the war. This was the first time in my life I was on my own. Sure when I was going to college, I had quite a bit of independence but I had people I knew around me and I was only 40 miles from home so I would go home most weekends and summers when school was done for the year. So after I think back about my experience, I am glad that I served and proud to have been a part of it.

I came home after being honorably discharged and found a job and started a family. I used my GI Bill education benefits to complete my college education and earn a Bachelor's Degree. Eleven years later I joined the Indiana Army National Guard in the same type of job that I had in the Air Force. I agreed to attend weekend meetings once a month and two week active duty training for two weeks each year. My motivation was different this time. I was not going to be drafted; I was not supporting a war. I was providing a reserve a backup for our active duty military. My reasons involved that fact that I felt that I needed the additional money to support my family. I did learn skills to defend our country. I received extensive training in military operations for war and as part of my training I became familiar with infantry skills. I

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. No Sunday school; Sunday worship service 9 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 9 a.m. worship. NO Sunday school for summer—starts in September. Nursery care is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Seven-week Bible study series on Gospel of Mark ends Tuesday, July 23, at 11 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

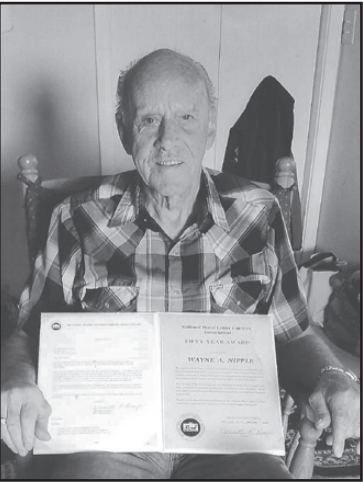
OBITUARY



Eileen Gladys Althaus

Eileen Gladys Althaus, age 86, of Albany, passed away, surrounded by her family, on Monday, June 24, 2024 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. She was born the daughter of William and Gladys (Blumer) Schneeberger on January 14, 1938 in Monroe. She was a graduate of Albany High School. Eileen was united in marriage to Walter R. Althaus on September 14, 1957 in Monticello.

Eileen was the Office Manager and Licensed Insurance Agent for several insurance companies throughout Madison for 50 years. She was a longtime member of the Albany Lions Club; she also served on the Albany Village Board and Library Board. In her free time she enjoyed bowling, knitting, reading, playing games with her family and friends, and baking Christmas cookies with her grandchildren.




Wayne A. Nipple

Wayne A. Nipple, age 98, Albany, Wisconsin, one of the last WWII veterans in the area, passed away in his sleep on June 18, 2024.

Wayne was born March 10, 1926 and spent most of his youth around the Brodhead-Albany area. At 17, he joined the Army and spent two years (1944-1946) defending his country in Europe. Upon returning home from overseas, he worked various jobs before going to work at Teales Auto Service in Albany.

Wayne married Nora Belle Rose Hawkins on August 13, 1949. Together they had two children, Larry and Jocelyn.

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Eileen is survived by her husband of nearly 67 years, Walt of Albany; children: Jacki (Todd) Sutherland of North Freedom and Chris Beer of Monroe; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; siblings: Bob (Kathy) Schneeberger of Raymore, Missouri, Joan (Willie) Flood of Albany, Roger Schneeberger of Oregon, Wisconsin, Gene (Romaine) Schneeberger of Mt. Horeb, and Kathy Naber of Versailles, Kentucky; and several nieces, nephews, extended relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Richard; granddaugh-

ter, Crystal Beer; brothers, Warren and Fred Schneeberger; sister-in-law, Lavonne Schneeberger; and brother-in-law, Mick Naber.

A Celebration of Eileen's Life will be on Saturday, July 13, from 1-4 p.m. at the Albany Lion's Club. Memorials may be made in Eileen's memory to the Wisconsin Lion's Eye Bank or the Wisconsin Lion's Foundation.

Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at: shriner111.com.

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In 1958, Wayne went to work for the United States Post Office, where he was a rural delivery postman. Many of Wayne's Postal Patrons claimed to "set their clocks" on his arrival at their residence. In 1969, Wayne was involved in a very serious auto collision while on the mail route. It was here that Wayne became aware of a "higher power" saying he knew what the afterlife would bring.

Wayne liked working with his hands and mind on many different projects. With the help of Wendell Brunkow, he became a private pilot and purchased several small airplanes.

When his son Larry started racing cars, he became chief mechanic and the biggest supporter. Wayne was also a member of the Albany Volunteer Fire Dept. for many years, and a member of the McDermott Steindorf Post 144 American Legion for 74 years.

After retiring from the Postal Service, he and Nora started renovating houses and apartments. He built the first Self Storage Facility in the area. He was also a world traveler to Europe, Asia, Scandinavia and more. They were also snowbirds, spending six months in Wisconsin and six months in the Avon Park, Florida, area. Wayne and Larry also got to participate in the Badger Honor

Flight to Washington, DC.

Wayne is survived by his wife of almost 74 years, Nora Belle; his children: Larry (Norma) of Albany, and Jocelyn Webb of Dallas Georgia; brothers: Willis (Catherine) Nipple of Albany, Warren (Penny) Nipple of Douglasville, Georgia, and Garey (Connie) Niles of Janesville. He is also survived by four grandchildren: Treena (Mike) Wade, Terrance Webb, both of Georgia, Rebecca (James) Briggs of Albany, and Sara (Don) Day of Brodhead. He is also survived by 10 great grandchildren: Clarissa, Charisma, Cailey Webb and Alexis Wade, all of Georgia, Avary, Emerson, Diem Briggs of Albany, and Hunter, Dakota, Owen Day of Brodhead, and the newest great granddaughter, Kehlani Webb of Dallas, Georgia; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mable Vighdahl Nipple; two sisters: Lorraine Nelson and Audrey Nipple as a toddler; brother, Walt; two son-in-laws: James Webb and Steve Flemming; and a granddaughter-in-law, Jennifer Webb.

Services for Wayne A. Nipple will be held at a future date.

Clark Funeral Home, Hiram Ga. is honored to be entrusted with Mr. Wayne Arthur Nipple.

VBS at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church

You're invited to join St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church, for Celebrate the Savior, their Vacation Bible School, open to all children from kindergarten up through seventh grade. The camp will run from Monday, July 8-Friday, July 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and sing songs, play games, make crafts, and study the Word of God with them. Snacks and lunch will both be provided. Parents especially will want to come Friday afternoon for their closing ceremony (refreshments provided), and again on Sunday, when the VBS kids will have the chance to sing in the 9 a.m. Sunday worship service! With this free program, they're hoping to get to know the members of the community, form some friendships, and show you what they're all about here at St. Peter. And what better way to get to know each other than with a bit of summer fun?

If you'd like to know more about Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, or the other services St. Peter provides, they offer a number of convenient ways to contact them. Call or text the church phone at 608-618-6090. They'll also be working on their new website, StPeterLutheranBrodhead.com, if you'd like to register online. And if you'd like to get acquainted with the pastor, he'd love to hear from you as well! Call or text Pastor Tyler Swiderski at 612-270-2591. Otherwise, you can email him at pastorswiderski@gmail.com. The Camp Coordinator, Joyce Drewes, can be contacted for more info at 608-897-4071. In person visits are also always welcome. Find them at 1708 W. 6th Avenue, Brodhead. Look for the brown A-frame church! All guests are welcome to join them for worship Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., but if you'd like to drop by during the week, that works, too.

Camp registration forms can be found online, picked up in-person in the church building, or by contacting Pastor Swiderski or Joyce between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. They're hoping to get all registration forms in by Friday, July 5th, but they're happy to take registrations the day of, if need be. Please note, if you wish to enroll multiple children, they request a separate form for each child. They hope you join them for Celebrate the Savior, and have a terrific summer!

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

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ATTENTION PARENTS

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department is offering different summer programs that you can still sign-up for, after summer school is finished.

Swimming Lessons: Session 2—July 8—July 26; Session 3—July 29—August 16

The Brodhead public swimming pool offers group swimming lessons for kids age five and up. Each session is three weeks long and meets: Monday-Tuesday-Thursday and Friday mornings, for 50 minutes. Cost is \$50 for city resident and \$65 for non-resident.

T-Ball: Session 2—July 16—August 8

The first three nights will be fundamentals for t-ball and then they will go into scheduled games, hitting the ball off the tee; Tuesday and Thursday nights 6-7 p.m. Cost is \$40 for one session.

Tots on the Run: Session 2—July 15—August 9

Tots on the Run will have activities geared for pre-school children aged three—six years. This class will offer a combination of different activities: crafts, playground, etc. This group will meet for two hours, at Putnam Park, from 9:30—11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Cost is \$45 for one session.

To register your child in a Park and Rec program, call the Brodhead swimming pool at 608-897-8091.

SAVE THE DATE

The Brodhead Police Association is hosting the 10th Annual Brodhead Night Out on Tuesday, August 13th (rain date Wednesday, August 14th) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Jaycee Park, 300 4th Street. This FREE Night Out is a community wide event to heighten awareness of crime, drug and prevention efforts and to encourage community participation. For more information please visit them on Facebook!

YOUTH BALL UMPIRES NEEDED

The Brodhead Park and Rec Department is looking for youth ball umpires. Applicants, at least 14 years of age, must possess a solid knowledge of baseball/softball and its rules. Games will occur Monday-Fridays. Games begin in June and extend through July.

If interested, call the Brodhead Park and Rec Department at 608-897-2159 x9.

BRODHEAD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT GOLF OUTING

The Brodhead Athletic Department will be hosting their annual golf outing, Saturday, July 27th, at 10 a.m. at the Evansville Golf Course. Cost is \$90 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, food, and a gift bag. Registration is due by Friday, July 12, and they are limiting it to the first 32 foursomes. Proceeds from this event benefit the Brodhead Athletic Department. Stop by the office or email Brian Kammerer for a registration form, or sponsorship letter.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

Tuesday's results: Panoske Plastering defeated The Bar 21-5; Beast Buffet defeated Bridges Bar & Grill 10-2.

Season standings: Panoske Plastering won 6 lost 0; Beast Buffet 3-3; The Bar 2-4; Bridges Bar & Grill 1-5.

Sunday Night Church

Sunday results: Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Orfordville Lutheran 10-7; Luther Valley defeated Church of God 23-8; Congregational UCC defeated Living Word 13-7.

Season standings: United Methodist-Albany 5-1; Bethlehem Lutheran 5-2; Luther Valley 4-2-1; Congregational UCC 4-2-1; Church of God 3-4; Living Word 2-5; Orfordville Lutheran 0-7.

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Get a new Red Cross umbrella when you come to give blood Monday, July 1 to Sunday, July 14, while supplies last.

Runaas Reunion

The Runaas Family reunion will be held Sunday, July 14th at Purdy Park Pavilion in Orfordville. It starts at 1 p.m. Please bring your own table service and a dish to pass. Coffee and water will be furnished.

Schwartzlow Family Reunion

Schwartzlow descendants are having their family reunion on Saturday, July 13, at Putnam Park (6th Street and W. 3rd Avenue) in Brodhead, from 11 a.m.—4 p.m., eating about noon.

Bring a dish to pass. Chicken, ham, table service and bottled water will be provided. Spread the word to other members of your family.

If questions, call Rita (Ringhand) Vickers at 608-897-2082.

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Thoughts

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learned to set up tents, I practiced firing weapons, practiced operating in field involving defending our position. As I continued during my time in service, I became a supervisor and operated as a squad leader, section sergeant, platoon sergeant, and a division planning leader.

I completed training courses required for advancement including NCO Academy and Advanced NCO Academy. I also conducted military training, processed troops for active duty exercises, and participated in a national activity exercise in Europe. Over the years the National Guard and Reserve Forces have played a huge part in the defense of our Country. While I was in the Reserve Forces, we participated in the war in Kosovo(Bosnia), and in Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Kuwait. I am happy to say that I am proud of my service. I am glad to see the people of this country respect and support the military today.

I am a member of the American Legion. I am a retired member of the Army and served in the Air Force on active for a total military service of 30 years. i worked as a member of the Federal Civil Service and last worked for the Department of Veteran Affairs for a total civilian service to the government of over 23 years. I continue to show support for our country through my membership in the Sons of the American Revolution.

Embracing Innovation: The Creative Economy as a Catalyst for Growth

Creativity plays a significant role in economic transformation. Rural communities have unique challenges that benefit from shared ideas, networking, and learning from one another. The recent Creative Economy Summit held in Monroe connected a diverse group from southwest Wisconsin to address economic development from a different perspective.

Hosted at the Monroe Arts Center, Create Wisconsin, Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), Lafayette County Economic Development Corporation, and Prosperity Southwest teamed up to sponsor a the summit aimed at generating ideas and conversation for economic development strategies in our communities.

Anne Katz, Executive Director of Create Wisconsin shared that Wisconsin's creative sector, com-

Green County 4-H Area Animal Science Days Participation

On Thursday, June 20th, 20 youth members from Green County 4-H participated in the Green County Area Animal Science Day competition at the Green County Fairgrounds in Monroe. Youth competed in dairy and livestock evaluation, oral reasons for senior members, a dairy showmanship contest, and a photography and poster contest.

Prior to this event, the youth participating in the dairy evaluation contest attended weekly practices held at different farms throughout Green County. Using the PDCA (Purebred Dairy Cattle Association) Unified Scorecard, they learned to assess dairy animals based on four categories—Udder, Dairy Strength, Rear Feet and Legs, and Frame. Throughout these practices they strengthened their precise and quick decision making and problem-solving skills, for the timed-event competition. In addition, juniors (youth under 14 years of age) learned how to answer Type Analysis Questions (TAQs) on a chosen class. Seniors (youth 14 years and over) learned how to give oral reasons on how and why they placed a particular class. At the contest, each individual had seven classes to judge. Each class consisted of four animals to place. Juniors also had to answer 10 TAQs for two of the classes, while seniors had to present oral reasons individually on two of the classes. Both the junior and senior teams performed well. Making up the Junior Team was Sierra McCullough (Juda Jolly Juniors), Abby Withrow (Decatur), Braxton Boeke (Spring Grove Honest Workers), and Brooklynn Dosio (Juda Jolly Juniors). They placed ninth as a team. The Senior Team was composed of Taylor Svendsen (Dougherty Creek), Ellie Modaff (Jolly Mixers), Reese Speth (New Glarus), and Grace Gold (Next Generation). They placed fifth as a team both overall and for oral reasons. Kate Olmedo (Juda Jolly Juniors) and Brooke Mueller (Clarence Bridge Pioneers) also represented Green County in the Senior Division. Additionally, they had two youth members participate in the Dairy Showmanship event. Those members were Elena Boss (Cheese Country Clovers) and Joclyn Watson (Cheese Coun-

ty Clovers). The coaches for these teams are Tess Zettle, Ryan Smith, and Mike Marean.

This year, they also had a Junior Livestock Judging team compete. Breeding and market cattle, swine, sheep, and meat goats are evaluated in this contest. Junior members (youth under 14 years of age) are asked a set of 10 questions based on a class in addition to placings. They are asked three sets of questions. Participants additionally had to complete a slaughter cattle grading portion on the scantron for market cattle. In this section, participants are asked to give each animal a quality and yield grade. Prior to this event, the youth attend classroom practices to become familiar with the scantron, learn about the anatomy of livestock animals, and judge online classes. The Junior team consisted of Thadeus Miller (Browntown Busy Beavers), Benson Miller (Browntown Busy Beavers), Ade-lynn Monson (Jolly Mixers), Zoie Donovan (Young Americans), and Cambrie Donovan (Young Americans). They placed 10th overall as a team. The coach for this team was Katie Brooks. Congratulations to all the youth who participated!

Additionally, one youth member participated in the Photography and Poster Contest. Remington Zilliox (Washington Center) earned a red ribbon (second place) for his poster. Congratulations!

Area Animal Science Day is designed to give 4-H youth an opportunity to learn more about the educational opportunities in the 4-H Animal Science Projects. 4-H youth are able to learn about livestock and dairy evaluation, while increasing decision making skills through judging and grading experiences. These events are focused more on the learning experience rather than the contest and competition. Thank you to all of those who helped assist these teams with practices, preparation, and all of the behind-the-scenes work!

For more information about the dairy and livestock judging teams, contact: Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608-328-9440.

ment and beyond,” said Olivia Otte, GCDC Executive Director. “Partnering with others to share and create new ideas and solutions can be transformative for rural economies.”

Local leaders, entrepreneurs, artists, elected officials, community groups, educators and others interested in discussing creative solutions and opportunities to help our region thrive came together for a morning of creative discussion and action planning. The consensus of the group was that collaboration and sharing of ideas to support one another in growing southwest Wisconsin in unique and diverse ways makes all our communities better.

“The summit aimed to establish a platform fostering bold ideas, experimentation, and empowerment for entrepreneurs, creators, and innovators. By cultivating an environment where creativity flourishes, we ultimately cultivate thriving communities.” Lafayette County Economic Development and Tourism Director, Allison Taylor said.

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Dairy Judging Teams
Back, left to right: Taylor Svendsen, Grace Gold, Brooke Mueller, Reese Speth, Ellie Modaff, Kate Olmedo; front: Braxton Boeke, Brooklynn Dosio, Abby Withrow, Sierra McCullough.



Joclyn Watson with the dairy heifer she used for the Showmanship Contest.



Elena Boss competing in the dairy Showmanship Contest.

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Brodhead High School Baseball Coaches
Left to right: (JV) Skyler Stuckey, (V) Aaron Duecker, (V) Blake Burns, (Varsity Head Coach) Aaron Guilbault, (JV Head Coach) Dave Mullen, and Dan Senobe. Not pictured: Trent Gerber. Brodhead-Juda won the Rock Valley Baseball title with a record of 10-5. We apologize that we stated they shared the title. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Family Fest 2024

(Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



2024 Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Products Contest Winners Announced

Dairy manufacturers from throughout the state submitted over 460 entries for the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Products Contest, which took place Thursday, June 20 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park. The contest featured over 50 classes for cheese, sour cream, butter, yogurt, milk and custard.

The 2024 Grand Master Cheesemaker, Grand Champion Butter, Grand Champion Yogurt, Grand Champion Sour Cream, Grand Champion Milk and Grand Champion Custard will be announced at the Blue Ribbon Dairy Products Auction on Thursday, August 8 at The Wisconsin State Fair Park. The Blue Ribbon Dairy Products Auction is a fundraiser for the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board. Auction proceeds fund scholarships for students pursuing dairy-related degrees and support the board's interactive educational display—Dairy Lane—located in the Lower Dairy Barn at Wisconsin State Fair Park.

Local top entries include:

Swiss Styles—Team Chalet, Chalet Cheese Coop, Monroe, Swiss-40 lbs block, 98.820. Brick, Muenster—Decatur Cheesemakers, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Brick Cheese, 99.600; Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Brick Cheese, 99.350; Ty Saglam, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Buholzer Brothers Brick, 99.150. Feta—Steve Buholzer, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Feta in Brine, 99.100; Steve Webster, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Feta in Brine, 98.900. Flavored Soft Cheese—Steve Webster, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Peppercorn Feta in Brine, 99.430; Luke Buholzer, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Peppercorn Feta in Brine, 99.390.

Cold Pack Cheese, Cheese Food—Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Colby Swiss Spread, 99.700. Reduced Fat or Lite Cheese—Steve Webster, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Feta in Brine, 99.530; Ron Buholzer, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Mediterranean Herb Feta in Brine, 99.125; Matt Erdley, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Tomato Basil Feta in Brine, 99.080. Havarti—Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Havarti, 99.750; Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Havarti Cheese, 99.700; Ty Saglam, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Buholzer Brothers Havarti, 99.685.

Flavored Havarti—Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Dill Havarti, 99.825; Decatur Cheesemakers, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Havarti with Dill, 99.575; Tom Schultz, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Buholzer Brothers Dill Havarti, 99.500. Gouda & Edam—Emmi Roth - Monroe, Emmi Roth, Stoughton, Roth 3 Chile Pepper Gouda Wheel, 99.170. Unflavored Cheese Curds—Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, White Cheese Curd, 99.495. Flavored Cheese Curds—Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Tomato Bacon Basil White Curd, 99.645; Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead, Garlic Dill Havarti, 99.510. Crumbled Cheese—Matt Erdley, Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Crumbled Feta Cheese, 99.300.

Flavored High Protein Yogurt—Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Peach Greek Yogurt, 99.900; Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Vanilla Greek Yogurt, 99.700. Unflavored High Protein Yogurt—Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Labne, 99.600; Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Greek Yogurt, 99.400. Open Class—Flavored Yogurt—Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Whole Vanilla Yogurt, 99.650; Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Whole Peach Yogurt, 98.350. Open Class—Unflavored Yogurt—Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Whole Fat Yogurt, 99.025. Open Class—Unflavored Sour Cream—Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Sour Cream, 98.650. Low Fat Sour Cream—Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Greek Mediterranean Feta Dip, 99.250; Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Greek Tzatziki Dip, 98.350; Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Greek Sour Cream, 97.750.

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AREA STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

The following individuals from your area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Spring 2024 semester. UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 22,900 undergraduate and graduate students.

Among those named were Abby Cline, Letters and Science Undergrad and Sarah Thompson, Biomed Science and HCA Undergraduate, both of Davis, Illinois.



AURORA UNIVERSITY
Haley Knauf earns a spot on Aurora University's Dean's List. Haley is an Albany HS alumni who graduated from Aurora University Summa Cum Laude in May. She also was named by the American Hockey Coaches Association to the 2023-24 Krampade All-American Scholars for women's hockey.



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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department
June 24-30, 2024

At 8:44 a.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the 2800 block of 6th Street (Green County Justice Center), in the City of Monroe, where Matthew P. Baumgartner, 32, of


Brodhead, was placed under arrest for two felony bench warrants through Green County. Baumgartner was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail.



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Notice



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA Regular School Board Meeting

July 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Juda School Den (Old Library)
N2385 Spring St.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

The Policy Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Den.
The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order by President Pflingsten
- II. Roll Call
Dennis Pflingsten
Pat Daniels Jen Brooks
Laura Powers Janna Merritt
Jessica Matzke Rustin Whitney
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Proof of Notice
- V. Acceptance of Agenda
- VI. Open Forum
- VII. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion: however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
 1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on June 12, 2024
 2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
 3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
 4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
 5. Donations (Action)
- VIII. Referendum Updates: Discussion/Action
 - Wisconsin Public Finance Group Reports
- IX. School Staff/Student Report
 - Athletic Director Report
 - °Coop approvals: Discussion/Action
 - °WIAA agreement: Discussion/Action
 - °Co Curricular Handbook: Discussion/Action
 - °Coaches: Discussion/Action
2. School Board President's Report
 - Joint School Board Meeting
 - Open board seat recommendations
3. Administrator Report
 - Staffing updates
 - Strategic Plan
 - Review of events/Upcoming events
 - Other updates as necessary
- X. Seclusion and Restraint: Discussion/Action
- XI. Fees: Discussion/Action
- XII. Academic Standards: Discussion/Action
- XIII. Preliminary Budget: Discussion/Action
- XIV. Title IX Policy Revision: Discussion/Action
- XV. Five Minute Recess
- XVI. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
 - Administrator Contract
- XVII. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
- XVIII. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
 - August 14, 2024
- XIX. Adjournment
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07/03/2024

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

A Book Drop Is Now in Place!

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

Several patrons have suggested over the months that the Library have a drop off box for books. This would enable patrons to return their books whenever it is convenient for them. In fact, a book drop is a standard item at libraries. So, we are happy to say that a box has been purchased and is now set up by the library door.

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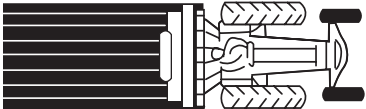
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Durand Library

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Members of the Friends of the Durand Library attended meetings of the three townships located in the school district to seek funding to purchase the box. We are grateful to Laona Township, which made a substantial contribution to the \$270 cost of the box.

Illinois statute outlines the duties and powers of township government and also enables townships to collaborate with other governmental entities and 501c(3) organizations like us to improve services for citizens. The statue specifically includes supporting library services and we are grateful that the Laona trustees took this opportunity to heart.

Library Services Accessible to All
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the Friends of the Durand Library. The school opens the library to the public and the Friends maintain the public hours. Check out privileges are free to all residents of the school district, and everyone is invited to library programs.

Hours through the summer will be Saturday mornings 9:00 to Noon and Tuesdays afternoons 4 to 7 p.m. Please note that the library will be open Saturday, July 6.

Library entry is at the east end of the school building. Follow the wide paved walkway—there will be a sign at the sidewalk, another visible on the far wall facing the street and, of course, a sign at the door. For more information, please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call 815-289-8602 and visit [Facebook.com/DurandVillageLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/DurandVillageLibrary).

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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Another week of Adventure Begins at Your Library!

Last week we had two guests: Mr. Dean read a story about a prairie fire and Mr. Larry showed us how to tie balloon animals and swords (Balloon pumps are a marvelous invention).

Did you know that Illinois's nickname is The Prairie State? AND there's a town in Illinois called Al-

bany? (It's only about two hours away and has a great little library! Seriously, you should plan a day trip to visit. Tell them I sent you.)

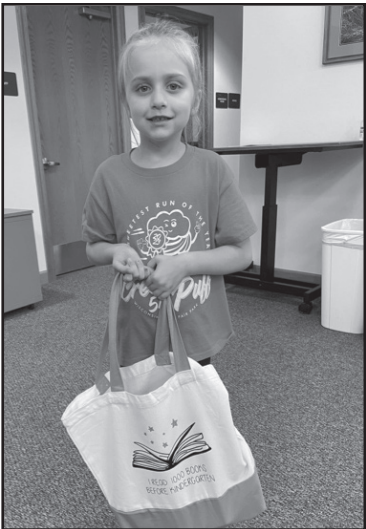
Next week, our guest reader will be one of the librarians from the Albany Public Library in Oregon! We're learning about the Pacific Northwest and the coastal waters of the Pacific. I wonder if we'll see Sasquatch? Water balloons will definitely be required for these activities.

Don't forget to get your reading logs turned in. There's only a month left of our Summer Reading Challenge. Visit Albertson Memorial Library to see the prizes that are waiting to be handed out.



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New Sheriff and Sheriff Skatrud Goodbye

By Jeff Skatrud, Green County Sheriff

As you all may have heard, Governor Evers has appointed Chief Deputy Cody Kanable to be the next Green County Sheriff, effective on Monday, July 1, 2024. Chief Deputy Kanable has served Green County as a Patrol Deputy, K-9 Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, SWAT Commander, Patrol Lieutenant and Chief Deputy. He has also been a key instructor for the agency.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Deputy Kanable on his appointment and I'm confident that he will continue to serve the citizens of Green County with dignity and respect. I'm excited for the future of the Green County Sheriff's Office and know that the agency is in great hands!

I'm so grateful for the kind words of support since I announced my retirement. It's truly bittersweet, but I'm confident that it's the right time. Thanks to all of our staff and the countless other partners that are working so hard for Green County. I wish you all safety and success in what you are continuing to do for our community.

Please support our new Sheriff and the Green County Sheriff's Office staff, as they enter this new and exciting time.

With deepest gratitude.



Some of the volunteers who helped obtain and restore Knight Mfg equipment. Left to Right: Laurie Haberman, Steve Haberman, Tim Osterhaus, Kathy Earleywine, Steve Earleywine, Mary Joan Rebout, Doug Rebout, Natalia Rebout, Christine Rebout, Pete Cline, Nick Jacobson, Gene Engen, Doug Pinnow, Jaine Winters, Jim Huffman, and Ray Walmer.

Restored Knight Mfg Equipment Revealed at Depot Museum

By Jaine Winters

Three pieces of newly-restored vintage Knight Manufacturing equipment were revealed at the Depot Museum on Saturday, May 25, to volunteers who made it all happen. The project started with the vintage Knight Unloader Box (on loan from Rebout Family Farms) and the 115 Manure Spreader (acquired from Ted Knight's estate). Historical Society liaison Doug Pinnow, greatly assisted by Jim Huffman—Brodhead's Thresheree Coordinator and John Deere farm equipment aficionado—contacted several local skilled volunteers and businesses, and in Summer 2023 the project was underway. It became a community project—the skills, interest, enthusiasm, generosity, and quick time frame was astonishing and impressive—our little community just crawls with passion and energy for this! Amidst the farming community conversations, yet another vintage Knight innovation, the Nitrogen Applicator, was located and donated. Enthusiasm grew as the preservation and appearance was enhanced each step along the way, from sand-blasting, painting, new tires, storage inside over winter, then adding final paint details, decals and signage.

A list of the people and their involvement is available at the Depot Museum, and their names are also on the signage next to each piece of equipment. This restoration is history in the making as well! Brodhead Historical Society is grateful for all involved, for being part of preserving our history for generations ahead to appreciate.

The volunteers attending the "Reveal" in May were treated to a unique surprise arranged by Jim Huffman. They enjoyed a ride in a Knight Wagon that had been restored last fall by its new owner, and converted into a "people hauler". A tour from the Depot Museum to the former Knight Manufacturing site, now Kuhn North America, was enjoyed by all, riding in the wagons pulled by tractors. Animated Knight Mfg stories were shared by all.

The Knight Mfg equipment is on display outside at the East 2nd Avenue entrance to the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum.



The "People Hauler" with equipment restoration volunteers touring Kuhn North America (formerly Knight Manufacturing). George Crooks pulls a Knight Wagon purchased and restored by Tom Woodstock of Evansville to include the front section with steps, and benches.



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We will be closed on Thursday, July 4th and normal hours will resume Friday.