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Back by popular demand!

Time for some good old-fashioned holiday cheer! Bring the family and join them for a Sunday afternoon of fun free activities at the Kelch Aviation Museum, including:

- A holiday bake sale
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- Holiday crafts
- Photo ops
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- Live music

When: noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 10

Where: Kelch Aviation Museum, N2463 Airport Road, Brodhead.

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All proceeds benefit the museum nonprofit, allowing us to continue offering free, accessible events and opportunities to the community.

They have wheelchairs and walkers free for your use, and all areas are fully accessible.

Dedicated Career

**By Polly Weeden,
Brodhead Historical
Society**

Dr. Melvin Wallace Stuessy (M.W.) had a dedicated career in Brodhead, arriving in 1938. From a couple rooms upstairs in the former Green County Bank building he moved to the now American Legion building on E. Exchange Street. He planned a well-equipped new building on East 4th Avenue to accommodate four doctors.

He was game for everything. He traveled more than 1.25 million miles and owned about 20 cars, made more house calls than any physician in a wide area. He delivered 1,663 babies at St. Clair Hospital in Monroe and 300 in homes. Once as a patient himself he got up, delivered a baby and went back to his bed.

Know as the Flying Doctor when the late William Earlywine, a WWII bomber pilot who operated the Brodhead Airport, flew Dr. Stuessy in his ski equipped plane to care for patients on snow bound farms. He and his long-time nurse Mrs. Carmen Ehlert Tiffany often drove as far as possible then skied the rest of the way to make house calls.

The local veterinary Dr. G.M. Miller called and asked if he had enough Plaster of Paris he could buy or borrow to set a broken bone on a cow's hind leg. The Doctor offered to meet him at the farm after office hours and assist in applying the cast. Dr. Miller sedated the animal, applied tension with the aid of a block and tackle. Dr. Stuessy got

down and did the job of applying the cast.

Dr. Stuessy had a keen interest in education. He served on the school board nearly 25 years, 23 of them as president. Long before work-study programs in schools, he gave youths the opportunity of a learning experience in his office and carried on with work-study students since instigation of that program. He was recognized for "Faithful Dedication of the Advancement of Education."



City of Brodhead Local Offices for Re-election

The offices of Mayor, Judge, and three Alderperson at Large will be up for re-election in the Tuesday, April 2, 2024 Spring Election. All terms are for two years except for the Judge, which is a four-year term. If you are interested in running for any of these offices, please stop into City Hall for more information or call 608-897-4018 ext 151. City Hall is open Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m.



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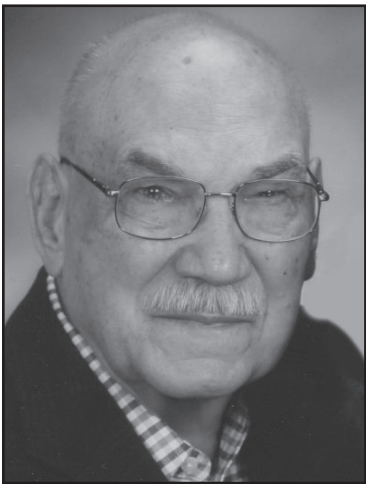
Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Rev. Tom Moe, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch.com.

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 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. On-line 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.

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. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Cookie Walk/Frosty Workshop, Fellowship Hall, Sat., Dec. 9, 8 a.m. to noon. Ecumenical Live Nativity event, church parking lot, Sat., Dec. 16, 5:30-7 p.m. Longest Night “Service of Remembrance” at church, Thurs., Dec. 21, 5 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.



Roger S. Tuscan

Roger S. Tuscan, 85, died Sunday, November 19, 2023, at his home. He was born January 18, 1938, in Nadeau, Michigan, to the late Stephen and Josephine M. (Folcik) Tuscan.

Roger served his country in the U.S. Army National Guard and was stationed in Fort Louis, Washington. He was a graduate of Ferris State University in 1961, earning a BS in Business. During that time, he married Kathleen Williams on August 6, 1960. After college, Roger worked as vice president for Miller

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*Funeral and
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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 Doeblner. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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 Jady N Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children’s Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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

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

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook.

Manufacturing in St. Nazianz, and later for Knight Manufacturing in Brodhead as an accountant until his retirement in 2006. Roger enjoyed spending his time outdoors at his cabin in Dunbar where he hunted for deer, pheasant, duck, and turkey.

Roger is survived by his wife, Kathleen; his sons: Michael S. Tuscan of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, Mitchell J. Tuscan of Green Bay, and Daniel R. Tuscan of Monroe; a son-in-law, Michael D. Sweat of Seabrook Island, South Carolina; a nephew, Jay Benjamin of Mount Gretna, Pennsylvania; his grandchildren; Emily Tuscan of Thiensville, Wisconsin; Katie Tuscan of Denver, Colorado, and Nicholas Tuscan of Madison; a sister, Sharon M. (Benjamin) Tuscan of Green Bay, and nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, David A. Tuscan; and a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Sandra and Joe Longly.

Friends may call at Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 E. Mason Street, Green Bay, on Wednesday, December 13th, from 2 to 5 p.m. The funeral service will be celebrated at 5 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Deacon Bill Burkel officiating. The burial will be

OBITUARIES



Patricia J. Hammons

On Friday, November 24th, 2023, Patricia J. Hammons, of Orangeville Illinois, passed gracefully in her sleep. Patty was born on April 22, 1963, and graduated from Monroe High School in 1981. Patty married Brian Hammons on October 3, 1987. Preceded in death by her parents, Gary and Janet Buholzer.

She is survived by loving husband, Brian Hammons of Orangeville; and her two eldest sons: Brandon (Amber) Hammons of Brodhead and Brock Hammons of Chicago; sister, Marla (Tim) Petit of Monroe; two grandchildren: Wyatt and Mia, of Brodhead; and any many other cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Patty had an amazing life surrounded by those who loved being in her presence. She was a Sr. Grading Analyst with Berner Food and Beverage for 25 years. While not at work, she loved watching the Badgers and Packers every weekend she could. She admired spending time with her friends and family any way possible, whether it be at the lake in Montello, or spoiling her grandkids, or her many nieces and nephews at home.

Patty left her imprint on this earth with her thunderous laughter, and her amazing love for life. Her laugh will live on for years to come with those who heard it. Patty will be sadly missed by family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, December 16th, at 1 p.m. at The Ville Golf Course in Orangeville, Illinois. Please bring any good stories to tell with friends and family. Food and beverages will be provided.


Grace-Bifulk Funeral Service of Albany, Wisconsin is caring for the family.

Condolences can be made to agracefuneralservice.com.




in Nadeau, Michigan. On-line condolences may be given at www.prokowall.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to The Arbor Day Foundation at https://shop.arborday.org/commemorative-trees-in-memory.

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Lawrence William Schneider

Lawrence William Schneider, 95 of Browntown, went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 1, 2023 at St. Elizabeth Manor in Footville. He was born on August 29, 1928 the son of William and Ella (Wuethrich) Schneider. Lawrence was united in marriage to Lucille Alma Nipple on June 15, 1952, together they shared 71 years of marriage; he joined his beloved wife in heaven just one week after her passing.

Lawrence served in the US Army from 1952-1954 at Fort Knox, Kentucky; where he learned to drive busses and semis. He was responsible for hauling troops and celebrity visitors around the base. During his lifetime he was in Turn und Schwing Gymnastics Club in Monroe and competed in New Jersey, being awarded a second place trophy. He farmed most of his life

in Green County beginning on the family farm. He also drove truck for many local businesses including: Goldenrod Creamery, Dunwiddie Trucking, Whitehead Trucking, Kaderly's Natures, Babler Trucking, as well as moving machinery for the Amish in New Glarus. Lawrence enjoyed to bowl, beginning as a pin setter as a young child at the old Brodhead Lanes. He also loved to go hunting and fishing. Lawrence and Lucille shared many fond memories of traveling and going dancing together.

Lawrence is survived by his three children: Bruce (Becky) Schneider of Monroe, Connie (Steve) Isely of Juda, and Linda Buol of Troy, Illinois; 10 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Esther Gobeli; and Lucille's uncle, Ray Laughridge.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; brother, Marvin (Rose) Schneider; sister, Helen (Herb) Matzke; half-sisters: Wilma (Karl) Brandenburg and Lorraine (Stanley) Altenburn; half-brother, Fred "Fritz" Gobeli; son-in-law, Terry Buol; grandson, Terry Schneider; and great-granddaughters: Iris, Danielle, and Emma Loggins.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 6, at 11 a.m. at Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home with Pastor Brian Barrett officiating. Burial will be held at Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Juda at a later time.

A visitation was held on Tuesday, December 5, from 4-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at: shriner111.com.

Holiday Cookie Walk and Frosty Workshop

The UCC's Annual Cookie Walk and Frosty Workshop will be held on Saturday, December 9th in the Fellowship Hall of the UCC from 8 a.m. to noon, or until treats are sold out!! Be sure to take a stroll through our Frosty Workshop after you are done cookie shopping. They will have many new or gently used hand crafted items for your holiday gift giving needs and very reasonable prices!

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

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 6-14, 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.

BMS HOLIDAY SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Brodhead Middle School TOOL team and additional staff and students will host the annual holiday luncheon on Friday, December 15. The Team of Outstanding Leaders will organize a program of musical performances, trivia, readings, crafts, and door prizes. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon, and conclude around 1 p.m. This annual luncheon is an opportunity for senior citizens in our community to gather before the holidays. If you would like to attend, contact the Brodhead Middle School office at 608-897-2184. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, December 13.

Free-will donations are welcome to maintain this holiday tradition.

2024 PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS BEGINNING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3RD—10 A.M.

Reservations for the park shelters for 2024 will begin being accepted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3rd, at the City Hall. Reservations are based upon first-come, first served basis only, with no one allowed to register before that time. Registering may be done over the phone, by calling 608-897-2159 or by stopping down to the City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. Once you have registered, a payment of \$50 for a Resident of the City of Brodhead and \$75 for a Non-Resident; along with Park Reservation Agreement, must be turned in within five business days or your name will be removed from the calendar.



Ladies Trio—Sharon Creuzer, Kim Shields and Peg Jordan

Juda Zion Community Church choir will present annual Christmas musical

The adult choir of the Juda Zion Community Church will present their annual Christmas musical program on Sunday, December 10, at 1:30 p.m. Titled “Simply Christmas 2...An Afternoon of Joy” the concert will feature the Christmas Story, along with a variety of special music from solos, duets, small ensembles, audience sing-a-longs, and a candle-lit “Silent Night”.

The program is directed by Shelly Jordan and includes the following performers: Peg Jordan, Kim Shields, Pat Daniels, Bob Severson, JoAnn Dobbins, Carrie Soddy, Seth Engen, Steve Anderson, Mark Mason, Joyce Hoesly, Sharon Creuzer, Gene Dobbins, Justin Soddy, Julie Davis, Judy Kaderly, Rudy Kaderly, Jake Hoesly, Sara Jordan, Mark Woodward, Irv Case, Heidi Bolton, JoAnn Eberle, Kathy Broger, Kay

Carter, Laurie Martenson, Peggy Matzke, Corrie Daniels, Sophie Bolton, Tucker Bolton, Liam Burchard, Quinn Burchard, Aidan Elmer, Brynliegh Hanson, Emberliegh Hanson, Jaelyn Kainz, Kambrya Kainz, Bindy Lynaugh, Cambria Lynaugh, Irelynn Lynaugh, Kipp Lynaugh, Maverick Lynaugh, Avery Mansfield, Lane Mansfield, Reagan Matzke, Cashtin Soddy, Cullin Soddy, Koltin Soddy, Quintin Soddy. Tech Crew: Bill Jahn, Calvin Kaderly, Pat Daniels, Brian Matzke, and Joe Kaderly. Narrator: Rev.Kelly Jahn.

Refreshments will follow the program in the Fellowship Hall. The program is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be accepted. The church is located at N2350 Church Street, Juda.

Stateline Women’s Connection and Stonecraft luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecraft cordially invite you to their “Notes That Sparkle” luncheon on Wednesday, December 13, at noon. The cost is \$15 for the meal. The luncheon will be held at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.

The guest speaker Lynne Jordan, of Kouts, Indiana, will share “Living Life as a Hallmark Card: The Gift of Encouragement.” She demonstrates the power encouragement has in changing and directing lives. There will be special music by Shelly Jordan, Jo Hawthorn and Terrie Blumer.

Reservations are due by Friday, December 8, by calling Chris at 608-558-3283 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.

Albany Women’s League Empty Stocking

The Albany Women's League Empty Stocking Project has mittens available for pick up at the Greenwood State Bank in Albany. Feel free to stop and pick up a mitten to help a family in need. Purchase a gift and return it by Friday, December 15, to Greenwood State Bank.

They thank you for you generosity and compassion. All monetary donations are appreciated and are used to purchase clothing items, boots and coats for children in the Albany community.

Juda Craft Fair

The Juda Booster Club will be hosting the Juda Craft Fair on Saturday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 3p.m. at the Juda School, N2385 Spring Street. There will be over 40 crafters/vendors including jewelry, ceramics, handmade signs, homemade soaps, quilts, cross stitch, easy to prepare food, spices, and drink mixes, wickless candles, plastic canvas, gourmet food products and much more.

Concessions will be available all day with breakfast and lunch options as well sponsored by the junior class.

Santa will be visiting from 10 a.m. to noon.

Admission is free.

Brodhead UCC Women’s Guild CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK

Saturday, December 9th
8 a.m. - Noon

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Green County Piano Teachers sponsor Piano Play-A-Thon

The Green County Piano Teachers will be sponsoring a Piano Play-A-Thon on Saturday, December 9th from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. at Java Lava Coffee Cafe in Monticello. This event will feature piano students from the Green County area playing a variety of holiday music.

The teachers participating are: Rita Farris, Carolyn Hilliard, Dawn Jordan, Gwen Shaker and Julie Zimmerman.

Please join them in sharing the holiday season with this county-wide event.



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WHEN

December 1st- 15th

WHERE

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WHY

Toys will be donated to the new daycare in town, The Nurturing Tree Early Learning Academy

HOW

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Memorial Trees Planted at Albrecht Elementary School

A Tulip Tree and a Red Maple were recently planted on the grounds of Albrecht Elementary School. The trees replace a Linden and a Spruce tree that died. The trees were planted in memory of Alice Roemer. Alice volunteered her time to work with elementary students and her husband Paul with his elementary music teaching over the years. The trees and plaques were purchased with donations from the Brodhead Community Band.

Green County Conservation Tree Sale

Fall is over, it's time to think spring! Spring tree planting that is. The Green County Land and Water Conservation Department is offering 10 varieties of trees and three shrubs for landowners interested in planting trees next spring. The tree varieties are: Quaking Aspen, Sugar Maple, Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, Domestic Apple, White Pine, Norway Spruce, American Arborvitae, and Tamarack. The shrubs available are American Plum, Serviceberry, and Elderberry. Some of these are species they haven't offered in the past so check it out! The trees and shrubs are bare root, and range in height between 12 inches and three feet depending on species. The cost is \$3 per tree and must be ordered in increments of 10.

Most of the trees and shrubs are native to the area and the species offered cover a broad range of soil types and moistures, from dry to very wet.

Mycorrhizal root dip and nutrient packs are also available to order. Tree spuds can be rented with a deposit. They also have tree planters available, allowing you to plant a lot of trees with ease. Contact them to get on the planter schedule.

Trees can be ordered by contacting the LWCD directly by phone or by ordering through the Green County LWCD website www.greencountylwcd.com under the tab "Resources". They also have order forms in the office if you want to stop by and pick one up. If you are unsure about what trees will work in your particular soil, have any questions about the trees or how to order stop in or give the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department a call at 608-325-4195. They will be taking orders until Friday, December 29th. Trees are scheduled for pick up mid to late April.



Brodhead High School Student of the Month—November

Front row, left to right: Taiya Hawkins, Kiara Quimby, Stella Arn, and Montanna Schumacher; back row: Wyatt Keyser, Jerrica Schwartz, Tatum Ceslok, Brody Kiser, Lily Scheidegger, and Jacob Roth.

Caregiver GPS

Learn how to navigate the journey of family caregiving

You are invited to join the Aging and Disability Resource Centers of Rock and Dane Counties for a year-long, virtual, family caregiver education series. Webinars will be offered the third Thursday of each month from noon-1 p.m. beginning Thursday, January 18. There is no cost to join. Registration is required to obtain the link. Join when you can for topics that interest you.

Family caregivers will learn from experts about topics including: dementia information; communication skills for dementia caregivers; legal, financial and crisis planning; home safety; assistive devices; having difficult conversations; resource connections; travel planning as a caregiver and enjoying your holidays. Each session will allow for question-and-answer time.

For a schedule of topics, more information or to register for the link, please contact Rock County Dementia Care Specialist, Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us or Dane County Dementia Care Specialists, Ellen Taylor and Kayla Olson at danedcs@countyofdane.com.

Start 2024 taking care of the caregiver

Moving Forward: Grief and Ambiguous Loss Associated with Dementia Caregiving

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County is offering the 16-week grief and bereavement educational support group on Monday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. beginning Monday, January 15 and running through April 29, 2024. This is a virtual group. There is no cost to attend. Registration and screening are required.

Who is this group for? The group is for anyone who is or has cared for someone with dementia. Caring for someone with dementia presents a constant series of losses and not just those related to death. Each session will cover a grief, loss and mourning topic followed by about 60 minutes of conventional support group discussion.

For more information or to register, please contact Rock County Dementia Care Specialist, Karen Tennyson at 608/741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.



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Ecumenical Live Nativity Drive-Thru

The Ecumenical Live Nativity Drive-Thru Event will be held on Saturday, December 16th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot of UCC. Enjoy the live animals, talented actors/actresses, vintage costumes and dazzling light displays! The true story of Christmas will unfold before your eyes as the Scriptures come to life with each passing scene. Please be sure to invite all of your family and friends to an event they won't want to miss!



The Backpack Program—Helping fight Hunger, One Bag At A Time

You can make a difference in a child's life.

Through the Backpackers Food Program at Brodhead School District, they are dedicated to providing food to students and families who struggle with food insecurity. Every week, the program serves 26 families, including 77 children, by providing them with breakfast items, easy dinners, fruits, vegetables, and snacks. During the holiday season, they make sure that the Holiday Bags are even larger so that families can enjoy a special meal together. However, they can't do it alone. They need your help to ensure that no child in our community goes to bed hungry.

Why does the School District of Brodhead Have a Backpack Program?

In the School District of Brodhead, over 40 percent of our students participate in the National Free or Reduced Lunch Program. Also, often, they hear from our students that they either come to school hungry or state that they don't have food in their homes over the weekend. This program helps provide food for our students to bridge the gap over the weekend and school holidays with quality food.

Through grants and donations, there is no cost to the district. Their main supplier, Second Harvest Food Bank, provides the majority of the food. Additionally, they supply coupons to Piggly Wiggly for fresh items such as milk, bread, and fruit. With your help, they can continue to expand their reach and provide

even more families with the food they need. Every dollar you donate goes directly towards purchasing nutritious food.

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to nominate a family for this program, please reach out to Amber Rear or Nancy Marchant at 608-897-2146.

If you would like to make a donation, they kindly ask that you make your checks out to the Backpack Food Program and drop them off at Albrecht Elementary School. Your contribution will help them provide nutritious meals to children in need.

Once again, they truly appreciate your support and commitment to this program. If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union DriftlessTannery—Making Profits for Farmers

By Bethany Emond



Sheepskin, once a valued by-product of the sheep industry, has become a part of the waste associated with animal agriculture. It costs money for local butchers to throw those skins away. There is no market for sheepskin today according to the American Sheep Industry (ASI). China was the largest buyer of American sheepskin but that market was hit with crippling tariffs. About 98% of the leather and animal skin products sold in the U.S. are made in other countries; countries like China, Pakistan, and India that don't have robust environmental protections let alone workers' rights laws. The legacy of that work, and the traces of those

chemicals, remain in the finished leather products that are sold in this country. Driftless Tannery is working to bring the value back to sheepskin in a clean, environmentally friendly way. The Tannery is dedicated to helping farmers to be more profitable by providing a service that creates value added sheepskin for shepherds across the country.

Leather and hair on animal skin were the first textiles ever used by humans. People have relied on these fabrics for thousands of years to protect them from the elements. Leather is used to create shelter, clothing, containers, strapping and so much more. The natural fibers in sheepskin are hypoallergenic and stain resistant, and they are known for their cushioning ability. That is why sheepskin is often used to cushion medical equipment. Sheepskin are also thermoregulating making them great for lining clothes and shoes. Sheepskin adds warmth and hygge around the home as a throw or as a rug.

The complex fiber structure in wool cannot be replicated outside of nature. Faux fur is made from synthetic materials including polyester (petroleum based) and acrylic fibers. These may be made to look similar but they lack all of

the aforementioned benefits of natural fibers. Faux fur fibers, also known as microplastics, shed into our environment and end up in our soils and eventually in our waterways. Any fibers that shed from a naturally tanned sheepskin will biodegrade as they are made from macro and micronutrients found in nature. Likewise, since faux leather is synthetically made it does not biodegrade like real leather.

When humans began to preserve leather and animal skin, they used what they had available. They used brains, alum, and the tannins extracted from trees and other vegetation. These older methods (now modernized) are still the preferred methods for tanneries like Driftless. These methods take longer and involve more labor than the chemical alternatives. That is why a naturally tanned sheepskin costs more than the sheepskin you find in a big box store. Those mass-produced, bleached white sheepskin are either made of faux fur or came from the world's biggest exporter of real sheepskin, China, where workers don't have rights and there is much less regard for the environment.

The sheepskin created and sold by Driftless Tannery comes from the waste stream of our local ani-

Parkview/Albany Wrestling FINISHED 1-2 IN QUAD

By Joel Steinmann

We kicked off the 2023-24 season with a home quad hosting Jefferson, Parker, and Turner. Finishing the night 1-2. Winning a close one against Jefferson 43-42 (on criteria) losing to Parker 60-13 and Turner 60-21. Along with the varsity duals, we had over 60 JV and girls matches!

We started out the night running the JV and girls on all three mats. We had seven wrestling: Lexi Hanson, Autumn Hill, Casey Hume, Balin Lacy, Jagger Wilke, Sam Vogt, and Sydney Coyne. Lexi went 1-2 with a pin. Autumn went 1-1, Casey was 1-1, Balin was 1-1, Jagger was 2-0 with two pins, Sam Vogt was 1-1 with a pin, and Sydney was 2-0 with two pins. The JV and girls all worked hard and have a great base to work from.

One hundred and six was the starting weight for the first dual against Parker. With no 106-pounder, Slater Valley was first up at 113 and lost in sudden victory 7-9. At 120, Trevor Haugen competed against Dominic Peters losing by pin. At 126, Danny Finley wrestled Nate Peters, winning a dec 12-7. At 132, Casey Hume wrestled Shawn Sobczak and lost by pin. Parkview/Albany forfeited the next two weight classes; 138 and 144. Peter Roth, at 150, wrestled Chase Britton and won with a pin. We forfeited the next two weights 157 and 165. Next up was Jayden Anderson against Cayden Brandenburg who was a state place winner the past two years. Anderson lost by Tech fall 4-19. Sam Schwengels, at 190, wrestled Carter Wesley and won by major decision 13-3. Wes Egan, at 215, matched up against Cody Slater and lost a major decision 0-9. At 285, Nick Stokstad wrestled Dean Harilal and lost by pin. Parker 60 Parkview/Albany 13.

The second match up was against Jefferson and started at 113. Valley pinned Wyatt Hunt by pin. Haugen lost by pin to Trevor Brehn. At 126, Finley pinned Dominic Ritter. We forfeited 132, 138, and 144. Roth, at 150, pinned Thomas O'Brien. Again, we forfeited 157 and 165. At 175, Anderson won by pin. Schwengels won by pin over Alex Unke at 190. At 215, Egan won by pin over Gary Northup, and at 285 Stokstad won by pin over Cade Pagel. We forfeited 106, which left us at a 42-42 team score. With the seventh criteria (most pins) Parkview/Albany 43 Jefferson 42.

The final duel was against Turner, the starting weight was 120. Haugen wrestled Carter Fry and lost by pin. At 126, Finley won by Decision 8-1 over Brayden Ward. 132-138 and 144 were weights we had to forfeit. Roth wrestled Brody Berg at 150 and lost by pin. 157 and 165 were forfeited. Anderson, at 175, wrestled Carlos Ramirez and lost by pin. Schwengels, at 190, received a forfeit. Egan at 215 won by fall over Elijah Simplot. At 285, Stokstad matched up against Anthony Hamilton and lost by pin. 106 was forfeited and Valley received a forfeit at 113. Turner 60 Parkview/Albany 21.

PARKVIEW/ALBANY JV AND GIRLS AT BIGFOOT INVITE

Saturday, December 2, Lexi Hanson, Autumn Hill, Sydney Coyne, Casey Hume, Balin Lacy, Jagger Wilke, and Sam Vogt traveled to Bigfoot for the Chiefs JV and girls wrestling invite. This is great invite for the new wrestlers to get some mat time and work on their wrestling skills. Plus, getting the girl vs girl matches helps to build the fast-growing girls wrestling.

Lexi Hanson as a senior, at the 114, went 2-1 on the day with one pin and one decision. Hanson worked hard against some tough girls. Autumn Hill, at 114, is a junior in her first year of wrestling. Hill went 0-3 but got some great mat time and improved throughout the day. Sydney Coyne, at 235, is a junior and also in her first year did not have any match ups against girls but was willing to wrestle against the boys so she could get the mat time and she went 3-1 on the day with one pin and a decision.

On the JV boys side; Casey Hume, a junior at 132 in his first year, went 4-0 on the day with four pins. Balin Lacy, a freshman at 138, went 2-1 on the day with a pin. Jagger Wilke, a sophomore at 190 and his first year wrestling, went 3-1 with three pins. Sam Vogt, a junior at 215 also in his first year, went 3-1 with three pins.

Even with Trackwrestling going down, which made it a long day for the first tournament on the year, but it didn't phase the wrestlers at all. They stayed focused and worked on skills that the coaches were working with them throughout the day. Thank you to the coaches Byron Brown, Gavon Brown, Al Stark, and Heather Clarke and to the parents and fans that showed up to support the wrestlers.

Next week's schedule for Parkview/Albany is a busy one. The full team was in Pardeeville for a quad on Tuesday, December 5th against Pardeeville, Portage and Marshall. Then the girls will be in action again on Friday, December 8th at the 2023 Duals in the Dells tournament. The guys will be in Oakfield for the Holiduals on Saturday, December 9th.

mal agriculture. Beyond that, the Tannery offers tanning services to farmers across the country. Farmers simply send in their dry cured, raw hides to the Tannery and they are returned to those farmers for their personal use or to sell. Please consider buying local, naturally tanned sheepskin whenever they are available as a way of supporting small farmers and keeping this precious resource out of the waste stream.

Driftless Tannery was founded in 2020. It is owned and operated by South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union members, Danielle Dockery and Bethany Storm. Located in Argyle, Wisconsin, Driftless Tannery offers a clean alternative to hide tanning for sheep and goat

farmers across the United States, bringing them beautiful, healthy, quality value-added items to their operations, while removing gorgeous hides from the waste stream associated with animal agriculture. You can learn more about the Tannery through their website www.driftlesstannery.com or follow them on Facebook and Instagram @driftlesstannery.

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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Representative Clinton Anderson Introduces Bill Package to Empower Local Governments

Representative Clinton Anderson along with a broad coalition of legislators introduced the “Our Communities, Our Values—Restoring Local Control” bill package. This package contains 15 bills aimed at giving more autonomy to local communities. This includes items such as allowing three-year extensions to TIFs for affordable housing, the repeal of the expenditure restraint program and replacing it with a new aid program, and allowing school districts to go over their levy limits when the state legislature approves unfunded mandates.

“I proudly serve three cities, three villages, 15 townships, and 13 school districts. They are all different and need flexibility to address their unique needs. Local elected officials know their communities better than anyone else. That is why today I introduced a 15 bill package aimed at restoring autonomy to local communities,” said Rep. Anderson.

Chase Away the Winter Blues and Head “Home for the Holidays” This Season

Old World Wisconsin's family-favorite Christmas and holiday event returns this December

Returning this December for two consecutive weekends of holiday cheer and family fun is Old World Wisconsin's Home for the Holidays event featuring plenty of NEW activities along with seasonal favorites from wagon rides to craft-making opportunities! Tickets are on sale now and selling fast for this annual favorite event.

Home for the Holidays at Old World Wisconsin: December 9, 10, 16, 17—10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wisconsin's largest living history museum will charm guests with festive greenery, cheerful décor, and plenty of opportunities to make memories with the whole family at Home for the Holidays this year. Explore the 19th-century Crossroads Village bustling with the sights, sounds, and smells of the holiday season as you move between hands-on activities and memorable NEW highlights:

- Experience St. Lucia's Celebration: take part in old-world traditions honoring St. Lucia including a special procession taking place daily, beginning at the 1910s Finnish Farm at 2:30 p.m. Drawing on Finnish and other Scandinavian traditions, a costumed staff member dressed as the saint in white robes, a red sash and candle-lit wreath crown will lead the celebration with festive songs. Guests follow the candlelit procession and have the opportunity to meet live goats, a nod to the Scandinavian Yule Goat tradition.
- Eat and Make Merry at the Winter Cheer Garden: step inside the heated Clausen Barn and feast on seasonal goodies like fresh Kringle or a piping-hot cup of cocoa or warm Wassail. Wisconsin staples including beer and brats will also be available for purchase. Several food trucks will be onsite with additional fare for sale.
- Gather for Fireside Stories: gather around the bonfire at the 1880s horse stable to hear a few holiday tales of yesterday. Children and adults alike will enjoy live readings of traditional favorites such as “The Nutcracker” and “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.”
- Drop in at the Holiday Craft Tent: pay a visit to the craft tent to make a Victorian paper ornament or pen a letter to Santa. At another craft station elsewhere on site, guests can also create a keepsake leather ornament to take home.
- Sneak in Last Minute Holiday Shopping: pop into the Crossroads Christmas Shoppe to indulge in European baked goods and browse for unique holiday gifts, like our new collectible Old World Wisconsin Holiday Village Collection.

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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department November 27-December 3, 2023

At 8:33 a.m., Monday, deputies responded to the 2800 block of 6th Street, in the City of Monroe, to assist Department of Corrections Agents. Investigation resulted in Benata Pereira, 52, of Brodhead, being arrested for a probation viola-tion. Pereira was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At approximately 12:38 a.m., Wednesday, deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the N5200 block of State Highway 104, Town of Albany, for traveling 97 MPH in a posted 55 MPH zone. Further investigation resulted in the operator, Carl S. Ruegsegger, 32, of Juda, being placed under arrest for operating while under the influence of alcohol—first offense. Carl was transported to the Green County Jail where he was later released to a responsible party.

At 6:35 p.m., Friday, deputies and the Brodhead Police Department responded to the W400 block of County Highway E, in the Town of Decatur, for a single vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that a ve-hicle operated by Bradley C. Baird, 28, of Brodhead, was traveling southbound when he lost control due to the snowy road conditions. The vehicle then entered the south ditch before overturning and collid-ing with a fence. Baird 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.

At 12:02 p.m., Saturday, depu-ties responded to the 600 block of 6th Street, in the Village of Albany for the report of a crash. Investiga-tion revealed that a vehicle operated by Eric J. Thompson, 40, of Albany, was traveling westbound while tow-ing a trailer with a boat. The trailer disconnected from the Thompson's vehicle and rolled backwards, col-liding with an unoccupied, parked vehicle. Thompson reported no in-juries, was wearing his seat belt, and the airbags did not deploy. Thomp-

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son's vehicle, trailer and boat all sustained functional damage. The parked vehicle also sustained func-tional damage.

ACADEMICS LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM UW-MADISON

Just over 1,300 students received doctoral, bachelor's, master's and professional degrees in August 2023 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While there is no com-mencement ceremony in August, many of the graduates take part in the ceremonies the previous spring

or in December.

Degree recipients includ-ed: Joseph Blumer, School of Medicine and Public Health, Doc-tor of Philosophy, Endocrinology-Reproductive Physiology, of Al-bany; Nathan Dougherty, School of Education, Master of Science, Curriculum and Instruction and Evan Willing, College of Engineering, Master of Science, Materials Science and Engineering, both of Brodhead; and Ariel Zellmer, School of Medicine and Public Health, Master of Science, Applied Biotechnology, of Orfordville.

Monday Night Mixed League

11/27—High series: Ryan Flood 704, Roger Sutter 681, Tyson Foster 647. High games: R. Flood 244, Rick Reed 243, Robert Murray 236, Denny Schultz 236, R. Sutter 236, Josh Strehlow 236, Mark Helwig 236. Deb's Bar-high team game 1,026. Fosters Gaming-high team series 2,943. **Standings:** Deb's Bar won 12 lost 2, Center Tavern 10-4, Beloit Chiropactic 7-7, Broughton's Bar 5-9, Fosters Gaming 4-10, Albany Lanes 4-10.

Tuesday Shaningans

11/28—High series: Alexis Sies 460, Barb Brugger 450, Phyllis Shrier 416, Larry Ommodt 594, John Thill 578, Bill Shrier 516. High games: B. Brugger 194, A. Sies 161, P. Shrier 154, L. Ommodt 257, J. Thill 215, B. Shrier 189. Barely Upright-high team game 798 and series 2,277. **Standings:** Barely Upright won 38 lost 18, Albany Lanes 31-25, Misfits 28-28, Boomtastic 4 26-30, Sweet Mini HaHa 25-31, Greightful Dead 20-36.

Badger

11/28—High series: Josh Brugger 710, Dave Brugger 666, Ryan Brugger 623, Keith Riese 617, Megan Anderson 403, Jen Parrish 311. High games: D. Brugger 255, K. Riese 245, J. Brugger 238, Casey Krupke 236, M. Anderson 161, J. Parrish 128. Renks-high team game 896 and series 2,592. **Standings:** Renks won 14 lost 0, Jim's Mechanic Shop 12-2, Counter Attack 5-9, Team 3 5-9, Decatur Dairy 4-10, Pearl City Elevator 2-12.

Wednesday Night Ladies

11/29—High series: Zoe Krattiger 476, Chris Rosheisen 443, Tara Blumer 438, Sarah Flood 431, Anna Laughlin 426. High games: Z. Krattiger 190, C. Rosheisen 185, A. Laughlin 174, Marcie Brugger 174, Joan Flood 167. Crystal's Team-high team game 618 and series 1,717. **Standings:** New Glarus Brewery won 52 lost 25, Crystal's Team 46-31, Glenn-Ann Ladies 38-39, Larson Acres 36-41, Broughton's Bar 31-46, Albertson's 28-49.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

11/30—High series: Becky Riese 458, Cindy Sheldon 433, Tana Klitzman 431. High games: Barb Chapman 179, Betty Blum 168, T. Klitzman 159, B. Riese 159. Notle's Garage-high team game 532. Mike's Flooring-high team series 1,516. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 60 lost 31, Ball's Installation 56-35, Mike's Flooring 52-39, Knutes 50-41, Nolte's Garage 42-49.

Thursday Night Mixed

11/30—High series: Chad Malcook 744, Dave Brugger 663, Michael Morton 660, Boomer Detra 643. High games: C. Malcook 263, Brandon Bayrhofer 253, Timothy Schwartzlow 252, John Pluss 247. Broughton Corner Bar 1-high team game 1,060. Rosheisen Rapper-high team game 2,896. **Standings:** Rosheisen Rappers won 12 lost 2, Attica Bar 10-4, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 9-5, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 7-7, Golz Electric 4-10, Glenn Ann Holsteins 0-14.

Brodhead Juniors

12/2—High series—boys: Parker VanderPal 595, Brittian Paulson 581, Ashton Hale 537, Trenton Murray 459, Casey Johnson 373, Reese Popanz 333. High games—boys: B. Paulson 225, P. VanderPal 220, A. Hale 193, T. Murray 179, C. Johnson 168, R. Popanz 136. **High series—girls:** Grace Gold 486, Taylor Sauer 432, Kylee Wahler 386, Aubrie Bartelt 238, Aubree Brugger 234, Emma Welbig 224. High games—girls: G. Gold 168, T. Sauer 167, K. Wahler 155, A. Bartelt 126, A. Brugger 90, Lily Schwartzlow 80.

Brodhead Early Rollers

12/2—High games: Abigail Fenwick 76, Kinslee Brewer 57, Stella Brugger 55.

Brodhead Youth

12/2—High series: Carter Fenwick 181, Jayse Bennett 107, Jack Norris 73, Kole Dillard 36, Kelsee Brugger 162, Lilly Johnson 136, Ryan Stevens 93, Brynlee Brugger 79, Keira Shrader 60, Ayla Brugger 60. High games: C. Fenwick 102, J. Brewer 65, J. Norris 42, K. Dillard 26, L. Johnson 98, K. Brugger 84, B. Brugger 50, R. Stevens 49, K. Shrader 35, A. Brugger 35.

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Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Volleyball

Season standings: I'd Smack That won 21 lost 0, One Hit Wonders 18-3, Victorious Secret 15-6, The Goon Squad 14-7, That's What She Set 14-7, Net Ninjas 10-11, All Sets are Off 11-10, Nirvana 7-14, Chewblocka 6-15, Killer Serves 5-16, Super Soy 3-18, Valued Volleyers 2-19.

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