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School Board

Notice of Student Academic Standards approved by Board

By Gloria Sutter

The Board approved the "Notice of the Student Academic Standards" that are in effect for the 2021-22 school year, as required by State Statute. The District curriculum is aligned with the Wisconsin Model Academic Standards and the Common Core State Standards. This outlines what students need to know and be able to do in English/Language Arts, Mathematics, History/Social Studies, Science and Technical Subjects. Standards are the foundation for teaching and learning.

District committees have been developed to assist in the implementation of Target Based Learning throughout the District. They have started and will continue to work with all stakeholders in the implementation of this process. Thirty-two staff were involved in curriculum work during the summer.

Some of the COVID impacts on students included an increase in the number of students failing high school classes. However, 20 of the 23 failures were made up during summer school. All seniors completed the requirements for graduation, and nearly \$70,000 in scholarships was awarded. Nine percent of the graduates are entering apprenticeship, as compared to none in 2018. Six students earned CNAs and one welding certification through Blackhawk Tech. A downturn in club and organization membership will be addressed this fall.

A new rule requiring that staff teaching dual credit classes have a master's degree in the subject area will limit the number of dual credit classes offered in the District.

The Board approved participation in the Wisconsin School Day Milk Program, which provides one milk daily for each student in 4K through fifth grade that is eligible for free or reduced lunch under the federal program.

In other business:

The administration was given approval to accept resignations and to hire staff on the Board's behalf.

Prairie Farms Swiss Valley received the milk contract and Pan O' Gold the bread bid. The cost for milk will increase by \$.05, but will have no impact this year because it is free for all students.

Registration fees will remain the same for 2021-22.

Middle and High School Co-Curricular Handbooks were approved.

The second reading of Board Policy EFN, dealing with nutrition and wellness, was approved.

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Board meetings will be moved back to the boardroom in September.

The August meeting will be preceded by finance committee at 4:30 p.m. and a goals meeting at 5 p.m. The regular meeting will start at 7 p.m.

The Board approved hosting a vaccine clinic in the District prior to the start of school. This will be open to students and the public.

A protocol for procedures dealing with vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff will be published.

The Board approved accepting federal funds to provide for rapid testing for COVID 19 by the school nurse.

A \$50 donation, from Carl and Karen Keesey towards Arboretum funding, was accepted.

The resignation of Kate Hipenbecker as Elementary School Counselor and Backpack Program Coordinator was accepted.

The following were hired: Taylor Flannery, fifth grade teacher; Antonio Roudez, high school special education teacher; and Tania Williams, 4K teacher.



WILDFLOWER ART FESTIVAL 2021 IS AUGUST 14! ART AND MUSIC AND ICE CREAM – OH, MY!

The banners are flying in Veterans Park! Mark your calendar and make your shopping list! After a year of Covid keeping us housebound, the Brodhead Chamber is excited and busily preparing for this year's Wildflower Art Festival during Covered Bridge Days, and the 10th annual juried fine art event promises to provide fun for all ages! Veterans Park will be transformed into an impressive art gallery from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 14th. Not only are many participants from the previous nine years returning, but a number of new and exciting artists have also been accepted into what has quickly become a premier fine art event! There will be something for everyone, so plan to find something special for yourself as well as doing your holiday and birthday shopping for one-of-a-kind pieces of artwork including fine jewelry, fiber, wood, painting, glass, photography, ceramics, yard and garden art, and more!

There will also be treats for your taste buds and your ears—Steve's Deli Dog House will be offering tasty food and ice cream, and the wonderful musicians of local "Breakaway Fiddle," led by Ann Uresk, will provide musical entertainment from 10 a.m. until noon. This year's Festival will also feature homegrown musical talent in the afternoon, including the Town and Country Singers, Josie Picard and her ukulele, Miranda Ends, Paul and Alice Roemer, and Addie Swan on cello.

Check out the artists and their work on the Chamber website, brodheadchamber.com. Click on "Tourism" at the top of the page, then "Annual Events," scroll down to Wildflower Art Festival, View Event, then click on "Exhibiting Artists" on the right side of the page.

Anyone can buy items for their homes or gift-giving from big box stores or online, but it is so much more special to purchase unique items that no one else will own and support the local economy and artists at the same time! Check next week's paper for information on some of our artists for this year.

Twilight in the Park

Nearly 500 people attended the Twilight in the Park concert series this past Sunday when Brodhead's own State Line Play Boys came to town.

Next week will mark the 25th anniversary of Twilight in the Park with Soggy Prairie playing bluegrass and additional favorites. The season is quickly coming to an end so don't delay. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor Rick Gleason. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship 10 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2341. Rev. Peder Johanson, Pastor, www.bethlehembrodhead.org. In-person worship has resumed in the sanctuary. Masks and social distancing are recommended for the protection of children and unvaccinated worshippers. Sunday worship with liturgy and communion at 9 a.m. Visit our web site for live stream details. For pastoral care call 608-346-2676 or e-mail pastor@bethlehembrodhead.org.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. Pastor Bill Wineke. Sundays: 9 a.m. worship. 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.

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.

Juda-Zion United Methodist Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday worship service 8:15 a.m. Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday worship 9:30 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.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m. Monthly church Council and Ladies Aid meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. Pastor Kook Ho Kim. 608-897-2515. Services air on Channel 988 at 11 a.m. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. Sunday in person worship, live streamed on Facebook.

Zion VBS

The Zion UMC will host their Anchored, Deepening faith in God vacation Bible school on Wednesday, August 11th, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Plan to join them for an all day vacation. Bible school experience with games, music, Bible stories and crafts. Be sure to invite a friend. The Celebration will be held at 4Pm. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are provided. The church is located at N2350 Church Street, Juda.

There is no cost to attend. All are welcome ages 4K-sixth grade. Register online at WWW.joumc.org or call the church office at 608-934-5398.

OBITUARY



Esther R. Grenzow

Esther R. Grenzow, age 105, of Monroe, formerly of Juda, died Friday, July 2, 2021 at Pleasant View Nursing Home. Esther was born September 24, 1915 on the Rodenbough family farm in Spring Grove Township to Luther and Mattie (Pyle) Rodenbough. She graduated from Juda High School in 1932 and married John Seidel in 1935. John died in 1939 in Washington, DC. Esther married Herbert Andereck on October 7, 1942. He preceded her in death on July 10, 1981. Esther began her career in the workforce as a civil servant in Washington, DC and after moving back to Juda, she worked alongside her husband, Herbert, at the Andereck Garage. She also was a long time employee at the Bank of Juda until retiring. Esther married Morris Grenzow on January 6, 1996. Morris passed away on May 11, 2012.

Esther was an active member of the former Juda Baptist Church and more recently was a member at Union Presbyterian Church in Monroe. Esther was an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing her. When asked the secrets to old age, she would point out the importance of “moderation in all things”. She was a positive

Makenzi Pauline Harnish

Makenzi Pauline Harnish, age 21, Brodhead, passed away unexpectedly as the result of a car accident on July 16, 2021.

Makenzi was born on October 1, 1999 in Monroe, WI, the daughter of Loretta Visger and David Harnish.

Makenzi was a Brodhead High School salutatorian and graduate in 2018 and was currently attending UW Whitewater as an art/education major. She was working for the summer at Crazy Horse camp grounds until fall semester. Makenzi enjoyed playing volleyball, singing and dancing, playing the clarinet, saxophone, piano and guitar. She also enjoyed photography, taking hikes at Magnolia Bluff and especially enjoyed spending time with her family.

Makenzi is survived by her par-

person. When asked how she was doing, she would always respond, “I’m fine”. Esther was a shining example of what it means to grow old gracefully, almost making it to 106 while maintaining a sharp mind, and keeping an uplifting attitude. Esther enjoyed her long life. Her only lament about living so long was that so many friends and family had gone on before her. She is now celebrating with those loved ones in their heavenly home. She once said of life, “While you’re alive... live it”.

She is survived by two daughters: Audrey Seidel Nickerson and Elaine Andereck Wuethrich; step-children: Frank Grenzow and Patricia (Jim) Burke; grandchildren: Brian (Linda) Nickerson, Patra (Chris) Dwyer, Dietra Nickerson, and Cale (Megan) Wuethrich; step-grandchildren: Jeffrey (Rebecca) Burke, Laura (Ron) Williams, and Crystal (Josh) Nunn; four great grandchildren; seven step-great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews: Larry (Joan) Kloeping, Carol Silva, Kent Kloeping, Jolene (Armin) Brudi, Martha (Larry) Buckley, Frances (Tim) Kloss, and Richard (Mary) Rodenbough. In addition to her parents and husbands, Esther was preceded in death by a sister, Christine (Dale) Kloeping; and a brother, Jake Rodenbough.

A celebration of Esther’s life will be held on Saturday, July 24, , at 11 a.m., at Union Presbyterian Church in Monroe. There will be no visitation. Inurnment will be in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Juda. Esther’s family would like to thank Pleasant View Nursing Home and Monroe Clinic Hospice for their exceptional care. Memorials are suggested in Esther’s name to Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe Clinic Hospice, or Union Presbyterian Church. The Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe, is assisting the family. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomer-funeralhome.net.

ents, Loretta (Ken) Harvell and David Harnish; a brother, Dalton Harnish; her maternal grandmother, Mary Visger; her paternal grandmother, Emma (Karl) Johnson; grandmother, Carol Croffoot; aunt, Laura Visger and uncle, Lynn Visger; several nieces, nephews and cousins: Brook Visger (Cody), Zander Visger, Braedon Visger, Laylah Visger and Malachi Visger, Matt and Roxy Fields, Michael and Justin Visger, Anna and Breelynn Fields and Drake Harnish; Makenzi’s boyfriend, Dawson Beal and his mother, Debbie Wilke and many other friends and family.

Makenzi was preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Lavern Visger; paternal grandfather, Wayne Harnish; an aunt, Zelda Peak, her uncle, Leroy Beyer and an aunt, Lynn Visger.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in her memory.

A memorial visitation will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home, 1105 E. 9th Avenue in Brodhead on Friday, July 23, from 4 to 7 p.m. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

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William R. Hein

William R. Hein, age 89, of Janesville died on July 10, 2021, at Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center. He

was born in Brodhead, Wisconsin, on January 17, 1932, the son of William H. and Myrtle (Gritzmaker) Hein. He attended Brodhead schools, Beloit College and UW-Madison. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts. William married Sandra K. Breese on June 2, 1962.

Bill is survived by his wife, Sandra Hein; five children: William R. Hein, Jr., Brenda K. (Paul) Gilbertson, David M. (Jennifer) Hein, Robert J. (Jacqueline) Hein and Matthew S. (Jannine) Hein; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and his sister, Mary (James) Share. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, John R. Hein who died in 1986.

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ACTIVITIES
AROUND TOWN

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN-UP

(Deadline: Friday, August 13th)

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a six-week youth NFL flag football program for boys and girls in second–sixth grades. The games will be played on the high school practice field on Saturday mornings beginning September 11th and ending October 16th.

Registration forms are available at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us). The cost is \$60, which includes a NFL team-identified reversible jersey and flag set.

Please return forms to the Brodhead Parks Department at City Hall or mail to Brodhead Park and Rec. Dept., 1111 W. 2nd Ave., Brodhead, WI 53520. If you have any questions about registration or about the league, contact Wade at 608-897-2159 x9. Deadline is Friday, August 13th. After Friday, August 13th you must call to check availability, if availability, there will be a \$20 late fee added on.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Join the Brodhead Police Association for Brodhead Night Out on Tuesday, August 17th (rain date Wednesday, August 18th) from 5-8 p.m. at Jaycee Park, 300 4th Street, Brodhead. This FREE Night Out is a community wide event to heighten awareness of crime, drug and violence prevention efforts and to encourage community participation. For more information about the event, please find them on Facebook or email them at brodheadpa@gmail.com

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

PONTOON RIDE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Decatur Lake and Mill Race Association (DLMRA) is planning to once again provide pontoon boat rides on the mill race during Covered Bridge Days. Funds generated by the provision of the rides will go towards the Putnam Park Covered Bridge Project.

DLMRA is seeking individuals with pontoon boats that can be trailered to the race for use during Saturday and Sunday rides. Ideally the boat owner can also be the skipper during one or both of those days. They also seek experienced pontoon boat skippers to drive the boats we have already lined up on those days as well. If you can help with either of these volunteer requests, please call Allen Penticoff at 815-985-1108.

21ST ANNUAL BRODHEAD ATHLETICS GOLF OUTING BENEFIT

The 21st Annual Brodhead Athletics Golf Outing Benefit will be held on Saturday, July 31, at the Evansville Golf Course. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. The 18-hole scramble format divisions include: Master's, Men's, Women's and Co-Ed. Please register by Friday, July 16 to ensure a spot.

The cost is \$80 per golfer; this includes golf, cart, prizes and buffet dinner. For dinner only the cost is \$20 per person, includes chances at prizes and the buffet dinner. The dinner will start at approximately 4 p.m.

For more information or to register contact Brian Kammerer.



The summer reading program has been going well at the library. Last week we promoted the last of the 6 weeks of virtual activities. The reading program will continue through the end of summer. You can still log your reading on Beanstack, and all of the Page Turner Adventures will continue to be available until September 7th. Most of the craft kits have been taken, however the crafts are made of items that you may have around the house. We do have 3 more craft kits that will be available in the coming weeks. Check out the newest story walk "What's this Tail Saying?"

As the kids programming winds down, we are gearing up to restart our adult book discussion groups in the fall. If you are interested in

joining, there are sign up sheets in the library. You may also email the library at albertsonlibrary@gmail.com, make sure to include your phone number, and what day and time you can meet. There is more than one group meeting, so we will try to steer you to the one that best meets your needs.

The library has been open to the public for 34 hours per week since June, and masks have been optional for those who are vaccinated. It has been wonderful seeing all your smiling faces! We have adjusted the hours on Tuesday and Thursday so that we can be open in the morning. This is a change that has been repeatedly asked for. Stop in and see us while out for your morning coffee or errands. If you stop on Thursday morning, be sure to say hello to our newest staff member, Laura Roth. Laura is training this summer and we are looking forward to her contributions to the library team.



Arc-Green County to host event July 24

The Arc-Green County has partnered with the Special Olympics Green County Agency in celebration of the Americans with Disabilities Act Anniversary is having an event on Saturday, July 24 at 10 a.m. at the Monroe High School track. They have at least 21 Green County Special Olympics athletes participating in a walk/run to earn t-shirts and make the public aware that they are not forgotten.

Please join them in awareness and send any donations to: Lori Stietz, Coordinator Special Olympics Green County, W1988 State Road 59, Albany, WI 53502 or Laverne Robieson, treasurer Arc-Green County, 604 26th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566.

Walk to End Hunger

Here is your chance to help the Orfordville CUP Food Pantry and enjoy the outdoors! Put on your walking shoes and join BetterLife #608 Sunday, August 8th. Registration is at 11 a.m., behind Villa Pizza, in Orfordville. Entry fee is a donation of non-perishable food items, personal care items or a monetary donation. You can walk the distance of your choice. They will start walking at 11:30 a.m. and must be done by 1 p.m. Everyone who participates will receive BetterLife logo items and have an opportunity to win door prizes.

Unable to walk that day? Donations for the food pantry will still be eligible to enter for the door prizes. Help them fill the CUP!

Questions? Contact Heather Dobson at 608-558-9688 or Ginger Riese at 608-897-4520.

BetterLife #608 was formerly National Mutual Benefit Branch #101. National Mutual Benefit merged with Western Fraternal Life to better meet the needs of the clients of both companies. As a fraternal company, supporting the needs of their communities is a function of the local branches. With over 100 years of history for both companies, they look forward to being stronger together. For life insurance/annuity questions contact local agent Steve Ernst at 608-827-6074.

Hope to see you Saturday, August 8th!

52nd annual Lohmeier Reunion

The 52nd annual Lohmeier Reunion will be held Sunday, August 1st at the Rock City Park in Rock City, Illinois. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass, table service and a beverage. Dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Pictured at left is Mallory Schmelzer who won Top Cat with Mocha Latte at the 2021 Green County Fair Cat Show last Wednesday night. Mallory is a member of the Spring Grove Honest Workers 4-H Club and this is her eighth year in the cat project.

Twilight in the Park

6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. • Veterans Park

*All concerts will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m.
Bring your own lawn chairs - we will be practicing social distancing.
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Sunday, July 25th

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Wisconsin War Bride Diary I

By Charles H. Ripp, MD

Chapter 13—Moving In (Apartment)

I don't have much money, but I want to purchase some better things for my furnished apartment. The lamps are poor and need an upgrade. I have a radio that has a strong speaker. The rugs are borderline; and I will find better rugs at the second hand store. These newer rugs will have more color, firmness and overall appeal. At present I cannot find new rugs that justify the price. The second hand store in Green County purchases large estates and sells the goods for large discounts. I can't wait to obtain my new home furnishings and also clean the windows. I'm picky over windows and overall cleanliness. I'm visibly excited regarding the new efficiency apartment above my landlord.

The hospital repeatedly calls me because we have at present a very inexperienced nursing staff. We lost a baby during childbirth last week. Stillborns are inevitable in all hospitals. The newly capped RN took the blame for not having sterile forceps available immediately. I'm not certain this would have altered the baby's outcome. Standards surrounding birth have become increasingly high. The hospital and delivering physicians are beginning to purchase malpractice insurance due to concerns of civil suits over bad babies. Everyone is at a huge risk when babies are born. It seems no one can accept imperfection. On my last shift we experienced ambiguous genitalia. The pediatricians did not know if the baby was a boy or girl. The baby was fine otherwise. The child made an emergency trip to Madison (University of Wisconsin). Apparently, the baby is a male; and in time will have reconstructive surgery.

My last shift lasted two complete eight hour shifts; and I'm now quite exhausted. I sometimes feel. I'm abused a touch because of my highly acclaimed Marquette RN degree and now continued experience with high-risk pregnancy and difficult deliveries. It can be extremely tough to be here all evening and work your normal day shift the following day. Since I'm head OB nurse, I commonly encounter postpartum bleeding or a sudden nurse ill at an inopportune time. That is life in a busy rural hospital for a full time RN OB manager. I crawl home in my old Chevy. I thought initially it was a Ford, but it is a Chevy. I'm a dumb girl when it comes to cars. Cars are more of a guy thing. Thankfully, my car is always reliable transportation.

I love this old Chevy car because it is equipped with a radio. I generally can obtain only one station locally in the daytime. At night, I can hear distant scratchy voices from Detroit or St. Louis. I always wonder what is happening to these people from afar. I worry about the poverty and stagnation in large cities as I experienced in Milwaukee, Wisconsin as a nursing student. Many of these people can barely feed themselves. Most inner city residents cannot pay rent, clothe themselves or work properly due to never ending lack of education, drugs, violence and illness. Polio spreads like wildfire in those situations; and many patients (including youth) were led to a slow death on a mechanical ventilator

(iron lung). My radio takes me to these poverty stricken patients as a flashback. I always wondered after hospital dismissal where am I going with this patient. What is the next medical step? I always wondered how this family can cope with such a large illness in their family.

My sleep generally is in my pajamas from high school. Occasionally, I find myself sleeping on the couch with my alarm clock ringing at 0530. I'm embarrassed that I didn't take the time to wash and brush the evening prior to retiring. I'm beginning to enter medical burnout; and I've asked for a three-day weekend this coming week. Administration generally says no to an OB nurse; but times are changing. Many new administrators feel the need to reward key employees in order to keep them around. This could be my lucky day off (paid). I have the weekend; and Bethany from nursing school invited me to Chicago, Illinois (120 miles). I think it is for fun; however, it also involves a blind date. I'm good with all this because all first dates are essentially blind. I'm on my way and won't need my Mother's blessing. I'll let her know what is happening, but not about the blind date. Mom has already recruited many eligible bachelors at St. Victor's church in Monroe, Wisconsin (my childhood church). It is unfortunate that I've become not attracted to these guys. There are many great guys; however, despite advanced scouting, they are not for me. I either feel it or not when meeting a possible male lifelong companion. That is just me. I've lost two men to wars, and I've seen and felt enough "broken heart" pain in my time.

The busy hospital administrator missed me today; however, Boss (as I call him) did grant a three-day weekend. I would be already started to pack for two nights with Bethany if I wasn't so tired from all the overtime work at St. Claire Hospital. We're going to the movies the first night in Chicago. The second evening we are traveling from North Chicago into the city for fun and relaxation. We're going to Navy Pier. Hundreds of soldiers in their Navy gear hang out there. It is the Chicago place where people meet. Many marriages occur through Navy pier chance settings. Though our fighting force is lessened with many returning soldiers (many wounded), we as a country are not done with war. Korea is flaming, and we have many strong forces in Europe and throughout the globe. This is far better than the World War II years of food, gas and many other commodities rationed. I also discovered that some of my clothes are beginning to not fit. I need to get a new pair of dress shoes, blouse, and jean pants. My dresses all seem to fit. I'll pack my one suitcase to the very top and take a tote bag for women's essentials. I'm now leaving Thursday evening after work for a 2.5-hour drive.

My big dilemma is finding time to get clothes. Nothing stays open past 6 o'clock in our small town. I may sneak out at lunch to look at shoes and clothing. I know exactly where to go. It will only require a few minutes. Tomorrow I'll fill my car with gas to get me there. I'll have the new clothes purchased within

24 hours. I'll be on my way to the Big Windy City instead of RN work. I will be in the north suburbs of Chicago quickly (perhaps before dark). Bethany and I will need hours to catch up on all the post college happenings. The blind date is not my first; but I'd be lying if I said I don't have some angst. This may be an opportunity for myself personally and professionally. Bethany always had class compared to my roots from a small town. In college, everyone looked up to her and deitized her because she was from Chicago. I was always neutral and suspicious because we're all the same in that frosh chemistry class. Despite my feelings, little town me was able to become very good friends with Bethany. She sounded good on the phone. Bethany has a serious boyfriend, is recently engaged and is aiming toward settlement. Her RN friend, Bess in Mary's wedding, has recovered from trauma, has two healthy babies and is happily married. We'll reunite with her also. I can't wait for the enjoyment and overall fun.

I received a call from Mom after I purchased my new white stylish loafers and jean pants suit. My Jesuit brother James is coming home for the weekend on a retreat. Dad and mom want me there. I've instructed Mom that I had this weekend so well planned. She places her usual pressure on me and wins. I'm happy to see my brother; but I've lost a stunning Chicago date. Bethany was quite understanding regarding the matter. She will find a replacement for me or place this guy on ice (he's cute, has finance, a future, and is a blond hair blue eyed guy). I'm stuck in Green County, Wisconsin while a classmate steals my Tarzan or Humphrey Bogart. I then retrieve a call from that other cute guy in Monticello (Eric Clever) who became drunk on our first date. He thoroughly discussed his rehabilitation spiel; but I informed him in an unsubtle manner that I had zero interest. I go to bed crying. I'll get lost in work as I always do.

My next day before the three-day holiday for me was refreshing. Our family minus Mary traveled to the cottage at Decatur Lake. James and Dad went fishing after working on some piers. They caught supper. We were handed a surprise, guest family visit with Mary, Roland and baby Jimmie. That automatically put Brother James (he's a true Jesuit brother now) and myself on the back cabin porch sleeping. It was exciting to see Jimmie and how happy the family is with Roland home now from Chiang Kai-Shek duty as French interpreter. The first evening

was all pomp and circumstance until baby Jimmie cried all through the night—breaking away from breastfeeding to the bottle. Mom (now Grandma) controlled matters; and finally calmed the little guy down just prior to sunrise. I slept in and felt adequate. My day will be filled with yummy babysitting duties and planting flowers with Edith Zuercher (Mom). Mary's birth with Jimmy was just a couple weeks ago. Labor and delivery was natural. Mary just made a simple call after delivery and wrote a long letter requesting some privacy. We've been so busy moving and with work that our family has not had time to digest how fabulous this occasion has become. Baby Jimmy is fabulous and healthy.

We had a very pleasant day with an early swim and boat ride. I noticed that many neighbors had already prepared their summer residences. We waved by while passing on one of our boats, but didn't stop. People come to Decatur Lake for privacy; and everyone respects the ability to escape and not be bothered or entertained. The work at our cottage now continues with tree trimming, pier work, well flush, raking leaves and painting. There are an immense number of chores with my Mom and Dad supervising. This outdoor "cottage by the lake" work followed by the typical three meals/day regimen was maintained until Sunday evening. Our men (Brother James, Dad and Roland) then had a Hamm's beer by the outdoor fireplace and discussed the ways of the world. Everyone had so much fun that they decided to do this on many weekends this summer—especially if Brother James had a retreat. I'm exhausted and must return to work tomorrow. My work reprieve was fun visiting with my family. I'm moved in to my small efficiency apartment while everyone has adjusted to me being on my own. Mom's focus is little Jimmy. Little Jimmy has taken the focus off me for now. Mom's eye and brain will still watch and guide me through life. Mom has it all planned for me. Mom's plan is not working regarding the guy thing. I'm a touch lonely. I'll get through all of this somehow.

I return to work and it was a colossal weekend in review. There were many deliveries this past weekend with many more on the way. I'm now seeing women for the second birth with me. Many ask me personal questions and even try to "line me up." It is difficult to take advice from a laboring or postpartum Mom. I place all of this in my back pocket, do my RN obstetric nursing job and allow fate to occur regarding my future life. I always want more than I

have (human nature). I'm highly confused regarding accepting these blind dates—not mixing business with pleasure. Most Green County, Wisconsin Moms essentially are always thinking good thoughts. I'm exhausted after my first day back when I discovered a few undone necessary medical needs (stocking supplies, sterilizing instruments and linen changes). We called a staff meeting with administration before the shift ended and warned some nurses that despite the unpredictability and craziness of OB, we need to administer a clean/sterile efficient OB ward.

Dot Asper called and will be attending summer school in Madison at the University of Wisconsin. We talked considerably. Dot is proceeding with my personal recommendations of obtaining a literature degree and becoming a teacher. This is her lifelong dream. Her career as the public librarian is quite good; but going nowhere. I said we'd get together in New Glarus, Wisconsin (still Green County) for a beer. I cannot go out in Monroe, Wisconsin without being noticed. The cheese is perhaps better in Monroe, Wisconsin. My aunts, Bertha and Lydia, still yodel at the New Glarus Hotel and around town. Friday evening looks great for both our schedules. I can't wait because we have so much fun.

Moving in is nearly complete. I surround my apartment with college and family pictures. It is lonely here at night by myself. There are just the beginnings of modern television; but it has not arrived in southern Wisconsin. My bathroom is gorgeous with colorful spring flowers and evening lighting (dimmer). My clothes wash below at the landlord's main residence has worked well. I'm not having my parents scrutinize when I arrive home tired. I did take up smoking, but don't really like it. Now, I want to quit, but it also is fashionable despite the limited health risks. I can't imagine a better place for me. I love my job and coworkers, hospital and new home. I'm lonely to a degree because I've never lived by myself. I fall asleep and the phone rings. It is Bethany!

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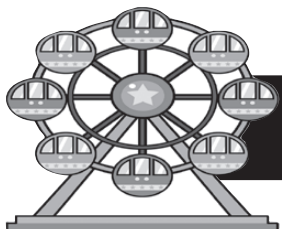
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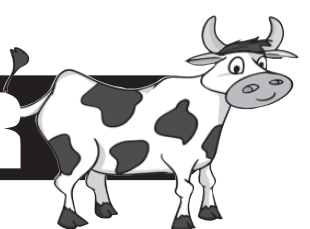
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