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School Board

Community Comes Together to Setup New Playground

By Grace Kufahl

Representatives from Kid Connection, Building and Grounds Director Chad Dix, Superintendent Novy and Board President Mike Krupke all expressed many thanks to staff and volunteers who assisted with the setup of the new elementary school playground. They also expressed gratitude to Brodhead Water and Light for lending their time and posthole digger and Goecks Concrete for donating \$450 in concrete. This is the biggest project Kid Connection has ever completed and has depleted their funds, potentially putting other events and expenses in jeopardy. In the last two years, Kid Connection has brought in about \$72,000 and put back around \$100,000 into the elementary school. They are working with an auction company to sell the old playground equipment and have added a new Back to School Bash to try to replenish their funds.

Deanne Larson and David Novy reported that there were 11 instances when Seclusion or Restraint were required last year. This is an increase from past years, but lower

than other schools due to Brodhead's focus on prevention.

Summer School Director Kelly Knox reported numbers were down from approximately 475 last year to just over 400 this year. This included about half of incoming 4K students. All three buildings provided free lunch and the elementary school served 115 children a day on aver-

In Other Business:

Seven hundred and seventy eight students have completed online registration including 313 of an expected 320 high school students.

Teachers attended training Tuesday, August 6th for the new English Language Arts curriculum.

The Wednesday, January 22nd School Board Meeting will be moved to Monday, January 20th to allow members and administrators to attend the Wisconsin State Education Convention.

Superintendent Novy is working with Police Chief Brian Raupp on updating the District's Emergency Operations Plan and hopes to hold a full-fledged drill next year.



The sunflowers at Carol Foesch's were facing her American flag on Tuesday, August 13.



Brodhead Juda participated in a scrimmage against Lodi and Beloit Memorial as prep for the upcoming

Friday night lights return to Larsen Field this week as the Cardinals host Edgerton, kickoff 7 p.m.

(Free Press photo Teresa Earleywine)





August meeting of **Brodhead Historical Society**

The August meeting of the Brodhead Historical Society will be held on Monday, August 26. The program for the evening is "Show and Tell". Members and guests are invited to bring in family treasures and historical artifacts to show and share information about the item. If you don't have an item to show, feel free to tell a family story or share a family picture. You may also bring an unknown item and see if others in attendance can aid in identification. There will also be a short business meeting.

The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum. The public is welcome to attend.

District to Offer Football Field Advertising

For the past 18 football seasons, Brodhead School District and the Brodhead Park and Rec Department have combined efforts to offer athletic field advertising at the High School. This project has been a success and will be continued for the fall 2024 football season.

Past advertisers will be contacted by the School District with the details of this advertising opportunity. The District will work with the Park and Rec Department to use the existing signs in which these sponsors have already invested. A yearly advertising fee will be charged.

New advertisers wishing to participate may contact David Novy, School District Administrator, for details on how they might join in this advertising project. In addition to the yearly advertising fee, new advertisers will need to provide a mesh sign conforming to size and design requirements. A local vendor can be contacted to produce a sign at a reasonable cost. Details are available from the School District office at 608-897-2141. Potential advertisers should understand that WIAA rules prevent the District from advertising alcohol or tobacco products or establishments.

The District has adopted this advertising program to generate supplemental funding, and all funds raised are placed in a segregated account reserved for the maintenance of future athletic programs. These funds also supplement facility improvements and some of these donations were used to help pay for the new press box.

Businesses who wish to advertise with the School District should indicate their interest and submit the advertising fee to the District Office as soon as possible. The first home game is Friday, August 23.



Cristian "Gus" Wedig takes over as Brodhead Juda's head coach in 2024. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

OBITUARY



Harvey H. Bauman

Harvey H. Bauman, of Monroe, formerly of Juda, completed his circle of life at the SSM Monroe Hospice Home on August 13, 2024 at the age of 88 years.

Harvey was born on October 21, 1935 and lived in rural Juda. He graduated from Juda High School in 1953 where he enjoyed playing football, basketball, and baseball. After graduation, he purchased a farm in rural Juda. Harvey and Louise married on January 19, 1957 at the Zion Church in Juda. He took great pride in attending his children's and grandchildren's activities and sports, never missing a game or school event. His family was his most important accomplishment. After moving from the farm into Juda in 1979, Harvey enjoyed working for Newman Seed and Feed, Juda Plumbing, Davis Implement, and Chalet Cheese. He served on the Juda School Board, Green County Board, and was a faithful member of the Juda Zion Community Church where he was the church financial officer and custodian for many years.

Harvey was the beloved husband, friend, and high school sweetheart to Louise (Gruenewald) for 67 years. Also the father of Kathy (John) Broger of Juda, Harvey T. Bauman of Monroe, and Karen (Steve) Dunwiddie of Juda. He is the proud grandfather of Kelly Hasler, Sara (Kari Phillips) Hasler, Melissa

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(Kyle) DeNure, Michelle Broger, Brad (Allison) Dunwiddie, Matt (Chantel) Dunwiddie, and Lauren Nelson. His great grandchildren are Dash and Cruz DeNure, Annie, Clara, and Crew Dunwiddie, and Keaton Nelson. He is further survived by his siblings: Roger (Doreen) Bauman and Virgil (Joanne) Bauman; many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family and friends; brother-in-law, Jake (Vivian) Gruenewald; and sister-in-law, Phyllis Bauman. He is preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Della (Foulker) Bauman; sister, Nancy Zimmerman and brotherin-law, Roger Zimmerman; brother, Russell Bauman; and in-laws, Jacob and Evelyn Gruenewald.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 19, at 11 a.m., at Juda Zion Community Church with Pastor Kelly Jahn officiating. Interment followed in Mt. Vernon Cemetery. Visitation was on Sunday, from 2 until 5 p.m., at the Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe. Memorials in Harvey's name will help to establish a Juda High School Scholarship for students pursuing a degree in nursing. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomerfuneralhome.net

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

CONDON-TEN EYCK FAMILY REUNION

The Condon—Ten Eyck family reunion will be held Sunday, August 25th at noon. Location is Putnam Park pavilion. Bring a dish to pass. See you there!

Conservation Efforts Result in Sandhill Crane Return After a Century

By Aryn Swann, Executive Director, Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy

Sandhill cranes have made their return to restoration site thanks to conservation efforts by Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy

Brodhead, Wisconsin. August 2024. Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy: Sandhill cranes raise a successful clutch of twins onsite at Three Wates Reserve. This is the first documented return of Sandhill Cranes to the property in over a century, resulting from conservation efforts and land restoration the site has undergone in the past six years.

Saturday, March 23rd, was a beautiful crisp morning with the air full of the calls of migratory birds moving north for the spring. Unseasonably warm weather triggered the move north early for many wildlife species where early nesting signifies a reaction to the phenological change. An avid birder and former Board Member for the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Quentin Yoerger, was walking the trails at Three Waters Reserve when he spotted a Sandhill Crane nesting on site and reported it to Reserve staff.

Having spent the last century as the Decatur Lake Country Club and Golf Course, the land at Three Waters Reserve has undergone significant ecological restoration. These changes have improved the native landscape enough to now support the return of these prehistoric creatures. The oldest known fossil of a Sandhill Crane is dated to be 2.5 million years old.

The landscape of the Reserve is the perfect habitat for Sandhill Crane nesting as they stake out land that is an open wetland surrounded by trees. Staff went quickly to work by temporarily closing trails around the nesting site, creating land management plans to give the cranes proper space during nesting (mom and dad get very territorial with their nest and babies), consulting with crane experts from the region, and collecting data for our onsite Field Station to further the research that is being conducted at the Reserve

To our surprise, we were able to identify and observe not one, but TWO eggs in the nest. An Average clutch ranges from one-three eggs in size and typically only one egg survives and hatches.

While cranes are experts at finding their ideal habitat with standing water to protect themselves from predators, it had us holding our breath as we watched the carefully chosen nesting site rise and fall with the weather patterns.

After consulting with experts from the International Crane Foundation, we continued to monitor the family from a distance and began counting down the days to the anticipated hatch date. Sandhill Crane eggs are approximately 3.6 inches long and 2.3 inches wide. They range in color from olive to pale brown, with brown markings. The incubation period lasts between 29 and 32 days.

Tracking the incubation period, we kept our eyes peeled and ears open for any crane activity. Each morning arriving at the Reserve for work, SWLC President Steve Apfelbaum would listen and hear the unison call sent out by the cranes.

Sandhill Cranes make over 20 different vocalizations to communicate a variety of different needs and situations. This unison call is unique, made not only to protect their territory but also to strengthen their bond with one another. The sound from this unison call can travel up to 2.5 miles and is reminiscent of prehistoric wildlife.

Wildlife photographer Craig Ellefson was visiting the Reserve and was lucky enough to witness the parent sitting on the nest with a colt, a baby crane, at its side. We were able to observe the parents with binoculars with TWO hatched, healthy, and active colts.

Within eight hours of hatching, colts are able to not only walk, but can swim! Within a day of hatching the twins transitioned to land with the parents! This was an important step for safety and food sourcing for the twins to currie

Throughout the summer we had sporadic sightings of the twins and the parents. The tall grasses at the Reserve serve as the perfect refuge for the colts and the parents. If the parents sense danger, an alarm call is sounded to nearby colts. The significance of this call is paramount to alert colts to drop into the grass and stop moving.

When we did spot red heads bobbing through the grasses, there was space between the parents. SLWC Board Member, Sue Faville, spent several years as a volunteer at the International Crane Foundation in Baraboo. While at ICF, Sue was a "Chick Mom" and offered insight into this behavior.

"In the case of twins when the food source is good, each parent with normally take a colt and strut around with it, teaching it to feed. If the food supply is scant, they will let one chick take over and both parents will feed the stronger of the two chicks resulting in the passing of the weaker one. It is sad, but that is nature. While volunteering as a chick mom at ICF, one of our responsibilities was to keep the colts from fighting with one another so they could all survive."

We feel fortunate that the Reserve is a healthy ecosystem that enabled both twins to flourish.

Cranes begin to stage for migration south in November and typically leave for Florida by December. Sandhill Cranes typically travel 200-300

Albany FFA Alumni 14th Annual Tractor and Toy Show The Albany FFA Alumni 14th

Annual Tractor and Toy Show will be held Sunday, August 25th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Albany Lion's Club, 402 N. Cincinnati Street Albany. The Tractor Show with awards is FREE registration. Entry plaques will be given to the first 50 exhibitors—tractors must be in place by noon. They will also be Toy Tractor Show Craft and Vendor Show Farm Displays with awards; bounce house (weather permitting); face painting by KTS Party Faces-12:30-2:30 p.m.; raffles (50/50 throughout the day, guns and cash drawing at 2:30 p.m.); kid's tractor pull with prizes (registration at noon-pull starts at 12:30 p.m.); and adult pedal pull. Free general admission. Food and drink available on grounds-no carry-ins.

All proceeds benefit the FFA. For more information please contact Jeffrey McNeely at albanywiffaalumni@gmail.com.

miles per day and up to 500 miles with the right winds. As the family grows and prepares for migration, we reflect, hoping they will remember their time here on the Reserve, and maybe this crane family will come back and visit us in the near future.

If you would like to support the conservation work done by the Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy at Three Waters Reserve and other sites, please consider becoming an SWLC member, or make a donation at www.swconservancy. org. Three Waters Reserve has trails that are open for free to the public daily from dawn to dusk. You can reserve TWR for your next event at www.threewatersreserve.com, or you can attend one of our Friday Night Fish Fry's at N3941 Golf Course Road, Brodhead.



Parent Sandhill Crane sitting on the nest site at Three Waters Reserve. The parent on the nest remained still and alert as staff made observations of the nest location. The other parent was spotted walking around in the marsh watching the nest and staff. The successful nest, built on a floating mat of emergent vegetation, endured several spring flooding events.

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in observance of Labor Day.

DEADLINE for that week is Thurs., Aug. 29th at 5 p.m.





A parent Sandhill Crane (left) with one of the twin colts (right). The adult has a fully colored red and grey head, the colt is starting to color up and losing its brown chick coloring.



BHS classes of 1971 and 1972 held reunion

On Saturday, August 10th, a combined class reunion was held for BHS classes of 1971 and 1972. It was held at the Kelch Museum at the Brodhead Airport. Pictured, front row, left to right: Chuck Coomer, Jerry Schupbach, Debby (Staggs) Mistler; second row: Jane St. John, Tom Hoesly, Ginger (Davis) Riese, Ruth (Borchardt) McKibben, Connie (Schneider) Isely, Deb Hofmesiter, Helen (Coomer) LaBorde; third row: Cindi (Wickline) Streuly, Ann (Popanz) Reifsteck, Steve Baker, Wendy (Sutherland) Schupbach, Pete Condon, Lorraine (Davidson) Schwartz, Linda (Schneider) Buol, John Bernstein, Steve Earleywine, Chris Wendler, Steve Wilke, Bob Oliver; back row: Randy Schupbach, (Bob Jones), Larry Sauer, Paul Peterson, John Oliver, (Robert Schumacher), Julian Nordeng, Larry McCool, Ray Douglas, and Alger Riese. Not pictured: Shelly (Bonlie) Saunders, Fred Faessler, and Kim Reed.

2024 Brodhead National Night Out

Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine













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The EMS photo opp cut out attracted Haeden & Garrett Elsasser of Brodhead to pause for a photo.





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Mondays—September 16–October 21

From 10-11:30 a.m.

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In partnership with the Grinnell Hall Senior Center, the ADRC of Rock County, is pleased to be offering a six-week class to those experiencing normal aging brain changes to improve memory and brain health. This evidence-based class focuses on six areas—nutrition, physical activity, emotional health, spiritual activity, intellectual activity and social engagement and the concept of cognitive reserve to provide techniques for improving brain health and memory abilities.

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Held over six weeks, 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, in Rock County contact Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock. wi.us.



Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull

The Brodhead FFA hosted the Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull on Saturday August 10th during Covered Bridge Days! Thank you to The Huffman Family and Speich Oil Sponsoring the event!!



3 Year Old Class—left to right: Wyatt Jordan—first place and Brystal Nelson—second place



4 Year Old Class—left to right: Abe Downing—second place, Carson Malkow—first place and Joseph Bowles—third place



5 & 6 Year Old—left to right: Andrew Brunner—third place, Jaxson Jordan—second place and Cheyanna Jordan—first place



7 & 8 Year Old Class—left to right: Oliver Brunner—first place, Axel Stout—second place and Ella Ireland—third place



9 Year Olds & Up Class—left to right: Courtney Feig—third place, Jackson Klenz—first place and Reid Ireland—second place



FFA members, left to right: Bethany Wenger, Jordan Menehan, Peyton Jordan and Mara Meichtry

2024 Green County Premier Exhibitor Competition Results

The 15th annual Green County Premier Exhibitor contest was held at the 2024 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. This contest consists of a knowledge exam, skillathon, and how well the exhibitor did in showmanship in the chosen species they compete under. The skillathon consisted of four stations: breed identification, equipment identification, meat & cheese identification and feed identification.

The top participant in each species and division received Bluetooth headphones, animal planter, and gift certificate 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 earned a hand-

burned leather portfolio donated by Farm and Canvas, with the Reserve earning a \$25 Culver's gift card.

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

2024 Premier Exhibitor Results: beef: Junior Division—first place: Landon Wuebben, Young Americans; second place: Thadeus Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers; third Place: Zoie Donovan, Young Americans. Senior Division—first place: Colt Nyman, Young Americans; second place: Skylar Kundert, Young Americans; third place: Sadie Wilkins, Monticello FFA.

Dairy: Junior Division—first place: Clara Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers; second place: Joclyn Watson, Cheese Country Clovers; third place: Ellie Zimmerman, Dayton Dairylanders. Senior Division—first place: Brooke Mueller, Clarence Bridge Pioneers; second place: Abigail Withrow, Decatur; third place: Allyson Judd, New Glarus FFA.

Goats: Senior Division—first place: Kamdyn Kolb, Pecatonica FFA.

Poultry: Junior Division—first place: Benson Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers; second place: Dalia Williams, Browntown Busy Beavers; third place: Adelayne Williams, Browntown Busy Beavers. Senior Division—first place: Reaghan Schmelzer (Spring Grove Honest Workers).

Rabbits: Junior Division—first place: Elizabeth Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers; second place: Elena Boss, Cheese Country Clovers; third place: Peter Goers, Washington Center. Senior Division—first place: Jerzie Lerch, Juda FFA; second place: Micki Andrews, Washington Center; third place: Anna Polnow, Cheese Country Clovers.

Sheep: Junior Division—first place: Ava Anderson, Young Americans; second place: Georgia Christen, Washington Center; third place: Jenna Pinnow, Brodhead FFA. Senior Division—first place: Mallory Schmelzer, Spring Grove Honest Workers; second place: Kennedi Lerch, Juda FFA; third place: Olivia Christen, Washington Center.

Swine: Junior Division—first place: Evan Feller, Monticello FFA; second place: Owen Larson, Decatur; third place: Chase Wenzel, Decatur. Senior Division—first place: Olivia Brooks, Juda FFA; second place: Karlee Wilkins, Monticello FFA; third place: Emily Boss, Cheese Country Clovers.

Platinum Premier Exhibitor—Grand: Abbygail Foster, Juda FFA; Reserve: Hailey Beeman, Decatur.

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



Congratulations to all of the 2024 Premier Exhibitor participants!

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Standing: Tucker Clark, Henry Schauer, Coach Standing: Hudson Tallman, Colton Dehn, Coach Pete Mat Porterfield, Ezra Porterfield, Coach Karrissa Wasmund, Miles Schliem, Coach Matt Schliem, Jack Porterfield, Dax Samelstad, Nolan Thingvold; kneeling: Dominick Nelson, Weston King; sitting: Miles Wasmund, Michon Adams, Dominic Roudez. Alex Nelson, Myles Austin, Jonah Runaas.



8U Boys—Wolves Sponsored by Arn's Auto Service

Standing: Jett Nehls, Braxton Drasch, Coach Mike Drasch, Sullivan Shea, Coach James Anthony, Parker Anthony, Zac Wand; kneeling: Steven Carpenter, Bowen Remy-Knox; sitting: Axel Andrews, William Eckelberg, Beckham Riese.



10U Boys—Brodhead 1 Sponsored by **Broughton's Corner Bar**

Standing: Liam Broughton, Coach Bryce Broughton, Standing: Zachary Hartwig, Coach Ron Hartwig,



8U Boys—Cardinals Sponsored by Olin Heating & Cooling

Wasmund, Dalton Wurster; kneeling: Jason Wiese,



8U Girls—Brodhead 1 Sponsored by Menehan Refrigeration Standing: Sophie Scheurell, Ali Elmer, Coach

Danielle Elmer, Bri Elmer, Coach Nick Jarvis, Makenna Jarvis, Aubrey Gulden; kneeling: Kaleigh Austin, Eden Bates, Brooklynne Howard, Layla Mielke-Balch; sitting: Kynslee Anthony, Raelyn Menehan, Lynnix Powell, Elissa Quass, Kylee



10U Boys—Brodhead 2 Sponsored by Menehan Refrigeration

Kyler Krumwiede, Coach Mitch Krumwiede, Jack Jayse Bennett, Coach Jeremy Bennett, Carter Elmer, Coach Nick Elmer, Carter Hendrickson; Fenwick, Coach Mike Fenwick, Brantley Anthony; kneeling: Liam Holmes, Cohen Wurster, Quentin kneeling Isaac Bochman, Braxtyn Menehan, Lewis, Henry Eckelberg, Owen Johanson; sitting: Mayson Menehan, Hudson Menehan, Anais Mukosa: Dustin Moe, Braxton Baxter, Liam McKay, Aidan sitting: Mayson Reynolds, Cameron Andrews, Henry Richmond, Nash O'Connor.



8U Boys—Goblins Sponsored by Cove's Electric

Standing: JJ Wahl, Coach Nikolai Wahl, Kyler Covert, Coach Jason Covert, Luke Hatter, Coach Daniel Hatter, Wyatt Schupbach; kneeling: Gage Gill, Case Nyman; sitting: Liam Meier, Axel Hefty, Landon Hughes, Gage Haeffele.



8U Girls—Brodhead 2 **Sponsored by LPL** Financil—Jared Arn

Standing: Quinn Carvalho, Coach Hailey Carvalho, Ivy Hegi, Coach Leah Hegi, Olivia Goble, Coach Corey Weis, Wynnie Weis; kneeling: Amara Rowin, Hayven Rundle, Aubrey Condon, Everly Ubersox, Charlie Krueger; sitting: Eliza Oellerich, Brooklyn Arnold, Amelia Fenwick, Savannah Schaefer, Lily Tuttle. Missing: Shelby Goble.



10U Girls—Brodhead 1 Sponsored by **Bullwinkles Coffee & More**

Standing: Mattie Mordhorst, Coach JD Thingvold, Gabby Thingvold, Coach Holly Schaefer, Anabelle Schaefer, Coach Ryan Helgestad, Rylee Helgestad; kneeling: Lucy Strehlow, Ellie Blizard, Adalynn Seichter, Charlize Hopwood; sitting: Fayorah Menuey, Avari Moore, Chesnie Hume, Rosalee Cephas. Missing: Charleigh Broughton.



10U Girls—Brodhead 2

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Standing: Claire Hefty, Paige Zimmerman, Coach Tom Freeland, Desi Hicks, Coach Fred Carvalho, Emma Tuttle; kneeling: Aubree Falk, Ariel Shea, Lylah Carter, Eliza Sievers; sitting: Rory Freeland, Julia Pierce, Cambria Elmer, Jayda Oellerich.





12U Boys **Sponsored by Madison Partners-Trey Carpenter**

Standing: Logan Douglas, Lukah Menuey, Coach Colton Hopwood, Emett Benway, Coach Grant Carpenter, Malcolm Moore, Guysha Mukosa; kneeling: Ryker Bennett, Will Strommen, Easton Nyman, Caden Gray; sitting: Liam Yaun, Malik Russell, Travic Thostenson. Missing: Josiah Coplien, Oliver Mertens, Cullen Risum, Kayson Richards, Mac Wand, Kayden Mandell.



14U Boys Sponsored by Bank of Brodhead

Standing: Archer Yates, Brant Riesterer, Coach BJ kneeling: Abby Withrow, Seger Harding, Bockhop, Coach Brian Kammerer, Casey Johnson, Lennon Krattiger, Kennedy Zimmerman, Bryce Bockhop; kneeling: Evan Johnson, William Zimmerman, Zavon Dobson, Gage Ostby, Landen Kammerer, Jameson Lenthe; sitting: Jacob Fields, **Andrew Hardy.**





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Back row, left to right: Zach Shelton, Dave Gissing, Jay Jackson, Collin Burtness, Alex Burtness, Jason Burtness, Jason Draves, Brett Hamman, Evan Rice; front row: Megan Bettack, Cortney Shelton. Missing: Colton Babashka.



12U Girls—Brodhead 1 **Sponsored by Expression** Salon

Standing: Paige Bauman, Chesney Malcook, Coach Luke Malcook, Stella Kempel, Coach Jed Kempel, Katie Crum, Lilly Hatter; kneeling: Jemma Sutton Guilbault, Delilah Hopwood. Huntington, Anna Wahl, Rylee Gerber, Stella Oellerich. Missing Neveah Smith, Michael Oellerich.



14U Girls—Brodhead 1 **Sponsored by Jeremy** Pinnow & Associates

Standing: La'Niya Babbitt, Jenna Pinnow, Coach Paul Zimmerman, Sydney Swan, Gracie Hefty;

Madelyn McGinty, Julianna Strommen; sitting: Tarryn Condon. Missing Jenna Grosshuesch.

> **BRODHEAD PARK & REC 2024 MENS SOFTBALL CHAMPIONS** "PANOSKE PLASTERING"

Front, left to right: Matt Vike, Shawn Cox; middle: **Billy** Piggett, Mike Mikkelson, Rob Dimery; back row: Trevor Aasen, Kyle Woodworth, Joe Cox, Ty Engen, Tyler Aasen. Missing: Josh Cox.



BRODHEAD PARK & REC 2024 SUNDAY SOFTBALL INDIVIDUAL "SPIRIT OF THE LEAGUE" Roger Nelson presented by Joel Steinmann



12U Girls—Brodhead 2 **Sponsored by Decatur Dairy**

Standing: Kaitlyn Mills, Coach Corey Mills, Jamie Sutherland, Coach Kyle Nyman, Hayden Cole, Coach Adam Cole, Carmen Strohecker; kneeling: Caroline Riemer, Aspen Moore, Braelyn Olson,

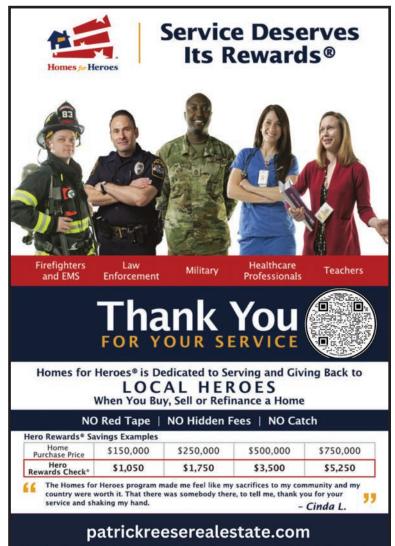


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Standing: Gabriyel Jones, Natalie Pierce, Coach Matt Pierce, Brooklyn Mattingly, Coach Jason Phillips, Sawyer Phillips, Rachel Hatter; kneeling: Desiree Mahlkuch, Lucy Buchanan, Brooklyn Painter, Jasmine Nehls; sitting: Hayden Elmer.





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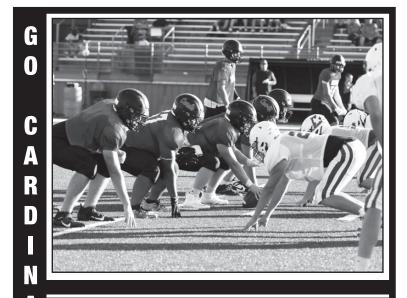
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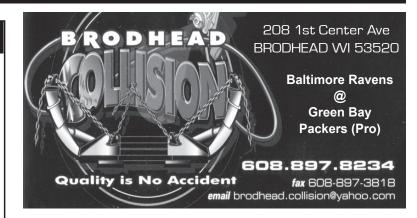
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Brodhead Municipal Court Finding Date: 08/07/2024 through 08/14/2024

John Harvey Allen, Jr., Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 04/24/2024, \$98.80.

Jonathan Alpizar, Monroe, possession of THC, violation date 03/28/2024, \$136.60.

Russell Dale Atkinson, Brodhead, operator fail/nave passenger/seat belted, violation date 06/12/2024, \$10.

Randall James Bergeson, Darlington, WI, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 06/01/2024, \$10.

Kegan Royal Blumer, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/08/2024, \$98.80.

Cynthia Sue Campbell, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/04/2024, \$98.80.

Amanda Cephas Hanson, Brodhead, vehicle operator fail/wear seat belt, violation date 04/24/2024, \$10.

Eldon Leroy Clawson, Wakarusa, KS, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/23/2024, \$149.20.

Hunter Lee Condon, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 04/27/2024, \$124.

Kaitlyn Marie Cook, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 04/24/2024, \$98.80.

Rachel Charia Cummins, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/11/2024, \$98.80.

John Charles East, Staunton, IL, operating while intoxicated, violation date 04/19/2024, \$861.

Richard A. Fielder, Durand, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/04/2024, \$149.20.

Leonardo Figueroa, Franklin Park, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/03/2024, \$98.80.

Hunter Allen Foster, Juda, zone and posted limits, violation date

06/10/2024, \$124.

Kaci Jean Franklin, Brodhead, operating after suspension, violation data of 100 (15 (2024, \$124)).

tion date 06/25/2024, \$124. Taylor Troxell Frederickson, Madison, zone and posted limits,

violation date 05/04/2024, \$98.80. Janice Kay Fryer, Freeport, IL, zone and posted limits, violation

date 05/07/2024, \$98.80. Liander Garcia, Rockford, IL, operate after revocation/suspension of registration, violation date

06/07/2024, \$98.80. Monish Raahul Gowrishankar, Normal, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/24/2024, \$174.40.

Timothy Guzman, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/03/2024, \$174.40.

Tamara J. Hahn, Brodhead, operating while intoxicated, violation date 05/11/2024, \$961.

John W. Hawkins, Brodhead, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 05/23/2024, \$10.

Zackary John Hefty, Brodhead, disorderly conduct, violation date 04/21/2024, \$155.50.

Brandi Lynn Heins, Brodhead, dog license, violation date 06/22/2024, \$124.

Edgar Adonay Hernandez Munoz, Rockford, IL operate without carrying license, violation date 06/19/2024, \$98.80.

Cindy L. Hess, Brodhead, consumption in public/open con-

tainer first offense, violation date 06/25/2024, \$124.

Dannie Orse House, Beloit, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 06/25/2024, \$10.

Robert Carrington Howard, III, Madison, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/18/2024, \$98.80.

Kymani Bashaan Jennings, Brodhead, operate without carrying license, violation date 06/07/2024, \$124

Michael Jay Kitchen, Brodhead, operate motorcycle without valid license, violation date 06/13/2024, \$73.60.

Andrew Stephen Konkol, Sun Prairie, WI, fail to signal turn, violation date 05/16/2024, \$98.80.

Diane Lynn Kuck, Whitewater, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/18/2024, \$124.

Frederick W. Laiblin, Glenview, IL, operate without valid license, violation date 05/28/2024, \$124.

Noah W. Lampe, Dakota, IL, transferee fail/apply new title, violation date 05/25/2024, \$98.80; zone and posted limits, violation date 05/25/2024, \$149.20; operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 05/25/2024, \$124.

Jeffrey A. Lamrouex, Davis, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/20/2024, \$98.80.

Jacob P. Lipinski, Rockton, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/20/2024, \$98.80.

Gina A. Lundervold-Foley, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/17/2024, \$98.

Andy J. Markham, Brodhead, operate after revocation/suspension of registration, violation date 06/26/2024, \$98.80.

Robin Lee Milbrandt, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc., violation date 06/13/2024, \$73.60.

Margaret Bonwell Moertl, Oregon, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/10/2024, \$98.80.

Jessica E. Moyer, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/24/2024, \$98.80.

Jordan Mae Naramore, Brodhead, disorderly conduct, violation date 04/21/2024, \$155.50.

Dennis Ray Nicholson, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/04/2024, \$98.80.

Natasha L. Ommodt, Brodhead, disorderly conduct, violation date 05/30/2024, \$155.50.

Antonio Robert Perez, Janesville, operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 06/25/2024, \$79.90

Cecil Burton Piper, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/07/2024, \$98.80.

Joann Marie Punzel, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 04/23/2024, \$98.80.

Josamarie Lee Pyng, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/11/2024, \$98.80.

Yeison Quintero Rivera, Madison, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/19/2024, \$98.80; operate without valid license, violation date 06/19/2024, \$124.

Nicole Concetta Rago, Madison, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/18/2024, \$124.

Beth Ann Rife, Monticello, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/11/2024, \$98.80.

Adam D. Russell, Davis, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/24/2024, \$98.80.

Edar Eliu Sanchez Ramos, Freeport, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 04/27/2024, \$124. Amy Renee Schaaf, Orfordville, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/12/2024, \$98.80.

Shane Allen Shultz, Albany, non-registration of auto, etc., violation date 06/18/2024, \$98.80.

Mary C. Silberschlag, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/11/2024, \$98.80.

Vannesa E. Skattum, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/13/2024, \$124.

Tia Nicole Tank, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc., violation date 06/08/2024, \$76.30; operating after suspension, violation date 06/08/2024, \$76.30.

Santos Tinoco, Monroe, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 05/27/2024, \$10

Jeffrey R. Waefler, Monroe, operate without carrying license, violation date 05/10/2024, \$124.

Anthony James Wahl, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/09/2024, \$124.

Casen Lee Williams, Rockton, IL, possess drug paraphernalia, violation date 06/19/2024, \$124; underage drinking-procures, violation date 06/19/2024, \$155.50.

Dustin Ira Williams, South Wayne, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/28/2024, \$98.80.

Laurie Lynn Williams, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/23/2024, \$124.

Renee A. Youngman, Juda, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/16/2024, \$98.80.

Renee Eileen Ziegler, Deforest, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/18/2024, \$98.80.

Green County Sheriff's Department August 12-18, 2024

At 5:16 a.m., Wednesday, deputies along with Brooklyn EMS and Brooklyn Fire Department responded to the W1400 block of State Highway 92, in the Town of Brooklyn, for a car versus deer crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Cynthia A. Klemm, 54, of Brodhead, was traveling westbound and collided with a deer in the roadway. Klemm reported nonlife-threatening injuries, and the vehicle airbags had deployed. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

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Team Lake Country Dairy Named 2024 Grand Master Cheesemaker

Dairy manufacturers, supporters and enthusiasts gathered at the Saz's Hospitality Pavilion at Wisconsin State Fair Park on Thursday evening, August 8 for the Blue Ribbon Dairy Products Auction and the announcement of the 2024 Wisconsin State Fair Grand Master Cheesemaker. Team Lake Country Dairy won the coveted title with a winning entry of Maple Flavored Mascarpone. The entry scored 99.670 in the flavored soft cheese class.

In addition to announcing the Grand Master Cheesemaker, the grand champion dairy products were also announced at the event.

•Grand Champion Butter: Nordic Creamery unsalted butter, made by Nordic Creamery of Westby.

•Grand Champion Sour Cream: Odyssey Reduced Fat Mediterranean Feta Dip, made by Klondike Cheese Co of Monroe.

•Grand Champion Yogurt: Odyssey Labneh, made by Klondike Cheese Co of Monroe.

 \bullet Grand Champion Milk: 2% Fluid White Milk made by Lamers Dairy of Appleton.

 \bullet Grand Champion Custard: Bananarama made by Dairyland Old Fashioned Hamburgers of Milwaukee.

Each blue ribbon entry from the dairy products contest sold during the auction, which raised a record \$65,080 for student scholarships and dairy promotion at the state fair.

Leading off the auction was four pounds of Lake Country Dairy Schuman Cheese Maple Flavored Mascarpone, which sold for \$2,800 to DR Tech.

LOT 8—40 LBS. CLASS 5—BRICK, MUENSTER—Brick Cheese. Made by Decatur Cheesemakers. CLASS 20—HAVARTI—Havarti. CLASS 21—FLAVORED HAVARTI—Dill Havarti. Made by Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Brodhead. Buyer: AceChem. Price/lb: \$175. Total Price: \$7,000

LOT 14—13 LBS. CLASS 18—REDUCED FAT OR LITE CHEESE—Odyssey Reduced Fat Feta. Made by Steve Webster. CLASS 37—FLAVORED HIGH PROTEIN YOGURT—Odyssey Peach Greek Yogurt. GRAND CHAMPION YOGURT: CLASS 38—UNFLAVORED HIGH PROTEIN YOGURT—Odyssey Labneh. CLASS 39—FLAVORED YOGURT—Odyssey Whole Vanilla Yogurt. CLASS 40—OPEN CLASS UNFLAVORED YOGURT—Odyssey Whole Fat Yogurt. GRAND CHAMPION SOUR CREAM: CLASS 45—LOW FAT SOUR CREAM—Odyssey Reduced Fat Greek Mediterranean Dip. All made by Klondike Cheese Co, Monroe. Buyer: Airlite Plastics. Price/lb: \$450. Total Price: \$5,850.

Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting "Ellis Island: A Brief History, Including the Immigration Process" by Jean Lythgoe.

Jean has found interesting information about the island and the name changes over the years. Her presentation will include a brief history of the island, as a point of immigration entry, the history of immigration into the United States and places where people can search for more information.

Jean Lythgoe has worked in the Local History and Genealogy Room of the Rockford Public Library since 2006. She attended local schools and received her Bachelor of General Studies from Northern Illinois University in December of 1983. Jean has been interested in family history since childhood and local history a little later. Jean considers herself a generalist, because one never knows what the next question will be.

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its Saturday, September 7 meeting at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library meeting room on the second floor.

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



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Juda School District

Board Meeting Wednesday, August 14th,

•Prior to the start of the Board Meeting, the oath of office was administered to Courtney Martins. Courtney was appointed to fill the unexpired

•Approved the hiring of Breanna Brooks as the long-term FCS substitute

•Accepted donations as follows: Wilmar and Barbara Garwig Pautz Scholarship \$364,000 to improve academic scholarships. Grande Cheese \$500 in school supplies.

•Approved five early graduation requests for the coming school year.

•There will be a joint school board meeting set for Wednesday, November 6, at 7 p.m. in Brodhead. The following districts: Juda, Monticello, Brodhead, Albany and Black Hawk will alternate hosting joint school board meetings. Black Hawk is set to host in 2025. WASBA representatives will also be in at-

•The District Staff Breakfast will be held on Monday, August 26th.

•Traci Davis reported the district is fully staffed and looking forward to the start of the school year.

•Curriculum Updates: Mary Larson presented the board with an overview of the current status of curriculums and the projections for future needs. Digital licenses are available for a three- or six-year cycle. Mrs. Larson gave a briefing on a few teachers who will need updated curriculum in the future.

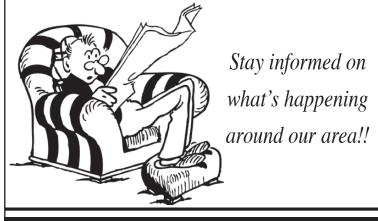
•Technology Updates: A breakdown of where the district is at with technology updates was created by Deb Thompson. Each classroom had a breakdown of current status and future plans to update. All Windows 10 PCs will need to be replaced; security updates end October 2025.

•Other Updates: The Juda School District has received an additional \$364,000 donation from the late Wilmer and Barbara Pautz. Wilmer Pautz was an administrator in the 1950s in the Juda School District. In March 2023 the district received \$250,000, which has been used for student scholarships, Excellence in Education funds for educators and a Pay It Forward academic scholarship. It was discussed to also consider other scholarship options such as Dual Enrollment Credit courses and a Family Scholarship for families needing financial assistance with school fees or meal account

•Approved a resolution for the upcoming referendum to take place in November. Resolution reads as follows: Shall the School Board of the School District of Juda be authorized to exceed the revenue limit under Section 121.91 of the Wisconsin Statutes by an amount of \$350,000 beginning with the 2024-2025 school year on a recurring basis for the purpose of paying District operating costs including curriculum, utilities, technology, insurance, professional development and staffing needs, and by an additional \$150,000 for the 2024-2025 school year through the 2028-2029 school year on a non-recurring basis to pay costs of capital projects including, but not limited to, boilers, parking lot improvements, building maintenance and repairs and upgrades to the Career and Technical Education services area as provided in the foregoing resolution?

•Coming out of Executive Session approved a two-year contract for Mary Larson-Principal

Next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, September 11th.



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Cheese Days Announces **Farm Tour Schedule**

Baa, Moo, Oink, Whinny, Cluck—Visit Two of Green **County's Unique Farms** (and a pig is gonna win a pizza)

Farm Tours have been a Cheese Days tradition since 1965. This year's festival will feature ticketed tours showcasing two unique farms in Green County: Wegmueller Farm and Ms. J and Co. Sheep Farm. Three tours will be offered during the festival, and one "sneak peek" tour will be offered a few weeks in advance.

Did you know that sheep are milked in Green County? Ms. J and Co. is home to a large flock of Assaf sheep. You will be welcomed by Mariana Marques de Almeida, senior animal scientist, breeding advisor, and cheese specialist. The Assaf are a hardy cross between two breeds: Awassi from Israel, and East Friesian from Germany. Characteristics include floppy ears, blunt Roman noses, and high milk production. At Ms. J you'll see the milking process in a parlor which was custom-outfitted with smaller-size equipment imported from DeLaval in Spain. The milk is made into artisan cheese. Bonus: mid-September is prime lambing season!

Wegmueller Farm is home to a herd of cows, a flock of chickens, a passel of pigs, and The Brumby-Farmer Dan's herd of more than 20 horses. The Wegmuellers offer equine experiences and trail rides, and a farm-stay vacation rental. Owners Dan and Ashley can provide a real-world perspective on today's agricultural industry, along with their background as fourth generation on this family farm. And it's really all in the family: Dan's grandfather Ernest Wegmueller was a farm tour host back at those first farm tours in 1965, and his parents John and Becky Wegmueller were honored as Cheese Days King and Oueen in 2012.

Tour Schedule

Sneak Peek Farm Tour—Sunday, September 8. Bus begins boarding at 2:30 p.m., at the City of Monroe municipal parking lot at intersection of 15th Avenue and 11th Street (east of Grace Lutheran Church). Participants will visit both farms and return to the same location for drop off at 5 p.m.

Farm Tour #1-Friday, September 20. Bus begins boarding at 2:30 p.m., at the City of Monroe municipal parking lot at intersection of 15th Avenue and 11th Street, east of Grace Lutheran Church. Participants will visit both farms, and will return to the same location for drop off at 5 p.m.

Farm Tour #2-Saturday, September 21. Bus begins boarding at 8:30 a.m., at the City of Monroe municipal parking lot at intersection of 15th Avenue and 11th Street (east of Grace Lutheran Church). This tour will not visit the sheep farm. Participants will return to the same location for drop off at 10:30 a.m.

Farm Tour #3—Saturday, September 21. Bus begins boarding

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401 E. 2nd Avenue, Fri., Aug. 23 and Sat., Aug. 24, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. 6-man tent, marble topped end table, Home Interiors, old doll clothes, jewelry, women's clothes, kitchen stuff, snowblower.

Cheese Days

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at 2:30 p.m., at the City of Monroe municipal parking lot at intersection of 15th Avenue and 11th Street (east of Grace Lutheran Church). Participants will visit both farms and return to the same location for drop off at 5 p.m.

(Please note that for Tours 1, 2, and 3 during the festival: parking will NOT be available in the municipal parking lot near where the buses will board. The Cheese Days Maker's Market vendors will be set up in the lot.)

Farm Tour tickets are \$10 for ages 13+ through adult, and \$5 for ages 12 and under.

Farm Tour tickets are available in advance for the Sneak Peek Tour and Tours #1 and #2. Buy tickets at the Cheese Days Store (cash, check, card), or online by clicking SHOP on the website cheesedays.com.

Tickets for Tour #3 will only be available during the festival weekend. Twenty-five tickets will be available at the Information Trailer on Friday, September 20 at 10 a.m., and the remainder will be released for sale on Saturday, September 21 at 10 a.m.

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several steps to board a bus, standing, walking on uneven ground, and flight of stairs at sheep farm.

Special guests will likely join in for some of the tours. You might meet up with Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker Jeff Wideman (a partner in the sheep farm), Monroe Dairy Queen Delaney Sweeney (an employee at the sheep farm who also happens to be the 2012 Cheese Days Princess), Alice in Dairyland, and Cheese Days royalty.

Just for fun, Farm Tour participants will receive ballots to vote for their favorite pig at Wegmueller Farm: Professor Paisley, Chonk, Porka, or Dot. When the votes are tallied after the festival, the pig with the most votes will be rewarded with their favorite food – pizza!

Cheese Days would like to thank longtime festival volunteers Kris Winkler and Lynn Lokken for hosting these guided tours. Transportation will be with Lamers Bus Lines.

The Cheese Days Store (lower level Historic Green County Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe) is open Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 a.m.–2 p.m., and Wednesdays from noon-3 p.m. Call 608-325-7771 if you'd like to set up a different time to stop in.



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By Melissa Everson, **Director**

What is a Library Anyway?

I recently traveled to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania—home to one of the first Carnegie Libraries, built by the great philanthropist Andrew Carnegie. On one of our city tours, the guide shared some interesting stories about those earliest libraries, one of which made me laugh out loud. In those early years, people didn't understand what they had to offer or how they worked. One story that was shared was that the first library built in Allegheny had to have shelves completely restocked, because people "checked out" books but never brought them back! I guess they assumed that these books were theirs to keep!

It was also interesting to me that, although Andrew Carnegie provided grants to build libraries, he expected—required—communities to have or generate the funds to keep the libraries funded. However, if a community already had a library, they could apply for grants to cover building maintenance costs and new book purchases. Through Carnegie's philanthropic endeavors, over \$40 million dollars was donated to build over 1,600 public libraries in 1,412 communities throughout the country.

Libraries have changed dramatically in the 125 years since Andrew Carnegie's time—or have they? Not all library buildings today are massive brick and mortar masterpieces,

but they are still cornerstones of their communities. They also offer more than books as they did in his time. At Albertson Memorial Library, our services go far beyond those early libraries, as all libraries today do. Books, magazines, newspapers, and movies have been mainstays for years, but the addition of computers, printers, and other technological devices has added so much more. With the advancement of technological devices came e-books, magazines, podcasts, and more. Libraries subscribe to services that provide patrons opportunities to search for and read books on their phones or tablet devices.

Lots of libraries have expanded services to include household items, and those possibilities are endless. In June, our Albertson Memorial Library opened the Treasure Trove—our Library of Things. Patrons and community members can come to the library and find folding tables, canopies, Nesco roasters, a hotdog roller, a beverage cooler, a leaf blower, a telescope, a metal detector, lots of outdoor family games, a piano keyboard, a ukulele, bongo drums, a BINGO set, and so much

In addition to "things", libraries offer so much more. They provide a wealth of resources from income tax return forms, links to public health and welfare assistance, and voting information. The most recent addition to our services at Albertson Memorial Library is providing women's hygiene products for those in need. Who knows where library services will end. In the meantime, it's good to know that any one of us can go to our local library and get whatever it is that we need.

The Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company announces 2024 Airing of the Quilts Outdoor **Quilt Show**

The Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company is holding their Annual Airing of The Quilts Outdoor Quilt Exhibition on Saturday, September 14. The show will begin at 10 a.m. Rain date is Sunday, September 15.

Quilts are being sought from area quilters for the exhibition. Quilts can be the work of the quilter, a gift, a family piece, be new or vintage, or be a mission quilt made for donation. Quilts can be of any size, wallhangings, table pieces, or any quilted item. Quilts shown in previous years are welcome. Entry information can be found at www.sassyfarmchicks.com, or by calling 608-921-3466. Quilts are currently being accepted at the guilt shop in downtown Orfordville through Friday, September 6 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., or by appointment.

The Airing of The Quilts is an outdoor quilt exhibition in downtown Orfordville showcasing local quilters. A panel of quilters will answer questions on quilt making at 10 a.m. on The Patio next to the Quilt Shop. Mystery quilts made in the spring of 2024 will be featured as will quilts made for donation to Rock and Green County Foster Care Agencies and Project 16:49. At 11 p.m. in the Purdy Park Pavilion there will be guilt presentations by The Dairyland Quilts of Valor Chapter and from the Orfordville Community Quilts of Gratitude sewers. A blessing of the Donation Quilts will be held at Purdy Park at noon, and a trunk show of quilts made by Carolyn Finley will be on The Patio at 12:30 p.m.

Orfordville Market Day will be held in Purdy Park beginning at 9 a.m. with many local vendors. More information for Orfordville Market Day can be found on their Facebook Page.

Questions can be directed to: Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company at 608-921-3466 or sassyfarmchicks@yahoo.com.

Further details can be found at www.sassyfarmchicks.com.



Janesville Artist Awarded Best of Show in Brodhead

The Brodhead Chamber's 13th annual Wildflower Art Festival, held on Saturday, August 10th, was a huge success! The festival was a juried fine art event that showcased the work of talented artists from around the state and region. Artists and patrons alike expressed their appreciation for the organization and high quality of the show.

Adding to this year's show again were two food offerings—the very popular food truck, "Eat at Joe's," and a Kettlecorn booth. Attendees appreciated having food available in the park.

Live music was provided all day, beginning with Ann Uresk's talented local group, "Break-Away Fiddle." In the afternoon the festival goers were treated to excellent music from more local musicians. A brass quartet of music teachers Jason and Beth Reisterer, Terry Flanagan, and Paul Roemer was excellent, as would be expected. Next there was a truly enjoyable selection of vocal music provided Josie Pickard and Miranda Ends, accompanied by Paul Roemer, and cello music provided by Ben Eckard-Lee.

The artwork exhibited was evaluated by a panel of three highly qualified judges. Cash awards were presented to four artists chosen by the judges for the excellence of their work.



Judge's Choice Lynda Wallis with judge Lisa Gellings

The award for "Best of Show" went to Janesville watercolor artist Becky Driscoll, also an award winner last year, who creates a huge variety of charming critters, from blue-footed boobies to squirrels and praying mantises that also appear on greeting cards The \$200 award and ribbon were the result of achieving the highest composite score from all three judges, who gave her high scores on each criterion and were extremely impressed with the overall appearance of her display as well as the originality and creativity of her work.

The three \$100 "Judge's Choice" awards went to the following artists: Gloria and Henry Horstmann, from Oregon, Wisconsin, were repeat award winners who fashion a wide variety of decorative and useful items from glass; Laura Guetzsko from Delevan, a fiber artist who fashions many cloth items, but especially adorable dolls; and Beloit jewelry maker Lynda Wallis, who gained the judges' attention with her unique and creative pieces.

Congratulations to all of the talented artists who made the show possible. Many of the exhibitors from previous festivals returned, and there were some excellent new artists in attendance. Look for this event to repeat next year on August 9th (save the date!) with even more great art!

Special thanks go to the Fish family whose fantastic contributions in so many areas prior to and during the show were far beyond the call of duty!



Miranda Ends and Josie Picard providing musical entertainment. Paul Roemer accompanied them and organized musical performances throughout the day.



First Place



Best of Show Becky Driscoll with the three judges (and 3 assistants)



Gloria and Henry Horstmann with judge Trent Schmick



Judge's Choice Laura Getzkow with judge Ross Harried and his helpers

Keeping Up With The Jones quilt contest results

During the Covered Bridge celebration Keeping Up With The Jones's Quilting hosted a quilt contest. They had 28 entries that displayed their quilts. They had over 100 customers cast votes for their favorites. First place had over 60 votes. It was presented by Kathy Anderson. Second place went to Sandy Gieson. Third place went to Christine Wenger. First place received a \$100 gift certificate, second place \$100 in material and third place received a Jelly Roll of Fabric. Congratulations to all the quilters on a job well done. Enjoy!



SSM Health Welcomes New Primary Care Provider

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group in Brodhead is excited to welcome a new primary care provider to the team, Jacqueline Conway, FNP.

Conway attended University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point for Bachelor of Science in Biology and University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh for Bachelor of Science in Nursing degrees. She then continued to earn her Master of Science in Nursing, Family Nurse Practitioner, degree from Chamberlain University in Chicago, Illinois.

As a primary care provider, Conway offers comprehensive, individualized care for all members of the family through all ages and stages.

"I use a patient-first holistic approach to my care," shared Jacqueline Conway. "Meaning, we will work together to address concerns and reach your health goals."

Conway is originally from Brodhead and is excited to be back practicing medicine in her community. When not at work, she enjoys being outdoors, hiking, fishing and spending time with her family.

To schedule an appointment with Jacqueline Conway, please call 608-897-2191.





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