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UW-Extension to provide meeting on grain management in low-margin years

UW-Extension specialists are hitting the road with a series of talks and accompanying fact sheets that address how to best handle different aspects of grain production during low-margin years. The area meetings will start in February of 2017 and will take place at loca-

tions throughout the state. One of the area meetings will be held at the Green County UW-Extension Office, located at 2841 6th Street, Monroe, on Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Each specialist will present information for about 30 minutes

with time for questions and answers. Presentations at the Monroe meeting will include: "Crop Budget Analysis for Low Margin Years" by Nick Baker, UW-Extension Ag Agent in Rock County; "Soybean Inputs that Deliver the Highest ROI in a Low-Margin

Year" by Shawn Conley UW-Extension Soybean Specialist; "How to Survive and Thrive on Current Corn Price Projections" by Joe Lauer, UW-Extension Corn Specialist; "Low Grain Prices-Smart Disease Management Decisions" by Damon Smith, UW Field Crops Pathology Specialist; "Managing Insects Economically Using Conventional Hybrids and Thresholds" by Bryan Jenson, UW Field Crop Entomology Specialist; and "Machinery/Technology Management and Tillage Considerations to Reduce Operational Costs" by Brain Luck, UW Engineering Machinery Specialist.

Two additional presentations on "Practical Weed Management for Low-Margin Years" by Dan Smith, UW-Extension Nutrient Management Specialist, and "Fundamen-

tals of Soil Fertility Strategies for Success" by Carrie Laboski, UW Soils and Fertility Specialist will be presented via video at the Monroe meeting.

The seminar includes handouts and a meal and is open to farmers and agronomists in the southern Wisconsin area. The program is being provided free of charge due to the generous sponsorships by Bank of Brodhead, UB & T Bank; Badgerland Financial, and BMO Harris Bank.

To register for the program, or to receive more information about the workshop, please call the UW-Extension Office in Green County at 608-328-9440, visit the website at www.green.uwex.edu or email mark.mayer@ces.uwex.edu.

Registrations for the meeting are due by Feb. 17.

Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarship applications accepted now

The Wisconsin 4-H Foundation will award more than \$10,000 in scholarships to outstanding Wisconsin students pursuing higher education in 2017. Scholarships are awarded to students based on demonstrated personal growth, development and leadership, academic performance, and future educational

goals.

To be eligible for Wisconsin 4-H Foundation scholarships, students must have been a Wisconsin 4-H member for at least one year; have a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale; and be enrolled or planning to enroll at a university, college, or technical school during the

2017-2018 academic school year.

Applicants should visit the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation website to learn more about how to apply: <http://wis4hfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Résumés, cover letters, project lists and one photo must be received by the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation via email on or before March 15, 2017. Applications received after March 15, 2017 (as time stamped in the email), and any USPS mailed applications will not be considered. Apply early to avoid any confusion. Winners will be notified by postal letter in May.

A panel of experienced youth advisors will screen the applications and select finalists. Applications chosen as finalists will be screened by a second panel comprised of 4-H and youth development experts. The finalist applications will be ranked. The 4-H Foundation will assign available scholarships to the top-ranking applications based on scholarship criteria (example: scholarships are available for specific geographical areas and project areas).

Contact the Wisconsin 4-H Foundation at 608-262-1597 or info@wis4hfoundation.org for more information.

Area students named to deans' lists

Loras College

Savannah M. Bahls, of Davis, Ill., has been named to the Dean's List at Loras College. A student must earn a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours to be recognized.

Edgewood College

Savannah Koester, of Monroe, and Alena Schoeller, of Brodhead, have been named to the Dean's List at Edgewood College for the Fall 2016 semester. Fulltime undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students who earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.75 or higher are eligible for the Dean's List after completing 24 credit hours of study at Edgewood College.

Rockford University

Jessica Mohns, of Orfordville, has been named a Distinguished

Scholar for the Fall 2016 semester at Rockford College. Those recognized earn at least a 3.75 grade point average with no grades below "C."

Marquette University

Mallory McGinty, of Brodhead, has been named to the Dean's List for the Fall 2016 semester at Marquette University. McGinty is pursuing a bachelor degree in finance.

Aurora University

Brodhead's Baylee Hoff and Durand's Zachariah Burdick have been named to the Dean's List at Aurora University for the Fall 2016 semester with high honors. The Dean's List recognizes full-time undergraduate students who have earned a 3.6 grade point average or higher. Students recognized with high honors have earned a perfect 4.0.

Who are the Amish?

Topic set for Green County Genealogical Society meeting

Mark Loudon, Max Kade Institute co-director, a Mennonite and fluent speaker of Pennsylvania Dutch, will be the speaker for the Feb. 4 meeting of the Green County Genealogical Society. He will speak on the Old Order Amish, one of America's most familiar yet widely misunderstood religious groups.

Professor Mark Loudon will address the central aspects of Amish life and the Christian faith that anchors it, with a special emphasis on Amish communities in Wisconsin, which has the fourth-largest population of any U.S. state. He will clarify a number of misunderstandings about the Amish,

as well as their close spiritual cousins, the Mennonites.

The Green County Genealogical Society meeting will be held in the second-floor meeting room of the Monroe Public Library at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 4. Visitors are always welcomed, and there is no cost to attend. You may call Sharon (815-868-2416) or Donna (608-921-1537) if you have questions.

The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is available each Tuesday and third Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and the first Saturday from 1 to 3 p.m.



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Parkview School District hosting five foreign exchange students

The Parkview School District welcomed five foreign exchange students this year. Following is a brief introduction to each of them:

Guillermo

Guillermo is from Madrid, Spain. He is staying with the Spencer family. Guillermo is a sophomore, and that is the same grade level he is in at home. The sponsoring organization that brought him to Parkview is ICS.



Guillermo

His first impression of Orfordville was that it was much smaller than he expected. He added that he likes the people.

The thing he likes best about school here is that it is easier than school in Spain. It is also smaller, so it is easier to get to know more people. His favorite class is programming; he has done it in school in Spain, also.

He plans to play basketball this winter and possibly baseball in the spring.

When asked if he had a favorite American food he said he didn't and that he missed the food from home. He added that his native food is healthier than what is available here.

Johann Gebhardt

Johann is from the State of Bavaria in Germany. He is staying with the Ponkauskas family. Johann is a junior which is the same grade level he is in at home. His sponsoring organization is called AYA in the U.S. or AIFS in Germany.



Johann Gerhardt

His first impression of Orfordville was that it is really small; he comes from a big city. The thing he likes best about Parkview is the people and his friends. His favorite class is study hall. He also likes Genetics class.

Johann said that school here is easier than school in Germany. He added that Germany has three different levels of schools and that the middle level in Germany is like American high school. When asked if it was different than he expected, he said he thought it would take a while to make friends; he thought it might take a month or so, but it only took a week.

Johann played football and will play basketball and perhaps join the track team in the spring.

His favorite American food is fast foods in general.

Felix Antonik

Felix is staying with the Paulson family. He is also from Germany, the northern part of Germany near Hamburg. He is a sophomore here, but would be a junior in Germany. His sponsoring organization is also AYA.



Felix Antonik

Felix said he had looked Orfordville up on Google maps so he knew what size it was before arriving. He said it is a nice town.

Felix said that in Germany, they start studying English in third grade; they start with British English and then learn American English. He also said that school is much easier here than in Germany. He said that the 11th and 12th grades in Germany are like college here.

Felix's brother had been an exchange student in the state of Oregon, so he knew a little more of what to expect.

Felix also played football and is going to play basketball and join the track team in the spring. He takes part in track in Germany, also.

His favorite American foods are tacos and corn dogs. He said his host mom sometimes fixes some German foods for him. He added that his host family is very nice and he has a lot of fun. In observing his interactions with his host brother, Bailey, it was obvious that the two get along very well.

Toon

Toon is from Thailand. She is staying with the Kori Sagen currently. Toon is a sophomore. She is here through the AYC organization.

Toon said she likes the small

town and that people are very nice and helpful. Toon likes all of her classes and added that the teachers are very helpful, but everything about school is different here. In Thailand, the students stay in the same classroom, and the teachers change rooms. She said that she didn't get to know all of the students in her school because they never interacted. She said that they do not have study halls in their school. School in Thailand is much stricter, and they wear uniforms.

Toon played volleyball and is joining the art club. She will also join the track team in the spring.

She said she likes a lot of American foods; she likes foods that have cheese on them such as pizza and tacos. She does miss her native foods, though.

Julia

Julia is also from Germany, near Hanover. She is staying with the Akey family. Julia is a sophomore.

She went to Florida before she arrived in Orfordville and said it was much different than Germany. She said Wisconsin is similar to Germany. She said everyone here seems to know everyone, and she likes that.

The thing she likes best about school is that everyone knows she



Toon



Julia

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Former Parkview employee Ben Irwin named 2017 'New School Business Manager of the Year'

Ben Irwin, Director of Business Services for the Cedarburg School District, was named New School Business Manager of the Year during his time at the Parkview School District in acknowledgement of his leadership in schools, commitment to professional development, active participation in his profession, and role in his community.

Irwin was presented with the award Thursday, Jan. 19, during the WASBO Business Meeting at the WASB/WASDA/WASBO State Education Convention in Milwaukee. This honor carries with it a \$1,000 cash award for continuing education, sponsored by Key Benefit Concepts.

Irwin worked in the Parkview School District for four years as a Business Manager while also attaining his Certified Administrator of School Finance and Operations (SFO) certification.

Irwin was nominated by Steve Lutzke, Parkview School District

Superintendent. Lutzke noted that "Service, respect, accuracy, and openness are a few of the characteristics that define Mr. Irwin's leadership. Mr. Irwin's attitude and demeanor demonstrate that his role is to serve the students and staff in the district...and he instills a calm confidence into the business office."

Irwin was noted as being "instrumental in bringing financial stability to [the] district." His work included overseeing a 17-million-dollar building referendum to consolidate buildings in the district for a centralized campus.

Irwin has also volunteered with several events and projects in the community and district, as well as assisting the UW-Whitewater business manager program.

"Mr. Irwin continues to grow and develop as a business manager," Lutzke said, "but has already distinguished himself as a shining star for the profession."

News from Parkview High School

Viking Times

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

Girls' basketball (seventh grade), 4 p.m.
Girls' basketball (eighth grade), 4 p.m.
Boys' basketball (JV 1), 5:40 p.m.
Boys' basketball (JV 2), 5:40 p.m.
Varsity boys' basketball, 7:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

Wrestling (middle school triangular), 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Girls' basketball (JV 1), 5:40 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.
Girls' basketball (JV 2), 5:40 p.m. to 7:55 p.m.
Varsity girls' basketball, 7:15 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

Girls' basketball (JV 2 Tournament)
Parkview Survivor, noon to 9 a.m.
Wrestling (varsity invitational), 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

Spirit Squad, noon to 3 p.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 30

Girls' basketball (seventh grade), 4 p.m.
Girls' basketball (eighth grade), 4 p.m.
Zumba, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Show choir, 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

MAP testing (grades 7-9)
Wrestling (middle school meet), 4 p.m.
Boys' basketball (JV 1), 5:40 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.
Boys' basketball (JV 2), 5:40 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.
Varsity boys' basketball, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m.
Girls' basketball (JV 1), 5:40 p.m.
Girls' basketball (JV 2), 5:40 p.m.
Varsity girls' basketball, 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

MAP testing (grades 7-9)
Spirit Squad, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Zumba, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Parkview Booster Club Meeting, 5:45 p.m.

Commercial building for sale

The Village of Orfordville is accepting bids for the former Village Hall located at 106 North Center Street in Orfordville.

Sealed bids are due at the current Village Hall at 303 East Beloit Street by Friday, Feb. 10, at 5 p.m. The minimum bid is \$25,000.00, and \$1,000 earnest money is to be included with the bid.

Parent-teacher conference dates changed in Parkview

Please note that the dates for parent-teacher conferences in Parkview have been changed from Feb. 13 and 16 to Feb. 7 and 13 from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Village has the right to reject any and all bids.

An open house will be held on Saturday, Jan. 28, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Please visit our website at www.orfordville.org, or stop by the Village Hall for more information.

Hall of Fame Induction 2017 set for Jan. 27

On Friday, Jan. 27, during halftime of the varsity girls' basketball game, three new members will be inducted into the Parkview Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Athletic Hall of Fame Class of 2017 inductees are:

Chuck Kohlhepp, who coached softball and basketball;
David Nelson (Class of 1964), who participated in baseball, football, and basketball; and

Jan Potter (Class of 1980), who participated in track and field, football, and basketball.



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Area Roundup

By Derek Hoesly
CORRESPONDENT

Girls' basketball

Panthers lose to Black Hawk

The Juda Panthers (9-6 overall, 2-3 Six Rivers) hung with the unbeaten Black Hawk Warriors in the opening half before the Warriors took control after halftime en route to a 53-31 Six Rivers eastern division win last Thursday.

The Panthers used a 14-4 run to cut the Warriors' lead to 19-17 late in the half. The Panthers also switched to a 2-3 zone and the Warriors struggled with shooting from the perimeter. Black Hawk put the game away with a 25-8 run early in the second half.

Senior Chelsea Burkhalter led the Panthers' offense with 11 points. Senior Alexis Goecks chipped in eight points for the Panthers. Senior Sara Jordan added five points, and junior Erika Duecker snatched a team-high eight rebounds.

Comets fall to Argyle Orioles

The Albany Comets (1-12 overall, 1-5 Six Rivers) fell to the Argyle Orioles 48-37 in a Six Rivers eastern division matchup last Thursday.

The Orioles built a 25-18 lead in the first half and never looked

back.

Sophomore Libby Beck led the Comets' offensive charge with 15 points. Sophomore Payton Zurfluh contributed 10 points for the Comets.

Vikings beat Trojans

The Parkview Vikings (4-10 overall, 2-7 Rock Valley) used a strong second half to pull out a 38-34 Rock Valley south victory over the East Troy Trojans last Thursday.

The Trojans built a 14-11 halftime lead in an offensive struggle. Parkview started to heat up in the second half and outscored East Troy 27-20 to grind out the win.

Senior Alex Thole led the Vikings' offensive charge with 11 points. Junior Amber Hudson contributed nine points for the Vikings.

Albany loses to Belleville

The Albany Comets (1-13 overall, 1-5 Six Rivers) couldn't overcome a giant deficit, as Belleville walked away with a 65-45 non-conference win last Saturday.

Belleville raced out to a 33-16 halftime lead. Albany looked like a different team after halftime and played at a higher level.

Junior Brook Kahler paced the Comets' offense with 12 points.

Sophomore Libby Beck added 10 points, and sophomore Payton Zurfluh chipped in seven points.

Boys' basketball

Panthers pummel Argyle

The Juda Panthers (9-4 overall, 4-2 Six Rivers) cruised to a 63-35 Six Rivers eastern division victory over Argyle last Friday.

The Panthers set the tone with a 28-8 lead at intermission. Juda played solid team defense, forcing a number of turnovers that led to transition opportunities.

Junior Keagen Haffele led the Panthers' offensive charge with a game-high 26 points, including three long balls. Senior Matt Schmitt chipped in 13 points for the Panthers. Senior Skyler Stuckey contributed seven points.

Comets win over Monticello

The Albany Comets (6-7 overall, 2-4 Six Rivers) snapped their three-game losing streak with a 59-45 Six Rivers eastern division victory over Monticello last Friday.

Senior Brock Gilkes and sophomore Corbin Kelley each scored a team-high 12 points for the Comets. Sophomore Jamison Stauffacher contributed 10 points. Senior Connor Trow chipped in six points on two three-pointers.



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Juda senior Chelsea Burkhalter shoots a three.



Juda senior Sara Jordan takes a shot against a Blackhawk defender.



Panther Hailey Kammerer sets the pick so senior Chelsea Burkhalter can get by.

Panthers on the Prowl

Written by Riley Adkins, Nick Baum, Chelsea Burkhalter, Aurora Daniels, Jared Hansen, Sara Jordan, Matthew Schmitt, and Skyler Stuckey

MATH MEET VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This year's Six Rivers Math Meet will be held at the school on Wednesday, Feb. 8. Volunteers are needed to help supervise rooms, etc., again this year. If you would like to help, please contact Mr. Anderson at 608-934-5251, extension 255, or by e-mail at sa@judaschool.com.

SECOND SEMESTER

Semester 2 begins this week. Because of the days missed last week, final exams were held on Thursday, Jan. 19, and Monday, Jan. 23. Grades are not due in the office until Jan. 25, so second quarter/semester report cards may be sent out a little bit later than

usual.

INTRO. TO ENGINEERING CLASS PRESENTS AT WASB CONFERENCE

The members of Mr. Scott Anderson's Intro. to Engineering class manned a booth at this year's Wisconsin School Board Convention in Milwaukee last Wednesday and Thursday. Nick Baum, Nathaniel Nicholson, Quinton Kammerer, Zoe Rathsack, Matthew Schmitt, and Samantha Anderson discussed STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) with the many people who stopped at their booth during the show. The students presented projects that the class is working on and talked about future projects they would like to initiate. They were also able to see the many products being demonstrated by the vendors at this year's show.

SENIOR OF THE WEEK

The senior of the week is Chelsea Burkhalter. She plans to attend UW-Madison or UW-La Crosse to major in marketing. Her favorite high school memory is winning regionals in basketball last year. Her advice for underclassmen: "Be proactive and study hard. High school goes by fast, so take every moment in that you can." Her role models are her parents. They inspire her to be the best she can be. Her favorite high school class was Anatomy.

ACT TEST

This year's juniors will be taking the ACT Test on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The Workkeys portion of the test will be given on Wednesday, March 1. Teachers have been working during flex period on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays to prepare students to do their best

on this important test.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

On Saturday, Jan. 14, the ladies traveled up to Beaver Dam and beat Wayland Academy 55-19. Chelsea Burkhalter scored a game-high 20 points. All 12 players played and scored.

FFA

Leadership Development events are coming up. Sign up for these FFA speaking contests in Mr. J's classroom.

SPANISH CLUB

The Juda Spanish Club is hosting the Juda's Got Talent show on Jan. 28. There will be cash prizes for the first-, second- and third-place winners. The show starts at 7 p.m. in the Juda School Pit Gym.

JUDA ELEMENTARY

The first-graders are going on a field trip Feb. 13 to see Pete the Cat. Keep watch for more information.

ART DEPARTMENT

The fourth-grade class is working on their Tessellation projects. The high school class is having a critique this week. The 3D art class is working on their "Chihuly."

ROLLER SKATING

The Monroe Morning Optimists invite all third- through fifth-grade students to a roller skating party on Thursday, Feb. 9, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Roller Den in Monroe. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. Entry is free. Each student will also receive one treat ticket.

LUNCH

On Thursday, Jan. 26, breakfast will be muffins; lunch will be soup, grilled cheese, veggies and dip, and apple juice.

On Friday, Jan. 27, breakfast will be long johns; lunch will be shredded BBQ pork and potato wedges.

Letter to the Editor

My name is Trevor Long, and I want to tell you all about Better Brodhead and the amazing things it has done for the Brodhead Community.

I have served the fine citizens of Brodhead for sixteen years as a member of the Brodhead Police Department and currently serve as the department's investigator. I am also a parent, member of the Jaycees and a Brodhead citizen for the past eleven years.

I was asked to join Better Brodhead and serve as the law enforcement representative on the board of directors. I asked to be a representative because the mission and goals of Better Brodhead are things that I feel very passionate about. As a member of the police department, I take great pride in making this community the best that it can be. I have had the privilege of being a part of Better Brodhead since 2014.

While serving as a member, I have attended numerous trainings and meetings and assisted with community suppers, Better Brodhead's Wellness Expo, and with the National Night Out.

Being involved in Better Brodhead has given me the opportunity to serve the community in a non-law enforcement capacity. It helps me to engage with and form better relationships with citizens who I might not be in contact with in a law enforcement capacity. What I enjoy the most is being able to hear other points of view on issues that affect our community. This not only helps me as a member of Better Brodhead, but also as a member of the police department.

A person should join Better Brodhead because it gives the opportunity to give back to this great community. It gives a person an opportunity to not only better the City of Brodhead but also better themselves through relationships that are made. I would recommend that anyone who is interested in making Brodhead an even better community come and take a look at Better Brodhead. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 East 9th Avenue in Brodhead. Any questions regarding Better Brodhead can be directed to Brielle at (608) 447-1363.

Sincerely,
Trevor Long

DLMRA Benefit Social coming Feb. 11

The Decatur Lake & Mill Race Association (DLMRA) is hosting a Benefit Social the Saturday before Valentine's Day and invites the public to attend. The event will be at Billy's Sand Trap, Decatur Country Club, on Saturday, Feb. 11, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The menu reflects the organization's ties to our local waterways, so it offers Billy's delicious bluegill chowder, in addition to chili, garlic bread, and a salad bar, served buffet style. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets for this social/fundraiser are available at the door for \$15 per adult and \$7.50 for children under 12.

In addition to the buffet lunch, lengths of tickets will be available for purchase to win drawings for displayed items of your choice, which include some delicious home-baked cheesecakes.

A silent auction will run for some awesome items, including tickets for a musical at the Overture Theater in Madison and framed outdoor photography.

All proceeds will be used to fund the non-profit organization's projects to improve the area's waterways.

The DLMRA invites you to come as you are, socialize, and beat cabin fever!

For more information, call Keith at (608) 774-1659, via email: dlmra.org@gmail.com, check out the website at dlmra.org, or see the DLMRA Facebook page.



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Junior Comet League team takes first place

The Albany Junior Comet League's fourth-grade girls won first-place in the Shullsburg Basketball Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 14. Team members are pictured here. Front row, left to right: Emerson Briggs, Isabelle Brewer, and Coach Sherri Cleasby; back row: Coach Brandon Hollis, Alecia Dahl, Anna Ellinger, Lillyanna Morales, Kierra Cleasby, Abby Hollis, Ellie Modaff, Alice Elliot, Maddie Pfaff, and Alivia Copeland.

Albany Police Report

All charges reported here are merely accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. The Albany Police reported the following incidents:

Monday, Jan. 9

Arrested for Disorderly Conduct and Battery was Fritz C. Sandlin, 38, of Albany.

Saturday, Jan. 14

Cited for Speeding was Alan T.

McGuire, 47, of Brodhead.

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Signup for conservation practices deadline extended

The Green County Land and Water Conservation Department has extended the signup for applications of soil conservation and water quality practices.

Practices approved for the Land and Water Conservation Department are paid on a 70% cost-share per practice basis.

A few examples of practices that are offered are: well decommission-

ing, grassed waterways, manure storage, barnyard runoff control systems, stream bank improvement, cattle and equipment crossings, roof gutters, and diversions.

For a complete list of available practices or to apply, stop by the USDA Service Center at 1627 4th Avenue West in Monroe. If you have questions, please contact Todd Jensen at 325-4195, ext. 119.

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Scanners will be available for one-hour sessions. Patrons need to bring their own USB device to save their digital photos after scanning is complete.

Programs using this same equipment have been done at Brodhead, New Glarus, and other public libraries in the South-Central Library System. The equipment was purchased by South Central for public libraries to share with their patrons. There is no cost to use the equipment.

You must call the library at 608-862-3491 to reserve a one-hour session. Library staff will assist patrons with the equipment as much as possible during each session.

Albertson Memorial Library is located at 200 N. Water Street in Albany.

Albany Comet News

By Stacey Torstenson

THURSDAY, JAN. 26

- *High school wrestling at Jefferson, 6 to 8 p.m.
- *High school boys' basketball home vs. Juda, 7 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

- *Middle school wrestling at Edgerton (tri meet), 4 to 6 p.m.
- *High school girls' basketball at Barneveld, 6 to 9 p.m.
- *PTO Movie night in the elementary gym, 6 to 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

- *Junior Comet League Tournament in both gyms, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- *High school junior varsity wrestling invite at Fort Atkinson, 9 to 11 a.m.
- *High school junior varsity girls' basketball tournament at Monticello, 10 a.m. to noon

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

- *No events scheduled

MONDAY, JAN. 30

- *High school girls' basketball home vs. Belmont, 6 to 9 p.m.
- *High school junior varsity wrestling home (Evansville) invite, 5 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 31

- *Middle school wrestling home vs. Brodhead, 4 to 6 p.m.
- *High school boys' basketball at Barneveld, 7 to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1

- *Adult open gym, 7 to 9 p.m.

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Brodhead Chamber holds annual banquet, elections



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New Chamber Board members, left to right: President Rich Vogel, Treasurer Barb Clark, Secretary Melissa McNeese, Vice-President Randy Menzel, and Directors Doug Pinnow and Michele Benesh. Not pictured: Dusty Kubly and Opal John.



Award winners are (front row, left to right) Outstanding New Board Member Melissa McNeese, Retiring Board Member Linda Wahl, Outstanding Community Service Nancy Sutherland, and Outstanding Service to Chamber Shirley Liska; back row: Outstanding New Chamber Member Drew Burns of Kobussen Buses, Friend of the Chamber Patrick Bodell of Synqronus Communications, and Outstanding Chamber Member Jeremy Pinnow. Not pictured: Retiring Board Member Cathy Disch.

By Michele Benesh
CORRESPONDENT

Brodhead Chamber members and their guests assembled on the icy evening of Monday, January 16, at Billy's Sand Trap for their annual banquet and elections. A social hour preceded the banquet meal, which began at 6:30 with a welcome from President Michele Benesh and invocation by Julio Rodriguez.

Following the meal, attendees were treated to the singing of Brodhead fourth-grader Josie Picard, who has become known across the state and region for her a cappella singing of the National Anthem at events such as Packers Family Fun Day at Lambeau Field, Milwaukee Bucks and Brewers games, and many UW sporting events. Following her singing, she was presented with a stuffed hippo and a certificate of appreciation from the Chamber for representing the community so well.

President Benesh then summarized the activities of the Chamber during 2016. She began by reading excerpts from Randy Menzel's President's message of 1999, highlighting the fact that the Brodhead Chamber began in 1946 and celebrated 70 years in 2016.

In 1946, there were only 12 television stations in the U.S., and the first computer was born, weighing 30 tons with over 2,000 vacuum tubes and taking up an area the size of three garage stalls. We have come a very long way since then, but the Chamber's goals remain largely the same - to promote all aspects of the community, including commercial, industrial, agricultural, civic, and educational interests.

She reported that the Chamber's three major festivals, Covered Bridge Days and the Wildflower Festival, AutumnFest, and Fire & Ice, were very successful again. The Chamber welcomed new members Tropical Exposure, Kobussen Buses, Relay for Life, and Wilke Chiropractic.

The Kelch Aviation Museum embarked on a \$1-million capital campaign for their planned new building to house its impressive collection of vintage aircraft and automobiles. The Pearl Island Recreational Corridor project accomplished numerous gains, including new signage, on-going brush clearing, and the installation of two more donated benches and cooking grills along the race. A new stairway at Headgates Park was designed, constructed, and donated by Kuhn North America, and construction has begun on the

footings for the covered bridge at Putnam Park.

Nancy Sutherland reported that the Chamber, Water & Light, and BID (Business Improvement District) are collaborating on an attractive new tourism brochure that will be completed soon and distributed area-wide to bring even more tourism to our community. She and Ed Mikkelsen have been working on that project. Jerry Elmer, Chair of the Mural Committee, announced that Brodhead's third mural will soon be installed on the Piggly Wiggly building and depicts the Brodhead airport, a very active and successful part of our city. The design was created by Ron Phillips of Brodhead Sign.

Barb Clark of the Register Print Center has been hired as a Chamber Assistant to take over the Chamber phone and email, as well as the Facebook page, and will also be doing website and advertising tasks.

The minutes from the January 2016 annual banquet were read by current secretary Melissa McNeese, and the treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Barb Clark. Both were approved.

Patrick Bodell of Synqronus Communications in Monroe was introduced and thanked for producing a superb video of the Fire & Ice Festival, which was then shown to the attendees. Patrick presented this video to the Chamber for its use at no charge, a sizeable donation. He was given a special "Friend of the Chamber" award and has joined the Chamber for 2017.

Several more awards were then presented to persons who made notable contributions to the Chamber and the community in 2016 and in most cases, had done so over a long period of time.

An election of two new Directors to replace outgoing board members Linda Wahl and Cathy Disch was conducted. Opal John of Opalicious Honey (located at Ten Eyck Orchard) and Doug Pinnow will be the new Directors.

Finally, names were drawn for door prizes, and the general meeting was adjourned. Following that, the new Board of Directors met to elect officers for 2017. Rich Vogel was elected President to replace Michele Benesh, who chose not to serve another term. The new Vice-president is Randy Menzel, and Melissa McNeese and Barb Clark were reelected to the positions of Secretary and Treasurer. Other Directors will include Dusty Kubly, Michele Benesh, Opal John, and Doug Pinnow.

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Students learn with RealCare Babies

By Aurora Daniels
CORRESPONDENT

Last summer, Juda School ordered four RealCare Baby 3 dolls to educate students about childcare and the difficulties of raising a baby.

These infant simulators use wireless programming and reporting capabilities to monitor how much the student cares for the baby.

Over the past two weeks, the students in the Juda Senior Class have had to feed, rock, burp, and change the diaper of these dolls.

The infant simulators are part of the Senior Seminar curriculum. Each senior took a turn taking the baby home after school and caring for it through the night.

"Not knowing what to do and figuring it out on my own was really challenging for me," said Sara Jordan, a senior at Juda High School.

Each student was supplied with a backpack, a baby bottle, a diaper to change, a blanket, and two sets of clothing. There was also a baby car seat available to transport the infant simulator in.

"It was very stressful because it constantly needed something," commented Cierra Stading, another senior in the class. "I had a test on Monday, and the baby kept me from focusing on my school work."

For many students, balancing their normal lives with the constant need to care for the baby was very difficult; however, for some, this assignment was simple.

Stephanie Haberman said, "I found that it really wasn't that stressful, but I think that if I actually had a real baby, then it would have been

worse. Getting up in the middle of the night was challenging. And my attention to the baby took away from my school work."

These simulators have also been used in several other classes. The child development class took the dolls home throughout the weekend, and the middle school's childcare class uses the simulators during class time in order to be introduced to babies at a young age.

These RealCare Baby 3 dolls from Realityworks have educated Juda Students in how to care for and provide support for children while they are the most vulnerable.

Looking back on the project, Haberman said, "It was a great learning experience, and I think that I really learned a lot about what it would be like to be a mother."



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Juda School seniors Matthew Schmitt and Nick Baum hold their infant simulators.

New Horizon 4-H meets

By Connor Brauer
CLUB MEMBER

Members of New Horizons 4-H met Sunday, Dec. 4. We installed new officers western style. All new officers received a badge and a cowboy hat. Our slogan for this year will be "Reach for the sky," referring to our western type of installation.

President Jaena LeGault brought the meeting to order. The thought for the day was, "Patience is a virtue that carries a lot of wait." Shannon Day led the flag salute, and Jaydon Brauer led the club pledge. Roll call was answered by naming your favorite Christmas movie.

Minutes were approved and seconded by Shannon and Roxane Ace. The treasurer's report was approved and seconded by Addyson Brauer and Chance Ace. Reports were given for the adult and junior leader meetings.

Unfinished business was discussed. Members attended different events this past month. Leaders reported on the charter training.

Connor and Royce reported on the Day of Arts event scheduled for Feb. 25.

The member to receive the leaders' choice award was chosen.

Plans were started for three upcoming club events.

December birthdays were recognized.

New business was brought up.

Our educational moment was spent discussing ribbon placings and what they mean.

We talked about donating to wildfire support in Tennessee.

Boo Boo, our club mascot will go home with Shannon and her family.

We talked about fund raising needs.

Announcements were read.

Jaydon moved to adjourn the business meeting. Maylee Brauer seconded it.

Talks and demonstrations followed. The Cloverbuds and our explorer talked about safety at Christmas time. Those included Chance Ace, Roxane, Addyson, Jaydon, Shannon, and Aisha Moen. They are really improving on giving talks. Maylee led them in singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas." Royce sang "That's Christmas to Me," which is originally sung by Pentatonix.

Shannon moved for final adjournment. Aisha seconded it.

We socialized, ate good food, and cleaned up. Members colored pictures and enjoyed different games.

You can join 4-H anytime. Check out what 4-H has to offer. To join New Horizons, call Paul at 934-5377 for more information.

Appointments available for free homestead, federal, state tax services

AARP TCE/VITA will be doing homestead, federal, and state taxes beginning in February through mid-April. To schedule a Wednesday

appointment between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. in Monroe at the Behring Senior Center, 1113 10th Street, please call 608-325-3173.

Appointments are also available between 9 a.m. and noon at the Brodhead Public Library, 1207 25th Street, on Mondays, and Albany Village Hall, 206 North Water Street, on some Fridays. Call 608-328-9499 if you wish to use the Brodhead or Albany sites.

For taxes, bring your social security statement, social security card, last year's taxes, and any income statements such as 1099s from pensions, investments, IRAs,

interest, brokerage statements, and W-2s. Also bring information about health insurance premiums paid. We cannot do taxes where there is a business with more than \$5,000 in expenses, a working farm, or apartment rentals. All returns will be e-filed for fast service.

For a homestead to be filed, it is necessary to bring a copy of this year's real estate taxes or an original rent certificate signed by the landlord, along with a social security statement, other income statements, and any health insurance amounts paid.

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is an exchange student, and everyone is pretty nice to her. She noted that the school is smaller than she thought it would be.

She said she is learning different things here, and she noticed that there are more creative subjects here. She is required to take physics and chemistry in Germany. She said that school is harder in Germany. She started out in geometry and moved to algebra 2, but she already had what she is learning in Germany. She is a bit concerned that she will fall behind in her studies while in the U.S.

Julia is on the spirit squad and enjoys it; she is very glad she is able to participate in the spirit squad. They don't have anything like cheerleading in Germany. She likes to dance; she likes hip hop dancing and said that spirit squad allows her to dance and to learn to cheer.

Her favorite American food is peanut butter cups. She said the food is probably not quite as healthy as German food.

Vikings send four wrestlers to invitational

By Derek Hoesly
CORRESPONDENT

The Parkview Vikings' wrestling squad had four individuals participate in the Monroe Invite last Saturday.

In the 120-pound weight class Viking Jameson Hunt went 0-2 in a tough division. In the preliminary round, Hunt dropped a thriller to Poynette's Caleb Machnik in sudden victory, 11-9.

Viking Colt Peterson went 2-2 and placed fifth in the 138-pound weight class. In the fifth-place showdown,

Peterson earned a pin against Clinton's Clay Ward 1:41 into the second period.

In the 152-pound weight class, Viking Byron Brown had a strong day with a 3-1 mark and placed third. In the third-place battle, he secured a pin against Darlington-Black Hawk's Carson Lobdell 1:30 into the match.

Viking Gavon Brown went 2-2 and placed fourth in the 170-pound weight class. In the consolation semifinal match, he delivered a pin against Beloit Memorial's Isaiah Roundtree 1:43 into the match.

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Brodhead's middle schoolers battle Evansville

By Becky Malkow
CORRESPONDENT

The middle school girls' basketball teams were in action again last Thursday.

The eighth-graders played at home against Evansville. There is only one eighth-grade team for Brodhead, and while they lost, they played hard

and had a positive outlook in regard to some really good things that happened throughout the game.

The seventh-grade A and B teams both played at Evansville. The B team suffered a four-point loss in a nail-biter, and after a closely played first half, the A team pulled away for a large-margin victory.



BECKY MALKOW PHOTOS Brodhead Independent-Register

Tori Urness and Jersey Medenwault combine for a stop and a block shot.



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From left to right: Viosa Jashari, Rachel Nagel, Marifer Nieto-Meza, and Emily Mauerman

Soup Bowl Dinner tickets available

Brodhead High School seniors Viosa Jashari, Rachel Nagel, Marifer Nieto-Meza, and Emily Mauerman are organizing a Soup Bowl Dinner as their Senior Project. This will be the fifth year of the event, which will be held in the auditoria of BHS on Monday, Feb. 20, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The event will feature a variety of homemade soups, as well

as a choice of side, roll, drink, and dessert. Tickets include the option for your choice of a handmade bowl and dinner or just the soup dinner.

The Soup Bowl Dinner tickets can be purchased from Viosa, Rachel, Marifer, Emily, and BHS art teacher Barbara Miller. Call 608-897-2155, ext. #117, or email at bmiller@brodhead.k12.wi.us.



(Above) Emaleigh McNeece drills a free throw.

(Left) Ellie Yates focuses on strong defense.

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Brodhead's middle school teams bring home tournament wins

By Becky Malkow
CORRESPONDENT

Several of the Brodhead youth basketball teams were active in SWBL tournaments this past weekend all over the area, with two teams bringing home tournament championships.

The Cardinals' sixth-grade girls went 3-0 at New Glarus to be crowned tournament champs. The girls are now 9-4 on the season, with one tournament remaining. The sixth-grade girls will be in action again on Jan. 28 at Albany to wrap up their season.

The fourth-grade boys were also crowned tournament champions. They defeated host Parkview 49-5 game one, Evansville 53-9 in game two, and Verona 41-18 in game three to bring home the championship. The boys now have a season record of 10-2.

The eighth-grade boys played in Albany. They ended the day 1-2 overall. They were victorious over Monticello,

23-21, but suffered losses to Galena, 38-40, and Parkview, 24-43. They will wrap up the season on Feb. 11 at home.

The sixth-grade boys were in action at Monroe. They ended the day with a 2-1 record, defeating tournament host Monroe 37-25 and Evansville 41-27, but losing to top-ranked Cuba City 25-36. The sixth-grade boys are now 10-2 for the season. They will end their season in Albany on Feb. 11.

The fifth-grade boys played in Belleville. They also ended the day with a 2-1 record. They lost game one 18-21 to a tough Freeport team, but won over Lena 32-30 in game two, and 31-17 over Belleville in game three. The boys are 8-1 on the season, and will play again on Jan. 28 in Brodhead.

The fifth-grade girls were in Albany. They ended the day 1-2. They defeated Mt. Horeb 28-12, but then lost to Belleville and Albany. These ladies are 4-2 thus far, early in their season.



BECKY MALKOW PHOTOS Brodhead Independent-Register

Sixth-grade girls - Left to right: Alexis Kammerer, Emily Withee, Ciara Letcher, Lexie Lobeck, Abby Dix, Taetum Hoesly, Micayla Lang, and KaidynceBevars.

Juda's Got Talent coming this weekend

By Aurora Daniels
CORRESPONDENT

The Juda School Spanish Club will be hosting a talent show on Saturday, Jan. 28. Entry into the show is subject to audition.

The talent acts can be varied: acting, singing, dancing, magic, etc. Feel free to be creative!

Cash prizes are available for first-, second-, and third-place winners. There will also be raffle prizes for audience members.

All are welcomed to come enjoy the talent people around the area share. Tickets for adults will be \$5, and students' tickets will be \$3. Both of these

ticket sales include the first raffle ticket for prizes throughout the show. During intermission, treats will be provided.

Juda's Got Talent will take place in the Juda Pit Gym. The doors will open at 6:30 for the 7 p.m. show.

The Juda Spanish Club is raising money for a trip to the Dominican Republic this coming summer. This talent show will help to cover some of the costs for that trip.

Please join the Spanish Club in recognizing the talented people of this community.

If there are any questions regarding the show, please contact Amber Williams at 608-934-5251, ext. 252.



Fourth-grade boys - Back row, left to right: Max Pinnow, Brady Flannery, coach Jeremy Pinnow, Brooks Malkow, Jayke Huntington, and Jordon Gilson; middle row: Nicholas Lobeck, Cullen Walker, Tyrin Foster, Gabe Bockhop, and Jacob Roth; front row: water boy Bryce Bockhop.



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Engineering students present at school board convention

Juda engineering students, from left, Nick Baum, Nate Nicholson, and Samantha Anderson join teacher Scott Anderson at a school board convention earlier this month.



Nick Baum and Nate Nicholson demonstrate to one convention attendee how their car operates. The car was a project in their Introduction to Engineering class.

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Parkview Pizazz performs in Milton

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Josh Soderstrom performs a solo.

Parkview summer school scheduled

Summer school in the Parkview School District will run from June 12 to July 7, excluding July 3 and 4 for the long weekend.

Summer school will operate on the same time frame as last summer: 8

a.m. to noon.

High school students who need to take first semester credit recovery courses during summer school will receive letters in the next month. Second semester letters will be sent in May.

Junior high school course remediation and skill enhancement letters will be sent in May.

If you have questions, please call Mrs. Stelter at 608-879-2994, ext. 5116.



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Active pup Mickey is waiting for his belly rubs.

Pet of the Week

Mickey is a three-year-old, neutered male Spaniel Mix.

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Tractor, machinery safety courses beginning in March

The 2017 Green County Tractor and Machinery Safety Certification Course will begin in March.

Wisconsin Law states that "No person may direct or permit a child under age 16 years to operate a farm tractor/self-propelled implement of husbandry on the highway unless the child has been certified as successfully completing a tractor and machinery operation safety course."

The Federal Child Labor Regulations state that "it is unlawful to hire or even permit without pay any youth under age 16 to participate in any work activities listed as hazardous, unless:

- 1.) The youth is working on a farm owned and operated by a youth's parent; or
- 2.) The youth has a training certificate which provides an exemption from certain hazardous work activities."

The 2017 course schedule is as follows:

- *Monday, March 13, 6:30 to 9 p.m., split between Hennessey Implement and the Green County Justice Center;
- *Tuesday, March 14, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at Albany High School;
- *Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Argyle High School;
- *Tuesday, March 28, 6:30 to 9

- p.m. at New Glarus High School;
- *Monday, Apr. 3, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at MERIT Center in Monroe;
- *Saturday, Apr. 8, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Juda Community Center;
- *Tuesday, Apr. 18, 4 p.m. to 7 at the Green County Fairgrounds;
- *Wednesday, Apr. 19, 4 p.m. to 7 at the Green County Fairgrounds; and
- *Thursday, Apr. 20, 4 p.m. to 7 at the Green County Fairgrounds.

cover the cost of student manuals, equipment use, and insurance.

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Individuals can receive more information by calling the UW-Extension Green County office at 328-9440, emailing Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at ellen.andrews@ces.uwex.edu, or visiting <http://green.uwex.edu>.

UW-Extension soil and water health meeting scheduled for February

Farmers and agronomists in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois will have the opportunity learn about selecting cover crops, using No-Till crop production practices, and conservation improvements by attending a University of Wisconsin-Extension Soil and Water Health meeting on Feb. 23. The meeting will run from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and will be held in the lower level multi-purpose rooms at the Green County UW-Extension Office, 2841 6th Street in Monroe.

Heidi Johnson, Dane County UW-Extension Crops & Soils Educator, will give a presentation entitled "Selecting Cover Crops for Your Farm." Johnson will discuss how Wisconsin Farms are successfully adopting and using cover crops on their farms. She will also cover the latest cover crop research and the benefits of using cover crops.

Jim Leverich, UW-Extension On-farm Research Coordinator, will be the other featured speaker on the

program. Leverich will discuss his firsthand experience in using no-till practices on his farm near Sparta, Wis., for many years. He has written numerous articles on No-Till crop production practices, and his discussion will include practical applications with No-Till that are being used on farms to improve both soil health and profitability.

Wrapping up the program will be a panel made up of Green County farmers, talking about conservation improvements they have made on their farms. Brad Williams, Dan Truttmann, and Evan Lemenager

will all share the conservation improvements they made on their farms to improve water quality. Topics will include stream bank improvement, manure separation, composting, and aerial application of cover crops.

This program is free of charge and is open to farmers and agronomists in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. To register for the program, or to receive more information about the seminar, please call the UW-Extension Office in Green County at 608-328-9440 or email mark.mayer@ces.uwex.edu. Registrations for the meeting are due by Feb. 21.

MinPaws-Yappy Hour coming Jan. 27

Grab some suds with your buds in the Lazy Mutt Lounge at the Minhas Craft Brewery in Monroe on Friday, Jan. 27, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. as part of the Green County Humane Society's MinPaws-Yappy Hour.

Sample grr-eat craft beer, snack on yummy yappa-tizers, bud on

themed baskets, and win cash in the 50/50 ruff-fee!

The cost is \$50 per person, and there is limited seating. To reserve a seat, please call the Green County Humane Society at 608-325-9600, or visit www.greencountyhumane.org.



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Pastor's Corner

By Rev. Jack Way
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The lullaby in the other room just finished. The Food Network is quietly on TV. Our daughter, the mama, is fighting her cold and just disappeared with her blankets and box of tissues for her next nap. Two sleeping preschoolers are dreaming of the blanket fort, of little boy rough playing, wrestling and giggling through stages of hide-and-seek on the living room floor with the monster (grand-Papa). Nana is catching her rest from a beautiful and chaotic and energetic morning spent helping boys onto and off of the indoor trampoline and bouncing and throwing the huge exercise ball bigger than the youngest boy, lining up and realigning two containers full of tiny trucks and trains, cars, helicopters and oodles of construction toys and tools.

Three clergy friends of mine are still posting pictures from the Holy Land, though one returns today and the others soon to follow.

They had their feet in the muddy Jordan River where tradition claims Jesus was baptized; on a fishing boat in bright sunshine remembering and celebrating the followers of Jesus, the chosen disciples, who fished the Sea of Galilee.

They were rising up to the peak of the mountain where Jesus was to have prayed fervently while his most faithful believers were unable

to stay awake as listened for God, the Father, to inform him with what he came to do.

They lowered themselves to the Dead Sea, the lowest place on the planet.

They visited birthplace of Jesus, where the modern military strength of the foreign nation that controls the countryside continues to build stories-high walls, where there are more and more military checkpoints and police barriers used to strangle the freedom of those families who refuse to bow to the power that demands submission, or else.

They saw the olive trees that are hundreds of years old for the younger ones, and some are rumored to have been alive 2,000 years ago when the Son of Man and his unusual band of students walked these same groves.

They saw: the Via Dolorosa, the way of the cross; the Tomb; the Western Wall; so many locations with pictures and rich personal stories of the experiences.

A beloved seminary professor is also currently in Wittenberg and traveling throughout "Luther Land" in what is modern day Germany.

Today, Facebook, for all its potential and despite some real criticisms of its weaknesses, helps me travel along with these friends so many thousands of miles away. Never having traveled to the Holy Land of

Jesus, I have been blessed to have traveled to the Holy Land of Luther. Seeing pictures of the Wartburg castle where Luther was hidden away to save his life from the church, from the law, or by anyone who captured him either dead or alive was amazing.

The Facebook posts bring back memories of January 2001, when I was there. Eisenach, Erfurt, Leipzig, Halle, and Wittenberg with both churches where Luther preached his entire career and where the seminary was that helped lead to the Protestant Reformation beginning 500 years ago this year stand. This is the revered ancient capital city of Weimar with the nearby remains of the Buchenwald Concentration camp, where such horrors of humanity occurred.

Berlin is home to the amazing Reichstag government building, where the bullet holes from the final days of World War Two remain to remember. At the top of the same building is a glass dome with a circular walkway inside to give a fantastic view of the entire horizon of the rebuilt capital of Germany.

The Holocaust Memorial is within steps of the former Gestapo prison and some of the last remaining sections of the Berlin wall. The glory of the Brandenburg gates, the many world class Museums of history and art, and the sacred beauty of the restored churches in addition to those churches still being restored, and the stark, plain appearance of the restored synagogue, are marvels.

As we look into the future accompanied by a new government and

administration, I am reminded of the fantastic wonders, as well as the terrors of history. The future is always God's. Yet, I hold hope in God being with us primarily in the ordinary holiness of daily life, in young children's laughter, in the warm snuggles of a preschooler just awakening from a nap, in the sweet joy when a youngster suddenly understands something for the very first time. Truth. Beauty. Love.

May all of us appreciate the sacredness in the child that lives in each of us and the child who lives in every human being. I believe justice and equality and love will persevere. God always works to reconcile us all to one another.

We are accountable to our neighbor. It is the way God calls us to follow. Always has. Always will.

'A Pocket of Prairie' planned for Pearl Island

A quarter-acre oak savanna restoration is planned on Pearl Island beginning in 2017.

The restoration will take place in an area cleared of ash trees this winter. Site preparation will include the removal of brush and limbs left from the ash trees that were sold to a New Glarus logging company. Invasive shrubs and plants such as honeysuckle and garlic mustard will also need to be removed from the 0.25-acre area.

Why are the ash trees being removed on Pearl Island?

Because the emerald ash borer is killing the ash trees on Pearl Island, the City of Brodhead is selling the trees to the New Glarus logging company while the trees still have value. Once the ash trees are dead, the trees are hazardous to hikers and difficult to remove.

What is an oak savanna?

This oak savanna will be a combination of many native prairie plants, a few native oak (usually bur oak) trees, and a few native shrubs.

A savanna has been described by settlers as looking "park-like."

What are some of the plants that will be used in this restoration?

There will be several bur oaks planted in this sandy soil, along with about five pounds of native grass, sedge, and forb seed. The grasses will include Little Blue Stem, Prairie Dropseed, Bottlebrush Grass, Silky Wild Rye, Virginia Wild Rye, and Side-oats. Sedges will include Broom Sedge and Fox Sedge. Forbs will include Leadplant, Orange Milkweed, Red Milkweed, Smooth Blue Aster, Purple Prairie Clover, Pale Purple Coneflower, Bee Balm, Hoary Vervain, Great Blue Vervain, Black-eyed Susan, Beardtongue, Spiderwort, and Sunflower.

What is the value of planting a "Pocket of Prairie?"

A small oak savanna like this benefits the insects, birds, and other animals that are at home on the prairie and also preserves the beauty of

prairie flowers and grasses. Prairie plants provide food and homes for butterflies, bees, dragonflies, and a host of other insects, as well as for the birds that eat the insects, the animals that nest in the grasses, and all sorts of prairie life. This oak savanna will be an area of interest for hikers on the Pearl Island trail near the Sugar River.

How will the oak savanna restoration be paid for?

The native prairie seeds, trees, and shrubs will be paid for with monies earned from the sale of the ash trees taken from the area by the logging company. Volunteers will do the site preparation, restoration, and maintenance. Plans are to restore more areas as time allows.

Who is heading up this oak savanna restoration project?

Paul Roemer, City of Brodhead Pearl Island Recreational Corridor Committee member, is heading up the project. Please text or call Paul at 608-577-8163 if you're interested in helping with this project.



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Green County Sheriff's Report

All charges reported here are merely accusations. A defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. Sheriff's deputies reported the following incidents occurred.

Thursday, Jan. 12 Warrant arrest

At 5:11 p.m., deputies arrested Catlin C. Wiese, 29, of Monroe, at a residence in the 1700 block of 23rd Avenue in the City of Monroe. Wiese was wanted on three warrants that were issued by the Brodhead Police Department. Wiese posted bond and was released.

Traffic offense

At 7:39 p.m., deputies stopped a vehicle in the West 2200 block of County Highway EE in the Town of Albany. An investigation resulted in Olivia L.J. Halvorson, 28, of Belleville, being cited for Operating after Revocation (civil) and No Proof of Insurance. Halvorson was released pending court.

Friday, Jan. 13 Disorderly conduct

Deputies responded to the West 1000 block of North Drive in Decatur Township for a loud music complaint. As a result of the investigation, the offender was located and warned for the loud music.

Motor vehicle crash

At 6:31 a.m., deputies responded to the North 9300 block of County Highway U in New Glarus Township for a motor vehicle crash with injuries. An investigation revealed that John S. Williams, 59, of Oregon, was operating on County Highway U when his vehicle ran out of gas. Williams attempted to push the vehicle off the roadway when the vehicle rolled back and struck Williams and a guardrail. Williams sustained non-life threatening injuries. The vehicle received minor damage and was towed from the scene. Williams was cited for Failure to Wear Seatbelt as a Operator.

Warrant arrest

Brandon W. Schlapbach, 31, of Albany, was arrested on a Monroe Police Department Warrant for Failure to Pay Fine. Schlapbach was transported to the Green County Jail.

Motor vehicle crash

Deputies responded to the North 100 block of Martintown Road in Cadiz Township for a reported motor vehicle crash with injuries. An investigation revealed that Joseph A. Lartz, 28, of Monroe, lost control on a curve, striking a ditch embankment and coming to rest after striking a cement landscaping wall. Lartz was transported to the hospital by Green County EMS for non-life threatening injuries. Lartz was issued citations for Operating after Revocation (Alcohol Related), Failure to Maintain Control, and Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance. Lartz's vehicle was towed from the scene.

Saturday, Jan. 14 Domestic Disturbance

Deputies received notification of a Domestic Disturbance that had occurred in the North 800 block of County Highway S in Jefferson Township. An investigation revealed that John P. Turner, 60, of Lombard, Ill., and Clayton M. Turner, 28, of Lombard, Ill., had been operating a vehicle southbound on County Highway S when Clayton struck John in the face, causing injuries. John later responded to a medical facility for injuries sustained in the argument. The investigation continues.

Animal problem

Deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call of a horse that had collapsed in a creek. An investigation revealed that a 20-year-old gelding had been injured, and the owner was attempting to lead the animal back to the farm when it collapsed. The Green County Sheriff's Office, the Brodhead Vet Service, and a local farmer responded and assisted in the removal of the animal from the creek and transporting of the animal back to the farm.

Sunday, Jan. 15 OWI

At 3:27 a.m., deputies were notified of a crash that had occurred somewhere between Juda and the

City of Monroe. After an extensive search, the crash was located at the Intersection of State Highway 11 and County Highway S. An investigation revealed that a 2010 Jeep was eastbound on State Highway 11 when the vehicle entered the ditch, crashing over County Highway S and going down an embankment before rolling over. The vehicle received severe damage. The airbags were deployed in the vehicle, and the driver fled the scene. The driver was later located at a residence in the City of Brodhead and was identified as Adam J. Dundee, 35, of Brodhead. Dundee was transported to the hospital for non-life threatening injuries. Dundee reported wearing a seatbelt and was not ejected; Dundee was trapped inside the vehicle but was freed from the vehicle by another subject. Dundee was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated Third Offense, Failure to Notify Police of a Crash, and Failure to Maintain Control. The crash is still under investigation.

Motor vehicle crash

Deputies responded to County Highway C and Studer Lane in Washington Township for a motor vehicle crash. An investigation revealed that Nicole B. Jefferson, 25, of Janesville, lost control of her vehicle after hitting a patch of ice. Jefferson reported no injuries, and she was wearing a seatbelt at a time of the crash. The vehicle received minor damage and was towed from the scene.

Tuesday, Jan. 17 Traffic crime

At 2:24 a.m., deputies stopped to check on a vehicle that was parked on the side of the road in the West 5700 block of State Highway 11 in the Town of Monroe. An investigation resulted in Camerino Espana Villalva, 39, of Monroe, being cited for Criminal Operating without a Valid Driver's License Fourth Offense. Villalva was released pending court.

Warrant arrest

At 4:14 a.m., Deputies responded to the West 3300 block of Rufi Lane in the Town of Sylvester for a Trespass to Land complaint. An investigation resulted in Clayton S. Welte, 21, of Monroe, being arrested for Trespass to Land and a warrant through Winnebago County. Welte was jailed pending bond or court. The investigation also resulted in Jacob E. Johnson, 36, of Monroe, being arrested on a warrant through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Johnson was jailed.

Motor vehicle crash

At 5:35 a.m., deputies responded to the West 4000 block of Pine Valley Road in the Town of Exeter for a two-vehicle crash.

An investigation revealed that Randy D. Montgomery, 60, of Belleville, was operating a snow plow for the Town of Exeter. Montgomery was backing down a hill when, due to the ice covered road, the snow plow slid down the hill and struck an unoccupied vehicle that was parked partially on the roadway.

Montgomery was not injured in the crash and was wearing his seatbelt. The airbags did not deploy in the plow truck. The plow truck did not sustain any damage and was driven from the scene. The vehicle sustained very severe damage and was removed from the scene. The air bags did not deploy in the unoccupied vehicle.

Motor vehicle crash

At 10:35 a.m., deputies responded to the West 3800 block of Gilbertson Road in the Town of Mount Pleasant for a two-vehicle crash.

An investigation revealed that Richard A. Baebler, 47, of Monticello, was traveling east, and while negotiating a curve, he encountered a plow truck and milk truck stuck in the ditch. Baebler lost control of the vehicle due to icy road conditions and collided with the Town of Mt. Pleasant plow truck. The operator of the plow truck was Bryce C. Pence, 20, of Monticello. Baebler was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured in the crash. Pence was not injured in the crash and was not

wearing his seatbelt. Baebler's vehicle sustained moderate damage with no airbag deployment and was driven from the scene. The plow truck sustained very minor damage to the plow, with no airbag deployment, and was driven from the scene.

Motor vehicle crash

At 11:54 a.m., deputies responded to the North 9400 block of Hawks Ridge Road in the Town of Exeter for a two-vehicle crash.

John S. Abey, 46, of Brooklyn, was operating a plow truck for the Town of Exeter. Abey was backing up a hill and putting down salt when he backed into a legally parked vehicle along the side of the road. Abey was wearing a seatbelt and was not injured in the crash. There were no airbags in the plow truck. The plow truck was not damaged and was driven from the scene.

The vehicle that was parked along the road sustained minor damage and was driven from the scene. The airbags did not deploy in this vehicle.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 Motor vehicle crash

At 7:07 a.m., deputies responded to the West 6000 block of Pioneer Road in the Town of New Glarus for a two-vehicle crash.

An investigation revealed that Elizabeth K. Skolaski, 56, of New Glarus, was eastbound on Pioneer Road, and while negotiating a curve, she lost control of her vehicle on the ice-covered roadway and slid into a westbound New Glarus Township snowplow operated by Ronald D. Roesslein, 55, of New Glarus. Both subjects were wearing seatbelts and were not injured in the crash. The airbags in Skolaski's vehicle deployed. Skolaski's vehicle had moderate driver-side damage and was towed from the scene.

The township truck sustained minor damage and was driven from the scene. There was no airbag deployment in it.

Traffic crime

At 11:39 a.m., deputies stopped a vehicle in the North 900 block of State Highway 69 in the Town of Clarno. Higinio Aguilar Huertero, 24, of Freeport, was cited for Operating a Motor Vehicle without a Valid Driver's License Second Offense and Operating a Motor Vehicle without Insurance. He was released pending court.

Thursday, Jan. 19 Motor vehicle crash

At 10:16 a.m., deputies, the Monroe Police Department, Green County EMS, and the Monroe Fire Department responded to the North 3200 block of State Highway 81 in the Town of Monroe for a two-vehicle crash with injuries.

An investigation revealed that Harland A. Fuchs, 79, of Monroe, was traveling east on State Highway 81 and was stopped in traffic to turn when his vehicle was rear-ended by a vehicle driven by Christine E. Busch, 45, of Blanchardville. After this crash occurred, a third vehicle described as a black Chevy pickup truck traveling east on State Highway 81 came upon the crash scene and sideswiped Busch's vehicle. The operator of this black pickup truck then left the scene. The occupants of the hit-and-run truck were described as two white males. The only other description of the truck was that it was an extended cab.

Fuchs was not injured in the crash and was wearing a seatbelt. The airbags did not deploy in his vehicle. Fuchs's vehicle sustained moderate rear-end damage and was towed from the scene. Busch's vehicle sustained severe damage and was towed from the scene. Busch was not wearing a seatbelt, and the airbags deployed in the vehicle. Busch was injured in the crash and was transported by EMS to a local hospital. Busch was cited for Driving Too Fast for Conditions and was released pending court. Dense fog was a contributing factor in the crash. Anyone with information on the black colored Chevy truck involved in the crash can contact the Green County Sheriff's Office at 608-328-9400.

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3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 04-10-2017.

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Juda School District Board Meeting
January 11th, 2017
At the board meeting on
Wednesday night the Juda
School Board:

- Heard a report from Scott Anderson on the activities of the Student Council and updates on his Engineering Class. He also updated the board on the STEM projects.

- Tabled discussion on reviewing board goals until the February meeting.

- Reviewed WASB Resolutions that will be voted on at the WASB Convention next week in Milwaukee.

- Mrs. Davis informed the board there will be a medical class through Blackhawk Tech. She also informed the board the district has received a Monroe Clinic Foundation Grant and the funds will be used to purchase CPR Mannequins and emergency packs for each classroom.

- The board approved a request by Mrs. Davis to attend the National School Superintendents Convention as per her contract.

- Heard a report from the Collaboration Committee on their review of the staff handbook. They will meet again before the next regular board meeting.

- Recognized the schools crossing guards by approving the resolution recognizing January 16th to the 20th as Adult School Crossing Guard Week. The board would like to thank these adults for keeping the students safe.

- Approved the school calendar for the 2017/2018 school year.
- Mrs. Davis gave the board a tour of the construction projects currently taking place at the school.

- Approved a recommendation from Mrs. Davis to have no open enrollment limitations in the coming school year.
- Took no action coming out of executive session.

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Green County residents still fighting Pinnacle Dairy

By Siara Schwartzlow
EDITOR

Concerned area residents gathered at the Brodhead Public Library on Jan. 12 to discuss a nearly 6,000-cow dairy slated to be built in Green County. The operation, Pinnacle Dairy, has already been approved by the DNR, but the dairy's waste management plans have not yet gained approval.

"That shows the power of the community," Jen Riemer, of Green County Defending our Farm Land, said at the meeting. She explained that the original plan was for the dairy to be built last spring. "It's not over yet - until they populate it, it's not over."

Riemer first learned of the plans to build the operation a year and a half ago. Since, she and the supporters of Green County Defending Our Farm

Land have been fighting the dairy.

"The Tuls family has done everything they need to do legally to build this dairy," Bethany Emond Storm said. Storm has been focusing efforts toward researching the effects of the CAFO (concentrated animal feeding operation). "We still need to voice our opinions to the county. Supervisors still need to hear that it's not just a small group of people who want clean water." She noted that the Tuls family is digging a 560-foot well, "so they're likely taking water that won't be polluted by this."

Pinnacle Dairy will be using between 200,000 and 230,000 gallons of water each day, and its cows will produce as much waste.

The amount of waste produced by one cow is roughly equal to that produced by twenty humans. One attendee at the meeting noted that

the amount of waste that these 6,000 cows will produce is equal to that which would be produced by all residents of both Janesville and Beloit combined.

The waste that Pinnacle Dairy will produce will be spread as far as 20 miles from the operation. Thirty-one manure contracts have already been signed; these contracts are considered public records, and anyone may request a list of them from the Green County Register of Deeds.

Regardless of the amount of land the manure is to be spread on, citizens are concerned about the effect of the manure on their well water. Many noted a lack of confidence in the DNR's ability in enforcing any regulations related to the dairy's manure handling.

"One thing that really frustrates me is that we know the DNR is not

following up on its own regulation, and that's really a serious issue to me," representative Janis Ringhand said at the meeting. "The type of wells they're planning to put in pump about 100,000 gallons a day (each). The soil here is not conducting to having that amount of manure spread on it. It's really disturbing. It's a serious issue. The cumulative effect of high-capacity wells is something that's been ignored by the DNR."

A Clean Wisconsin representative attended the meeting, as well. He explained that the Green County area has been compared to Kewaunee County, where a staggering number of wells are holding water that is unsuitable for drinking because of the county's many CAFOs. "There is an ongoing update of what's called NR-151, which is the state regulation

that guides requirements for manure spreading across the state. We had two hydrogeologists testify that the hydrogeology is almost identical here (versus Kewaunee County)," he said. "Over 80% of the acreage in Kewaunee County has nutrient management on it. One of the arguments put forward is that it won't do anything down here to put additional requirements on the state like this because current NR-151 requirements haven't been adopted to the degree that they have been in Kewaunee County."

The Clean Wisconsin representative also suggested that those who oppose the dairy strive to affect government locally. "It's challenging because we do have a state that has directed the DNR to probably do a little bit less oversight than they could at this point, and we've been, as an organization, talking about the next steps given that there isn't any immediate opportunity to change the direction of the DNR. The one thing to focus on is government at the local level."

"In Wood County, one township has given themselves authority to enforce DNR regulations," Kriss Marion, of Green County Defending Our Farm Land, said. "That would put a whole new spin on things because if we could enforce nutrient management plans, you could be fined, and that would make a big difference."

Meeting leaders are urging those who oppose Pinnacle Dairy to contact their local government officials such as county board supervisors or even send letters to the editors of local newspapers.

"You're not going to change legislation talking about butterflies and water quality," Storm added. She suggested that in speaking with or writing to government officials or representatives, citizens emphasize business interests and tourism instead.

Another suggestion was to request that the Tuls family pay for groundwater and well water testing for wells in the area.

Representative Mark Spreitzer also attended the meeting and offered the following political advice: "Rarely are environmental battles won in an outright victory. The law may not be on your side the way you'd like it to, but whether there's federal law or just an opportunity for delay, only you can decide what that would cost. Your best option is to figure out how you can buy your time in the hope that they get tired of humping through hoops and spending their money and fighting."

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