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## 1st Brigade Band to perform Sunday, August 13

Step back in time on Sunday, August 13, 2023, when the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band performs during Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days in tribute to Donald M. Condon, Jr., who passed away in March. This unique, Civil War-era band will perform during the Ecumenical Church Service at 10 a.m. and again at a concert from 2-3:30 p.m., both in Veterans Park.

This year's performance is made possible by the generosity of the family of Donald M. Condon, Jr., an accomplished Brodhead native (BHS Class of 1967 and 2013 BHS Wall of Fame inductee), who has family ties to the 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band. Don's brother Jon Condon is the

conductor, his sister-in-law Susan and nieces and nephews are performers, and nephew Doug Condon doubles as the band's manager. Elsa Condon, daughter of Spring Grove residents Barb and Fred Arnold, plays Eb bass, her husband, Doug plays Eb cornet, and Susan plays flute.

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

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## Covered Bridge Days is going B-I-G!

Be sure to mark August 11-13 on your calendar for Covered Bridge Days in Brodhead! They're excited to welcome back a local favorite, high-energy country show band, Madison County on Friday night, and a regional powerhouse, hottest top 40 country band in the Midwest, Bella Cain, on Saturday night! Two great shows with no cover charge!

In addition to the great musical acts, Covered Bridge Days features many long-standing activities at various locations throughout Brodhead, including beer gardens, vendor market on the Downtown Square, kids' fun run, Wildflower Art Festival, horse drawn wagon rides, Garden Club display, Kelch Aviation Museum and Gypsy Air Tours Biplane Rides, pontoon rides, tractor pull, display and drive, Model A Antique Car display and Classic Car Show, food stands, softball tournament, Bean Bag Tournament, chicken BBQ, Wildflower Walk and much more!

For complete schedule of events and the latest updates, visit BrodheadCoveredBridgeDays.com



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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor Rick Gleason. Summer Sunday worship 9 a.m. No Sunday school. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.com. 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 7 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 9 a.m. worship. Nursery care is available for those who desire. No Sunday school during summer. 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. Bible study Wednesdays at noon. Sunday, July 9: potluck style breakfast and worship service at Putnam Park (pool park) at 9 a.m.

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

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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, 608-934-5398. Pastor Jady N Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m. Monthly church Council and Ladies Aid meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 10 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.

**Fight for the light—silence the darkness!**

Living Word Church will be hosting a showing of the new film from Angel Studios—Sound of Freedom. The movie Sound of Freedom, based on the incredible true story, shines a light on even the darkest of places. After rescuing a young boy from ruthless child traffickers, a federal agent learns the boy's sister is still captive and decides to embark on a dangerous mission to save her. With time running out, he quits his job and journeys deep into the Colombian jungle, putting his life on the line to free her from a fate worse than death.

Sound of Freedom on Thursday, August 10th beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. at Living Word Church, located at 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead.

Tickets are available at the door or through this link: <https://brushfire.com/faithcontentnetwork/SoundofFreedom/558717/> tickets (purchasing in advance is preferred, please). Tickets are \$11 plus taxes and fees.

This film is not for entertainment. Due to the nature of this film's content, this is not for kids. No one 13 years of age and under will be admitted. Teenagers from 13-18 may attend with a parent (Not with grandparents, aunts, adult friends, etc). The subject matter of this film is heavy and hard, but important! In addition to the tragic subject matter, there is also some foul language in the film.

Please let them know in advance if childcare is needed.

After the film, they will host Brian Doty-Co-founder and Executive Director of AbolitionWisconsin, Every Daughter and bigbighouse-Dane County organizations aimed at ending human trafficking and helping victims find hope and healing. Brian will be sharing his heart about this subject, responding to our desire to get involved and answering questions. If you have already seen the film in theatres, you are welcome to come just for the session with Brian. (Approximately 8:30 p.m.)

Please get in touch with the church office with any questions at [ptl@livingwordwi.org](mailto:ptl@livingwordwi.org) or by calling 608-897-8246.



**Ecumenical Church Service Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m. in Veterans Park**

This year's Ecumenical Church Service during Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days will be presented by the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade Band originated in Brodhead, 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.

**DEATH NOTICE**

**Noreen Gracyalny**

Noreen Gracyalny, age 93, of Beloit, Wisconsin, passed away on August 2, 2023. She was born September 7, 1929.

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial was held at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. Burial was held in Mt. Thabor Cemetery. Daley Murphy Wisch and Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, Beloit, assisted the family with arrangements.

**Explore Life, Faith, and Meaning**

You are invited to Alpha! Alpha is a chance to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Join Living Word Church for a great meal and conversation with others who are exploring life and faith; no strings attached. If you come, they won't call you after, write or ask you to pick up the check—the ball is completely in your court. What do you have to lose?

Join Living Word Church on Sunday, September 10th at 5 p.m., ending promptly at 7:15 p.m. The church is located at 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead.

Call 608-897-8246 with questions or email [ptl@livingwordwi.org](mailto:ptl@livingwordwi.org)

**Classifieds: \$5 for 20 words (10 cents per word, thereafter)**

**\* THANK YOU \***

We would like to send a sincere message of how grateful we are for all the love and support we received during the passing of our son, father, and brother, Jeff Harding.

As we are not able to "thank" all of you individually we would like you to know how much your presence, cards, flowers, and sympathy meant to all of us during this difficult time.

We hope you continue to share all the memories and stories you have of Jeff and keep his children and family in your thoughts!

Forever thankful,

**The Family of Jeff Harding**

**Stateline Women's Connection dinner**

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecraft cordially invite you to their "Salute to America" dinner on Wednesday, August 16, at 6 p.m. The cost is \$20 for the meal. The dinner will be held at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Road 81, Monroe.

The guest speaker Wyman Johnson, from Webster, Wisconsin, will share "Triumph Over Tragedy—My heart will choose to stay." He will talk about finding peace after losing his young daughter o a brain tumor. The spotlight will be Bea Patterson on the Badger Honor Flight.

Reservations are due by Wednesday, August 9, by calling Chris at 608-558-3283 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: [statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com](mailto:statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com).

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### NFL FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN-UP (Deadline: Friday, August 11th)

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 9th and ending October 14th.

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 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, contact Domanic at 608-897-2159 x9. Deadline is Friday, August 11th. After Friday, August 11th you must call to check availability, if availability, there will be a \$20 late fee added on.

## They Are All God's Children

By Bruce Kloepping

A poignant spoken line from the movie 'Sound of Freedom' was "They are all God's children." Human traffickers are stealing millions of children to be used as sex slaves and this has become a big business enterprise for the drug cartels. It was stated that a baggie of cocaine could be sold only once but a child sex slave can be sold again and again. These children may be abused for years and when they are no longer useful. The child is killed, and their organs are harvested and sold. I shudder at the thought of this action.

Currently over 27 million people across the world are enslaved in forced labor or sex trafficking. It is a global problem, and the United States is the number one consumer of child sex. Mexico is the number one provider. Our federal government has released over 85,000 unaccompanied minors from border control custody. All contact with these minors has been lost. Where do they go? Who is in control of their lives? What will be their fate? Remember they are God's children.

'Sound of Freedom', a movie about child sex trafficking and how Tim Ballard a former Homeland Security agent rescued over 100 children from a sex trafficking ring, was produced in 2018 but 20th Century Fox decided not to distribute it. Disney owned the film in 2019 and did not release it. Both Netflix and Amazon passed on the film. Angel Studios thankfully now has the distribution rights. The film was released on July 4th and is doing very well in terms of both attendance and revenue.

My wife and I saw this movie and we were deeply moved and distressed. I recommend that you go and see this movie. It is important that we support movies of this nature that Hollywood does not want to show. There is now concern about child sex trafficking by some politicians on Capitol Hill because of this movie and they plan to pass some legislation to protect the children. So go see the movie and then contact your legislator to press him or her into action.

## Gap Church Museum, Inc. Fund-raiser

The Gap Church Museum, Inc. 31st Annual Hymn Sing will be held on Sunday, August 20, at 1 p.m. There is no charge for this event but donations are appreciated. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

The Gap Church Museum, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. The non-profit association is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Gap Church (aka Monticello Prairie Baptist Church). The church is a pioneer church established in 1850. The church building was built and cemetery platted in 1856. The building is maintained by donations only. All donations will be used to repair the church building's windows. Four have been repaired recently by Cardinal Restoration. They will continue as the money becomes available.

The Gap Church and Cemetery is located four miles west of Albany on Hwy 59.

For further information contact Craig Roth at 608-558-5280, Laurie Exum at 608-897-6990, Jane Copus call or text at 608-214-8289 or email [jcopus1@frontier.com](mailto:jcopus1@frontier.com).

## 1st Brigade Band (Continued from page 1)

of Northern Georgia and the Carolinas. The "Tradition of Excellence" that these men established, more than 130 years ago 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 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 Veteran's Park. Bring a chair, come enjoy these 1st Brigade Band events and our community band.

## SOFTBALL

### Sunday Night Church

7/30—Sunday results: United Methodist—Bass Creek Golf Club defeated Congregational UCC 16-4; United Methodist-Albany defeated United Methodist—Bass Creek Golf Club 17-6; Church of God defeated Living Word 8-6; Luther Valley defeated Bethlehem Lutheran 13-6.

8/6—Sunday results: United Methodist-Albany defeated Bethlehem Lutheran 5-3; Church of God defeated United Methodist—Bass Creek Golf Club 9-7; Congregational UCC defeated Luther Valley 5-2; Living Word defeated Luther Valley 13-3.

Season standings: United Methodist-Albany 7-2; Church of God 5-3; Bethlehem Lutheran 5-4; Congregational UCC 4-4-1; Living Word 4-4-1; Luther Valley 3-7; United Methodist—Bass Creek Golf Club 2-7.

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## Brodhead FFA Kids Pedal Tractor Pull

The Brodhead FFA will be holding their Kids Pedal Tractor Pull during Covered Bridge Days on Saturday, August 12, at 10 a.m. The event will be held at the south end of town on 19th Street and Country Road T. Classes are three and four year olds; five and six year olds; seven and eight year olds; and nine and up. The event is sponsored by Jim Huffman and family along with Speich Oil Inc.

## Covered Bridge Days Car Show

The Covered Bridge Days Car Show will be held on Sunday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Brodhead's Histoci Square. The event is sponsored by Body Crafters, Floors for Less and Brodhead Chevrolet.

## Brodhead Jaycees Kids Fun Run

Join the Brodhead Jaycees for a FREE kids fun run on Saturday, August 12, during Covered Bridge Days. Registration is from 11-11:25 a.m. by the gazebo on the Square. The Fun Run is a half-mile run and it starts at 11:30 a.m.

## Bean Bag Tournament

The Countyline Sportsman's Club is sponsoring a Bean Bag Tournament on Saturday, August 12. Event starts at noon, sign up by 11 a.m. at Legion Park or call/text Rick at 608-751-9542 to ensure your spot. Registration is \$20 per team; 32 team limit.

## DLMRA Pontoon Boat Rides

It's time again for pontoon boat rides during Covered Bridge Days—Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Purchase tickets at the Mill Race dam. Embrace the Race!

## Brodhead Open Horse Show and Speed Show

The Brodhead Open Horse Show and Speed Show will be held at Rockin H Arena, W1127 Pedee Road, Brodhead, on Saturday, August 12 and Sunday, August 13. For show information call Katie Huffman at 608-558-8920 or Leah Sampson at 608-575-6238.

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# Brodhead Backpack Food Program asking for financial assistance

By Jeannie Blumer, Past Chair, SWCAP Board of Directors, Volunteer, Brodhead Backpack Food Program

We are respectfully asking for financial assistance to support the purchase of food for Brodhead students. The Brodhead Backpack Food Program began in September 2019 with its goal to end weekend food insecurity within Brodhead students. The partnerships between Second Harvest Food Bank, SWCAP and the School District of Brodhead have provided a cost-effective plan to eliminate weekend food insecurity. This program continues to operate without staffing/administrative costs; the only cost to the program is the cost of the food. During 2022, Brodhead schools issued 2,653 weekend food packs to students, an increase of 72% from 2021.

Pandemic funding that provided free breakfast and lunches to all students has ended. The result—Brodhead students are coming to school hungry and are needing healthy snacks during the school day. While some students are food secure and have adequate snacks, many are not as fortunate. During the month of May, 480 in-classroom snacks were provided to Brodhead students, and 75 unduplicated students received 300 weekend food packs. We are expecting these numbers to rise when school starts in September.

Is there data that indicates Brodhead families might be struggling? Unfortunately that answer is yes. United Way's ALICE report (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) found 51% of the residents in the City of Brodhead and 16% of Decatur Township were either in poverty or ALICE. Being in ALICE means the household was over the federal poverty limit, but had insufficient income to meet their basic needs. I would encourage you to look at this report. It can be found at [https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.unitedwaywi.org/resource/resmgr/alice/fact\\_sheets/green\\_county\\_\\_alice\\_2023\\_.pdf](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.unitedwaywi.org/resource/resmgr/alice/fact_sheets/green_county__alice_2023_.pdf)

Food insecurity within Brodhead students is unacceptable, whether it is over the weekend or during the school day. And together, we can fix this problem.

For those who can help, please provide a donation to the Brodhead Backpack Food Program. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to the Albrecht Elementary School, 1400 21st Street, Brodhead WI 53520 and please earmark for the Backpack Program. Donations can also be sent to SWCAP, the 501(c)(3) non-profit that handles the Brodhead account. SWCAP's address is 149 N Iowa Street, Dodgeville WI 53533, and your donation needs to be earmarked so it is credited to the Brodhead account. As indicated above, 100% of your donation will be used for food for Brodhead students.

Together we can end hunger. Thanks for listening.

## Gardening With Native Plants through the Seasons

The Wild Ones Rock River Valley will present Gardening With Native Plants through the Seasons on Thursday, August 17.

Discover the inner and outer beauty of some of Good Natured Landscapes LLC owner Denise Sandoval's favorite native plants through the seasons. She'll discuss those she uses most often in her designs because they are beautiful, versatile, and easy to grow. These plants do well in clay soils, are easy to find locally, take a range of conditions, and look good in small-medium landscapes, as well as larger landscapes. Learn about their physical attributes, their behavior, how to use them in the garden, plus some of the wildlife they support. A handout with her recommended plant list, design tips and wildlife information will be provided.

Denise Sandoval is the landscape designer and owner of Good-Natured Landscapes LLC. She started her business in 2005 to create beautiful, functional and kind to the Earth landscapes for Illinois' far Western Suburbs featuring native plants. She discovered the beauty and benefits of native plants while volunteering at a restoration site and working on her horticulture degree in 2003. Her expertise is blending creative, artistic design with local ecology, to ensure every landscape is environmentally friendly and also visually appealing and functional for humans. One of her design projects received the "Chicago Wilderness Native Landscaping and Conservation Award" in 2014. She's been gardening with native plants in her own yard for over 20 years, growing from seed, performing prescribed burns, and installing her first rain garden in 2004. She served on the Wild Ones Greater DuPage board for 15 years and was a Conservation@Home Assistant for 6 years. Before starting her business, she worked retail at the "original" Natural Garden native plant nursery on North Ave, in St. Charles. Her greatest inspiration and teacher is the natural world.

This in-person program will be held at the Cherry Valley Public Library, in Cherry Valley Illinois. While our speaker will join us via Zoom, please join us at 6 p.m. for socializing and a chance to check out our Wild Ones chapter library, followed at 6:30 p.m. by the speaker's presentation. The Zoom meeting link will be posted on the chapter website [http://wildonesrvc.org/Monthly\\_Meetings.html](http://wildonesrvc.org/Monthly_Meetings.html).



**Bottom row (left to right): Mallory Schmelzer, Chase Monson, Emily Boss, Clara Veeder, Adelynn Monson, Reagan Schmelzer; middle row: Hailey Beeman, Olivia Feller, Dalia Williams, Leilah King, Elena Boss, Elizabeth Veeder, Elly Beckman; back row: Jerzie Lerch, Reeson Speth, Grace Gold, Brooke Mueller, Colt Nyman, Josh McCullough.**

## 2023 Green County Premier Exhibitor Competition Results

The 14th annual Green County Premier Exhibitor contest was held at the 2023 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 ninth 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.

2023 Premier Exhibitor Results: Beef—Junior Division: first place: Benson Miller—Browntown Busy Beavers, second place: Skylar Kundert—Young Americans, third place: Zoie Donovan—Young Americans.

Senior Division: first place: Josh McCullough—Juda FFA, second place: Colt Nyman—Washington Center, third place: Ayden Wilkins—Monticello FFA.

Dairy—Junior Division: first place: Reeson Speth—New Glarus 4-H, second place: Brooke Mueller—Clarence Bridge Pioneers, third place: Beck Benton—Clarence Bridge Pioneers.

Senior Division: first place: Hailey Beeman—Decatur 4-H, second place: Brett Marean—Juda Jolly Juniors, third place: Grace Gold—Next Generation.

Goats—Senior Division: first place: Adelynn Monson—Jolly Mixers.

Rabbits—Junior Division: first place: Teresa Gratz—Young Americans, second place: Elena Boss—Cheese Country Clovers, third place: Chase Monson—Jolly Mixers.

Senior Division: first place: Thadeus Miller—Browntown Busy Beavers, second place: Leilah King—Brodhead FFA, third place: Emily Goers—Washington Center.

Poultry—Junior Division: first place: Clara Veeder—Cheese Country Clovers, second place: Dalia Williams—Browntown Busy Beavers, third place: Taralynn Gratz—Young Americans.

Senior Division: first place: Elizabeth Veeder—Cheese Country Clovers, second place: Olivia Feller—Monroe FFA, third place: Raevynn Jackson—Next Generation.

Sheep—Junior Division: first place: Olivia Christen—Washington Center.

Senior Division: first place: Jordan Lerch—Juda FFA, second place: Mallory Schmelzer—Spring Grove Honest Workers, third place: Reagan Schmelzer—Spring Grove Honest Workers.

Swine—Junior Division: first place: Emily Boss—Cheese Country Clovers, second place: Chase

Wenzel—Decatur 4-H, third place: Whitney Pryce—Jolly Mixers.

Senior Division: first place: Jerzie Lerch—Juda FFA, second place: Elly Beckman—Monroe FFA, third place: Cody Pryce—Jolly Mixers.

Platinum Premier Exhibitor: Grand: Katie Brooks—Juda FFA, Reserve: Daniel Dunphy—Albany FFA.

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., Heggard Collision Center, 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 608-328-9440.

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# Brodhead Evening Garden Club annual garden show

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club is persevering through this drought to grow flowers and vegetables. On August 11-12, they want to share with you their wares at their annual garden show at the Bank of Brodhead in the Courtesy Room from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. during Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days. This year's theme is Bee Happy and Flutterby. They will have a variety of flowers, an observation beehive, a butterfly display and a hydroponics herb garden. They will also have a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate for 1st Center Floral.

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club was formed in 1932 with the object to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among us amateurs, to aid in the protection of native trees, birds and plants and encourage the development of a more beautiful community. If you are interested in becoming a member, you are welcome to join them on Tuesday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m. for a tour of the Kelch Aviation Museum. They hope you will stop in and see them on August 11 and 12.

# New faces from new places at the Wildflower Art Festival

By Michele Benesh

Brodhead's 12th annual Wildflower Art Festival will take place in Veterans Park during Covered Bridge Days on Saturday, August 12, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. We are glad that so many artists choose to return to the Wildflower Art Festival year after year! They clearly like Brodhead and it is obvious that Brodhead likes them. This year we also are happy to host several new artists.

We are excited to welcome Sara Hoida from Oneida (Twilight Twisted Trees), who creates both indoor and outdoor art including wire twisted treescapes mounted on natural stones, plasma cut wall décor with semi-precious stone wire wrap, and steel rings with double swivel and copper inlay design.

Janesville wood artist James Dahlgran fashions beautiful ink, gel, and fountain pens from various types of wood.

Coming from Rockford, Sandy Reavis is excited to bring her art to her hometown. She creates fluid art or acrylic paint pourings, and her work has been displayed in galleries. She is a member of the Rockford Art Guild.

Bringing her watercolor paintings of local barns, cows, and chickens, as well as beach and ocean scenes, Linda Shannon from Brun-

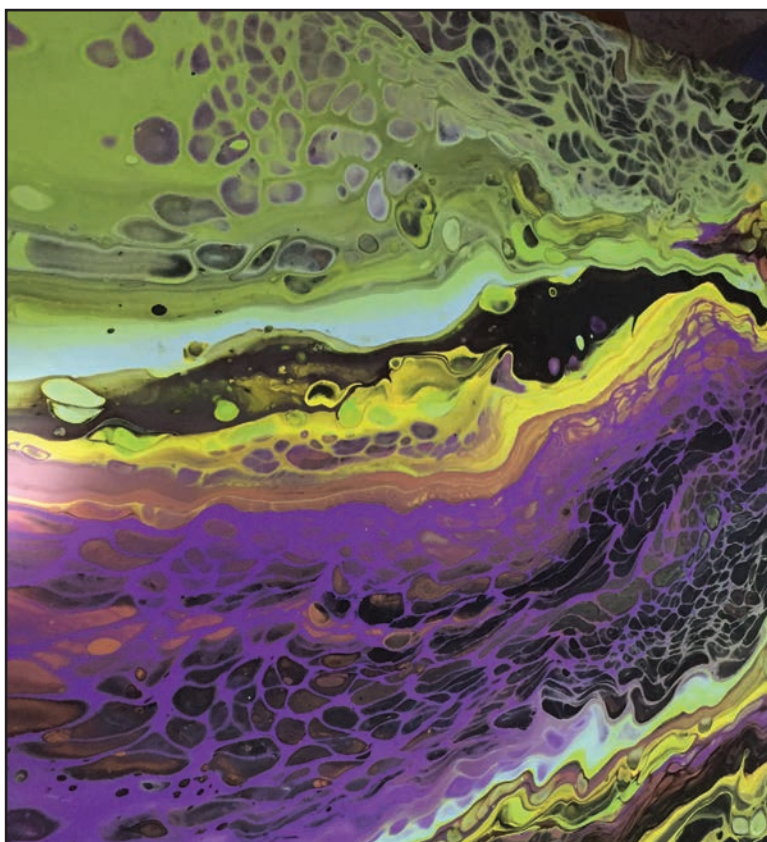
wick, Georgia, is returning to the festival after an absence last year.

Jennifer Pease from Janesville will be exhibiting her wheel-thrown pottery including fantastic ceramic fish and glazed birdbaths that are fired in her kiln at a temperature of over 2,000 degrees!

Besides new artists, we are very happy to provide new faces in the music department in the afternoon, courtesy of the Matthew Wundrow Duo. In the morning we will welcome back "Breakaway Fiddle," directed by Ann Uresk.

Finally, we are thrilled to announce that we will have the popular "Eat at Joe's" food truck in the park this year! Their loyal customers say they wish they could eat there every day, and the tables in the park shelter will be handy for enjoying your food. We will also have a popcorn vendor.

We hope to see everyone at the 12th Wildflower Art Festival to greet these new artists and reconnect with returning ones. We also invite everyone to attend this year's "Wildflowers of Putnam Park" on Sunday, August 13, at 10:30 a.m., when Paul Roemer will conduct a wildflower walk along the steep slope by the Mill Race—just south of the swimming pool. The native plantings there grow more beautiful every year—learn all about them!



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The Brodhead Community Band was formed in 2014 under the direction of Jason and Beth Riesterer. This Sunday will be the final Twilight in the Park series of the season and will celebrate 10 years of Brodhead's Community Band, still under the leadership of the Riesterer. This photo was taken 10 years ago of the original community band members. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Purple Coneflowers bloom near the Pearl Island Covered Bridge.



Matthew Schupbach, Tyson Kraft and David Schupbach



Wyatt Schupbach



Derrick Schupbach

## Three generations of pulling together

By David Schupbach

Two thousand eight was the first time we started pulling garden tractors. Now it's the grandson's time. Matthew started pulling in 2015 at five-years old. He's a good driver and grandpa's "hired gun" driving my tractors along with his.

Tyson has driven a few years and always has an ear to ear grin at the end of his run. Wyatt started last year at five-years of age. He's already tired of his slow tractor and wants to drive grandpa's.

Covered Bridge Days is always a good time with friends and family to cheer on the boys!

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## August 13 Wildflower Walk Promises Discoveries

Weed or wildflower? That is the question that will be answered during the 2023 Wildflower Walk at Putnam Park. This easy walk will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, August 13. They will explore the many native perennial plants growing in Putnam Park. Most of the native Wisconsin prairie plants at the park were planted in 2014 by the 2021 Brodhead High School graduates. All ages are welcome to enjoy and learn more about the rare plants of Putnam Park.



## Covered Bridge Days Tractor Show celebrates 20 years

The Covered Bridge Days Tractor show has been going on for 20 years! New this year will be a barrel train. Several people have spent many hours building this new ride for the kids. Barrels are painted to look like tractors and racecars. Volunteers will be giving free rides several times through both days of the show.

Activities going on Saturday, August 12th, are a kids pedal pull sponsored by Speich Oil and run by the Brodhead FFA, starting at 10 a.m., please come a little sooner to the corner of 19th Street and County T to register. This is north of Gassers Hardware. The antique tractor pull starts at 11 a.m., garden tractor pull starts at 1 p.m.

They will be demonstrating a thrashing machine, then bailing the straw after thrashing the wheat off of it. Also on display will be a corn sheller, corn stalk shredder, rock crusher, a saw mill, and maybe more. See how our ancestors did their work 100 or more years ago! A tractor drive will be held at 4 p.m. Tractors pulling wagons will take a scenic 10 MPH tour of the countryside. Free will donations will be collected for the American Cancer Society. A shuttle to uptown events will be running all day. There is ample parking by the tractor show, look around and then hitch a ride uptown to see what all they have to offer.

Besides all the demonstrations, on Sunday the antique tractor pull will start at 9 a.m. The garden pull will start at 11 a.m. A parade will start by the show grounds at noon. If you have antique tractors, implements, garden tractors, a tractor related collection, or any other unique item to display, please bring it down. They try to have a variety of things on display to interest as many people as possible.

Questions? Contact Jim Huffman 608-558-1507. Thanks to their generous sponsors, Knuth North America and Speich Oil, there is no admission to any of these events. Come, help them celebrate 20 years!

# Restoration and Reuse of Historic Downtown Property Underway

## Work Commences After a State Grant Spearheaded by Main Street Monroe, City, and Local Developers Approved for Project

For many decades, walks around the square inevitably lead to discussions about the historic buildings and variety of styles that have largely been maintained. One, the White Building, on the southwest corner of the square, which was completed in 1900, has oftentimes been skipped over many will tell you. This was in large part to a metal awning that was installed in the late 1970s. It transformed the building, blocking original storefronts and the Tudor Style design.

"That awning has definitely been on our radar for years," states Jordan Nordby, Executive Director, Main Street Monroe. "Specifically getting rid of it," he says with a laugh. "We're so fortunate that virtually every building downtown has been so well preserved. The White Building as it's been for the last few decades is a reminder of why historic preservation is so crucial."

For the first part of the 20th century, the property, officially listed as White, E.E., Block became a great ornament to the downtown and an improvement to the city as a "worldclass building." When new owners, Scott Mosher and Kyle Keehn, both Monroe natives, acquired the building in late 2021, their plans included restoring the building. Originally, it was built with the idea that it could be an opera house or guards' armory. Mosher and Keehn sought to respect that while adapting it to today's needs. A conversation with Main Street Monroe led to the discovery of the state's Community Development Investment (CDI) Grant Program. Renderings used as part of the application and project were provided free of cost through Main Street Monroe.

The program, started in 2013, supports community development and redevelopment efforts, primarily in downtown areas. The matching grants are awarded based on the ability of applicants to demonstrate the economic impact of the proposed project, including public and private partnerships, financial need, and use of sustainable downtown development practices.

After initial conversations with Ela Kakde, Regional Economic Development Director at Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC), and conversations with the city of Monroe, Keehn and Mosher were invited to submit a pre-application for the grant to WEDC. That pre-application affirmed rehabilitation and reuse of an underused and landmark building for mixed development, an emphasis on historic preservation, and it being a part of a vibrant downtown district. In application materials, an emphasis was placed on Monroe being a WEDC Main Street Community, the building being part of the district, and Main Street Monroe's work to make downtown vibrant—from recruiting and retaining businesses to year-round programming. Kakde noted the importance of Main Street Monroe bringing forth this project.

Through the city's Redevelopment Authority, an agreement with the property owners allowing for submission of the grant application was approved by city council on October 31, 2022. The grant contract was executed Friday, June 16th. The WEDC requires that municipalities submit applications. Because it is a reimbursable grant, expenses will be incurred by the property owners who will then submit reimbursement requests to the city, with the city then in turn submitting to WEDC. This is the first for the city of Monroe and Green County. The application itself was written by Keehn and Mosher, Nordby and current city clerk Brittney Rindy,

While Green County is not considered a distressed county by the state, the project falls in an Opportunity Zone. Created during the Trump Administration, Opportunity Zones use census data to highlight areas ripe for economic development. Consequently, the grant which typically requires a 3:1 match by the developers became a 1:1 match for this project. Nordby notes that it also means the city is able to apply for another grant in the same fiscal year. He says conversations are underway for another project and application.

The grant application also included summaries of the property's history (it was added to the National Register of Historic Places on January 31, 1979, and

to the state's in 1989), a narrative of the project and budget(s) with quotes for it. Monroe Times guest columnist Matt Figi, who has written about the property, also provided background information to the new owners.

By removing the awning and bump out of the display cases, the intention is to restore the historic appearance of the property. With that, a more walkable flow will be created for retail businesses on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. In keeping with the historic appearance, new windows are being installed to allow for more daylight, and offices on the ground floor will be relocated to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Currently 10 retail spaces on the ground floor are filled. At least four more office spaces will be created on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor which has been inhabitable. Kakde noted that the project goals are specific to a post-pandemic time when demand for retail spaces has been high, thanks in part to the state's Bounceback Grants, and a return to office [spaces]. The first phase of the project that is now underway will total between \$550,000-\$650,000. Two Hundred-fifty thousand dollars of that will be provided by the CDI Grant, which is the maximum amount allowed. The original cost to build the building was approximately \$30,000 in 1900. In today's dollars, that is over one million dollars.

Mosher and Keehn hope to have this be a catalytic investment. Possibilities for future ground floor retail include a restaurant with garage door style windows to open the space onto the sidewalk and take advantage of different Main Street events. Additional phases may include bringing back a tower that was on the building originally. State and federal historic tax credits are also being pursued. All businesses, including new businesses Made to Inspire and Forever Frugal: New and Used, and longtime tenant Hair on the Square, are open for business during the construction. Outside work will likely be completed by late August or early September.

Those downtown in the last week are already taking note of the project. Mosher states, "We're excited about the initial feedback we've already received from the community about taking the building back to its architectural origins to showcase what it once was and will be again."



White Building prior to project



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The Powerful Tools for Caregivers program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, improve communication, balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming help caregivers to choose tools and put them into action.

Registration is required. Class space is limited. For more information or to register, contact Tonya Runyard at the ADRC of Jefferson County 920/675-4035 or tonyar@jeffersoncountywi.gov or Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

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## 2023 Green County Master Showman Competition Results

The 17th annual Green County Master Showman Competition was held at the 2023 Green County Fair on Saturday, July 22nd. This event brings in the top senior (grades 10 and above) showmen in the dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry departments at the fair. Two youth from dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goats are invited to participate, and one youth is invited from the rabbit and poultry divisions.

During the event, the twelve participants show all the animal species exhibited at the fair in a round-robin format. Youth are judged by qualified showmanship judges and members of the agriculture industry from the surrounding communities. After six rotations of the event are completed, the scores are tallied and the member with the highest score earns the title of Green County Fair Master Showman.

2023 Master Showman participants were: Elly Beckman (Monroe FFA), Amber Meighan (Monroe FFA), Emma Hendrickson (Monroe FFA), Alex Roe (Monticello FFA), McKenna Pfeuti (Monticello FFA), Bethany Drafall (Monroe FFA), Jordan Lerch (Juda FFA), Mallory Schmelzer (Spring Grove Honest Workers), Brilley Swedlund (Juda FFA), Vanessa Hartwig (Monroe FFA), Alyssa Broge (Black Hawk

FFA), and Jerzie Lerch (Juda FFA).

The 2023 Green County Fair Master Showman was awarded to Vanessa Hartwig (Monroe FFA). Brilley Swedlund (Juda FFA) was named Reserve Master Showman. Jeff Ditzenberger, was Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Showmanship judges included: Swine—Shelby Veum, Stoughton; Rabbits—Emily Schell, Belvidere, Illinois; Beef—Brady Klatt, Clinton; Goats—Becky Standish, Brodhead; Sheep—Mitch Wilson, Brodhead; Dairy—Nick Uglow, Watertown, Wisconsin; Poultry—Audrey Ischi, Albany.

The overall winner received a plaque and embroidered item of their choice and reserve received a medallion and a plaque. The rest of the contestants received a medallion and all contestants got a t-shirt for being a qualifier in the event. Extension Green County coordinated the 2023 Green County Fair Master Showman Competition with sponsorship from Compeer Financial, Lake Ridge bank, Colony Brands, Inc, Klitzman Seed LLC and the Green County Farm Bureau.

For more information about the Master Showman Competition, please contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608-328-9440.



### BHS Class of 1962 holds reunion

Pictured front row, left to right: Holly Brandenburg Everson, Doris Douglas Lemke, Diane Fricke Anderson, Nancy Taylor Sutherland, Jean Rostad Pagel, Helene Kletzien Gramaty, Maureen Shrier, Carol Zweifel Erb Coplien; back row: Lanaya Weidman Jones, Everly Nehls Carlson-Fisher, Ken Peterson, Gary Hoff, Jim Iverson and Doug Knight. Not pictured: Daphne Mauerman Brunkow and special guest, teacher Darlene Wheeler.



### BHS Class of 1964 50th class reunion

Pictured front row, left to right: Lorraine Wender Olson, Robin Ten Eyck, Mary Williams Burkin, Pat Lightfoot Hoff, Gail Skogan Vita, Dan Newcomer; back row: Larry Ziltener, Lane Pinnow, LaVonne Pengra Pinnow, Beverly Robinson Ackerman, Joe Kundert, Vicki Hawkins Ingwell, Judy Hulbert Bordsen, Gary Suiter, Bob Peterson, Ron Cowan, Wayne Gibson and Dan Olson.



Bottom row (left to right): Alyssa Broge (Poultry), Elly Beckman (Swine), Champion Master Showman Vanessa Hartwig (Goats), Reserve Master Showman Brilley Swedlund (Goats), Amber Meighan (Swine); top row: Jordan Lerch (Sheep), Alex Roe (Dairy), Emma Hendrickson (Dairy), McKenna Pfeuti (Beef), Bethany Drafall (Beef), Mallory Schmelzer (Sheep), Jerzie Lerch (Rabbits).

## Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder.

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The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Rock County invite women to join them for a "Mind Over Matter" series at the Daniel Williams Resource Center (where the ADRC is located) at 1717 Center Avenue in Janesville, Wisconsin.

The series will occur on three Monday mornings from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. on: September 11, 25 and November 9. Suggested donation is \$10 to cover cost of materials. Space is limited, so register early to reserve a spot! Registration deadline is Wednesday, September 6th!

To learn more, or to register for the series, contact Health Promotion Coordinator, Lisa Messer, of the ADRC of Rock County at: 608-757-5309 or email: [lisa.messer@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:lisa.messer@co.rock.wi.us).

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## Safely Managing the Disposal of Rechargeable Batteries: A Call for Public Awareness and Policy Action

**By David Pellitteri, Vice President Pellitteri Waste Systems, Inc., Current Chair for the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) and Appointee on the Governor's Council on Recycling**

When rechargeable (lithium) batteries are disposed of in the trash or recycling, they pose a significant risk to combust and cause fires. In the past eight months, two Southern Wisconsin recycling facilities have experienced catastrophic damage from fires that are believed to have begun by rechargeable batteries—Columbia County Recycling and Solid Waste facility in Portage and a City of Milwaukee recycling facility. A third recycling facility fire at John's Disposal in Whitewater may have also been caused by a rechargeable battery. Recycling Centers are particularly sensitive to fires because of the amount of paper and cardboard being recycled.

Rechargeable batteries have gained widespread popularity because they are compact, lightweight, and have high energy storage capacity, making them indispensable to our modern, on-the-go lifestyles. From cell phones, tablets, and laptops to power tools, scooters, and electric cars, rechargeable batteries power our world. As rechargeable and other, newer battery technologies become abundant in our daily lives, it is crucial to address the hazards associated with their disposal.

In writing this, I hope that we can get the word out to everyone that rechargeable batteries, and products that contain these batteries, cannot go in the trash or recycling without creating a major risk to waste handling facilities. In Wisconsin, we are fortunate to have a robust waste and recycling system infrastructure composed of recycling centers, transfer stations and landfills that keep waste contained and out of the public realm. As rechargeable and other battery technologies have become more prevalent, so have battery-related fires within these facilities. Each one of these fires has the potential to not just knock out local infrastructure, but also to threaten the lives of workers.

The number of fires will continue to grow if these batteries are

disposed of by traditional methods. Recycling facilities are complex operations, with high-tech sorting technologies. When a recycling facility has a catastrophic fire, it could take a year or more before it can be rebuilt and come back online. Landfill fires burn not just above ground, but they can get beneath the surface making them difficult to contain. These underground fires can burn for weeks until they are fully extinguished.

We are just starting to see the effects of these battery technologies on the waste and recycling infrastructure. We need to stop disposing of batteries by normal waste and recycling methods. Battery manufacturers, retailers, politicians, and government agencies need to work quickly to create a safe and easily accessible infrastructure for battery disposal. Broader public policy and education efforts are needed now. Planning and action should be taken to encourage lawmakers to provide more concrete guidelines and options for more accessible methods to recycle and dispose of these materials.

We have working models in place with other waste products that we can adapt for batteries. For example, Wisconsin has a robust electronics takeback and recycling program supported financially by the manufacturers and sellers of electronics. Batteries could be added to this program, or we could mimic the electronics program with a separate infrastructure specifically for batteries. There is also an option for deposits on batteries so consumers would have financial incentives to take them to drop-off sites. There are other states using different methods that might work as well. There are answers and solutions available. Please call your State of Wisconsin representatives and tell them there is a problem and that you support legislation that will help keep our recycling centers, waste infrastructure system and the people working in these facilities safe.

In the meantime, we ask all Wisconsinites, please do NOT put rechargeable batteries in your trash or recycling containers. If you need to charge it...it has a battery. Don't throw it out. Check with your municipality, county, or Call2recycle.org for a nearby drop-off site.

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## All Invited to Attend 75th Anniversary Celebration at Rock County Historical Society

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) welcomes all to attend its 75th anniversary party, set for 4–10 p.m. on Friday, August 25 at the RCHS grounds, 440 N. Jackson Street in Janesville. The event, sponsored by Prent Corporation and Goex Corporation, is free and features a host of activities.

One of the most anticipated parts of the party is the grand opening of the newly renovated historic Stonehouse, built in 1842. Attendees are invited to watch live cooking demonstrations on the first floor. The Stonehouse lower level will serve as a commercial kitchen.

"For 75 years, the Rock County Historical Society has been preserving and sharing the history of our county. We have grown in so many ways, from offering tours of the Lincoln-Tallman Museum to now hosting tours and events in five venues and sharing history through all types of programming," said Tim Maahs, RCHS Executive Director. "We hope people of all ages will join us in celebrating this milestone."

All of the historic venues on campus will be open to the public at no charge, including the Lincoln-Tallman Museum and the Rock County Legacies Museum.

Live musicians will be performing throughout the event on the outdoor stage. First up from 4–7 p.m. is The Mercynaries, an ensemble that delivers an exciting blend of music from a variety of genres, including contemporary top 40 hits, classic rock, and more.

Headliner Zac Matthews Band, known as the hottest country rock band in the Midwest, will play from 7-10 p.m. The Zac Matthews Band was voted the number one country band in the State of Wisconsin in 2019 and 2021.

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## Notice



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA  
Regular School Board Meeting  
August 9, 2023, 7:00 p.m.  
Juda School Den (Old Library)  
N2385 Spring St.**

**This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.**

**The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.**

### AGENDA

- I. Call to Order by President Pflingsten
- II. Roll Call  
Dennis Pflingsten  
Pat Daniels Sue Trotter  
Laura Powers Janna Merritt  
Jessica Matzke Joel Wallace
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Proof of Notice
- V. Acceptance of Agenda
- VI. Open Forum
- VII. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion; however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
  1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on July 12, 2023
  2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
  3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
    - Monroe Clinic—Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Sport Medicine
    - School Psychologist Contract
  4. Resignations/Retirements (Action)
  5. Donations (Action)
- VIII. Reports
  1. School Staff/Student Report
  - Student Early Graduation Requests
  2. School Board President's Report
  - Staff Breakfast—August 23, 2023
  - Regional Fall Meeting—October 12 in Sun Prairie
  - Online Regional Meeting option—November 1st at 7:00 p.m.
  3. Administrator Report
  - Staffing updates
  - Review of events/Upcoming events
  - Ag Shop Update
  - Next Policy update
  - Other updates as necessary
- IX. Referendum Updates: Discussion/Action
- X. Handbook: Discussion/Action
  - Staff
  - Support Staff
  - Student
- XI. Five Minute Recess
- XII. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
- XIII. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
- XIV. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action) September 13, 2023
- XV. Adjournment

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# POLICE

## Green County Sheriff's Department July 31-August 6, 2023

At approximately 8:23 p.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the N2400 block of County Highway S, Town of Jefferson, for a report of an ongoing verbal dispute between two male subjects. Investigation resulted in Kevin D. Berryhill, 60, of Juda, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct falling under the Wisconsin Domestic Abuse laws. Kevin was transported to the Green County Jail where he will be held until court or posting of his bond.

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## Extension welcomes Agriculture Educator in Northwest Illinois

Illinois Extension has recently welcomed Kathryn Sebruck to the staff in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties. As a Crop Sciences and Agronomy Educator, she will work with producers and agribusinesses in the area to support the production of row crops and forages. A native of Byron, Illinois, she is very familiar with the needs of farmers in Northern Illinois and looks forward to connecting with them and providing information and resources as needed.

Sebruck has a master's in Crop Sciences from the University of Illinois College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) and is pleased to be back as part of the University. She formerly taught in the Agriculture Department at Illinois Valley Community College and held a position at Thermo Fisher Scientific in Rockford. As an Extension Educator, she will work with local Extension staff to develop educational sessions, field days and other events to connect with local stakeholders. Her background in weed science and the research she has conducted related to that and other issues farmers face will allow her to be a resource to the local agriculture community.

"I am excited to introduce Kathryn to our many partners in the area and give her opportunities to get input and feedback from which to plan Extension programming and events," stated Margaret Larson, County Extension Director for Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties. "She is an important addition to our already robust agriculture programming and I know her expertise is a good fit for our area and the needs of producers."

"I'm looking forward to meeting local producers and I'm ready to learn more about their needs and how to help them become more successful with their farming practices," states Sebruck. "With my new position, I plan to utilize my connections with faculty from campus to help local producers. My background is in weed science, and I became passionate about herbicide resistance through the research projects I carried out in

graduate school. I'm eager to share my knowledge with local producers to prevent and help mitigate this growing problem."

Sebruck joined the 25-person local Extension staff in mid-July as one of seven Educators helping to connect university research with community needs. Program areas in Jo Daviess, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties include 4-H and Youth Development, Agriculture, Energy and Environment, Local Foods & Small Farms, Nutrition and Wellness, and Illinois Nutrition Education Programming. For more information about Extension, visit [www.go.illinois.edu/jsw](http://www.go.illinois.edu/jsw) or call 815-235-4125 to learn more.

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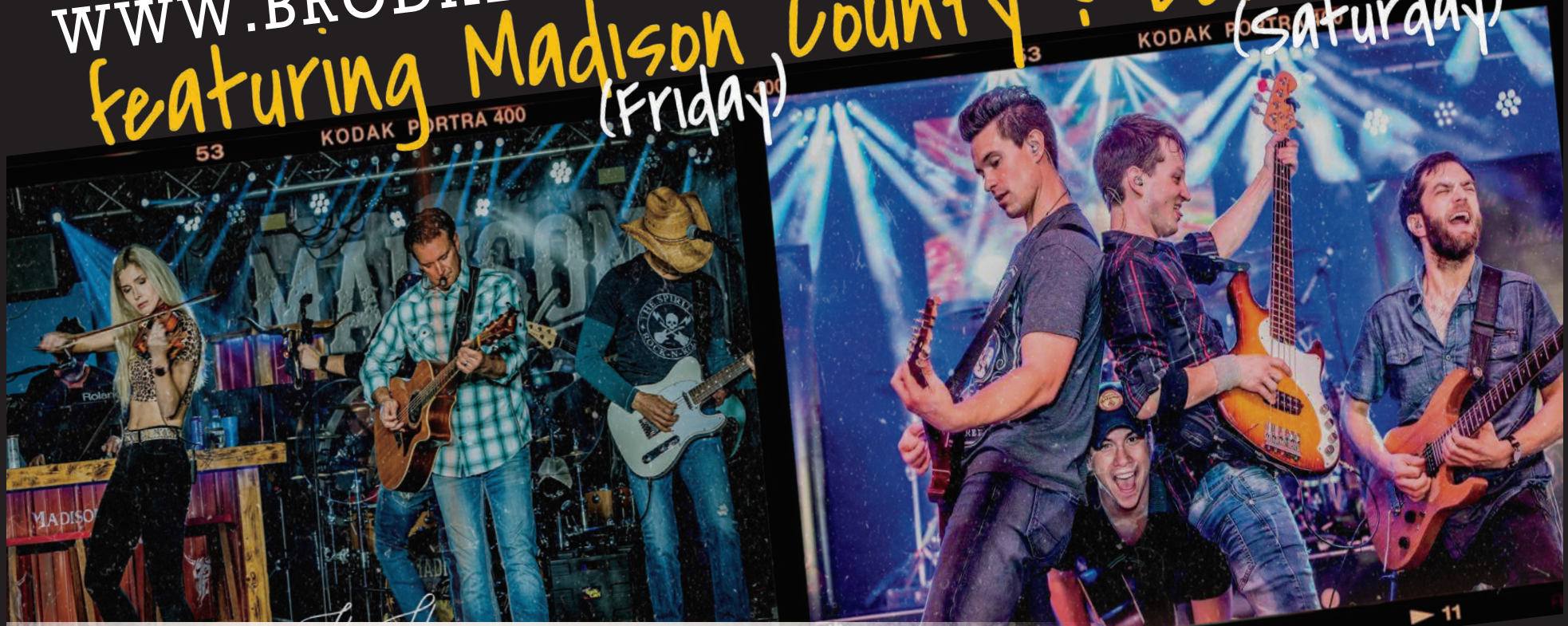


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