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'The branching radiates'

Juda resident Savanna Daniels' "The Branching Radiates," is one of 24 pieces on display in the juried art exhibit titled "Seasons of the Sugar River - Nature of Water." Daniels is the daughter of Pat and Corie Daniels. Daniels, the daughter of Pat and Corie Daniels, attends UW-Whitewater. Daniels is studying abroad in Greece this semester, so could not attend the exhibit's opening, but the painting pictured above sold quickly - within a couple hours of the exhibit's opening. Her piece reflects the interconnectedness of the Earth, she said via email. "My thought was that everything on Earth is connected. The life in the tree goes into the ground, which the water of the river filters through," she wrote via email.



Susan Lehnhardt, Lower Sugar River Watershed Association President, explains an "Enviroscape" to a young attendee of Friday night's exhibit opening. The model provides an interactive demonstration using soy sauce and Kool-Aid power as substitutes for soap or fertilizers, and a spray bottle adds "rain" which initiates runoff and contamination into the previously spotless lake "You see the kids get emotional when they see their lake get dirty," Lehnhardt said.

TAX TIME 2018



2018 tax season underway

The IRS began accepting tax returns on Jan. 29, with nearly 155 million individual tax returns expected to be filed in 2018. The nation's tax deadline will be April 17 this year - so taxpayers will have two additional days to file beyond April 15.

Although the IRS will begin accepting both electronic and paper tax returns Jan. 29, paper returns will begin processing later in mid-February as system updates continue. The IRS strongly encourages people to file their tax returns electronically for faster refunds.

The IRS set the Jan. 29 opening date to ensure the security and readiness of key tax processing systems in advance of the opening and to assess the potential impact of tax legislation on 2017 tax returns.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that, by law, the IRS cannot issue refunds claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and the Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) before mid-February. While the IRS will process those returns when received, it cannot issue related refunds before mid-February. The IRS expects the earliest EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards

starting on Feb. 27, 2018, if they chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with the tax return.

The IRS also reminds taxpayers that they should keep copies of their prior-year tax returns for at least three years. Taxpayers who are using a tax software product for the first time will need their adjusted gross income from their 2016 tax return to file electronically. Taxpayers who are using the same tax software they used last year will not need to enter prior-year information to electronically sign their 2017 tax return. Using an electronic filing PIN is no longer an option. Taxpayers can visit IRS.gov/GetReady for more tips on preparing to file their 2017 tax return.

April 17 Filing Deadline

The filing deadline to submit 2017 tax returns is Tuesday, April 17, 2018, rather than the traditional April 15 date. In 2018, April 15 falls on a Sunday, and this would usually move the filing deadline to the following Monday - April 16. However, Emancipation Day - a legal holiday in the District of Columbia - will be observed on that Monday, which pushes the nation's filing deadline to Tuesday, April 17, 2018. Under the tax law, legal holidays in the District of Columbia affect the fil-

ing deadline across the nation.

The IRS also has been working with the tax industry and state revenue departments as part of the Security Summit initiative to continue strengthening processing systems to protect taxpayers from identity theft and refund fraud. The IRS and Summit partners continued to improve these safeguards to further protect taxpayers filing in 2018.

Refunds in 2018

Choosing e-file and direct deposit for refunds remains the fastest and safest way to file an accurate income tax return and receive a refund. The IRS expects more than four out of five tax returns will be prepared electronically using tax software.

The IRS still anticipates issuing more than nine out of 10 refunds in less than 21 days, but there are some important factors to keep in mind for taxpayers.

By law, the IRS cannot issue refunds on tax returns claiming the Earned Income Tax Credit or the Additional Child Tax Credit before mid-February. This applies to the entire refund - even the portion not associated with the EITC and ACTC.

IRS expects the earliest EITC/ACTC related refunds to be available in taxpayer bank accounts or on debit cards starting on Feb. 27, 2018, if those taxpayers chose direct deposit and there are no other issues with the tax return. This additional period is due to several factors, including banking and financial systems needing time to process deposits.

After refunds leave the IRS, it takes additional time for them to be processed and for financial institutions to accept and deposit the refunds to bank accounts and products. The IRS reminds taxpayers many financial institutions do not process payments on weekends or holidays, which can affect when refunds reach taxpayers. For EITC and ACTC filers, the three-day holiday weekend involving Presidents' Day may affect their refund timing.

The Where's My Refund? tool on IRS.gov and the IRS2Go phone app will be updated with projected deposit dates for early EITC and ACTC refund filers in late February, so those filers will not see a refund date on Where's My Refund? or through their software packages until then. The IRS, tax preparers and tax software will not have additional information on refund dates, so Where's My Refund? remains the best way to check the status of a refund.

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Brodhead FFA attends State Leadership Conference

Chloe Hadley and Haleigh Kruse of the Brodhead FFA Chapter attended the Wisconsin Association of FFA Half-Time Leadership Conference held at the Holiday Inn & Convention Center in Stevens Point, Wis. on Jan. 12-13, 2018.

Over 350 FFA members, advisors and state FFA officers participated. The Half-Time Leadership Conference provides FFA chapter leaders from around the state the opportunity to set goals and prepare for the second half of their year of service in their local FFA chapters.

FFA members attended workshops focused on leadership and personal development, membership and chapter development, and opportunities in FFA. They learned about preparing for FFA events and getting involved in community service.

The Half-Time conference is a 32-year tradition for the Wisconsin Association of FFA to bring top FFA leaders from across the state together

to learn more about what they can do in their local FFA chapters.

This year's leadership conference was designed and conducted by the 2017-2018 Wisconsin State FFA Officers. The theme of the conference was "Setting the Stage".

"Half-Time is one of the premier leadership conferences in our state and designed by student leaders. It allows FFA chapter leaders to develop their leadership skills, learn more about FFA activities and meet people while having fun," said Cheryl Zimmerman, State FFA Executive Director.

"We are able to provide young people with an excellent experience to develop their leadership skills and get them excited about Agriculture, Agricultural Education and the FFA so they can build their local programs."

FFA advisors were also busy during the weekend as they attended training sessions in the areas of youth livestock opportunities, reenergizing for

the second half of the school year, FFA updates and other key topics in agricultural education.

Teachers were also involved in the Wisconsin Association of Agricultural Educators (WAAE) Board Meetings and Committee meetings.

The Wisconsin Association of FFA comprised of 250 local chapters in high schools across the state prepares over 20,000 students for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture. FFA activities and programs complement instruction in agriculture education by giving students practical experience in the application of agricultural skills and knowledge gained in classes.

FFA's mission is to develop premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



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Haleigh Kruse and Chloe Hadley of the Brodhead FFA Chapter are welcomed to the 2018 FFA Half-Time Conference in Stevens Point by Ciera Ballmer, Wisconsin FFA President.

Orfordville Legion holding fundraiser Saturday

The Orfordville Legion Post 209 is holding its Vets Roll 2018 Raffle on Saturday, Feb. 3. Things will get underway at approximately 8 p.m. at the American Legion Club at 3913 Highway 213 in Orfordville.

A total of 325 raffle tickets will be available for purchase, at a cost of \$1,000 each. First prize is \$3,000, second prize is \$1,000, 3rd through 30th place will win \$200, and 31st through 47th places will win \$1,000. You need not be present to win. Those who purchase a ticket will receive a commemorative coin in appreciation for their support.

Tickets are available at the Orfordville American Legion or you can call David Abrahamson at 608-751-2949.

Doors open at 4 p.m., and proceeds will benefit Vets Roll, an organization that transports WWII and Korean War Veterans to Washington D.C., to visit the monuments.

Roth updates county board business, previews Water Study results meeting

By Erica Roth
COUNTY BOARD SUPERVISOR, 24TH DISTRICT

After a year of gathering information, fieldwork, compiling and analyzing data, creating maps, and building a report, the hydrogeologic study that Green County commissioned TRC Environmental Corporation to complete is ready for presentation.

The study was presented on Tuesday January 30, 2018 at 12:30 p.m. in the lower level multipurpose rooms of the Green County Justice Center. After the presentation there was an opportunity for questions.

The meeting is open to the public, and the residents of Green County and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend. If you were unable to attend the meeting, it will be recorded and available to view through the UW Extension website at www.green.uwex.edu.

The Livestock Facility Study Group that was established to use science-based information to provide the Green County Board with science-based recommendations developed to effectively protect groundwater, surface water, air quality and public health and safety, will be in attendance.

The Livestock Facility Study Group has been meeting twice a month for the past several months. They have had very interesting speakers and presentations at their meetings. All of them have been recorded and can be viewed at the UW Extension website, under the Agriculture tab.

If there is enough business for a County Board meeting, it will be Tuesday, Feb. 13. Historically, it is not uncommon for the Board not to meet one month during the winter.

If the Board does meet, it will be posted on the county website with the agenda available to view about one week in advance. The county website is www.co.green.wi.gov.

April 3, 2018 is the date for Spring Election. All County Board seats are up for election and re-election. There are races in a few of the districts, and a few of the current Supervisors are not seeking re-election.

It would be a good time to find out who is running to be your representative, and if there is more than one candidate you have time to find out more about them so you can cast an informed vote in April.

As always, you can find a plethora of information on the Green County website at www.co.green.wi.gov, including district and supervisor information, meeting agendas and minutes, and more.

I represent District 24, the Town of Albany and part of the Town of Brooklyn. I can be reached at 608-371-9074 or EricaRothGreenCountyBoard@gmail.com. I welcome hearing from you.

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We request that you include the nominee's name and phone number, so that they can be contacted if needed. Also, include a few sentences explaining why you think this person is deserving of the award. Please include your name and phone number so that we can contact you with questions and if your nominee is chosen.

Nomination forms may be returned to Jeremy Pinnow & Associates at 1022 First Center Ave. or to the Brodhead Jaycees at P.O. Box 283. Nominations are due on February 2nd. Nominators and nominees will be invited to the Brodhead Jaycee's Annual Awards Reception on Monday, March 12th, 2018.

Brodhead Jaycees Community Awards Nomination Form

Nominator's Name _____
Nominator's Phone Number _____
Nominator's Email _____

Categories (Circle One): Outstanding Woman Outstanding Man Outstanding Youth

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Describe why you feel this person is deserving of this award: _____

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Fury clinch Badger Conference title

For the first time in program history, the Rock County Fury become Badger Conference Champions with their 6-0 win over Madison Metro Lynx. Alyssa Knauf had an assist, and Haley Knauf scored a goal. Congrats Conference Champs.

Playtime at Albertson Memorial Library

Albertson Memorial Library will provide space for a bi-monthly playtime for young children and their caregivers on the second and fourth Wednesday mornings of the month starting January 24.

Playtime provides an opportunity for children to socialize and use library books, games, and toys; caregivers can meet other caregivers and have a free place for children in their care to play in winter months.

The library already hosts storytime on first and third Wednesdays. Playtime would be an unstructured program on Wednesday mornings when storytime is not scheduled. The program will rely on parent volunteers to rotate responsibility for the play group.

Dates for playtime are as follows:

January 24, February 14, February 28, March 14, March 28, April 11, and April 25 at 9:30 am.

This is a drop-in program with no required registration. Questions? Call the library at 608-862-3491 or email albanyp1@tds.net.

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

Legal Notices

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

In the matter of the name change of: Crystal Lynn Faire Strommen
By: Crystal Lynn Faire Strommen
Petitioner

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 18CV4

NOTICE IS GIVEN:
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: Crystal Lynn Faire Strommen
To: Crystal Bates Strommen
Birth Certificate: Crystal Lynn Faire Bates

IT IS ORDERED:

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Green County, State of Wisconsin:

Judge's Name: James R. Beer
Place: Green Co. Justice Center, 2841 6th St., Monroe, WI 53566
Date: Tuesday, February 13, 2018
Time: 9:00 A.M.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-328-9433 at least ten (10) working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Independent Register a newspaper published in Green County, State of Wisconsin.

BY THE COURT:
JAMES R. BEER
Circuit Court Judge
01-07-2018

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WNAXLP 305075

BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT PRESS BOX BIDS

Brodhead School District is accepting bids for all phases in the replacement of the track/football field Press Box, with work to be completed no later than July 30, 2018, as well as a separate bid for the demolition of the existing Press Box. Blueprints for the Press Box can be obtained by contacting Athletic Director Brian Kammerer at 897-2155, ext. 105. Alternative construction options may be considered at the discretion of the Brodhead School Board.

Bids will be submitted based on a fixed rate. All bidders must show their contractor's license and Certificate of Insurance.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside "Press Box Bid" and mailed or delivered to Athletic Director Brian Kammerer; High School Office; 2501 W. Fifth Avenue; Brodhead, WI 53520 by 12:00 p.m. Thursday, February 22, 2018.

Awarding of the bids will be made as soon as possible after the opening of the bids. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.

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Town of Avon Regular Monthly Meeting Avon Town Hall Tuesday

February 6th, 2018 – 7:30 p.m.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Minutes of January 2nd meeting
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Citizen's Concerns
6. Sheriff's Deputy
7. Election Resolution
 - a. Discussion
 - b. Action
8. Change Date of April and November Meeting (Election Days)
9. Payment of Bills
10. Chairman's Comments
11. Adjournment

Maybe additional posting that will be posted 24 hours in advance. The three posting places in the Town of Avon are Debbie Jean's, Sugar River Bank, and the Avon Town Hall.

Stephanie Schwartzlow
Avon Town Clerk

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TOWN OF DECATUR REQUEST FOR QUOTES FOR CURBSIDE GARBAGE/ RECYCLING PICK-UP

The Town of Decatur is soliciting quotes for curbside garbage/recycling pick-up in the Township. You may request information/specifications by email to clerktreasurer@townofdecatur.com, on Town Website – townofdecatur.com, by mail to P. O. Box 333, Brodhead, WI 53520; or by phone 608-897-4965. Quotes are due back to the Town by February 19, 2018.

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Air Force musicians to perform at Monroe High School

The USAF Band of Mid-America's Shades of Blue jazz ensemble will present a concert at the Monroe High School Auditorium in Monroe, Wis., on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Presented in partnership with the Behring Senior Center City of Monroe, and the Monroe Public Library this is a family-friendly, all-ages event.

Shades of Blue is a group of 13 professional musicians whose music inspires patriotism, connects communities with military service members, and honors our country's veterans.

During a concert, you are just as likely to hear the music of contemporary jazz composers as you would the classic sounds of Count Basie or Maj. Glenn Miller. The band features instrumental and vocal soloists, as well as compositions and arrangements by its own talented members.

Small ensembles or individuals may be available for performances and interviews during local sarah.cosano@us.af.mil to make arrangements.

Sewing Club at Albertson Memorial Library

Albertson Memorial Library will host a sewing club on the first Friday evening of each month in February, March, and April.

The "Sew Cool!" club offers a chance to gather with friends in Albany to sew, take a break from home or work after a long week, be creative, and learn more about sewing by observing others.

There is no instruction associated with this club. Clubbers must bring their own machine and project to work on each time.

Dates for the club are February 2, March 2, and April 6. Club will begin at 7:00 pm. The room will be open for clubbers to set up their machines beginning at 6:30 pm.

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Albany Comet News

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- Girl Scouts 3 to 5:30 p.m.
- *Junior Class Pasta Dinner
- *HS Girls Basketball H v. Monticello *Senior Night*

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

- *PTO Sweetheart Dance 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- *HS Boys Basketball at West Six Rivers TBD
- *HS Girls Varsity Hockey

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

- *HS Wrestling at Jefferson Rock Valley Conference (Varsity Only)
- *Jr. Comet League Basketball Tournament Home

SUNDAY, FEB. 4

- *HS Softball Open Gym 1 to 3 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 5

No events scheduled

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

- *100th Day of School
- *MS Wrestling at Brodhead MS
- *HS Girls Basketball H v. Barneveld

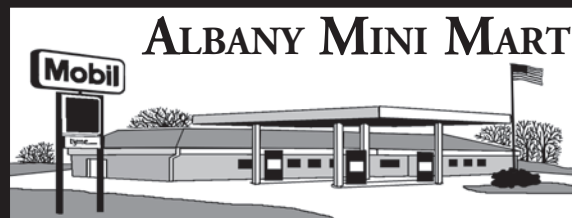
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 7

- *Early Release 2:29 p.m.
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters
- Adult Open Gym 7 to 9 p.m.

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What you missed in this week's paid Independent-Register

By Ryan Broege
EDITOR

This is the unpaid section of the Brodhead Independent-Register. Below are news items you can read about in this week's subscriber edition of the Independent-Register.

• **Green County Sheriff's Deputies Union finalizes contract with the county**

• **Excerpts from Gov. Walker's State of the State address, and local legislators' responses**

• **Cardinals basketball squads continue to clean up**

• **Brodhead assembling grant proposal for Senior Community Center project**

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Brodhead Schools areas of focus update

By Lenny Lueck
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPERINTENDENT

At the beginning of the 2017-18 school year the Brodhead School Board decided to change how they set goals and developed a process to identify "Areas of Focus" for the District. Rather than set goals, the District developed a process that will incorporate continuous improvement throughout the District. The Board identified three Areas of Focus: student achievement, service, and people. The area of student achievement is self-explanatory. The area of service relates to how the District works with parents. The area of people relates to how the District relates with its employees. This process incorporates annual results measures, progress monitoring, and strategic

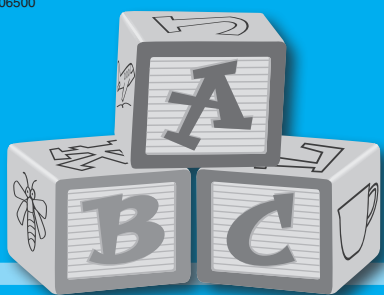
actions. The idea is to use evidence-based decision making throughout the District.

In the area of student achievement, new assessments have been instituted at the High School using the ACT program. A new assessment program called IReady is currently being piloted at the Middle and Elementary levels. This program may replace the current MAP assessment program being used. All three schools have implemented Professional Learning Communities (PLC's). While a form of PLC's has been used in the past, the guidelines and procedures for this process have been aligned for all three buildings with a specific focus on student learning. Staff has also received professional development in these areas as well as literacy, technology, and the use of student data.

As far as service is concerned, a parent/guardian satisfaction survey was completed in December. There were 824 invitations emailed and another 38 were mailed out to parents/guardians without an email address listed with the school. There were 330 responses to the survey. On February 14 a report will be given to the Board regarding the results of this survey. The survey results will also be posted on the District's website. The District will use these results in the following years to determine priorities for the District's Areas of Focus. Finally, the Staff has also concentrated on making more positive telephone calls to parents/guardians with the idea of improving relationships. The District as a whole has documented 420 calls that have been made by Staff.

Finally, in the area of people, the District is in the process of developing an employee engagement survey that will be completed with Staff this spring. This survey will help the District understand the climate, culture, and communication of the District in regards to its employees. The Administration will also be using a technique called "rounding" with the Staff. Rounding is a process that questions Staff concerning their thoughts about working for the District. Administrators have completed 70 employee rounding sessions and will continue this process throughout the year.

Overall, the District continues to work towards evidenced-based continuous improvement. We will continue these Areas of Focus into next year with an emphasis on the information that has been received.



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Obituaries

NORMAN OLSON

Norman L. Olson, age 75, of McHenry, IL, formerly of Brodhead, passed away on Saturday, January 20, 2018 in Barrington, IL. He was born on February 15, 1942 in La-Crosse, WI, the son of Nordahl and Mary (Noonan) Olson. He had been married to Mary Bunts. Norm was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and had worked as an office equipment repairman in Ft. Sheridan, IL, until his retirement. He enjoyed traveling, dogs, remi-



niscing, watching old movies and old cars.

He is survived by his children, Terry (Christy) Olson and Tracy Olson, both of Zion, IL, Joseph (Brittany) Olson, McHenry, IL; his siblings, Allen "Ole" (Veda) Olson, Juda, WI, Debbie (Wade Gombard) Noonan, Pat (McChele) Noonan, both of Brodhead; several nieces and nephews and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3, 2018, at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, WI, with Rev. Dan Sanford officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 p.m. until time of services at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, WI. Online

condolences may be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com

R. RICHARD RIESE

R. Richard Riese, age 76, of Milton, formerly of Brodhead, passed away on Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at his home. He was born on May 20, 1941 in Monroe, WI, the son of Robert and Phyllis (Anderson) Riese. He married Diane K. Albert on August 4, 1961 in Brodhead.

Rich's career started as a bricklayer and then a general contractor

and land developer. He and his wife had spent winters on the Alabama Gulf Coast for the past 15 years. He had served in the Army National Guard and was activated during the Berlin Crisis with the 32nd Division. Rich was an avid Badger and Packer fan, enjoyed deer hunting and fishing. Christmas Eve and other holidays with family were always special.

He is survived by his wife, Diane, Milton, WI; his children, Rick (Pam Raemisch) Riese, Albany, WI, Sheri Tippelt, Janesville, WI; granddaughter, Stephanie Gritzmaker (Mike) Shaw; a grandson, Tyler Tippelt; two great-granddaughters, Lily Gritzmaker and Kylie Shaw; three great-grandsons, Logan Gritzmaker, Trace Tippelt, Gabe Shaw; a sister, Barb (George) Pochazka,

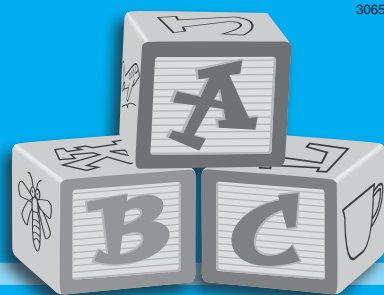
Edgerton, WI; half-brothers and sisters, Roberta (Ron) Moe, Betty (Terry) Blum, Alger (Becky) Riese, Greg (Joan) Riese, Randy (Ginger) Riese, Jill and Cheryl Bennett, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, stepmother, Jeanette Riese, a brother, Bruce Riese, a sister, Gloria Banker, and a half-brother, Jim Bennett.

A Celebration of Life gathering was held on Friday, January 26, 2018 from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, WI. A private family graveside service will be held in the spring. Memorials can be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com



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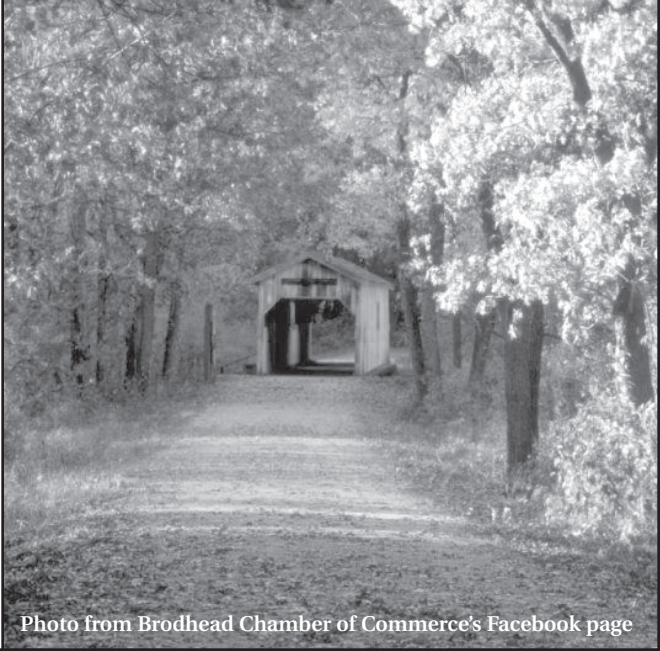


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Brodhead author publishes second book; Meet the author event this Saturday

Still searching for that special gift for a loved one or for yourself? Marsden's second publication, "A Feather and a Button: Life Lessons from Three Wise Men, Well Two Wise Men and One Wise Toddler," will be for sale, along with handmade jewelry, too. The Haven has gift certificates available as well.

Marsden, of Brodhead, recently published her second book, titled "A Feather and a Button." The book is a 30-day devotional, and features stories about

the author's life. In the first section, Marsden shares stories about her son, Ansel. In the section, Marsden shares stories about her husband, Kalen. In the last section, Marsden shares stories about her late father, Phil Rundle.

Each story/lesson is tied to a scripture verse, shares a prayer, and leaves space for your own personal journaling.

Both books can be found for sale on Amazon and will be for sale at The Haven on Saturday.

Who

Local author Robin Marsden

What

Books for sale, Book signing, handmade jewelry for sale, Haven gift certificates available, card making and other

Valentine's Day activities for the kids

Where

The Haven Coffee House 114 E. Spring St., Orfordville, WI 53576

When

Saturday, Feb. 3 from 11 a.m.

to noon. Meet local author, Robin Marsden. Marsden's children's book, "We Love You All the Time, Forever and Ever," would make a great Valentine's Day gift for your little one.

News from Parkview High School

Viking Times

THURSDAY, FEB. 1

- Basketball: Girls 8th game 4 p.m.
- Basketball: Girls 7th game 4 p.m.
- Basketball: Girls JV game 6 p.m.
- Community 6 to 8 p.m.
- Girls Varsity basketball 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEB. 2

- Boys JV Game 6 p.m.
- Basketball: Boys JV2 Game 6 p.m.
- Basketball: Boys Varsity game 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3

- Show Choir
- Wrestling Varsity Conference Meet 10 a.m.
- Community noon to 2 p.m.
- Noon Hi

MONDAY, FEB. 5

- HS Spirit Squad 3:30 to 5:15 p.m.
- Girls 8th basketball 4 p.m.

- Girls 7th basketball 4 p.m.
- Zumba 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- Show Choir 6 to 8 p.m.
- Music Department Parents meeting 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 6

- HS Spirit Squad 3:30 to 5:15 p.m.
- Parent Teacher Conferences 4 to 7 p.m.
- JV Girls basketball game 6 p.m.
- Community 6 to 8 p.m.
- Boys JV basketball 6 p.m.
- Girls Varsity basketball 7:15 p.m.
- Boys Varsity Game 7:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 31

- HS Spirit Squad 3:30 to 5:15 p.m.
- Zumba 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.
- 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Parkview Athletic Booster Club meeting

Obituary

MONA "PAULINE" HULBURT

Mona "Pauline" Hulburt, age 97, passed away on Sunday, January 21st, 2018 at the Monroe Clinic Hospital, Monroe, WI. She was born on May 25, 1920 in Decatur Town-



ship, near Albany, daughter of Bert and Zula (Gillette) Pryce. She married Harold Hulburt on April 5, 1937. He passed away the in 1977.

Pauline resided in the same home in Brodhead for 64 years until the age of 96. She was a stay at home mom and in later years was employed 13 years at APCO of Brodhead, retiring in 1976.

Pauline was a member of the United Methodist Church and United

Methodist Women's Organization. She contributed in leadership roles, committees and especially enjoyed participating in the church bazaar. She was an avid seamstress, which allowed her to utilize her creative abilities. Pauline enjoyed sewing numerous baby quilts for family and friends. Her grandchildren were precious to her.

Pauline is survived by her son, Phillip (Anita) Hulburt of Osage Iowa; two daughters,

Judith (Glen) Curless of Janesville WI, Janis Lindsey of Middleton WI; six grandchildren Matthew, Stefanie, Andrew, Ryan, Adam, Ben; and seven great grandchildren, Mitchell, Nicole, Anthony, Logan, Jaden, Truman and Evelyn. She was preceded in death by her husband and her six siblings.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, January 25, 2018, at the United Methodist Church, Brodhead, WI, with Rev. Krystal Goodger officiating. A luncheon will follow the service. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Albany, WI. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. until time of services at the church. Pauline's wishes are for memorials be for the United Methodist Church of Brodhead WI. The D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, WI is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



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An ounce of prevention

Green County Conservation Technician discusses soil runoff and water quality with two attendees of the Sugar River art exhibit at the Monroe Arts Center last Friday. Gratz, with her daughters Telina and Teresa, were conducting a water bottle demonstration that showed the benefits of cover crops in decreasing runoff and soil erosion.

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Obituary

DENNIS SOLCHENBERGER

Dennis Duane Solchenberger, age 63, of Brodhead, WI, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 26, 2018, at his home. He was born on June 5, 1954 in Dodgeville, WI, the son of Peter Matthew and Maude Lorraine (Sheilds) Solchenberger. He married Bonita Connors on March 16, 1973 in Kenosha, WI. She passed away on October 14, 2017.



Dennis retired from Fairbank where he worked for many years. He enjoyed deer hunting, fishing and computer games. He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Robert) Gleason, Gratiot, WI; two grandchildren, Duane (Brittany) Harker, Dyersville, IA, Bree Harker, Darlington, WI; great-granddaughter, Bexley, Darlington, WI; four sisters, Janice (Ken) Anderson, Linda (Chuck) Morrow, Diane Johns, Dawn (Larry) Thomas; four brothers, Ervin Solchenberger, Larry Solchenberger, James Solchenberger, Raymond Fiske, Jr; nieces, nephews, along with other relative and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife Bonita, parents, two sisters, Donna Solchenberger and

Judy Hughart, and a brother, Ralph Solchenberger. Funeral services was held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, with Rev. Krystal Goodger officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. Visitation was held from 10 a.m. on Tuesday until time of services at the funeral home. Online condolences may be made at www.dlnewcomer-funeralhome.com.

German Interest Group sponsors talk on historical fashions

The German Interest Group of Wisconsin will sponsor a discussion about historical fashions. The full title of the talk is "Contemporary Fashion through the Decades - How to Identify Our Ancestors' Timelines by What They Wore When," by Vicki Ruthe Hahn. The event will be held Monday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. The event will be held at St. Mark Lutheran, 2921 Mount Zion, Janesville. The public is welcome to attend at no charge. For further information, contact John at 608-362-4311.



Close To The Red Vest

By Tim Stocks, Candidate for Mayor
Issue 11 • January 30, 2018

Referendums

referendum

NOUN: a general vote by the electorate on a single political question that has been referred to them for a direct decision. **Synonyms:** popular vote, vote.

Referendums are a good thing, right? After all, what could more perfectly exemplify democratic government than everyone being directly involved in their own future and welfare through the voting process. Evidently the Senior/Community Center Committee, run by Mayor Pinnow, sees things differently.

At the Dec. 19th City Council meeting, following approval of \$6500 to pay MSA Professional Services, Inc. for a grant study on the proposed purchase and refurbishing of "the old Fitness Center building" for use as a Senior/Community Center, the Mayor announced that "we may not need a referendum." Although it went unsaid I believe he was referring to the referendum requirements regarding "exceeding Levy Limits" or "issuing Municipal Bonds." There is little doubt that our mayor or this committee doesn't want to see this issue go to referendum... so why not? (Some have stated I have misinterpreted the mayor's remarks, I pulled the official recording and low and behold they were as I have previously stated.)

It is obvious the city is sharply divided on this issue, some even suggesting questionable motives. Now is the time for Mayor Pinnow to put an end to the division and the rumors - promise the community a referendum. Putting Brodhead first means letting the people decide on the matter **before** spending one more dollar on it.

Fortunately for Brodhead taxpayers Wisconsin State Statue 9.20 reads in part:

Direct legislation.

(1) A number of electors equal to at least 15 percent of the votes cast for governor at the last general election in their city or village may sign and file a petition with the city or village clerk requesting that an attached proposed ordinance or resolution, without alteration, either be adopted by the common council or village board or be referred to a vote of the electors.

Based on our last gubernatorial election we would need about 140 signatures to force a referendum. Let's keep this in mind. The most basic question is not what is best, but **who** shall decide what is best.

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Panthers on the Prowl

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WRESTLING

The Brodhead-Juda Wrestling Team traveled to Belleville for a dual meet against Lake Mills and Sugar River on Tuesday, January 23. Juda wrestler Brian McCullough won his match against Sugar River by decision, and Trent Davis received a forfeit. During the meet against Lake Mills, Zachary Bennett and Jayson Star both received forfeits, while Trent Davis and Brian McCullough won both their matches by decision. Congratulations to Jackson Hauri and Kaleb Erb for their 100th wins on Tuesday. The Wrestling Team also traveled to Deerfield for their varsity invitational on Saturday, January 27. Results from that tournament will be posted in next week's paper.

BOYS' BASKETBALL

The boys lost to Barneveld on January 22 by a score of 80-56. Keagen Haffele led all scorers with 23 points. With 1 minute left in the game, Keagen surpassed the 1000 career points mark on a free throw. Keagen is the 5th boys player in Juda history to pass 1000 points. Malcolm Reed led Barneveld with 20 points. On January 25 the boys faced off against Argyle and won 53-40. Cole Fortney led the Panthers with 27 points, followed by Keagen Haffele with 15 and Luke Skoumal with 8. The Panthers played Albany on January 30. The score will be posted next week.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

On January 23, the girls played Black Hawk at home. The girls lost 20-64. Their next game will be Saturday, February 3, at home against Wayland Academy.

SPANISH CLUB

On Wednesday, January 31, there

is a parent/student information trip from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Mrs. Williams' room. It is about the upcoming Peru trip during the summer of 2019. On Tuesday, February 13, the Club will be working concessions. In addition, they will be having a bake sale and selling carnations. The carnations will be available via pre-order.

MATH DEPARTMENT

The geometry class is learning how to use Google SketchUp which is a 3D modeling system. They're learning how to use all the features and will soon be drawing their own houses they design from the ground up. The engineering class is studying the school's electric bills for ways the school could possibly save money on energy costs.

STEAM

The STEAM groups have finished building and have been testing for a while now. The arena for the competition is starting to be built. The robots will have to pull a lever to open up a compartment where they will then pick up balls and sort them.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Solo and Ensemble is quickly approaching. If you are participating, make sure you are practicing your music. For high school band students not participating in Solo and Ensemble, remember your "Mad Skills" Project is due Thursday, February 1. A reminder to all middle school band members that your honors band performance is on Thursday, February 8.

January PBIS

Elementary students qualifying with good behavior for the month of January will be rewarded. Norwegian Dancers from Stoughton will be coming to Juda on Wednesday, January 31. A dance and music performance will be held for the students that qualify.

ART DEPARTMENT

Last week the kindergarten class cut out guitars, and the first graders assembled their giraffe cut outs. The second graders worked on their four seasons project, and the third graders worked with oil pastels. The fourth graders made monsters, and the fifth graders worked with glue and chalk. The sixth graders finished their columns and started making roman mosaics using construction paper. The new middle school rotation class, Odyssey of the Mind, chose their teams, and the high schoolers started the furniture project.

FFA

The FFA members who are participating in the Leadership Development Events will be traveling to their competition on Wednesday, January 31. The different speaking contests consist of Job Interview, Creed Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking, Prepared Public Speaking, Quiz Bowl, and Discussion Meet. The FFA would like to wish all members participating in the competition the best of luck!

ROLLER SKATING PARTY

Tuesday, February 6, there is an Optimist Roller Skating Party from 6-8 p.m. This is for 3rd-5th grade students. This is sponsored by the Monroe Morning Optimist Group. This will be held at the Roller Den in Monroe. Entry fee is free to all who come! Each student will also receive one treat ticket.

ELEMENTARY NEWS

Valentine's activities will be held on Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14.

100th Day Of School

The 100th Day of School is coming up! It will be held on Wednesday, February 7. Teachers and students are getting prepared for this day.

NHS

National Honor Society members have been working on creating good behavior videos for the elementary students. The members held a meeting to discuss upcoming service projects and fundraisers for the induction ceremony in the spring.

PROM FOR PENNIES

The Monroe High School Students of Service Club is sponsoring the Prom for Pennies Event this year. The event will be on Sunday, January 28, from 1-4 p.m. It will take place at Monroe High School. There will be over 800 dresses to choose from, including dresses donated by Brandi's Bridal Galleria, Julie's Bridal Gallery, and Vera's House of Bridals.

WINTER INFORMAL DANCE

The student council is planning an informal, tropical-themed dance for high school students. Some activities include an air band, lip sync battle, music/dance, and interactive games. Snacks and punch table will be provided. There is a chance to win a prize for anyone who attends. Admission will be \$4 per student. It will run from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. More details will be available soon.

LUNCH

Thursday, February 1, breakfast will be muffins; lunch will be mini corn dogs, tater tots, and mixed fruit. Friday, February 2, breakfast will be long johns; lunch will be hamburgers, baked beans, and pears. Monday, February 5, breakfast will be breakfast bar; lunch will be chicken fajitas, soft shell, corn, and mixed fruit. Tuesday, February 6, breakfast will be muffins; lunch will be pizza, breadsticks, green beans, and peaches. Wednesday, February 7, breakfast will be minicinni; lunch will be chicken patties, bun, au gratin potatoes, and mandarin oranges.