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## City Council Concerns Remain about Pool Leakage

By Grace Kufahl

During the public comment period, resident Terry Sorchy asked for consideration, due to economic concerns, to delay the requirement for him to replace a second stretch of sidewalk until 2026 so that he might take advantage of the Brighten Up Brodhead grant. In other sidewalk news, it was approved to advise a resident required to replace a section of sidewalk that the city will be getting an estimate of the cost to remove the terrace tree causing damage to that sidewalk.

Carter Arndt from MSA stated that Mayor Simpson contacted them regarding tuck pointing for a building adjacent to city hall, but that his investigation revealed issues with roofing, the façade, transition walls, a lack of insulation and no required roof access. The council approved MSA's proposal of a time and expenses professional services agreement for an estimated \$12,800 to do a study, 3D model and propose solutions for the above issues.

Representatives from Consigny,

the incumbent, and Russell Law Firms presented information to the Council regarding why they should be selected to handle the city's legal services. Following closed session, the council voted to retain Consigny Law Firm.

Mayor Simpson reported that they have been replacing an average of 91,000 gallons of the pool's 187,000-gallon capacity every week since he started tracking it. At the time of the meeting, he was awaiting a call back from Newman Pools in regards to completing a pool study. Concerns were raised about the safety of keeping the pool open. The council decided to have the Finance Committee look into the potential cost of replacing the pool.

An advisory Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (CORP) was adopted. This was a requirement for the Jaycees to be able to apply for grant money for the Splash Pad.

### In Other Business:

The Council approved soliciting RFP's for Assessor.

A \$500 per diem reimbursement was approved for City Administrator candidates traveling from out of state.

A raise to \$15 per game was approved for the ballpark scorekeeper.

It was approved to use unspent Capital Improvement Project Funds on a new mower to replace one that just broke down.

After discussions, issues regarding the Septic Tank Dump Station and Sewer Ordinance Violations Policies were referred back to the Public Works Committee for further examination.

A Taphouse Developer's Agreement was approved for an area south of 19th and west of County T.



The State Line Play Boys entertained the crowd on Sunday at Twilight in the Park.



Delbert Heins, of Monroe, was the lucky winner of the guitar donated by Casey's Collectibles. The guitar was signed by the State Line Play Boys. Delbert is a long time fan of the group.

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. On-line worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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 Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Worship service 9 a.m. No Sunday school until fall.

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

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Magnolia Christian Church, located on County A just off Hwy. 213. Services are Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. and can be viewed on their Facebook page. Call 608-449-6510 for more information.

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor JadyN Meyer. Worship 9 a.m. Children’s Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m.; Bible class and Sunday school 10:15 a.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 410 E. State Street, Albany, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on Monday 6:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m., Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506. Fully accessible for people with disabilities.

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

Boost Your Brain and Memory

A new class Boost Your Brain and Your Memory is being offered by the Rock County Aging and Disability Resource Center. This is a class for those 55+ who are experiencing normal aging brain changes. The six-week class will be held at the Edgerton Library, 1010 Albion Street, from Wednesday, September 10 to Wednesday, October 15, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

This evidence-based program focuses on the concept of cognitive reserve through: physical activity, emotional health, intellectual activity, nutrition, spiritual activity and social engagement.

In-person class, registration required. Call Karen at 608-741-3615 to register.

Aquatic Invasive Species Snapshot Day: Join Us to Make a Difference

University of Wisconsin Madison Division of Extension invites nature lovers of all ages to participate in Snapshot Day on Saturday, August 9th. Snapshot Day is a statewide event hosted at over 20 locations across the state, focused on searching for aquatic invasive species (AIS) in rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

On Snapshot Day, volunteers will gather at local training sites hosted by community conservation partners. After a brief training on how to identify target AIS and follow search protocols, participants will visit designated monitoring sites to search for invasive species. Any potential invasives found will be cataloged with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, supporting efforts to control and manage these species. Best of all, this is a free event—no prior experience or special equipment is needed!

Snapshot Day offers a hands-on, community-driven approach to science, allowing volunteers to directly contribute to preserving Wisconsin’s water health. Past volunteers have shared their appreciation for the learning experience, saying it was rewarding to identify species, get a closer look at local waters, and connect with a community of others who share similar interests.

Snapshot Day not only helps monitor aquatic invasive species but also strengthens our connection to the natural world. By understanding and protecting these systems, we’re not only preserving biodiversity but also ensuring that future generations can enjoy the same natural world we cherish today.

Get involved, enjoy the outdoors, and help protect our waterways—sign up for Snapshot Day today!

REGISTRATION:  
Register and see all event details at: https://wateractionvolunteers.org/events/aquatic-invasive-species-snapshot-day-2025/.

Advance registration is preferred to help Site Leaders build monitoring plans, but will remain open until Friday, August 8th.

This is event is recommended for ages eight and up; minors must be accompanied by an adult.

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Limited space still available Virtual Caregiver Class

Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia Wednesday, September 3–Wednesday, October 29—5:30-7 p.m.

Registration is required by Monday, August 25th.

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers of Rock, Green, Grant, Iowa and Lafayette Counties are offering the nine-week Stress-Busting for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia virtual class as developed at the University of Texas Health Science Center by Sharon Lewis and the WellMed Charitable Foundation beginning Wednesday, September 3rd.

Who is SBP? Anyone caring for someone with a form of dementia will benefit from the program. What is SBP? The Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia is a proven curriculum developed by Sharon L. Lewis, RN, PhD, FAAN in conjunction with the University of Texas Health Science Center and the WellMed Charitable Foundation which teaches stress management, relaxation tools, coping strategies and problem-solving skills with a support group component. Participates view the program as a source of strength and support for their caregiving role.

“Caregivers of someone with dementia experience high levels of stress, anxiety and depression. Dealing with those issues in a healthy way is vital to a caregiver’s well-being. Consequently, to care for the person with dementia, the caregiver must first learn how to care for themselves,” said Karen Tennyson dementia care specialist at the Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County.

Reserve your spot today for the Stress-Busting Program for Family Caregivers of People with Dementia by contacting Rock County—Karen Tennyson 608-921-7165, Green or Iowa Counties Bonnie 608-426-4295, Grant or Lafayette Counties call Hailey 608-426-0185.

Green County Genealogical Society to meet

The Green County Genealogical Society will present “Green Burials” by Shedden Farley. The presentation is Saturday, August 2, at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor.

The main focus will be on green burials in general, Natural Path Sanctuary specifically. The methods, science, reasoning behind green burials will be discussed, along with Funeral homes and home funerals.

This talk will include a brief history of the events that led to the development of the Farley Center and Natural Path Sanctuary. The social and environmental justice components of the Farley Center, and the integral linkage between the two organizations will be mentioned

Shedden Farley is the third son of Gene Farley, the founder of The Linda and Gene Farley Center, and Linda Farley, its inspiration. Shedd graduated from the University of Colorado in 1984, and was a general contractor and homebuilder in Colorado until 2015. When Gene Farley died in late 2013, Shedd and his wife, Caroline, decided to make the move to Wisconsin to build on the lifelong legacies of Linda and Gene.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is www.greencogenealogywi.org.

Lower Sugar River Watershed Association 2025 Annual Meeting

The LSRWA 2025 Annual Meeting is being held on Saturday August 23rd from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Three Waters Reserve, N3941 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead. Please visit Three Waters Reserve’s website at https://threewatersreserve.com/pages/calendar-1 for more information and to purchase lunch tickets.

Advertising

Deadline:

Friday, 5 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters’ League

Tuesday’s results: Woodworth Team defeated Panoske Plastering 12-5; The Bar Team 1 defeated Bridges Bar & Grill 5-4; Beast Buffet defeated The Bar Team 2 17-9.

Season standings: Woodworth Team won 8 lost 0; Panoske Plastering 7-1; Beast Buffet 4-4; The Bar Team 2 2-6; The Bar Team 1 2-6; Bridges Bar & Grill 1-7.

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 7/27 results: United Methodist defeated Orfordville Lutheran 16-9; Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Luther Valley 9-8; Living Word defeated Church of God 10-8.


Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 8-2; Congregational UCC 7-2; United Methodist 6-3; Church of God 4-5; Living Word 4-6; Luther Valley 3-6; Orfordville Lutheran 2-8.



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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### NFL FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN-UP (Deadline: Friday, August 8th)

The Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a six-week youth NFL flag football program for boys and girls in second–sixth grades. The games will be played on the high school practice field on Saturday mornings beginning September 6th and ending October 11th.

Registration forms are available at the Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>). The cost is \$60, which includes an NFL team-identified reversible jersey and flag set.

Please return forms to the Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department at City Hall or mail to Brodhead Pool and Rec. Dept. PO Box 168, Brodhead, WI 53520. If you have any questions about registration or about the league, contact Brodhead Pool & Rec 608-897-2159 x9. Deadline is Friday, August 8th. After Friday, August 8th you must call to check availability, if availability, there will be a \$20 late fee added on.

### THURSDAY AFTERNOON LADIES BOWLING LEAGUE

The Thursday Afternoon Ladies Bowling League will be holding their fall meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 7 at Albany Lanes. They ask that at least one representative from each team be present at this meeting.

### SAVE THE DATE

The Brodhead Police Association is hosting the 11th Annual Brodhead Night Out on Tuesday, August 12th (rain date Wednesday, August 13th) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Jaycee Park, 300 4th Street. This FREE Night Out is a community wide event to heighten awareness of crime, drug and prevention efforts and to encourage community participation. For more information please visit them on Facebook!

## Green County Leaders Announces 2025-2026 Class Participants

Green County Leaders is excited to announce the class participants for the 2025-2026 program year:

Alex Hernandez, Green County YMCA; Amber Fuerbringer, Duxstad McDaniel Law Group, S.C.; Anthony Eterno, Colony Brands; Ashley Wolber, Precision Drive and Control; Bibiana González, Vicky’s Little House, LLC; Brandi Moon, First Community Credit Union; Brianne Beach, Sodexo; Bryan Schroeder, SSM Health–Monroe; Cam Elmer, Precision Drive and Control; Carrie Millsaps, Woodford State Bank; CaSandra Smith, Colony Brands; David Pross, New Glarus Home; Evan Feeley, Kittelsen Law Firm; Hannah Garvoille, EXIT Professional Real Estate; Hannah Ryan, Colony Brands; Jeff Worzella, New Glarus School District; Jenna Curran, Colony Brands; Kaley Baer, Monroe Truck Equipment; Kathleen Grossen, Tri-Insure, LLC; Lauren Burkey, Monroe Golf Club; Logan Peterson, Monroe Truck Equipment; Malika Jubeck, Mosher Insurance; Matthew Thomson, Kuhn North America; Max Skradski, Colony Brands; Megan Kesler, Colony Brands; Mitchell Tordoff, Precision Drive and Control; Olivia Roth, Extension Green County; Philip Loduha, Kuhn North America; Rachel Elsing, The Bank of New Glarus; Sandi Thomas, Monroe Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Sean Meirose, UW Health; and Suzanne Meier, SSM Health–Monroe.

Green County Leaders is an educational program where individuals practice leadership skills, deepen their understanding of community issues, and prepare for leadership roles, thereby creating a network of active and visionary individuals who leverage their experience and expertise to benefit their community and local community-based organizations. This program is possible due to a partnership between UW-Madison Division of Extension Green County and the Green County Development Corporation with strong support from community organizations and businesses.

For more information about Green County Leaders, contact Victoria Solomon, Community Development Educator with UW-Madison Division of Extension Green County at 608-328-9440 or via email at [victoria.solomon@wisc.edu](mailto:victoria.solomon@wisc.edu).

## Memory Screenings

Join the Rock County Aging and Disability Resource Center on Monday, August 11, from 11 a.m. to 3p.m. at Edgerton Library, 101 Albion Street, for memory screenings.

Get immediate results—keep them for future comparison or share them with your physician. At your request they will fax them to your physician.

Early detection is important—memory screens are like screens for blood pressure, cancer, diabetes or stroke. They contribute to prevention and better treatments.

Treat is possible—some types of dementia are reversible, like those from nutritional and vitamin deficiencies, depression or thyroid issues.

Knowledge means more control—dementias that are not reversible can often be treated with medications that may slow down the process and preserve quality of life for a longer period of time.

Registration required. Call Karen at 608-921-7165 to register.

## Albany Lion’s Club Stuff the Bus Service Project and Albany Lions Pig Out

The Albany Lion's Club is once again sponsoring their “Stuff the Bus” Service Project and holding the “Lion’s Pig Out”. Since 2013, Stuff the Bus has been a project where school supplies are collected for children in our community. Several business locations in Albany provide canisters for cash donations or bins for collection of supplies. The collection sites will be open until Tuesday, August 26 and each have a listing of items that are needed and specifically requested. Last year they collected over 330 individual items and nearly \$1,000 in cash, which was used to purchase additional needed supplies.

On Saturday, August 2, the club is holding their annual “Pig Out”. Pork loins and loaded potato bar will be available for serving from 4:30 until 8 p.m. for the cost of \$10. Carry outs are also available. A raffle drawing is also being held. Tickets for dinner and or raffle tickets are available from any Albany Lions member. Raffle proceeds go towards local scholarships and community Lions projects. They will have a drop off box for school donations in the parking lot that evening.

Phyllis Runaas shared, “Everyone is invited to this Lion's event, and encouraged to contribute to the “Stuff the Bus” project. These are just two of our many events held at the Lion’s building, which is located just off Hwy 59 on Cincinnati Street in Albany.”

## Care Net invites you to free showing of “Unplanned”

The Care Net Pregnancy Center of Green County invites you to a free showing of the movie “Unplanned” on Saturday, August 9th at 6 p.m. at Living Word Church, 3825 South County Road T, Brodhead.

Anyone under age 17 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. A free-will offering will be taken.

## Annual Lohmeier reunion

The annual Lohmeier Reunion will be held Sunday, August 3rd at the Rock City Park in Rock City, Illinois. Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass, table service and a beverage. Dinner will begin at 12:30 p.m.

## Helping make Brodhead a place to call home.

## PIG OUT



### Albany Lions Club

Saturday, August 2 • 4:30 to 8 p.m.

### Pork Loin & Loaded Baked Potato Bar

Adults \$10  
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**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!**

## Twilight in the Park

6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. • Veterans Park

*All concerts will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs/blankets—Reminder: dogs are not allowed in city parks. Concerts are FREE to the public - come and enjoy!*

### Sunday, August 3rd

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## 67th Annual Tallman Arts Festival Features Weekend of Art, Food and More

The Rock County Historical Society's (RCHS) two-day 67th annual Tallman Arts Festival, a highlight of the summer, is set for Saturday, August 2, and Sunday, August 3 at the RCHS campus, 440 N. Jackson Street in Janesville. Sponsored by Blackhawk Community Credit Union, there is no charge for admission at this year's festival, but donations are appreciated. Hours are 10 a.m.–4 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m.–3 p.m. on Sunday.

All artwork is juried, and the strong showing of artists from around the region will be on-site throughout the weekend to share and sell their unique, handcrafted creations—with prices to suit a wide range of budgets.

Festival-goers can explore an array of activities, including exhibits from regional artists, food trucks, a beverage tent, children's activities, a silent auction, and more.

“The Rock County Historical Society is proud to continue our tradition of gathering talented artists from across the region to share their creativity and artistic talents with the community,” said Executive Director Kathe Crowley Conn. “We are honored to celebrate the arts with the Rock County community,”

This year's festival will showcase a variety of artistic creations, including pottery, jewelry, paintings, mixed media photography, fiber art, and more. The Janesville Art League will host artist demonstrations and a curated selection of members' work for sale in the Tallman Carriage House.

First held in 1958, the Rock County Historical Society's Tallman Arts Festival is Wisconsin's oldest art fair.

Parking is free across the street in the Mercy Hospital parking ramp. For more information, visit <https://rchs.us/TAF>.





## Brodhead Covered Bridge Days tractor display and car show

Mark your calendars for Saturday, August 9 and Sunday, August 10th for Brodhead Covered Bridge Days. The tractor display will be held both days. In the fields north of Gassers Hardware and the community gardens, off of County T. The kids pedal pull will start at 10 a.m. Saturday. Tractor and garden tractor pulls will start at 10 a.m. both days.

There will also be several demonstrations going on each day, including: thrashing, corn shelling, shredding, saw mill and rock crushing. Everyone is invited to the tractor drive starting at 4 p.m. Tractors will pull wagons you may ride in, at a leisurely pace. Come and enjoy the country views and wildflowers along the route. A free will donation will be collected for the American Cancer Society.

Sunday, a car show will be held at Kelsch Machine Corporation, off

T. Cars may arrive any time, show will run from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. This show is display only, there are no fees or prizes.

Everyone is invited to bring cars, trucks, tractors, or old implements to display. There will be a variety of foods available both days. There is no admission for any of these events. Make plans to stop down and check things out!



2025 Green County Premier Exhibitors

## Cover Crop and Planting Showcase Field Day to be held Thursday, August 7

Successful farmers are typically always improving their operation. Some have adopted no till while others are getting more comfortable with cover crops. The Farmers of the Sugar River are planning to host a showcase of equipment that will plant cover crops on Thursday, August 7th. In one field there will be as many as eight different planting methods, ranging from a drone to vertical tillage to several brands of drills, for the same cover crop mix after wheat. Nick Faessler is hosting the field day at his farm at W3095 County FE, Monroe.

The event will start at 11 a.m. with a discussion on cover crops. Potted cover crops have been grown for attendees to see a variety of cover crops' structures like upright, short or viny and the root qualities- taproot or fibrous. Attendees will learn when certain species should and shouldn't be planted. How a mix is created and why someone would want to have more than a couple plants growing at once.

Lunch will be served around 12:30 p.m. with time to network with other farmers and learn about several local programs to help cost share planting of cover crops. After lunch, there will be planting demonstrations with the variety of equipment on hand. Attendees will be able to chat with farmer owners of the equipment to learn the pros and cons of them. This is an opportunity for farmers looking to upgrade or change something on their drills to see how others work. The drills expected are a Landoll, Sunflower, Case IH, Great Plains and two John Deeres. There will be two vertical till machines—Mcfarlane and Kuhn. A drone will also fly the cover crop mix onto the harvested winter wheat field. The field day is expected to conclude by 3 p.m.

The field day is free to attend, interested farmers and others should register with Tonya Gratz for the meal count. To register, contact her at 608-325- 4195 ext. 121, text her at 608-426-2218 or email at Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdn.net by Tuesday, August 5.



## 2025 Green County Premier Exhibitor Competition Results

The 16th annual Green County Premier Exhibitor Competition was held at the 2025 Green County Fair. This event is designed to recognize 4-H and FFA members who have shown exceptional involvement and knowledge in their respective project area.

The Premier Exhibitor Competition is open to any exhibitor in the areas of swine, dairy, beef, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry, and is divided into two age divisions. The junior division is for exhibitors in grades third-eighth, and the senior division is for exhibitors in grades nine and up. There is also a Platinum division for youth in the senior division who have previously won first place in their respective species. Youth who participate in this division are tested on all species rather than just their own. This contest consists of a knowledge exam, skillathon, and how well the exhibitor did in showmanship in the chosen species they compete under. The skillathon consisted of four stations: breed identification, equipment identification, meat and cheese identification, and feed identification.

### 2025 Premier Exhibitor Results:

**Beef: Junior Division**—first place: Lena Nyhus, New Glarus FFA; second place: Zoie Donovan, Young Americans 4-H; third place: Thadeus Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H.

**Senior Division**—first place: Sadie Wilkins, Monticello FFA; second place: Benson Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H; third place: Annabelle Curl, New Glarus FFA.

**Dairy: Junior Division**—first place: Sophie Houlberg, Jolly Mixers 4-H; second place: Hailey Ula, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; third place: Ivy Haffner, Washington Center 4-H.

**Senior Division**—first place: Grace Gold, Next Generation 4-H; second place: Abby Withrow, Decatur 4-H; third place: Alyssa Broge, Black Hawk FFA.

**Goats: unior Division**—first place: Violet Pulver, Young Americans 4-H; second place: Braxton Boeke, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H; third place: Kaleb Pilz, Washington Center 4-H.

**Senior Division**—first place: SadieJo Flanagan, Washington Center 4-H; second place: Rebecca Froseth, Clarno 4-H; third place: Bryant Froseth, Clarno 4-H.

**Rabbits: Junior Division**—first place: Elena Boss, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; second place: Clara Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; third place: Remington Zilliox, Washington Center.

**Senior Division**—first place: Emily Goers, Washington Center 4-H; second place: Peter Goers, Washington Center 4-H; third place: Leilah King, Brodhead FFA.

**Poultry: Junior Division**—first place: Tayla Shrader, Jolly Mixers 4-H; second place: Ava Anderson, Young Americans 4-H; third place: Jordan Luedtke, Washington Center.

**Senior Division**—first place: Keira Brunner, Black Hawk FFA.

**Sheep: Junior Division**—first place: Paige Zimmerman, Next Generation 4-H; second place: Georgia Christen, Washington Center 4-H; third place: Hazel Christen, Washington Center 4-H.

**Senior Division**—first place: Kennedy Zimmerman, Next Generation 4-H; second place: Ty Durtschi, Jolly Mixers 4-H; third place: Jenna Pinnow, Brodhead FFA.

**Swine: Junior Division**—first place: Avriel Hosch, Juda FFA; second place: Owen Larson, Decatur 4-H; third place: Lane Kuebli, Jolly Mixers 4-H.

**Senior Division**—first place: Karlee Wilkins, Monticello FFA; second place: Chase Wenzel, Decatur 4-H; third place: Phoenix Homan, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H.

**Platinum Premier Exhibitor**—Grand: Elizabeth Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; Reserve: Brooke Mueller, Decatur 4-H.

This year there were a total of 91 participants, and the top participant in each species and division received a \$30 gift card to Farm and Fleet. The second and third place participants in each division received \$20 and \$10 Farm and Fleet gift cards, respectively. The Grand Platinum Premier Exhibitor earned a \$50 Amazon gift card, with the Reserve earning a \$25 Culver's gift card. Also new this year, each participant that completed their test received a food and ice cream voucher, courtesy of Green County Fall Nationals.

Sponsors for this contest included: Chasing Blue Farm-Nicole Davis, Green County Beef Producers, Green County Fall Nationals, Green County Holstein Breeders, Green County Pork Producers, Hesgard Collision Center, Klitzman Seed LLC, and Spring Grove Dairy.

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By Cindy Clint,  
Outreach Coordinator

Here's what's happening during the month of August at the Albertson Memorial Library:

The Albertson Memorial Library is hosting a bonus 'Summer Library Program' "The Sky's the Limit" from 1-2:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays in August (8/5, 8/12, and 8/19)! We will have creative crafts, fun activities, and engaging science experiments tailored for curious kids in grades K-4. Please follow us on Facebook or Instagram to find out what activity we will be focusing on each week.

The Albertson Memorial Library's 2025 Summer Reading Challenge continues for all ages. Participants can earn prize entries by tracking their reading. Stop by the library to pick up a reading log. Read any material (audiobooks, eBooks, novels, magazines, graphic novels, picture books, etc.) to fill the log. Choose a prize for each completed log and return it for a new log (one log = one entry). Repeat until Friday, August 29th. Prizes are showcased in our community display cabinet—feel free to stop by and take a look! Winners will be notified after the drawing.

Come visit the Albertson Memorial Library throughout August and participate in our exciting Sticker Puzzle! Here's how you can get involved:

- Refer to the key located above the image.
- Use the stickers from the basket on the shelf and place each color in its assigned spot.
- Keep in mind that not all colors shown in the key are present on the poster.

Have fun!  
Stop in anytime during the month of August to pick up the month's Grab 'n Go craft. August will feature 'Kool-Aid Lip Balm.' Grab a kit to create your own flavor! Lip balm just in time for the warmest days of summer!

The Albany Joint Library Board Meeting will be held at the library on Tuesday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be posted on our website and at the library the Friday before the meeting. Join us to learn about the library's future plans!

Join the adventure at the Albertson Memorial Library on Saturday, August 9th and Saturday, August 23rd at 4 p.m. for our Dungeons and Dragons campaign—"Shadows of the Infinite Staircase." Players are welcome to join at any point. If you missed creating a character at the first session, please reach out to us so we can plan for an early arrival. This campaign is suitable for ages 15 and up. Unsure about joining? Want to see what it's all about? Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for a quick summary of previous sessions.

Life often becomes more hectic in the summertime. As a result, our ultimate adult craft bash will be taking a pause. Creative Capers will not meet in August, but rest assured, this crafting party will make its comeback in September.

Join us on Monday, August 25th at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion of "All Fall Down" by Jennifer Weiner. Together, we will explore this captivating narrative about a woman confronting her dependence on pills.

"To write is to read yourself"—Olivia Wilson. Join the Sugar River Writers on Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 p.m. to share your passion for the written word with others from the community. All skill levels are welcome.

Please follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary>, Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/albertsonmemoriallibrary> or check out our calendar of events on our website at <https://www.albertsonlibrary.org> for additional information.

Discover Non-Traditional Items and Resources at the Albertson Memorial Library:

Why obtain a library card? What benefits come with having a library card? Beyond borrowing books, the library offers a variety of services. At the Albertson Memorial Library, patrons can also check out audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, and magazines. If you're in search of something that's not currently part of our collection, just let us know what you need, and we'll see if we can borrow it from another library.

Are you in search of non-traditional items? Look no further! Our Treasure Trove, our library of things, boasts a wide array of items available for checkout, including:

- Tents
- Tables
- Indoor and outdoor games
- Musical instruments
- Cooking tools

Enjoy free admittance to the Discovery Center Museum in Rockford, IL with the Albertson Memorial Library Family Pass. The Discovery Center is open daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and has more than 300 hands-on exhibits to explore! Our free pass can be checked out for a week at a time. Stop by the library to check it out today!

We also provide free access to a variety of digital resources:

- Libby and WI Digital Library: Borrow and enjoy eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines.
- Ancestry and BadgerLink: Great for researching your family history or educational interests.
- Recollection Wisconsin: A collaborative digital portal that offers access to historical and cultural resources from libraries, archives, museums, and historical societies throughout Wisconsin. Explore diverse materials such as photographs, maps, books, oral histories, and more.
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Take a break from your usual surroundings and enjoy a study or work session here. With Wi-Fi, computer, printer, and fax access, you'll have everything you need. For some added privacy, consider our upstairs loft area, or reserve our study room or community room.

Looking for something fun to do? Our library hosts numerous free events each month. Join our monthly book and writing clubs ('All Booked Up' and 'Sugar River Writers') or unleash your creativity at one of our craft parties.

•'Diane's Craft Night.' Participate in in-person craft projects.

•'Creative Capers.' Work on your own craft while enjoying snacks and socializing with fellow creators.

For those eager to enjoy a game, we organize a Dungeons and Dragons campaign twice a month. Additionally, for our youngest visitors, we provide Storytime sessions during the school year and Summer Library Programming in the warmer months. Both programs feature engaging stories and activities designed to entertain and ignite the imagination.

We have activities and resources available for all ages!



Laurie Sommerfeldt, of Brodhead, won two Best in Show awards for her quilts—Green and Rock County Fairs. Laurie said that quilting has been a passion of hers and to see it recognized in this way was truly a dream come true. Her Rock County entry was a Temperature Quilt; it shows the temperature and weather everyday in 2023.



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## Alarming Spread of Teasel

Submitted by Barbara Flores, Master Gardener and Master Naturalist

What is teasel? It is a nonnative invasive weed, which made its way here from Europe in the 1800s. This three to six foot plus invader spreads rapidly in tight clusters. The raspy seed heads were once used in manufacturing fabrics and are today used in floral arrangements. It is so sad to see how this plant is spreading. It is not unique to our area as patches can be seen throughout northern Illinois along roads and highways.

Teasel spreads rapidly as each plant can produce as many as 2,000 seeds. While its appearance is interesting, the leaves and stem are raspy and unpleasant to touch. Because of its ability to spread, it crowds out other growth, native or cultivated. And the size and bulk of the stems together with their taproot, makes removal of the entire plant a real chore

Teasel is a “monocarpal” which means it goes to seed once and then it dies. Annuals, biennials and even some perennials have that same cycle. Cutting the seed heads off is imperative to control the spread of this obnoxious plant and at least we know it won't bloom again.

The blooms are beginning to form and it is important to get them off before the seed matures. Do not place the plant with the seed heads intact in your compost pile. The seed heads can be removed and should be put in the garbage, while the stem and leaves can go in the compost bin.

Please be on the lookout for this plant—once spotted, it is hard to ignore. And seeing bunches of it, as are shown in the photo, is just plain sad. Carry your favorite lopper and a pair of gloves in your car and be a vigilante on public roadsides!



Barbara Flores uses a lopper to remove the top portion of the stem of this seven-eight foot teasel. Photo shows how this aggressive plant grows in clumps.

## POLICE

### Green County Sheriff's Department July 21-27, 2025

At 4:10 p.m., Tuesday, deputies, along with Albany EMS and Monticello First Response, responded to the intersection of Rechsteiner Road and Purintun Road, Town of Mt. Pleasant, for a report of a vehicle in the ditch and possible crash. Investigation found that a vehicle operated by Jeremy L. Hartwig, 38, of Albany, was eastbound on Purintun Road when it attempted to turn southbound onto Rechsteiner Road, lost control, and entered the west ditch where it became stuck. As a result of the investigation Hartwig was arrested for OWI-fifth offense. Hartwig was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At 5:45 a.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the W700 block of Ten Eyck Road, in the Town of Decatur, for a reported single vehicle crash. The investigation found that Adam R. Johnson, 36, of Brodhead, was traveling westbound when he struck a deer, entered the shoulder of the roadway, and lost control. Johnson reported he then entered the ditch, where he struck an embankment, and then the vehicle came to a rest. Johnson said he was uninjured and wearing his seat belt. The vehicle sustained functional damage, with no airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene. Johnson was cited for possession of open intoxicants pending a future court date.

At 7:15 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the area of E. Main Street and S. Water Street, in the Village of Albany, for a disturbance. The investigation resulted in Lia R. Fry, 20, of Albany, Adeigh R. Schwartz, 20, of Albany, Jurnee L. Johnson, 19, of Janesville, and Zayda M. Johnson, 21, of Beloit, being cited for disorderly conduct. All parties were released pending court.

At 5:59 a.m., Friday, deputies responded to a residence in the W3000 block of Greenbush Road, Sylvester Township, for a complaint. Investigation found that, Ryan J. Leaver, 48 of Juda, had an active felony warrant out of the State of Montana. Leaver was arrested for the warrant and was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

At 7:49 a.m., Sunday, due to no BHPD officers being on duty, deputies responded to the 1600 block of 1st Center Avenue/STH 11, in the City of Brodhead for a two-vehicle crash with no injuries. A vehicle operated by Jayce W Ellsworth-Messa, 19, Orfordville was westbound on STH 11 when he became distracted and collided with an unoccupied, legally parked car. Jayce was not injured, he was wearing a seat belt, and there was no airbag deployment. His, and the parked vehicle sustained disabling damage. The owner of the parked vehicle was made aware of the damage to their vehicle. Both vehicles were towed from the scene. Jayce will receive citations for expired registration and inattentive driving. He was released pending a court date.



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**By Laura Roth,  
Children's Librarian**

Albertson Memorial Library was 'rocking' this week when the kiddos came to work on painting rocks for the Summer Library Program Extension. The program runs every Tuesday (1 to 2:30 p.m.) through August 19th for youths grades K through fourth and includes a variety of different activities: scratch art and homemade crayons, large group games (think parachutes) and home-made car races.

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# Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Awards Scholarships and Honors Outstanding Exhibitors

The 21st Annual Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction was held on Sunday, July 20, 2025, at 1 p.m. at the Green County Fairgrounds, in conjunction with the Foreign Type Cheesemakers Association Cheese Auction. The event continues to be a highlight of the fair, recognizing exceptional youth involved in the county's dairy industry.

The auction opened with the awarding of four scholarships totaling more than \$5,000. Since its inception, the Dairy Youth Recognition program has awarded over \$70,000 in scholarships to Green County youth pursuing post-secondary education.

Ten outstanding youth exhibitors were selected and awarded the honor of participating in the prestigious auction. Zack Moldenhauer of New Glarus FFA earned Supreme Senior Champion Registered Female, which was purchased by New Glarus Brewery. Siera McCullough of Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H exhibited the Supreme Junior Champion Registered Female, purchased by Bank of New Glarus. Tyson Deery of Belleville FFA received Supreme Senior Champion Grade Female, purchased by Klondike Cheese. Katelynn Jorenby of Pecatonica FFA exhibited the Supreme Junior Champion Grade Female, which was purchased by David and Cheryl Spink. The award for Low Somatic Cell Count Cow also went to Zack Moldenhauer of New Glarus FFA and was purchased by Washington Implement.

Showmanship champions were also honored. Brooke Mueller of Decatur 4-H earned the title of Supreme Showmanship Champion, purchased by Hoesly Registered Holsteins. John Bartels of Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H was named Supreme Sportsmanship Champion and was supported by "Friends of John." Siera McCullough of Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H received the Beginner Showmanship award, which was purchased by Decatur Cheese. Kennedy Zimmerman of Next Generation 4-H was named Intermediate Showmanship Winner, also purchased by Decatur Cheese. Raevynn Jackson of Monroe FFA earned Senior Showmanship honors, with the purchase supported by the Cattle Club Conglomerate.

Numerous local businesses and individuals showed their support by participating as bidders and sponsors. Among the active contributors were Monroe Surge, Spring Grove Dairy, Judd's Auto Body, McCullough Grain, Syndom Motors, Al Electric, Paris Family Farm, Dave Bollig, Framvale Farms, Jelle Repair, Hasse Surveying, Bartels and Co. Tap, Son of Beach Beef and many more. Each youth exhibitor receives 50% of the winning bid, with the remaining 50% allocated to the Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Fund. Proceeds from this fund help support scholarships, premiums for all youth who participate in dairy showmanship at the fair, improvements to the dairy facilities on the fairgrounds, contributions to the State Fair dairy exhibitor fund, and various other youth-focused dairy activities in Green County.

The Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Committee extends its sincere appreciation to all donors, bidders, and community members for continuing to make this program such a valuable and meaningful tradition.



The 2025 Dairy Youth Auction Scholarship winners: Ellie Modaff of Jolly Mixers 4-H, Derek Schwartzlow of Monticello FFA, Alyssa Broge of Black Hawk FFA, and Alex Roe of Monticello FFA.



Dairy Auction participants: John Bartels, Zack Moldenhauer, Siera McCullough, Raevynn Jackson, Kennedy Zimmerman, Brooke Mueller, Katelynn Jorenby. Missing: Tyson Deery.



Zack Moldenhauer with Supreme Senior Champion Registered Female.



"Friends of John" bidding during auction.

## 2025 Green County Master Showman Competition Results

The 19th annual Green County Master Showman Competition was held at the 2025 Green County Fair on Saturday, July 19th. This event brings in the top senior (grades 10 and above) showmen in the dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry departments at the fair. Two youth from dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goats are invited to participate, and one youth is invited from the rabbit and poultry divisions.

During the event, the twelve participants show all the animal species exhibited at the fair in a round-robin format. Youth are judged by qualified showmanship judges and members of the agriculture industry from the surrounding communities. After six rotations of the event are completed, the scores are tallied and the member with the highest score earns the title of Green County Fair Master Showman.

2025 Master Showman participants were: Karlee Wilkins (Monticello FFA), Wyatt Steiner (Monroe FFA), Sadie Wilkins (Monticello FFA), Johnna Blum (New Glarus FFA), Brooke Mueller (Decatur 4-H), Raevynn Jackson (Monroe FFA), Taylor Svendsen (Dougherty Creek), Katelynn Jorenby (Pecatonica FFA), Bryant Froseth (Clarno 4-H), Chloe Pulver (Young Americans 4-H), Alyssa Broge (Black Hawk FFA), Emily Goers (Washington Center 4-H).

The 2025 Green County Fair Master Showman was awarded to Brooke Mueller (Decatur 4-H) and Taylor Svendsen (Dougherty Creek) was named Reserve Master Showman. Jeff Ditzenberger was Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Showmanship judges included: Swine- Isabelle Doherty, Johnson Creek, WI; Rabbits- Grace LeGrave, Black Creek, WI; Beef- Ally Witcomb, Gratiot WI; Goats- Bailey Abney, South Wayne, WI; Sheep- Abigail Drewitz, Kewaskum, WI; Dairy- Mara Shelley, Deerfield, WI; Poultry- Danielle Tollackson, Argyle, WI.

The overall winner and reserve received a plaque and gift card. All contestants received a medallion and t-shirt for being a qualifier in the event. Extension Green County coordinated the 2025 Green County Fair Master Showman Competition with sponsorship from Compeer Financial, Lake Ridge Bank, Klitzman Seed LLC, and the Green County Farm Bureau.

For more information about the Master Showman Competition, please contact: Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 608-328-9440.



Bottom row, left to right: Katelynn Jorenby (Sheep), Reserve Master Showman Taylor Svendsen (Sheep), Champion Master Showman Brooke Mueller (Dairy), Raevynn Jackson (Dairy); top row: Emily Goers (Rabbits), Alyssa Broge (Poultry), Johnna Blum (Beef), Sadie Wilkins (Beef), Karlee Wilkins (Swine), Wyatt Steiner (Swine), Chloe Pulver (Goats), Bryant Froseth (Goats)

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