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# Last Chance to Round Up for Jaycee Park Splash Pad!

The Brodhead Jaycees have launched a fund-raising campaign to improve Jaycee Park, including installing a brand new SPLASH PAD! Justin and his team at the Piggly Wiggly have generously offered to kick start their campaign with a round-up program for the month of September. This week is your last chance to round up your grocery order...the program ends on Saturday, September 30! Thank you for your support!

The Jaycees are fund-raising the entire cost of installing the splash pad and other park improvements, which means that local taxes will not be affected. They are looking for corporate sponsors, monetary donations, and inkind donations for concrete work, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, etc. For more information, pick up a pamphlet at The Pig or check out the Jaycees' Facebook page: www.facebook.com/friendsofthejayceepark



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## **City Council**

# Online Sewer Bill Module Approved

#### By Grace Kufahl

After much discussion, in a four to two vote, the council approved purchasing the license for a new software module that will allow residents to view and pay their bills online. The demand for this service is increasing and the city currently receives many calls with questions about sewer bills from residents whose bills were delayed or have their bills sent to a local bank for autopayment.

Chief Raupp was approved to sell the oldest, high mileage squad car and convert the currently idle, lower mileage K9 unit to a regular squad car to replace it. This will leave the department with four vehicles, which the chief believes is a more appropriate number given the current staff.

The Council also approved for Chief Raupp to spend up to \$2,500 to purchase ID Badge Equipment. He currently has to order badges online for retired officers who are still certified to carry a weapon. Having the equipment on hand, badges can be made for the retirees

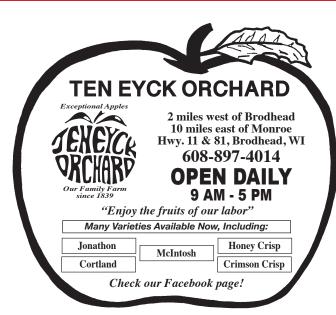
and all city employees for around \$5 each, which is substantially less than the online cost. This would be helpful in the event of an emergency where officers helping out from other jurisdictions may not know city officials.

Preapproval was given for the city to potentially partner with Belleville, New Glarus and the Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) to hire a shared Economic Development Coordinator. Alder Burkhalter stated Brodhead is currently missing out on housing and employment opportunities by not having anyone to market the city or write grant proposals. If the partnership goes forward, the city would be obligated to pay up to \$25,000 per year from 2024 through 2026 toward this person's salary. The rest would come from Belleville, New Glarus, GCDC and Green County with other parties potentially being added to reduce the city's share further.

Up to \$10,000 was approved from ARPA funds to revamp the city's website.



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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 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. Sun., Sept. 10—Rally Sunday at 10 a.m. Sat., Sept. 16—Fall Fish Boil 4:30-7:30 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.

# Greenwood Cemetery notice

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for winter. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Monday, October 2nd, to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place fall or winter items until November 1st.

# Safe Zone Training

Better Brodhead, in partnership with LGBTQ+ advocate, Stephanie Hormig to present: SAFE ZONE TRAINING on Wednesday, September 27th, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Brodhead Memorial Public Library.

By the end of the training, participants should have a deeper familiarity and comfort with LGBTQ+ vocabulary, how to use inclusive practices, and how to advocate for LGBTQ+ youth. Participants will leave with ideas on how to make their community a safe and inclusive space for all LGBTQ+ members.

Contact Jessica Marass atjmarass@betterbrodhead.org with questions and to register.

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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. 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.

# Russell Sharp Tree Dedication Ceremony

On Saturday, September 30, Russell Sharp will be remembered at a Tree Dedication Ceremony. The Ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. at Stavn Park at 212 N. Mowe Street in Orfordville

Russell Sharp passed away on September 6, 2020, while on a hunting trip in Meeker, Colorado. Russell and his wife, Margie, are former Orfordville residents. The Sharp's raised their family in Orfordville and retired to Hillsboro, Wisconsin.

After his retirement from General Motors, Russell became a part time employee of the Orfordville Public Works Department. Russell's friends and former neighbors chose to remember Russell with a tree at Stavn Park, which is down the street from his former residence. Friends, family, and neighbors of the Sharp Family are invited to attend the dedication.

## ORITHARY



# Raymond C. Scheidegger

Raymond C. Scheidegger, 87, of Juda, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2023. Born June 3, 1936, at home in Stephenson County, Illinois, the son of Donovan and Lois (Meinert) Scheidegger. Raymond married Viola M. Arndt on January 20, 1957. Raymond was a concrete finisher for many years. He enjoyed gardening and hunting for ginseng and morel mushrooms. He also liked to watch Westerns. Raymond loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his children: Randy (Linda) Scheidegger, Don (Lori) Scheidegger, Bill (Teri) Scheidegger, Jesse (Angela Steiner) Scheidegger, and Rob (Heather Oborne) Scheidegger; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three great-great grandchildren; sisters: Patricia Klemm, Sharon (Jim) Jeremiason, Kathryn Scheidegger and Mary (Bill) Bussey and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents and wife, Viola.

Funeral services were at noon on Thursday, September 21, at DL Newcomer Funeral Home, with visitation starting at 11 a.m. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead

To extend online condolences, please visit: www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

# Oakley Union UMC Fall Harvest Meal

Oakley Union UMC will have a Fall Harvest Meal at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County S, Juda on Saturday, October 7 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The meal will be your choice of an eat in or carry-out meal. The meal is: turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, dressing, green beans, cranberries and dessert choice: pumpkin bar or chocolate cake. The cost is \$13.





# Rasmussen, Krumwiede engagement announcement

Joyce and Tim Krumwiede, of Brodhead, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Olivia Krumwiede, to Tanner Rasmussen, son of Beth Rolf of Mountain, Wisconsin and John Rasmussen, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Olivia is a graduate of Brodhead High School, UW-Oshkosh, and Concordia University, and is a Physician Assistant at St Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Tanner previously served in the U.S. Army and is a Police Officer with the Oshkosh Police Department.

An October wedding is planned.

## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

#### WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

Deadline: Thursday, October 5th

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will offer the following recreation indoor volleyball league:

SUNDAY NIGHT RECREATIONAL 6 x 6 COED LEAGUE: This league will be played on Sunday evenings at Brodhead Middle School beginning Sunday, October 15th. Players must be seventh grade and older, each team must consist of four-six players, with two of them being adults. The cost is \$25 per person.

To register a team, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 897-2159 ext. 9.

#### BRODHEAD HOMECOMING PARADE 2023

On Friday, September 29th, area clubs, BHS athletics, and local businesses/organizations will be showing their Cardinal Pride at the annual homecoming parade. If you are interested in being included in the parade line-up, contact BHS Student Council advisor, Cristi Gretebeck, at cgretebeck@brodhead.kl2.wi.us or at BHS 608-897-2155. You are welcome to bring candy or treats to pass out along the route. Parade participants will line up by the old middle school at 3:45 p.m. The parade begins promptly at 4 p.m. The parade route advances to Center Avenue to conclude at Veterans Park.

They are in need of convertibles and drivers for members of the Homecoming Court, please contact BHS at 608-897-2155 if you can help us out! They hope you consider joining Brodhead's Homecoming Parade.

#### BRODHEAD YOUTH BASKETBALL

Registration for boys and girls grades third-eighth will be held in the high school foyer from 4-6 p.m. on Monday, October 2 and Wednesday, October 4.

A parent must accompany the athlete as each will need to sign the release form; the registration fee is \$30. You will also have the opportunity that night to order a uniform and additional Cardinal basketball gear. If you have any questions please reach out to Jeremy Pinnow at 608-897-2013.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

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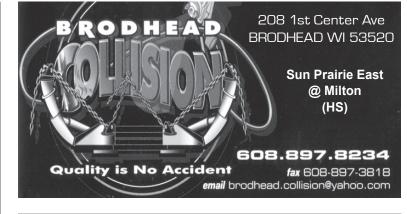
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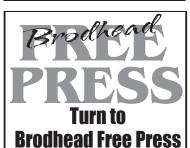
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# **Cross Country Keeping Pace**

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead-Juda cross country teams continue to keep their pace running last week at the Duck Pond Invite at Big Foot. The meet was won by the Home School Eagles for both boys and girls with 39 and 26 points respectively. With 11 schools competing the Cardinal women finished in fourth place with 100 points and the men with 130 points came in fifth. Kalena Riemer, 21:04, continues to lead the Cardinal women coming in third. Madilyn Arnold, 23:05, and Madi Brown, 23:36, placed in the top 25. Serena Santiago, 26:19 and Danica Demrow, 26:52, also contributed points to the team score. The men had three runners in the top 25, Nathan Engen, 18:06, Gavin Pinnow, 18:15 and Gauge Jorgenson, 19:16. Jorg Villalva, 19:41 and Hunter Jorgenson, 20:43 earned points.

Parkview's men finished the team competition in 10th place and the women placed sixth. Cal Fox, 19:40, Milo Jackson, 20:21, Dillan Heisz, 20:22, Cole McMahon, 20:23 and Ian Soderstrom, 21:02 led the Vikings. Annie Burchell, 23:32, Tempy Pautsch, 24:49 and Loralei Arnold, 25:11 competed were the top finishers for the women.

On Tuesday this week the team traveled to Jefferson and Saturday they will be at UW-Platteville.

# Volleyball Bounces Back By Teresa Earleywine

Volleyball had their first conference loss last Tuesday when they competed at Big Foot loosing in three very close matches, 25-23, 25-18 and 25-23. Brenley Jones and Brynn Riesterer each had eight kills, Jaelyn Hilliard was credited with 21 assists and three aces. Addie Leifker with 19 and Alecia Dahl with 11 led in digs.

On Thursday hosting Evansville, the Cardinals bounced back but it did take some "grit" to accomplish and four sets of 25-20, 25-12, 21-25 and then 25-19 to send the Blue Devils home. Brodhead racked up 40 kills on the night with Jones, 10, Makenna Schooff, 11, Dahl, nine, and Riesterer, six, showing their power at the net. Leifker and Schooff combined for 10-of-16 aces. Jerrica Schwartz, with three aces, set the Cardinals for victory in the second match serving six straight points. Earning double digits in digs were Leifker, Dahl, Schooff and Hilliard. Riesterer and Jones again led the team in blocks.

This week the team was at Beloit Turner on Tuesday and take on Clinton at home on Thursday.

# **Football Stymies Dodgeville**

By Teresa Earleywine

On the road to Dodgeville, it did not take the Cardinals long to take control and score the points that would lead them to a 47–7 victory. The first quarter, it would be Gunner Boegli, catching the 18-yard pass from Gabe Bockhop, for score number one. Isaac Saunders would push through from the oneyard line for the second TD. There would be four touchdowns in the second. Marcus McIntyre would sac, Braden Jabs, the Dodger QB causing a fumble recovered by Brady Flannery to set up Saunders to get another score and he would tally one more TD in the second quarter. Dodgeville would punt away the ball but two additional penalties would give the Cardinals good field position. McIntyre would gain 31 rushing yards in one play, capped off with Brody Riese taking Bockhop's pass across the goal line. Bockhop would cap off the scoring in the first half with a 36-yard run. At the half, Brodhead led 41-0 which would set in motion a continuous clock to start the second half. Saunders and Riese tag-teamed in the third quarter to advance the ball resulting in Riese crossing the goal line for his second TD of the night on a six-yard run. Early in the fourth, Jayden Brown would sack the Jabs again for a loss. The one bright spot for Dodgeville was their only score coming late in the fourth quarter to prevent a Cardinal shutout.

Saunders with 80 yards rushing followed by McIntyre's 71, led the ground attack. Boegli and Riese combined for 48-yards in receiving. Brodhead defense limited Dodgeville's ability to gain first-downs and maintained pressure throughout the game on the Dodgers.

Homecoming is this week with the parade on Friday beginning at 4 p.m. from the old middle school heading west and then turning south onto 1st Center Avenue. Adams Friendship will be the opponent. The Green Devils come into this game leading the South Central Conference and have 5-2 overall record. Kickoff is at 7 p.m. at Gary Larson Field with Brodhead's marching band providing pregame and halftime entertainment.



Jerrica Schartz served up six points straight to lead Brodhead past the Blue Devils in game two. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brenley Jones goes up against Kennedy Dobbs and Brynn Westby for a kill. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

# **Assembly Passed Child Care Bills**

Concerning By Jillynn Niemeier

I am writing to express my deep concerns about the quality of childcare and early education in our State. As a parent and licensed family child care provider, I believe that every child deserves access to highquality care and education during their formative years. Unfortunately, recent action that took place in the assembly in regards to childcare bills will do the opposite.

Representative Todd Novak has put in his E-updates. "Investing in quality education for our children is essential for their overall development and success. By prioritizing K-12 education, we ensure that students receive the necessary resources, tools, and opportunities to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally." and ""the assembly voted on numerous child care bills that would benefit parents and expand access to quality care." Investing in quality education for our children is essential for their overall development and success. However on Thursday, September 14, he voted yes on all the Republican bills for childcare. This includes allowing 16-year olds to be in charge of a classroom by themselves so long as "an adult is on premise" Having a classroom full of toddlers by yourself at 16 and not having the support or maturity to be able to help children work through a hard moment and also having another five playing in the room. Increasing ratios in group childcare centers is going to bring down the quality of care as each child is not going to get the time with the teacher they deserve during the most important development which they will go through in their life. Any child care program that chooses to "take advantage of this choice," but is Accredited or, Youngstar rated (the states own quality rating system) will not be able to utilize either of these options as they will decrease quality, health, and safety. This isn't an opinion, they will lose accreditation or be unable to achieve higher than a three star. Even a three will be difficult to accomplish since it will be almost impossible to meet the children's needs appropriately with those ratios.

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Right—Garrett Olson, #55. is a contributor in tackles for the Cardinals strong defensive line. (File photo by Teresa Earleywine)





# **Brodhead High School Fall Sports**

Photos by Bri Larsen Photography



#### **Brodhead-Juda Football**

Front row, left to right: Tyler Picard, Jamison Wallin, Braylon Strehlow, Bryce Bockhop, Joziah Crisler, Nick Lobeck, Aiden Walker; row two: Manny Bueno, Nolan Bump, Marcus McIntyre, Blake Adkins, Felix Paffel, Chase Bauman, Dylan Ross, Ryan Zumbragel, Kaden Riese, Jason Montiel, Landon Peterson, Ethan Groebner, Isaac Saunders; row three: Grayson Arn, Achilles Fowler, Gus Weig, Trent Gerber, Wade Boegli, BJ Bockhop, Jim Matthys, Jeff Jubie, Tim Cerjak, Jared Arn, Brandon Riese, Charlie Weis, Tyler Coleman; four row: Bryce McIntosh, Erik Woodward, Logan Berzinski, Jayden Brown, Colton Corning, Joe Douglas, Alex Hurtado, Aiden Haegele, Cason Baxter, Chase Wilhite, Gabe Bockhop; row five: Emmitt Allen, Jacob Keating, Brady Flannery, Hunter Foster, Owen Hillstrom, Gunner Boegli, Joey Brown, Victor Mukosa, Blake Matthys, Brooks Malkow; row six: Brandon Bernet, Jordan Dix, Lucas Keating, Garrett Olson, Braydan Sweeney, Landon King, Brody Riese, Silas Begay, Kavion Kupps.



## **Cross Country—Boys**

Sitting, left to right: Maddy McGuire, Aubry Yoshida (managers); kneeling: Simon Moore, Braydon Steinmann, Hunter Jorgenson, Brody Kiser, Gauge Jorgenson, Skyler Viti; standing row one: Jorge Villalva, Coach Anne Corbit, Coach Jen Riemer, Coach Curt Gratz, Treyton Alexander; standing row two: Gavin Pinnow, Josh Blum, Nathan Engen, Merin Roeper.



### **Cross Country—Girls**

Sitting, left to right: Maddy McGuire, Nicole Miller, Madilyn Arnold, Aubry Yoshida; kneeling: Hannah Grover, Harper Krattiger, Serena Santiago, Madi Brown, Josie Picard, Danica Demrow; standing: Maddison Hatter, Coach Anne Corbit, Coach Jen Riemer, Coach Curt Gratz, Kalena Riemer.





## Varsity Volleyball

Front row, left to right: Manager Landen Kammerer and Manager Kylie Schooff; second row: Alecia Dahl, Makenna Schooff, Ava Risum, Jaelyn Hilliard, Addie Leifker, Paityn Kail; third row: Chesnie Walker, Coach Mariah Douglas, Coach Leanne Richmond, Coach Erin Kammerer, Coach Daphne Johnson, Coach Brian Kammerer, and Jerrica Schwartz; back row: Gretchen Kammerer, Brenley Jones, Brynn Riesterer, and Addison Yates.



## JV 1 Volleyball:

Front row kneeling, left to right: Emily Reyes, Leah Rear, Laney Weis, Karli Krumwiede, Bernice Bevars, Emily Schwartzlow; second row: Lou Foster, Keegan Steinke, Coach Leanne Richmond, Taya Anderson, Lexi Miller; back row: Lily Schieddeger, Chesney Walker, Brynn Riesterer, Jalynn Jones.



### JV 2 Volleyball

Front row, left to right: Lylah Huntington, Divia Benitez-Becerril, Dakota Carlson, Cassie Rodriguez; row two: Mackenzie Harding, Raya Santiago, Ciarriah Condon, Kaylee Miller; row three: Madison Melvin, Abbey Vickers, Coach Mariah Douglas, Emberly Ast, Khloe Coplien; row four: Jaylinn Holmes, Brooke Mueller, Emma Elsner, Elianna Shank.



#### Cheerleading

Back row, left to right: Lilli Voelker, Adeline Rosheisen, Coach Brugger, Kaylee Richards, Tatum Dobson; front row: Raela Dosio, Ashley Campbell, Jenna Dougherty. Not pictured: Rayna Wincell .

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# **Green County** Genealogical **Society** monthly meeting

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting Saturday, October 7 at the Monroe Public Library. The program is "The Cheesemaking History of Green County and the Surrounding Area" presented by Paul Vassalotti.

Paul Vassalotti, Wisconsin Cheesemaking Historian, will be presenting the cheesemaking history and cheese factories of the area. He will also be sharing his biographical work on several of the area cheesemakers. Paul Vassalotti is referred to as the "Wisconsin Cheesemaking Historian". He currently has done research on several Wisconsin counties, which has given him a broad knowledge of cheesemaking in different parts of the state. Paul is retired and lives in Cross Plains, Wsconsin. He is also very involved as a volunteer at the National Historic Cheesemaking Center Museum in Monroe.

The meeting will be held in the second floor meeting room of the Monroe Public Library at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 7. Visitors are always welcome and there is no cost to attend. You may call Ginny at 608-426-1796 or Donna at 608-921-1537 if you have any questions. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is available to the public for research each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., other times available by appointment by calling 608-325-7436 on Tuesday or Bill at 608-325-2990.

## Bidlingmaier and Lancaster reappointed

Judge Thomas J. Vale and Judge Faun M. Phillipson have announced that Thomas Bidlingmaier, of Browntown, and Nathan Lancaster, of Monroe, have been reappointed to a three-year term as Condemnation Commissioners effective Friday, September 15.

Other members serving on the committee include Richard Maliszewski, Joseph Ripp and Ronald Spielman, all of Monroe.

# **Football**

The highest scoring football game of the week was Monroe over Delavan-Darien, 48-0. Big Foot forfeited to Lodi as they had to canceled due to lack of players. First place was won by Eric VonAllmen, Albany, with all the correct games and 49 points. Second place was a tie with all the correct games and 52 points: Teresa Earleywine and Dennis Schwartz, both of Brodhead. The following each had one incorrect: Lynette VonAllmen and Curt Elmer, both of Albany; and Chris Hoesly, Ann Schwartz, Paul Clark and Brian Malkow, all of Brodhead.



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## Wisconsin Grown Hemp—Farm saving crop or just another money losing venture?

A local farmer's perspective.

By James Cassidy

Have you heard of hemp? Hemp (Cannabis sativa L) is an herbaceous, anemophilous plant belonging to the Cannabaceae family. It is among the most ancient, cultivated plants and should not be confused with marijuana, which is not legal. The difference is hemp products contain less than .3% of THC.

The possibilities of turning hemp into a multitude of plant-based products are very exciting and would benefit farmers, industries, and consumers throughout America. Imagine hemp plastic that biograde quickly. Or hemp home insulation grown by our Wisconsin farmers! How about hemp batteries! Or the medicinal side of hemp—CBD. Furthermore, hemp is a bioremediator for contaminated soil sites keeping our environment clean. The possibilities are endless. So why haven't we seen fields of hemp around our state? Here is my personal perspective as a small-scale hemp farmer.

In 2018 the federal government made the cultivation of hemp legal again in the United States after a long hiatus. There was a buzz of excitement in Wisconsin about this crop's comeback. Wisconsin used to be a leader in the hemp industry until its prohibition in the 1940s. Entrepreneurs felt hemp had the potential to spawn a new lucrative industry, which would grow many small businesses and put farmers' books back in the black. As such, many existing and several new farmers, both large and small throughout the state jumped at the chance to grow hemp.

In 2019, a small group of farmers, including myself, formed the South Central Wisconsin Hemp Cooperative and began raising hemp for the organic production of CBD oil tinctures. We were part of the over 1,200 hemp growing licenses issued in 2019, the first full year of hemp cultivation in Wisconsin resulting in over 4,000 acres planted and harvested in the same year. As a result, the state saw 560 businesses open to process hemp into crude CBD oil and a variety of other hemp by-products. Three years later, in 2022 the number of hemp acres grown dropped to 870 acres with 740 acres harvested. The last year of data from DATCP show hemp processors dropped to 524. Keep in mind there is a budding hemp industry in Wisconsin connected to the CBD side of the hemp industry and not the by-product side. Well not yet anyway.

What has caused the decline in numbers and lack of growth in an industry that had so much initial excitement? The answer to this is complicated and the reasons blend together. Here are a few possible answers.

#### Reason # 1: Oversupply

The initial excitement of the industry caused farmers to grow a large number of acres of hemp thinking the payoff would be worth the hard work of growing and harvesting a very labor intensive crop. This led to an oversupply of hemp in a consumer market that was not quite ready for this new industry and its many products. For the farmers, however, the lack of hemp consumers in the market led to plummeting prices as the initial oversupply had nowhere to go. Many farmers are still sitting on stored hemp biomass from 2019. If hemp farmers want to move their stored biomass they have two options 1) sell it at bottom of the barrel prices if they can find a processor who is willing to buy it or 2) invest in turning their hemp biomass into retail products and then hope to sell them in an already flooded market full of several other hemp-derived products.

# Reason # 2: Lack of Knowledge of hemp and cannabi-

Ask yourself how much you know about hemp and CBD? Chances are you don't know a lot and therefore wouldn't think much about buying these types of products. Hemp processors figured out quickly how to process hemp biomass into CBD and other cannabinoid distillates into tinctures, vapes, topicals, candies, gummies, pills, salves, etc. The South Central Wisconsin Hemp Cooperative learned there is an education gap when it comes to the value of hemp-derived products. This lack of knowledge has kept the industry from expanding further. Consumers want value for their money and not knowing what CBD can do for their aches and pains, stress, anxiety, and overall health and wellbeing leads to consumer hesitation. Educating consumers requires individual conversations. Without that education the growth of hemp consumers will continue to be slow.

#### Reason # 3: FDA regulations or lack thereof

Farmers and processors across the state and the nation hope the FDA will rule that hemp-derived CBD can be added to human and animal products. Currently, products derived from cultivated hemp are legal, but not considered dietary supplements. Therefore they cannot be advertised as products that can reduce pain, anxiety, or sleep issues nor added to food or beverages, as they must be sold as stand alone products. An FDA rule allowing it to become a dietary supplement would open several avenues of uses in both human and pet foods. Unfortunately for the hemp industry, FDA is waiting for Congress to pass legislation authorizing the FDA to regulate hemp-derived CBD as a dietary supplement. There is currently bi-partisan legislation introduced but it has yet to pass.

The innumerable advantages of hemp in creating jobs, maintaining family farm profits, and providing health benefits means this crop should not be ignored. It's time for Congress and the FDA to work together to move this promising crop and industry forward.

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union is a member-driven committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement in Rock, Green, and Lafayette Counties.

James Cassidy owns 10 acres in central Green County with his wife Erin and two children and is working to replace invasive species with native plants and expand environmentally friendly agricultural production of hemp, vegetables, and livestock on a small scale. He joined South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union to engage and continue to learn from the many knowledgeable and environmentally sustaining-focused members who understand that working together and sharing with one another makes for a better community and environment.

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#### **Garage Sales**



#### **BRODHEAD**

W267 State Road 81, Barn/Garage Sale, Sat., Sept. 30, 8:30 a.m-1 p.m. Home decor, vintage, motorcycle helmets, furniture, books, seasonal decor, some clothes (mostly women's), and whole lot more. No early sales please. Rain or shine.

N4094 Bank Nine Court, Sat., Sept. 30, 9 a.m-3 p.m. Pull behind lawn fertlizer, pull behind lawn seeder and aerator, metal pick-up loading ramps, pack-n-play and bedding, booster seat, drop leaf coffee table, roll top desk and chair, men's 26" Trek 10-speed bicycle, miscellaneous household, books, puzzles. No clothes.

N4099 County Road E, Fri., Sept. 29, 8 a.m-4 p.m. Vintage furniture, bedroom set, collectibles, Farmall H tractor, china cabinet, gang mower, hay rake, cookbooks, dishes, linens, entire household. No reasonable offer refused.

# POLICE

#### Green County Sheriff's Department September 18-24, 2023

At 6:13 a.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the W300 block of Stateline Road, in the Town of Spring Grove for a single vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Gregory M. Singh, 61, of Davis, IL, was traveling northbound on Best Road. Singh reported not being able stop. The vehicle continued through the intersection and entered the north ditch where it collided with an embankment. Singh reported no injuries, was wearing his seat belt, and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. The crash remains under investigation.

# Assembly passed

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Representative Novak's own words, "ensure that students receive the necessary resources, tools, and opportunities to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally," acknowledge this is the time to build the foundation needed for children to enter the K-12 system and be successful. This is the time we should be investing in quality- not taking it

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## ADD VALUE to Your Food or Farming Business at the Two-Day, In-Person, FEED Summit in Green Bay!

UW-Madison Division of Extension Community Food Systems Program is partnering with Green Bay nonprofit New Food Forum to organize a two-day summit for Wisconsin food and farming entrepreneurs! The 2023 FEED Summit will be held in-person on November 13-14, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This year's theme is: ADDING VALUE to Your Food or Farming Business!

The Community Food Systems Program's Food Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Development (FEED) Initiative is a statewide program of UW-Madison Extension that promotes food entrepreneurship training and network development for value-added producers and aspiring and small-scale food business operators. UW-Madison Extension's outreach creates key connection points for families, communities, businesses, non-profit organizations, government, and more. Extension supports local volunteers and leaders to take action and serve as role models in their communities. Extension has a presence in every county in Wisconsin and in partnership with First Nations to make sure Wisconsinites have the latest research, best practices, and educational opportunities.

The local co-host for the 2023 FEED Summit is New Food Forum—an "an initiative of food and health businesses and organizations working to grow the local food system and the relationships that support it." They identify groups working on local food issues, strengthen relationships among these groups, create policy related to a regional food system, and recognize the national and global nature of the food system. Amanda Chu, one of the founders of New Food Forum, states, "We're helping co-host the FEED Summit because supporting equitable access to food entrepreneurship resources is a key factor in developing economic resiliency and equity within a community"

Extension and New Food Forum will kick off the statewide, in-person conference on Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, morning at 8:30 a.m. with a Networking Breakfast then the first Keynote at 9:30 a.m. Breakout sessions will go in-depth into business topics ranging from business planning to finding funding to food safety. Breakout sessions will also include time for summit participants to ask the speakers questions. Additionally, participants will have several opportunities to meet directly with small business development professionals, including legal experts from the UW-Madison Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic. During the two full days of breakout sessions, networking breaks, and visiting exhibitor booths, summit participants will meet hundreds of other participants from across the state, including both service providers and other entrepreneurs.

On Tuesday, conference participants will have the opportunity to tell other participants about their product or business idea in the Entrepreneur Showcase. The Entrepreneur Showcase is toward the end of the conference so that participants can use what they learn at the conference to prepare how to best showcase their products or ideas.

The FEED Summit networking dinner on Monday night will provide ex-

#### Monday Night Mixed League

9/18—High series: Glayden Wahler 713, Denny Schultz 642, Tyson Foster 234. High games: G. Wahler 257, D. Schultz 254, T. Foster 234. Fosters Gaming-high team game 970 and series 2,865. **Standings**: Beloit Chiropractic won 11 lost 3, Deb's Bar 10-4, Center Tavern 9-5, Broughton's Bar 5-9, Albany Lanes 4-10, Fosters Gaming 3-11.

#### Badger

9/19—High series: Russell Buetzer 636, Keith Riese 623, Brian Behnke 572, Jim Laughlin 568, Jen Parrish 259. High games: R. Buetzer 236, K. Riese 224, Tim Kaderly 223, Don Nieman 220, J. Parrish 90. Pearl City Elevator-high team game 855. Renks-high team series 2,297. **Standings**: Decatur Dairy won 10 lost 4, Jim's Mechanic Shop 8-6, Renks 7-7, Pearl City Elevator 7-7, Counter Attack 7-7, Team 3 3-11.

#### **Thursday Afternoon Ladies**

9/21—High series: Tana Klitzman 451, Becky Riese 446, Debbie Williams 445. High games: D. Williams 172, T. Klitzman 163, B. Riese 156. Nolte's Garage-high team game 530. Mike's Flooring-high team series 1,490. **Standings**: Nolte's Garage won 18 lost 10, Albany Lanes 17-11, Ball's Installation 16-12, Knutes 12-16, Mike's Flooring 12-16.

#### **Thursday Night Mixed**

9/21—High series: Ty Anderson 680, Ryan Flood 654, DJ McGowen 628, John Pluss 625. High games: LeRoy Blumer 254, Michael Morton 243, Paul Rhyner 241, R. Flood 238. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,018 and series 2,907. **Standings**: Attica Bar won 14 lost 7, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 13-8, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 12-9, Glenn Ann Holsteins 10-11, Rosheisen Rappers 10-11, Golz Electric 4-17.

#### **Brodhead Juniors**

9/23—High series—boys: Ashton Hale 536, Parker VanderPal 534, Trenton Murray 447, Brittian Paulson 427, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 345, Reece Popanz 328. High games—boys: A. Hale 200, P. VanderPal 190, B. Paulson 169, T. Murray 160, A. Ramirez-Vogel 122, R. Popanz 122.

High series—girls: Kylee Wahler 449, Grace Gold 437, Taylor Sauer 416, Grace Welbig 285, Lily Schwartzlow 235, Aubrie Bartelt 224. High games—girls: K. Wahler 186, G. Gold 157, T. Sauer 145, G. Welbig 107, L. Schwartzlow 87, A. Bartelt 86.

#### **Brodhead Early Rollers**

9/23—High games: Stella Brugger 77, Abigail Fenwick 64, Kinslee Brewer 54.

#### **Brodhead Youth**

9/23—High series: Carter Fenwick 142, Jayse Bennett 121, Henry Johnson 81, Jaxson Brewer 53, Kelsee Brugger 193, Lilly Johnson 134, Keira Shrader 100, Ayla Brugger 91, Ryan Stevens 85. High games: C. Fenwick 77, J. Bennett 65, H. Johnson 56, J. Brewer 32, K. Brugger 120, L. Johnson 73, K. Shrader 55, A. Brugger 52, R. Stevens 51.

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cellent networking opportunities for participants and will highlight Green Bay food entrepreneurs. The networking dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. at a new event and commercial space opening this fall called "The Cannery"—a food hall space that includes Titletown Brewery and several restaurants in Downtown Green Bay. We'll hear from The Startup Hub Manager Ron Franklin about The Cannery project and about the complementary Startup Week Wisconsin events in Green Bay from November 14-18.

Statewide Food Entrepreneurship Specialist, Jessica Jane Spayde, stated: "In organizing this conference, we hold ourselves to high standards of quality and accessibility. The quality of speakers, sessions, and business experts at the FEED Summit are unrivaled in Wisconsin — and, thanks to our sponsors and exhibitors, we can offer this high-quality conference at an accessible price-point for beginning and new food entrepreneurs."

Thanks to sponsors like Compeer, Extension is able to offer participant registration starting at \$75, increasing to \$85 after September 15th. All are welcome to this learning, connecting, and promotional space to ADD VAL-UE to your food business!

Find more information on the FEED Summit homepage: https://go.wisc. edu/j40254.

Register here: https://go.wisc.edu/7116b8.

A limited number of scholarships are available through our partnering organizations. For additional information about the FEED Summit email Extension Community Food Systems Food Entrepreneurship Specialist Jessica Jane Spayde at Spayde@wisc.edu.

away as 90% of brain development happens in the first five years. How do you justify these votes? This is not benefiting the parents and expanding the access to quality care. This is doing the complete opposite for quality.

Rep. Novak has voted no multiple times to Child Care Counts Amendments, including on Thursday.

Child Care Counts increased quality and access, in Green County alone, more programs started accepting subsidy payments for low income children, and increased from two to three and four star ratings. There are more childcare programs in the county than in 2019-the first increase in decades. Tuition rates stabilized, but according to a recent survey (90% return rate) Green County rates will increase 26% from January 2022-January 2023 making care more unaffordable. I have also reached out many times inviting Representative Novak

to have a conversation with me at my center and also with other providers at a round table without success. I welcome him to come work at my program when it fits in his schedule as I am open from Monday through Friday 7-4:30 so we can have an honest conversation about what high quality, affordable, accessible child care means.





# Fall in love with Brodhead during AutumnFest

The seasons are changing and the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce AutumnFest, presented by Hometown Pharmacy, on Saturday, October 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park in beautiful downtown Brodhead. This is the same weekend that several downtown businesses will be participating in the popular Vintage Shop Hop, a self-guided road trip of over 400 shops across southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, on Friday and Saturday.

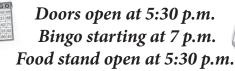
Admission to AutumnFest is FREE thanks to all of our generous, local sponsors and there will be lots of fall favorites like local food and drink, vendor market, face painting, horse-drawn wagon rides, and DJ with live radio broadcast on 95.1 FM all day. There will also be a petting zoo, pumpkin decorating, trick or treating at downtown businesses 10 a.m.-12 p.m., chili contest and taste testing 11 a.m.-2 p.m., costume parade at noon and live music by local favorite "In Bed Before Nine" from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and "Andy Yaun The Rockabilly Kid" from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Other FREE local attractions include the Historical Depot Museum, Ten Eyck Orchards, Kelch Aviation Museum, Raupp's Pumpkin Patch, and more!

Check out BrodheadAutumnFest.com for the complete schedule and to sign up for the chili contest, and follow Brodhead Chamber of Commerce on Facebook for information and updates.

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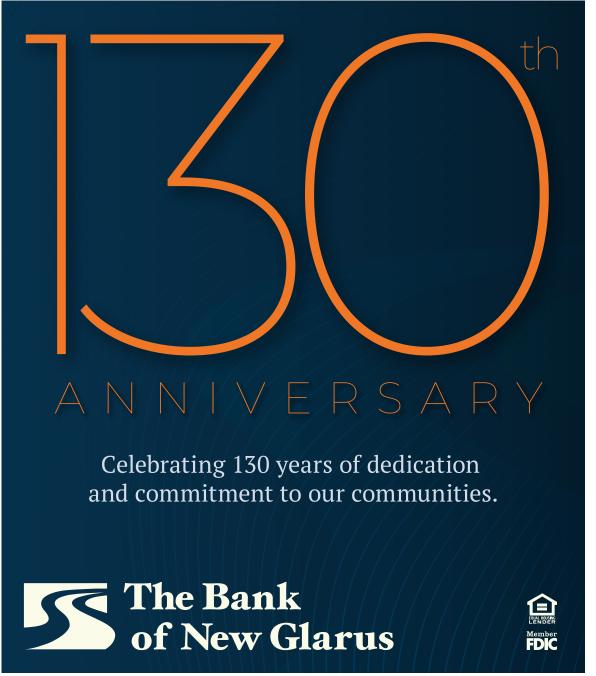
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The Albrecht Elementary second graders took a trip to Ten Eyck's Apple Orchard. They learned about growing apples, picking them, how they are stored and how they are sorted. A big thank you to Ten Eyck's for having them. The apples and cider were delicious!

# Green County Youth Celebrate National 4-H Week

October 1-7 is National 4-H Week and Green County is celebrating all the great opportunities that 4-H offers young people to learn, grow, and lead. "4-H empowers youth for success. 4-H is an experience you do not want to pass up. 4-H is a way of life," says Deb Myers, Organizational Leader for Next Generation 4-H Club.

As part of the National 4-H Week festivities, Green County 4-H families will be showing their 4-H pride on Wednesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> by wearing a 4-H t-shirt or a green shirt to school or work. 4-H clubs will also be putting up window displays in local communities throughout the county, showcasing the many opportunities 4-H offers.

Meghan Sievers, a parent from the Clarence Bridge Pioneers 4-H Club, says, "I love watching my kids grow into confident young people who are learning to have their own voices and their own opinions. They are able to see that even the smallest gestures of kindness and goodwill can really affect the people around them. They are learning how great it feels to be part of a larger group of people, with all sorts of different backgrounds and interests, that they can really make an impact with."

During 4-H Week and beyond, we celebrate the power of 4-H programs to empower young people! Here in Green County, 4-H is a program of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, engaging more than 500 4-H members and 140 adult volunteers.

4-H is a place to be seen, belong and be your best self. No matter your interests or background, 4-H has a place for you! The Jolly Mixers 4-H Club members tell us what they love most about 4-H is "showing all the fun stuff we made over the year" (Reed Shrader), and "working together as a club" (Tayla Shrader).

In 4-H, youth can also find what sparks their passion and gives them energy. For some youth, this includes showcasing what they have learned at the County Fair. Next Generation 4-H Club member, Jackie Nusbaum, says, "The way I have been involved in 4-H has really helped me grow into the person I am today."

Learn how you can grow with 4-H, as a youth member or adult leader, by going to www.greencounty4h. info or by contacting Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at Extension Green County at 608-328-9440 or ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.