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School Board

Lower Interest Rates Result in Lower than Expected Mill Rates

By Grace Kufahl

Lower than expected interest rates for borrowing toward renovations will ultimately result in lower mill rates than initially anticipated.

Academic Standards were approved for the coming school year. Brodhead School District's subject area and grade level curriculum are in line with the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards and the Common Core State Standards. These identify what students should know and be able to do for each content area and grade level.

With few other vendors interested and satisfaction with the current services, bread and milk bids were once again accepted from the incumbent vendors Pan-O-Gold for bread and Prairie Farms for milk.

The board voted to maintain student fees and breakfast, lunch and milk prices at the same levels as last year. The district will continue to waive fees for those who register on time since it motivated more families to register early and cost just under \$1,000.

The board approved 2023-24 budget revisions. Money coming in at the end of the year amounted to approximately \$100,000 and contributed to Fund 46 and a positive Fund Balance.

The district revised its policy on Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Supporting Activities due to upcoming changes in federal Title IX regulations. Upcoming Title IX changes broaden the definition of sex discrimination and expand sex-based harassment, require a response upon notice of possible sex discrimination, allow for informal resolution, provide for supportive measures, define retaliation and more. The new board policy stresses training among other changes.

The board reviewed and adopted the summary report of the state required five-year self-evaluation of the Status of Nondiscrimination and Equality of Educational Opportunity.

In Other Business:

The FFA donated to the school district for a cement pad in the greenhouse to be used for aquaponics and for another to be used for a common outside seating area.

Three area businesses or groups will be notified of their inclusion in the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Honor Roll.

The board will again participate in a joint meeting of Green County school boards at a date in October to be decided.



Marcy and the Highlights with their energetic, classic songs had people dancing in the park. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

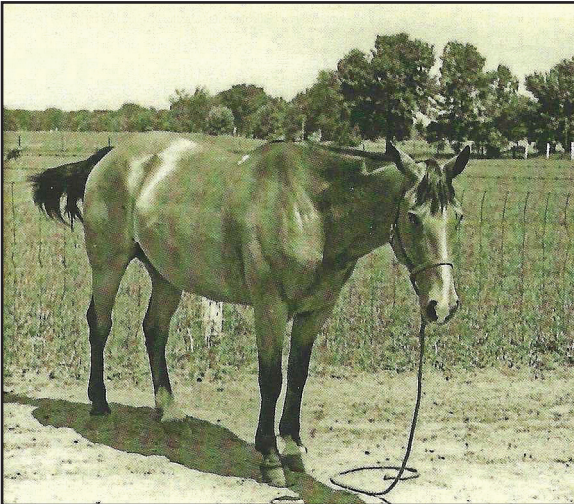
Circle "C" Ranch

By Holly Everson, Brodhead Historical Society

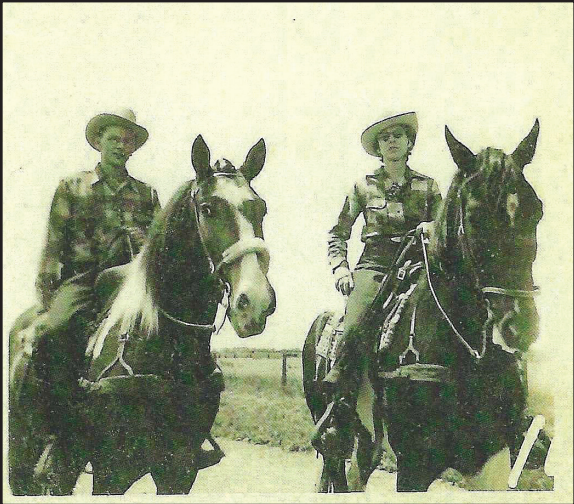
The Circle "C" Ranch was located about a half mile south of Brodhead on Airport Road. Remember, Highway 11 turned right at 17th Street and Airport Road began. This location is now where Subway sits on 1st Center and south. The land was originally homesteaded by Nathaniel B. Condon, great grandfather of Bob Condon, who ran the ranch with his wife, Carol. Together they added a home to the bards and pasture. Bob had grown up with horses and learned to break and train horses. He loved to ride horses in the Sugar River. He was a trick rider and calf roper. On weekends he followed the rodeo circuit. In 1949 he decided to have a rodeo in Brodhead. An estimated 3,000 people attended. Rodeos were held for about 10 years. The Class D rodeo circuit came to town with competitors from other states such as Texas and Arizona. Prize money was awarded. Ginger Schmidt Waddell competed in breakaway calf roping on Bob's horse Pokey, buckskin, and won a buckle prize. Allen Olsen rode Pokey for cutting and calf roping. Other students also competed. Carol had a fine selection of western and riding apparel at the store located at the ranch.

Bob became interested in the newly formed State High School Championship Rodeo in 1960. Bob became a director in this organization. James Miller, a teacher and Bob formed Southern Wisconsin High School Rodeo Contest Club. Members practiced year round at the ranch with Bob as their coach. He provided calves for roping and a bucking barrel for helping to keep in shape for bull and bronco riding events. Steer wrestling was also practiced. The annual show at the Circle "C" was called the Western Jamboree with horse show and rodeo events. The top performers competed in the state championship and hoped to qualify for nationals.

In the mid-1970s Bob and Carol moved to Richland Center on a beef and cattle ranch. The Circle "C" Ranch became the Triple J Ranch in 1976, operated by Gary and Sue Johnson.



Pokey, owned by Bob Condon



Bob Condon and Fern Schmidt

Brodhead Blood Drive Successful

By Deb Malcook

A big thank you to everyone who donated blood at the Red Cross Blood Drive held at Bethlehem Lutheran Church on Tuesday, July 9th. Thanks to your generosity and commitment to help boost the community blood supply, patients will have the lifesaving blood they need and they are beyond grateful!

A special thanks to volunteers: Anita Kammerer, Lavonne Pinnow, Diane Gretebeck, Tom Matteson, Jeff Blizard, Rick Gretebeck, Pastor Callie Arndt, Donna Winterland, Janice Knight and Kathy Matteson, who either worked at the drive, helped with setup or provided treats for the canteen.

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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. 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



Virginia Benton

Virginia Benton, age 95, of Brodhead, was born on August 16, 1928 in Shopiere, Wisconsin, the daughter of Fritchof and Loutas (Warn) Swenson. Virginia peacefully passed away at the Evansville Manor in Evansville, Wisconsin, on July 4, 2024. Virginia married Ellis Benton on the 28th of November in 1947 and they were married for 61+ years. Ellis and Virginia enjoyed farm life for most of their married years. Virginia belonged to the Avon Homemakers Club where many recipes, crocheting and knitting ideas were exchanged. Virginia also belonged to the Brodhead Sports Boosters for many years. Family and friends were very important to Virginia. She enjoyed the company of others at dances, while camping, fishing and playing various card games. Virginia worked for Roderick/Condon Lumber Company for many years. She could be found behind the counter doing bookwork or helping customers at the front desk. The Good Sam Club provided Virginia and Ellis the opportunity to travel together seeing many new places and meeting new friends along the way. Virginia and Ellis eventually moved to Arizona where they spent about 10 years before moving back to Brodhead.

Virginia is survived by son, Fritz Benton; son, Rodney (Glenda) Benton; daughter, Linda (Willie) Parrish; her grandkids: ReNee Benton, Nessa (Chuck Smythe), Almon (Amanda) Benton, Rusty (Julie) Visger, Shani (Dave) Browning, Adam (Carrie) Benton, Jason (DeeDee) Benton, Rob (Alissa) Benton, Donald Parrish and Vicki (Aaron) Wilks; 20 great grandkids; 11 great great grandkids; and sister, Gloria Kl-
emm.


Virginia is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Ellis; son, Gerald, and daughter in law, Karen—wife of her son, Fritz Benton.

Cremation rites will accorded with burial of her cremated remains at the Avon Township Cemetery on Friday, August 16, at 1 p.m.


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Kamden Jacob Schultz

Kamden Jacob Schultz, age two months, of Monticello, Wisconsin, passed away on July 4, 2024 at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin.

Kamden was our sweet little man who brought us so much joy to our lives in the short time he was here. He loved to smile and his cry was one you could never forget. He was a boy of many faces and so entertaining to watch while he was dreaming. He always knew exactly what he wanted and wasn't afraid to let us know.

Kamden was our rainbow baby and a miracle. He was born with Trisomy 13, a very rare chromosomal disorder. Most babies with this never even make it home. We are hoping we can bring some awareness to Trisomy 13 and what it is. We

got to spend nine weeks with our little man. It will never be enough, but we are forever grateful for the time we had.

Kamden is survived by his parents, Mychael and Megan (Olson) Schultz; Blue and Luna his best friends and protectors; maternal grandparents, Forrest (Cheryl) Olson; paternal grandparents, Karl (Anne) Schultz; uncle, Matt and Tara (Olson) Schenk; cousins: Owen, Bryn, Brielle Schenk; maternal great grandparents, Bernard (Patricia) Mumm; paternal great grandparents, Bill (Marlene) Olson; uncle and aunt, Evan Schultz and Kayla Yanik; great grandmother, Connie Schultz; and many, many other family members and friends.

Kamden was preceded in death by his uncle Jacob Olson; great grandpa Clarence Schultz and great grandparents, Gordon (Rita) Nipple.

The family would like to extend a special thank you to the St. Mary's NICU team for all the care they gave to Kamden.

For more about Kamden and his story go to https://www.caringbridge.org/site/55c7f947-d596-3408-88a3-889a85bc3a6?utm_source=share&utm_medium=webm&utm_content=copylink_leftmenu_php

Private services will be held at a later date for Kamden. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

A Grand Night of Music at the Brodhead United Methodist Church

The Brodhead UMC United Women in Faith are hosting their second evening of music on Thursday, July 25 beginning at 6 p.m. The event will feature Dan Holmes from Belvidere, Illinois. Dan has performed in the US and United Kingdom, presenting original and inspirational songs on his guitar. He believes he is called by God to celebrate through music His extraordinary presence in an ordinary world. The evening will also include Brady and Chris Ochalla from the Albany United Methodist Church. Brady had his first solo performance when he was four years old and his music has been inspired by his dad, Chris, and the amazing performers he has grown up listening to at the Albany UMC.

The event is free to the public and all are invited to stay for a dessert fellowship following the music.

The Brodhead UMC, 501 1st Center Avenue, is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome! For more information, call the church at 608-897-2515.

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SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

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Kids Fishing Report

By Allen Penticoff, President DLMRA

Decatur Lake and Mill Race Association (DLMRA) hosted a very successful Kids Fishing event during the recent Brodhead Family Fest. Eighty-two children participated in learning to fish. First by learning to tie a line to a hook, getting their equipment with the aid of two WNDR “fin-turns” and practice casting before heading down to the edge of the millrace where many actually caught fish. Among the instructors at the millrace was professional bass fisherman Dave Boelkins who helped the kids get their lines in and their tangles out.

DLMRA wishes to thank generous donations made by Bass Pro Shops (equipment prizes), T&T Tackle (tackle prizes), Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (fin-terns Anika and Izzia and a trailer load of equipment), Lake Winnetka Sugar River Improvement Association (bait). At the closing prize drawing there were eight lucky winners of full rod and reels sets plus tackle from Bass Pro Shops. Many more received bags of tackle from T&T Tackle.

Photos were taken of nearly all the children who caught fish. Plenty of these photos are available on DLMRA's Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/DLMRA.org



Softball awards

Front row, left to right: Karli Krumwiede (Chuck Kohlhepp Award); Leah Rear (Newcomer of the Year); Tatum Ceslok (Most Improved); back row: Jerrica Schwartz (Best Teammate, HM All-Conference); Ava Risum (MVP, 1st Team All-Conference, Rock Valley Player/Pitcher of the Year, 1st Team All-District, 1st Team All-State); Jaelyn Hilliard (Character Award, 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-District); Sophia Leitzen (Hard Work, Silver Slugger, 1st Team All-Conference, 1st Team All-District, 2nd Team All-State); Alecia Dahl: Honorable Mention All-Conference.



Softball team

Front row, left to right: Jaelyn Hilliard, Tessa Kloepping; middle row: Gretchen Kammerer, Keegan Steinke, Leah Rear, Karli Krumwiede, Emberly Ast; back row: Alecia Dahl, Ava Risum, Tatum Ceslok, Sophia Leitzen, Jerrica Schwartz.

com/DLMRA.org Sorry, this is our first Kids Fishing event and we did not get the photos associated with the kid's name. Next year we will! We are very glad they all had a good time fishing.

DLMRA will continue to stock the millrace with panfish—and next year the kids will be delighted in catching bigger ones.



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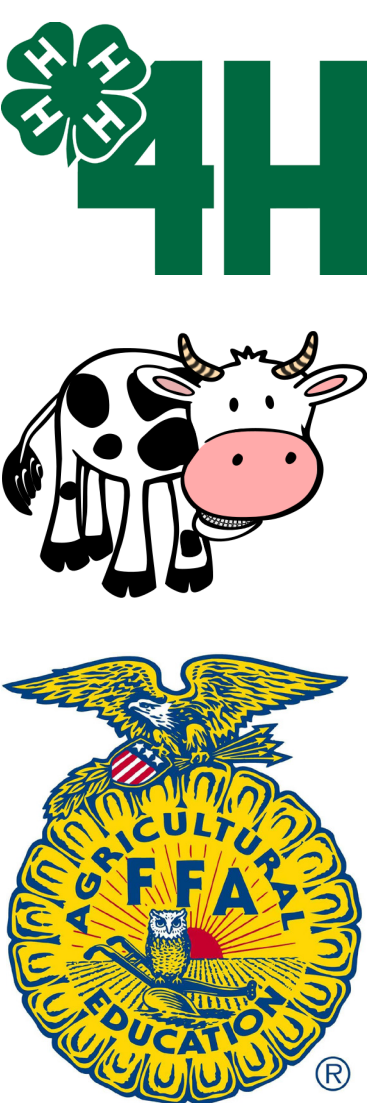
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Exotic Pet Surrender Event at Three Waters Reserve

Do you have an exotic pet that you are no longer able to care for? Don't release it into the wild! Instead, bring your pet to the Exotic Pet Surrender Event on Saturday, July 27th between 12 and 3 p.m. at the Three Waters Reserve, located at N3941 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520.

What to Expect:

- Surrender Your Pet: Area organizations will be accepting fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, small mammals, and plants—no questions asked. Please note that domestic pets such as dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, pigs, and chickens are not accepted. Owners of these animals should inquire with local pet shelters or rescues for options on rehoming their pets.
- Native Animals: Wisconsin native animals that were taken from the wild will not be accepted. Those needing help with native animals should contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator.
- Safety Measures: To ensure the safety of the animals and staff, please make sure that surrendered animals are in a secure, waterproof, escape-proof container that we can keep.
- Educational Activities:
 - Animal Ambassadors: Meet and learn about various rescued animals from knowledgeable volunteers.
 - Photo Booth: Take your picture with a rescued pet and create lasting memories!

Important Information: Releasing exotic pets into the wild is harmful to both the animal and the environment. This event provides a safe and responsible alternative for rehoming your exotic pet. Surrendered animals will be available for adoption after a mandatory quarantine and evaluation period and will not be available for adoption at the event.

Hosted by: J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue (JRAAR) is hosting this event with help from several other area organizations including Three Waters Reserve, Southern Water Land Conservancy, Lower Sugar River Watershed Association, and University of Wisconsin Sea Grant/Water Resources Institutes.

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Questions? Contact John Moyles at J&R Aquatic Animal Rescue: adoptions@jraar.org

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Juda School District Board Meeting Wednesday, July 10th, 2024

At the board meeting on Wednesday night the Juda School Board:

- Discussion was had to do a combination of reoccurring referendum for operating Expenses and non-reoccurring referendum for five years for capital expenditures (example: boilers, parking lot improvements, building maintenance and repairs, upgrades to career and technical educational services, greenhouse replacement) to be able to give the public/taxpayers a report card of where the money is being spent year over year and what is needed.
- Approved the report given by Cole Mahlkuch, Athletic Director, which included approval of current sport co-ops.
- Traci Davis informed the board that a joint meeting of school boards is being planned and potentially will take place on Wednesday, October 2nd. Boards included in the meeting will be from Juda, Brodhead, South Wayne, Albany and Monticello.
- Appointed Courtney Martins to

the board to fill the unexpired term of Janna Merritt.

- Traci Davis informed the board there are conversations taking place with FACE and Tech Ed candidates and updates will be provided at the August meeting.

- Pam Green reported that the Juda Bash at the park will take place August 2nd and 3rd and information has been posted on the schools Facebook page.

- Approved the seclusion and restraint report presented by Traci Davis for the 2023/2024 school year.

- Approved fees for the 2024/2025 school year.

- Learned the district will be participating in the Universal Free Breakfast Program sponsored by the USDA for all students in the district for the coming school year.

- Approved the academic standards for the coming school year.

- Approved the preliminary budget as presented by Pam Green for the 2024/2025 school year.

- Approved the updated policy related to Title IX.

- Coming out of Executive Session approved a two-year contract for Traci Davis, District Administrator.

Next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 14th, at 7 p.m.

ACADEMICS

UW OSHKOSH SPRING 2024 DEAN'S LIST, HONOR ROLL RELEASED

University of Wisconsin Oshkosh officials have released the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List and Honor Roll in spring 2024 across its three campuses (Fond du Lac, Fox Cities and Oshkosh).

The term grade-point average (GPA) requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.3; the term GPA requirement for Dean's List is 3.75 out of a possible 4.0.

To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. There can be no individual grades below a «C» and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run.

Among those who qualified were Gabrielle Ryser, Honor Roll, of Brodhead; Emily Steder, Dean's List and Jenna Steder, Dean's List, both of Davis, Illinois; and Kendra Dollak, Honor Roll and Haley Swan, Honor Roll, both of Durand, 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 2024 semester.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 grade-point average include: Caden Maire, Sustainability and Renewable BS, of Albany and Cora Hafen, Industrial and Systems Eng BS, of Brodhead.

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 2024 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: Jada Flannery, Construction Management BS, and Caden Maire, Sustainability and Renewable BS, both of Albany; Cora Hafen, Industrial and Systems Eng BS, and Dawson Keller, Criminal Justice BS, both of Brodhead; and Lila Sloan, Ag Business BS, and Olivia Valentine, Cybersecurity BS, both of Davis, Illinois.

UW-PLATTEVILLE ANNOUNCES SPRING 2024 GRADUATES

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to more than 700 undergraduate students for the spring of 2024.

Students from this area who graduated include: Karina De Los Santos, Criminal Justice, and Lila Sloan, Agricultural Business, both of Davis, Illinois.

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The Albertson Memorial Library in Albany, is looking for a team player to work the circulation desk on Fridays from 10:45 a.m. to 6 p.m. and to serve as our outreach coordinator. Desk responsibilities include assisting patrons with various tasks, checking library materials in and out, cataloging new materials, etc. As outreach coordinator, this person will work up to four additional hours per week to update and maintain the library's web site and social media and to promote library activities and programs throughout our community. Interested persons can pick up an application at the library or print one from our web site. Applications are due by Wednesday, July 31st. (07/24)

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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department July 8-14, 2024

At 8:46 p.m., Thursday, deputies, along with Monticello FD, Albany EMS, and Green County EMS responded to the N6200 block of Silver Road, in the Town of Mt. Pleasant, for ATV crash with injuries. The investigation found that the driver, Joshua R. Corley, 42, of Davis, was traveling southbound when he failed to negotiate a curve. Chorley then entered a field to the east, where the vehicle overturned and then came to a rest. Chorley was wearing his seat belt at the time of incident and was later transported to the hospital for further medical care. The vehicle was towed from the scene due to disabling damage.

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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

So much fun at Albertson Memorial Library!

The Summer Library Program hot-air balloon adventure last week took us to the Oregon Coast. We read stories about the Three Bears of the Pacific Northwest and The Boy who Cried Bigfoot. (We couldn't decide if bigfoot exists or not!) The science lesson of the day explored 'buoyancy.' We floated ice cubes (sugared and regular), diet soda, and salted ice cubes. The salt-water ice cubes didn't freeze at all leaving us with salt water, which didn't float at all! The most interesting thing we learned is that diet soda floats the best . . . like an iceberg.


Then we used balloons to paint. Boing! Boing! Boing! And we had

blue and white fireworks on our black paper. And the more we bounced our balloons, the more the paint mixed. Eventually we ended up with the same blue all over our page.


We're looking forward to our next SLP adventure, headed to the swamps of Louisiana, on Tuesday, July 23rd. We'll read 'Today is Monday in Louisiana,' 'When I was an Alligator,' and "A Catfish Tale." Have you ever ridden on an airboat or a hovercraft? Did you know you can make a hovercraft using a CD and a balloon? Join us on Tuesday, July 23rd to learn how.

There are just a few weeks left of the Summer Reading Challenge. It's not too late to join and be eligible to win prizes. There are prizes for four different age groups: adult, teens, grade-schoolers and preschoolers. The Summer Reading Challenge ends Wednesday, July 31st. Visit Albertson Memorial Library for more information.






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Chief Deputy—Promotion

By Cody D. Kanable, Sheriff

I am pleased to announce that Lieutenant John Schuetz has been selected for promotion to the rank of Chief Deputy. Lieutenant Schuetz has 14 years of experience with the Sheriff’s Office. John started as a Deputy assigned to our Jail Division, promoted to Patrol Division where he served in a variety of roles such as Officer In Charge and Court Services supervisor. John climbed the ranks to Detective in 2018 and served in that role until he was promoted to Lieutenant in 2021 where he was responsible for the supervision of the Detective Bureau.

Lieutenant Schuetz has been vital in employee development and training relating to investigative techniques. John is approachable and responsive for our employees, partners in the community and the victims he has served in his career. Lieutenant Schuetz has developed into an outstanding investigator pursuing offenders that possess child sexual abuse material (CSAM) and has made Green County a safer place to live and visit because of his efforts.

Lieutenant Schuetz will start his new role effective Sunday, July 14. Please join us in congratulating him on this well earned promotion.

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Albany Lions are stuffing the bus with school supplies for local school children

The Albany Lions Club is teaming with Albany School District and inviting the community to help them “Stuff The Bus” with school supplies on Saturday, August 3 from 4:30-8 p.m. at the AlbanyLions Club building located at 402 N Cincinnati Street, during the Albany Lions Club “Pig Out” dinner.

All donations are welcome. Specific lists of needed supplies, collection bins and cash donation canisters are available at Dollar General, Greenwoods State Bank, Albany United Methodist Church, Town and Country Insurance, School District of Albany and Albany Village Hall. In addition, there are cash canisters available at S&B Tubing, Center Tavern, Dam Near Home Bar, Broughton’s Corner Bar, Albertson Memorial Library, Albany Cafe, Albany Lanes, Bobanno’s Pizza and Attica Bar.

According to Dean Houlberg, project chairperson of the Albany Lions Club, “The donated school supplies will make a difference in the lives of our local children and will give them the supplies they need to be successful in school!”

Kurt Soderberg, Albany School Superintendent, said, “The donated supplies will be given to students in need through their teachers’ requests.”

The Albany Lions Club has 67 members and meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Albany Lions Club building. Lions Clubs are a group of men and women who identify needs within the community and work together to fulfill those needs. For more information or to get involved with the Albany Lions Club, please call Kurt Dickinson at 608-444-7487, or any Albany Lions Club member.

Lions Club International is the world’s largest service club organization with more than 1.3 million members in approximately 45,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas around the world. Since 1917, Lions Clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired and made a strong commitment to community service and serving youth throughout the world. For more information about Lions Clubs International, visit the Web site at www.lionclubs.org.

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Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

The Dewey Decimal System

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

Who was Dewey and what is the system? The Dewey Decimal System organizes information contained in books into 10 broad areas. These areas are then broken down into 10 more specific areas, which in turn are broken down again into 10 still more specific areas. Each book is assigned a series of numbers, known as “call numbers” which reflect where the book fits in the decimal system.

There are various ways to organize things. Fiction books, those that tell a story, are organized alphabetically according to the name of the author. We can organize things numerically or we can organize things by placing like with like as the Dewey Decimal System does. And then add numbers to put the books in a certain order.

The 10 main groups are: 000–099, general works; 100–199, philosophy and psychology; 200–299, religion; 300–399, social sciences; 400–499, language; 500–599, natural sciences and mathematics; 600–699, technology; 700–799, the arts; 800–899, literature and rhetoric; and 900–999, history, biography, and geography.

There is no need to memorize these group numbers although it is fun to know them since you can find a particular topic on your own. Nevertheless, the library user can expect to see signs identifying the ten broad categories on the shelf. Checking a library’s catalog for a topic will bring up books easily and the book’s “call number” will also appear. The call number which is assigned to a book can be several digits. For example, searching the topic “chocolate” at the Durand Library yielded this:

a book entitled 1001 Chocolate Treats with a call number of 641.63. That puts chocolate treats in the technology section! That makes sense since that’s where the cookbooks are found since cooking is applied science.

The search also brought up two biographies of Milton Hershey who developed the Hershey chocolate brand in Pennsylvania. He was a philanthropist and established a home for needy children. Each biography has its own call number. Even though all biographies are numbered 92, in the Durand Library, one was in the adult nonfiction and the other number J92 nonfiction for elementary readers. Biographies are filed alphabetically by the name of the individual who is the subject.

But who was Dewey and when did the decimal system become the standard for organizing nonfiction books. Melville Dewey, a resident of New York, was a prominent and influential librarian and educator who devised the system and first published it in 1876. He was a founding member of the American Library Association. The Library of Congress, which has its own system of organizing nonfiction works, adopted the Dewey system in the 1930’s and now assigns numbers to books as an aid to local libraries.

It must be noted that there has been some revision of the classifications. Also, despite Dewey’s prestigious positions at Columbia University and elsewhere, there are negative references to him and he appears to have had personal flaws. But the system is well known and has been used in virtually all libraries. There is criticism by some groups that the classifications are reflective of the late 1900’s society and do not comport with more modern societal attitudes. Nevertheless the Dewey Decimal System has proved its place in library organization.

About the Library

The Durand Library is collaboration between the school library and the Friends of the Durand Library. Entry is at the east, or playground, end of the building. Follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. Summer hours are 9 a.m.–noon Saturdays and 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays. Check out privileges are free for all residents of the school district.

If you are physically unable to get to the library, we are more than happy to get books to you. If your schedule doesn’t allow visits to the library during the Saturday morning and summer Tuesday afternoon hours, let us know that and someone can meet you at the library at another time. There is also a book drop in place at the entry for the convenience of patrons.

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By Sarah Carpentier, Outreach Librarian

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Adult Fiction: The Housemaid Is Watching by Freida McFadden, Swan Song by Elin

Hilderbrand, Mind Games by Nora Roberts, One Perfect Couple by Ruth Ware, The Midnight

Feast by Lucy Foley, Middle of the Night by Riley Sager, The Glassmaker by Tracy Chevalier, A

is for Amish by Shelley Shepard Gray, Resurrection by Danielle Steel, Our Little Secret by Lisa

Jackson, Don’t Let the Devil Ride by Ace Atkins, A Novel Love Story by Ashley Poston,

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