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Thank You from the Brodhead Optimist Club

The Brodhead Optimist Club would like to thank Albrecht Elementary School, Brodhead Middle School, Bank of New Glarus, Bank of Brodhead, Madison Partners, Kuhn Manufacturing, Stoughton Trailer, Brodhead Free Press, Congregational UCC Church, members of the Brodhead Optimist Club, and the many Santa's Helpers for supporting the Susan Welch Mitten Tree Project. We were able to make Christmas special for over 100 children in the Brodhead community because of your generosity.

Community Clothes Closet thank you

By Sandy Condon

The Brodhead Community Clothes Closet wishes to thank Kuhn Manufacturing for the generous donation of coats they received from their coat drive. They are much needed and appreciated in our community. Thank you.



Madison Partners Collects Toys for Salvation Army Angel Tree Toy Drive

Madison Partners collected 90 toys and books for the Salvation Army Angel Tree Toy Drive for Rock and Green Counties. Wealth Advisor Trey Carpenter and Client Service Associate Karen Wright have collected toys for eight years and are so thankful for their generous clients who continue to support this cause.

Brodhead Middle School Senior Luncheon

Free Press photos by Gloria Sutter



Submit paperwork for city government

Looking to become part of city government in Brodhead? You can pick up paperwork at City Hall now if you are interested in becoming an Alderperson. During the Spring Election there will be three alderperson positions up for election. Deadline to submit paperwork to be placed on the ballot is Tuesday, January 3, 2023. You must be a resident within the city limits of Brodhead and be at least 18 years of age.

School Board Youth Risk Behavior Survey information presented

By Gloria Sutter

Pupil Service staff members DeAnne Larson, Jessica Gardipee and Amber Talcott presented information on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey that was completed by students throughout the State of Wisconsin. They are working with students and staff to develop a greater sense of belonging and to promote a better sense of support in each building. In dealing with risky behavior, the source of problems needs to be addressed. Brodhead is fortunate to have outside agencies available to work with students and their families to develop better mental health.

Administrators reported on progress in each building toward accomplishing building and district goals. The District Report Card has improved over last year so that expectations are being met or exceeded in all areas. This is attributed to staff training and the target based teaching model.

The Elementary School has received an \$80,000 grant through the ESSER funds that will pay for the continued after school program.

In other business:

The Elementary School roof has been scheduled to be replaced during the first two weeks of June.

The High School Program of Studies was approved for 2023-24.

The 2023-24 school calendar was approved.

The first reading of Board Policy KHA was approved as revised. This

deals with crowd-funding sites.

A contract with CESA 2 for special education consultation services was approved.

A special meeting will be held on Monday, January 9 at 6 p.m. to determine if a referendum is needed in the spring.

The following donations were accepted for the backpack program: \$300 from the American Legion, \$200 from Phyllis Anderson, \$500 from Chuck and Mary Kay Deery, \$100 from Brandon and Michelle Keen, \$200 from Don and Ann Mueller and \$270 from The Charlie Turkey Trot. Twenty novels titled, "The Giver" were donated by Vickie Condon to the Middle School. Paul and Alice Roemer donated funds to pay for half the cost of a new acoustic piano for the High School Choral Music Department.

The resignation of Bill Prochnow as assistant varsity football coach was accepted.

Employment approvals include Blake Burns, middle school wrestling coach; Heather Chojnacki, middle school special education paraeducator; Aaron Dooley, eighth grade boys' basketball coach. Mariah Douglas received a change in hours and Skyler Stuckey transferred from eighth grade boys' basketball to JV2 boys' basketball coach.

Volunteer approvals are Cassidy Fitzgerald, Kindergarten classroom; Brandi Malcook, third grade; and Emma Weis, second grade.

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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Rev. Tom Moe, Pastor. Sunday worship at 9 a.m. until Labor Day. 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 10 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Rev. Robb Kosky, Interim Pastor. Phone: 608-897-2341 Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.com. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Faith Night—Wednesdays: supper at 5:30 p.m., classes 6-7 p.m. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. Online worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Facemasks and social distancing are highly encouraged and greatly appreciated to protect children and others who are unable to be vaccinated.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other week (September through May). Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Bible study Wednesdays at noon.

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.

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Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. Wednesday 6 p.m. service.

Juda-Zion United Methodist Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. all ages; worship service 10:45 a.m.

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Worship and children's Sunday school 9 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.

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.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. Pastor Kook Ho Kim. 608-897-2515. Pastor's office hours: Tuesdays through Thursday, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. 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. Christian education Sundays at 10:05 a.m. Communion on the first Sunday of each month.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Church League Volleyball

Season standings 12/11: I'd Smack That won 21 lost 0, One Hit Wonders 17-4, Super Soy 15-6, Nirvana 15-9, That's What She Set 12-9, Net Ninjas 12-12, Killer Serves 9-12, The Blockheads 6-18, The Bumpsters 5-16, Valued Volleyers 4-17, Chewblocka 1-20.

12/18—I'd Smack That won 24 lost 0, One Hit Wonders 17-7, Super Soy 16-8, Nirvana 17-10, That's What She Set 15-9, Net Ninjas 13-14, Killer Serves 11-13, The Bumpsters 7-17, The Blockheads 6-18, Valued Volleyers 5-19, Chewblocka 1-23.

OBITUARY



Michelle “Shelly” Ann Affolter

Michelle “Shelly” Ann Affolter, age 70, of Janesville, passed away on December 12, 2022 while at the Janesville Mercy Hospital.

Shelly was born on December 10, 1952 in Chicago, Illinois, the daughter of Thomas and Martha (Kramer) Gergish.

Shelly graduated from Brodhead High school in 1971. She spent most of her career helping others find their career while working at the job center. After that she worked at Grainger. She loved warm weather and spending as much time outside in it with her family as she could swimming, boating, camping or just relaxing in the sun getting that perfect tan. Shelly also loved her Chicago Bears. She never missed a game and loved having people over to eat and watch them with her.

Shelly is survived by her daughter, Kaci Affolter; son, Dustin (Destiny) Hanson; daughter, Lacey Hanson; her grandchildren: Austin, Blake, Jayden, Devin, Addisyn, Ky'Ayer, De'Kyah and De'Kayvion. A sister, Nita O'Leary and her close friend, Dinger Rufer.

Shelly was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Michael Gergish.

Per Michelle's wishes, cremation rites will be accorded. Memorials services are pending, please watch for future dates, times and location for those services.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

Basketball contest

The winner of this week's basketball contest was Doug Rezner, of Brodhead, with three correct games and 72 points. The highest scoring game was the boys' Clinton vs. Brodhead, 73-65. The following also had three correct: Eric Von Allmen—75 points; Lynette VonAllmen—81 points and Tom Brewer—82 points, all of Albany.

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Preparing paper bags for the luminaries are, left to right: Mary and Richard Wichser, Ron Massen, Sandy Zuehlke, Mary Severson and Karen Benton.

Family's rural holiday tradition moves into “town”

For nearly 40 years the Steven Benton family placed 100 luminaries in their Park Road driveway on Christmas Eve. Steven and Karen moved into a unit at Woods Estate last February but resolved to continue the tradition. Despite Steve's death in August, Karen and sons, Rob and Ian, are dedicated to carrying out the tradition using 23rd Street instead of the family's rural driveway.

Residents of Woods Estate have expressed willingness to help. Nearly 175 brown paper bags will become “lanterns” all down the street on Saturday, December 24th. Some residents will have folded cuffs on the tops of bags, others will put sand in each bag and still others will place them on the street. At dusk another crew will ignite the candles that are placed inside.

The background for a luminaria (Spanish for small bonfires) goes back to the 16th Century when Spanish people lit bonfires along the roads to guide people to midnight church service on the final night of Pas Posadas (Spanish for lodging or inn). This was done to re-enact the story of Mary and Joseph's quest for lodging in Bethlehem so long ago.

On Christmas Eve you are invited to drive past or down “our” street and join in the awe inspired by these little “lanterns” and at the same time we wish you a Merry Christmas.

Live Nativity held at UCC

(Free Press photo by Gloria Sutter)



Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

MHS hosting second annual Prom 4 Pennies event

The Monroe High School Jr. Optimists are hosting the second annual Prom 4 Pennies event on Sunday, January 15th, at the Monroe High School, 1600 26th Street, Monroe, from 1-4 p.m. At this event, gently used and new prom dresses and tuxedos are available for no more than \$40. All proceeds go to Jacob SWAG foundation, which advocates for suicide and mental health awareness.

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“A goal is not always meant to be reached, it often serves simply as something to aim at.”
~Bruce Lee



ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

NEXT BRODHEAD BOOK CLUB MEETING IN JANUARY

Thursday, January 12, at 7 p.m. is the next meeting of the Brodhead Book Club. It will be held at the Go-Inn Home Bed and Breakfast, 707 W. Third Avenue, instead of the library. No meeting will be held in December. For more information please call Shirley Liska at 608-897-8138.

BRODHEAD PARK & REC SECOND AND THIRD GRADE YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Wednesday afternoon youth basketball program for boys and girls in second and third grades from 3–4 p.m. Third grade will meet in January, beginning January 4th and ending January 25th. Second grade will meet in February beginning February 1st and ending February 22nd. This program will teach basic skills and fundamentals.

Third grade: January 4, 11, 18 and 25

Second grade: February 1, 8, 15 and 22

Forms are available at the Elementary School and at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>). The cost is \$25, which includes a T-shirt. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by Tuesday, January 3rd. Gym shoes are required. Checks make payable to the Brodhead Park & Rec Dept. If you have any questions, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159.

2023 PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS BEGINNING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4TH—10 A.M.

Reservations for the park shelters will be accepted at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 4th, 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 \$35 for a resident of the City of Brodhead and \$45 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.



Albrecht Elementary Penny War

Students at Albrecht Elementary School had a great time raising funds for charity during the Penny War the week of November 28-December 2. Grade levels competed against each other to see who could earn the most total points. Each penny counted as one positive point per grade level. Each silver coin counted as negative points per grade level. In other words, dropping a quarter in another grade level's bucket took 25 points away from their total. The winning grade level was second grade. Overall, the staff and students raised \$2,090.74 for the White Gift Food Pantry in Brodhead. Pictured are the second graders enjoying their hot chocolate and donut reward.

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Proverbs 12:22

Count Your Blessings
Psalms 34:1-3

Bear Each Others Burdens
Galatians 6:2

Forgive And Forget
Micah 7:18

Be Kind And Tender Hearted
Ephesians 4:32

Comfort One Another
1 Thessalonians 4:18

Keep Your Promises
Romans 4:21

Be Supportive of One Another
Acts 20:25

A PRAYER FROM THE FATHERS OF OPTIMA
LORD, help me face all that today brings with peace of mind. Help me surrender myself completely to Thy holy will. Enlighten and strengthen me each hour of the day. Whatever news I may receive this day, teach me to receive it with stillness and the confidence that nothing happens unless Thou allows it. Guide my thoughts and my feelings in all my deeds and words. In all unforeseen circumstances, don't let me forget that all comes from Thee. Teach me to conduct myself toward every member of my family with goodness and wisdom, so that I may not upset or annoy anyone. LORD, give me the strength to bear the fatigue and all the occurrences of this day in its duration. Guide my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to be patient, to forgive and to love. AMEN.

In the first epistle to the Thessalonians the Apostle Paul says, "praying without ceasing."
Lord Jesus Christ have Mercy on me.
(Kyrie Isou Christe elesion me)

Always remember God is watching over you.
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Be True To Each Other
Revelations 15:3

Look After Each Other
Deuteronomy 15:11

Treat Each Other Like You Treat Your Friends
Matthew 7:12

But Most Important LOVE ONE ANOTHER Deeply From The Heart
1 Peter 1:22, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Wishing you and yours a very Blessed Christmas

What to Read in Certain Circumstances

- When things are simply "not going well," read Isaiah 40 and Psalms 36.
- If you are ill or in pain, read Psalms 6 and 41.
- When you are feeling lonely, hopeless and scared, read Psalms 23, 26, 43 and 44 and Isaiah 44.
- When you are worried about loved ones, read Psalm 108.
- In order to live in harmony with others, read Romans 12.
- When leaving your home to go to work or a trip, bring Psalm 121 with you.
- When you are feeling tempted, read Psalm 139.
- If you are faced with a crisis, read Psalm 46.
- If you suffer a misfortune, read Isaiah 40: 6-20 and Romans 8: 28-39.
- When you sin, read Isaiah 53 and pray the words from Psalm 51.
- If friends abandon you, seek support from 1 Corinthians 13.
- When you are placed in a position of authority, read Joshua 1.
- If you lose a loved one, seek comfort in 1 Corinthians 15 and Revelations 21.
- Study with reverent interest.
- Do not feel discouraged from difficult text from any first reading.
- Re-read and underline text of interest.
- Allow a set time for study.

Green County Conservation Tree Sale

Fall is come and gone but the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department tree sale is ongoing; but only until Friday, December 30th! Be sure to get your orders finalized by then! Currently left in stock are: Black Walnut, Redosier Dogwood, Sugar Maple, Common Ninebark, Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, White Oak, American Plum, Domestic Apple, Norway Spruce, and Sycamore. Some of these are species we haven't offered in the past so don't forget to 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. We also have tree planters available, allowing you to plant a lot of trees with ease. Contact us 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.green-countywi.gov/lwcd under the tab "Resources". We 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 extension 120. We will be taking orders until Friday, December 30th. Trees are scheduled for pick up mid to late April.

12-Days of Christmas Giveaway started December 11! Facebook Live!



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Fairest of the Fair up to?

Hello everyone my name is Sharlene Swedlund and I am the 2022 Green County Fairest of the Fair from Juda. Since the summer came to an end I have continued to keep very busy, some of you may have seen me out and about during Cheese Days, others have probably seen me at the World Dairy Expo in October, and most recently the Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival. Through all of my work as the Green County Fairest of the Fair I have been able to keep up with social media posts-for those who don't know the Green County Fairest of the Fair has a Facebook page, so make sure to give us a follow! I have remained employed full time at Kuhn North America working as a Technical Publications Specialist, I am attending classes for a Manufacturing Engineering degree program, along with showing sheep at the North American International Livestock Expo in Louisville, Kentucky. Some would think the schedule that I have is too busy, but truthfully I enjoy everything that I am a part of and the excitement that comes with each event/organization.

A huge thank you goes out to the community for the endless support, everyone has played a part in the success for the Green County Fairest of the Fair program this year. Another exciting event that I will be partaking/attending will be the Wisconsin Fairs Association Convention in early January, while attending the convention I will have the opportunity to compete for the Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs title for the 2023 year. As exciting and adrenaline rushing as that sounds, I have taken the time to prepare for this competition so it will be fun and rewarding with everything that I will have the chance to learn. I would also like to take the time to invite those of you who are at least 18 years of age to apply for the 2023 Green County Fairest of the Fair. The application is open and available on the Green County Fairs website and will remain open until March 1st. Please feel free to contact me or the Green County Fair Board with any questions, we will be happy to assist and look forward to those who apply!



Sharlene Swedlund

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2. Write the highest number of points scored by any one team in the space provided on the entry form. This will be used to break a tie. If a tie remains, one winner will be chosen by random drawing from all correct entries.

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News from Parkview High School

WOODSONG TOWNS

ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Dec. 22: winter break.
Fri., Dec. 23: winter break.
Mon., Dec. 26: winter break.
Tues., Dec. 27: winter break.
Wed., Dec. 28: winter break.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tues., Dec. 27: girls' JV basketball classic at Rio Community School District, 1 p.m.; boys' JV basketball game at Catholic Central High School, 5:15 p.m.; boys' varsity basketball game at Catholic Central High School, 7:15 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 28: girls' JV basketball classic at Rio Community School District, 1 p.m.

Our fifth grade #ParkviewCrew have been talking about different forces, balanced versus unbalanced forces and Newton's laws of motion in their science class! They are wrapping up the unit with a buoyancy challenge. Students are given limited supplies in order to make a watercraft that can hold pennies for 10 seconds. Great teamwork!!

Last Week Parkview FFA Chapter members Natalie Abey, Abby Anderson, Emily Femyer, Diesel Simplot, Mallory Schindler-Comstock, and Autumn Wolfe-Mayer attended the District 2 Wisconsin Farm Bureau Federation Youth Ag. Summit! This summit is designed to teach students about different careers in agriculture! Thank you to KUHN for hosting FFA chapters from Rock, Dane, and Green Counties! Thank you to Badger State Ethanol, LLC, Decatur Dairy, Blackhawk Technical College's Farm Management and Agribusiness Instructor Dustin Williams, and Dairy Carrie for leading informational sessions for the FFA Members! A big shout out to Mr. Quinn and Mrs. Wachsmuth for taking the students to this event!

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Parkview School District Receives Grant

Parkview School District announces that it has received a grant from the Carol Aulabaugh Excellence in Education Fund Fall 2022 Grant Cycle of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. to support their projects entitled Best Dressed Choir Robes for Parkview High School, First Responder Training, Flango Book Platform at Parkview Jr/Sr High Schools, Gaga Ball Pit for Parkview's Playground at Parkview Elementary School, STEAM in the Art Room at Parkview Elementary School, Manufacturing and Laser Technology at Parkview Jr/Sr High Schools, Student Store-Coffee Cart at Parkview High School, Kindergarten STEM-Osmo at Parkview Elementary School, Photo Printer for the Art Department at Jr/Sr High School, and The Sounds of Music! At Parkview Elementary School. Together these grants total funding of almost \$12,000.

These grants will address needs that go above and beyond what would be normally afforded. From these projects, we will see items such as new choir robes, materials to train First Responders at Parkview, STEM and STEAM materials for classrooms, materials for our new School Store at the Jr/Sr High School, equipment for our art classes and new sound equipment that will be used by many at Parkview Elementary.

This grant is made available from the Community Foundation's Carol Aulabaugh Excellence in Education Fund. The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin is a resource for area nonprofit organizations whose programs and services are working for the betterment of our communities. Grants from the Carol Aulabaugh Excellence in Education Fund have supported the arts, education, environment, health and human services and historic preservation.

For more information on how you can support your community through the Community Foundation, contact Deedra Williams at 608-758-0883, ext. 7005, email at Deedra@cfsw.org or visit our website at www.cfsw.org. The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin serves nine Wisconsin counties: Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, and Walworth. For good. Forever.

Karen Strandt (PES Principal), Laura Schuler (PES Music Teacher), Carol Aulabaugh (Donator), Deedra Williams (Community Foundation Representative)

Parkview JR/SR High First Quarter Honor Roll

Highest Honors 4.0—seniors: Chloe Mielke, Paige Valley.

Juniors: Sydney Brown, Bowen Kopp, Victoria Marian, Samuel Schwengels, Cassandra Spencer, Savanna Warthen, Jazmyn Wiedmer, Conner Winn.

Sophomores: Rafe Bjoin, Kathryn Klassy, Michael Sanders.

Freshmen: Esther Burchell, Chloe Cleasby, Alexis Crawford, Sheri Montgomery, Zoie Resch.

Eighth grade: Lorelei Arnold.

Seventh grade: Dellah Hall.

Sixth grade: Orion Friedrich, John Grenawalt.

High Honors 3.99-3.50—seniors: Hailey Beeman, Dayne Butzler, Caden Cleasby, Morgan Coyne, Ethan Diddens, Allison Dolphin, Connor Flippin, Camilla Hauser, Rusty Klitzman, Henry Krajeck, Paul McCarthy, Elle McMahon, Gabriela Mendez, Autumn Pautsch, Gauge Pomplun, Kolton Smith, Kyra Suitter-Meyers, Katelynn Weeks, Nicolas Zamora.

Juniors: Natalie Abey, Collin Borntreger, Titus Burchell, Asa Collins, Greyson Cramer, Carter Cronin, Alec Dolphin, Nathan Fiebig, Calahan Fox, Gehrig Grenawalt, Dillan Heisz, Elizabeth Huber, Allison Johnson, Ann Keintz, Cole McMahon, Josephine Meyers, Olivia Moffitt, Temperance Pautsch, Karson Redman, Cheyenne Stafanczyk, Malachi Wendt.

Sophomores: Abigail Anderson, Shelby Anderson, Ashley Bloedow, Jadalyn Clark, Willow Crecelius, Dasia Dixon, Ryan Douglas, Gianna Elrod, Emily Femyer, Evan Fronk, Lilyanna Gallardo, Isabella Kovac, Lillian McMahon, Americus Pomplun, Nathaniel Rapson, Owen Slye, Mathias Treinen, Slater Valley, Samuel Vogt, Maysen Wellnitz.

Freshmen: Callum Babler, Ally Beeman, Lacy Blazier, Sahara Boers-Augustine, David Borntreger, Gage Burrell, Johnathon Castle, Jadyn Clough, Aiden Crane, Arianna Dean, Aryn Dolphin, Sabrina Engel, Aiden Engle, Oliver Friedrich, Jonathon Girard, Devin Hatch, Kylee Helmer, Milo Jackson, Alex Johnson, Drake Juhl, Kyla Lloyd, Lacey Lloyd, Amelia Luttig, Lacey Meldrum, Larz Mikel, Belden Moran, Aubrianna Pual, Sarah Pfluger, Ava Polheber, Jesse Rapson, Jordyn Rummelhoff, Catherine Treinen, Kelon Wendt, Jagger Wilke, Corbin Williams, Emma Woodman.

Eighth grade: Jessah Allen, Hailee Barger, Kane Bjoin, Abigail Farnsworth, Kase Hazeltine, Olivia Huber, Balin Lacy, Ryan McCarthy, Mallory Nifong, Serenity Pautsch, Makenna Phillips, Karly Slye, Lacey Sorg, Norbert Stafanczyk, Michael Welch, Harper Williams.

Seventh grade: Amber Bloedow, Amaya Boers-Augustine, Tavin Bomkamp, Keely Douglas, Braedyn

Girard, Skyla Gray, Braelynn Haugen, Caroline Luety, Dawson Maylord, Benjamin Uhe, Sophie Valley.

Sixth grade: Adley Crane, Elijah Diddens, Henry Dohmeyer, Jemma Dorsey, Dwayne Engle, Bristol Grenawalt, Connor Knutson, Mackenzie Lewiston, Chloe Meyer, Braelyn Miller, Avigale Pautsch, Tyler Schwender, Mylee Sorg, Chesney Speich, Cohen Williams.

Honorable Mention 3.49-3.0—seniors: Aidan Cain, Simone Cenacchi, Autumn Hollibush, William Holtz, Tyler Kersten, Diesel Simplot, Evan Suer, Ian Suer, William Toberman, Autumn Wolfe Mayer, Jack Woodman.

Juniors: Elias Cain, Kadin Doolley, Brayley Falfano, Oscar Gallardo, Taylor Mazzariski, Makenzie Morris, Justyce Peacock, Megan Ritter, Jack Ross, Mallory Schindler-Comstock, Ian Soderstrom, Kylie Stark, Jacob Vogt, Payton Wilson.

Sophomores: Keaton Bergendal, Teagan Clough, Sydney Coyne, Alan Diaz, Isaac Diddens, Blake Finley, Everet Fisk, Lily Gestrich, Chloe Groetken, Emily Howard, Alyxander Jackson-Price, Charles Neblock, Rosa Nino Pimentel, Anthony Paul, Story Uppenkamp.

Freshmen: Hunter Brannin, Anthony Galfano, Emma Hetelle, Dawsyn Johnson, Grace Krajeck, Avery Lewis, Ron Morales, Evan Moriva, Jacob Neblock, Wyatt Schumacher, Noah Teeman.

Eighth grade: Ryker Buster, Sawyer Carr, Bronsen Carter, Giuliaanna Elrod, Martin Gowen, Marleigh Kamppi, Owen Moffitt, Louis Nath, Adrienne Paul, Peter Roth.

Seventh grade: Luci Anderson, Jayde Council-Seitz, Amelia Elmer, Ava Flodeen-Schroeder, Harley Furlong, Elijah Gunn, Carter Hale, Abigail Hetelle, Sydney Luety, Morgan Meyers, Abigail Moriva, Niko Nelson, Hannah Treinen, Jemma Wilke, Charley Wohlfert.

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Parkview/Albany wrestlers win Clinton non-conference dual

By Coach Joel Steinmann

Great night of wrestling from the Parkview/Albany Wrestlers!! We traveled to Clinton for a non-conference dual! Winning 56-18! They all fought hard with wins coming from Slater Valley, Blake Finley, Danny Finley, Ian Suer, Evan Suer, Nico Zamora, Jayden Anderson, Sam Schwengels, Wyatt Egan and Wes Egan. We were able to get two Jv matches in with Sean Morales winning and Trevor Haugen wrestling the best he has this season but came up short. Great job wrestlers and coaches. It was awesome to have the fan support there to watch tonight!

Parkview/Albany wrestling placed third with five on the podium

By Coach Joel Steinmann

Saturday, December 10th we went to Mt. Horeb to compete in their 15 team varsity tournament! The guys made a statement to say

Brodhead Basketball Splits Win vs Loss

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead took charge early in their game at Whitewater last Tuesday. At the break the Cardinals led 54–22 and at the final buzzer they took a commanding 84–53 victory. The young players, Cullen Walker and Brody Riese, led Brodhead with 23 and 20 points each. Also adding to points-on-the-board were Jaxon Dooley and Sam Searls. The Cardinals were 52% from the free throw line. Both teams earned 24 points each from the perimeter. Marcos Sagrero led the Whippets with 18.

Brodhead was again on the road to Clinton on Friday. Gabe Bockhop saw his first action of the season as he has been recovering from an injury. The Cougars were able to hold Engen and Riese to four and eight points respectively. The Cardinals struggled to score points. Regan Flickinger—CL and Walker—BJ each led their teams in points with 25 for each. Searls added in 15 which included two from the arc. At the half with the score 32–41 the Cardinals were striving to get something going in the second half. Brodhead made 15 of 25 points from the stripe where Pinnow was 4-for- 4. The game ended, 65–73, with Clinton getting their first conference win of the season. Brodhead is currently 2-3 in the Rock Valley. Walker, with 21.1 points-per-game, leads the conference.

This week the team will have hosted River Valley on Monday and take on Poynette on Thursday. Both non-conference games.

Girls Hangs on to Win Over East Troy

By Teresa Earleywine

When the Cardinals hit the road to take on East Troy the Trojans were hoping for an upset. At the half with Brodhead leading by just two points, East Troy thought it might be doable. The Trojans led in percentages for both 3-point shots and free throw points made. Each team struggled with maintaining possession of the ball, they combined for 39 turnovers. The Cardinals were able to come together to get the 59–44 victory. Abbie Dix, Taetum Hoesly and Alexis Kammerer combined to lead all scorers with 16—15—12 points individually.

This week the girls will host Whitewater on Tuesday.

the least! We finished in third place behind D3 power house Fennimore and D1 Merrill. They place the top eight and medal the top three. On top of the podium was Sam Schwengels at 182 and Wes Egan at 220. Placing second was Slater Valley at 106 and Wyatt Egan at 195. 3rd place went to Danny Finley at 120.

Placing fourth was Evan Suer at 145. Fifth place was Ian Suer at 138 and placing seventh was Blake Finley at 113. Nico Zamora at 152, Simo Cenacchi at 160 and Sean Morales at 182 all wrestled hard but didn't place.

We also had a three guys go to the Elkhorn Invite to get some mat time. Jayden Anderson at 160 placed first. Trevor Haugen at 113 and Jonathan Girard at 170 both wrestled well but didn't place.

Great job by all involved in our program! Especially the coaching staff giving their time to the kids during the week to prepare them for the meets and tournaments!

We won't be back on the mat the rest of this year our first meet will be in Horicon Thursday, January 5th to start our 2023 year and take our first step towards a conference title!



Sam Schwengels



Wes Egan

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The Fifth Grade Band gave a concert last Thursday showcasing their abilities for family and guests at Albrecht Elementary School. Mr. Jason Riesterer is their director. He was assisted by Mrs. Beth Riesterer and Ephraim Corbit, a senior at BHS. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Brodhead High School Winter Concert

Photos by Teresa Earleywine



With Jason Reisterer directing, the Symphonic Band of BHS performed their Winter Concert last Monday.



The Concert Band of Brodhead High School added to the Christmas season with their selections at their concert. Both the Concert and Symphonic Bands combined for the special selection “With Every Winter’s Breath” under the direction of Jason Reisterer



BHS Mixed Choir performed their Winter Concert under the direction of Sara Jordan, BHS choral director.



Under the direction of Sara Jordan, Brodhead High School’s Advanced Choir sang their Winter Concert vocal selections.



Karson Miller pinning his opponent at Mt. Horeb Invite.



Joe Lohmar-BJ won his match by decision against Justin Teague-BT. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brodhead senior, CJ Streuly won his match by pinning Hunter Griinke of Beloit Turner. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Jameson Wallin won by decision with his takedown of Zack Ries. This match entered into overtime with a sudden death ending. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Wrestling Challenged by Forfeits

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead Juda participated in a multi-school meet at Edgerton last Tuesday. The Cardinals were within striking range when they took on Beloit Tuner but with several weight classes without a participant Brodhead came away with 30 while the Trojans earned 48 points. CJ Streuly and Marcus McIntyre each pinned their opponents while Jameson Wallin and Joe Lohmar won by decision. Wallin had his match, against Zack Ries, go into overtime with Wallin getting a takedown to earn a “sudden death” victory.

Brodhead forfeited five different weight classes when they took on Edgerton. But with that many open classes it was too much for Brodhead to overcome and Edgerton came away with the 57–24 win. Wallin, Streuly, McIntyre and Lohmar each pinned their challenger.

On Saturday at the Mount Horeb Invite the Cardinals came away with a sixth-place finish. McIntyre competing at 145 placed second. Wallin at 132 and Lohmar at 138 each placed third. Parkview also competed at this invitational. Wesley Egan and Sam Schwengels each captured first place while coming in with second place finish was Wyatt Egan and Slater Valley.

No scheduled matches this week.



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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department
December 5-11, 2022
At approximately 7:57 a.m., Friday, deputies responded to the N1800 block of County Highway S, Town of Jefferson, for a report of a single vehicle crash with no reported injuries. Investigation determined the operator, Kari L. Grinnell, 30, of Juda, was traveling north on CTH S when she lost traction on the snow and ice-covered roadway. Kari's vehicle entered the east ditch, struck a mailbox and came to a rest after crossing a private driveway. Kari reported wearing her seat belt and possibly sustaining a non-life threatening injury. The vehicle had airbag deployment, sustained disabling damage and was later towed from the scene. Kari was taken by private vehicle for evaluation of possible injuries.

At approximately 8:49 a.m., Friday, deputies responded to the N5600 block of State Highway 104, Town of Albany, for a report of a single vehicle crash. Investigation determined the operator, Hickory L. Daniels, 37, of Juda, was traveling south on STH 104 when he lost control of his vehicle on the snow and ice covered roadway. Hickory's vehicle entered the west ditch, traveled over a culvert and collided with an embankment. Hickory reported wearing his seat belt and not being injured. The vehicle sustained disabling damage with no airbag deployment and was towed from the scene.

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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department
December 12-18, 2022
At approximately 12:55 p.m., Wednesday, deputies, the Brodhead Fire Department, Brodhead Police Department, Albany EMS, and the Rock County Sheriff's Officer responded to the intersection of STH 104 and St. John Road, Town of Decatur, for a report of a two vehicle crash with injuries. Investigation determined Richard A. Bennett, 38, of Brodhead, was traveling southbound on STH 104 when a vehicle pulled out in front of him from St. John Road. Richard was unable to avoid the collision and struck the vehicle. John reported wearing his seat belt and sustained non-life threatening injuries in the crash. The vehicle had airbag deployment and was towed from the scene due to disabling damage. Albany EMS transported John for his injuries. The eastbound vehicle being operated by Margaret J. Exum, 88, of Brodhead, failed to yield the right-of-way when attempting to turn onto STH 104 from St. John Road. Margaret reported wearing her seat belt and sustained non-life threatening injuries in the crash. The vehicle had airbag deployment and was towed from the scene due to disabling damage. Margaret was transported by Brodhead EMS for her injuries.

At approximately 2:17 p.m., Thursday, were called to the intersection of Suburban Drive and CTH E, Town of Albany, for a report of a truck that slid through the intersection, struck a fiber optic box and left the scene. Investigation determined that a truck being operated by Caylor R. Burns, 21, of Orfordville, was traveling west when he slid through the intersection. Caylor advised that he was unaware he struck any objects. Caylor reported wearing his seat belt and not being injured. The truck sustained minor, functional damage with no airbag deployment. Caylor was cited for expired registration and was warned for operating too fast for conditions.

At 5:42 p.m., Friday, deputies along with Brodhead Fire Department and Brodhead EMS responded to the N200 block of County Highway G, in the Town of Spring Grove, for a single vehicle crash with injuries. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Stevie N. Franklin, 36 of Davis, IL, was traveling northbound when she was unable to see the road due to snowy weather conditions. Franklin's vehicle then entered the east ditch and came to rest. Franklin reported non-life-threatening injuries, was wearing her seat belt, and the airbags did not deploy. Franklin was transported to an area hospital for treatment. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

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Brodhead Municipal Court
Finding Date: 12/07/2022 through 12/14/2022

Jose David Bajan Xinico, Brodhead, operating while intoxicated, violation date 09/26/2022 \$861; operate without valid license, violation date 09/26/2022 \$124.

Brendan Wayne Demeny, Brodhead, operating while revoked, violation date 10/25/2022 \$250.

Andrew Joseph Hauck, Orfordville, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/15/2022 \$218.50; failure to transfer vehicle title, violation date 10/15/2022 \$124; operate motorcycle without valid license, violation date 10/15/2022 \$124.

Ronald Gilbert Hinds, Janesville, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 10/02/2022 \$98.80.

Brittney Nicole Hinz, Janesville, operate after revocation/suspension of registration, violation date 06/21/2022 \$79.90; display unauthorized vehicle registration plate, violation date 06/21/2022 \$142.90.

Johnny Ray Ladwig, Orfordville, operating after suspension, violation date 10/12/2022 \$124; non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 10/12/2022 \$98.80; operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 10/12/2022 \$124.

Nicole M. Lawrence, Brodhead, operating after suspension, violation date 08/24/2022 \$98.80.

Marvin Stanley Meronk, Wittenberg, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 08/12/2022 \$149.20; fail/display vehicle license plates, violation date 08/12/2022 \$67.30.

Brayan I. Rojas-Valencia, South Beloit, IL, operate after revocation/suspension of registration, violation date 10/10/2022 \$98.80.

Colin Matthew Taylor, Orfordville, possession of THC, violation date 06/05/2022 \$628.

Derek Lebron Thompson, Brodhead, disorderly conduct, violation date 10/06/2022 \$149.20.

Elizabeth Emily Threewitt, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/02/2022 \$124.

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Thurs., Dec. 22: Santa sack lunches, PB&J uncrustables.
Fri., Dec. 23: no school.
Mon., Dec. 26: no school.
Tues., Dec. 27: no school.
Wed., Dec. 28: no school.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs., Dec. 22: Parent Gift Store—hosted by PTO; boys' basketball at Argyle, 6 p.m.
Fri., Dec. 23: no school; girls' basketball at Black Hawk, 6 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 28: volleyball open gym, 7 p.m.; adult basketball, 7:30 p.m.

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Monday Night Mixed League

12/12—High series: Ty Powell 742, LeRoy Blumer 681, Jason Schoen 680. High games: J. Schoen 267, T. Powell 263, Josh Strehlow 255. Center Tavern-high team game 1,093 and series 3,086. **Standings:** Beloit Chiropractic won 21 lost 7, Deb's Bar 19-9, Center Tavern 17-11, Albany Lanes 12-16, Fosters Gaming 8-20, Broughton's Bar 7-21.

Tuesday Shaningans

12/13—High series: Barb Brugger 504, Phyllis Shrier 480, Alexis Sies 480, Rick Josephsen 592, Rick Clark 573, Brandon Bong 549. High games: A. Sies 180, P. Shrier 178, B. Brugger 175, R. Josephsen 243, R. Clark 224, B. Bong 223. Barely Upright-high team game 693 and series 1,977. **Standings:** Barely Upright won 51 lost 19, Misfits 36-34, Albany Lanes 35-35, Sweet Mini HaHa 32-38, Clayt's Boomtastic 31-39, Greightful Dead 25-45.

Badger

12/13—High series: Dave Brugger 718, Josh Brugger 669, Rob Kubesh 666, Russell Buetzer 644, Kim Qualley 338. High games: D. Brugger 259, J. Brugger 255, R. Buetzer 238, R. Kubesh 233, K. Qualley 136. Renks-high team game 887 and series 2,534. **Standings:** Renks won 23 lost 5, Jim's Mechanic Shop 17-11, Pearl City Elevator 14-4, Counter Attack 12-16, Decatur Dairy 9-19, Brugger Farms Trucking 9-19.

Wednesday Night Ladies

12/14—High series: Alice Patchen 522, Fran Kubesh 461, Tara Blumer 455, Traci Brewer 446, Sarah Flood 436. High games: A. Patchen 206, Kari Johnson 190, Laurie Thill 176, Lindsey Kotte 168, T. Brewer 167. New Glarus Brewery-high team game 603 and series 1,708. **Standings:** Larson Acres won 56 lost 35, Albertson's 54-37, Glenn-Ann Ladies 46-45, Broughton's Bar 44-47, Center Tavern 38-53, New Glarus Brewery 35-56.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

12/15—High series: Tana Klitzman 430, Becky Riese 423, Nancy Salzwedel 423, Virginia Schliem 406, Betty Blum 405, Laurie Thommen 399. High games: T. Klitzman 190, N. Salzwedel 181, B. Riese 161, L. Thommen 152, V. Schliem 151. Splits: L. Thommen 4-5, B. Riese 9-10, Shirley Sutherland 3-10, 4-5, Linda Reilly 3-10, 5-6, Priscilla Kaderly 3-10, Barb Chapman 3-10. Albany Lanes-high team game 568 and series 1,528. Winners of the first half—Albany Lanes. Team members: Tana Klitzman, Ann Thornton and Virginia Schliem. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 40.5 lost 19.5, Mike's Flooring 38.5-21.5, Knutes 35-25, Nolte's Garage 29-31, Ball's Installations 27-.5-32.5.

Thursday Night Mixed

12/15—High series: Michael Morton 688, Eric Woodruff 675, Brandon Bayrhofer 667, Dave Brugger 658. High games: E. Woodruff 267, Erich Brandenburg 258, Ryan Flood 248, D. Brugger 246. Rosheisen Rappers-high team game 1,168 and series 3,038. **Standings:** Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 22 lost 6, Glenn Ann Holsteins 17-11, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 17-11, Attica Bar 14-14, Rosheisen Rappers 7-21, Golz Electric 7-21.

Saturday Morning Juniors—Cardinals

12/17—High series—boys: Brittian Paulson 572, Parker VanderPal 541, Dawson Blum 451, Tyryn Foster 427, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 354, Trenton Murray 352. High games—boys: B. Paulson 223, P. VanderPal 218, D. Blum 182, T. Foster 165, A. Ramirez-Vogel 144, T. Murray 131. **High series—girls:** Taylor Sauer 446, Harper Krattiger 399, Kylee Wahler 371, Grace Gold 348, Grace Welbig 251. High games—girls: T. Sauer 171, H. Krattiger 144, K. Wahler 143, G. Gold 119, G. Welbig 94.

Early Rollers—Cardinals

12/17—High games: Amelia Fenwick 77.

Saturday Morning Youth—Cardinals

12/17—High series: Carter Fenwick 155, Kelsee Brugger 94, Emma Welbig 62, Keira Schrader 51. High games: C. Fenwick 91, K. Brugger 52, E. Welbig 40, K. Schrader 34.

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We have lots of exciting announcements going into the New Year! First, we'll be adjusting our hours to be more uniform as of Tuesday, January 3rd. You can now visit us from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday, and Saturday will be staying the same from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Children's Storytime will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m., however any other use of the library will not be available until 11 a.m.

The Albertson Memorial Library is pleased to announce that Melissa Everson will serve as director of the library beginning on Monday, January 2nd. Melissa and her husband, Jeff, fulfilled their dream of living in Albany in September when they moved here from Monroe, but Melissa's face isn't new to our community. She has been a teacher in the School District of Albany for 17 years, serving as a classroom teacher at several elementary grade levels and now as the district's reading intervention specialist. Mrs. Everson is excited to bring her passion for reading and learning, along with new ideas for building on the partnerships between the library, school, and community.

New Materials-
DVDs: Bros, Thor: Ragnarok, Three Thousand Years of Long-

ing, Jerry & Marge Go Large, Emily the Criminal, Ghosts: Season One, Reacher: Season One

Adult Fiction: The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by Sangu Mandanna, The Woman Outside My Door by Rachel Ryan, Her Christmas Redemption by Toni Shiloh A Christmas Bargain by Mindy Obenhaus, An Alaskan Christmas Promise by Belle Calhorne, A Wish for Winter by Viola Shipman, Perfect Assassin by James Patterson, The Vibrant Years by Sonali Dev, The Whittiers by Danielle Steele, A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny, The Night She Disappeared by Lisa Jewell, All the Broken Places by John Boyne, The Widowmaker by Hannah Morrissey, The Baby Proposal by Gabrielle Meyer, Reclaiming the Ranchers Heart by Lisa Carter, Restoring Their Family by Allie Pleiter, None of This Would Have Happened If Prince Were Alive by Carolyn Prusa

Large Print: The Choice by Nora Roberts, It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover

Young Adult: Solitaire by Alice Oseman, Nick and Charlie by Alice Oseman, This Winter by Alice Oseman, Five Survive by Holly Jackson

Juvenile Fiction: The Bookwanderers by Anna James

Picture Books: Ten Little Squirrels by Bill Martin, Bright Winter Night by Alli Brydon, Farming Strong All Year Long by Sherri Duskey Rinker, Little Bird Finds Christmas by Marianne Richmond, Pugtato Finds A Thing by Sophie Corrigan, Pugtato Babysits the Snouts by Sophie Corrigan, How Do

Dinosaurs Stay Friends? by Jane Yolen, Little Owl's Love by Divya Srinivasan, Little Owl's Snow by Divya Srinivasan, The Christmas Owl by Ellen Kalish, The Best Gift for Bear by Jennifer Bell, Harold Loves His Woolly Hat by Vern Kousky, Knight Owl by Christopher Denise

SSM Health Advises on Seeking Care During Flu Season

Higher volumes for health care services are anticipated every year during cold and flu season and 2022 is no different.

This year, SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group are seeing some of those increases earlier than anticipated as local cases of the flu and RSV are already coming in. In a recent seven-day period, SSM Health tested 140 patients in Monroe, 27 of which were positive for flu.

"We are seeing more patients in our emergency department and urgent care locations, as well as much sicker patients," shared Dr. Darren Pipp, Chief Medical Officer at SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group. "Because we need to treat the most serious cases right away, that can sometimes lead to longer wait times for other patients."

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