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Optimist Communication Contests Offering Big Money Scholarships

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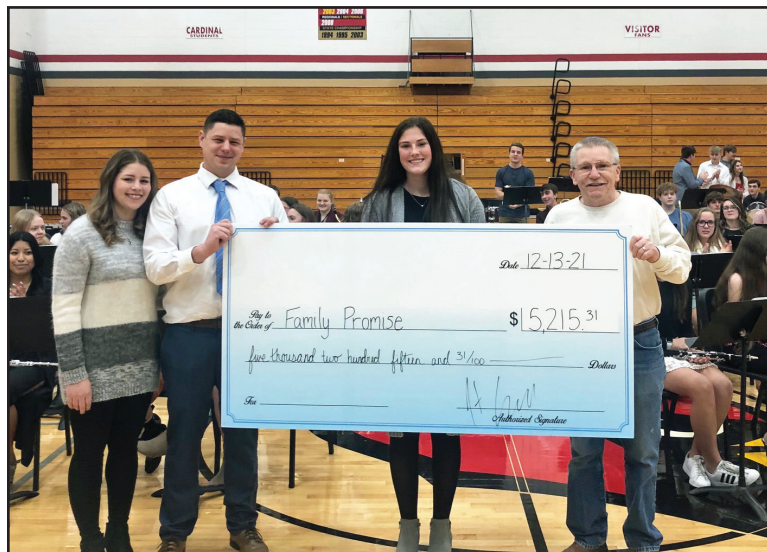
Calling all middle school and high school students! Do you want to earn personal satisfaction and cold hard cash in 2022? The Brodhead Optimist Club offers students these benefits every year, but so few take advantage of the Essay and Oratorical contests held. Each local contest provides \$125 to the top winners, \$75 to the second place winners and \$50 to the third placers. The top winners go on to the District contests where a \$2,500 scholarship is awarded in to the winner in each contest. But wait! That's not all! The winner of the Oratorical contest can go on and possibly win a \$5,000

scholarship at the Regional level and another \$15,000 scholarship at the international level! We optimists, however, think the greatest benefit is being able to speak your mind and share your thoughts on matters that are so prevalent today. Applications for both contests can be picked up at the middle and high school offices or by contacting the club president, Christine Dieckhoff at christidee@litewire.net 608-558-5828.

This year's topic for the essay contest is "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?" We know that our students may have trouble staying within the 700 to 800 word limit, but sharing your ideas may help all of us improve our future. These essays will be due by

Thursday, February 10th to our essay chair Denessa Jones, 905 10th St., Brodhead WI, 53520.

"Staying Optimistic in Challenging Times" is the topic our young speakers will be addressing in a 4 to 5 minute speech. What is your plan to remain optimistic in the mist of the pandemic, school shootings, racial injustice, threats of war or any of the hundreds of events you might choose? The local contest will be held the beginning of March. More information will be available in the near future. The Optimist International motto is "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" and its goal is to encourage young people to participate in their communities and to be the best that they can be, now and in the future.



Cora Hafen's Senior Project "It Makes Cents" ended last Monday night at the Holiday Band Concert, where Cora announced the total amount the community helped to raise for Family Promise of Green County. From the loose coin collection throughout the town and at the schools, we raised \$1,465. Additionally, in conjunction with the Piggly Wiggly Round-up program, an additional amount of \$4,215.31 was added to that total. The Brodhead Piggly Wiggly also donated a generous amount of \$1,000. Bringing the total amount raised by our community to \$6,680.31, which will be donated to Family Promise of Green County. Pictured are Alicia and Justin Campbell, owners of Brodhead Piggly Wiggly, Cora Hafen and Rick Gleason, executive director for FPGC.

Brodhead Chamber of Commerce helps Wisconsin Bundle Up

Local organizations collect warm winter clothing for Wisconsin Department of Tourism's annual charity drive

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the Brodhead High School Student Council to invite residents to drop off new or gently used coats, sweaters, hats, mittens, socks and other warm clothing items as part of the Wisconsin Big Bundle Up campaign; a statewide collection program running now through Friday, January 7, 2022.

This is the 11th year of the Wisconsin Big Bundle Up and, to date,

the program has collected nearly 200,000 warm winter items to help families in need.

Donating warm winter items is the perfect way to give to local families in need as the holiday giving season approaches. Collection boxes will be located at all Brodhead Schools, as well as the Bank of Brodhead and Bank of New Glarus, for donors to drop off warm clothing items. All items donated at these locations will be given to the Brodhead Community Closet, 1108 11th Street, which is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



Suzanne Peterson, Badger Childhood Cancer Network, received checks from Brodhead Optimist Nancy Sutherland. The Brodhead Optimist Club donated proceeds from their annual Pork Roast to the American Family Children's Hospital and the Badger Childhood Cancer Network. (Free Press photo by Gloria Sutter)

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Albany Hilltop Community Church, 101 S. Jackson Street, Albany. Pastor Kevin Phillips text or call 608-214-3180 or mis-sykev@hotmail.com. Church 608-862-3790. Web site: hilltopalbany.com. Study of the Word 8:30 a.m.; worship 10 a.m.

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 Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2341. www.bethlembrodhead.org. Web site and Live Stream information at www.bethlembrodhead.org. In-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Masks and social distancing are required at this time. Contact church leadership at office@bethlehembrodhead.com.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

Juda-Zion United Methodist Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. for all ages, worship service 10:45 a.m. Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday worship and children's Sunday school 9 a.m.

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

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591. 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. Services air on Channel 988 at 11 a.m. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. Sunday in person worship, live streamed on Facebook.

Thank you from St. Peter
A thank you to the community from St. Peter Lutheran Church for making their Thanksgiving dinner a success again this year. Thanks to all they were able to donate \$520 each to the Brodhead Fire Department and Brodhead Area EMS.

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OBITUARIES



Judy Ainsworth-Gilmore

Judy Ainsworth-Gilmore, 83, Brodhead was called home to be with Jesus on December 12, 2021. Judy was born on October 25, 1938, in Topeka, Kansas to Bertha and James Stillie. Judy grew up primarily in Topeka, but spent part of her childhood in Vallejo, California. She treasured her time in Vallejo and would fondly relate memories of climbing the hills behind her home. As a little girl, Judy took part in a variety of activities including gymnastics and tap dance. Later in life, as a mother, she would delight her children with mini dance performances after retrieving her old tap shoes from the cedar chest. Judy graduated from Topeka High School in 1956 then attended Moody Bible Institute in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1958 she married Air Force Serviceman David Ainsworth. Judy and David had two children in Topeka, Gary and John, and later added Wendy and Daniel after moving to Rockford, Illinois. Judy later returned to her beloved California where she met Pat Gilmore in Ventura, California. They married in 1999 and moved to Brodhead, to be closer to her family.

Judy was a creative and talented mother and was known to whip together elaborate costumes for school plays at the last minute. She was dedicated to helping her children learn and grow and read books to them from a young age and took them to the library regularly. She was also an excellent cook, and her homemade soups, pies and other specialties created warm and comforting meals for her family. Judy was passionate about sharing her love for Christ and helping at church, especially with children's activities. She was a dedicated Sunday school teacher and vacation Bible schoolteacher for many years and also assisted with the children's choir. She was known to stay up late

into the night creating fun activities for her church kids. She was also a member of the Christian Women's Club and enjoyed attending church events.

Judy performed volunteer work at the Rock County Historical Society in Janesville, where as a docent, she led tours of the Tallman House and assisted with other activities. Judy loved traveling and especially enjoyed being at the beach. Some of the areas Judy enjoyed visiting were the Virgin Islands, Italy, Hawaii, Florida, and California. Her favorite times were spent with her family, and she never forgot a birthday or other special event! She cherished her grandchildren and great-grandchildren and showered them with love and attention. She also enjoyed spending time with her friends and her senior group. Her warm smile and enthusiasm for life meant she never lacked for companionship. Those close to her often enjoyed her infectious sense of humor. Judy enjoyed photography, decorating, stamping and creating homemade cards for family and friends and bargain hunting at antique and thrift stores. She also enjoyed gardening and delighted in watching the birds' comings and goings on her patio.

Judy is survived by her children: Gary (Suzanne) Ainsworth of Rockford, John (Lori) Ainsworth of Edgerton, Wisconsin, Daniel Ainsworth of Coconut Creek, Florida and Wendy Ainsworth of Monterey, California; grandchildren: Austin Burgener, Joshua (Adrienne) Ainsworth, Kory Ainsworth, Camila Dias, Nicholas Burgener, Peter Burgener, Mitchell Reis, Nicholas (Desiree) Dawson, Ross (Brittany) Laver, and Anna (Joe) Laver; great grandchildren: Cameron, Colin, Dani, Pearl, Fox, Meadow, Theo and Clara; brothers: Rick (Bonnie) Stillie, David (Sharon) Stillie, and Steve (Susan) Stillie; special friend, John McClain and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Judy was proceeded in death by her parents, brother, James (Irene) Stillie, and husbands: David Ainsworth and Pat Gilmore and will be missed by all who knew her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the United Methodist Church of Brodhead Children's programs or to Mercy Health Hospice Care.

A celebration of life was held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Saturday, December 18, at 12 p.m. A visitation was also held at the funeral home on Saturday from 11 a.m. until the time of services.

Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



Alfred H. Pinnow

Alfred H. Pinnow, age 98, died Monday December 13, 2021 in his home. He was born September 8, 1923 the sixth of 10 children to the late William and Annie (Roenneburg) Pinnow in Rock Grove, Illinois. Al graduated from Brodhead High School, class of 1941. He served two years in the Army Air Force, serving as a radio operator gunner from 1944 until his honorable discharge in 1946. Al married Dorothy Brager on November 29, 1947. She preceded him in death on September 24, 1991. He was an active member at Our Savior's Lutheran Church and served on the Council Church Foundation Board. Al enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling. He also enjoyed singing with the Badger Chordhawks Barber-shop chorus and the Golden Aires Chorus as well as delivering meals on wheels. Al was also a member

of the American Legion Post 288 of South Beloit, the Beloit Chamber of Commerce and the Ambassadors Club. He further served as Chaplain and Past Exalted Ruler for the Beloit Elks Lodge 864.

He is survived by his two sons: Dale Pinnow and Alan Pinnow; his daughter, Theresa (Jack) Prins; his daughter in law, Jan Pinnow; his granddaughter, Nicole Pinnow and his grandsons: Bryan Pinnow, and Ryan and Brad Cartwright; his great grandchildren: Bailey, Payton, Alex and Austin; his brothers: Charles Pinnow and Gene Pinnow; his sister, Eileen Capion; his special friend, Dorothy; many nieces and nephews and his Bichons, Dori &Pepe.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his two sons, Kieth Pinnow and Michael Pinnow and his infant son, William Charles Pinnow.

The family would like to thank the staff at Suites of Beloit for the exceptional care they gave Al.

Al's funeral service was held at noon on Saturday, December 18, at Our Savior's Lutheran Church with Rev. Anthony Dusso officiating. Friends were received Saturday at the church from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Interment and Full Military Burial Rites were accorded at Floral Lawn Cemetery Chapel, South Beloit, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Our Savior's Lutheran Church or Meals on Wheels. Please share a memory or a condolence with the Pinnow family on the Brian Mark Funeral and Cremation Care website, www.brianmarkfh.com.



Shirley Ann Gray

Shirley Ann Gray, age 83, of South Beloit, Illinois/Brodhead passed away on December 15, 2021 in South Beloit, Illinois. She was born on November 2, 1938 in Avon, Wisconsin, the daughter of Thomas and Ellen (Hawkins) Jackson.

Shirley enjoyed playing Bingo in Grinnell Hall and playing cards with her friends at her apartment com-

munity room.

Shirley is survived by her three children: Douglas Gray, Wanda (Jeff) Kath and Randall Gray; 8eight grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren; two sisters: Hilda Smith and Nancy Zwieg; and several nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, three children: Dallas, Dennis and Daniel Gray; three brothers: Merle, John and Rodney Jackson and two sisters, Mary Schmid and Wilma Pautsch.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in Shirley's memory.

A celebration of life will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Tuesday, December 28, from 12 to 2 p.m. Burial of her cremated remains will conclude at the Avon Township cemetery following the gathering period.

Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

Lafayette County Historical Society Museum

The Lafayette County Historical Society Museum is decorated for Christmas! Come see the collection of hand painted ornaments, and other holiday trimmings. The Museum Shop is stocked with fascinating books, art prints, and other items to finish off your holiday shopping. Open 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. They will be closed from Christmas Eve until January 3. Happy New Year!

DEATH NOTICE

John A. Burger

John A. Burger, age 68, of Monroe, passed away on Friday, December 17, 2021 at Pleasant View Nursing Home in Monroe. A funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 23, at Schneider Funeral Home; with visitation from 12 p.m. until time of service. Committal and Military Honors will follow at Milton Lawns Memorial Park. Schneider Funeral Home and Crematory is assisting his family.



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**ACTIVITIES
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**2022 SHELTER RESERVATIONS—
BEGINNING WEDNESDAY,
JANUARY 5TH**

Reservations for the park shelters will be accepted at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5th, at the Brodhead Park and Recreation Dept. 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 Park and Rec office located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. Once you have registered, a payment of \$30 for a Resident of the City of Brodhead and \$40 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.

**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 5th and ending January 26th. Second grade will meet in February beginning February 2nd and ending February 23rd. This program will teach basic skills and fundamentals.

Third grade: January 5, 12, 19 & 26
Second grade: February 2, 9, 16 & 23
Early Release — Wednesday, February 2nd, second grade will meet from 2–3 p.m.

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 4th. Masks and gym shoes are required. Checks make payable to the Brodhead Park and Rec Dept. If you have any questions, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159.

**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, members of the Brodhead Optimist Club, and the many Santa's Helpers for supporting the Susan Welch Mitten Tree Project. They were able to make Christmas special for 93 children in the Brodhead community because of your generosity.



**Upper
Respiratory
Clinic at SSM
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With cold and flu season upon us and a continued increase in COVID-19 cases, SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group has established a dedicated Upper Respiratory Clinic.

This clinic treats both pediatric and adult patients who may be experiencing any upper respiratory systems, including fever, cough or other COVID-19 symptoms. Dedicated providers and staff offer patients the option to receive safe and timely care through virtual care options or in-person clinic appointments in their dedicated Upper Respiratory Clinic area.

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group's Upper Respiratory Clinic is open for appointments on their main campus in Monroe Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call 608-324-1815.

Please do not delay care. If you are experiencing respiratory distress or other severe symptoms, please call 9-1-1 or go to SSM Health Monroe Hospitals's Emergency Department.

**Alaina, Jackson
among top baby
names at SSM
Health Monroe
Hospital in 2021**

Monroe area families welcomed 482 bundles of joy into the world at SSM Health Monroe Hospital in 2021.

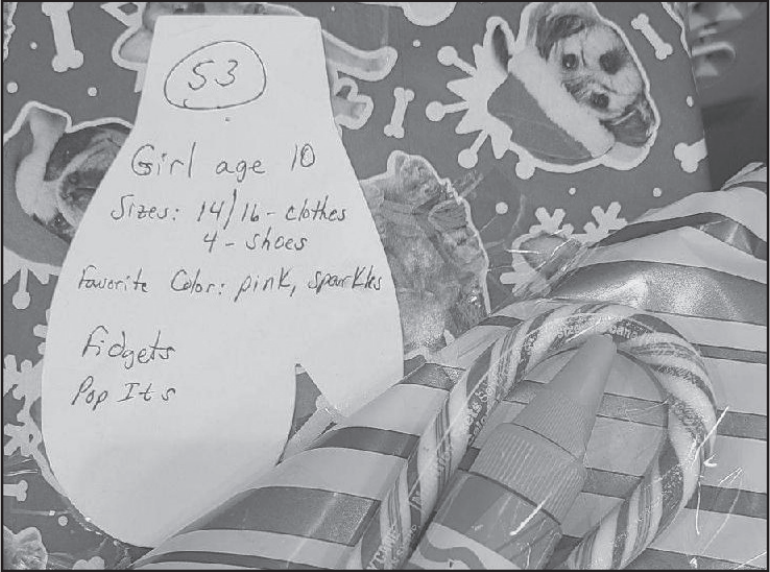
When looking at the most common names given to these sweet new family members, parents most commonly chose:

Alaina, Asher, Blakely/Blake, Charlotte, Everleigh, Jackson/Jax, Levi, Lincoln, Olivia and Waylon

Teagan and Easton topped the list of popular baby names in 2020.

While Family Birth team is busy caring for families year-round, April saw the highest number of birthdays in 2021, with 50 little ones joining the world.

Birth totals, information and most popular names are collected from December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021 to represent a full calendar year.



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SCHOOL CALENDAR—
Thurs., Dec. 23-Fri., Dec. 31: no school
Thurs., Dec. 23: girls’ basketball at Black Hawk.
Tues., Dec. 28: boys’ basketball at Dodgeland Tournament; girls’ basketball at North Crawford Tournament.
Wed., Dec. 29: boys’ basketball at Dodgeland Tournament.

Bring the World to Your Living Room! Juda Schools will welcome students from Buenos Aires, Argentina, this winter, and they need Host Families! Students are 16-18 years old, currently attend a Catholic school, and are eager to experience American culture and improve their English. Host Families provide room, board, and transportation to and from Juda Schools during their five-week stay, from (approximate dates) January 10- February 13, 2022. A stipend is provided to the family to offset the cost of hosting expenses. This is a great opportunity to expand your world and be an ambassador for America! If interested in becoming a Host Family, contact Mrs. Davis at 608-934-5251 or davis@judaschool.com .

Congratulations to all the elementary students for working together to get to the next goal line on their ticket tower. They’ve earned a ton of positive dojo’s and now it’s time to celebrate. All the classes will have a movie and popcorn day Wednesday, December 22. Way to go Juda Elementary!

The seventh-grade students did a hands-on lab where they were modeling and getting a better understanding of the reason behind the phases of the moon. One person played the Sun, one person played the Earth, and one person was the observer. They needed to record observations from the Sun’s perspective and the Earth’s perspective on how much of the Moon was lit up and how much was dark.



AROUND TOWN

Around the Town in . . . 1956
55 to Present Brodhead Centennial Play on Saturday
BRODHEAD- The centennial play “A Thousand Tongues,” written by Frances Riemer Burt, Sacramento, Calif., former Brodhead resident, will be presented on Saturday evening in the high school gymnasium, following the Centennial observance of the banquet of the Methodist and Congregational churches. Mmes. Marvin Malkow and Stanley Wraight are chairmen for the potluck supper at 6:30 p.m.
Fifty-five persons are in the cast of characters for the play. Pauline Stabler is director. Youth and adult choirs under the direction of Mmes. Wilton Hurley, Marshall Markham and Sterling Miller will be on the program. The public is welcome to attend the play at 8:30 p.m.
Two local churches are observing Centennial worship services on Sunday. The Rev. Jess Norenberg, superintendent of Wisconsin Congregational Conference will be guest speaker at the 10:55 a.m. worship service in the Congregational Church. A potluck dinner will be held at 1 p.m. in the church dining room. Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper and reception of new members will follow at 2 p.m. The choir will present several numbers under the direction of Miss Charlotte Preston, and William Behrens will preside at the organ.
At the Methodist Church, the Rev. Deane Irish, superintendent of this district, will preach the Centennial sermon at 10 a.m. Baptism and communion will also be held, with the choir presenting special numbers. At the 2:30 p.m. service, musical selections by both senior and intermediate choirs will be presented and the dedication of the rooms recently completed for Christian education will take place. The Rev. Robert A. Sachtjen, former local pastor, will be present and install Youth Fellowship officers. The Rev. and Mrs. Irish will install church and WSCS officers, respectively.
BRODHEAD BRIEFS
Mmes. Bess Zimmerli, Mary Wolter and Raymond Kundert will direct the Spring Grove and Decatur 4-H plays to be presented at the high school gymnasium at 8 p.m. Tuesday
Lavon Arnsmeier, Susan Buttke, John Bird, Maureen Flanagan, Beulah Hauser, Edward Kaderly, Carol Kohl, Lawrence Kundert, Frederick Badertscher, George Davis, Danny Klopfenstein, Jacqueline Jensen, Janet Ten Eyck, Duane Malcook, Gary Pinnow, Marilyn Nussbaum, David Smith, Andrea Sonneburg, Sammy Wendler and Lawrence Wunschel, of the Spring Grove area, received their 8th grade diplomas Tuesday evening at Monroe.
Shanghai School and Bright School have closed and will hold their picnics Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Zimmerman have returned home from a vacation at Winona, Minn. They visited the Rev. and Mrs. R. W. Welch at Fountain City, Wis., en route home.
Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Stewart, Santa Ana, Calif., were recent guests of Mrs. Nellie Broughton.

News from Parkview High School

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TWOVES

UPCOMING EVENTS:
Thurs., Dec. 23-Mon., Jan. 3—no school, winter break.
Mon, Dec. 27: varsity girls’ ice hockey at Rhinelander; varsity wrestling invitational at Williams Center Whitewater, 8 a.m.
Tues., Dec. 28: varsity wrestling invitational at Williams Center Whitewater; girls’ JV basketball game at Albany, 5:30 p.m.; boys’ JV basketball game at Waterloo High School, 6 p.m.; girls’ varsity basketball game at Albany, 7 p.m.; boys’ varsity basketball game at Waterloo High School, 7:30 p.m.

Have you heard about the new Video Production class at the High School? This class is taught by art teacher, Sarah Moran. So far Video Production has been busy creating PSAs, a five-shot project, stop motion animation, and an interview project. They are starting to gear up for their first episode of the Viking News Program, a weekly segment they are producing! Way to go!

Just a reminder that the Winter Break will be starting on Thursday, December 23rd and goes through Monday, January 3rd. Class will resume on Tuesday, January 4th. The District and High School Offices will be open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on December 23rd, 28th and 29th. They’re wishing everybody a safe and relaxing winter break! Four #ParkviewCrew alums graduated on Saturday, December 11, from University of Wisconsin-Platteville! Congratulations to Mason Spencer, Bailey Kloepfer, James McDonough, and Lexie Olson! Another big congratulations to all of the #ParkviewCrew that may be graduating right now and starting a new chapter!

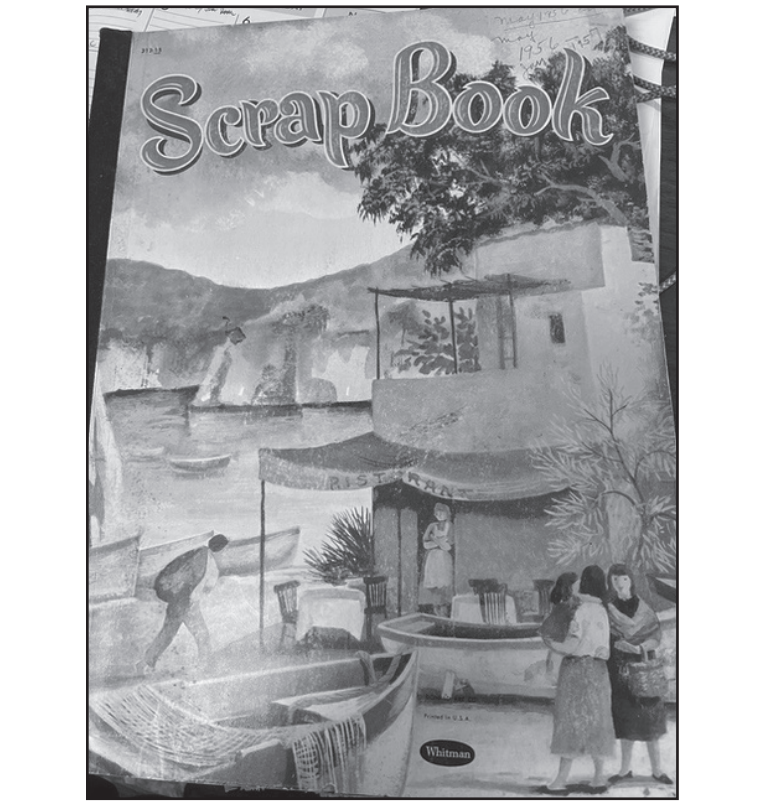
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Three local woman suffered falls recently. Mrs. Sina Smith broke her hip in a fall while visiting at the home of her son in Madison and is confined to Madison General Hospital. Mrs. Laura McNair fell from a ladder in her home, suffering bruises, and Mrs. Olive Swartz fell in her home, spraining an ankle.
Our club will meet Monday evening in the George Brandenburg home with Mrs. Adam Fleek as co-hostess.
The Rev. Wilbur Leatherman will be guest speaker at Avon Community Church Sunday evening.
The Rev. Robert A Boettcher will speak on “The Perpetual Fire” in observance of the Feast of Pentecost at Peace Church, Rte. 1, Brooklyn, at 9:30 a.m. and at 11 a.m. in Immanuel Church, Brodhead. Mrs. Ralph Jones and Flora Stuessy have charge of the program for the Youth Fellowship meeting at 7 p.m.
Brodhead Garden Club will hold its annual Guest Day at 2 p.m. Monday in the Congregational Church parlors. A film on flower arrangements will be shown. Mrs. Truman Olin is president of the group.
Workman are in the process of painting the huge dome on the Bank of Brodhead. The new front on Bahr’s Variety Store is nearly completed.
George Meier is ill in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Grace Hartman. His family held open house for him in January when he observed his 90th birthday.
Mrs. Hazel Burlingame, Janesville, has purchased the Quality Market previously operated by William Gurske, and opened it Friday as the Brodhead Clover Farm Store. Mrs. Burlingame and four children have already moved here.

Green County Market Steer/Market Heifer Weigh-In

The annual Green County Market Steer/Heifer Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at Equity Livestock, located south of Monroe from 8–10 a.m. In case of inclement weather the snow date will be Saturday, January 15th. An announcement will be made over WBGR radio prior to 8 a.m. on the morning of January 8th, if the weigh-in will be re-scheduled due to inclement weather.
All exhibitors who plan to show market steers or market heifers at the 2022 Green County Junior Fair must have their market animal weighed and identified at this weigh-in. Each exhibitor can identify a maximum of 5 market animals. U.S.D.A. radio frequency identification tags will be used to identify each market animal for the county fair. Exhibitors will be required to provide the premise ID number for the farm that the market animal will be housed at.
Green County Fair exhibitors must reside in Green County or be a member of a Green County FFA or 4-H Club, to have their market animals weighed and identified at this weigh-in. Market animals must also be identified and weighed to be eligible to participate in the 2022 Green County Fair Meat Animal Auction, Junior Steer/Heifer Show and the Market Animal Performance Class at the Green County Fair.
A market animal performance class will be held again in 2022. Market Animals entered in the performance class will be scanned for carcass merits and will not be sent for harvest during the fair. This will allow youth to exhibit the same market animal in both the performance and the market steer and market heifer classes with the exception of the Grand and Reserve Champion Performance Market Animal. The grand and reserve champion performance market animal will be selected based on their rate of gain, live show placing and scanned carcass data. Beef Steers must weigh 1,100 pounds and Dairy steer breeds including Holstein, Guernsey, Brown Swiss and Normande must weigh a minimum of 1,300 at the final weigh-in to be eligible for the performance class. Dairy steer breeds including Jersey, Milking Shorthorn, and Ayrshire, must weigh a minimum of 1,050 to be eligible for the performance class. Beef heifers must weigh a minimum of 1,000 pounds to participate in the Performance contest.
This weigh-in is only for market steers/heifers that will be exhibited at the Green County Fair. Steers/Heifers that will be exhibited only at the WI State Fair will be self- identified by exhibitors and are not required to attend this weigh-in.
The Green County Beef Producers will be assisting with the weigh-in. Record books for the Green County Meat Animal Sale and fair rules will be distributed to all exhibitors at the weigh-in. If you have any questions regarding the weigh-in, contact Jackie McCarville, Green County UW-Extension Agricultural Educator at 608-328-9440.



By Sarah Carpenter,
Outreach Librarian

Happy Holidays, everyone! These next two weeks coming up will be busy for almost everyone. Here at the library, we will be closed on the following days: December 24-25, December 31, and January 1. If you have some downtime while we're open, stop on in for some curated book bundles to help you 'bundle up' and stay warm. Grab pre-selected bundles of two or three books, gift tags are attached to give you some insight into what bundles you might like; such as series or genre descriptions.

We still have the community room stocked with lots of free books we're looking to giveaway. Westerns, Amish fiction, mysteries, romance... almost anything you can think of—we got it! There's even a cart with children's books and cook-books.

We had a year off last year, but this year we've brought back our paper snowflakes with library wishes on them! Snowflakes are on our tree in the sitting area next to our fireplace and have supply wishes on them. Pick a snowflake, and then come back and put the present under our tree. We appreciate you all so much! We all hope you have a wonderful holiday weekend!

ALBANY COMETS News

UPCOMING EVENTS:

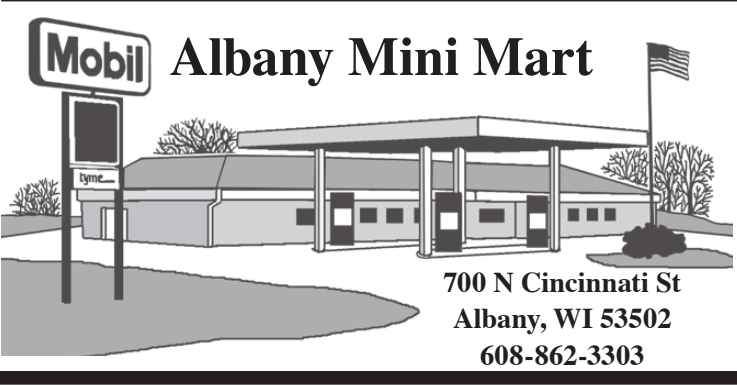
Thurs., Dec. 23-Fri., Dec. 31, no school—winter break.
Thurs., Dec. 23, girls' basketball at Argyle, 6 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 26, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.
Tues., Dec. 28, girls' basketball vs. Parkview, 5:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 29, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.; adult open gym, 7 p.m.; adult volleyball, 7 p.m. elementary school gym.
Thurs., Dec. 30, boys' basketball vs. Parkview, 5:30 p.m.; Athletic Hall of Fame Night.

Pep Band—rehearsal during FLEX: Thursday, January 6. Games: Monday, January 10, arrive by 6:30 p.m.; Friday, January 14, arrive by 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 22, arrive by 1:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, January 25, arrive by 6:30 p.m.

The weight room is open and supervised for high school students to workout during the listed times below. These weight room hours will only be available during FULL SCHOOL DAYS. Days of early release or non-school days won't be open for use. Monday 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 3-4 p.m.; and Thursday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Eighth grade students are working collaboratively on a mural of downtown Albany in one-point perspective during Art Studio. Students dedication on this has been amazing! What a super project!

Congratulations to Parkview-Albany wrestler Jayden A. for bringing home a bronze medal at the Oakfield Wrestling Invite. Jayden finished the day with a 2-2 record to finish in third place for his weight class. Jayden and the VIKINGS TEAM will travel to Hustisford this Thursday for a conference dual. Great job Jayden!



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Extension Master Gardeners Donate to SSM Health Hospice Home

Green County Master Gardeners in collaboration with the SSM Health Hospice and Monroe Chamber of Commerce coordinated a Garden Walk event this past summer in Monroe, to showcase five beautiful garden locations. Included in the Garden Tours were:

- Mike and Cheryl Bystry, 1109 11th Avenue. This garden we dubbed, “Heaven for Birds”! Their gardens are full of beautiful shade and sun loving perennials. Almost every inch is planted with flowers, with very little lawn. The gardens are decorated with birdhouses of all sizes and many rustic decorations sprinkled throughout. There is a lower garden area in the backyard, but it can be viewed from the back deck. Colorful planters and decor everywhere! Stunning!
- Deb VanderHay and Nic Dearth, 711 18th Avenue. Deb's gardens have been a work in progress for the past 13 years and it shows! Every time she would move, she would take her plants with her! Beautiful garden beds in the front and back yards abound! Over 23 hosta varieties, clematis, grasses and numerous perennials fill each bed. The backyard is a relaxing oasis with a pond and a newly constructed “She-Sewing Shed”!
- Jan LaFevre, 2115 14th Street. Visitors can enter Jan LaFevre's English cottage style gardens through the garden gate. Her gardens include hostas, lilies and other perennial plants. Window boxes and urns highlight colorful annuals. Jan's handcrafted glass towers are featured in several theme gardens also including a vegetable garden.
- Cathy Hauck-Infinity Yoga Studio, 1281 17th Avenue. Cathy Hauck started her gardens four years ago at her historic brick home and studio that was built in 1858. The different theme gardens also feature old sinks, bathtubs and doors that were originally in the home. The gardens are edged with old bricks she found in the yard. Two carved trees feature figures in yoga poses.
- Dick and Sue Leuzinger, 1915 Lincoln Road. When Dick and Sue moved in to their home in 1982, there was no garden. All they had was a vine growing across the porch and some arborvitae in the yard. With Dick being a self-taught gardener, they now have a variety of perennial flowerbeds, including lilies, roses, hydrangeas and dahlias. One corner of the yard has a pond filled with Koi that attracts birds. Their garden changes annually, as Dick enjoys relocating and trying new plants.

The gardens enticed over 150 visitors who generously donated to the SSM Health Hospice Home Garden fund-raising project. Volunteers from Green County Master Gardeners and the SSM Health Hospice Home donated their time to help at the event. At the recent Green County Master Gardeners Meeting, a check for \$1,600 was presented to Jane Sybers, Executive Director, Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation, a member of SSM Health.

The Green County Master Gardeners Association was formed in 2004 to provide Master Gardeners with opportunities for professional development and community service. Over 135 people have been trained since that time. The Green County Master Gardeners Association meets on the fourth Thursday of the month from February through October. Association officers for 2021 were Tamara Schulte, President; Sharon Adams, Vice President; Linda Boll, Secretary; and Lynn Lokken as Treasurer.

Anyone interested in horticulture and gardening is welcome to join the association. For more information on the Extension Master Gardener program contact Jackie McCarville, Agriculture Educator, at 608-328-9440.

Monday Night Mixed League

12/13—High series: Robert Murray 765, John Thill 654, Erich Brandenburg 653. High games: R. Murray 266, J. Thill 255, Chris Murray 244. Deb's Bar-high team game 1,058 and series 2,973. Standings: Fosters Gaming won 19 lost 9, Beloit Chiropractic 17-11, Broughton's Bar 17-11, Deb's Bar 14-14, Center Tavern 13-15, Albany Lanes 4-24.

Tuesday Shaningans

12/14—High series: Alexis Sies 657, Phyllis Shrier 472, Fran Kubesh 451, Brandon Bong 562, Rick Clark 562, Bill Hawkinson 535. High games: A. Sies 233, P. Shrier 177, F. Kubesh 173, B. Bong 231, B. Hawkinson 210, Bill Shrier 191, R. Clark 191. Barely Upright-high team game 668 and series 1,950. Standings: Albany Lanes won 42 lost 28, Barely Upright 39-31, Clayt's Boomtastic 34-36, Greightful Dead 34-36, Sweet Mini HaHa 30-40, Misfits 23-47.

Badger

12/14—High series: Tony Brewer 673, Keith Riese 650, Jim Laughlin 638, Russell Buetzer 622, Megan Anderson 349. High games: K. Riese 277, T. Brewer 254, R. Buetzer 247, J. Laughlin 239, M. Anderson 127. Renks-high team game 886 and series 2,447. Standings: Jim's Mechanic Shop won 21.5 lost 6.5, Renks 16.5-11.5, Decatur Dairy 14-14, Brugger Farms Trucking 14-14, Counter Attack 10-18, Pearl City Elevator 8-20.

Wednesday Night Ladies

12/15—High series: Julie Williams 494, Darcy Stephenson 477, Kari Johnson 460, Traci Brewer 430, Laurie Thill 418. High games: D. Stephenson 202, J. Williams 183, K. Johnson 177, T. Brewer 159, Marcie Brugger 157. Albertson's-high team game 639 and series 1,799. Standings: New Glarus Brewery won 59 lost 32, Albertson's 55-36, Glenn-Ann Ladies 52-39, Broughton's Bar 38-53, Larson Acres 35-56, Center Tavern 34-57.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

12/16—High series: Becky Riese 423, Laurie Thommen 419, Debbie Williams 414, Nancy Salzwedel 397, Betty Blum 384. High games: B. Blum 156, Virginia Schliem 152, L. Thommen 150, B. Riese 147, N. Salzwedel 146. Splits: B. Riese 9-10, V. Schliem 3-10, 3-6-7-10. Knutes-high team game 555 and series 1,565. Winners of the first half: Ball's Installation. Team members are Cora Ball, Laurie Thommen, Barb Clark and Carol Whitledge. Standings: Ball's Installations won 27 lost 22, Knutes 36.5-23.5, Mike's Flooring 35-25, Huntington Plumbing 32.5-27.5, Albany Lanes 32-28.

Thursday Night Mixed

12/9—High series: Tony Brewer 695, Tim Golz 672, Brandon Bayrhoffer 658, Rober Purintun 643. High games: T. Brewer 247, Dave Brugger 236, B. Bayrhoffer 236, T. Golz 236. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 993 and series 2,953. Standings: Glenn Ann Holsteins won 21 lost 7, Golz Electric 16-12, Attica Bar 14-14, Irv's Masonry 14-14, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 10-18, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 9-19.

Saturday Morning Juniors—Cardinals

12/18—High series—boys: Brittian Paulson 482, Parker VanderPal 432, Tyrin Foster 419, Dawson Blum 414, Trenton Murray 363, Avery Rufer 345. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 181, B. Paulson 179, T. Foster 176, T. Murray 143, D. Blum 138, David Laughlin 127. High series—girls: Zoe Krattiger 450, Kylee Wahler 430, Grace Gold 412, Harper Krattiger 410, Seaira Foster 388, Lennon Krattiger 321. High games—girls: K. Wahler 188, Z. Krattiger 169, H. Krattiger 157, G. Gold 156, S. Foster 153, L. Krattiger 123.

Early Rollers—Cardinals

12/18—High games: Amelia Fenwick 48.

Saturday Morning Youth—Cardinals

12/18—High series: Reese Popanz 171, Rowan Krattiger 140, Carter Fenwick 95, Emma Welbig 57. High games: R. Popanz 109, R. Krattiger 81, C. Fenwick 50, E. Welbig 29.

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Master Gardener Home Garden Committee: (L-R) Norma Badger, Kris Winkler, Susan Konopacki, Jane Sybers, SSM Health, and Lynn Lokken



Master Gardener Home Garden Owners, Dick & Sue Leuzinger, Jan LaFevre, Jane Sybers of SSM Health Care, Nick Dearth & Deb VandeHay.

CASEY'S CORNER

By Casey Jones

Good morning! It's time to grab your favorite beverage, get next to the heater and read your favorite newspaper!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas! Just a few days left until we celebrate the birth of Jesus! Please be safe while traveling to where you are going to spend time celebrating. Remember grandma was not texting but still got run over by a reindeer!

We usually spend Christmas with lots of family eating lots of food on the back porch in short sleeves. This year we were hoping to get a little white Christmas going now that we now live in Wisconsin. It doesn't look like we will get the white part this year. Maybe next year!

Growing up in Brodhead we didn't have a lot of white Christmases either. We would pack up the car or truck and head to Arizona the minute school let out for Christmas break. It was usually mom driving while us 5 boys would take turns asking, "Are we there, yet?"

After a long drive to Grandpa and Grandma Porter's house, we would all bail out of the car and do what kids do best, play. I remember the big field across from the trailer park that my Grandpa owned was a great place to ride mini bikes. My brothers and I would spend countless hours beating around the desert enjoying the sunshine and warm weather. The only break from the mini bikes was to eat.

The house was always full of aunts, uncles, cousins and other relatives. Everyone would eat a bounty of food and anxiously wait for the passing out of the gifts. I remember a lot of laughter as we all were busy unwrapping our gifts.

As you celebrate Christmas with your loved ones remember to give them big hugs before you leave. Life is precious and you never know if and when you will be able to hug them again. I do miss the big Christmases with family, but I am very grateful to be able to celebrate with the family and friends that are still around.

Enjoy!
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Update

UW-Madison Division of Extension will be hosting a virtual meeting featuring Mark Stephenson, Director for the Center for Dairy Profitability and Dairy Policy and Analysis at UW-Madison. Mark will cover what a producer needs to know for the 2022 DMC sign-up and changes to the DMC program that could affect current and previous years coverage of the program.

The program will be held on Wednesday, January 12th at 1 p.m. online utilizing the Zoom platform. Please visit the WI Extension Events Calendar <https://extension.wisc.edu/events/> to register for the meeting. If you need assistance registering please call the Green County Extension Office at 608-328-9440.

The 2022 DMC sign-up started Monday, December 13 and the deadline to sign-up is Friday, February 18th.

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Cole Hoesly, 182 lbs, had to go the distance to get a win over Cal Reis with a 5 -4 decision. Both wrestlers are state ranked. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Seth Mansfield, 145 lbs, went all three periods before losing his match to Beloit Turner's Justin Teague. The Trojans won the match 52 - 21. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Basketball
contest

The winner of this week's basketball contest was Tom Brewer, Albany, with all the correct games. The highest scoring game was the boys' Brodhead vs. Clinton, 78-62. Doug Reznor, Brodhead and Lynette Von Allmen, Albany, both had one incorrect. The basketball contest will return in the Wednesday, December 29th issue.

VOLLEYBALL

**Winter Sunday
Night Volleyball**
Season standings: I'd Smack That won 21 lost 0; Killer Serves 13-8; Nirvana 12-9; One Hit Wonders 11-10; The Bumpsters 10-11; Super Soy 8-13; The Blockheads 7-14; Net Ninjas 2-19.

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Left—Addison Yates, #1, hauls in this rebound from Julia Aleckson, #34, of East Troy. This week the Lady Cards will play away at Whitewater on Tuesday.

Above—Joie Steinmann looks to shoot. The Cardinals overpowered visiting Trojans with a 60-35 final score. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)

*The Symbolism Of The Candle We Offer
According To The Holy Fathers Of the Orthodox Church*

The candle we offer symbolizes the purity of the offering, which agrees with, the divine sign of Christianity. It symbolizes meekness and our obedience, while its softness symbolizes our transfiguration.

The beeswax is composed of many flowers and symbolizes the grace of the Holy Spirit and the offering is made by all and for the grace of all, since it is composed of almost all the flowers. The candle is even offered for its likeness to fire, in other words to divinity. A candle's glow resembles fire. Just as a candle is united in all its components, this demonstrates the stability of love and peace.

With the pure wav form the bee of which candles are made, the one nature of Christ is shown, the human nature. And as wax comes form the bees that are virgins, so did the body of the Lord come from the virginal womb of the ever-virgin Mary. It symbolizes three virtues: faiths because it dispels darkness, hope because it turns our minds to heaven, and love which wants us to offer our body and soul to God. The burning candle melts just as a Christian does I his holy struggle to enlighten others with his words and his deeds. He melts like a candle and he sacrifices himself for the love of God and his neighbor.

The light of the candle is the flame of faith. In Holy Scripture, God, is characterized as light. God on the first day of creation created light. He Himself appeared in the bush that burned in front of Moses and was like a burning column that went ahead and guided the Israelite people. We offer our pure beeswax candle so that its fragrance of purity can be like that of the soul of man. As it melts away, the candle symbolizes the spiritual joy, as well as the metonia of the heart. As the wax is soft, so are the hearts, which are softened by love and forgiveness.

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A story of the Divine Christ-child: When the holy family fled before Herod's sword to Egypt, robbers leapt out of the road with the intention of stealing something. The righteous Joseph was leading the donkey, on which were some belongings and on which the Most-holy Theotokos was riding with her Son at her breast. The robbers seized the donkey to lead it away. At that moment, one of the robbers approached the Mother of God to see what she was holding next to her breast. The robber, seeing the Christ-child, was astonished at His unusual beauty and said in his astonishment: "If God were to take upon Himself the flesh of man, He would not be more beautiful than this child." This robber then ordered his companions to take nothing from these travelers. Filled with gratitude toward this generous robber, the Most-holy Virgin said to him: "Know that this Child will repay you with a good reward because you protected Him today." Thirty-three years later, this same thief hung on the Cross for his crimes, crucified on the right side of Christ's Cross. His name was Dismas, and the name of the thief on the right side was Gestas. Beholding Christ the Lord innocently crucified, Dismas repented for all the evil of his life. While Gestas reviled the Lord Dismas defended Him, saying: This man hath done nothing amiss. (Luke 23:41) Dismas, therefore, was the wise thief to whom our Lord said: Verily/say unto thee, Today shalt thou he with Me in Paradise (Luke 23:43). Thus the Lord granted Paradise to him who spared Him in childhood. Christ is born; glorify Him! Christ comes from heaven; go to meet Him! Christ is on earth; be exalted! Sing to the Lord, all the earth! And praise Him in gladness, O people, for He has been glorified.

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Nativity of Our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ
Out of burning love, Thou didst come down from heaven;
From external beauty, Thou didst descend into monstrous pain;
From eternal light, Thou didst descend into the thick darkness of evil.
Thou didst extend Thy holy hand to those choked in sin.
Heaven was amazed, the earth quaked.
Welcome, O Christ! O ye people, rejoice!
Out of burning love, by which Thou didst create the world.
As a slave Thou didst debase Thyself to loose the enslaved.
To restore the house that Adam destroyed,
To enlighten the darkened, to unloose sinners.
Love that know not fear or humiliation—
Welcome, O Christ! The Master of Salvation!
Out of burning love, O King of all beauty,
Thou didst leave the radiance of the beautiful Cherubim,
Thou didst descend into the cave of human life.
To despairing men, with a torch and peace.
How to contain Thee?—The earth became frightened.
Welcome, O Christ! Heaven bears Thee up!
The most beautiful Virgin for a long time hoped in Thee.
The earth raises her to Thee that through her Thou wilt descend.
From the lofty throne from the heavenly city,
To bring health, to release man from sin.
O Holy Virgin, Golden Censer
To thee he glory and praise, O Mother full of grace!

HYMN OF PRAISE

The Synaxis of the Most-holy Theotokos
At the border between night and sunny day,
The dawn is rosy, pink and dewy.
The crimson dawn thou art, O Virgin given by God,
Precursor of the day, rosy and glorious.
Thou didst correct Eve and restore her to Paradise.
Do not withhold thy help from us sinners.
Israel crossed dry-shod over the Red Sea;
A cool spring flowed from the rock in the wilderness;
The bush burned but was not consumed—
As the dawn resembles the crimson eve,
So thou, O Virgin, dost resemble those foreshadowings.
O thou whom the Church calls the Mother of God,
Unknown to sin, not given to sin,
O Most-pure Mother of our Savior,
Because of thy purity thou wast chosen by God,
To bring down the Eternal Creator to earth.
That is why thou hast authority to pray for us,
And we have the joy of hymning and glorifying thee

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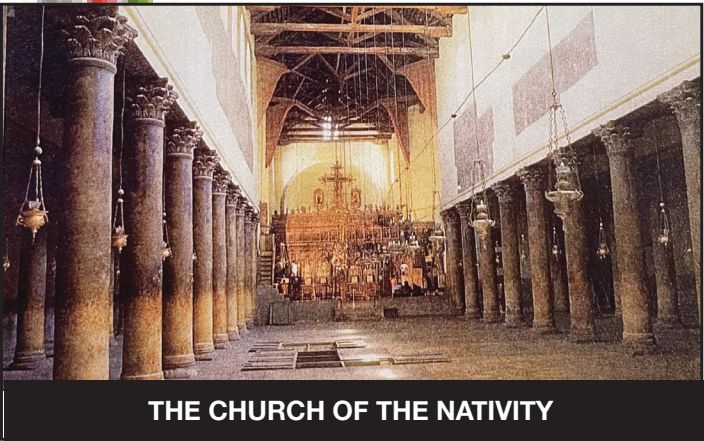
The Lord Jesus, born in Bethlehem, was first worshiped by shepherds and wise men (astrologers) from the east—the simplest and the wisest of this world. Even today, those who most sincerely worship the Lord Jesus as God and Savior are the simplest and the wisest of this world. Perverted simplicity and half-learned wisdom were always the enemies of Christ's divinity and His Gospel/ But who were these wise men from the east? This question was especially studied by St. Dimitri of Rostov. He claims that they were kinds of certain smaller regions or individual towns in Persia, Arabia and Egypt. At the same time, they were erudite in the knowledge of astronomy. This wondrous star appeared to them, which announced the birth of the New King. According to St. Dimitri, this star appeared to them nine months before the birth of the Lord Jesus, i.e. at the time of His conception by the Most-holy Theotokos. They spent nine months in studying the star, in preparing for the journey and in traveling. They arrived in Bethlehem shortly after the birth of the Savior of the world. One of them was called Melchior. He was old, with long white hair and bear He offered the Lord the gift of gold. The second was called Caspar, of ruddy face, young and beardless. He offered the Lord the gift of frankincense. The third was called Balthasar, of dark complexion and a very heavy beard. He offered the Lord the gift of myrrh. After their deaths, their bodies were taken to Constantinople, from Constantinople to Milan, and from Milan to Cologne. In can be added that these three wise men were representatives of the three main race of men that descended from Noah's three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. The Persian represented the Japhethites, the Arabian represented the Semites and the Egyptian represented the Hamites. Thus it can be said that, through these three, the whole human race worshiped the Incarnate Lord and God.



THE CAVE OF CHRIST'S BIRTH AND THE MANGER



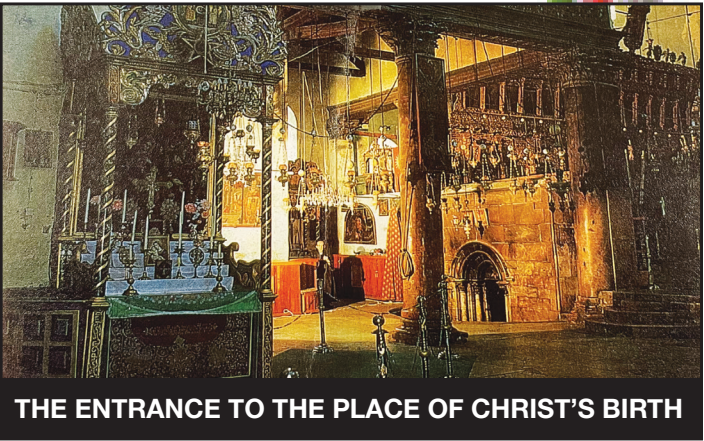
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Culture Collage

Culture is the way of life of a group of people who share similar beliefs and customs. Students in Mrs. Tresemer's seventh-grade geography class are studying human geography and identifying the eight traits of culture. National Geographic magazines are a source of images to create a culture collage from around the world.

From left, Kaylee Richards, Bernice Bevars, Lily Sheidegger, Ethan Groebner.

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Juda School Board meeting

Regular Board Meeting
December 8th, 2021

At the board meeting on Wednesday night the Juda School Board:

- Heard a report from Dennis Pfingsten on the potential school board candidates workshop held last week at the school. Procedures of the board were discussed along the general functions and roles of a board member.
- Board members were reminded of the State Convention being held January 19th to 21st in Milwaukee.
- Superintendent Davis reported on the status of the interviewing for the open position in the music department.
- Approved the hiring of an elementary intern for second and third grade at a cost of \$5,000.
- Approved a revision to the Covid protocol, which changes the quarantine to seven days. The protocol for mask will remain the same, masks are not mandatory but are highly recommended. These protocols are reviewed every month or as necessary by the board.
- Reviewed the school calendar for the 2022/2023 school year. Approval of the calendar will take place at the next board meeting.
- Learned the Rec Department will be looking for a new tractor for the park. The Rec Department will pursue options and the board will be updated.

Next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, January 12th, 2022.

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Please contact us to place a community event, engagement/wedding announcement, an advertisement, or nearly anything else.



The TOTAL team spent their lunch hour on Thursday, December 16th spreading Christmas cheer to local residents at the Senior Village. Students sang Christmas carols and delivered gifts to the residents during their Holiday luncheon.

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Wisconsin
Holstein
Association
announces
Distinguished
Junior
Members

The Wisconsin Holstein Association (WHA) will hold its annual Junior Holstein Convention in collaboration with the Waupaca-Waushara Junior Holstein Association at the Red Lion Hotel in Appleton, December 28-30, 2021. Wisconsin Juniors are excited to meet up again as they compete in dairy bowl, dairy jeopardy, speaking events and many more contests. Convention isn't only about competitions, juniors will get to meet others from across the state, form new friendships and foster existing ones, learn new skills and have fun with others who appreciate the Registered Holstein.

As part of the convention, outstanding members will be recognized for the achievements in their Registered Holstein programs. WHA is pleased to announce the Distinguished Junior Member (DJM) award recipients who will be recognized on the Wednesday evening of convention, December 29, 2021. Four of these honorees will be selected to represent Wisconsin to apply for the National Distinguished Junior Member recognition through Holstein Association USA. The Outstanding Holstein Boy and Girl will also be selected during the banquet on Wednesday evening of convention.

Local Distinguished Junior Members

Brian "Mac" McCullough is the 19-year-old son of Chris and Kathie McCullough. He lives on the family's type-focused dairy farm, Rock-N-Hill-II. He is also employed at A1 Electric, where they specialize in various agricultural applications. Through guidance from other talented industry leaders, Mac has become an experienced fitter and enjoys working at shows. His dream is to own an elite show heifer raising facility and develop top tier show prospects from his own herd and his parents' herd. When not occupied with Holstein responsibilities, he enjoys following Packer football, bow hunting, fishing, wrestling and 80s music.

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At approximately 10:55 p.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the intersection of Holloway Rd and State Highway 69, Town of Washington, for a single vehicle accident with injuries. Investigations revealed the driver, Autumn G Elmer, 16, of Brodhead, was northbound on State Highway 69 when she attempted to perform a turn onto Holloway Road. As a result Elmer's vehicle entered the north ditch. Elmer reported injury, was wearing her seat belt, and no airbag deployment. Elmer's passengers were identified as Alexis M. Dirks, 18, of Monroe, Kendyll C. Kuebli, 19, of Monticello, and Mariah R. Gilbertson, 17, of Brodhead. Kuebli and Gilbertson both sustained injuries and reported wearing their seat belts. Dirks sustained injury and reported not wearing her seat belt. Elmer, Dirks, Kuebli, and Gilbertson were transported by EMS for further medical evaluation. Elmer's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. Elmer was issued a citation for failure to maintain control.

At approximately 12:47 a.m., Wednesday, deputies assisted by Albany EMS, the Albany Fire Department, Brodhead EMS, and Green County EMS, responded to the W1000 block of County Highway E, Town of Decatur, for a report of a single vehicle accident. Investigations determined the driver, Brady A. Denniston, 36, of Davis, was westbound on County Highway E when he failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle left the roadway, rolled, and came to rest in the west ditch. Denniston sustained injuries as a result of the crash and was transported by EMS for further medical care. Denniston had not been wearing a seat belt and the vehicle's airbags did not

deploy. Denniston's passenger was identified as Derek L. Thompson, 41, of Brodhead. Thompson reported injuries and reported wearing his seat belt. Thompson was transported by EMS for further medical care. Denniston's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

At approximately 6:56 p.m., Saturday, deputies, the Brodhead Fire Department and Albany EMS, responded to the N3900 block of County HWY F, Town of Decatur, for a report of a vehicle vs. telephone pole crash. The driver, Sergio Martinez-Suarez, 28, of Brodhead, reported he was wearing his safety belt and was not injured. Sergio was driving northbound on CTH F when his vehicle had exited the roadway. The vehicle then re-entered the roadway and Sergio over corrected. The vehicle then exited the roadway to the northwest, striking an embankment, and collided with a power pole where it came to a rest. The vehicle sustained disabling damage with front airbag deployment. The vehicle was towed from the scene. Sergio was issued citations for operating without a valid license (second offense within three years), operate without valid insurance and failure to maintain control of the vehicle. Sergio was released with a future court date.

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Marissa Vosberg is the 18-year-old daughter of Phil and Laura Vosberg of Monroe. At the age of nine, with support from her parents, Marissa started her own herd of Registered Holsteins and Brown Swiss. She is responsible for developing her herd, and with her parents, operates Vosberg Hilltop Livestock, and helps as the third generation on her family's beef and crop operation. Marissa is involved in many clubs in school and plays on the girls' varsity soccer team. She also enjoys exhibiting her Registered Holstein and Brown Swiss cattle, traveling and spending time with her friends and family.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital
Emergency Department Nurse
Receives DAISY Award

Patricia Wilson, RN, an SSM Health Monroe Hospital Emergency Department nurse, received the DAISY Award

Patricia was nominated by fellow nurse, Beverly Ethridge, RN, PCCN, who have both been members of the COVID-19 Nurses Line team. Her nomination shared that "Patricia is very bright and helps us triage calls to refer patients to the proper departments for their care. Her experience of working in our Emergency Department frequently comes in handy for identifying those at risk for a medical emergency. [Earlier this year], Patricia helped save a life. A call came in from an elderly patient who was complaining of a stomach problem and wanting to make an appointment with a new provider. During the triage process, Patricia learned that they also had chest pain radiating to their left shoulder and arm. Patricia recognized the signs of a heart attack and referred them to the Emergency Department. The patient was diagnosed with a heart attack and needed procedures. Two days later, they were discharged. I am proud to work with Patricia."

The DAISY Award is a nationwide program that celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care delivered by nurses every day. Sue is one of three million nurses nationwide who represent the largest health-care profession. SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Monroe Clinic Medical Group employs over 300 nurses serving patients throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.



Patricia Wilson, RN (right) and Chelsea Hardacre, SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Monroe Clinic Medical Group Chief Nursing Officer (left), after receiving the DAISY Award presentation on Wednesday, December 15.

SSM Health Monroe asks the community to help spotlight the extraordinary contributions of nurses, like Patricia, by nominating them for the DAISY Award. Nomination forms are available online at www.monroeclinic.org/daisy.

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What does Christmas mean?

By Mrs. B's 2nd Grade, 2021 Classroom
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Hudson: Being together with everyone.
Leah: Being with my family.
Adalynn: All of my family getting to bake cookies together.
Leyla: To have fun with my family.
Alex: Playing with snow.
Gabby: I feel happy and joyful when it is Christmas morning.
Gannon: Having my friend come over.
Zachary: Spending time with family and friends playing games.
Fayorah: I like when all of my family goes to Grandma's house. Also getting our tree.
Helen: I love to open presents.
Rylee: Decorate my tree and be with my family.
Henry: It means Joy and Happiness.
Cedric: It means having presents, eating turkey and all kinds of stuff.
Abigail: Spending time with family.
Jocelyn: I like to make tamales with Mom and hang up my stocking.
Easton: Loving your family, Jesus' Birthday and giving people stuff for Christmas.
Rowan: Hanging out with my family, running around the Christmas tree with my sisters, decorating the tree, cutting out cookies and picking out presents for my family & lots of love.
Mrs. B: Spending time with my family and counting my blessings.

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How cold is it? I love the LOL ha-
oos that you got me. I would love ice
skater or maruklngrl lol.
Love, Korie

Dear Santa,
What is your last name. Do you
know what a VR full moshene set is?
Can I please have a VR se VR menes
virchal realody can I please have a
full moshin VR set. I will love a VR
set.

Love, Sebastian Dexter

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? This year
I was nice by cleen wen my mom
did not say to cleen. Can you git me
something nice for Christmas. May
I have a hoverboard for Christmas?

Love, Piper

Dear Santa,
How old are you. Thank you for
all the gifts you give me! I would love
a ipad and a MACK jersey.

Love, Brooks

Dear Santa,
Do you have a favorite treat or
cookie? I really like your hat. I would
love a bike and a hoverboard.

Love, Reece

Dear Santa,
Why do you deliver presents? I
really liked my barby hous. I play
with evey day! I would love a room
for my little dolls and art stuff for
little dolls.

Love, Paige Zimmerman

Dear Santa,
How is Rudolph doing? I love the
gift you got me last yere. I would
love a scaborde and sterek bike.

Love, Vismark

Dear Santa,
How does your reindeer fly? This
year I was good to my dogs. I love my
family and dogs. I really like my stuff
you gave me. I would love a bear like
my brother and a stuft animal and
anything that describes me.

Love, Winston

Dear Santa,
How is Miss Claus dowing? I love
yore rander. I would love a stuffy
please.

Love, Aubree

Dear Santa,
Do you wear socks at the north
pole? This year I was nice by help-
ing my friends. I love the hover-
board you gave me because it is fun.
I would love another hoverboard
please.

Love, Annabelle

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How old are you? I love the gift you gav me last yeyra! Another elf please.

Love, Henry
Dear Santa,
Do you have magic? Nice hat by the way. I have been good by helping mother. I would love a dirt bike and a lego mandalorian set.

Love, Camden S.
Dear Santa,
How are you? How can you use your magic? This year I was pretty good. I would love a ben 10 watch and thanos infinity gauntlet please.

Love, TJ
Dear Santa,
How old is Ruddpn and how old are you? Don't tell the Easter bunny but you have the best holiday ever in my opinion. I was nice at school. I would love two boxes of select football cards and a cased Frenado Tatis Jr card.

Love, Finley Riese
Dear Santa,
How old are you? This year I was nice by picking up my dogs water bodl. I would love flags for football please.

Love, Liam
Dear Santa,
Do you wear masks in the north pole? I have been a good girl this year. I would love a bbx's doll house and cut shirt.

Love, Sidnee
Dear Santa,
My name is Colvin and I am seven years old. This year I have been very nice. For Christmas please bring me a big remote control dune buggy and Hot Wheels race car. What do reindeer eat? How does your sleigh fly?

With love, Colvin

Mrs. B. Weis
Dear Santa,
What is your favorite cookie? I will bake some for you. You bring nice presents. I would love mine-craft toys.

Love, Matthew Fancis
Dear Santa,
Is it going to snow this Christmas? Thank you for all the toys. I would love an elephant and piggie plush.

Love, Adam Rodriguez
Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? We set cookies last year. I would love a LOL house with LOLS please.

Love, Sierra Miyagawa
Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? Hdly is good in the house. Thank you for my chothes last year. I would love Barbie puppies.

Love, Mallory Vickers
Dear Santa,
Can your elf make a dragon Nerf gun? You are the best! I would love a dragon Nerf gun with bullets.

Love, Dean Painter
Dear Santa,
Have I been good ro bad? I will leave carrots for the reindeer. I would love not a toy! Something that can go in my bedroom please.

Love, Carter Peterson
Dear Santa,
How many reindeer do you have? Youre the best person ever. I want a Nerf gun.

Love, Owen Fernandes
Dear Santa,
What is your favorite color? I will leave a carrot for a reindeer. I would love a yes day and a whoopee cushion.

Love, Aubri Pulliam
Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? Thank you for everything. I would love a phone and a tablet.

Love, Aria Phillips
Dear Santa,
Do you really have a reindeer named Rudolph? Thank you for the floor rocking chair. I would love a Lego set.

Love, Isaac Olson
Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer? Thank you for the Nintendo Switch. I would love a phone.

Love, Braxtyn Menehan
Dear Santa,
Can Mrs. Claus deliver the presents to the town. You sent me a naughty elf. I would love a PS5 and a Xbox Live and love.

Love, Adam Tracy
Dear Santa,
Have I been good or bad? I like the red suit. I would love like a

Godzilla vs King Kong big sized toy for Christmas please.

Love, David Fellows
Dear Santa,
How many elves do you have? Tank you for all the toys last year. I would love slime, my own phone and love.

Love, Claire Hefty
Dear Santa,
Can Mrs. Claus deliver the gifts this year? Thank you for Ginger last year. May I have a Elsa costume from Frozen!

Love, Kenzi Clark
Dear Santa,
Have I been good or bad? Thank you for my toys. I would love a phone and a lizard please.

Love, Jaxon Covert

Dear Santa,
How many minutes does it take to go arand the world? Thank you for presents. I would love Bella to stat at my house?

Love, Iris Nelson
Dear Santa,
Have I been bad or good? Thank you for the clothes. I would love furniture for my Barbie house.

Love, Bentlei Hauser

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Above—The Cardinal boys had action at home this past Friday. Josiah Engen reaches up for the tipoff against Clinton. Brodhead beat the Cougars 75 - 52.

Left—Owen Leifker makes an easy layup. He led Brodhead with 29 points. Tuesday last week the team traveled to Whitewater and finished with a 75 - 52 win. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Gage Boegli scored 18 points against Clinton. This week they will play at Bellville on Thursday.



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