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Miracles Do Happen, Prayers Work

By Casey Jones

On Saturday, June 29th, the people of Brodhead were celebrating the freedoms that we enjoy in the United States of America by participating in and observing a parade. One of those freedoms is to believe in God and to worship Him each in our own way.

I was blessed with the opportunity to drive the trailer that transported our veterans. It was in that capacity that I was put in a position to witness a series of events that could, in my opinion, be considered a string of miracles.

As we reached the Legion Park, I stopped the truck and trailer and picked up the Veterans who marched in the parade and displayed our colors. One of them was Ken Joyce.

We turned the corner onto the highway to head back to the post. As the trailer straightened out from the turn, I noticed Ken laying back on the bench and pulled over immediately. I remember going back to help others to get him laid out on the bench. We hollered to Chief Raupp to get 911. He heard us right away and responded immediately. While he was getting to us, two people

jumped out of a vehicle that stopped behind us. As I remember, the man said he knew CPR and immediately went to work. After that everything became a whirlwind of action carried out by numerous people. Every person with the same goal, to save a human life. The EMS was not too many entrees in the parade behind us and was immediately on the scene. Within a few minutes there were many others helping. I was amazed at the orchestration of the people involved. Each one doing a different job without getting in the way of the others. They pulled out all the tools of the trade including a mechanical chest compression apparatus.

It looked like the results of their efforts were for not. Five minutes, then 10 minutes, then 15 minutes. It seemed like an eternity, but they were not giving up. Finally, after nearly a half an hour they stabilized Ken enough to transport him to Mercy Hospital.

The members of the Brodhead Area EMS, Brodhead Fire First Response, the Brodhead Police and other members of the community were key in the saving of a man's life. I wish I could acknowledge every

single person, but I wouldn't want to miss anyone.

Before I finish, I want to give a shout out to the owner of the Tastee Crème. It was rather hot that day and he provided all the veterans on the float with bottled water.

I think that getting Ken to the hospital alive was a miracle, but that was only the one part of the miracle.

In church on Sunday, it was relayed to us that Ken was not doing well and it didn't look good. That is when the prayers for Ken really intensified. Since then, Ken has regained consciousness, was moved from the Intensive care to Critical care and was speaking with his family. Ken has a long road to recovery and is still not out of the woods. However, with the miracles that have occurred so far, God must have more things on earth for Ken to do.

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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. Online 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.

SOFTBALL

Sunday Night Church

Sunday results: United Methodist-Albany defeated Church of God 13-5; Orfordville Lutheran defeated Congregational UCC 12-2; Living Word won by forfeit over Luther Valley.

Season standings: United Methodist-Albany 6-1; Bethlehem Lutheran 5-2; Luther Valley 4-3-1; Congregational UCC 4-3-1; Church of God 3-5; Living Word 3-5; Orfordville Lutheran 1-7.

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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 Doebler. 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 Jadyn 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.

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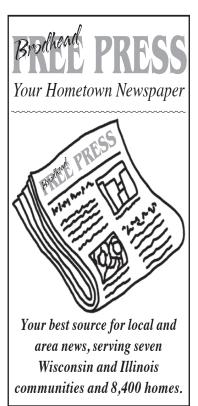
"Who we are and What we Do" presented by Ruth Anderson

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its Saturday, July 13 meeting at 10 a.m. at Monroe Public Library's second floor meeting room. Please note the meeting will be held on the second Saturday of the month.

This program explores the process of the Rock County Genealogical Society when receiving requests for information. Do you have Rock County ancestors? Ruth will share the indexes and/or records held by RCGS, the Milton Historical Society, or records found online. Learn the process used after pulling records for creating the client report. The reports usually include a summary of records found and how each record tells a story. Most reports are sent to clients via electronic format.

Ruth Anderson is a UW-W music education grad born and raised in Rock County. She has been studying genealogy for 40+ years. As a member of numerous heritage societies, she has completed personal applications for over 60 ancestors. Retired RCHS Archives Manager, she has volunteered for the Rock County Genealogical Society for over 20 years.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times are available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is www.greencogenealogywi.org.



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Stateline Women's Connection Friendship Builder luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection invite you to their "Friendship Builder" luncheon on Wednesday, July 17, at noon, they will be serving a light lunch. The suggested donation is \$5. The luncheon will be held at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.

The guest speaker will be Marge Goldenman from Monroe. They will be doing make and take beaded bracelets.

Reservations are due by Friday, July 12, by calling Chris at 608-558-3283 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.

ACADEMICS

AREA STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-STOUT

The following students from the area graduated on Saturday, May 4, from University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, Wisconsin. The university graduated 1,037 students, with 828 undergraduate and 209 Graduate School students this spring

Griffin Soderberg, BS Applied Mathematics and Computer Science; BS Computer Science, of Albany, was among those graduating.

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO THE SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST AT AURORA UNIVERSITY

Aurora University has named Haley Knauf, of Albany, to the Dean's List for the spring 2024 semester. Knauf is majoring in Finance and Business Administration. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade-point average or higher.

SCWFU Summer Pot Luck Picnic and Auction Fund-raiser

Join together with local farmers, neighbors and friends at the South Central Wisconsin Farmer Union's annual Summer Picnic on Sunday, July 14, 3-6 p.m. This year the chapter will host its event at Still Point Flower Farm, W886 State Road 92, Brooklyn. The event includes a potluck supper, time to visit and network and learn about news and happenings in the farming in our region. To add to the fun, there is a silent auction fund-raiser featuring unique items from handmade woodworks, restaurant gift cards, farm stays, quilts, glamping adventure, wine and cheese gift basket, plane ride and more. Come to enjoy a chance to visit with friends as you walk the flower farm gardens. Please email questions to mattbshea4@gmail.com.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

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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!

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.

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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Monticello Selected as a 2024 AARP **Community Challenge Grantee!**

The village of Monticello, along with the Monticello Chamber of Commerce, Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), and the Green County Leaders are thrilled to announce that Monticello has been selected to receive a 2024 AARP Community Challenge grant. Monticello was one of only 343 grantees selected (out of 3,300+ applications!) from across all 50 states, Washington D.C, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

At the request of the village, a 2023/2024 Green County Leaders group provided a First Impressions report along with detailed recommendations for community improvements to enhance downtown foot traffic. This report provided support for the application to AARP for the Community Challenge Grant, which awarded \$13,700 to Monti-

With this quick-action grant and additional funding support provided by Toyota Motor North America, Monticello will be able to increase pedestrian safety by improving walkable areas, creating vibrant pedestrian infrastructure and engaging community members. The grant award will provide funding for benches, signage and landscaping that will be installed along key areas of the community and recreational trails to direct people through downtown

"We are incredibly proud that AARP selected us for this investment to make Monticello more livable for residents of all ages," stated GCDC executive director Olivia Otte. "AARP is a nationwide leader in making communities more livable and we are honored that they see the tangible value this project will bring to our area."

This is all part of AARP's nationwide work on livable communities, which supports the efforts of neighborhoods, towns, cities and counties across the country to become great places for all. AARP believes that communities should provide safe, walkable streets, affordable and accessible housing and transportation options; access to needed services; and opportunities for residents to participate in community life.

To learn more about the projects being funded by the AARP Community Challenge across the nation, including all 343 granted projects this year, visit aarp.org/CommunityChallenge. An interactive map of current and past AARP Community Challenge projects and AARP's Livable Communities work can be viewed at aarp.org/livable.

For questions or comments regarding the project, please contact GCDC at 608-328-9452, the Monticello Chamber at cnotact@monticello-chamber.com, or the Village of Monticello at 608-938-4383 or Monticello.clerk@gmail.



Bob Labarre (Village Board), Austin Coppernoll (GCL participant who worked on the project), Christina Gilbertson (GCL), Sally Roe (Chamber President), Olivia Otte (GCDC), Tracy Spotts (Chamber), Janelle Rucker (Chamber), Stephenie Adams (Village Clerk)

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SSM Health Honors 2024 Residency & Fellowship Graduates

SSM Health Monroe Hospital is proud to announce the eleven doctors of the Family Medicine Residency, Pharmacy Residency, Emergency Medicine Fellowship and Hospital Fellowship Class of 2024.

A graduation ceremony and celebration were held on Thursday, June 27, at Bailey's Run Winery in New Glarus, Wisconsin that honored the doctors who completed the programs at SSM Health Monroe Hospital.

This year's graduates include: Jason Christenson, DO, Family Medicine Resident, who is taking a primary care position at ArchWell Health in Overland Park, Kansas; Zachary Coffman, DO, Family Medicine Resident, who is entering SSM Health Monroe Hospital's Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program; Landon Shea, DO, Family Medicine Resident, who is entering SSM Health Monroe Hospital's Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program; Megan Gross, PharmD, Pharmacy Resident, who is taking a regional pharmacist position with Hometown Pharmacy; Lindsey Proegler, PharmD, Pharmacy Resident, who is entering Aurora's PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency; Kelly Thomas, PharmD, who is continuing with SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group as a Year Two Pharmacy Resident; Stephanie Garvin, PharmD, Year Two Pharmacy Resident, who is exploring opportunities in Wisconsin; Lubna Hashmi, MD, Emergency Medicine Fellow, who is exploring opportunities in Michigan; Michael Falahat, MD, Emergency Medicine Fellow, who planning to stay in the area and do locum work; Justin Avigliano, DO, Emergency Medicine Fellow, who is exploring opportunities in California; and Sasha Carrea, MD, Hospitalist Fellow, who is continuing with SSM Health Monroe Hospital as a hospitalist.

The Family Medicine Residency program started in 2015 and is the first American Osteopathic Association (AOA) accredited rural training track in the country. The Emergency Medicine Fellowship program also began in 2015 and was developed for family physicians who desire further training in rural emergency medicine. The Pharmacy Residency was established in 2007 to prepare competent pharmacist clinicians.

These programs offer the best of both worlds by combining the resources of major teaching facilities with the appealing environment of a smaller, community-based hospital. A goal of these program is to equip and prepare any resident or any fellow to be successful in the changing healthcare market.



Family Medicine Residency Graduates (left to right) Jason Christenson, DO, Zachary Coffman, DO, Landon Shea, DO, with Residency Program Director, Eli Burks, MD



Pharmacy Residency Graduates (left to right) Kelly Thomas, PharmD, Lindsey Proegler, PharmD, Stephanie Garvin, PharmD, Megan Gross, PharmD



Emergency Medicine Fellowship Graduates (left to right) Michael Falahat, MD, Lubna Hashmi, MD, Justin Avigliano, DO



Hospitalist Fellowship Graduate Sasha Carrea, MD (left) with Eli Burks, MD

Gathering Waters Presents 2024 Wisconsin Land Trust Days in July, August, and September

Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts launches the seventh annual, statewide Wisconsin Land Trust Days featuring outdoor and nature-themed events from July 1 through September 30, 2024. This year, 20 Wisconsin land

trusts will host 45 events that are open to the public.

During Wisconsin Land Trust Days, land trusts invite the public to their properties to help people learn more about the important conservation efforts that are ongoing and

to enjoy the beauty of Wisconsin's unique landscapes. Wisconsin land trusts protect nearly 1,800 special places around the state. Many of those protected properties are accessible year-round.

"Wisconsin Land Trust Days is a

collaborative effort between Gathering Waters and its member land trusts to help people have fun outside and learn more about conservation," said Mike Carlson, Executive Director at Gathering Waters. "We hope people leave Wisconsin Land Trust Days events with a better understanding of what land trusts do and feel inspired to visit more land trust properties in the future."

The 2024 Land Trust Days event line-up offers something for everyone: attendees can hike, bike, learn about pollinators, appreciate nature with a camera or sketchbook, collect prairie seeds for future conservation efforts, build part of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail, and more. Special events include a boat cruise for conservation in Port Washington, a celebration for a Lifetime Achievement Award Winner in Stevens Point, and a scavenger hunt on horseback in Caledonia.

During Land Trust Days, Gathering Waters also provides free printed event calendars and Wisconsin Na-

Dena Dammen, RN receives DAISY Award

Dena Dammen, RN, SSM Health Monroe Hospital Family Birth nurse, is the newest recipient of the DAISY Award.

Dena was nominated by fellow Family Birth nurse and patient, Lindsey Sigafus. Her nomination shared, "Dena was the nurse who cared for me the day that I was discharged home after delivering my stillborn daughter, Lilah. Dena made sure I had all the time I needed with my girl before I had to say goodbye. When it was time to leave, I requested to walk Lilah out with the funeral home. I was so stressed about having to say goodbye, but Dena made sure to support me in every way possible. Dena wasn't only the best nurse to me but is so compassionate in the care she provides every day to her patients. I am lucky to work alongside of Dena, and I have learned so much from her. It was difficult returning to work to help other moms/babies, but Dena is always there to support me. I don't have enough words of gratitude to explain how forever grateful I am for Dena."

The DAISY Award is an international program that celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care delivered by nurses every day. Dena is one of three million nurses nationwide who represent the largest health-care profession. SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group employs over 300 nurses serving patients throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.



Dena Dammen, RN after receiving the DAISY Award on Friday, June 28.

ture Guides by request.

A full list of Wisconsin Land Trust Days events and resources can be found at HaveFunOutside.org.

About Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts: Gathering Waters is a non-profit organization that helps land trusts, landowners, and communities permanently protect the places that make Wisconsin special. Gathering Waters strengthens 40+member land trusts throughout the state by advocating for government funding; providing tools, resources, and education opportunities; and

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Green County Small Business Series Ends with Business Pitch Contest

For the second year, Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) and The Bank of New Glarus hosted the Small Business Series and Pitch Contest, a training program for small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs. The event culminated with participants 'pitching' their business idea to a group of judges for a chance to win a cash prize.

Beginning Wednesday, April 3rd, 17 aspiring Green County entrepreneurs participated in weekly sessions that included information on developing their business plan, connecting with a mentor, understanding financing and how to market their business. Each session allowed time for entrepreneurs to network within the group, creating valuable connections and support. Participants were also able to connect 1:1 with Nora Roughen-Schmidt, business consultant for the Southwest Wisconsin Small Business Development Center (SBDC). "This series is an economic development driver that empowers participants with education, resources, consulting, and relationships. It is exciting to participate and assist in developing new businesses in Green County." Roughen-Schmidt said.

Ron Schaaf, President and CEO of The Bank of New Glarus stated, "The Bank of New Glarus is proud to partner with GCDC on this program. The entrepreneurs who attend have many great ideas, and we wish them all the best as they move forward with opening businesses across Green County."

The Pitch Contest, sponsored by The Bank of New Glarus provided cash prizes to the top three pitches. Judges ranked presentations on problem identification and solution, target market, competition and unique selling position, business viability, and pitch quality.

Eleven (II) Green County entrepreneurs pitched their business, and in-

First Place—Kindred Spirits Meadery (Stephen Ilzenhuiser): custom mead producer

Second Place—Arrow Acres (Susan Anderson): custom woodworking, hobby farm

Third Place—Small Business Owners Coaching (Marechiel Santos-Lang): group and 1:1 coaching for small business owners

Daisy's Axe Box (presented by Todd and Brenda Coy): an entertainment company providing axe throwing for private parties and community events Bellebrook Botanicals (Monica Pastrana): wellness support with small batch herbal products

Whole-Hearted Apothecary (Lula Miller): master herbalist, educational speaker and events

Heidi's Happy Acres (Heidi Kent): specialty produce, pumpkin and sunflower patch, corn maze and family activities.

Other Pitch presenters included Luke Bacher, Jackie Judd, and Katie Brugger

"We were excited to have so many enthusiastic entrepreneurs in our area committed to long term success," stated GCDC Executive Director, Olivia Otte, "One of GCDC's goals is to foster entrepreneurship, and this program directly connects participants with specialists that can step them through details and keep them on target for opening or growing their business."

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), is a non-profit Public-Private Partnership organization here to help new and existing businesses find the right resources to grow and prosper in Green County Wisconsin. Contact them at gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com or 608-328-9452.



GCDC Small Business Series Pitch winners and judges (left to right): Jordan Nordby—Main Street Monroe, Susan Anderson—Second Place Arrow Acres, Brianna Wethal—The Bank of New Glarus, Stephen Ilzenhuiser—First Place Kindred Spirits Meadery, Jance Marty—The Bank of New Glarus, Marchiel Santos-Lang—Third Place Small Business Owners Coaching, Olivia Otte—Green County Development Corporation.

Gathering

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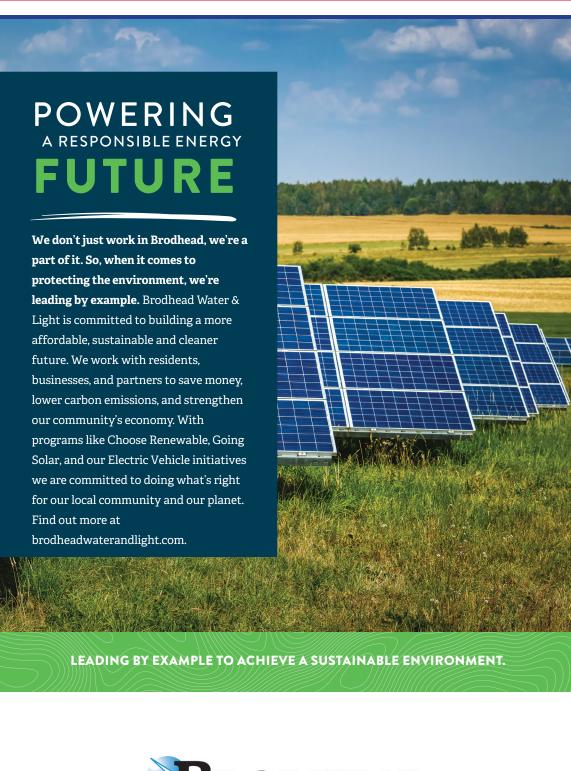
About Land Trusts: Land trusts are nonprofit organizations that support their communities by permanently protecting land, including working forests, farmlands, grasslands, wetlands, endangered wildlife habitat, and historic sites.





Small Business Series Pitch Contest participants (left to right): Lula Miller, Monica Pastrana, Jackie Judd, Brenda Coy, Todd Coy, Heidi Kent, Stephen Ilzenhuiser, Susan Anderson, Luke Backer, Marechiel Santos-Lang, Katie Brugger.







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Hans Lenzlinger (left), pictured with Jane Sybers, Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation Executive Director, launched the inaugural "Dinner & a Little Golf" 32 years ago.

Monroe Clinic & Hospital **Foundation Celebrates** Record-**Breaking Mini** Golf Event

The Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation's "Little Golf" and Grill event, held on Tuesday, June 11, was an afternoon of mini golf that led into a night full of generous giving for a great cause.

"Little Golf" and Grill is held annually at Swissland Miniature Golf in New Glarus, with dinner following under the tent at Chalet Landhaus Inn.

The event raised a record-breaking more than \$79,600 from countless heartfelt donations provided by community members and businesses. This brought the total raised over the event's 32 years to over \$1,005,000.

"Three decades of commitment from our healthcare team and the community to support and grow local hospice care is an incredible achievement," shared Jane Sybers, Executive Director of Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation, a member of SSM Health. "I have the privilege to share gratitude stories with donors whose loved ones walked through hospice with us. To surpass one-million-dollars is such an incredible milestone and shows how much our community values this meaningful service."

The evening program walked attendees through the hospice patient journey. During the program, different staff members shared their role in patient care and the impact their patients have on them. To round out the evening, a silent and live auction, that featured popular items such as a pie a month for a year and Adirondack Chair and mini-corn hole games created by Monroe High School's Manufacturing-2 and Advanced Woods Manufacturing classes, brought forward the competitive spirit of many.

A special thanks goes to the event's Founding Sponsor, Hans Lenzlinger and family, for all their generosity. The Lenzlinger family, along with Chef Mike and Shawna Nevil, graciously underwrote the entire event, resulting in all the dollars raised going directly to local hospice services. Gratitude also goes to this year's Diamond Level Sponsors, Kalscheur Family Foundation, Epic, Only in Wisconsin Giving, Incorporated and Deb Thomp-

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Farmers of the Sugar River Field Day held

The Farmers of the Sugar River concluded their field day Tuesday, June 18th, east of Monticello at Feller farm. The group was very grateful for the 30 or so farmer and public that attended despite the heat. The majority of the time was spent in the shade of the shed with good discussion and conversation.

The rainfall simulator was presented by Tonya Gratz, Soil Conservationist for the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department and collaborator for the group. She explained the effect of rainfall on the soil. Tonya collected samples from five different land management areas yard grass, established prairie, no till, vertical till, and conventional tilled field. While watching the rainfall simulator you could see the negative affect (soil erosion) that tillage had on the field compared to prairie grass when it rains.

Dane Elmquist, Conservation Cropping Outreach Specialist with UW Extension, educated the farmers and public about earthworms. He described the benefits of earthworms provide in agricultural systems. There are three main classes of worms found in Wisconsin fields. He highlighted that some worms only make vertical tunnels while others go more horizontal. Dane showed a pocket guide put on by Xerces Society for soil invertebrates as bioindicators.

After enjoying lunch provided by the producer led group the event concluded with Jamie Patton, Soil Scientist, chatted about the soil. She and Tim Feller went through the history of the soil management on the farm. Jamie was able to identify the different tillage through the years just by looking at how the soil broke apart. She also discussed the importance of cover crops and roots to improve soil health. The group went to the soil pit and saw where Jamie had used blue tracing dye to show where and how the water infiltrated into the soil. She was able to show water does not uniformly flow through the soil profile it took the path of worm and root cannels to get lower in the soil profile.

Farmers of the Sugar River is a producer-led group that is supported by a Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) grant. The group works to educate farmers and the public about practices that promote soil health and erosion reduction. They believe if the soil is healthy that there would be minimal erosion, leading to clean surface waters.



The rainfall simulator was run on 5 different soil managements. The buckets contain the water that ran off (still hanging) or infiltrated through the soil profile (on the white board on the ground). Two pans were flipped out on the ground in front. The conventional tilled field still had dry soil at the bottom of the two inch pan after one inch of rain was put on the surface.



Jamie Patton had put blue tracing dye in the infiltration ring and has dug away below to show how water moves through the soil. It follows root and worm channels to wet deeper into the soil.

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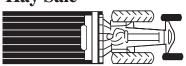
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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Big thanks to Darcy from Albany, Wyoming who read "Buffalo Fluffalo" to our Summer Library Program story time last week. What a fun story filled with different animals from Wyoming. If you haven't read it yet, it's a good one. Darcy also taught us two more verses of the song "Zoom! Zoom! Zoom! We're going to the moon!" A song that gets into your head and stays there!

We learned about mountains last week, too. Graham crackers make really good 'plates' and pud-

ding is an excellent lava to use when demonstrating how mountains are formed. It's a tasty lesson about plate tectonics. Then we made balloon air canons. The cotton balls were flying around the room.

No Summer Library Program next week. We encourage everyone to visit the Green County Fair. Be sure to come back for two more weeks of SLP: Tuesday, July 23rd (the swamps of Louisiana) and Tuesday, July 30th (the Alaskan Arctic). It's hard to imagine that SLP is almost finished for this year!

The Summer Reading Challenge is going strong. If you haven't signed up for it yet, stop in at Albertson Memorial Library for more information. The Challenge ends Wednesday, July 31st. There's still time! And prizes to win!

















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Gems shine at YMCA **National Gymastics** meet

The Green County Family YMCA is proud to announce the outstanding achievements of its 10 talented gymnasts who competed at the YMCA National Gymnastics Championship Meet in Oaks, Pennsylvania last week. They showcased their skills, determination and sportsmanship, leaving their mark on the national stage. Over 2,000 gymnasts from 100 teams from across the USA attended the meet. Gymnasts from our YMCA's GEMS Gymnastics Team were eligible to compete at the national meet based on earning qualifying scores at previous meets. 10 GEMS Gymnasts attended the meet, coached by Dawn Lederman, bringing home a total of 28 medals. The Green County Family YMCA is incredibly proud of our gymnasts' achievements at the YMCA National Gymnastics Championship Meet and extend our sincere gratitude to the parents, families, and community who have supported these gymnasts. If you have a daughter or son interested in becoming a gymnast, the Green County Family YMCA offers Preschool, Non-Competitive, and Homeschool programs aimed at teaching the fundamental skills of gymnastics. Gymnasts in those programs are invited to join the GEMS team during the spring of each year.

The following gymnasts received medals at the YMCA National Gymnastics Meet:

Level 3 Team Members: Aubree Cook, Sydney Dunlavy, Mylie Jelle, Clara Lucas and Emily Menter

•Aubree Cook: fourth place vault, 11th place bars, sixth place beam, ninth place floor, seventh place all

•Sydney Dunlavy: third place vault, fourth place bars, second place beam, 11th place floor, second place all around

•Mylie Jelle: seventh place vault, seventh place bars, ninth place beam, third place floor, sixth place all around

•Clara Lucas: second place vault, second place bars, seventh place floor, sixth place all around

•Emily Menter: second place bars, fourth place beam, 12th place floor, eighth place all around

Level 6 Team Members: Jackson Kundert and Elliana Shank

 Jackson Kundert: fourth place vault, third place beam, seventh place all around

•Elliana Shank: third place vault Xcel Silver: Evelyn Buholzer

•Evelyn Buholzer: seventh place

Xcel Platinum Team Members: Kiera Indergand and Mads Josephs

•Mads Josephs: sixth place beam All team members are from Mon-

roe, except Sydney Dunlavy, Emily Menter and Elliana Shank who are from Brodhead.



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GCDC Celebrates First **Year of Home Construction** Cooperative

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) opened the doors to the first project house of the Home Construction Cooperative to celebrate and give recognition to the hard work and support of all involved. In addition to the donation of the home by SSM Health Monroe, GCDC received grant funds and additional donations from local banks, businesses and private donors to provide over \$140,000 in support of the program.

The program, which began with the 2023/2024 school year brought Monroe High School, Skilled Building Trades LAUNCH students together to gain in-demand, home renovation and construction skills. With only one hour per day several days per week, students, teachers, and specialty contractors updated and transformed a home donated by SSM Health Monroe.

Students completed bathroom and kitchen demolition and worked alongside local contractors and instructors to learn HVAC, electrical, plumbing, carpentry, masonry and landscaping. The home features new, energy efficient windows and exterior doors, updated plumbing and electric service, new central air unit, and a fully renovated bathroom.

The newly renovated kitchen was designed by students, and includes a small pantry, island, and new appliances. A new patio door and deck were added to open the kitchen space to the outdoors. New vinyl flooring, refinished hardwoods, light fixtures, and accents, along with fresh paint throughout complete the inside.

Additional work included drywall in the garage, freshly poured sidewalk and driveway, new shutters, and exterior lighting, along with landscape clean up and fresh planting. Local contractors provided instruction to teach the students other trades like electrical, plumbing, landscaping, and HVAC.

As students gave tours, attendees noted the "pride in the voices of the students as they explained what they did throughout the school year to transform the home." GCDC's Olivia Otte reflected on the community effort that made this project possible, and thanked the donors, attendees, teachers, and students for making the Home Construction Cooperative a huge suc-

The home, located on 5th Street in Monroe, will be listed for sale. All proceeds from the sale will be put back into the program to support next year's new build planned on a vacant parcel donated by the City of Monroe. Program goals include expansion throughout Green County. Inquiries and interest in donating or being a part of the Home Construction Cooperative can be directed to GCDC.

Many thanks go out to the many donors and supporters of the program: SSM Health Monroe, School District of Monroe, Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc, Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA), Alliant Energy, The Bank of New Glarus, Woodford State Bank, First Community Credit Union, Green Bay Packer Foundation, Monona Plumbing And Fire Protection Inc, First National Bank and Trust (Monroe, WI), CG Schmidt, Schlect Family Foundation, Builders FirstSource, Prosperity Southwest, Duxstad McDaniel Law Group, SC, Summit Credit Union, Greenwoods State Bank, Buehler Interiors, Kundert Construction, Monroe Morning Optimists, Marine Credit Union, Veridian Homes, Maz Electric, First Weber Realtors-Jeff Twitty Conway, Monroe Lions Club, Father Campions Champions, Monroe Kiwanis, WI, Monson Septic Pumping and Portable Restrooms LLC, Monroe Excellence in Education, Santos Concrete, Josh D Landscaping and Design, The Garden Spot, Green County Master Gardeners Association, Dane's Lemonade Stand!

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