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The "Dolls" are sure your luck will be better when you attend one of the upcoming performances. The "Guys" roll the dice and hope to see you at their upcoming performances. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Guys & Dolls the Musical

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead High School's music department is excited to announce their annual musical production of Guys & Dolls under the direction of Ms. Sarah Jordan and Mr. Hurt. Originally written by Cy Feuer and Ernest Martin, the story focuses around the lives of high-roller Sky Masterson-played by Nathan Engen, who falls in love with mission worker, Madi Brown as Sarah Brown, and Erik Woodward as lovable Nathan Detroit, who has been engaged to Miss Adelaide—played by Josie Picard, for 14 years. Nathan runs a famous floating crap game, and an ongoing plot line involves his quest for a safe place for the game as Adelaide continues her quest to convince him to marry her. Meanwhile, Sarah, mistakenly believing that Sky set up an illegal game at the mission, tries to fight her affection for the charismatic crapshooter. Additional performers include Bryson Oliver as Benny Southstreet, Lucas Woodward as Nicely-Nicely Johnson, Tyler Picard as Charlie Rusty and Kalena Riemer in the role of Arvide Abernathy. Set in the 1930s, it is described as a romantic comedy. Numerous songs come from this musical including: "Guys and Dolls", "Luck Be A Lady", "A Bushel and a Peck", "Sit Down You're Rocking the Boat."

Mark your calendars, November 10th, and 11th at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, November 12th, to attend this toe-tapping show that just may have you rooting for the not-so-nice guy. Tickets are available for purchase in the high school office. Advance tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students/children. Tickets at the door the night of the show will be \$12. If paying by check, please make it payable to: Brodhead High School. Do not miss out on this amazing show!

Veterans Day Program— Albrecht Elementary School

Albrecht Elementary School will be having their Annual Veterans Day Program on Thursday, November 9th at 9 a.m. If you are a veteran, or know someone who has served our country, please spread the word; this event is open to the public. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Knox, Albrecht Elementary School Principal, at 608-897-2146 for further details.

Brodhead Lions and Leo Pancake Breakfast

The Brodhead Lions and Leos are having their fall pancake breakfast to raise money for the Brodhead School District field trips. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 11, at the Albrecht Elementary School from 7 to 11 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. There is no charge for the meal. They are asking only for your free will donation.

Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Penn State over Maryland, 51-15. First place was won by Ann Schwartz, of Brodhead, with two incorrect. Brian Malkow, of Brodhead, won second place with three incorrect and 48 points. Curt Elmer, of Albany, also had three incorrect and 38 points.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's contest.

Fund-raising and Grants

By 2nd Assistant Chief Richard Pinnow

Firefighters around the world always seem to be involved in trying to raise funds for the Department. The Brodhead Fire District is supported by Brodhead Firefighters, Inc., which is a 501c3 nonprofit organization whose members are current firefighters although retired members are allowed. All of the funds raised by the firefighters are used to benefit the Brodhead Fire District.

The firefighters hold an annual pancake breakfast and mail campaign to raise funds to purchase equipment needed by the Department. We also have held Sportsman's Night. Included in our most recent purchases are new mounting brackets to hold the self contained breathing apparatus in the fire trucks. We also have provided many battery-operated tools as that technology becomes more available to the fire service.

Grant writing is also an annual endeavor. There are several grants available from various entities ranging from government agencies to private companies. The effort to apply ranges from a couple of hours up to 50 hours. A 50% matching

grant from the Wisconsin DNR is applied for annually with a high level of success. The equipment and protective clothing purchased with these funds must be related to fighting wild land fires.

Recently a grant request for \$10,000 was awarded to Brodhead Firefighters, Inc. This generous grant was provided by Only in Wisconsin Giving, which is the charitable arm of New Glarus Brewing Company. The money will be used to replace some of the fire truck radios. Green County Dispatch has recently moved to digital radios. Rock County Dispatch also uses digital technology. The radios used by the Brodhead Fire District are older analog technology, which does not work with digital technology requir $ing \, the \, District \, to \, upgrade \, its \, radios.$

A mobile radio mounted in a truck is approximately \$2,500. A hand held radio approaches \$2,000. The District has been upgrading its radios as funds become available. It will take a few more years to complete the project.

Fund-raising by the volunteer members provides needed equipment to the Brodhead Fire District while holding down the amount of funds required from the taxpayers.



Many people attended the Jaycees Holiday Market held this past weekend to find unique and handcrafted gifts. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



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

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: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Nursery care is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. Bible study Wednesdays at noon. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Sat., Nov. 11, Huge Christmas Craft & Decoration Sale at UCC 8 a.m.-noon. Sun., Nov. 12, Veterans Service of Remembrance at 10 a.m. Thurs., Nov. 16, Anti-Human Trafficking presentation hosted by SARP of WI from 5-6:30 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.

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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.

Anti-Human Trafficking Presentation

An Anti-Human Trafficking presentation will be held Thursday, November 16, from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead.

Join the Green County Healthy Community Coalition, Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force and Abuse Prevention Team for an educational session about anti-human trafficking efforts in Green County. Hear a presentation from a knowledgable speaker, followed by a panel discussion of representatives from law enforcement, healthcare and human services. There will be time for questions and answers at the end of the event.

Light snacks will be provided.

Christmas craft and decoration sale

A huge Christmas craft and decoration sale will be held at the Congregational UCC on Saturday, November 11, from 8 a.m. to noon at the church. The church is located at E201 23rd Street, Brodhead.

The sale is cash only with nothing priced over \$5. Everything is in excellent condition. They will also have two free trees.

Come early to get the best buys. All proceeds will benefit the Congregational UCC and future event.

47 Snows To Go!

According to the Ties Formula, go back to the last new moon before the first trackable snow and take that snow and add the two numbers together. The first snow was October 31.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

City Directories and Google Earth

Green County Genealogical Society will hold a Friday Fun Day on Friday, November 10, from 1-3 p.m. at the Research Center. Evelyn Crooks will be sharing how to use City Directories and the valuable information they contain. Ginny Gerber will share how to take the information you discover in the City Directories and find your ancestors homes and farms on Google Earth.

Family Fun Day will meet at the Research Center (located on the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) on Friday, November 10, from 1-3 p.m.

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 734-735-3475.

SSM Health Monroe Eye Care Hosting Eyeglass Collection Drive

Your old eyeglasses can make a difference! Donate your used eyeglasses to SSM Health Monroe Eye Care's Eyeglass Collection Drive happening Monday, October 30 to Monday. November 13.

Eyeglasses can be dropped off at SSM Health Monroe Eye Care in Monroe and Freeport or at any SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group location.

Donations go to the Lion's Cub to help offer the gift of sight to those in need.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Volleyball

Season standings: I'd Smack That won 12 lost 0, One Hit Wonders 12-0, That's What She Set 11-1, Victorious Secret 8-4, The Goon Squad 6-6, All Sets are Off 6-6, Net Ninjas 5-7, Killer Serves 5-7, Nirvana 3-9, Chewblocka 10-10, Super Soy 1-11, Valued Volleyers 1-11.

Why Not Just Raise Child Care Rates?

Submitted by Corrine Hendrickson

Over and over again when childcare professionals and advocates have testified at the state capitol in favor of investing in childcare, they are asked, "Why don't you just raise your rates?" Sen. Stafsholt on Wednesday, October 4th asked this at the Senate Committee on Economic Development and Technical Colleges multiple times. The response was, the parents can't afford to pay more, they will be forced to quit their jobs. Corrine Hendrickson addressed his question during her testimony by reminding the Senators that "affordable" is total seven-percent of household income (whether one child or three), and for the family he had given as an example that made \$130,000 annually together that they could afford \$200 a week. She told him, no that family cannot afford that for them is \$175 a week, no matter how many children they have. Two hundred dollars a week is eight-percent. She also emphasized that very few families with young children have that income, that most two-income households with young children make far less. On Friday, October 20, Senator Marklein sent out an e-update that also stated, in reference to the \$170 million investment Governor Evers is able to make due to clawing back unspent American Rescue Plan Funds, that, "it is my hope that childcare providers will use these funds for one-time investments and not to artificially prop up their businesses. I do not support government subsidies that temporarily and insincerely "help" a business to fill a gap that should be filled with a business decision such as raising rates."

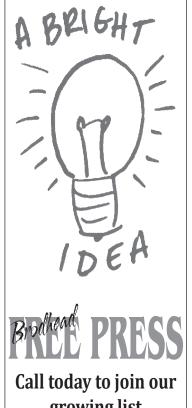
The business decision has the following impacts on our entire economy. Childcare programs in our county have or will increase their rates by about 13% to offset the lower funding level; this has already forced parents out of the workforce. However, if, childcare programs raised our rates to the true cost of care in order to be completely self-sustainable, by paying the childcare professionals a competitive wage, health insurance, paid time off, paid holidays, and retirement the tuition would be \$1,800 a month, \$21,600 a year, for zero-two year olds. How will parents be able to afford to work? In 2022, the average, Green County family childcare charges \$687 a month. Group centers charge \$971 month. Parents will quit their jobs, and we already have a workforce crisis in this state. Employers will have to increase wages for every single employee by at least \$7 an hour to retain working parents. That will, in turn, increase the cost of the goods and services of those businesses for every single person in our county. Or, those businesses will close down or relocate. Public employers such as schools, highway departments, police, fire, and state employees, will need their budgets significantly increased as well to have a workforce. This last state budget saw historic increases in wages for the public sector due to an inability to recruit and retain qualified employees. The only way to increase revenue is by raising property taxes and state income taxes. Inflation will skyrocket.

Juda Zion youth group members annual food collection

The Youth Group Members of the Juda Zion Community Church will be holding their annual food collection for the Green County Food Pantry and the Little Blue Food Pantry on Saturday, November 11th from 8 a.m. until noon at the Jefferson Township Recycling Center located on Walnut Street in Juda. Items needed are stove top stuffing mixes, canned green beans, cream of mushroom soup or any other canned vegetable items. Also appreciated to stock the shelves would be canned fruit, tuna, hamburger/ tuna helper, any soup, crackers, cereal, peanut butter, canned meals and pudding/Jell-O either regular or sugar free. Please box or bag your items if at all possible!

Chili/Soup and Grilled Cheese Dinner

The Juda Boosters Club is holding a chili/soup and grilled cheese dinner on Thursday, November 8, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Juda School Cafeteria. The menu includes chili, chicken noodle or potato soup, grilled cheese, veggies and dip and dessert. The cost is \$8 for adults; children 10 and under at \$6.



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Helping the children of our community and throughout the world is the sole purpose of the Brodhead Optimist Club, a proud member of Optimist International. What better way to do that than by providing Christmas gifts to children in need. But we need the whole community to help us make this project successful. The Susan Welch Mitten Tree Project is designed to help families of children who have eighth graders or younger who live in the Brodhead School District and are having difficulty providing Christmas gifts for their children.

Applications can be picked up by the parents or guardians at the Bank of Brodhead, the Bank of New Glarus—Brodhead Branch, Brodhead Albrecht Elementary and Brodhead Middle School beginning Monday, October 23. The completed form needs to be dropped off by Friday, November 10, where it was originally picked up.

The parent or legal guardian must pick up the gifts on Saturday, December 16, between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Congregational UCC Church, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. If the parent is unavailable at this time, they may have someone else pick up the gifts with a signed note from the parent

Let's work together to make Christmas delightful for all our Brodhead children this year. Thank you for supporting the Brodhead Optimist Club.

SAFE ZONE TRAINING

Better Brodhead to present: SAFE ZONE TRAINING on Saturday, November 11th from 10 a.m.-12 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 at jmarass@betterbrodhead.org with questions and to register.

WANTED CRAFTERS FOR FIRE AND ICE

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce's Fire and Ice Craft Show will be held on Friday, December 1st, at Bank of Brodhead Community Room. The deadline for registration is Monday, November 27. The booth space is 5x8. Very limited space. Please contact Kelly at Admin@brodheadchamber.com

DEER HIDES FOR LIONS CAMP COLLECTION

It's deer hunting season! If you are a deer hunter and want to put your deer hide to good use, the Brodhead Lions Club is sponsoring a Deer Hide. All proceeds from the deer hides will be used for the Wisconsin Lions Camp to help serve the needs of others.

Please note that the collection site has changed to: Gasser True Value, 105 23rd Street, Brodhead. Signs will be posted for drop off.

Please help by donating your hides. For more information, call Lion Dennis Miller at 608-558-1318.

BANK OF BRODHEAD BUS TRIPS

The Bank of Brodhead is sponsoring two upcoming trips. The first trip is to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg and Norfolk. The trip dates are April 6-24, 2024. It includes Virginia Beach Boardwalk, visit to Colonial Williamsburg, narrated Norfolk Naval Base Harbor Cruise, admission to the Nauticus and Battleship Wisconsin, visit to Mariners' Museum and Park and Virginia Beach Aquarium and Marine Science Center. The price for the trip is \$1,219 per person double occupancy.

The second trip is to Mount Rushmore, Badlands and Black Hills. The dates for this trip are September 8-14, 2024. Features include Mount Rushmore National Museum, Tour of Wildlife Loop Road at Custer State Park, admission to the Unique Journey Museum, tour of Deadwood, visit to the Crazy Horse Memorial and a visit to the Badlands National Park. The price for this trip is \$939 per person double occupancy.

To signup or for more information call Sue Schmelzer at 608-897-2676 or 608-558-8797 or email sschmelzer@charter.net.





The Lafeyette Historical and Genealogy Society Appreciates Their Community

Submitted by Barb Nemec

The Lafayette County Historical and Genealogy Society has many to thank for their support of the recent event "Night (and Day) at the Museum, 2023." This is the type of big event (on a shoestring budget) that is not just more fun with everyone involved—it's downright impossible without the gifts everyone brought to share. Dedicated Staff and Volunteers put in countless hours to prepare and then serve during the event: Peggy Davis, Dave Blaser, Richard Fernstaedt, Ursula Fecht, Emily Dotson, and many more. The Board of Directors that contributed so much, in materials and by their presence: Ray Scott, Richard March, Tammy Kilby, Margaret Pyfer, Shirley Holland, Sarah Goebel, Bill Holland, Jack Shannon, Nikki Larson, Barb Nemec, Nancy Winslow, and Jeanette Zee. Our Cast of Characters in addition to those already mentioned: Marion Howard, Joe Boll, Leona Havens, Jeff and Ann Kluesner, Mary Ellen Jacobson, Joe Keyes, Judy Hastie, Nancy and Terry Sorchy. Dick Anderson who educated and entertained. Dennis Fox with his amazing artifact display. The Organizations that portrayed other eras: Yellowstone Flint and Cap, Inc. and Third Iowa Light Artillery, and Eighth Illinois Cavalry. The Musicians that added so much to Saturday evening: Fever River String Band, Dan Nolan, and The Blarneys.

The Darlington Community Fund provided financial support. City of Darlington Parks Department gave the beautiful space, and turning the lights off at night for our campers. City of Darlington Police Department and Lafayette County Sheriff graciously permitted our noisy shooting demonstrations and heavily armed participants. Food vendors kept us fed: Darlington Optimists Cheese Curds etc., Lucky Cow Gelato and Coffee, Lions Club, Gimpy's Gourmet Popcorn. The Farm Market provided shopping on Saturday. Southwest Graphics brought printing and help with advertising ideas. The Republican Journal and all of the area publications allowed space for our articles and calendar items. Judy Boll and WBGR (Big Radio) created a radio spot, and arranged recorded and live interviews, and wonderful advice. Weather that held out for us.

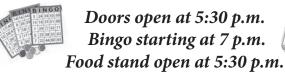
And the people we did this for. The teachers that brought students from Black Hawk Schools, and home school (they sure had fun indoors and outdoors). Don't forget to send us the bill for school transportation costs. The visitors from near and far that discovered the treasure within the Museum and enjoyed our participants' love of history. The generous donations in the jars at the end of the day. Everyone we met said they'd learned something new and had fun doing it!

If we left anyone out of our thank yous, please know it's unintentional.

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The Brodhead Fire & ice Festival will be displaying its 9th Annual Memory Tree starting Friday, December 1, 2023 at 8 a.m. at the Brodhead City Hall.

The loved one ornament will be displayed on the City Hall Christmas tree. The person's name will be displayed on the Photograph Memorial Ornament Card, in honor or in memory of that person. Just fill out the form, include \$5.00 (cash or check made out to Brodhead Chamber of Commerce) and take it directly into the Brodhead Free Press. Or you can send it by mail to the address below. Please include a return address envelope so we can return your ornament and original photo after January 2nd or pick it up at the Brodhead Free Press.

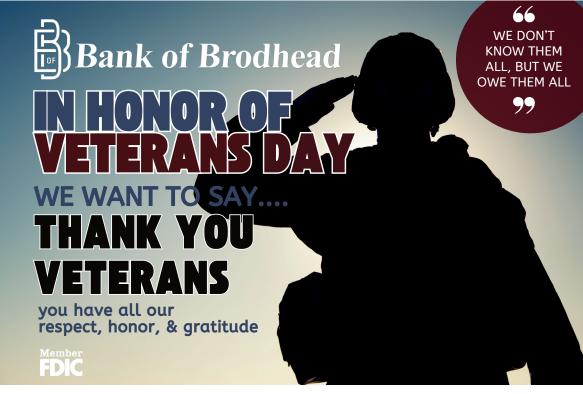
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Our hearts are full of gratitude but our memories are less than perfect. In short everyone that was part of this has our sincere thanks.

We are collecting feedback and suggestions for "next time," which will be in 2025. Call or email ideas or interest in participating, 608-776-8340, info@ lafayettecohistoricalandgenealogy.com







Front row, left to right: Jerrica Schwartz, Jaelyn Hilliard, Alecia Dahl, Makenna Schooff; second row: Brynn Reisterer, Brenley Jones, Addison Yates, Paityn Kail. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Volleyball awards held

Brodhead head volleyball coach, Erin Kammerer and her coaching staff reflected back on their recent season. With several key players sidelined with injury, she asked her players to step out of their comfort zone for the good of the team. As a team, they worked to develop consistency.

Receiving awards; Brynn Reisterer—MIP; Brenley Jones—All Conference Honorable Mention; Addison Yates—Newcomer Spiker Award, 1st Team All Conference; Paityn Kail—-Scout Player of the Year; Jerrica Schwartz—Captain; Jaelyn Hilliard—Captain, 2nd Team All Conference, MVP; Alecia Dahl—2nd Team All Conference; Makenna Schooff—Honorable Mention All Conference.



Elise Rear created the seventh grade winning poster for the 2024 Conservation Poster Contest at Brodhead Middle School. Students were expected to include the words, May the Forest be With You, Always on their original poster. Posters will advance to the county contest and potentially to the area contest, state contest, and national contest. Other posters advancing include those created by Natalia B, Jayden W, Mira H, Kinsley K, and Gracie H.



Tessa Kloepping held a bake sale to raise funds for her Christmas with the Elderly project. This event was started 14 years ago by her sister Erin (Kloepping) Higgins and has been bringing joy to many elderly people in the area for all these years. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brodhead Middle School is honoring "Savvy" Sixth-Graders for the first quarter!

These students were chosen for their positive leadership while at school. Thank you for being kind and working hard at BMS!

From left to right: Katie Crum, Chesney Malcook, Paige Bauman, Gunnar Oleson, Blake Fernandes, and Malcolm Moore.



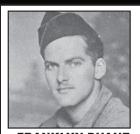
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State land judging contests held

Blackhawk Technical College was the host of the 2023 Wisconsin State Land Judging Contest held Tuesday, October 10. Those participating were FFA students from Bay Port, Beaver Dam, Blackhawk, Cassville, Cuba City, Dodgeville, Elkhorn, Evansville, Fennimore, Juda, Lake Mills, Lancaster, Milton, Monticello, Mt. Horeb, Pecatonica, Platteville, Potosi, Prairie du Chien, River Ridge, Seneca, Shullsburg, Sun Prairie East, Sun Prairie West, and Wauzeka. There was a total of 175 students from 25 schools.

The students traveled to the Jen and Gary Brooks farm, located north of Twin Grove. The students reviewed four soil pits and determined the position in landscape, slope of the field, determined type and degree of erosion or if there is deposition, evaluated soil properties, such as texture, structure, and drainage, estimated slope, ranked land classes, observed soil limitations, checked for invasive species, and recommended conservation practices.

The senior results are as follows: Top Individual was Molly Olson of Monticello, second place went to Sydney Recker of Potosi, third was Miranda Kieler of Potosi, fourth was Brendon Jentz of River Ridge, and fifth place went to Hailey Kramer of River Ridge. In team results, Monticello placed first, Potosi second, River Ridge third, Lancaster fourth, and Juda fifth. The top five teams qualified for the national land judging contest, to be held next April in Oklahoma

Thank yous go to Rufer and Son for digging the pits for the contest. Jeff Deniger of the Natural Resources Conservation Service was the official judge of the contest. Local Land and Water Conservation staff Tonya Gratz, Tess Wallner, and Todd Jenson, as well as local NRCS staff Emily Colson, Ashley Letcher, Chelsea Gruber, Kristin Fischer, and Jason Thomas ran the contest. Insight FS for sponsoring the meal. Monson Septic for sponsoring a porta potty. Wisconsin Association of Ag Educators for sponsoring the awards. Diane Morgan, Ken Engelke, and Rick Bockhop for managing the scoring room. Rena Koning for catering the meal. Jeremy Luckey provided the cover crop seed for reseeding the soil pits. Blackhawk Tech staff and students for helping throughout the contest. Jen and Gary Brooks for agreeing to be the host farm for the contest.



The fifth place team from Juda. Left to right: Briley Swedlund, Katie Brooks, Michael Hosch, and Kelci Cameron. The top five teams in the state competition qualify for the national land judging contest to be held next April in Oklahoma.





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Aronia—Exploring the **Potential of This Little-Known Fruit**

By Roberta & Kim Barham



As Aronia enthusiasts, Kim and Roberta Barham began cultivating 1,000 aronia berry plants in 2019. In 2018, Roberta tasted a distinctly bold flavor in a fruit juice blend. Seeing the word "aronia" she identified it as the source of the zing of the otherwise unremarkable drink. Determined to learn more about Aronia, she began to discover resources and information solidifying her interest.

Aronia berries, also known as black chokeberries, are a small fruit with an extraordinary range of benefits. They top the nutritional charts with the highest antioxidant value of serving on the board of the Midwest ANY fruit, but their nutritional contribution goes way beyond that.

These berries (which resemble blueberries) are a member of the apple family, Rosaceae. They are bursting with phytonutrients, tannins, and minerals—a powerhouse of antioxidants. Aronia berries have the best ability of any food to fight harmful free radicals in the body, far surpassing trendy "superfoods" like goji berries, pomegranates, and cranberries. Studies have shown aronia helps in reducing inflammation, cholesterol, blood pressure, blood sugar levels, etc. The berry is noted for fighting cold and flu causing viruses, aiding digestion, kidney and urinary tract health, nourishing the brain and nervous system, etc. Aronia contains Vitamins C, E, B2, B6, Folic Acid & Iron and has been shown to speed recovery after exercise. American Indians used aronia to treat ailments.

Health-conscious consumers are finding aronia in fresh and frozen form, often used in juices, jams, and wines. They also have much potential for use in baked items. While Aronia Association (now American Aronia Berry Association), Roberta spearheaded the creation of an 80+ recipe book across broad categories and can be found on Amazon ("Aronia Berry Recipes", purple cover).

Several Southwestern Wisconsin Aronia growers share resources to harvest, clean and distribute the fruit (maturity of late August to mid-September) either fresh, frozen or juice concentrate to local stores and farmer's markets. More cooperation, collaboration and infrastructure is needed to compete with berries from Poland. Currently, "It's cheaper to buy from Poland than it is to buy domestically," said Kim Barham, referencing the subsidies that help Poland hold the title of largest producer. At least 80% of global aronia berry production comes from Poland, but the low-maintenance crop represents an environmental and economic opportunity for Wisconsin to champion our native species of superfood.

Like all perennials, aronia plants promote soil health. They come back year after year without requir-

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ing annual soil disturbance, aggressive fertilizers, or pesticides. They also provide important pollinator habitat at a critical time in the growing season, given the plant's early flowering period.

The crop is grower-friendly, cold hardy, tolerant of most soil types, and naturally resistant to drought, insects, and disease. These factors could allow farmers of commodity crops to make productive use

of marginal land by growing aronia berries. In addition to being a good companion crop for growers and backyard hobbyists, aronia could also be grown and marketed as a standalone nutraceutical crop because, being similar to blueberries, infrastructure for harvesting and processing already exists on a commercial scale.

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

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

AGENDA

- . Call to Order by President Pfingsten
 I. Roll Call
- Dennis Pfingsten
 Pat Daniels Sue Trotter
 Laura Powers Janna Merritt
- Jessica Matzke Joel Wallace III. Pledge of Allegiance
- V. Proof of Notice
- V. Acceptance of AgendaVI. Open Forum
- /II. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion: however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
 - 1. Approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on September 26, 2023, regular board meeting held on October 11, 2023, Annual meeting minutes of October 19 and special meeting minutes of October 19, 2023
 - 2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
- 3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
- 4. Resignations/Retirements (Action)5. Donations (Action)
- VIII. WASB Honor Roll Recognition:
- Discussion/Action

 IX. Referendum Updates: Discussion/
- Action
- Upper 90 Facility StudyX. Reports
 - 1. School Staff/Student Report
 2. School Board President's Report
 State Convention in Milwaukee—
 - January 17-19, 2024
 •Spring election timelines
 •Workshops for potential candidates
 - Administrator Report
 - Staffing updatesReview of events/Upcoming events
 - Easement discussionOther updates as necessary
- XI. Music Trip to Disneyland in March of 2025: Discussion/Action
- XII. Policy Update: Discussion/Action
 •32.2 Update
 •Wellness Policy
- XIII. Juul Settlement Update: Discussion/ Action
- XIV. Five Minute Recess
- XV: Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
- XVI. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
- XVII. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)

 •December 13, 2023
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 XVIII. Adjournment

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South Central Wisconsin

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So why aren't more aronia growing operations popping up across Wisconsin? Unfortunately, the sup-

ply of aronia berries in the state is greater than the demand. "We have thousands of pounds of aronia berries sitting in freezers across Wisconsin," said Kim Barham. Despite a growing group of dedicated admirers, most Wisconsinites are un-

Monday Night Mixed League

10/30—High series: Bill Schoen 639, Jason Shrier 614, Roger Sutter 603. High games: B. Schoen 257, Trenton Sauer 225, Ryan Flood 224. Center Tavern-high team game 993. Beloit Chiropractic-high team series 2,790. **Standings**: Beloit Chiropractic won 36 lost 20, Deb's Bar 33-23, Center Tavern 28-28, Fosters Gaming 27-29, Broughton's Bar 24-32, Albany Lanes 20-36. **Badger**

10/31—High series: Ethan Pfueti 689, Tony Brewer 657, Josh Brugger 634, Brian Purdy 616, Megan Anderson 511, Jen Parrish 253. High games: T. Brewer 247, Cole Krupke 244, E. Pfueti 241, B. Purdy 233, M. Anderson 200, J. Parrish 93. Renks-high team game 829 and series 2,437. **Standings**: Decatur Dairy won 34 lost 22, Renks 32-24, Pearl City Elevator 30-26, Jim's Mechanic Shop 29-27, Counter Attack 28-28, Team 3 15-41. **Wednesday Night Ladies**

11/1—High series: Sarah Flood 513, Kari Johnson 488, Barb Larson 462, Alice Patchen 453, Brenda Jacobson 440. High games: S. Flood 201, K. Johnson 189, Julie Williams 171, B. Larson 169, A. Patchen 166. Crystal's Team-high team game 627 and series 1,763 **Standings**: New Glarus Brewery won 41 lost 15, Crystal's Team 32-24, Glenn-Ann Ladies 27-29, Broughton's Bar 24-32, Larson Acres 24-32, Albertson's 20-36.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

11/2—High series: Becky Riese 476, Tana Klitzman 465, Barb Chapman 454. High games: B. Riese 200, B. Chapman 187, T. Klitzman 186. Knutes-high team game 589 and series 1,677. **Standings**: Albany Lanes won 45 lost 25, Ball's Installation 42-28, Mike's Flooring 40-30, Knutes 40-30, Nolte's Garage 30-40.

Thursday Night Mixed

11/2—High series: TJ Golz 700, Brandon Bayrhoffer 652, Erich Brandenburg 622, Craig Krueger 622. High games: Ty Powell 279, Cole Krupke 256, Dave Brugger 245, C. Krueger 244. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,066 and series 2,904.**Standings**: Attica Bar won 40 lost 23, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 39-24, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 30-33, Glenn Ann Holsteins 29-34, Rosheisen Rappers 28-35, Golz Electric 23-40.

Brodhead Juniors

11/4—High series—boys: Parker VanderPal 548, Brittian Paulson 515, Ashton Hale 484, Trenton Murray 363, Rowan Krattiger 354, Tristan Modaff 315. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 210, B. Paulson 193, A. Hale 170 T. Murray 137, R. Krattiger 134, T. Modaff 131. **High series—girls**: Kylee Wahler 447, Taylor Sauer 374, Harper Krattiger 367, Aubrie Bartelt 357, Lily Schwartzlow 251, Aubree Brugger 222. High games—girls: K. Wahler 177, H. Krattiger 150, T. Sauer 143, A. Bartelt 135, L. Schwartzlow 97, A. Brugger 80.

Brodhead Early Rollers

11/4—High games: Kinslee Brewer 72, Abigail Fenwick 71. **Brodhead Youth**

11/4—High series: Carter Fenwick 151, Jayse Bennett 93, Henry Johnson 84, Jaxson Brewer 50, Kole Dillard 43, Kelsee Brugger 172, Lilly Johnson 142, Ryan Stevens 92, Keira Shrader 76, Brynlee Brugger 43. High games: C. Fenwick 86, J. Bennett 63, H. Johnson 59, J. Brewer 40, K. Dillard 22, K. Brugger 89, L. Johnson 76, R. Stevens 55, K. Shrader 44, B. Brugger 30.

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familiar with the berry.

While the American Aronia Berry Association serves as an educational resource, it doesn't have the same marketing resources as organizations like the Cranberry Marketing Committee. Wisconsin has several companies, connected to the cranberry industry, that can process aronia berries and create value-added products that may be more popular with consumers.

"This infrastructure is advantageous," said Roberta Barham, "[but] I have found that growers need to reach out and advocate for themselves... It would be beneficial for groups to unite cooperatively towards increasing aronia awareness and developing commercial products." By working together to harvest, clean, distribute and market aronia berries, growers in Wisconsin have increased retail locations and sales of value-added aronia products.

Barham Gardens has found success selling fresh berries at the Dane County and other farmer's markets. They have also partnered with local grocery stores to sell fresh berries. Other farmers, like those at Bellbrook Berry Farm, have capital-

ized on the slowly growing market demand by offering frozen aronia berries and concentrated aronia juice. Roberta is confident that with increased awareness and acceptance of this little-known fruit, more products will be requested, developed, and made commercially available. Wisconsin is positioned to be in the forefront of this movement!

Roberta and Kim Barham manage a small homestead farm, Barham Gardens, specializing in Super Aronia berries. Putting 1,000 plants in the ground in 2009 they harvested their first berries in 2012. Since that time, successful harvests are sold at farmer's markets, Madison grocery stores and on farm. The Roberta quite often counsels those interested in growing, harvesting and producing aronia products.

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union is a member-driven chapter 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.

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Seeing so many grown-ups working alongside our youth to lend a hand was amazing!

I am proud of the collective efforts of GOOD humans in our community.

Thank you to the Brodhead Fire Department for the use of the station as our "home base."

After volunteers checked in and enjoyed donated snacks, they helped around our community. The morning's accomplishments included the following:

Landscaping improved at BMS with fall clean-up and planting of fall perennials

Fifteen bags of garbage collected from TOOL's mile of adopted highway on Highway 104 $\,$

Yard raked and tended to for a kind-hearted member of our community

Brush and invasive trees cleaned up at the Brodhead Arboretum alongside Mr. Paul Roemer

Seven fleece blankets tied for donation to Family Promise of Green County

 $Lions\ Club\ members\ accepted\ help\ with\ the\ hanging\ of\ Christmas\ lights\ downtown$

A dozen tug toys braided for the Green County Humane Society

Fall crafts decorated for donation to residents at the Brodhead Senior Village

Four tractors and wagons of volunteers trick-or-treated around town for non-perishable items for the Brodhead Food Pantry

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State 4-H Horse Expo and State Gymkhana

Green County 4-H had eight exhibitors attend the 2023 State 4-H Gymkhana Competition and had two exhibitors attend the 2023 State 4-H Horse Expo held at the State Fairgrounds in West Allis, Wisconsin.

Chloe Pulver, Leilah King, Alexis Miller, Hailey Rasmussen, Rebecca Froseth, Hayden Elmer, Madison Melvin, and Molly Shares all attended the State 4-H Gymkhana competition. Hailey Rasmussen had an impressive run winning first place in Poles, Flag Race, Plug, LT Special, and the Key Race events. Chloe Pulver also competed placing third in the Flag Race event. Alexis Miller placed third in the Poles and Plug events.

Leilah King and Madison Melvin attended the 2023 State 4-H Horse Expo representing Green County 4-H. King received four top 10 finishes in Pony Hunt Pleasure, Pony Saddle Seat/Hunt Showmanship, Trail, and Trail in Hand. Melvin received two top 10 finishes in both Hunter Under Saddle and Western Pleasure. Congratulations to the Green County 4-H horse exhibitors for their hard work and impressive results!

The Horse and Pony project is one of more than 60 projects available for youth in Green County 4-H to explore. For more information about Green County 4-H, contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 608-328-9440 or ellen.andrews@wisc.edu, or visit our website at www.greencounty4h.info.



Gymkhana Group, left to right: Chloe Pulver-ninth grade, Hayden Elmer-seventh grade, Hailey Rasmussen-sixth grade, Rebecca Froseth-seventh grade, Violet Pulver-fifth grade Barn Manager, Ayvah King-seventh grade Barn Manager, Molly Shares-eighth grade, Leilah King-ninth grade, Lexi Miller-10th grade



Pictured is Leilah King, TS MAGIC IMPULSE and Madison Melvin, NOT WHAT I SHOULD BE at the 2023 Wisconsin State Horse Expo.



Horse Riding, left to right: Leilah King on TS Magic Impulse, Chloe Pulver on Rufas, Lexi Miller on Dee Dee.

