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## Covered Bridge Days returns with activities on land, in the air and on the water

One of the area's favorite festivals—Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days—opens Friday August 13th and runs through Sunday August 15th. The Festival is offered at no cost to the public—admission is free.

The City of Brodhead will be brimming with many exciting and interesting activities in several venues including on the land, in the air and on the water.

New in 2021, the Historic Downtown will boast live bands on the Stoughton Trailers Stage. The Bank of Brodhead and Madison Partners present Sojourn Rocs on Friday evening and Madison County on Saturday evening. Both bands are high-energy and are Midwest favorites that will have you dancing in the street. Additional major sponsors include Kuhn North America, Bank of New Glarus, Floors for Less, Body Crafters Auto Body, Brodhead Dental Clinic, LPL Financial and Senz Insurance.

The many long-standing Covered Bridge Day traditions—Kid's Fun Run; Wildflower Art Festival; Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Garden Club Display; Kelch Museum and Gypsy Air Tours; Pontoon Boat Rides, Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides; Tractor Pull, Display & Drive; Classic Car Show; Softball Tournament; Cornhole Bag Tournament; Chicken BBQ; Live DJ & Radio Broadcast; food and craft vendors; and more—will be happening at many different venues throughout the City of Brodhead.

"Covered Bridge Days has so many things to do, you will never run out of great ways to entertain the whole family for the entire weekend," says Trey Carpenter, President of the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce. "Take a ride on the water in the DLMR Pontoon Boat Rides or take flight in an exciting Gypsy Air Tour Bi-Plane Ride. Back on land, visit the many vendors and activities all around town. Anywhere you look, Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days will have something for everyone!"

To see the most updated schedule and locations of the all the fun and excitement, visit the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce at [www.Brodhead-Chamber.com](http://www.Brodhead-Chamber.com).

## Clearview School Quilt/Consignment Auction

Our local Amish community held their annual quilt, furniture and bake sale this past weekend to raise funds for their Clearview School. It was perfect weather and a great crowd on hand for this event. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine and Gloria Sutter)



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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. Pastor Bill Wineke. Sundays: 9 a.m. worship. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Grace Independent Baptist Church, Hwy. 81, three-quarter of a mile east of junction with 11, Brodhead. Donald Adams, Pastor. 608-897-8484. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. Wednesday 6 p.m. service.

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

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ 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.

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


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

## Celebration of Life

Please join in celebrating the life of Robert H. Oliver at Putnam Park on Saturday, August 7, from 12-4 p.m. They will have a luncheon at noon and stories to tell afterwards. Family and friends are welcome.

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OBITUARY



## Albert Badertscher, Jr.

Albert Badertscher, Jr., age 85, of Brodhead, passed away on July 30, 2021 at the Monroe Clinic Hospital.

Albert was born on March 7, 1936 in Brodhead, Wisconsin, the son of Albert Sr. and Frances (Green) Badertscher. Albert married Janice Olson on April 14, 1962 at the Orfordville Lutheran Church.

Albert worked at age 16 at Freeman Shoe and later served his country in the US Army from 1959-1961. After the service he worked for GM for six years and worked on the family farm for 17 years. After his retirement from farming he continued to work for 16 years at Swiss Colony. Albert enjoyed deer and elk hunting, working on cars, especially his 1958 Chevy and working on his lawnmowers and tending to his garden.

Albert is survived by his wife, Janice; three children: Tony (Kelly) Badertscher, Teri Deremo and Randy “Pud” Badertscher; four grandchildren: Samantha (Brandon) Dienberg, Stephanie (Bill) Baker, Amanda Deremo (Nate Behrend) and Justin Badertscher (Kylie Leitzen); two step grandchildren: Joshua (Erynn) Hartman and Nathan (Mylissa) Hartman; nine great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Albert was preceded in death by his parents, five siblings: Werner (Lois) Badertscher, Leila (Alvin) Schwartzlow, Charlene (John) Schwartzlow, Allard (Alice) Badertscher and Dolores (Alvin) Friedrich and one granddaughter, Vanessa Badertscher.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in Albert’s name.

Funeral services will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Saturday, August 7, at noon. A visitation will also be held at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until noon. Burial will conclude at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

## SOFTBALL

### Sunday Night Church

Sunday results: Living Word defeated Bethlehem Lutheran 9-8; United Methodist-Albany defeated Luther Valley 18-5; UCC defeated Church of God 11-7.

Season standings: UCC 10-1; United Methodist-Albany 9-3; Church of God 8-3; Luther Valley 6-5; Living Word 3-8; United Methodist-Brodhead 2-9; Bethlehem Lutheran 1-10.

## Walk to End Hunger

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

Unable to walk that day? Donations for the food pantry will still be eligible to enter for the door prizes.

Help them fill the CUP! Questions? Contact Heather Dobson at 608-558-9688 or Ginger Riese at 608-897-4520.

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

Hope to see you Saturday, August 8th!

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## SOFTBALL

### Tuesday Night Masters’ League


Tuesday’s results: M&J’s Bar defeated Stables 13-3; Bridge’s Bar and Grill defeated Bank of Brodhead 17-5; Panoske Plastering defeated Beast Buffet 4-0.

Final standings: Panoske Plastering won 12 lost 0; Beast Buffet 7-5; Bridges Bar & Grill 7-5; M&J’s Bar 7-5; Bank of Brodhead 2-10; Stables 1-11.


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ACTIVITIES  
AROUND TOWN

PONTOON RIDE VOLUNTEERS  
NEEDED

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

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

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

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.

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.

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.


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By Carolyn Seaver, Director

July was full of projects in the library.

To help make it easier to browse, we are continuing to work on re-labeling the adult fiction; we are relabeling our large print collection to say LARGE PRINT, and are relabeling our early readers with ER spine labels.

Summer Reading has gone great. Besides over 200 books logged, we have given out over 300 grab-n-go craft bags and had 3 story walks. Diane has more crafts for both children and adults, so keep checking our table.

Our daytime book clubs are both in the process of starting up again. Please sign up at the library. We are limiting the number of participants to 10 at this time. The first book club is reading Lake Success by Gary Shteyngart. We have books ready to be checked out.

You may have seen more people working in the library this summer. We have been training some new staff as well as offering new training for current staff. We have also welcomed back two of our awesome volunteers. Nicki Schlappach has been helping with valuing the library contents for an update of our insurance policy, and Deanne White has been helping with the genre project.

The library board has also been busy. The board has continued reviewing and updating library policy. They are examining current insurance needs and they have begun a preliminary study of library hours. They have had a sign of explanation added to the repaired donor wall. Their big project this year was the solar panel installation. The display documenting the installation including pictures from the Albany High School photography class is still up for viewing.

Our summer worker Ivy Horn, will be heading back to college this month, so be sure to stop in and wish her the best. I personally would like to thank her for her hard work and the cheerful attitude she brought to the library this summer.

## 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.

## 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!

## AUGUST HEALTHFUL HINT “How Safe is Your Well Water?”

Did you know that Rock County has over 11,000 private wells? Regulations that protect the public drinking water systems don't apply to privately owned wells. If you own a private well, you should regularly monitor for any contaminants to ensure the continued safety of your water.

On average, only about 800 Rock County wells are tested each year for bacteria or nitrates. Of those wells, 17% test positive for bacteria, and 25% of wells have unsafe levels of nitrates. Annually testing your water is an easy way to identify possible problems and keep your family healthy.

### Why should I test my well water annually?

- Bacteria can cause flu-like symptoms such as nausea, vomiting, fever, and diarrhea.
  - High nitrate levels can cause blue baby syndrome, an oxygen deficiency in the blood.
  - Insects such as earwigs can carry bacteria, viruses, and pesticides into your well.
- When should I test my well water?**
- Buying or selling a home
  - Changes in taste or odor
  - The arrival of a new infant
  - Well recently installed or repaired

Testing your well water annually is an easy way to identify possible problems and keep your family healthy.

### How do I test my well water?

The Rock County Public Health Department maintains a certified lab that offers multiple water testing services. Water testing kits are available to test private wells.

•Order a kit online by visiting the Rock County Public Health Department website: <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth-environmental/publichealth/water-quality/publichealth-health-lab> (Shipping and credit card processing fees may apply).

•Request a test kit in person. You can stop by the Rock County Public Health Department during regular business hours to request a test kit. Bacteria and nitrate tests are \$25.00 each and paid for when the water sample is returned to the Rock County Public Health Department.

•Kits for additional tests are available through the Rock County Public Health Department, with testing provided by the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene.

For more information, please call 608-757-5440. Environmental health specialists are available to answer questions, explain test results, and help resolve contamination or water quality issues.

Erin Yenser is a Health Educator for the Rock County Public Health

## Twilight in the Park

**6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. • Veterans Park**

*All concerts will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m.  
Bring your own lawn chairs - we will be practicing social distancing.  
We encourage you to wear your masks if you are comfortable doing so.  
Concerts are FREE to the public - come and enjoy!*

### Sunday, August 8th

#### The Dang-Its

(Honky Tonk, Western Swin & Americana)

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Department. If you would like to ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email [RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us) with Healthful Hint in the subject. The Rock County Public Health Department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable. For more information follow us on social media @rockcountypH.D.

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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### 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.

### 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.

### REMINDER BHS CLASS OF 1975 REUNION

Reminder of BHS class of 1975 reunion to be held Saturday, August 14th at American Legion in Orfordville. Also those that are interested can meet downtown on the square Friday night for street dance. Invitations have been sent but if you have not received one or have any questions contact Julie Yaun Carroll at 815-299-0900.





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**CASEY'S CORNER**

*By Casey Jones*

Good morning! It's once again time to grab your favorite beverage and read your favorite newspaper!

I hope you had a great week. What a fun time to be in Brodhead. It seems like every weekend there is something going on to help bring people to our community.

As I was thinking back trying to remember what celebrations or events were held in Brodhead in the 70s, I just kept drawing a blank. We had the Memorial Day softball tournament, the 4th of July softball tournament and the Labor Day softball tournament. I remember lots of teams and the skill level of those teams was remarkable. Perhaps there were other celebrations but as a kid they didn't stand out in my memory.

I don't know exactly when Brodhead became the focal point of so many events but I am glad it is happening now. I do know that without the many volunteers and people of vision these events could not be possible. There are many volunteers behind the scenes working tirelessly with their only compensation being the satisfaction of a job well done.

The next time you attend one of these events let them know how much you appreciate their efforts. It will bring a smile to those that bring so many smiles to town.

Have a great week!  
[casey@bccole.com](mailto:casey@bccole.com)



**The Wisconsin Towns Association recognized Michael Moore for his service as Unit Chair/Co-Chair. He was honored at the Rock County Unit meeting on Thursday, July 22nd, in Janesville.**

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Purple Coneflower, Bee Balm, and other natives planted by seed in 2019 are seen blooming by the Pearl Island Bridge.

**“Wildflower Walk” is August 15**  
By Paul Roemer

Discover rare native plants that once blanketed the landscape of this area before settlement in the 1830s. Find grasses and flowers, which have built Midwest soils and made this region the “Breadbasket of the U.S.” Identify native plants suitable for rain, pollinator, and butterfly gardens. Enjoy a guided “Wildflower Walk” on Sunday, August 15 at 10:30 a.m. in Putnam Park.

The native gardens in Putnam Park will be the focus of our adventure. Most of the slope along the Mill Race north of the Pearl Island Bridge was planted with native plants in 2013 and 2014 by Brodhead School District students.

The “Wildflower Walk” is part of the Brodhead Wildflower Festival, which features the Wildflower Art Festival at Veterans Park on Saturday, August 14. The Brodhead Wildflower Festival is paired with Brodhead’s Covered Bridge Days.

An easy hike, the “Wildflower Walk” is suitable for all ages. We will also play “Wildflower Bingo”! Each participant will receive a free packet of Orange Milkweed seed. Come prepared to “Expect the unexpected!” during this one hour nature adventure!



# Wisconsin War Bride Diary I

By Charles H. Ripp, MD

## Chapter 14—Pressure to Move to Denver

I cannot live without love and surely don't want to marry just anybody. I need to meet more people. I guess that Mr. Right is somewhere around but hasn't revealed himself. My friends in Milwaukee all want a better life—yet they are living in a big city and in part are moving because of the “no guy” situation. The guys all over are either really dead from the war (never came home), are wounded or emotionally affected by stress trauma syndrome of war. I'm not dealing with a guy that has baggage more than Midway airport. I've witnessed enough during nursing school to make myself puke constantly watching end stage drugs and alcohol addictions.

I fell asleep fast and have to write in my diary before I drive to work. The weather says thunderstorms all day so I'm not walking. I have another letter from my best friend in the dorm who I'm certain wants a commitment to move to Denver, Colorado. I just don't know because I just moved out of the house. This would entail myself quitting my job, ending my apartment lease, a garage sale and perhaps saying goodbye to many friends and family here. My parents would be on life support in an iron lung if I left. Again, it's my life and my modern issues. Mom and Dad have their own issues. It will be fun visiting them periodically; but in reality it will be once a year. First year vacation time as an RN isn't freely granted. It's usually one or two weeks per year. My parents can also visit me by plane or car. I'm discussing the fact that I am moving, but I'm actually haven't decided. Perhaps I could travel west if it works for the Milwaukee crew. I'm confused and will work out what is best for me when I arrive home later today or tomorrow.

Work at the hospital today was easy. We had a staff meeting and discussed improvements in birthing care, delivery standards and breastfeeding (big division). Our staff continues to be remodeled because most of the RNs and ancillary help that we recruit have babies and are forced to quit or go to part-time work. This creates a scheduling nightmare when children become ill and there is no home coverage by a grandmother or dad. Many obstetric ward shifts at St. Claire Hospital endure skeleton staffing because of the shortage. Despite the lack of staff, patients still expect three meals per day, couples meals, visitation privileges for Mom and baby and a week of bathing, birthing and child education. It's almost too much for any well-staffed ward. I'm exhausted because I'm performing two - three jobs at once. Every time I sit down for a lactation session with Mom, I'm called for a delivery. On many occasions the obstetric or general practice physician is nowhere to be found. We have no “house” doctor; but we should. The hospital is unwilling to pay for such an expense. Most of the delivering docs will deliver for another as a collegial gesture. Some grumble about it; but realized they've been covered also. The RNs are for one doc in house to cover all the deliveries; but that will never happen due to jealousy and fear of patients lik-

ing the new delivering doctor more than the office ob-gyn prenatal doctor. It's fairly petty as between and including some physicians in the same group.

My calm day just became a chaotic mess with five gals in labor (two preterm). Thus, I'm now feeling spirited while envisioning a lunch. Now I've got work for a long shift and probably a double shift. The hospital feels it can survive on a fragile crew; however, it becomes so busy that our CNAs (certified nursing assistants) now deliver babies. They have no choice when called to a room with a Dad “losing it” and a baby at the vaginal introitus. I just don't feel this scenario is good care; but similar occurrences are happening at virtually all American hospitals. Babies just keep coming with no end in sight. I love what I'm doing, but I cannot connect socially, don't eat many nights due to the late hours and have trouble sleeping because I'm too tired (they say there is such an entity).

I'll get our first Mom delivered with Dr. Marin. He's our most well liked obstetrician. In general, Dr. Marin is a very good guy with a nice family (apparently getting back with his wife/family post divorce). He has no psychiatric tendencies, games or issues brought to the ward. He's settled after getting back with his family and is no longer chasing nurses. His kids I've met once appear well adjusted. Dr. Marin is a prominent member of the staff who would do anything for patients and staff. I would like to freeze and duplicate him as he is now.

Our next birth was a difficult forceps delivery. The obstetrician was in a very bad mood because we pulled him from a busy clinic (sorry). We were able to finally get this baby girl out with her head sunny side up (occiput posterior instead of anterior). This “asynclitic” birth was nothing short of a near C-Section (operative delivery). This painful labor was without merit for our drugs. Our triple (scopolamine/ demerol/ phenergan) was just not working; and a caudal local anesthetic catheter may have helped immensely. Unfortunately, the nurse anesthetist was treating another patient with halothane; and our staff was so busy that nothing got charted for hours.

The hospital checks our charting; and if not completed, they are unhappy (with threats of dismissal). We are nearing a crisis situation. Nobody dies from the pain of childbirth; but it seems that the misery is beyond compare. I want nothing for the best for our deliveries; but in this modern delivery suite many patients want a painless labor. Ultimately, for some laboring Moms we successfully place caudal (sacral) blocks with local anesthetics and catheters. Some Moms receive spinal anesthetics, but this has side effects while in labor. Spinal anesthesia can immensely help pain but causes some labor delays if Moms cannot sense when to push. It is a pure trade-off for the entire labor process.

I am delighted I finally finished my day. I worked a double—16 hours plus two hours of charting to follow before home. I ate a small salad in the cafeteria. I'm so tired I need to eat and sleep. My normal

life habits will however elude myself. I stay up until 1, then 2 and finally 0300. I have to return to work at 0700—meaning I'm up at 0530. I absolutely cannot live like this. I know the hospital doesn't really care. They care about patients; not work conditions of RNs. Maybe I should transfer to the floor, work in Freeport, Illinois or find a clinic job. I'm good at what I do (obstetric nursing). I've spoken to my administrator superior (Shelly). She's nice, understanding and relays there is very little she can accomplish. I don't recall the Marquette RNs working these impossible hours. I want to be a team player; however, under these circumstances I cannot function. Everyone becomes “moody” when the world is not right. I'm moody!

Shelly (supervisor) can be a real killer-diller. She is rather shy, a good mom and family person, works hard and obeys the hospital administration mission of cost savings and providing excellent care. I cannot complain of Shelly as an administrator. She understands my position on the obstetric ward; but is not coming to my rescue with decent shifts, improved staffing or continued better training for staff. Simply, there's not enough money in the Catholic hospital system to afford many of these luxuries, I'm stuck and going nowhere regarding my RN position. Though I've just moved from Mom's house to my own flat, I cannot work under these strenuous conditions forever. There is an endpoint. Many of the nurses and staff know I'm a bit frustrated with the situation. This may be an endpoint for my departure—despite the decent money (lettuce) I'm procuring.

I open the letter from my Marquette dormy and discover that the caravan leaves in six weeks. A party is planned prior to the departure for friends and families in Milwaukee. The Denver move is a big deal. I need to resolve to discuss this with my parents. They will veto the move; as will Roland, Mary and James. Right now, I have no choice. I cannot work at St. Claire Hospital in obstetrics with these long grueling hours and live. It's not the obstetrics; it's the short staff and hours. Full-time and beyond obstetric nursing is a risky business. I've had enough close calls and have experienced near death and death a few times. The letter clearly states that we'll all have jobs in downtown Denver or a suburb. RNs are in short supply; and, guys not wounded, good looking and resourceful are in plentiful supply (so they say). I'll sleep on this a couple nights – if I can sleep.

Work was not grueling until at the end of my shift I experienced a laboring Mom with severe hypertension, protein in the urine and seizures (eclampsia of pregnancy). We treated it with IM meds and inhalation halothane by the nurse anesthetist (fortunately they were in house and not in surgery). This worked well until she awoke with seizures requiring high dose barbiturates (worked). She also bled after surgery requiring a balloon into her uterus for a couple days to tamponade (compress) the bleeding. My day never ends on a smooth note. After being told I was to work another

shift I decided it was time for me to move on somewhere. I thought about it all night; and essentially made a decision to go to Denver, Colorado with my friends. I'm not happy because of the long uphill hours. I love the obstetric RN work; however, can no longer work endless hours (80–100 hours/week). This is over for me. If I transferred to the medical or surgical floor, I'd be considered a weasel. I'd be embarrassed on the floor; and be required to endure the daily obstetric staff wanting me to return. I'm leaving!

After today I vow to relay my thoughts to my parents, inform the hospital that I'm leaving in a month and ultimately inform my RN buddies from Marquette that I'm in. What an adventure! The only person other than my family I need to inform is Dot Asper. She called and wanted to get together at Baumgartner's this weekend. She already has a boyfriend from Madison who is also coming. She's heard rumors that I may be leaving. I don't know where that originated (Milwaukee?). Despite this, I need to inform Mom and Dad of my decision to leave, allow the hospital two weeks' notice and immediately inform my RN colleagues that I'll be “on-board” with the western move to Denver, Colorado. I'm anxious regarding all of this including informing parents, upcoming roommates and employer. I'm very scared; but it is what I must do without a better lifestyle and no guy. I'm going nowhere and heading to become a “beat-up” Old Maid RN in Green County, Wisconsin. I've got plenty of work to do before my exit from Green County, Wisconsin.

I slept over these facts and arrived home the next day feeling good. I walked over to my parents and they already knew I was moving to Denver. Everyone in Monroe, Wisconsin knows I'm going to Denver—including my employer, RN Colleagues, friends and family. Everyone is just being nice about allowing me to inform them of my decision. This must have permeated from Milwaukee downward. Perhaps Mom read my letter (unhidden). Dad was mum on the subject and wished me luck. James is in Iowa and Mary resides in Illinois. They are both within driving distance. Denver, Colorado is similar to traveling to the moon for my family and myself. Mom is quite frustrated by her body language. She wishes Bernie Saddler hadn't died (now confirmed). War has brought us all grief beyond repair. We're all moving on in our own ways and dealing with the emotional strife that everyone has incurred by making a new generation (and how). I feel good but somewhat guilty because the Monroe Hospital gave me a job, head RN position and plenty of hours. I cannot sit on this forever; and need to make a bold move to find a mate, have decent working hours and make my earthly existence meaningful to me. I am not khaki wacky.

I'm actually sleeping good and awake with the need to inform Shelly (RN administrator). She'll understand and wish me luck. Everyone knows what is occurring. Shelly was nice enough to inform me that I would be missed and that

a job was always present should I return to St. Claire Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin. I wandered over to the unusually quiet OB ward where everyone knew what just occurred. I let my emotions flow and everyone chimed in with positive comments. It was as if the war was over again. I cried mercifully. I don't know if I can work today; but must hold up the bargain that I made with Shelly. I will work until I leave as she has to recruit an outside experienced obstetric RN head nurse. I informed her I would help; but I'm probably not the person to help because of my leaving. This recruit may call me; and I'll be required to inform them of the long RN hours and being called in frequently despite not formally being on call. Shelly gets it and understands we may be reviewing RNs for a lengthy period.

I'm sleeping well tonight and work the next day uneventfully. One of the Moms says she's heard I'm leaving and offers a blind date to me. I replied that I don't mix social and work environments. The guy actually sounded interesting; but I've completed my decision. I envision running into some purebred beautiful guy my last Wisconsin days. I need to be prepared to leave despite the social scene, my job, embarrassment of sorts and parents. I'm crying yet happy as I write my friends to inform them of my decision. I generally don't call because of the long distance rates being severe. The party lines are so intrusive where there is always somebody listening to your conversation. I generally work better with face-to-face interaction. I'm soothed by having all this groundwork done. I expect there will be guys, jobs and all kinds of situations thrown my way before I depart to Colorado. I'm ready.

I meet with Dot and her boyfriend at Baumgartner's in Monroe. We have the usual Huber beer on tap and a Muenster cheese sandwich. This cheese is from my relatives in Brodhead; and it is yummy. I want to remain close to my Brodhead relatives who make cheese at our family farm and cheese factory. This was more than a mere hi-de-ho meeting with Dot. She wanted me to reconsider because we'll be losing each other as friends. Though it has only been a short while, we are friends. I informed her that we'd be seeing each other whenever I return home; and she was always invited to Denver, Colorado. That is like Mars to Dot. She has little money and is attending college essentially without an income. She'll work the Monroe library as needed; but the little income she collects will go to the UW in Madison, Wisconsin. I'm not passing the buck regarding friends and responsibility. Dot gets the entire scene and wants me to stay because of friendship. She says to consider Madison work. It's full of guys—mostly left over college males who cannot connect to the real world. They love college and are generally immature. I saw these guys in Milwaukee hanging around Marquette. I didn't like them.

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# 2021 Green County Premier Exhibitor Competition Results

The 12th annual Green County Premier Exhibitor contest was held at the 2021 Green County Fair. This event is designed to recognize 4-H and FFA members who have shown exceptional involvement and knowledge in their respective project area.

The Premier Exhibitor contest is open to any exhibitor in the areas of swine, dairy, beef, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry, and is divided into two age divisions. The junior division is for exhibitors in grades third-eighth, and the senior division is for exhibitors in grades nine and up. There is also a Platinum division for youth in the senior division who have previously won first place in their respective species. Youth who participate in this division are tested on all species rather than just their own. During this event, contestants participated in showmanship, a skillathon, and took a 35 point knowledge quiz. The skillathon consisted of four stations: breed identification, equipment identification, meat and cheese identification and feed identification.

2021 Premier Exhibitor Results:  
Beef: Junior Division—First Place: Colt Nyman, Washington Center; Second Place: Joshua McCullough, Juda FFA; Third Place: Skylar Kundert, Young Americans. Senior Division—First Place: Luke McCullough, Juda FFA; Secondnd Place: Katie Nusbaum, Juda FFA; Third Place: Abby Foster, Juda FFA.

Dairy: Junior Division—First Place: Alex Roe, Washington Center; Second Place: Trenton Hendrickson, New Glarus 4-H; Third Place: Wyatt Steiner, Spring Grove Honest Workers. Senior Division—First Place: Ellie Eichelkraut, New Glarus FFA; Second Place: Alyssa Holcomb, Monticello FFA; Third Place: Grace Gold, Next Generation.

Goats: Senior Division—First Place: Jensen Christensen, Monroe FFA; Second Place: Levi Leitner, Cheese Country Clovers.

Rabbits: Junior Division—First Place: Mickaelynn Andrews, Washington Center; Second Place: Peter Goers, Washington Center; Third Place: Helaina Keehn, Next Generation. Senior Division—First Place: Jordan Lerch, Juda Jolly Juniors; Second Place: Emily Goers, Washington Center.

Poultry: Junior Division—First Place: Daniel Dunphy, Albany FFA; Second Place: Dalia Williams, Browntown Busy Beavers; Third Place: Mason Swedlund, Spring Grove Honest Workers. Senior Division—First Place: Lucas Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers.



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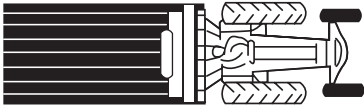
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Madisyn Kail—Second Team All-Conference, Best Teammate; McKenna Young—MVP, First Team All-Conference, Captain, First Team All-District, Second Team All-State; Sophia Leitzen—First Team All-Conference, Hardest Worker; Taetum Hoesly—First Team All-Conference; Alexis Kammerer—Most Improved.

Not Pictured: Bailey Matthys—Honorable Mention All-Conference; Natalie Bump—Honorable Mention All-Conference, Academic All-State.



**Back Row (L to R):** Garrett Grossen, Alex Roe, Nick Roe, Ellie Eichelkraut, Alyssa Holcomb, Jordan Lerch, Grace Gold, Megan Leitner, Luke McCullough, Trenton Hendrickson. **Middle Row (L to R):** Mickaelynn Andrews, Madilyn Arnold, Wyatt Steiner, Reagan Schmelzer, Jensen Christensen, Levi Leitner, Leilah King, Kloe Jordan, Katie Nusbaum. **Front Row (L to R):** Dalia Williams, Joshua McCullough, Daniel Dunphy, Peter Goers, Lucas Veeder. Some winners are missing from photo.

Sheep: Junior Division—First Place: Kloe Jordan, Next Generation; Second Place: Reagan Schmelzer, Spring Grove Honest Workers; Third Place: Olivia Christen, Washington Center.

Swine: Junior Division—First Place: Leilah King, Next Generation; Second Place: Madilyn Arnold, Spring Grove Honest Workers. Senior Division—First Place: Nick Roe, Washington Center; Second Place: Jerzie Lerch, Juda FFA; Third Place: Garrett Grossen, Monticello FFA.

Platinum Premier Exhibitor—Grand: Briley Swedlund, Juda FFA. Reserve: Megan Leitner, Cheese Country Clovers.

The top participant in each species and division received a Bluetooth Speaker donated by Colony Brands Inc. The second and third place participants in each division received \$30 and \$20 Nasco show supply or Farm and Fleet gift cards, respectively. The Grand Platinum Premier Exhibitor earns an embroidered gym bag, with the Reserve earning a \$25 Culvers gift card.

Sponsors for this contest included: Colony Brands Inc., Hesgard Collision Center LLC, Green County Holstein Breeders, Green County Jr. Holstein Breeders, Green County Beef Producers, Green County Pork Producers, Green County Sheep Producers, Green County 4-H Goat Committee, and Extension Green County.

For more information about the Premier Exhibitor Competition, please contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608328-9440.

POLICE

By Jeff Skatrud, Green County Sheriff

The Green County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's assistance in identifying the subjects pictured in the attached photographs, taken at the scene of one of five business burglaries in or near Clarno Township between Friday, July 2nd, 2021 and Tuesday, July 27th, 2021. In most cases, businesses were forcibly entered and cash was taken. One of the photos appears to show a suspect holding a pistol.

Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Green County Sheriff's Office at 608-328-9400 or Green County Crime Stoppers at 800-422-7463. Callers may remain anonymous and if the tip results in an arrest, may be eligible for a cash reward.

The Sheriff's Office encourages businesses when at all possible to remove cash and valuables when their businesses are closed and area residents are asked to report any suspicious persons or vehicles spotted in their neighborhood.



POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department July 26-August 1, 2021

At 1:44 a.m., Tuesday, deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for driving beyond the traffic barrier (Road Closed) on South Cincinnati Street at CTH E in Albany Township. Subsequent investigation, the driver was identified as Shaun L. Koss, 40, of Albany, was cited for operating without a license (third offense w/in three years) and arrested on an outstanding child support warrant issued by Green County. Shaun was taken into custody and transported to the Green County Jail without incident.

At approximately 5:57 p.m., Thursday, deputies arrested Angela M. Johnson, 46, Brodhead, at a residence in the N200 block of Hartman Road in the Town of Spring Grove on a warrant issued for her arrest through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Johnson was incarcerated in the Green County Jail.

At approximately 10:31 p.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the 700 block of N. Cincinnati Street in the Village of Albany for a traffic complaint on a vehicle. It was reported that the driver of the vehicle was squealing its tires and revving the engine. Deputies located the vehicle and the driver, who was identified as Duane M. Lindemann, 21, Albany. Investigation resulted in Lindemann being arrested for operate while under the influence (alcohol) first offense. Lindemann was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of THC. Lindemann was released pending a mandatory court appearance. The Brodhead Police Department assisted Deputies with the investigation.

At approximately 3:41 p.m., Saturday, deputies, New Glarus EMS, and the New Glarus Fire Department responded to the W6100 block of STH 39 in the Town of New Glarus for a report of a single motorcycle crash. Investigation revealed that Berit K. Harpstrite Nielsen, 59, Juda, was traveling eastbound when she failed to negotiate a curve in the roadway. The motorcycle exited the roadway and entered the ditch. Harpstrite Nielsen was ejected from the motorcycle. Harpstrite Nielsen sustained injuries in the crash and was tended to by EMS. Harpstrite Nielsen was not wearing a helmet. The motorcycle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. The New Glarus Police Department assisted Deputies at the scene.



**Brodhead Municipal Finding Date: 07/07/2021 through 07/14/2021**

Manuel Avila, Janesville, disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle, violation date 05/15/2021, \$98.80.

Jamie B. Beggs, Janesville, disorderly conduct, violation date 05/21/2021, \$313; fail/obey traffic officer-work area, 05/21/2021, \$98.80; operating after suspension, violation date 05/21/2021, \$124; non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 05/21/2021, \$98.80; disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle, violation date 05/21/2021, \$98.80; fail/stop at stop sign, violation date 05/21/2021, \$98.80.

Mitchell Eliel Charneco, Brodhead, possession of THC, violation date 04/24/2021, \$340.

Timothy Jon Conway, Brodhead, open burning, violation date 04/24/2021, \$124.

Chad Andrew Fernandes, Orfordville, disorderly conduct, violation date 04/24/2021, \$313.

Faith L. Gobeli, Beloit, hit and run-unattended vehicle, violation date 04/29/2021, \$187.

Tarryn R. Granlund, Janesville, possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, violation date 05/20/2021, \$187; operating while intoxicated, violation date 05/20/2021, \$861.

Dennis Ray Gustafson, Jr., Brodhead, operate motorcycle without valid license, violation date 05/24/2021, \$124; operating after suspension, violation date 05/24/2021, \$124; disorderly conduct, violation date 05/24/2021, \$313.

Kaylie G. Hilt, Brodhead, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 05/16/2021, \$10.

Blake Allen Jones, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 05/24/2021, \$98.80.

Branden M. Lauder, Morris, IL, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 05/24/2021, \$98.80.

Gregory A. Mau, Brodhead, parent/guardian contribute to truancy, violation date 04/07/2021, \$114.

Blake L. Ring, Brodhead, failure to transfer vehicle title, violation date 05/17/2021, \$124; display unauthorized vehicle registration plate, violation date 05/17/2021, \$161.80.

Tracy Lynn Rutz, Edgerton, WI, fail/stop at stop sign, violation date 04/16/2021, \$98.80; possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, violation date 04/16/2021, \$187; operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 04/16/2021, \$124; operating while intoxicated, violation date 04/16/2021, \$861.00

Emma L. Stump, Morris, IL, possession drug paraphernalia, violation date 05/24/2021, \$124; possession of THC, violation date 05/24/2021, \$691.

Christina L. Tway, Brodhead, dog license, violation date 05/16/2021, \$124; nuisance/danger animals, violation date 05/16/2021, \$92.50; disorderly conduct, violation date 05/16/2021, \$313; disorderly conduct, violation date 05/16/2021, \$313.

Bryan K. Waddell, Monroe, permit unauthorized minor to drive, violation date 04/23/2021, \$86.

Damarius M. Williams, Freeport, IL, possession of THC, violation date 03/31/2021, \$691.

Noel Daniel Takeshi Yoshida, Brodhead, fail to signal turn, violation date 05/24/2021, \$98.80.

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