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Otte Joins GCDC as Executive Director

Olivia Otte has joined Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) as its new Executive Director. In this role, Otte will serve as a key resource and advocate for economic development in Green County and lead GCDC initiatives.

Before joining GCDC, Otte served as an Economic Development Consultant for the Nebraska Department of Economic Development where she worked with towns and non-profits to develop housing. She also managed state and federal grant programs. Otte graduated from University of Nebraska-Lincoln with a bachelor's degree in Nutrition and Health Science.

"Olivia is an outstanding choice to lead GCDC. Her expertise and skills will greatly benefit our organization, our partners and our communities here in Green County," said GCDC Board President Nikki Austin. "We're thrilled to have her on board."

Otte enjoys sporting and outdoor activities in her free time. She also enjoys reading, and spending time with family and friends.



Contact Otte at olivia.gcdc@tds.net or call 608-328-9452. The GCDC office is located in the his-

toric Green County Courthouse on the Square in downtown Monroe. The address is 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe.

Seeking resumes for Alderperson

Interested in being on City Council? They are taking resumes for Alderperson to fill a vacancy. Please stop into City Hall, call, or email if interested. Resume deadline will be Wednesday, July 13th. They can be reached at: Nikolai Wahl—City Clerk, 1111 W 2nd Ave, Brodhead, call 608-897-4018 ext. 150 or email cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us.



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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

ATTENTION PARENTS

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

Swimming Lessons: Session 2—July 11–July 29; Session 3—August 1–August 19

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 & Friday mornings, for 50 minutes. Cost is \$45 for city resident and \$55 for non-resident.

T-Ball: Session 2—July 19–August 11

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 \$30 for one session.

Tots on the Run: Session 2—July 18–August 12

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 \$40 for one session.

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

RUNAAS REUNION

The Runaas Reunion will be held on Sunday, July 10, starting at 1 p.m. at Purdy Park, Orfordville. Please bring your own drinks, table service and a dish to share. Coffee and water will be provided. Kindly spread the word to your immediate family.

SCHWARTZLOW REUNION

The Schwartzlow reunion will be held on Saturday, July 9, at Putnam Park, Sixth Street and W. Third Avenue, in Brodhead, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will eat at noon.

Bring a dish to pass. Table service, chicken, ham 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.

Zion and Oakley UMC Youth Group still collecting aluminum cans

The Zion and Oakley United Methodist Churches Youth Group continue to collect aluminum cans for recycling at their collection cage located in the corner of the Bank of New Glarus parking lot located on Walnut Street in Juda. As of the end of June, the group has collected over 2,200 pounds of cans and netted over \$1,200. Money raised has been donated to the Fairbanks Alaska Rescue Mission, Care Net Pregnancy Center in Monroe, the UMCOR Ukraine Relief Project and the Stained-Glass Window Repair Fund for the church in Juda. Funds raised in July will be donated to the Juda School to help purchase extra supplies for students. A reminder that only empty aluminum cans are accepted, no empty cat food cans! Thank you to everyone who has given cans to help support these worthy causes!

Acoustic Music Jam session in Darlington

An Acoustic Music Jam Session will be in the Veterans’ Park in front of the Historical Museum on Main Street in Darlington on Sunday, August 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 pm. Hosted by the Lafayette County Historical Society. All instruments, voices, and listeners are welcome! Guitar, banjo, mandolin, fiddle, zither, dulcimer, harmonica, spoons, accordion, you name it. Acoustic is non-amplified. If your only instrument requires electricity, it must be no louder than the unplugged instruments. Chairs, water and lemonade provided. In case of bad weather the event will move to the lower level of the Museum. For info call 608-482-2483.

ACADEMICS

Tate Harnack graduated from University of Wisconsin-Stout

Tate Harnack, Brodhead, graduated in May 2022 from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. He received a Master of Science degree in Operations and Supply Management.

UW-Stout, Wisconsin’s Polytechnic University, has 47 undergraduate majors and 24 graduate programs, including one doctoral degree. UW-Stout, established in 1891, prides itself on the success of its students in the workplace, with an employment rate above 97% for recent graduates. The university was awarded the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award in 2001.

Enrollment was 7,670 in the fall. The university graduated 876 undergraduate and 229 Graduate School students in May 2022.

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ACADEMICS

UW-La Crosse announces spring 2022 Dean’s List

The following area students have been named to the Dean’s List at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for the spring semester of the 2021-22 academic year, ending May 2022.

Qualification for the Dean’s List is limited to students who have attained outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must have earned not less than a 3.5 semester grade point average and carried a minimum of 12 credits.

Students on the Dean’s List from this area include: Kassi Heins, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education and Ryan Windler, Computer Science Major, both of Albany; Catherine Speckman, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science-Pre-professional Track, Morgan Tresemer, Biology Major and Zoe Tresemer, Early Childhood Education Major, all of Brodhead; and Kaylyn Field, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science-Pre-professional Track, of Davis, Illinois.

Missouri S&T awards degrees during commencement

Approximately 1,000 students received degrees from Missouri University of Science and Technology during four commencement ceremonies held on campus this past May.

A ceremony for Ph.D. graduates was held Saturday, May 7, at Leach Theatre. Ceremonies for undergraduates and students earning master’s degrees were held Friday, May 13, and Saturday, May 14, at the Gale Bullman Building.

Missouri S&T awards bachelor of science, bachelor of arts, master of science and doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) degrees.

Missouri S&T has traditionally recognized graduates earning a bachelor’s degree with honors by placing the designation “summa cum laude,” “magna cum laude” or “cum laude” on their diplomas. The highest honor, summa cum laude, is awarded to students who have earned a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.8 or above on a 4.0 scale for all courses counting toward the degree. Magna cum laude is the designation for a GPA of 3.5 to 3.79, and cum laude indicates a GPA of 3.2-3.49.

Among those graduating was Cade Meier, bachelor of science, mechanical engineering, cum laude, of Davis, Illinois.

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HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

ACADEMICS

UW-Platteville announces Dean’s List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean’s List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the spring 2022 semester.

College of Business, Industry, Life Science and Agriculture and the College of Liberal Arts and Education require grade-point averages of 3.75 and above for Dean’s List honors, while the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science requires students to reach at least a 3.50.

Students from this area on the Dean’s List include: Liz McGuire—Agricultural Education, Ali Rosheisen—Agricultural Education, Animal Science, and Bailey Watson—History, all of Brodhead; and Emilee Davis, Fine Arts (BFA), of Davis, Illinois.

UW-Platteville announces Chancellor’s List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor’s List, honoring those with perfect 4.0 grade-point averages for the spring 2022 semester.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 grade-point average include: Liz McGuire, Agricultural Education, University of Wisconsin-Platteville; Ali Rosheisen, Agricultural Education, Animal Science, University of Wisconsin-Platteville; and Bailey Watson, History, University of Wisconsin-Platteville, all of Brodhead.

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Carol Sue Wolter, UMW President and Brady Bruns

Scholarship Awarded

The Brodhead United Methodist Church (UMC) United Women in Faith recently awarded their 2022 scholarship to Brady Bruns. This fall, he will enter the University of Dubuque for flight operations, with a goal to become a commercial pilot. He recently obtained his solo pilot’s license. The son of Scott and Debbie Bruns, Brady was confirmed at the Church in 2019. His activities in the church have included serving pancake breakfasts, volunteering at the brat stand, ushering, and providing special music with the Brass Band.

The United Methodist Women meet monthly at the church, leading educational programs and Bible Studies for the church and community. Their fund-raising efforts support local, national, and global missionaries. The Brodhead UMC, 501 1st Center Avenue, is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome!



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Kids’ Quilt Challenge invites youth to share creativity at Great Wisconsin Quilt Show

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show invites youth quilters and sewists, ages 15 and under, to enter their quilts in the 2022 Kids’ Quilt Challenge. The contest is part of the annual Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions. Entries must be received by Aug. 12, 2022.

Quilts will be displayed at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show, and participants are invited to attend the public awards presentation at the event on Saturday, September 10. The Kids’ Quilt Challenge, sponsored by Nancy Zieman Productions, awards gift certificates to the top three quilts—a \$200 certificate for first place, \$100 for second place and \$50 for third place. Quilts will be judged on workmanship, creativity and overall appearance.

Visit quiltshow.com for full Kids’ Quilt Challenge details and entry form.

For the first time in three years, The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show will return to the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin as an in-person event, welcoming quilters from across Wisconsin and throughout the United States to join together and share their love for quilting. It will be held September 8-10.

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show includes dozens of educational lectures and workshops led by expert quilters; exhibits showcasing hundreds of beautiful quilts; shopping opportunities from trusted vendors, featuring the latest fabrics and notions; and a community service project—Quilt to Give—in which attendees donate their materials and skills to create quilts for those in need.

Event organizers will continue to monitor updates from health officials regarding COVID-19 safety guidelines and will share the latest information about their protocols at quiltshow.com.

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show is presented by PBS Wisconsin and Nancy Zieman Productions. Proceeds from The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show support PBS Wisconsin programs and community outreach projects.

Thank you to our Premier Event Sponsors: Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machines and Pfaff Sewing Machines. Additional thanks to our Associate Event Sponsors: Ana’s Sewing Studio, BERNINA of America, Blue Bar Quilts, Brother International Sewing Corporation, Janome, Juki America, Inc. and Linda Z’s Sewing Center.

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PBS Wisconsin is a place to grow through learning on WHA-TV, Madison; WPNE-TV, Green Bay; WHRM-TV, Wausau; WLEF-TV, Park Falls; WHLA-TV, La Crosse; and WHWC-TV, Menomonie-Eau Claire.

2022 Rock County Senior Fair: New Location, Same Great Information!

It’s time to spread the word; The Rock County Senior Fair is planned for Friday, September 9, at the Dr. Daniel Hale Williams Rock County Resource Center, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, (old Pick ‘N Save building). Senior Fair hours will be 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with free admission and parking.

The theme of this year’s event is “Open Your Mind, One Book at a Time”. Not only will you discover resources available for older adults to lead a healthy and active lifestyle, but you will also find a dash of mystery, a few lyrical tales and a sprinkling of poetry throughout the event. Come and enjoy the fun!

Visit more than 60 informational booths to gather more resources. Get your flu shot. Bring in old or outdated medication to safely dispose them through the RX Roundup. Protect your private information and bring in papers or documents to safely dispose in the All Pro secure shredding bins. Contribute to ECHO by donating canned goods. Bring in old eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Club Recycle for Sight. Whatever activity you choose to do at the Fair, we look forward to seeing you there!

Seeking vendors/exhibitors for the senior fair! If you provide services or work with older adults in Rock County, you are welcome to register for a booth space at the senior fair. Please contact Teena Monk-Gerber at 608-758-8455 or teena.monk-gerber@co.rock.wi.us for a registration packet.



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Albany High School third quarter honor roll

High Honors—seniors: Kaiya Zurfluh*, Rhylie Gough, Shaianna Parker, Caden Maire, Jillian Lent, Alex Schliem, Payton Wachholz, Jesse Schwartz, Whitney Clason, Sierra Groebner, Brianna Dahl, Bryanna Rakow.

Juniors: Linsey Mueller*, Mckenna Broughton, Gage Roth, McKenzie Briggs, Raj Flannery, Elizabeth Halverson.

Sophomores: Ava Ahnen*, Alana Durtschi*, Andrew Sertle*, Brayden Bakken, Delani Blakely, Avery Briggs, Allison Rhyner, Owen Roth, Jayden O’Bel.

Freshmen: Lilly Clason*, Kierra Cleasby*, Ellie Modaff*, Nathan Stokstad*, Abigail Hollis, Caleb Smith, Anna Ellinger, Ayden Firth, Lillyana Morales, Emma Grosz, Kaden Zurfluh, Madisyn Pfaff, Amy Schwartz.

Honors—seniors: Brett Marean, Rylee McKittrick, Tyler Anderson, Emileigh Dallman, Benjamin Grosz.

Juniors: Gracie Freitag, David Laughlin, Ethan Koss, Branden Ruthe.

Sophomores: Maiya O’Bel, Myah Johnson, Carson Brewer, Skylar Stephens, Nicholas Stokstad, Logan Moore, Jeb Letcher, Jayden Anderson.

Freshmen: Daniel Dunphy, Thomas Hall, Leon Parker.

Albany Middle School third quarter honor roll

High honors—eighth grade: Isabelle Brewer*, Emerson Briggs*, Kaleb Broughton*, Kamron Parker*, Priscilla Smith*, Beckett Wachholz*, Alecia Dahl, Tyler Patchen, Dominic Schroeder, Taylor Pryce.

Seventh grade: Lydia Ahnen, Cassandra Stiklestad, Kaylee Rodebaugh, Alexandria Leszczynski, Ty Durtschi, Casey Cole.

Sixth grade: Raegan Hollis*, Mia Scott*, Wyatt Smith*, Brooks Wachholz*, Tatum Doescher, Kaydra Cleasby, Peyton Monasmith-Pickett, Brodyn Bakken, Emma Thompson, Kamden Broughton, Aliyahdin Flood, Lexi Eastwood, Lilly Schwartzlow, Lucian Hill, Whitney Pryce, Deybi Marin-Sagastume.

Fifth grade: Colee Liberatore, Piper Patchen, Aspen Koepp, Izayah Scott, Dayne Flood, Michael Schwartz, Greyson Everson, Amirah Parker, Xzavier Hedlund.

Honors—eighth grade: Gunnar Stephen, Olivia German.

Seventh grade: Reegan Schmidt, Balin Lacy, Tristan Modaff, Landon Noble, River Cockcroft, Cash Brewer.

Sixth grade: Edward Quintero Botello, Rebecca Rhyner, Aubrie Bartel, Douglas Day.

Fifth grade: Kade Turner, Ryker Schmidt, Carver Brewer, Aubrey Nicklet-Goudy, Logan Ellinger, Jesse Benkert.

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Parkview JR/SR High Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

Highest Honors 4.0—seniors: Kassandra Clint, Olivia Cox, Khloe Crece-lius, Tobias Engle, Noah Flood Elyafi, Brynn Menke.

Juniors: Henry Krajeck, Paul McCarthy.

Sophomores: Natalie Abey, Victoria Marian, Samuel Schwengels, Cas-sandra Spencer, Savanna Warthen, Jazmyn Wiedmer.

Freshmen: Rafe Bjoin, Emily Femyer, Kathryn Klassy, Michael Sanders.

Eighth grade: Alexis Crawford, Sheri Montgomery, Keegan Steinke.

Seventh grade: Lorelei Arnold.

High Honors 3.99-3.50—seniors: Alexander Brown, Cally Burrell, Brooklyn Crecelius, Sierra Draeving, Inezz Evans, Paolo Gozzini, Megan Heisz, Jenna Hume, Hunter Juhl, Bryson Kjelland, Emily Kjelland, Bridgette Neal, Emma Nelson, Jenna Olin, Treyton Oswald, Anna Retamar Vlad, Cora Schutte, Dayle Simpson, Christina Stark, Xylie Teeman, Dylan Wells.

Juniors: Hailey Beeman, Dayne Butzler, Caden Cleasby, Morgan Coyne, Ethan Diddens, Allison Dolphin, Autumn Hollibush, Rusty Klitzman, Elle McMahon, Gabriela Mendez, Gauge Pomplun, Kyra Suiter-Meyers, Paige Valley, Katelynn Weeks.

Sophomores: Sydney Brown, Carter Cronin, Alec Dolphin, Kadin Dooley, Dillan Heisz, Elizabeth Huber, Allison Johnson, Josephine Meyers, Karson Redman, Jack Ross, Cheyenne Stafanczyk, Conner Winn.

Freshmen: Jadalyn Clark, Teagan Clough, Ryan Douglas, Evan Fronk, Lilyanna Gallardo, Isabella Kovac, Americus Pomplun, Owen Slye, Slater Valley, Maysen Wellnitz.

Eighth grade: Lacy Blazier, Sahara Boers-Augustine, Esther Burchell, Gage Burrell, Chloe Cleasby, Aiden Crane, Robert Ellis, Sabrina Engel, Oli-ver Friedrich, Milo Jackson, Amelia Luttig, Sarah Pfluger, Jesse Rapson, Zoie Resch, Catherine Treinen, Corbin Williams.

Seventh grade: Jessah Allen, Kane Bjoin, Abigail Farnsworth, Kase Ha-zeltine, Olivia Huber, Ryan McCarthy, Mallory Nifong, Serenity Pautsch, Makenna Phillips, Karly Slye, Lacey Sorg, Michael Welch.

Sixth grade: Keely Douglas, Harley Furlong, Braedyn Girard, Skyla Gray, Della Hall, Dawson Maylord, Hannah Treinen, Benjamin Uhe, Jemma Wilke.

Honorable Mention 3.49-3.0—seniors: Evan Clark, Camron Duncan, Trevor Kjelland, Pedro Negrini La Salvia, Evan Noble, Catelyn Nolan, Dylan Sorg, Kyla Stacy, Jameson Terry, Zander Wilson.

Juniors: Tyler Kersten, Chloe Mielke, Autumn Pautsch, Diesel Simplot, Kolton Smith, Autumn Stratton, Evan Suer, Ian Suer, Autumn Wolfe Mayer.

Sophomores: Titus Burchell, Asa Collins, Nathan Fiebig, Calahan Fox, Oscar Gallardo, Ann Keintz, Cole McMahon, Madelynn Meyers, Olivia Mof-fitt, Temperance Pautsch, Mallory Schindler-Comstock, Ian Soderstrom, Malachi Wendt, Payton Wilson.

Freshmen: Abigail Anderson, Shelby Anderson, Ashley Bloedow, Sydney Coyne, Willow Crecelius, Isaac Diddens, Dasia Dixon, Gianna Elrod, Lily Gestrich, Alyxander Jackson-Price, Lillian McMahon, Nathaniel Rapson, Mathias Treinen, Samuel Vogt.

Eighth grade: Callum Babler, Ally Beeman, Hunter Brannin, Johnathon Castle, Jady Clough, Arianna Dean, Aryn Dolphin, Aiden Engle, Cullen Fox, Anthony Galfano, Jonathon Girard, Kylee Helmer, Alex Johnson, Grace Krajeck, Kyla Lloyd, Lacey Lloyd, Lacey Meldrum, Ayla Myhre, Aivee Paul, Ava Polheber, Wyatt Schumacher, Kelon Wendt, Emma Woodman,

Seventh grade: Sawyer Carr, Giuliaanna Elrod, Martin Gowen, Marleigh Kamppi, Vienna Millner, Owen Moffitt, Louis Nath, Peter Roth, Zackary Sosinsky, Gracin Speich, Harper Williams.

Sixth grade: Luci Anderson, Amber Bloedow, Amaya Boers-Augustine, Ava Flodeen-Schroeder, Braelynn Haugen, Caroline Luety, Sydney Luety, Abigail Moriva, Niko Nelson, Jewel Stanley, Sophie Valley, Charley Wohlfert.



District 6 Holstein Breeders held annual District 6 Holstein Futurity

The District 6 Holstein Breeders held their 19th annual District 6 Holstein Futurity on Friday, June 24 in Stoughton. Thirty-four calves were entered in the contest three years ago, and three of these calves came back as cows to compete for a chance at a percentage of the jackpot winnings and one of two additional cash prizes. Pictured from left to right are Dawn Haag representing Compeer Financial, the sponsor of the additional \$500 first place prize, judge John Erbsen, Wisconsin Holstein Princess Maddy Hensel, winning entry Sherona-Hill Ruffian owned by Chesney and Gracin Speich (on the halter), Orfordville, second place entry Heatherstone Wisteria-ET owned by Jenna and Nicole Broege, Janesville, leadsperson Kristen Metcalf, Stella and Tessa Schmocker and Sadie Kroph presenting the \$250 second prize on behalf of co-sponsors Go-Sho Cattle Company and Cattle Traxx LLC, Whitewater, and Wisconsin Holstein Princess Attendant Elena Jarvey.



2022 Green County Fairest of the Fair


Hello Green County, my name is Sharlene Swedlund and I am your 2022 Green County Fairest of the Fair from Juda. I would like to take this time to introduce myself and give everyone a short background.

Growing up I lived on a farm just south of Juda where I attended Juda School. I was actively involved in 4-H throughout elementary school and then into middle school. I also became an active member of the Juda FFA. Ever since I was a little girl, I’ve always had a passion for the agricultural industry. When I was younger my dream was to become one of the beautiful princesses that I saw during parades and through local Green County Events. So, when I finally became old enough to partake in those events I decided to run for the Juda Dairy Queen, and from there I was crowned for the 2016-2017 year.

Once I started reaching my senior year it was time to start considering schools and careers, so after I graduated high school in 2018, I decided to attend South Dakota State University and Southeast Technical College to pursue Agribusiness and Ag marketing where I also had the opportunity to hold the position of the 2019-2020 Miss United States Agriculture from SD. I loved every aspect of learning the different terms and areas of the agricultural business field and I eventually moved back home to Wisconsin to pursue a job at Kuhn North America where I am a 4th generation family member to hold a job there. I started out in fabrication and just recently have accepted a job as the Technical Publications Specialist. Since acquiring a job at Kuhn back in September I had started to spike an interest in agricultural engineering, and I finally decided to head back to school to gain a degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology at Blackhawk Technical College and I will eventually complete a bachelors at the University of Wisconsin Madison.

One of the main reasons I decided to run for the Green County Fairest of the Fair was to be able to give back to the Green County Fair Community for everything that they had done for me as I was in my youth growing up showing livestock. My drive and determination to promote agriculture and the industry itself. The love and memories that I cherish from the Green County Fair, watching the previous Fairest of the Fairs have an amazing time promoting the fair, volunteering at fair events and watching how much they had impacted younger generations with the grace and composure that they had held.

And just a short reminder, the Green County Fair will be held from July 20-24, and this year’s theme is Barnyard Beach Party! For more information you can look at our website or our Facebook page. I look forward to an eventful, fun-filled year ahead!




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Main Street Monroe, Inc. Announces Additional Yoga on the Lawn Classes

Success of classes, which first started last summer, has led to additional classes into August

The Infinity Yoga Studio, 1218 17th Avenue, Monroe, will continue to partner with Main Street Monroe to host outdoor yoga classes downtown after classes last summer and this year have proved popular for area residents.

Originally, Main Street approached Cathy Hauck, owner of the Infinity Yoga Studio, about teaching classes last summer as the nonprofit repositioned because of the pandemic. Both Cathy and Main Street's director, Jordan Nordby, thought the timing would be right with summer returning to its normal fast paced busy weekends. However, interest in the classes has led it to being part of Main Street's general event calendar as it hosts its normal events, including concerts and the summer kickoff event in 2022.

"People are appreciative of Cathy's talent and having an exercise related activity to work into their weekdays right here in town. It's been really fun for both experienced people and those new to yoga," stated Jordan Nordby, Main Street's executive director.

Hauck emphasized that all levels are welcome. In fact, the class will be continue to be taught based on attends. For those who have them, a yoga mat is suggested. Otherwise, a towel will be fine. Hauck ends the class with a bit of meditation. Because it is open to all levels, it makes it a good time to check out yoga, get back into it, or just switch things up, stated Hauck.

The next upcoming class will be Saturday, July 11th from 9:30 a.m. That time coincides with Main Street's weekly farmers market. The other newly announced class will be Thursday, August 18th at 5:30 p.m. Both classes will be an hour long.

Hauck opened The Infinity Studio in 2008. It is across from Turner Hall. Hauck graduated from the 500-hour Yoga Therapy Teacher Training Program through Alignment Yoga with Scott Anderson in 2013, and continues to take training classes and workshops to keep my teaching fresh. Since the pandemic, she has been offering classes online ranging from yoga, Reiki, and meditation.

Main Street is asking that anyone interested in Yoga on the Lawn simply reserve their spot. There is no charge to attend. Spots can be reserved by going to their Facebook page: facebook.com/MainStreet-Monroeinc/ and finding the specific event or by calling 608-328-4023.

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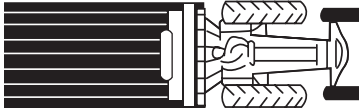
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Childcare Profile: Monroe Preschool

Monroe Preschool, Inc. is a non-profit preschool that's been serving children and their families since 1971. Located at 1025 1/2 15th Avenue in Monroe, it offers preschool and 4K programs for area children.

Monroe Preschool strives to focus on the individual child. "We have small class sizes and enjoy fostering each individual's growth and creativity. We teach kindness and caring," said director Rebecca Tschanz. "We offer a safe, caring quality environment."

Working with children and their families is one of her favorite parts of her job, she added.

"Each child and family is unique. Watching them express their individual interest in a creative environment can be very rewarding," Tschanz said. She particularly enjoys watching children change over the course of a school year, documenting their growth and development from the start of the year until the end.

Funding for the preschool can be a challenge, depending on the year, Tschanz noted. It could help,

she said, if it were more widely understood in the community that her staff are "trained professionals, who care deeply for each child."

How early childhood educators are valued overall is one area of the childcare profession she would like to see changed. "We take care of the youngest children, at the most important time of their development," she said.

Childcare is an important issue for the entire community.

"Childcare is vital for families, businesses and the community. It's vital to have a safe learning environment so working families have a quality setting for their youngest family members," she said.

Community support for childcare is critical: Having more information about early childcare educators can garner more support and understanding within the community.

"We are always willing to answer any questions to learn how to support our very important services," she said.



Members of Main Street Alliance met with Senator Tammy Baldwin

Hendrickson goes to DC

Corrine Hendrickson, Corrine's Little Explorers Family Child Care owner and director, from New Glarus, joined 11 other Main Street Alliance (MSA) members from throughout the state in Washington, DC, on May 17 and 18. Other small business included group center childcare, consulting, cosmetics and restaurants. Members met in person with Senator Tammy Baldwin, and their Congressional reps, Pocan (WI-2), Gallagher (WI-8), Tiffany (WI-7), Steil (WI-1) and a staff from Senator Ron Johnson's office. They voiced support for measures to rein in monopolies, paid family medical leave, increased investment in child care, and making the expansion of the affordable care act permanent to level the playing field and increase opportunities for our communities.

The trip started off with a Tuesday night kickoff at Chadwick's in Alexandria, Virginia where Main Street Alliance Board President, J Kelly Conklin, talked about how important it is that we participate in our Democracy and advocate for policies and accountability that are good for America because what is good for American is good for small business. What is good for small businesses is good for our communities.

On Wednesday, Hendrickson

and others met with Senator Baldwin. Restaurant owners Dave Heidi and Melissa Bucholz thanked her for her support for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund that was slated for a Thursday vote. Another member, Ashley Prange, spoke about how she owes over \$10,0000 after donating a kidney and had no paid time to recover after as reasons for a national paid leave program and universal health care. Hendrickson spoke about the need to invest in childcare as a foundation for our economy, and also about the Support Kids Not Red Tape Act. This extends the Federal waivers for free meals for all K-12 students for the summer and next school year. It also extends the one Tier system for reimbursement of meals and snacks for qualifying child care programs. Without permanent legislation, the waivers that enable and fund the programs will expire July 1. Hendrickson spoke about how as a parent, it is one less expense, as a school board official, our district has seen a significant increase in the number of students utilizing the school meal programs. Furthermore, a child care provider, if the waiver expires she will lose approximately \$700 a month due to the lower tier reimbursement and will be forced to increase her weekly rates significantly to cover that loss.

She also asked that all regulated childcare programs be eligible for the food program. Currently, group centers need to be non-profit, be in a qualifying school district, or have 25% or more enrolled children income qualify.

Hendrickson and others also met with Representative Pocan. Hendrickson and Macy Buehler, Yahara River Learning Center, thanked him for his support of childcare and the urgent need for federal funding to increase accessibility, affordability, and quality of childcare programs across the country. Hendrickson spoke about how the lack of investment for decades has significantly decreased the number of available programs, even though there are more children needing care. In Green County there were almost 90 programs during the 1990s and now there are 32, that our county economic loss is \$21 million a year. They spoke about how the American Rescue Plan funding has been utilized in their programs and allowed them to continue operating, but it is not a permanent solution and families and programs are still struggling. Other MSA members emphasized that the cost and availability of child care is their biggest barrier to recruiting and retaining employees.

SSM Health invests in mental health resource

\$30,000 multi-year partnership with Jacob's SWAG Foundation supports free Got Your back app

SSM Health is expanding its partnership with Jacob's SWAG through a \$30,000 multi-year investment in the organization's free mental health Got Your Back app.

"Jacob's SWAG (Support With Awareness and Giving) Foundation is honored and humbled SSM Health's support of the Got Your Back app as an additional tool for individuals toolboxes," said Teri and Kurt Ellefson, founders of Jacob's SWAG Foundation. "Our Foundation and Family have been blessed to have the support of the local communities, not only when we lost Jacob, but as the Jacob's SWAG Foundation came to fruition and grew. We are very proud of the Got Your Back App and are excited to partner with a strong healthcare institution that appreciates the value of educating its patients on the value of mental health and helping us make this valuable asset available to their patients."

Jacob's SWAG (Support With Awareness and Giving) Foundation was founded by

Monroe residents Teri and Kurt Ellefson. The couple created the Foundation with the goal of providing information and resources in the hopes of saving young lives after they lost their son Jacob to suicide in 2012. An initial partnership with SSM Health Monroe in 2019 supported the creating of the group's Got Your Back App, which features tools that are custom-built to help users cope with anxiety and depression. The Got Your Back app is available to download for free in both the Apple and Google app stores.

Focusing on mental health support aligns with SSM Health's community health priorities.

"Across the SSM Health region, mental health is a top priority identified in our most recent community health needs assessments (CHNA)," says Megan Timm, SSM Health Wisconsin Regional Director of Community Health. "Our communities told us to focus on mental health and we listened by becoming the healthcare sponsor for the Got Your

Back app."

This new partnership will focus on spreading awareness of the Got Your Back App and mental health resources, while helping to financially support future digital developments within the app. The health system is implementing resources for its staff and providers to connect patients and families with the app as a mental health support.

"We are truly fortunate to have the opportunity to support our communities through this partnership with a local leader in suicide prevention. The Jacob SWAG Foundation found a way to reduce the stigma around mental health by developing an app accessible to everyone—not just individuals with a formal mental health diagnosis," said Timm. "By removing the stigma around mental health, we are hopeful that our youth feel comfortable seeking out and accessing the support they need so they know they are not alone."



Farmers discuss the ins and outs of certain cover crops before corn at a field day stop at Jeremy Luckey's farm. Some cover crops limit herbicide options. This field had annual rye and red clover planted last fall that was grazed this spring, planted to corn and then terminated.

Farmers of the Sugar River organize tour

On Tuesday, June 14, nearly 20 farmers came together and toured four member sites near Juda and Brodhead to see what specific conservation practices were being tried. The Farmers of the Sugar River producer-led group put the day together. They were looking at how the corn crop was doing after planting cover crops last fall, grazing cover crops this spring then planting and interseeding into standing corn.



Sam Wenger bought an old drill and modified it in order to interseed cover crops in the standing corn. They are planting a mix and intend to graze the covers after corn silage harvest this fall.

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