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Covered Bridge Days Tractor Show quickly approaching

The tractor show at Covered Bridge Days is quickly approaching. Everyone is invited to come and take in some of the many activities taking place on Saturday, August 10 and Sunday, August 11, in the fields along county T, north of Gassers Hardware and the community gardens. Admission to all events are free.

Along with the antique tractor and implements display both days, there are demonstrations on how our ancestors did things 100 years ago. They will be threshing wheat, baling straw, crushing rocks, turning logs into boards, shredding corn shocks and shelling corn.

Saturday events:

10 a.m.—Kids pedal pull on 19th Street. Come earlier to register. Run by the Brodhead FFA and sponsored by Speich Oil

11 a.m.—Antique tractor and garden tractor pull start

4 p.m.—Tractor drive with free will donations given to the American Cancer Society, wagons available for people to ride on

Sunday events:

10 a.m.—Antique and garden tractor pull start

12 p.m.—Parade

Bring a chair to watch the pulls and let your kids burn off some energy playing on the large pile of

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Brodhead Sports Boosters Chicken BBQ moved

To keep everyone informed, the Brodhead Sports Boosters Chicken BBQ will be changing location this year during Covered Bridge Days. They will be on the south side of town down by Kelsch Corporation on 19th Street.

They will still be offering drive up and dine in under the tents. Hope to see you there and a successful weekend. Serving time will be the same as before.



Come celebrate the 1st Brigade Band's 160th Birthday!!

Brodhead Historical Society invites you to step back in time on Sunday, August 11, when the 1st Brigade Band performs during Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days. This unique, Civil War-era band will perform an Ecumenical Church Service at 10 a.m. and again at a concert from 2–3:30 p.m. Both performances will be in Veterans Park, which is near the Depot Museum on 1st Center Avenue.

Come celebrate the 1st Brigade Band's 160th Birthday!! The original band in 1864 included 18 men from the Brodhead Brass Band, who enlisted in the Union Army as the band of the 1st Brigade, 3d Division, 15th Army Corps. They left their rural homes to participate under the command of General William T. Sherman in the campaigns of Northern Georgia and the Carolinas. The "Tradition of Excellence" that these men established lives on today with the members of the 1st Brigade Band.

History comes alive as members play period brass band music on antique instruments while attired in uniforms and gowns circa the Civil War. The entire collection of 240 instruments, all made before 1865, and their

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Keeping Up With The Jones' Quilting is going to have extended hours during Covered Bridge Days—August 9, 10 and 11 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Daily!

Quilters will be creating items using Kaffe Fassett material to be displayed and judged at our store. Please come in and vote for your favorite Kaffe Fassett project! On Saturday, August 10, at 10 a.m. there will be a trunk show put on by Eileen Daniels. She will be showing you unique things to do with orphan blocks!

Everyone is welcome to come join the fun!

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. No Sunday school; Sunday worship service 9 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. Online worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Brodhead Church of the Nazarene, 1004 13th Street. Pastor Ken Lawson. Adult worship 10-11 a.m.; children's church 10-11a.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 9 a.m. worship. NO Sunday school for summer—starts in September. Nursery care is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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.

Green County Genealogical Society meeting

"Behind The Obvious" a staged reading of Monroe Women who built the community. The MTG Heritage Players will present three historic women figures spanning Monroe history from 1806 through 1956. The fourth woman is a surprise guest narrator.

The MTG Heritage Players are a mobile group of actors dedicated to preserving Monroe's past historical figures through re-enactments. Stephen Eliasson is the founder of this group and also the MTG Cabaret Players.

Stephen has written many tributes including "Within These Walls", a tribute to famous speakers in Turner Hall's history and "The Forever Bridge" for Turner Hall's 150th anniversary.

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its Saturday, August 3 meeting at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library meeting room on the second floor.

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

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Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblner. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

Magnolia Christian Church, located on County A just off Hwy. 213. Services are Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. and can be viewed on their Facebook page. Call 608-449-6510 for more information.

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jadyne Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m.; Bible class and Sunday school 10:15 a.m.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARY



Tamara (Tami) Tracy

Tamara (Tami) Tracy, a beautiful soul passed away peacefully at home on July 18, 2024, surrounded by her family.

She loved scrapbooking and crafting. Any chance she got she would be outside working on her flowerbeds. She loved to go camping or fishing. But most of all she loved to be surrounded by her family.

Tami is survived by her husband, Danny Tracy; her kids: Little Danny (Steph) Tracy, Savanna (Jason) Tracy, Sean (Sam) Rudi, Tasha (Arlon) Nehls, Heather (Cory) Volkey, Tim (Brianna) Ritter, and Cara (Robin) Tracy; her parents Stan and Sharon Ruledted; her sister Brenda Rudi; and her 23 grandkids and three great-grandkids: Tatum, Kylee, Kyler, Payton, Logan, Kayla, Mason, Tucker, Matthew, Danielle, Mikayla, Kiana, Landen, William, Skyler, Loukas, June, Caden, Ezekiel, Ava, Delilah, Simon, Sabastian, Beau, Brylee, and Addaline.

She is preceded in death by Brandi (her baby girl she is now able to raise), Grandpa Glen, Grandma Jeanne, Aunt Carol, her brother Todd, and her beloved dog Mattie.

Celebration of life is to be announced at a later time.

If you would like to donate anything please donate to the SSM Oncology and Cancer Center. We believe that's what Tami would want to be done.

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Ecumenical Church Service Sunday, August 11, 10 a.m. in Veterans Park

This year's Ecumenical Church Service during Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days will be presented by the 1st Brigade Band. A band member who is an ordained minister will conduct the service. The band's "Church Book" contains nearly 50 hymn tunes and a variety of special music selections. This exciting interdenominational service will feature discussion of several of the late 1800s hymns and their meaning, played by the band.

The 1st Brigade Band originated in Brodhead 160 years ago, and is proud to return to Brodhead for Covered Bridge Days. The Bandmaster is Brodhead native Jon Condon; his wife, Susan, son, Doug and daughter-in-law, Elsa are all members of the band. Genia Allard (Wegmueller) is a Monroe native and will sing in the performance.

Bring a chair, come enjoy this interdenominational church service at Veterans Park.



Garden Club Flower Show

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club will be hosting its annual flower show during Covered Bridge Days on Friday, August 9 and Saturday, August 10. The show will be in the Courtesy Room at the Bank of Brodhead from 9 a.m.—3 p.m. each day. This year's theme is Petals and Stems. Besides their usual displays of flowers and plants, they will be giving away a \$25 gift certificate to 1st Center Floral and a quilted wall hanging (pictured). The piece measures 28x15. Stop in and sign up for the drawings and enjoy the flowers of their labor.

SCWFU BioCar Demo and Movie Night

The SCWFU will host BioChar Demo and Movie Night on Sunday, August 11, from 5-8 p.m. at the Wegmueller Farm, W4358 Montgomery Road, Monroe. SCWFU will show "The Need to Grow" and "Dairyland". "The Need to Grow" is a family-friendly film about Environmental Solutions including BioChar soil support, Small Scale Urban Farming and the fight for Girl Scouts to offer non-GMO cookies. BioChar Kiln demonstration and talk will also be offered by the DNR and NRCS. The "Dairyland" short film showcases their very own Wegmuellers!

Tickets are \$5 adults \$10 families and available at the event. Brats, hot dogs, popcorn and cookies will be for sale. Bring your own chair and drinks. Please email mattbshea4@gmail.com for more information.

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~Maya Angelou



ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

SAVE THE DATE

The Brodhead Police Association is hosting the 10th Annual Brodhead Night Out on Tuesday, August 13th (rain date Wednesday, August 14th) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Jaycee Park, 300 4th Street. This FREE Night Out is a community wide event to heighten awareness of crime, drug and prevention efforts and to encourage community participation. For more information please visit them on Facebook!

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN-UP

(Deadline: Friday, August 9th)

The Brodhead Parks & 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 7th and ending October 12th.

Registration forms are available at the Brodhead Parks & Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityof-brodheadwi.us>). The cost is \$60, which includes an 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, call Domanic at 608-897-2159 x9. Deadline is Friday, August 9th. After Friday, August 9th you must call to check availability, if availability, there will be a \$20 late fee added on.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

The Thursday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League will be holding their fall meeting on Thursday, August 1st at Albany Lanes. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. They ask that at least one representative from each team attends.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Becky at 608-897-4352. Thank you.

Lohmeier Reunion

The annual Lohmeier Reunion will be held Sunday, August 3rd 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.

Benefit Breakfast to benefit Family Promise of Green County

The Monroe Moose Lodge 754 will host a benefit breakfast to support FAMILY PROMISE OF GREEN COUNTY on Sunday, August 4th, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. This Benefit Breakfast is open to the public and all proceeds will benefit Family Promise. Adults \$11, children five-11 \$6, children four and under eat free. Family Promise has been proudly serving our Green County communities since 2011. Thank you for your support.

Albany United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social

On Wednesday, August 7th the Albany United Methodist Church will hold their annual Ice Cream Social at the church, 500 Park Street. Prices are a la carte. The menu is BBQ beef, hot dogs, brats, potato salad, cheesy potatoes, chips, baked beans, desserts, ice cream sundaes and milk, coffee and lemonade. Serving is from 4:30-7 p.m. so mark your calendars. All ages are welcome for fun and fellowship

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 Friday, August 2nd at the Jaycee Park in Brodhead from 5–9 p.m. Relay For Life teams are committed to finishing the fight against cancer and raising 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." During this event Honorary Cancer Survivor, Dan DeMuth, will be sharing his cancer journey story.

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 a great event that helps support the fight against cancer!

Tractor Show

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sand, donated by Schlittler Construction.

Food stands, including one by the Brodhead Lions, selling a variety of food items will be open all day, with the Brodhead Sport Boosters selling their famous chicken BBQ in the afternoon both days. There is plenty of parking—make plans to park in one of the fields and grab a hayride to uptown events. Rides start at 10 a.m. and will run all day Saturday. Everyone is free to bring any antique farm items they would like to display.

Anyone is welcome to come on the tractor ride. Come; take in a slow pace view of the beautiful countryside. Questions? Call Jim Huffman at 608-558-1507.

1st Brigade

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collection of sheet music of the civil war era, numbering 690 titles help in the nostalgic portrayal of the atmosphere of days gone by.

While the abundant written and pictorial materials remain of this era, the mellow sounds of the brass bands of the 1860's were lost until the 1st Brigade Band, starting in 1964, began to locate and restore the dented and broken instruments and to retrieve and reconstruct the yellowed and torn music. Through their work you can now hear what Presidents Lincoln and Davis, Generals Lee and Grant, and their contemporaries heard.

Covered Bridge Day events will conclude with the Brodhead Community Band performance at 6 p.m. in Veterans Park. Bring a chair, come enjoy these 1st Brigade Band events and our community band. If the weather is bad, the afternoon concerts will be held at the high school auditoria.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers available at ADRC

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Southwest Wisconsin-Green County office has been awarded the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program Vouchers from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. These \$45 vouchers provide older adults the ability to purchase fresh, locally grown produce while supporting Wisconsin farmers, markets and farm stands. Local markets these can be used at in Green County include the Monroe Farmers Market and the New Glarus Farmers Market.

To be eligible, the participant must be:

- Green County Resident
- 60 years or older
- Meet income guidelines (185% or lower of the federal poverty limit).

To learn more about the program or to see if you are eligible, please contact the ADRC at 608-328-9499.

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 lawn chairs/blankets—Reminder: dogs are not allowed in city parks. Concerts are FREE to the public - come and enjoy!

Sunday, August 4th

Bluegrass Reunion

(Taking the audience down memory lane)
Cub Scouts - Hot dogs, chili dogs, chips, dessert & drink



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THANK YOU!



Thank you to Bullwinkle's Coffee and More for supporting me at my first livestock auction by purchasing my steer during the Green County Fair.

~ Rylee

Second Annual Juda Bash

The Second Annual Juda Bash will be held on Friday, August 2, from 3-11 p.m. and Saturday, August 3, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., at the Juda Community Park, W3058 High School Road, with nightly entertainment. High Horse will play Friday, with Stolen Grace playing Saturday, from 7-10 p.m.

On Friday there will be a beer garden, chicken BBQ and kickball games. On Saturday there will be food available, beer garden, Juda Hill Climb, 3-vs-3 basketball tournament, 4-vs-4 grass volleyball tournament, kids activities, car show, youth ball games and more.

On Saturday there will be fireworks at dusk presented by Carter & Gruenewald Company, Inc. and Grande Cheese Company.

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

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


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

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


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

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

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



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Soggy Prairie shared their combination of blue grass, Americana and original music to those attending the Concert in the Park series. Just two concerts remain before the summer music season is over so make your plans to get in on the free fun. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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The Friends of **BRODHEAD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY**

By Sarah Carpenter

The Brodhead Memorial Public Library has long been the place to go for books, movies, and other forms of entertainment. Last December, a new collection of non-traditional library items, called Library of Things, was released to the public that allows patrons to check out materials such as yard games, cooking appliances, and craft kits.

We're happy to announce that with a generous donation from The Decatur Lake Mill Race Association and a grant through The Bass Pro Shop Cabela's Outdoor Fund, we now have four fishing poles and four tackle boxes available for free check-out with your library card!

Most Library of Things items, including the new fishing poles and tackle boxes, have a two-week loan period. There's still plenty of time before the start of the new school year for kids and teens to get out on the water, so come check out a pole and tackle box today! Remember, children under the age of 16 do not need a fishing license in the state of Wisconsin.

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The Green County Agricultural Society and Mechanics Institute, commonly referred to as the Green County Fair, has used the \$4,000 in grant funding to upgrade to LED lighting in the sheep and goat barn, hog building, and show building. Pictured in the newly lit hog building from left to right are Fair Board member Julene Elmer, Compeer Financial Loan Officers Erin Mullett and Anne Schultz, Fair Board Members Leslie Brugger and Brian Beck and Green County Fairgrounds Manager Amanda Swedlund.



Pictured: Doug Eppich, Vice President of Decatur Lake Mill Race Association (left), and Stuart Bisbee, Director of Brodhead Memorial Public Library (right)



In addition to quilts, home decor and the well-known Amish made furniture from both local and distant craftsmen, helps with needed funds for the Clearview Amish School. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Green County Little Britches Dairy Showman

By Kathie McCullough, Green County Little Britches Dairy Showmanship Coordinator

At the 2024 Green County Fair, 34 kids ages four-eight years old participated in the annual Little Britches Dairy Showmanship Contest. Kids borrowed calves from exhibitors at the fair in order to give showing a dairy calf a try. Members of the Green County Junior Holstein Breeders guided the young showmen around the show ring while the Glenn and Joann Brewer Family provided prizes and a medallion for each participant. Lauren Breunig, the 2024 Wisconsin Holstein Princess, interviewed each showman and served as judge.



The class of five year old showman are all lined up.



JJ Moore of Brodhead is being interviewed by Wisconsin Holstein Princess Lauren Breunig.



From left, Kinslee Brewer helps her aunts, Tami Brewer Behnke and Traci Brewer, Albany, get ready to pass out awards to the Green County Fair's Little Britches Dairy Showmanship Contest contestants on Wednesday of the fair. The Brewers have been sponsoring the prizes for this event for two years in memory of their parents, Glenn and Joann Brewer.



Cheyanna Jordan, Brodhead, won the six year old class with her Holstein calf, Amigo. Photos provided by Bainbridge Images/Elizabeth Bainbridge.



Sunshine and clear skies brought large crowds to the Clearview School consignment auction last Saturday. Quilts are a main focus for many. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Wisconsin residents invited to help search Wisconsin's waters for invasive species on Saturday, August 10th

Rock County Land Conservation Department invites nature-lovers of all ages to Snapshot Day, a search for aquatic invasive species (AIS) on Saturday, August 10th, at Beckman Mill Park. Snapshot Day is a statewide effort to protect Wisconsin's streams, lakes, and wetlands by monitoring designated sites for invasive plants and animals that may threaten the state's wildlife and water ecosystems, including our valuable fish populations.

This is a free event. Recommended for ages eight and up, minors must be accompanied by an adult.

EVENT DETAILS:
Saturday, August 10th
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Beckman Mill Park, 11450 S County Rd H, Beloit, WI 53511

REGISTRATION:
Register and see all event details at: <https://wateractionvolunteers.org/events/>.

Advance registration is requested to help Site Leaders build monitoring plans but will remain open until Friday, August 9th.

Thank You!

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank the Brodhead FFA and Alumni for the opportunity to show sheep for my first time at the Green County Fair. It was an awesome experience! A special thank you to Evelyn Crooks and Jordan Farms for sponsoring the Lamb Performance Class. A HUGE thank you to Paul & Hilary Zimmerman of Spring Grove Dairy for purchasing my market lamb from the youth livestock auction.

~ Jenna Pinnow

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University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension Post-Secondary Pathways event helps young people make plans for their future

In June, youth from across Wisconsin gathered at the University of Wisconsin-Madison campus for the annual Summer Academy event, hosted by UW-Madison Extension's Positive Youth Development Institute and 4-H.

At Summer Academy, youth had the opportunity to build and learn skills to reach goals and plan for the future. Youth participants explored careers, college and other topics of interest through interactive workshops. They developed positive connections with other youth and adults through small and large groups activities.

Youth participants chose one of 6 college/career track options to explore: agriculture, expressive arts, health, baking, transportation, or biological sciences. Tracks were led by faculty and staff at both UW-Madison and Madison Area Technical College.

Mirielle Smith from the Washinton Center 4-H Club explained, "I plan to use what I learned at Summer Academy by presenting to the Adult Leaders and helping my community with what I learned about making a stronger, safer, and better community through my Leadership and Civic mini track."

Youth participants engaged in goal setting and visualization activities to help them make plans for their future. Youth leadership was also front and center, with our Wisconsin Leadership Council youth leading small groups and supporting participants throughout the experience.

There was, of course, lots of time for fun, too. Some of the most popular event elements were the Makerspace evening, recreation options hosted by Outdoor UW on Lake Mendota, team trivia, a dance, and the Art Team Art Show + Drama Company performance. All of these special events made for a very memorable week.

Summer Academy focuses on youth from 8th-11th grades. It helps youth hone their skills as leaders and take a deeper look into their post-secondary journey. For more information, please visit go.wisc.edu/4HSummerAcademy.



Green County Summer Academy—Two Green County 4-H members attended Summer Academy. Left to right: Milo Dickson and Mirielle Smith.

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By Franz Mussared Varga

Rainbows and cows flew side by side this June as Green County celebrated its LGBTQIA+ citizens.

Pride month kicked off with an announcement before the Green County Board Meeting on Tuesday, June 11 reiterating June as Pride Month in Green County. The Green County Board initially declared June as Pride Month in Green County in 2023, symbolizing the board's commitment to recognizing and celebrating LGBTQIA+ community members and fighting against the discrimination and inequities that impact LGBTQIA+ individuals.

The Monroe High School (MHS) Pride Car Parade next took place in the historic square and streets of Monroe on Saturday, June 22. Despite the rainy weather, over a dozen decorated vehicles joined the pride motorcade, which culminated in a pride celebration at Twining Park hosted by the Monroe High School Gay Straight Alliance. Attendees gathered resources around LGBTQIA+ representation and mental health resources, alongside refreshments and games.

The Green County Pride (GCP) team staffed a table at Brodhead's Family Fest on Saturday June 29. GCP gladly shared rainbow flags, temporary tattoos, stickers, inclusive books, and educational resources with the citizens of Brodhead. Many thanks to the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce for making space for pride in the Brodhead community, and to the grandstand team for the foot-stomping live music and entertainment!

Pride doesn't take place only during June! If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to Green County Pride at greencountypride@gmail.com to learn more about our community engagements and to attend our monthly meetings. To engage with the Brodhead SAFE club or Monroe High School Gay Straight Alliance, reach out to the club advisors at jgardipee@brodhead.k12.wi.us or carolynschultz@monroe.k12.wi.us respectively.

Wild Ones Rock Valley present Adventures in Food Forestry

The Wild Ones Rock River Valley will present Adventures in Food Forestry on Thursday, August 15, at 6 p.m. social time with program starting at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at Cherry Valley Library, 755 East State Street, Cherry Valley, Illinois. Zoom: <http://wildonesrrvc.org/> Pre-registration for Zoom is required. See website for details.

Join them to hear Judy Speer as



she presents the story of 15 years of growth in a (mostly) native food forest in northern Illinois. Inspired by permaculture and ecological restoration practices, she and her husband Jack have been transforming a patch of woody invasives into a diverse multilayered perennial habitat that also provides some food and medicine for humans. Learn how their observations and experimentation are deepening their relationship with the land, and what they have discovered about growing pawpaws, chokeberries, butternuts, sochan and other indigenous foods. Judy Speer lives in an oak savanna near the headwaters of the Nippersink Creek in McHenry County. As one of the founders and directors of Small Waters Education, (<https://smallwaters.org>) she promotes mutually beneficial relationships between humans and the rest of the natural world. Through experiences in ecological restoration, permaculture, and deep ecology, Judy loves to share the joy of supporting the web of life and finding one's place in the ecosystem.

This program is free and open to the public. Participants can attend in person at the Cherry Valley Public Library or attend via Zoom with prior registration found on our website at <http://wildonesrrvc.org/>. Call Jerry Paulson, 815-222-4414 for more information.


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13094 Center Road, Thurs., Aug. 1, 4-8 p.m.; Fri., Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-noon. Bikes, canoe, teacher supplies, toys, kids clothes, home/holiday/yard decor, cloth diapers, furniture and much more!

POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department July 22-28, 2024

At 12:01 p.m., Friday, deputies responded to the N5300 block of State Highway 104, in the Town of Albany, for a two-vehicle crash. Investigation revealed a vehicle operated by Linda F. Grenawalt, 76 of Brodhead, was traveling southbound when she collided with an illegally parked vehicle. Grenawalt reported no injuries, was wearing her seat belt, and the airbags did not deploy. Grenawalt's vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene. The parked vehicle was operated by Gleason K. Weichelt, 41, of Brodhead. Weichelt and his passengers reported no injuries, were wearing their seat belts, and the airbags did not deploy. Weichelt's vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library A Few More New Titles!

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

There are a few more new titles on the shelf, in addition to those listed in the paper and on Facebook last week. No cheerful tales here but instead thought provoking writing as characters deal with tragic, life threatening or agonizing situations the likes of which could have come from today's news.

The Durand American Legion Auxiliary presented to the library a book by Tom Brokaw, *The Greatest Generation Speaks, Letters and Reflections*, in memory of Charles Long who lost his life during the Korean Conflict. In the book, the veterans of World War II share their reflections and memories of participation in that terrible event.

American Rust, a novel by Philipp Meyer, is a highly praised story written in 2010, which recounts the relentless heartache following the decline of the steel industry in a Pennsylvania town. Further problems envelop the main character as he hopes to escape the ravaged economy of his small town. It is a story that could happen anywhere as local economies experience upheaval.

Author M. L. Stedman's *The Light Between Oceans* is set on an island far off the coast of Australia. A loving couple who lives there and operates the lighthouse were grieving over the loss of three pregnancies over the years. Then the woman hears the cries of a baby as a boat drifts toward the island. In the boat is a dead man and the baby. Against her husband's principles, they take the baby as their own, a "gift from God", his wife believes. Their return to the mainland two years later is a stark reminder that they are not alone in the world.

The Last Bookshop in London takes place during World War II. Author Madeline Martin presents Grace, who takes on operating a bookstore during the air raids and blackouts of that dark period.

Through the beauty of books and the art of storytelling Grace is able to bring community together and offer hope.

American Dirt, a 2020 novel by Jeanine Cummins, tells the story of a Mexican bookstore owner and her young son Luca who are forced to flee their comfortable home in Acapulco after her journalist husband is assassinated for exposing a dangerous and powerful drug cartel. Mami and Luca escape the violence and, consumed with grief and fear, they make the harrowing journey to the US border and what they hope is safety.

The following are titles, which were described, in last week's Volunteer.

These titles include *The Women*, *The Nightingale*, and *Night Road*, all by Kristin Hannah; *The Woman They Could Not Silence*, Kate Moore; *Before We Were Yours*, Lisa Wingate; *A Man Called Ove*, Fredrik Backman; *The Lost Bookshop*, Evie Woods; *The Golden Spoon*, Jessa Maxwell; *Every Breath and A Walk to Remember*, Nicholas Sparks; *A Sand County Almanac*, Aldo Leopold; *Demon Copperhead*, Barbara Kingsolver; and *West with Giraffes*, Linda Rutledge.

About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between the school library and the Friends of the Durand Library. Entry is at the east, or playground, end of the building. Follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. Check out privileges are free for all residents of the school district. Please do not hesitate to call or email if you need assistance accessing library services.

Summer hours are 9 a.m.—noon Saturdays and 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays. Please note that Tuesday, August 6 will be the final Tuesday public hours.

Email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call 815-289-8602 and visit us on FB/durandvillagelibrary.

Please note— The last day of Summer Tuesday hours at the Durand Library will be August 6.

ACADEMICS UW-LA CROSSE ANNOUNCES MAY 2024 GRADUATES

The following area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May.

Students earning degrees in May include: Kassi Heins, Bachelor of Science, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education, Honors and Ryan Winder, Bachelor of Science, Statistics Major: Actuarial Science Concentration, Honors, both of Albany; and Allison Kriens, Master of Science, Applied Statistics and Seth Rieman, Bachelor of Science, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Exercise Science—Pre-professional Track, Highest Honors, both of Davis, Illinois.



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

There's always something going on at Albertson Memorial Library! The Summer Library Program just finished learning about wetlands: swamps and bogs and such, especially the ones in Louisiana. As you can imagine, it's mighty difficult to get around a marsh, so we make hovercraft from an old CD and a balloon to show one way people can get around the wetlands. We also used sponges to show how the wetland stores and purifies water. Can you think of what happens if we build a parking lot over a swamp? Yep, flooding, big time!



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1927 Chevrolet Capitol a Highlight of Revamped Rock County Legacies Museum Community Invited to Celebrate Grand Opening Wednesday, August 21, Pick up a Piece of History

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) invites the community to attend the grand opening of the revamped Rock County Legacies Museum 2.0: The Heartbeat of Janesville's GM. The event will feature live music by the Wild Flamepoints, food trucks and a Janesville-made car show. Attendees are also welcome to pick up a piece of history: a brick from Janesville's General Motors plant. The event is set for 5-8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 21 at the RCHS Museum and Visitor Center, 426 N. Jackson Street in Janesville. Admission fees are waived for this night only. Donations are welcome.

Sponsored by Blackhawk Community Credit Union (BHCCU), the updated exhibit moves from focusing on employee stories to showing more memorabilia from General Motors, JATCO, Fisher Body, and the UAW, all donated by community members and BHCCU.

The exhibit spans the history of General Motors in Janesville, from its beginnings in 1919 as the Janesville Machine Company to its closing in 2008-2009.

A highlight of this exhibit is a 1927 Series AA Chevrolet Capitol, built at the Chevrolet-Fisher Body Assembly Plant in Janesville. The vehicle was donated to RCHS by Janesville residents and lifetime RCHS mem-

bers Joe and Tina Pregont. It was originally purchased by Joe's father, Jack Pregont, who was the original owner of the 1927 Chevy.

Hundreds of memorabilia and artifacts have been added to the updated exhibit, including a bulletin board about UAW and GM military service veterans, milestone photos, Jatco jackets and uniforms, a Janesville bike used by workers to haul tools and make repairs within in the plant, and much more. Many banners also are on display, including one from 2002 that commemorates the last medium-duty truck to roll off the assembly line. The banner is accompanied by a video.

"The updated exhibit is a testament to the impact that GM had on our community. People have donated so many artifacts, and we are honored to display as many as possible," said Tim Maahs, RCHS Executive Director. "The grand opening of the updated exhibit is the beginning of another exciting new museum experience for everyone."

Maahs said the artifacts in the newly revamped exhibit show the story of the men and women who worked at the plant. "When you walk through this exhibit, you'll get a real sense of the plant, including what people wore, signs they saw, milestone photos, and even blueprints."

The Rock County Legacies Exhibit was developed in collaboration with BHCCU, which was founded within the walls of the GM plant 58 years ago. The credit union collected stories, artifacts, and mementos from the community and the plant for many years. The original exhibit opened at RCHS in 2022, focusing on the stories of the people of Janesville's General Motors.

"RCHS is honored to share the history of the Janesville General Motors family of businesses and the UAW through our updated Rock County Legacies exhibit," Maahs said. "Thanks to BHCCU and all the community members who shared artifacts, stories and photographs, the history of GM is captured, not lost."

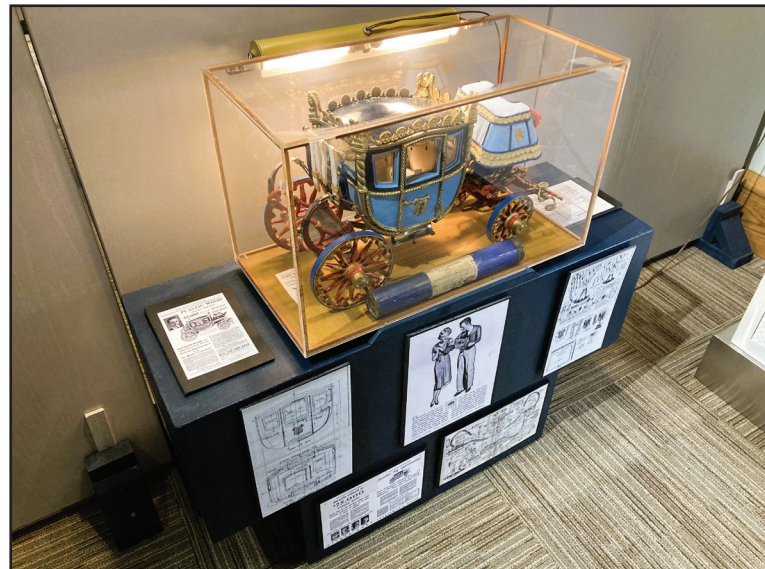
Following the grand opening, the Rock County Legacies exhibit 2.0 will be open Thursdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tickets are available at the RCHS Visitor and Museum Center, 426 N. Jackson Street in Janesville. Pricing is \$20; free for RCHS members and people age 10 and under. Admission includes the Pickard China, Pauline Pottery, and Parker Pen exhibits

RCHS has been welcoming the community to its campus since 1950 when William Tallman's Italianate-style mansion was donated to the city of Janesville, with the agreement that it serve as a museum for

the community. RCHS operates the Lincoln-Tallman Museum, along with a Museum and Visitor Center; the Tallman Carriage House; the RCHS Archives; the Frances Willard School House; and the Stonehouse. A nonprofit organization, RCHS offers tours to people of all ages, provides thought-provoking programs, and hosts many events each year, including an annual awards gala and a holiday tree show.

The history of GM in Janesville dates back to 1918, when the com-

pany branched out into farm vehicles by buying the Samson Tractor Co. Within 12 months after the purchase, nearly 150 tractors per day were rolling off the production line. Car production at the Janesville plant began in 1923, but the Great Depression shuttered the plant from 1932 to 1934. The plant made 16 million 105 mm artillery shells during World War II, and then returned to automotive production after the war. The Janesville GM plant ceased all production in April 2009.



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