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City Council Referendum delayed until **April 2022 election**

By Gloria Sutter

State Statute prevents the City from holding the planned referendum during a special election in November. It will probably take place during the April 2022 election.

The Council approved seeking bids on a commercial generator that would service the police department and city hall. The estimated cost is \$111,000, which is above what was budgeted. Originally the plan was to replace the current police department generator, but MSA presented the advantages in covering both buildings. The current \$65,000 budgeted could be supplemented with fund balance money.

Baker Tilly presented the audit results that show the City in good financial shape with an increased fund balance that is well above state recommendations. The general obligation debt is much lower than the recommended debt limit.

Rich Vogel requested that the Council approve a capital improvement plan and rate study for the sewer utility. This would determine future replacement and labor costs and the rates needed to maintain the utility. The Council approved this study at a cost of \$35,000.

The Whispering Pines development, south of the library, requested that City property be designated for the retention and control of storm water on the property. The City right-of-way has a berm and would be easy to maintain for this purpose. This was approved.

A Public Hearing was held earlier with no concerns voiced, so the

010 creating the Mixed Use TID #8. The next step in the process is the Joint Revue Board.

In other business:

The Council approved moving forward with choosing a new City

The City Administrator job description was approved.

Resolution 2021-011 waiving Ordinance 290-21 regarding alcoholic beverages on the square and southside during Covered Bridge Days was approved.

Resolution 2021-012 waiving Ordinance 290-21 regarding alcoholic beverages at Legion Park for Sports Boosters during Covered Bridge Days was approved.

Event Permits were approved for the Chamber of Commerce, Sports Boosters JC Fun Run and Bank of Brodhead.

Ten temporary bartender licenses were approved for the Chamber of Commerce and Sports Boosters.

The Chamber of Commerce and Sports Boosters were granted temporary Class B Licenses.

One regular bartender license was approved.

The Change of Agent on the Alcohol Establishment License for KWIK Trip was approved.

The Council approved accepting the donation of an ID Scanner from Better Brodhead. It will be stored and available for use through the Police Department.

The seven day notice for appointing Suzanne Curtiss to the BID Board and Casey Jones to the Personnel Committee.





Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, with two of his four blue ribbon entries at the Green County Fair. He received firsts on Brick, Dill Havarti and a couple cheese spreads. Earlier this summer he was successful at the Wisconsin State Fair competition where he received blues on Muenster, Flavored Pepper Havarti, Dill Havarti and Cheddar Cheese Curds, seconds on Muenster, Havarti and Dill Havarti and a third on Brick. The Colby Swiss cheese spread sold for \$925 at the cheese auction on Sunday. (Free Press photo by Gloira Sutter)





Soggy Prairie brought their bluegrass style of music to Veterans Park this past Sunday. Special treats of bottled water donated by Piggly Wiggly along with ice cream and cupcakes supplied by Doug Pinnow and family in recognition of the 25th anniversary of Twilight in the Park concerts. Nancy Sutherland was honored for her dedication to this event for the past 21 years with her husband Gary assisting her in whatever she directed him to do. Many of the improvements in the park and the bandstand area have been spearheaded by Nancy. Katie Helmer was the original person to get the concerts going with encouragement from Doug Pinnow and Nancy Sutherland.

Next week will be Matthew **Wundrow Band**

Left to right: Katie Helmer, Nancy Sutherland and Doug Pinnow.

(Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2341. Rev. Peder Johanson, Pastor, www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Inperson 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 lst 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.

Walk to End Hunger Here is your chance to help the

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 received 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.

Albany UMC Ice Cream Social

The Albany United Methodist church will have their annual Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, August 4 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. So happy to be back but are taking all necessary precautions for safety. Take out and dining in are both available. Join them at 500 S. Park, Albany. See you there!

Relay For Life of Green County Seeks Teams For Event

The American Cancer Society is recruiting teams from businesses, schools, families, and places of worship to participate in the Relay For Life of Green County event. This year's event will be held on Saturday, August 14th at the Jaycee Park in Brodhead from 6–9 p.m. Relay For Life teams are committed to finishing the fight against cancer and raise funds to support the American Cancer Society's lifesaving mission. Teams and individuals can sign up for the Relay For Life event by visiting http://relayforlife.org/greencountywi or by calling Jo Ann at 608-728-2980.

"The Relay For Life movement unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and take action to finish the fight once and for all," said Evelyn Crooks, Green County Relay For Life volunteer. "Many participants are our family, friends, and neighbors who have faced cancer themselves. Each new team that registers brings us one step closer to saving more lives."

Relay For Life is a community-based family event. Cancer survivors and caregivers take a celebratory first lap to start each event. This year, Green County's goal is to raise \$20,000 to support the Society's mission to finish the fight against cancer once and for all. Sign up individually or as a team and be a part of great event that helps support the fight against cancer!

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

Tuesday's results: Panoske Plastering defeated Bridge's Bar and Grill 14-3; M&J's Bar defeated Bank of Brodhead 19-5; Beast Buffet defeated Stables 14-4.

Final standings: Panoske Plastering won 11 lost 0; Beast Buffet 7-4; Bridges Bar & Grill 6-5; M&J's Bar 6-5; Bank of Brodhead 2-9; Stables 1-10.

Sunday Night Church

Sunday results: United Methodist-Brodhead defeated Living Word 9-7; Church of God defeated Bethlehem Lutheran 24-2; UCC defeated United Methodist-Albany 15-7.

Season standings: UCC 9-1; Church of God 8-2; United Methodist-Albany 8-3; Luther Valley 6-4; Living Word 2-8; United Methodist-Brodhead 2-9; Bethlehem Lutheran 1-9.

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.

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

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 $4\ \mathrm{p.m.}$

For more information or to register contact Brian Kammerer.

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.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES TO HOLD FALL MEETING

The Thursday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League will hold their fall meeting on Thursday, August 5th at Albany Lanes at 12:30 p.m. Anyone interested in bowling in this league contact: Cora Ball at 608-247-4525 or Phyllis Flannery at 608-897-2242. All teams should be represented at this meeting.

BRODHEAD HIGH SCHOOL ONLINE REGISTRATION

Hope you are having a wonderful summer!

Please mark your calendar for Online School Registration opening on Monday, August 9th through Thursday, August 12th. Registration will be accessed through your skyward account. Student dues and fees can also be paid through your skyward account.

Please note that this upcoming school year, yearbooks will only be ordered online.

This year's yearbooks are in the high school office now and can be picked up from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

SCHLITTLER-SPEICH REUNION

Schlittler-Speich descendents will meet at the Sand Burr Family Restaurant for lunch on Saturday, August 21st, at 11:30 a.m. For reservations call Karen Brugger at 608-938-3585 before Saturday, August 14.

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.

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Bring your own lawn chairs - we will be practicing social distancing.
We encourage you to wear your masks if you are comfortable doing so.
Concerts are FREE to the public - come and enjoy!

<u>Sunday, August 1st</u>

The Matthew Wundrow Band

(Waltzes, Polkas and some Country & Swing)

Decatur 4-H - Walking tacos, hot dogs, chips, baked goods & lemonade

Coordinated by the B.I.D. Board



A LITTLE GOOD NEWS



"Go as far as you can see; when you get there, you'll be able to see further."

~Thomas Carlyle



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The Albertson Memorial Library would like to welcome Laura Roth to our staff. Laura is an Albany township resident, whose first job was as a library aid. She has taught both children and adults, and is looking forward to meeting all of you. Stop in and meet her on Thursday mornings this summer while she is train-

The library is in the process of genrefying the adult fiction. The Dewey decimal system divides nonfiction books into subjects to make finding the book you want easier. Genrefying does the same for fiction. Books will be classified as Classics, Mysteries, Romance, Fantasy, Science Fiction, Historical Fictions, Inspirational Fiction, etc. They will be labeled and grouped on the shelves for easier browsing. This is a large and time-consuming project, involving updating computer records as well as labeling, counting and moving all of the adult fiction books. Jessica Horn is working with volunteer Deanne White on this major undertaking. We hope you it will help you to find your favorite books

more easily.

New Materials: Adult non-fiction:

Tomorrow Will Be Different : Love, Loss, and the Fight for Trans

Equality by Sarah McBride The Undocumented Americans

by Villavicenci Cornejo Wildflowers of Wisconsin Field Guide by Stan Tekiela,

Personal Record: : Training Tips for the Dedicated by Runner Elizabeth Blakemore

The Absolute Collected Poems of Sri Chinmoy by Sri Chinmoy

Oddball Wisconsin: a Guide to 400 Really Strange Places by Jerome Pohlen

Adult fiction:

Fallen by Linda Castillo

The Library of the Dead by T.L.

It's better this Way: a Novel by Debbie Macomber

The Stepsisters by Susan Mallery The Curse of Burr Oak Farm by William Mitchell Ross

Death Washes Ashore by Patricia

At the end of the World Turn Left

by Zhanna Slor

Nine Lives: a novel by Danielle

Dream Girl by Laura Lipman (Audio)

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Turtles All the Way Down by John Green

Juvenile:

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Local Musician **Attends Prestigious Summer Music** Academy

Addison Swan, a talented young musician from Brodhead, spent the past two weeks in Door County, Wisconsin studying at Birch Creek Music Performance Center. Swan, a student at Brodhead Middle School, was among 31 other musicians from throughout the country to attend the Symphony Session at this prestigious academy whose unique mission is to provide intensive, performance-based instruction to promising young musicians by immersing them in a professional, mentoring environment.

Birch Creek celebrates its 46th concert season in 2021 and continues to support a student-to-faculty ratio of approximately 2:1. This provides students with an abundance of personal attention from their faculty mentors. who represent top music educators and performers from around the country. Students are given the opportunity to hone their technical skills and learn firsthand all the aspects of life as a professional musician. During their two-week residency this summer, students attending the Symphony session performed seven concerts alongside their teachers in front of paying con-

Ricardo Castañeda is the Program Director of the Symphony program. 2021 marks his 24th year on faculty at Birch Creek, and 21st year as Program Director. He holds a bachelor's and master's degree in music performance from Northwestern University. Castaneda is currently Principal Oboist with the Chicago Sinfonietta and solo English Horn with The Illinois Philharmonic Orchestra.

Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Egg Harbor, WI, is a residential

summer music academy for advanced young musicians. With a performance emphasis, students are taught by nationally known performers and educators during the day, and perform alongside them in concerts at night. Four sessions focus on Percussion and Steel Band, Symphony, and Big Band Jazz. 2019 concert and session dates are posted at www.birchcreek.org/tickets.

2021 Concert Schedule—Big Band Jazz (Two Sessions): July 28-31, August 4-7



1836—Area **Indian** Villages

By Polly Weeden, Brodhead **Historical Society**

The Blackhawk War ended in 1836. Until that war there had been many Indian Villages in the area where Brodhead is now. Along the Sugar River were nine Lodges (Villages) and 167 Indians. Pottawatomie and Winnebago (HO-CHUNK) Tribes. There were many others in the fertile valleys where Lake Koshkonong, Rock, Sugar and Pecatonica Rivers flow.

The White Settlers had come to buy furs, leather and corn, but after the War they also wanted the Indians to move west of the Mississippi

As the Settlers moved in they took the Indians cornfields, furs and also the burial blankets.

Some resisted eviction until forcibly removed. Others, in roving bands returned from their new homes west each year to revisit the home of their ancestors.

Early white settlers as last as 1865 saw pitiful bands travel the old trains forefathers had known along the rivers making camps and seeing Tribal Elders pointing out to the young ancient settlements, cornfields and burial places using "MARKER TREES" and perhaps the HALFWAY TREE south of Brod-



a community event, an engagement or wedding announcement, an advertisement, or nearly anything else!!

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Albany Community1st!

Join Albany Community1st! at the Albany Legion Park for a community Picnic on Sunday, August 22, from noon to 4 p.m. After all this time apart, let's enjoy the simple things together. Come enjoy an afternoon of family fun and community togetherness.

Bring your favorite picnic food and drinks and your comfy chairs and blankets.

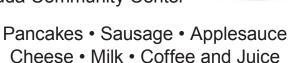
Safe, socially distanced games and races begin at 1 p.m.



Juda Fire Department PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, July 31st

7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Juda Community Center**



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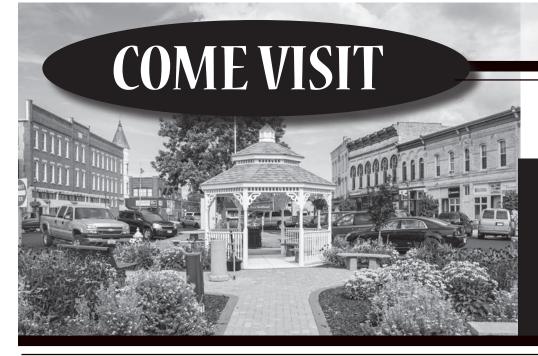
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CASEY'S CORNER

-By Casey Jones-

Good morning readers! It's time to grab your favorite beverage and read your favorite newspaper! I am grateful that you are taking the time.

Well, Lori and I have now been back to Brodhead for a month. We are living in the apartment in the basement of the B & B with our daughter and my mother. Hopefully, by the time this goes to print, will be in escrow on our new to us home. My daughter is doing an excellent job managing the B & B. We have had many guests in the month we have been back.

The Pietenpol Reunion at the airport was a huge success. It was coupled with the grand opening of the Kelch Aviation Museum. Our guests were really enthusiastic to share all the good things going on at the airport at breakfast each morning. Congratulations to everyone who work so hard every year to share the Brodhead Airport with us!

We had a scare at the Brodhead Free Press this last week when a very important member of our team, Debbie Fitzgerald was knocked out of action by her gall bladder. She is now at home recovering from surgery. You never know how much someone does until they are no longer doing it. I was a pitiful replacement. Good thing for me that Deb teaches pretty well through texts and e-mail. The fact that you are reading this week's newspaper is a testament to the team she has assembled and her willingness to guide us while not feeling her best.

Saturday night, we made the trip up the Jefferson Speedway to watch the races. Wow, did that bring back the memories of younger, crazier times. My nephew, Chris "Illinois" Jones, as the announcer dubbed him, won his heat race and then went on to a second place finish in the feature. Congrats to Team Express!

I had better get back to work before the boss cracks the whip! Have a great week and enjoy the rest of your favorite beverage and newspaper!

casey@bccole.com



Green County Fair

Tucker Lynaugh, Senior Champion and Grand Champion Grade Holstein, Next Generation 4-H Club



Reaghan Schmelzer, Grand Champion Cock, Spring Grove Honest Workers 4-H Club.

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Brooke Mueller, Grand **Champion Senior Holstein** Reserve Supreme Champion Holstein, Clarence Bridge Pioneers 4-H Club



Benjamin Knuth, Reserve Champion Angus **Brodhead FFA**

2021 Covered Bridge Days **Band Lineup Announced**

Commerce is excited to announce Covered Bridge Days is returning Friday, August 13th through Sun-

The Brodhead Chamber of day August 15th, with free music concerts downtown on Friday and Saturday evenings.

> The Free Music Concerts are being proudly presented by the Bank of Brodhead and Madison Partners and showcase two of the Midwest's most popular bands-Sojourn Rocs and Madison County.

> Sojourn Rocs will take the Stoughton Trailers Stage on Friday August 13th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Sojourn Rocs is a classic rock-n-roll and country band that plays the hits from the 1960s, 70s, 80s, 90s through today. Their wide variety of songs appeals to all ages. Everyone from young to old will be entertained by these talented musicians, smooth vocals and harmonies and their tight playing style in their Ultimate Musical Journey.

> The Ultimate Musical Journey begins with the rock hits of the 60s from The Beatles and Stones. The band rolls on through the 70s with songs by Allman Brothers, Aerosmith, Aretha, Bad Company, Bob Seger, Clapton, The Eagles, The Doobies, Head East, Heart, Ides of March, Journey, and ZZ Top. The 80s follow with hits by Crowded House, Fleetwood Mac, Huey Lewis and the News, Linda Ronstadt, Maroon 5, Robert Palmer, and SRV. The musical journey is wrapped up with the 90s hits by Fastball and The Wallflowers, and 21st century hits that include Brooks and Dunn, Carrie Underwood, Dwight Yoakam, Keith Urban, Kenny Chesney, and

> Miranda Lambert. On Saturday August 14th, Madison County will take the stage at



Daniel Dunphy, Supreme **Champion Ewe and Grand** Champion Xbred Ewe, Albany FFA

7:30 p.m. Madison County is a seven-piece Country show band. based out of Madison, that has evolved its high-energy engaging show, over the years, to stay fresh and unique. They have been voted Local Group of the Year nine years in a row at the Q106 Madison Country Music Awards, Favorite Local Group at the 96.3 Star Country Awards, Country Artist of the Year at the Madison Area Music Association Awards, People's Choice Award Winner for six years at the Wisconsin Area Music Industry Awards, Isthmus Readers Favorite Local Country Band, and Madison Magazine's Madison BEST Local Band and Country Band, five years running.

For the complete schedule of events and the latest updates visit the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce website at www.Brodhead-Chamber.com.



July Garden of the Month

By Joyce Nipple

After much searching this spring for a "Garden of the Month", we received a name and address to an amazing garden worthy of "Garden of the Month".

Sandy Lyden is the humble caretaker and designer of a yard that is absolutely breath taking! She has done everything herself, from buying the supplies, laying the brick, putting gin the fence and planting the flowers and plants. It all looks like a professional landscaper would create on his or her best day!

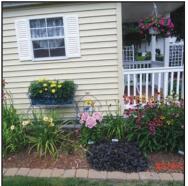
Sandy has worked for about three years so far and plans on continuing for as long as her creative juices are flowing. She is making plans to add a raised bed to the project. Sandy really puts her heart and soul into her beautiful vision. Sandy has added birdhouses, a little cottage, some swings and a butterfly. She even has a metal cat in her garden!

Most of her plants and bushes you will recognize. Even if you don't she has the separated and labeled. She has so many hanging baskets that are all in bloom. She has just found the cone flower and loves them. You will find many in her beds.

You must drive by this gem of a garden slowly to appreciate the amazing beauty of it all! The address is 1202 21st Street. If Sandy is out, let her know you appreciate the beauty of her creation. Sandy is a modest lady and didn't want her picture taken. We do have a picture of the award she received.









Rock County is Accepting New UW-Madison Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

Rock County is accepting new UW-Madison Extension Master Volunteers in 2022! For those that are interested in being a part of the statewide Master Gardener Volunteer program contact Julie Hill, Horticulture Outreach Specialist at julie.hill@wisc.edu, to be included in the local open house for new Master Gardener Volunteer candidates. The next step is to enroll in the online course "Foundations in Horticulture-Growing and Caring for Plants in Wisconsin."

Foundations in Horticulture-Growing and Caring for Plants in Wisconsin is an online course open to all residents of Wisconsin. This virtual class is self-paced so participants can fit it into their schedules and includes videos, readings and interactive activities. New this year are live Q&A webinars with UW-Madison horticulture experts to give participants the best information on improving their gardening skills. Class size is limited to 500 participants. Registration begins July 16 and closes August 13, 2021 or when the class is full. The course opens September 13 and runs through December 11, 2021.

Whether you are a beginner, avid gardener or professional, you and your plants will benefit from this course. For more information, and to register for the course, visit https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/foundations-in-horticulture

For more information on the Master Gardener Volunteer Program, visit https://mastergardener.extension.wisc.edu/onboarding-registration



New faces from new places at the Wildflower Art Festival

By Michele Benesh

Brodhead's 10th annual Wildflower Art Festival will take place in Veterans Park during Covered Bridge Days on Saturday, August 14, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. We are glad that so many artists choose to return to the Wildflower Art Festival year after year! They clearly like Brodhead and it is obvious that Brodhead likes them. This year we also are thrilled to welcome several new artists.

Darren Frale of Los Angeles, California, will present his glass pieces, both fused and blown. He often incorporates pattern bars and other items, which he also makes in his studio, into his creations.

West Bend's Laurie Prestby will exhibit her outstanding hand-drawn pen and ink mandalas.

Coming from Blue Mounds, Jessica Curning-Kuenzi will be offering her nature photography of Wisconsin and Minnesota, presented as prints on metal and canvas, matted unframed prints, and greeting cards. She has expanded her repertoire to chainmaille jewelry as well, which uses stainless steel rings woven together with natural stones.

Laura Guetzkow, "The Wistful Grandma," from Delavan, creates unique hand-braided wool rugs, made from recycled wool garments, one-of-a-kind hand-made primitive dolls, and an eclectic mix of seasonal items.

Bringing their originally designed fused glass plates, bowls, coasters, cheese plates, and more, Oregon, Wisconsin's Gloria and Henry Horstmann will also display hand-made wooden wind spinners and bird houses.

We hope to see everyone at the tenth Wildflower art Festival to greet these new artists and reconnect with returning ones. Please check out the entire list of Wildflower Art Festival exhibiting artists, along with photos of their work, at brodheadchamber.com. Click on Tourism, then Annual Events

We also invite everyone to attend this year's "Wildflowers of Putnam Park" on Sunday, August 15, at 10:30 a.m., when Paul Roemer will conduct a wildflower walk along the steep slope by the Mill Race—just south of the swimming pool. The native plantings there grow more beautiful every year—learn all about them!





Kelch Aviation Museum holds grand opening

The Kelch Aviation Museum opened its doors on Friday, July 23, amid the 45th annual Brodhead Pietenpol Reunion. The 12,000-square foot museum's focus is on vintage aircraft from the 1920s and 1930s, many of them from the collection of Al Kelch. The museum is open Wednesdays through Sundays. Admission is free.



Kent Joranlien family cuts the ribbon at the opening ceremony along with Pat Weeden, Executive Director of the Museum.



Joranlien family members are pictured left to right: Chad, Robin Miller, Sandra and Ric.











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Juda School District honor roll for fourth quarter

The following students are 4.00 Honor students:

Miah Roth, Avery Sheaffer, Susan Farias, Aaron Makos, Ciarrah Davis, Jackie Nusbaum.

The following students are High Honor Roll students:

Luke McCullough, Jocelyn Rufer, Libby Jordan, Katie Nusbaum, Lucas Powers, Vanessa Olmedo, Katie Brooks, Lavinia Rufer, Briliey Swedlund, Kelsi Cameron, Anna Bartels, Noah Burchard, Rebekah Liphart, Kameron Simpson

The following students are Honor Roll students:

Isabella Carnes, Cain Corning, Jordan Lerch, Jencie Lynaugh, Madalynn Smith, Alexis Smith-Burkhalter, Hayden Valdivia, Breanna Brooks, Jaydn Ellefson, Mason Kammerer, Gunnar Riebe, Kiahna Schmid, Morgan Schneeberger, Anna Skoumal, Deaniela Abplanalp, Gracyn Bolton, Collin Cameron, Liana Daniels, Abbygail Foster, Jason Knutsen, Aidan Lynaugh, Matthew McCullough, Mason Mielke, Lorelei Pagett, Josie Simpson, Loudon Westgard, Grace Gold, Michael Hosch, Abbigail Leck, Vanessa Liphart, Chad Mansfield, Unity Masseur, Katrina Mielke, Ashtyn Paffel, Blake Adkins, Abbigail Barton, Christian Creuzer, Ella Dundee, Alivia Henning, Jon Klopfenstein, Alexxis Metz, Dyllin Metz, Kamden Schadewaldt, Jayda Simpson, Elleanna Barton, Alessandra Inclan-Peterson, Joshua McCullough, Cody Messel, Mylie Mielke, Cheyanna Scheidegger, Rianna Sullivan, Lilli Voelker, Corina Black, Kavion Cupps, Austin Funk, Caston Goecks, Cohen Henze, Phoenix Homan, Kennedi Lerch, Christopher Roth, Keagan Schirmer, Trevhar Vanryswyk, Lily Zimmerman.



Juda School Board meeting

Juda School District Regular Board Meeting July 14th, 2021

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

•Approved contracts with the Monroe Clinic for PT/OT Services for the coming school year.

•Accepted the resignations/retirements of Angie Kiser as a Teacher's Aide and Betty Mielke as Special Education Teacher.

•Accepted donations for the girls' softball program and boys' basket-ball uniforms.

•Held discussion on bus drivers wages for the coming school year.

•Discussed staffing for the coming school year.

•Learned the Wisconsin Rural School Alliance Conference will be held October 24th through the 26th.

•Was updated on operational plans for the coming school year as it relates to Covid-19. Mask wearing will be optional. Other procedures that were put into place for last school year will remain while others will be slightly modified. Any procedure will be changed based on updated guidance from the CDC and the County Health Department.

•Approved the reading of the Student Academic Standards.

•Approved the preliminary budget for the 2021/2022 school year.

•Approved school fees for the coming year

•Approved Staff Handbooks, Support Staff Handbooks and Student Handbooks for the coming school year.

•No Executive Session was needed.

•Next Board Meeting is August 11th, 2021.

Condon/ Ten Eyck Reunion

The Condon/Ten Eyck Reunion will be the last Sunday of August. August 29, 2021 may well be the last reunion picnic due to lack of attendance. They will meet for picnic at the Putnam Park Shelter at noon and go from there.



POLICE

The community needs to be aware that ATV/UTV recreational operation on county trunk highways in Green County is still prohibited. At last Tuesday's Green County Board meeting, supervisors did approve an ordinance that will allow certain county trunk highways to be ATV/UTV routes. However, there still needs to be routes established, approvals granted and signs erected, a process that could take months.

Violators could be cited for unlawful operation of an ATV on or near certain highways with a forfeiture amount of \$200.50.

Again, until further notice, ATV/ UTV recreational operation on county trunk highways is prohibited

Green County Sheriff's Department July 12-18, 2021

At approximately 3:09 p.m., Monday, deputies responded to the Green County Probation and Parole Office in the City of Monroe and arrested Austin J. Ferguson, 25, BrodheadI, who had a Probation Hold placed on him by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Ferguson was incarcerated in the Green County Jail.

At approximately 11:42 p.m., Monday, deputies arrested James J. Smith, 43, Juda, at a residence in the W2900 block of Main Street in the Town of Jefferson on a felony warrant issued for his arrest through Green County. Smith was incarcerated in the Green County Jail pending an initial court appearance.

At approximately 3:24 a.m., Wednesday, deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for Speeding in the W100 block of STH 81 in the Town of Spring Grove. Investigation resulted in the driver, Jenna J. Ils, 18, Brodhead, being cited for possession of drug paraphernalia, underage possession of alcohol, and speeding. Ils was released pending a court appearance. The Brodhead Police Department assisted deputies at the scene.

At approximately 12:27 p.m., Wednesday, deputies, Brodhead EMS, and the Brodhead Fire Department, responded to the W1100 block of STH 11 in the Town of Spring Grove for a report of a onevehicle rollover crash. Investigation revealed that Kathy A. Battle, 63, Brodhead, was traveling westbound when she lost control of her vehicle, which entered the north shoulder of the roadway and overturned. The

vehicle sustained disabling damage and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Battle reported that she was wearing her seat belt and that she sustained non-life threatening injuries. Battle was cited for inattentive driving. The Brodhead Police Department assisted deputies at the scene.

At approximately 11:35 a.m., Thursday, deputies, Green County EMS, and the Juda Fire Department responded to the N3500 block of STH 59 in the Town of Sylvester for a report of a one vehicle rollover crash. Investigation revealed that Brittney E. Tande, 26 Albany, lost control of her vehicle while negotiating a curve in the roadway. The vehicle then entered the west ditch and became airborne. The vehicle then overturned and came to a rest. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and the airbags deployed. Tande reported that she was wearing her seat belt and she sustained injuries in the crash. Tande was transported by EMS to the Monroe Clinic Emergency Room. Tande was cited for failure to maintain control of vehicle.

At 1:58 p.m, Saturday, deputies stopped a vehicle on State Hwy 11 near County Hwy OK, Town of Monroe for a speeding violation. Investigation into the stop resulted in the driver, Seth M. Olin, 25, of Brodhead, being arrested for operating while under the influence-first offense. Olin was cited for speeding and prohibited alcohol concentration and released to a responsible party pending court.

Green County Sheriff's Department July 19-25, 2021

At approximately 8:26 a.m., Friday, deputies responded to the Green County Probation and Parole Office in the City of Monroe and arrested Craig T. Coulthard, 40, Albany, who had a Probation Hold placed on him by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Coulthard was incarcerated in the Green County Jail.

At approximately 3:42 p.m., Saturday, deputies responded to a residence in the N3900 block of Park Road in the Town of Decatur for a report of a subject violating his conditions of bond. Investigation resulted in Thomas J. Warden, 64, Brodhead, being arrested for felony bail jumping. Warden was incarcerated in the Green County Jail pending an initial court appearance.

Parkview's Gehrig Grenawalt took first place at the SCTP WI State Trap Shooting Competition Orfordville Parkview's freshman, Gehrig's teammate, Hunter Juhl, letters and also earn college so

Orfordville Parkview's freshman, Gehrig Grenawalt, took first place at the SCTP WI State Trap Shooting competition in Rome, Wisconsin, on Sunday, June 27. At the State shoot he shot 99/100, shooting 98 straight! He went on to compete in the SCTP Trap Shooting Nationals competition in Marengo, Ohio this past weekend, where he learned that he had also earned a spot on the Nationals All-State team. He placed 28th of 427 National Trap Shooters in his class, shooting a 192/200. He also placed 256th of 1,185 shooters (which is made up of all ages, through collegiate) for the National All-State team.

Gehrig's teammate, Hunter Juhl, a Junior at Parkview, placed 64th of 427 for shooting 189/200, and earned a patch for shooting his first straight 25.

2020-2021 was the fifth year for the program at Parkview. The first year there were seven students on the team. This year there were 19. It started with only high school students being eligible but has grown in popularity and proved successful. The third year it added seventheighth graders and next year it will allow participation for all sixth-12th grade students. There is no experience required to join the team. High school shooters can earn Varsity

letters and also earn college scholarships, just the same as any other sport.

Trap Shooting is a sport that anyone can participate in. In most sports there is a need/expectation to be tall or fast or strong or aggressive—essentially athletic ... Trap Shooting is a sport that allows many students, who otherwise would never be an athlete, to now be part of a team sport, earn awards, rewards, letters and scholarships and call themselves an athlete.

Coach Brad Clint is to be credited with the inception and success of the program.

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Wisconsin War Bride Diary I

By Charles H. Ripp, MD

Chapter 13—Moving In (Apartment)

Bethany still wants to get together at the earliest time I can find away from work. We'll catch up on all matters; and she has a guy to meet. Bethany feels he is a sure bet; so now I'm really wondering about many matters. The hassle of leaving a good job and taking another further away from home is a career risk potentially. I'm thinking way too far ahead because I've not even met this guy yet. Bethany is a matchmaker; and she is now experienced and engaged. I'm way behind on the news from my college dormies. However, I wish to catch up quickly. I can only make it a two-day weekend. I'll check with my administrator and sort out whether he'll be vulnerable to having to clear another three-day weekend trip for me. Maybe, he would consider this option. I'll just do a two day and travel to Chicago late Friday afternoon when dismissed. The traffic will be difficult; but I'll eventually make it to North Chicago where Bethany resides. I can taste the Chicago style pizza as I'm writing. This will be an exciting trip to meet someone and also dutifully satisfy my duties as a now alumni official of Marquette University (staying in touch with coeds regionally).

Our birth rate continues to soar in the late 1940s. There is no stopping or end in sight short of the proposed birth control pill. Most nursing journals state that this is years away (10-15 years). This would provide an option for Moms to control their families. The Catholic Church has already stated they are strongly and adamantly against birth control in any form. This statement rules the land; and even Protestants strongly support the Catholic Church on this matter. Life is short and one needs to find the correct partner. Many children will result in a short period of time with most couples modernly. Divorce is not an option because children are the focus of the marriage. I cannot wait for my own family to occur. I have the urge for a strong relationship, marriage and lots of kiddies. Maybe, Bethany is on to a certain wonderful guy for me. She has good taste and wouldn't connect me with a real stiff. It is just a blind date; and I'm making way too much of this in my head. The blind date in my mind with this guy is quite exciting. Maybe, I will inform my mother so she adapts over time. I'm not certain what to do in this situation. Mom was always suspicious of Bethany since they met as a college frosh. Bethany simmered in time; and by graduation my Mom and her fell in love with one another. Mom trusts Bethany also. Thus, if Bethany introduces me to another guy, she'll probably trust that choice. I'm quite good with this arrangement.

I skip to work without my Chevy because the weather is so beautiful. I cannot wait for our monthly grand rounds because I have two cases being presented today by the medical staff. I'll be able to provide some nursing highlights regarding the two cases. Both eventually incurred good clinical outcomes. The staff wants to review all cases with adverse events or possible substan-

dard care. These measures become quite touchy with some nurses and physicians. The ability to expose yourself to ridicule hardens your skills and fortitude mentally. I have been reported for providing substandard care under my managerial supervision for two patients with good outcomes. Peer review is a hidden process. The reporter is immune from discovery. All MDs and RNs obtain peer review. I'm being criticized for delivering when the OB was nearly in the parking lot (as if I have control over labor). Some of these cases are political because in obstetrics there are many variables with deliveries at "crunch" time. I'm impressed, however, that our rural hospital has such high standards. I learn from peer review and OB conference. St. Claire Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin will be difficult to leave. I'm thinking way too far

Chapter 14—Pressure to Move to Denver

I'm hearing a ton from my family about my living situation, being single and being "picky" about guys. Mom is constantly on me about meeting more guys from the church because like all grandmothers, she wants more grandkids to cuddle. Mary, Roland and little Jimmy are in Illinois. That is far enough away to put pressure on me to produce. Brother James is a Jesuit; and the odds are he'll never reproduce. None of the potential guys I've been introduced, knew from high school or are eligible within Green County are my type. These guys either dress unusual, have bad manners, act weird, have limited education (I'm not a snob) or there just isn't magic. Sorry Mom, I cannot just marry to please Dad and yourself.

I want a real life with someone I love, cherish and am on the same page. It cannot be forced. I want all the bells and whistles of a nice marriage and family. It's there, and if I'm forced to wait, then it is what is meant to be. Dad says little about the subject like most guys. As expected, Mom is harboring wedding bells every time there is an eligible guy that reveals himself during communion or at coffee and donuts after mass. I'm not certain what to do. I have considered moving to Rockford (about 40 minutes). Dubuque is an hour away. Madison has a tight nursing job market and it's a college town (I'm past college, but some good guys "hang around"). Milwaukee has jobs in the suburbs and many eligible educated guys. I've still maintained my relationship with my dormies who are married and a few are not married. And I've maintained friends with my Chicago Marquette alumni from my era.

I'm still receiving letters and an occasional phone call from Marquette alumni and dormies. Initially, I thought the gals were just not serious about moving to Denver for jobs and guys. Now I realize this is serious. My letter from yesterday wants me to commit. Within the month there will be two-three cars full of graduated Marquette nurses traveling to Denver, Colorado with jobs starting on day one. They want me to join them with a commitment. As they travel past Monroe, Wisconsin on the way to Denver,

Colorado they will stop and load up me and my suitcase (that is the limit). It will require nearly twenty hours to travel to Denver, Colorado where a job in the suburbs awaits all of us new nursing graduates with some experience. What a decision to complete. I'm not certain what to do. Where is my life heading in Monroe, Wisconsin? I love my job and co-workers. I'm probably ending up an old maid who plays the organ at church. I will end up similar to Dot Asper. Dot is moving to Madison, Wisconsin to obtain a literary degree. Dot belongs amidst a group of University professors, teaching and instructing students about Shakespeare. This is her niche, and she'll perform well at the University of Wisconsin. I cannot imagine what she has endured by missing her Mom at such a young age. The death from metastatic breast cancer was a shock to her entire family. It happened quickly and stole many years from her Mom (dying at middle age).

The pressure with the phone

calls and letters just continues to mount and I need to ultimately make a decision within a few days. It is a yes or no to a Colorado move. My parents would "freak out" knowing that I'm considering moving at all. I would forever be viewed as rebellious and not part of the Monroe, Wisconsin community. My friends and family would view me as a traitor and someone who felt they were too good for Monroe, Wisconsin. I have a very difficult decision; and I'll most likely lose some sleep over the matter. I don't sleep now many nights because my sleep cycle is so imbalanced with obstetric nursing call. Our babies just keep coming; and that is the only thing that will keep me from thinking about this move in the back of my mind. Some of the letters remark that moving to Denver where the guy/girl ratio favors young women leads to many good things happening. The Colorado guys are remarkable with respect to manners and treatment of women overall. Some comments state that one of our Marquette alumni nurses was married within three months after the Colorado move with a baby on the way. This is all good information to hear; but I'm not certain how truthful this Colorado wonderland with jobs, guys and babies truly can be for all concerned. I'm quite confused by this sequence of events. I'm certain if I don't go, I'll be considered a traitor by my dormies. I'll never see them again. A tough decision needs to occur. I'll sleep on these thoughts.

I'm called to work early (0430) due to faint fetal heartbeats in a Mom with no prenatal care. We have no idea if she is term. Alcohol stoppage of labor was considered; however there is little time for this because of the baby's stress. An immediate Caesarean Section is occurring. Pediatrics is being summoned. The nurse anesthetist has little time for a spinal so a general (asleep) anesthetic is being utilized. As we were preparing the family and patient for the delivery, Mom has a seizure (eclampsia). Thus, we take Mom back to the OR (operating room) and intubate her, deliver the baby through the abdomen and pray. The baby is blue and barely

breathing. Mask ventilation as well as heart pumps are delivered to the baby (new resuscitation measures). The baby finally improves with oxygen and stimulation. Mom is struggling to live with massive blood loss and difficulty with her low blood pressure. We are giving everything (fluids/epinephrine/O negative blood), but the Mom unfortunately coded and died as they were sewing up her abdominal wall. This is extremely tragic!

This death will be reviewed and criticized. Medical malpractice is beginning to be a strong entity with everyone's expectation of perfection. On the medical staff's side is the fact that the Mom and baby were walk-ins with no prenatal care, she incurred eclampsia (seizures) and her status was critical when she arrived. A Mom death has not occurred in our department for months. Granted, in the year 1900 ten percent of Moms and babies died. We are well beyond the year 1900; and I would expect there will be some uncomforting news from administration. Our hospital has a great track record. Some aspects regarding the slowness of the blood transfusion, clearing Mom for surgery in a timely manner and having an MD anesthesiologist within the room will be reviewed. We just hired an MD Anesthesia doctor. He wasn't available at the time of delivery; but may have made a large difference. Nursing was excellent as my staff dropped everything and assisted in every aspect.

The baby now has no Mom. Grandma and Dad are nowhere to be found. Additionally, the family has no idea what has transpired. The hospital's adoption folks are already on their way to handle the baby situation. I would take the baby home with me except I don't have a Dad to help care for the baby. The baby girl has blond hair, blue eyes, weighs seven lbs. and giggles. This is a perfect baby without a Mom. This sad situation will be a good situation for an infertile couple. I know I want to be a parent very soon. I love babies and have that Mom instinct. It's a wonderful feeling that is indescribable. Thus, this baby will find a nice home soon; and be happy for life. Most of the infertile couples are wonderful parents and people. I don't know if Dad will show up in the situation; and if that is the case, then the law will most likely rule against his custody. This is a great opportunity for a couple that cannot conceive to make a superb home for a baby. I'm actually excited for the couple. It's quite sad that Mom died; but we resurrected the situation with a good home for the baby. I don't care to see a maternal death again. I witnessed one while in nursing school in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I'm still not over that clinical miscue.

I arrive home to my studio efficiency apartment and have nothing for supper ready. I miss Mom's evening meal; but it was me that chose to leave. I make a quick decision to go to Turner Hall and grab a quick Swiss meal. I walk outside and the weather is wonderful. Birds are singing and it smells fresh. I love the outside. I walk into Turner Hall and there are few people present. I order a coke and a lite Swiss meal.

As I begin to eat I'm confronted with my prior date from Monticello (eliminated his name from my mind). I try to avoid him by gulping my food; but to no avail. He arrives at my table, sits down and begins to make a hit upon me. I informed him that I didn't want to talk and he didn't listen. He maintained his persistence that we should connect. I couldn't take it because he was obviously drunk again in the early evening. The manager of Turner Hall tried to persuade him to move away. Suddenly, this monster slugs the manager and he's bleeding and on the floor. My former date left quickly and the staff called the police. What a mess!

I said I had to leave, but the Turner Hall employees said they would need evidence for the police. They transferred the manager to St. Claire Hospital. He appeared dazed and may have a major head injury as he hit the floor (subdural hematoma). I told the police my story about dating this guy prior, his alcoholism and subsequent foolishness near me today. The manager tried to protect me from him; but to no avail unfortunately. The assistant manager said, go home, don't pay and gave me a meal to go. I walked home slowly thinking about lots of things from living at home to a Denver move. Perhaps this isn't the right place for me? This event could have happened anywhere; but since my hometown is so small, I can't escape these situations. People know each other's business in a millisecond after an event occurs. I want some privacy that I'm not receiving here. I'm sounding like Dot Asper (librarian) who has a strong bias away from living in a small town as a single woman. I finally totally get it!

Many thoughts are running through my mind; and I'm sincerely thinking of moving. Chicago makes the most sense; but the traffic and issues with such a big city (#2 in the United States in population and overall size). Denver on the surface seems more cozy; but it is growing and has some big city issues. I'd have some close friends for company and socialization. I'm not certain what to do; and maybe what has just happened is real life. This is not unlike the Mom that died earlier today, babies born premature and guys I love dying in war. I'm just not certain where life will take me. I'm obviously frustrated; and Dot Asper is the only person I can confide my inner thoughts. And Dot has moved to Madison where she belongs in a literary University think tank. I need to move on; and a change is not out of the question. I'm a big girl now; and, it's my life (not Mom's life). Perhaps a move to Racine, Rockford, Des Moines, Quad Cities, Twin Cities, etc. makes more sense.

 $(Continued\ next\ week)$





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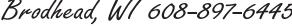
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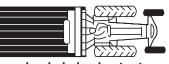
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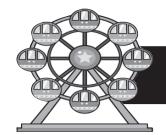
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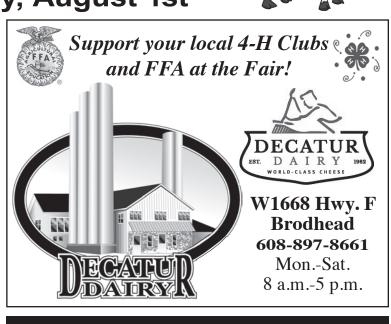
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