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Popular Concert on the Square series back

Hot tunes, cool brews, family fun, and community spirit are all part of Main Street Monroe's popular Concert on the Square series.

Here's the lineup for 2023, with all shows from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on the Historic Courthouse Square in downtown Monroe.

Friday, June 9

Singer songwriter John King brings a bit of Nashville to Monroe with raw charm and modern-day twang in a style that is all his own.

King blurs the lines with southern rock, country and pop, and some Americana mixed in. He has written for Hootie and the Blowfish and shares a booking agent with Blake Shelton.

A returning favorite for intermission is the Handphibians with some Brazilian-style percussion.

Friday, June 23

Put on your best English accent; the British are coming!

The BriTins will bring the "Magical Mystery Tour" to Main Street Monroe, with time travel back to the 1960's and fabulous hits from the Fab Four. The fun continues at intermission with DJ David Lund spinning the tunes for a sock hop party, so wear your dancing shoes.

Thursday, July 13

Get ready to be happy, because The People's Brothers Band is gonna getcha so good

with their very own brand of boogie woogie. They've got rhythm, they've got soul, and they've got the dynamic Teresa Marie leading with vocals.

Having a saxophone in this big band means big sound and big fun. Wear your red and white, because members of the UW Band entertain at intermission with a classic 5th Quarter Badger-style celebration.

Friday, July 28

Generation Jones is a brand-new band with the type of synergy that can only be created with a rock star lineup: Mauro Magellan, Kyle Henderson, Michael Massey, Shawndell Marks, and Michael John Ripp.

Generation Jones doesn't just play the music, they bring the mastery, skill and experience of being on some of the world's biggest stages. And now they'll be right here in downtown Monroe. Truly classic. Plus strolling mariachi players at intermission! How could this night be any better?

Saturday, Aug 19

Back by popular demand: FBI and the Untouchable Horns absolutely owned the downtown Square, and filled the dance floor, when they played at the 2022 Cheese Days Community Night presented in partnership with Main Street Monroe.

Funk Band Incorporated is the Fox Valley's premiere horn band, covering all the greatest



Members of the UW band pose in Monroe on June 10, 2022 after performing. They return Thursday, July 13 as the intermission act with Sounds of Camp Randall. Attendees of the Concert on the Square that night are encouraged to wear red and white.

horn hits from the past four decades from groups like Chicago, Blues Brothers, and Bruno Mars.

There's extra special fun for kids at this show, with Great

Big Bubble Making and Bubble Stations, with Jason the Bubble Guy leading the fun.

Intermission bonus: Cheese Days officially kicks things off for 2024 with introduction

of royalty and unveiling of the collector button logo. Cheese Days will likely mix in some other cheesy surprises.

All shows in the Main Street Monroe series are proudly un-

derwritten by Colony Brands. Intermission entertainment and special features are thanks to the generosity of John and

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Local students named to Dean's List this spring

From Albany to Orfordville, many area students stood out at UW-Whitewater

The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2023 spring semester.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"Dean's List honorees have shown an outstanding dedication to their academic pursuits - from their work in the classroom to notable projects in our research laboratories and out in the field," said John Chenoweth, provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "These hardworking students can take pride in the fact that they are living the Warhawk values of learning and academic excellence. They are deserving of our congratulations."

The Registrar's Office reports 3,148 students were selected for the Dean's List for the spring semester. About 11,000 students are currently enrolled at the university's Whitewater and Rock County campuses.

Albany

Megan Anderson, Olivia

Roth, Brittney Vine

Beloit

Israel Abarca, Ailani Acevedo, James Anderson, Jasmine Arroyo, Ellissa Bennett, Swaylynn Benson, Yocelyn Camacho, Mariana Cardenas Rodriguez, Grace Clark, Celia Cotter, Alayna Daniels, Gabrielle Dever, Julissa Donald, Kersten Edwards, Patrick Forbeck, Mara Fowler, Eric Funk, Rosemary Garcia, Gracely Garner, Shelvin Garrett, Alexa Gill, Arianna Haley, David Hernandez, Dylan Hill, Dylan Holloway, Chad Horkey, Courtney Karich, Devon Knowles, Erin Larson, Skylar Listenbee, Alan Marquez, Hailey Marshall, Angelica Martinez, Alfie Mckearn, Joe Mckearn, Estefany Mireles, Angelica Monat, Jackson Moore, Suzanne Nimz, Mackenzy O'Grady, Sarah Olin, Anna Olson, Kayle Olson, Emily Ozolins, Ivette Pita-Ruiz, Gannon Rand, Deanna Renteria, Matthew Rufer, Alexandra Sanchez, Katherine Seefeldt, Jacob Shadinger, Mandi Shallenberger, Arianna Smith, Brynn Swanson, Nichole Swanson, Brandon Terwilliger,

Gabrielle Virgin, Alyssa Vitale, Jt White, Ella Williams, Austin Woods, Nick Zimmerman

Brodhead

Cailey Calvagna, Amy Doyle, Brooke Gierhart, Alliyah Hoff, Sierra Houlihan-Groebner, Carisa Purdue, Hannah Shickles, Allison Steuri, Sebastian Van Wyhe, Kaitlyn Welsh

Brooklyn

Christian Branson, Annika Klahn, Jacob Shrader, Elijah Winchel

Edgerton

Hayle Acker, Roy Buri, Breeana Buskager, Alea Cleveland, Cassidy Danks, Reed Farrington, Vincent Foreman-Ante, Emmylou Herman, Cole Jenson, Jesse Jenson, Victoria Kindschi, Danielle Kronau, Maria Langer, Rachel Maurer, Gunnar Olstad, Jenna Onley, Katie Schwebbs, Jenna Schweighardt, Kaitlin Severson, Karlye Smrecek, Emily Walker, Ben Wileman, Daniel Zeimet

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Friday, June 23rd
9 am - 12 pm

FREE EVENT!

2023 HEALTH & WELLNESS DAY

This **FREE** event will offer a variety of information on services, programs, and activities to help maintain or improve your overall health. Also enjoy snacks & refreshments, door prizes, and fun yard games (if the weather permits).

Location of Event:
Koning Maple Lane Event Center
N3051 State Road 81, Monroe, WI

Transportation to this event is available by contacting the ADRC.

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- **Drug Take Back:** Bring any old, expired, or unused medications for proper disposal.
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- **Health Screenings**
- **Live Music**
- **AND MUCH MORE!**

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SWAT Team trained at Orfordville home

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team trained at a private residence in the north end of Orfordville on May 31. This was a regular SWAT Team practice.

There was no threat to the public. Community members saw SWAT operators and vehicles in this area from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. that day. The City of Beloit Police Department Tactical Operations

Unit and the City of Janesville Police Department SWAT Team also participated. The Rock County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team trains on a regular basis to maintain tactics and team readiness.

Producers to receive crop insurance premium rebates for planting cover crops

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP), in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Risk Management Agency (RMA), received 450 applications for rebates on approximately 145,000 acres of land for a new program offering crop insurance rebates for planting cover crops. DATCP anticipates approximately \$725,000

will be awarded in rebates. The application period closed on January 31, 2023.

USDA-RMA is currently reviewing the applications and will work with insurance providers to issue the rebates on producers' upcoming crop insurance bills. For the producers who applied, all eligible applicants who have an active policy with an approved insurance provider and submitted correct field and acreage

information should anticipate receiving the rebate.

In 2022, Gov. Tony Evers signed bipartisan legislation to create a state-run crop insurance premium rebate for planting cover crops. For this program, up to \$800,000, or 160,000 acres of coverage, could be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Recipients will receive a \$5 per acre rebate on their summer 2023 crop insurance premium

for acres planted with cover crops in 2022. In his 2023-2025 Biennial Budget, Gov. Evers proposed funding this program annually to build on this bi-partisan success and support producers utilizing cover crop practices.

Additional information about the rebates can be found on DATCP's website. Questions about these rebates should be directed to DATCP-CC@wisconsin.gov.

College news

Local student from Beloit graduates from University of Sioux Falls

Amarii Grosskopf of Beloit graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Sioux Falls.

Grosskopf and over 400 students were celebrated during the spring commencement ceremony on May 21.

Founded 139 years ago, the University of Sioux Falls is a transformative Christian liberal arts university serving over 1,600 students through traditional undergraduate programs as well as graduate, evening and online degree programs including a Doctorate in Leadership.

USF is committed to academic excellence and the development of mature Christian persons for service to God and humankind in the world through its more than 90 programs in business, education, nursing and many more including the Center for Professional Development.

A recent survey showed an

impressive 99% of graduates secure a position in their chosen field or continued on to graduate school within six months of graduation. Additionally, 74% of graduates started their careers in South Dakota, and of those, 94% lived in Sioux Falls or within 30 miles. Learn more at www.usiouxfalls.edu.

Obituaries

BETTY PIERCE

Betty Pierce passed away peacefully at Collinwood Memory Care, Brodhead, on Memorial Day on May 29, 2023.

Betty was born in Beaver Dam on March 28, 1927, to Orvin and Henrietta (Schultz) Priest. She graduated from Beaver Dam High School in the class of 1945. She was the oldest of three children, with two younger brothers Ryan and Nyles.

Betty worked at Monarch Range company as a receptionist which is where she met Jack, a new salesman who was hired to 'tame the western USA' for the company. After a whirlwind romance, the two were married on March 31, 1951, in Littleton, Colorado. Jack and Betty moved back to Wisconsin to start a family and settled in Jack's home town of Brodhead. Betty joined Jack and mother Vernis Pierce in founding Pierce Furniture in 1952. Betty was active in community affairs, serving as President of the local chapter of Jaycettes in 1954.

After the business was established, Betty focused on being a wonderful mother for her three sons John, Jim, and Jeff. In her leisure time, she loved to play bridge and had a weekly girl's night for decades. Betty and Jack enjoyed golfing and played together often. They traveled the world. The Pierces wintered together for over 30 years near Vero Beach, Florida, and spent many summers at the cottage on Lake Redstone near La Valle. Betty and Jack were avid fans of Wisconsin Badger football, basketball and hockey, where they were season ticket holders for all three.

The couple loved spending time with family and friends from near and far. Later in life,



Betty became quite the songbird. She had an uncanny ability to remember the lyrics to love songs from the 1950s and could light up a room and bring a smile to all around. Such a blessing.

Betty and Jack were longstanding members of the United Church of Christ in Brodhead.

Betty was preceded in death by her mother, father, brother Ryan and husband.

She is survived by her brother Nyles in Fond Du Lac; her three sons, John (Julie) of Janesville, James (Thanita) of Thailand, and Jeffrey (Lori) of New Freedom, PA; three grandchildren, Jeffrey, Justin, and Nicole; and three great-grandchildren, Maddy, Jack, and Parker.

The family would like to thank the dedicated staff at Collinwood Memory Care and Promedica Hospice. Many thanks to all those who visited mom, especially Jeni Sorg, a special friend who facilitated wonderful weekly video calls to loved ones who were not local.

Private family services will be held at a later date with burial concluding at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead. The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

The family plans to host a celebration of life event for Betty later in the year, please watch for future times and dates.

In lieu of flowers, please direct any memorial donations to the Alzheimer's Association, which is working hard to battle this disease which affects so many.

WILLIAM DAY

William "Bill" Day, age 43, passed away unexpectedly while at his home on May 26, 2023.

Bill was born on Jan. 31, 1980, the son of Donald Day Jr. and Wanda (McKee) Piper. He married Brandie Miller on Sept. 18, 2021.

Bill worked for many years in various ag jobs before starting and running his own company, Day Trucking, since 2015. He was an avid outdoors man who loved hunting and was a mentor to kids for hunting. He loved to ride his motorcycle and snowmobile and go more hunting in the spring. Most of all, Bill enjoyed spending time with his family and being the life of the party. He was known for his singing and dancing and you knew he was in the room as you could always recognize his special laugh, loud and raspy voice.

Bill is survived by his wife, Brandie; one daughter, Emery Rose; his mother, Wanda (Boyd) Piper; his siblings, Donald III (Sarah) Day, Wanita Day, Debra Day, Kim (Dan) Williams and Faith Piper (Travis Gosa); two grandsons, Ryder Luedy and Wyatt Shoemaker;



his maternal grandmother, Marie (Lyle) McKee Crum; a sister-in-law, Nicole (Josh) Miller-Speich; his nieces and nephews, Matthew (Emily), Hunter, Dakota, Owen, Jordan, Riley (Brooks), Gracin, Chesney, Peyton (Logan), Salyrn, Sadie (Mark) and Jessie; his German Shepherd dogs and many other relatives and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his father, Donald Day Jr. and a son, Trevor Shoemaker.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family on behalf of his daughter, Emery Rose.

Bill will always be known for his generous nature as he was always putting other people's needs in front of his own.

Funeral services were held at the Old Day Feed Service building, 4927 South Dickey Road, Brodhead, on June 4.

A visitation was held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on June 3 and also at the Old Day Feed Service building on June 4.

• Concerts (Continued from front page)

Katie Baumann.

Profits from the Main Street Monroe Beer Garden are shared with several local charitable organizations who assist in setting up, staffing and serving, and cleaning up when the shows are over. You can help out by picking up your own area and disposing of your own trash in one of the many garbage cans or recycling containers.

Main Street Monroe, Inc., is a nationally accredited, volunteer-driven, nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that serves as an advocate for the downtown neighborhood. If you enjoy downtown events, consider making a donation or getting involved as a volunteer. Learn more at www.mainstreetmonroe.org, or contact the Main Street Monroe office at 608-328-4023.

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Rock County diversity team reaches 25 years

Congratulations to the Diversity Action Team of Rock County on 25 years. State Senator Mark Spreitzer joined with other Rock County legislators in May to present them with a legislative citation thanking them for their invaluable contributions to making Rock County a welcoming community for all.

DNR experts warn of a bad spongy moth summer

Pest outbreak may be worst in more than a decade

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) warns the public that the next two months could bring the worst spongy moth caterpillar outbreak in more than a decade.

Invasive spongy moth caterpillars, formerly known as gypsy moths, strip trees of their leaves, potentially killing high-value trees. They prefer to feed on oak, birch, crabapple, aspen and willow leaves but will also feed on many other tree and shrub species.

Southern Wisconsin and parts of the north are already in a high-population outbreak that is predicted to continue and spread.

"Populations have remained high due to a low incidence of caterpillar-killing diseases last summer," said Bill McNee, DNR Forest Health Specialist in Oshkosh. "In addition, weather conditions are favorable for the caterpillars and unfavorable for *Entomophaga maimaiga*, a fungus that kills spongy moth caterpillars."

Property owners are encouraged to examine their trees and take action. Specifically:

- Visit the Wisconsin Spongy Moth Information Portal at spongy moth.wi.gov/Pages/home.aspx for information about managing spongy moth. Management options for the caterpillars include using burlap collection bands, physically destroying caterpillars and applying insecticide to protect trees and reduce nuisance caterpillar numbers.

- Learn how to use burlap collection bands. These are a non-pesticide option to help reduce populations when checked daily while large caterpillars are present.

- Insecticide treatments can be a suitable option for high-value host trees but are usually not practical for



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Spongy moth caterpillars feed on more than 300 species of deciduous and evergreen trees.

woodlots. Insecticide treatments are most effective when the caterpillars are small.

- Water yard trees weekly during dry periods to help reduce tree stress and aid a tree's recovery from heavy leaf loss by the caterpillars.
- Wait to cut down any trees that have lost their leaves. Healthy hardwood trees usually produce a new set of leaves a few weeks later.
- Forest management may need to be postponed in forest stands with expansive leaf loss. Trees will be stressed from heavy leaf loss and often unable to handle the additional stress from forest thinning.
- Those who find spongy moth caterpillars should avoid

touching them as the hairs often cause a skin rash, welt or other irritation. Rubbing alcohol can help to remove the hairs and chemical irritants from skin that is exposed to the hairs.

- Plan for insecticide treatments ahead of time to help secure an applicator and avoid a last-minute rush when pesticide application businesses may already be very busy. Resources for finding a qualified pesticide applicator include the Wisconsin Arborist Association, International Society of Arboriculture and a local phone book.
- Stressed trees are already at an elevated risk of dying and will often die if they

lose a lot of leaves in 2023. Low-vigor oak trees are likely to be infested by the native beetle, twolined chestnut borer, contributing to tree decline and death. Consult an arborist or forester for additional management recommendations.

- Spongy moth populations may have a temporary, large increase in an area about every 10 years. Many areas currently experiencing a second or third year of the spongy moth outbreak will likely see a population decline or collapse due to diseases or starvation. Predicting where and when the decline will happen is difficult, and heavy leaf loss often occurs before the caterpillar population collapses.

American Red Cross will honor Wisconsin heroes

The American Red Cross of Southwest Wisconsin will honor individuals and groups who have shown courage, dedication, and unselfish character by their acts of heroism in our community at the Southwest Heroes Golf Event on Monday, June 12, at the Legend at Bergamont, 699 Bergamont Blvd., in Oregon.

This fun-filled day will consist of 18 holes of golf, along with a silent and on-line auction. New this year, the event will also include a post-golf heroes' reception. All proceeds from the event will benefit the mission of the Red Cross of Southwest Wisconsin.

Everyday, the Red Cross sees firsthand the remarkable deeds of everyday heroes. Their stories inspire and remind everyone to never doubt the impact an individual can make in the lives of others.

Heroes are nominated by the public and are chosen by an awards selection committee comprised of local community leaders. Honorees are selected based on the degree to which their actions uphold the values of the Red Cross humanitarian mission and leave a lasting and positive impact on the community. The 2023 Southwest WI Hero honorees are:

Volunteer of the year hero

- Pastor Dennis Virta, Sauk County: Pastor Virta, a Red Cross Blood Program Leader, opened his church to Sauk Prairie community blood drives that were canceled during COVID. His efforts helped to ensure that blood collections in his community never stopped during COVID, and he continues to make the church available to host community blood drives.

Community hero

- Mo Cheeks, Dane County: What started as a pandemic pastime grew into "Bread and Justice." Mo starting baking sourdough bread and then donated the proceeds to a social justice organization each month. Now two years into his endeavor, Mo has baked and distributed more than 1,500 loaves of bread for

over 300 customers helping several organizations.

From the heart biomedical hero

- Urban League of Greater Madison, Dane County: Madison Sickle Cell Committee: Bobby Moore, Chair, Dr. Corinda Rainey-Moore, Carola Peterson-Gaines and Brian Callahan: This group of fantastic individuals helped increase awareness for blood donations from donors who are African American or Black in the Madison area by sharing the importance of having a diverse blood supply. These four guild members have worked tirelessly and have been integral to creating new partnerships within the community and driving participation for Sickle Cell blood drives in Madison.

Military hero

- B.J. Ganem, Dane County: B.J. Ganem, a Wisconsin veteran, returned from Iraq with a traumatic experience that changed his world forever. Thanks to the help of Dozer, a bulldog, who gave him hope in his darkest hour, he was also inspired to help others. In 2017, Ganem became CEO and founder of Sierra Delta, an organization that pairs veterans with service dogs and he is now working to give the gift of hope to others.

National Guardian Life is the presenting sponsor of the Southwest Heroes Golf Event. Additional event sponsors include Findorff, Hooper, OptumServe, U.S. Cellular and the American Red Cross of Southwest Wisconsin Board of Directors.

Schedule of events

- 8:45 to 9:45 a.m. – Registration;
- 9:45 to 10 a.m. – Welcome remarks;
- 10 a.m. – Shotgun start box lunches and game packages are included;
- 3 p.m. – Post play reception.

The American Red Cross invites the local public to participate and help them to make this year's Southwest

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Cops and Bobbers event for kids is coming to Edgerton

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the first 2023 Cops & Bobbers event will be held on Tuesday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Floating Toy, 723 East Ellendale Road, in Edgerton.

Youth participants accompanied by Sheriff's Office staff will fish Lake Koshkonong from pontoon boats.

Check-in will begin at 9:45 a.m.; an adult guardian must be present at check-in.

There are 20 spots available for kids ages 7 to 12. These spots will fill on a first come basis.

Guardians can register their kid

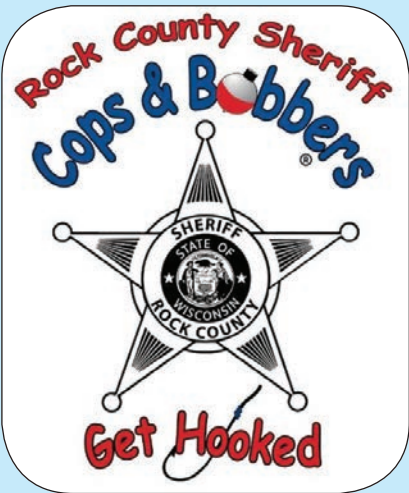
or kids online at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-soffice/recreational-patrol/cops-and-bobbers.

Upon submitting the registration form, a confirmation message will appear with additional information on check-in procedures.

Life jackets, fishing gear, and lunch will be provided during the event. Participants will also receive a t-shirt.

The Sheriff's Office is seeking sponsorships for the Cops & Bobbers Program. These events are free to participants due to the generosity of financial and in-kind sponsors. To learn more about sponsorships, email Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us.

Please direct any questions to Deputy Lund at 608-373-3816.



Brodhead fifth graders receive awards at promotion ceremony

The promotion ceremony for Brodhead fifth graders was on May 30.

Many of the students received awards, including:

- V.F.W. Citizenship Award: Stella Oellerich;

- Principal's Citizenship Award: Molly Arn, Gunnar Olesen, Stella Kempel;

- Presidential Academic Award (80% or above on Reading and Math): Rosalie Kraemer, Moira Logan, Hannah Wade;

- Reading Excellence Academic Award (90% or above on Reading): Blake Fernandes, Eirelyn Friel, Moira Logan, Lukah Menuey, Stella Oellerich, Gunnar Olesen, Carmen Strohecker;

- Math Excellence Academic Award (90% or above on math): Rosalie Kraemer;

- I-Ready Reading Stretch Growth Award: Mikah Bishop, Bryce Bockhop, Callum Buchanan, Liam Butters, Jaiden Cephas, Eirelyn Friel, Moira Logan, Lukah Menuey, Stella Oellerich, Gunnar Olesen, Wren Oswald, Luciano Rivera, Carmen Strohecker, Roman Whitehead;

- I-Ready Math Stretch Growth Award: Mikah Bishop, Callum Buchanan, Liam Butters, Kaylie Henderson, Jemma Huntington, Rosalie Kraemer, Oliver Mertens, Malcolm Moore, Stella Oellerich, Gunnar Olesen, Wren Oswald, Zenon Real Banos, Kayson Richards, Carmen Strohecker, Hannah Wade, Grayson Wallin, William Zimmerman;

- Academic Achievement Award: Molly Arn, Kamden Bacon, Paige Bauman, Ryker Bennett, Emmett Benway, Jordan Burkhalter, Jaiden Cephas, Josiah Coplien, Lilly Douglas, Logan Douglis, Sydney Dunlavy, Alaina Duren, Elizabeth Fellows, Jacob Fields, Caden Gray, Devin Haney, Addi Hanson, Au'Briana Harvey, Selena Hasselmann, Parker Kaderly, Stella Kempel, Moira Logan, Malachi Mahlkuch, Chesney Malcook, Charlie Martin, Oliver Mertens, Aspen Moore, Malcolm Moore, Braelyn Olson, Amarra Ostenson, Ayva Perez, Brielle Phillips, Reese Popanz, Easton Riese, Cullen Risum, Aiden Simons, Ayden Stephens, Zenon Real Banos, Anna Wahl, Roman Whitehead, Archer Yates.



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Fifth grade classes at Albrecht Elementary School in Brodhead, from top: Mrs. Ubersox's class; Mrs. Marchant's class; and Mrs. Rear's class.

Dean's List

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Dams are an essential part of the infrastructure in the United States, with over 90,000 dams across the country, including about 3,000 in Wisconsin.

DNR highlights importance of maintaining safe dams

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is highlighting the importance of maintaining safe dams in the wake of National Dam Safety Awareness Day on May 31.

Dams are an essential part of the infrastructure in the United States, with over 90,000 dams across the country, including about 3,000 in Wisconsin. Proper management and maintenance of dams is vital to the

public and customers associated with each dam.

Many of the dams in Wisconsin were built in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Over time, water pressure and weathering slowly break down a dam. If left unmaintained, dams pose an increased risk to life and property, making problems such as sudden breaks more likely during flood conditions.

The most common problems

found during dam inspections are undesirable woody vegetation on the embankment, deteriorated concrete, inoperable gates and corroded outlet pipes. The DNR Dam Safety Team provides technical assistance to Wisconsin dam owners. This support includes:

- Conducting and reviewing inspections;

See DAMS, Back Page

Celebrate America's dairyland during June

By Randy Romanski
DATCP STAFF

June Dairy Month is a special time in Wisconsin. As summer starts, we celebrate the many hardworking Wisconsin farmers and processors who make our state a leading source for quality dairy products across the U.S. and worldwide.

Wisconsin's dairy industry gives us much to be proud of and to be grateful for, both during June Dairy Month and all year long. Rooted in a history older than the state itself, dairy has played a pivotal role in Wisconsin's past and continues to remain vital today, contributing to both our economy and to our way of life, from Bayfield down to Beloit and from Hudson to Bailey's Harbor. The industry will remain integral to our future, thanks to farmers and processors across the state, and consumers across the world.

There are thousands of dairy farms in Wisconsin which account for nearly a quarter of all dairy farms in the U.S. It is the dedicated individuals who work on these farms, haul milk, process dairy, and sell the finished products, who contribute to our state's \$45.6 billion annual dairy economy. They have also helped to make Wisconsin the number one state in the nation in total cheese production, with 25 percent of all cheese in the U.S. being made right here in the state.

We can also be proud that Wisconsin's dairy products are well-known and appreciated far beyond our own borders. Later this month, DATCP staff and I

will travel to the United Kingdom for a week-long agricultural trade mission. During that time, we will facilitate buyer meetings, make store visits, attend marketing briefings, and meet with government officials to market and promote Wisconsin agricultural products to various industry and economic development organizations in the UK. This work is supported by the Wisconsin Initiative for Agricultural Exports, and I am hopeful that this effort will increase connections with buyers across the Atlantic Ocean, helping to create additional business opportunities for Wisconsin's agricultural producers and processors.

This June, I encourage all of you to support our state's dairy industry by choosing Wisconsin-made milk, butter, yogurt, ice cream, and cheese. You can also attend one of the many June Dairy Breakfasts happening around America's Dairyland throughout the month. These events allow attendees to visit and learn about local farms while enjoying a delicious breakfast made with fresh Wisconsin dairy. To find a farm hosting one of these events near you, visit www.wisconsinmilk.com/national-dairy-month/Dairy-Breakfasts.

To learn more about how DATCP works to serve and support Wisconsin's thriving dairy industry year-round, visit datcp.wi.gov. As I raise a glass of ice-cold milk, I wish everyone across Wisconsin a happy June Dairy Month!

Governor proposes investing in high-speed internet

Record-setting \$750 million investment to close the digital divide

Gov. Tony Evers traveled across the state during the week of May 14-20 to highlight his 2023-2025 biennial budget proposal to provide a historic investment of \$750 million for the Broadband Expansion Grant Program to expand access to high-speed internet across the state.

This proposal builds upon the governor's previous record-setting investments in expanding broadband across the state and is more than four times larger than the total funding provided to the grant program over Gov. Evers' past two budgets.

"Over the last four years, we've made record-setting investments in expanding access to high-speed internet across the state, and with our investments, more than 390,000 homes and businesses in every corner of Wisconsin will have new or improved internet access," said Gov. Evers. "But there is still more work to do if we want to make sure our infrastructure is prepared to support a workforce and an economy of the 21st century.

"We have a historic surplus, and with it, a historic opportunity to invest in needs that

have long been neglected," continued Gov. Evers. "So, while I am disappointed JFC removed several key provisions to improve the reliability and affordability of internet for families, I hope the Legislature will join me in taking this historic opportunity to close the digital divide, invest in our families and communities, and keep up our economic momentum."

Over the past four years, Gov. Evers has gotten to work to expand access and affordability of high-speed internet for Wisconsinites across the state. In 2020, he created the Governor's Task Force on Broadband Access, and in 2021, he declared it the Year of Broadband Access. Further, since 2019, Gov. Evers has allocated more than \$340 million in state and federal funds to expand high-speed internet. With the help of these investments, more than 390,000 homes and businesses will have new or improved access to reliable, high-speed internet.

The Wisconsin Broadband Office (WBO) at the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSC) estimates that,

in 2022, there were 650,000 Wisconsinites without access to the infrastructure needed to bring 25 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 3 Mbps upload broadband into their home or business. The WBO also estimates that there are also 650,000 Wisconsinites who cannot afford broadband.

The governor's budget provides \$750 million for the Broadband Expansion Grant Program, which works to provide or improve broadband communications services in underserved areas across the state, with a requirement that the PSC spends at least \$75 million annually on grants. From fiscal year 2019 through fiscal year 2022, Broadband Expansion Grants have provided more than \$184 million to more than 235 projects to get homes and businesses connected across the state.

The governor's budget proposal also included several provisions to update the Broadband Expansion Grant Program to modernize the program criteria and create new consumer protections for broadband customers. These provisions were removed by the Joint Committee on Fi-

nance (JFC) in a single motion earlier this month, along with 540 other provisions.

These removed provisions included a proposal to strengthen the Broadband Expansion Grant Program to ensure that all Wisconsinites have access to reliable and affordable broadband service by:

- Increasing the speed threshold for broadband service for an area to be considered "served" to 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload and allowing the PSC to periodically update this speed threshold based on technology and market conditions;
- Requiring an area to have access to broadband service that is "available, reliable, and affordable" for the area to be considered served;
- Requiring the PSC to

consider the affordability of broadband service in the proposed project area when evaluating grant applications;

- Establishing a procedure for internet service providers to challenge a grant award.

JFC also removed the governor's proposal to create a Broadband Line Extension Grant Program, funded at \$1.75 million in fiscal year 2023-24 and \$3.5 million in fiscal year 2024-25, to provide grants and financial assistance to eligible households to subsidize the cost of a line extension from existing broadband infrastructure to a residence that is not served by a broadband provider.

In addition, they removed a provision to eliminate several statutory restrictions for certain municipalities defined as broadband "unserved" to en-

able them to directly invest in broadband infrastructure and provide service to residents and allow these communities to apply directly for broadband expansion grant funding from the PSC.

The governor's budget also would've promoted equity and reliability by modifying current law to create a Digital Equity program supported by funding from the state Universal Service Fund and to protect broadband customers by requiring broadband service providers to meet certain service requirements, including prohibiting a broadband service provider from denying service to residential customers based on race or income and requiring providers to award credits to customers' internet bills based on service outages.

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The DNR urges boaters and anglers to drain their livewells and fish buckets before leaving boat launches.

DNR reminds boaters, anglers to help keep Wisconsin's waters healthy

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminded boaters and anglers to help protect Wisconsin's rivers, streams and lakes during last weekend's Drain Campaign.

The annual Drain Campaign, June 2 to 4, focused on the importance of boaters and anglers to always drain their livewells and fish buckets before leaving boat launches and fishing access points. Boat inspectors from Clean Boats, Clean Waters were at boat launches across the state promoting draining and handing out blue boat towels printed with the "Drain Your Catch" message.

Draining is one of the important steps to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS), limiting the spread of microscopic larvae of zebra mussels and of dis-

eases, including the fish virus Viral Hemorrhagic Septicemia (VHS). In addition to draining livewells and buckets, boaters should pull the drain plugs on their boat and tip their motor straight up and down to drain any local water before securing it for the drive ahead.

Anglers should get their catch on ice as soon as possible. The cold will keep fish fresh and reduce bacterial growth. Fish kept in water fill the water with waste, including nitrate and ammonia, both of which are toxic to other fish in the water.

Every boater and angler has a role to play in protecting Wisconsin's lakes and rivers. Everyone should follow these prevention steps, required by Wisconsin state law, to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species in our waters:

- Inspect boats, trailers and

equipment;

- Remove all attached aquatic plants and animals;
- Drain all water from boats, vehicles and equipment, including livewells and buckets containing fish;
- Never move plants or live fish away from a water body;
- Dispose of unwanted bait in the trash;
- Buy minnows from a Wisconsin bait dealer.

Additionally, only use leftover minnows when fishing with them on the same body of water. They can be used on other waters only if no lake or river water or other fish have been added to their container.

To learn more about invasive species and their impacts on Wisconsin's waters and economy, visit the DNR's invasive species webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives.

'More than pink' walk supports breast cancer survivors

Susan G. Komen, the world's leading breast cancer organization, is hosting the 2023 "More Than Pink" Walk at Willow Island at Alliant Energy Center in Madison. The South Central More Than Pink Walk is Susan G. Komen's annual fundraising event honoring breast cancer survivors in a fun-filled day for the whole family.

The event will raise the funds that support breast cancer patients, research, and patient navigation services to better serve those impacted by the disease. Participants can expect to enjoy a fun morning with lots of activities including food, music, local partners, photo opportunities, and a kids zone.

Sponsors for the event include Exact Sciences, All Comfort Services, Navitus Health Solutions, TDS, UW Carbone Cancer Center, Puma Biotechnology, Bucky Books, and many more. Additionally, walk participants will include breast cancer survivors, metastatic breast cancer thrivers, and supporters of Susan G. Komen and those impacted by breast cancer.

About the event

- What: Susan G. Komen More Than Pink Walk
- When: Saturday, June 10, 7:30 a.m. – grounds open
- Where: Willow Island at Alliant Energy Center – 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison
- Details: Register at: komen.org/scwiwalk
- Please contact Cristobal Martinez at cmartinez@komen.org for more information on the event. Interviews with event attendees, Komen staff, and honorees can be granted upon request.

About Susan G. Komen

Susan G. Komen is the world's leading nonprofit breast cancer organization, working to save lives and end breast cancer forever. Komen has an unmatched, comprehensive 360-degree approach to fighting this disease across all fronts and supporting millions of people in the U.S. and in countries worldwide.

They advocate for patients, drive research breakthroughs, improve access to high-quality care, offer direct patient support and empower people with trustworthy information.

Founded by Nancy G. Brinker, who promised her sister, Susan G. Komen, that she would end the disease that claimed Suzy's life, Komen remains committed to supporting those affected by breast cancer today, while tirelessly searching for tomorrow's cures.

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Above: The exhibit features three story cloth quilt panels that were the culmination of an ethnographic and art therapy project led by The Hmong Institute and the Wisconsin Women's Council. Left: The art therapy project engaged participants of an ongoing women's group, Hmong Sisterhood Support Group, at The Hmong Institute's community center.

Hmong women's exhibit in state capitol

May was Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month, and the Women's Council together with The Hmong Institute celebrated and recognized the culture and heritage of Hmong women with a story cloth exhibit in the State Capitol

(first floor rotunda). This week is the last chance to see this exhibit.

The exhibit is on display now and is viewable during the Capitol's open hours (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mon. to Fri.; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekends) through June 9.

The exhibit, "Resilien-

cy: Hmong Women's Mental Health Journeys During the COVID-19 Pandemic," features three story cloth quilt panels that were the culmination of an ethnographic and art therapy project led by The Hmong Institute and the Wisconsin Women's Council.

In spring 2022, the two organizations started a project to better understand the experiences of elder Hmong women during the COVID-19 global pandemic. The project engaged participants of an ongoing women's group, Hmong Sisterhood Support Group, at The Hmong Institute's community center to discuss and process the impacts of grief, stress, and isolation experienced during the pandemic on their mental health and well-being and capture their experiences and stories through a traditional means of documenting the Hmong experience and history by creating "story cloths."

Through the project's discussions and story cloth creation, three themes emerged as the participant's primary sources of strength and resiliency: their Hmong families and community, spirituality/faith, and gardening or being outdoors. The

exhibit also features a poster with a QR code so viewers can watch an online video of interviews with the women who created the story cloths as they share some their experiences during the pandemic. The video development was funded in part by the Wisconsin Humanities.

Wis. Women's Council

The Wisconsin Women's Council, celebrating its 40th Anniversary in 2023, is Wisconsin's statutory commission on the status of women and girls. The Council promotes initiatives that empower women, serve as a clearinghouse for information on programs and resources, conducts research, and promotes unique partnerships to address barriers and inequalities affecting Wisconsin women. The Council is guided by a 15-member board appointed by the Governor and Legislative leaders. For more information

about the Wisconsin Women's Council, visit the website at: womenscouncil.wi.gov.

The Hmong Institute

The Hmong Institute, built from 35 years of experience serving the Hmong and refugee communities, is a resource to advance community inclusion of Hmong culture and work to preserve and promote Hmong heritage for the future. The Hmong Institute is committed sharing Hmong history, culture, and traditions through opportunities to engage and learn, as well as ensuring that Hmong voices and experiences are heard and amplified and fulfill its mission to empower community through education, health, and preservation of Hmong heritage, with the goal of being a prominent leader in these efforts. For more information about The Hmong Institute, visit the website at: thehmonginstitute.org.

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AGENDA

1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper public notice
4. Secretary's Report

5. Treasurer's report
6. Reports
 - A. Supervisors
 - B. Chairman
 - C. Other reports
7. Audience communication
8. Old business
 - A. Rock County Public Works
 - B. Road work
 - C. Vacating roads
 - D. Fire/EMS
 - E. Bug tussle tower.
 - F. Trash complaint
 - G. Frontier
9. New business
 - A. WEC sub grant

- B. CLB Liquor License
10. Future agenda items
11. Payment of bills
12. Adjournment

Dela Ends, Clerk

Recycling drop-off
2nd Saturday of the month
Rock Co. Public Works Bldg.
Hwy 213
Orfordville 9am-noon.
www.townofspringvalley.com

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Learn how to cope with stress

The WeCOPE Stress Management Program for stressed out people starts Friday, June 9, at noon.

Life can be stressful at times, and there are situations and times in people's lives that add more stress than usual. But most people experience it, and it can be overwhelming at times, even affecting physical and mental health. Loss of any kind, life transitions, caring for others, and any number of other "stressors" can contribute to the experience of feeling that things are too much. First, this is normal

and not unusual. Second, there are research-supported skills people can learn that help to manage stress, and experience more positive emotions, even in the middle of life's challenges.

Despite the fact that everyone has different life experiences and reasons for stress or feeling overwhelmed, the physical and mental ways people cope are often pretty similar. Two experienced Extension Educators are bringing together a group on Fridays over the lunch hour to share what they know about how people can feel better and

manage better. It's a relaxing and supportive experience and they invite locals to join them for free.

The WeCOPE class runs for seven weeks on Fridays from noon to 1 p.m. on June 9 through July 21 via Zoom, which is online video-conferencing.

Upon registering, participants receive a workbook and journal in the mail. Please call Bridget Mouchon with Green and Lafayette Counties Extension, 608-328-9440 or Bev Doll with Grant County Extension, 608-723-2125.

•Heroes (Continued from page 3)

Heroes Golf Event their most successful event yet.

For more information about the event, visit: SWHeroesGolf.givesmart.com or email Kyle Kriegl, Executive Director for the Southwest Wisconsin Chapter of the American Red Cross at kyle.kriegl@redcross.org.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides comfort to victims of disasters; supplies about 40% of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; distributes international humanitarian aid; and supports veterans,

military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to deliver its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit on Twitter at @RedCross.

•Dams (Continued from page 5)

- Identifying risks at dams;
- Responding during emergencies; and
- Reviewing dam repair plans.

Dams in Wisconsin may be owned by private individuals, municipalities, lake districts or federal agencies. The DNR owns about 300, most of which provide recreational opportunities like fishing, hunting and boating. When recreating around a dam, it's important to maintain a safe distance and use designated portage areas if one is available.

The issue of dam safety was not widely recognized until 1889 when the failure of South Fork Dam near Johnstown, Pennsylvania claimed more than 2,200 lives resulting in the worst dam failure in United States history. National Dam Safety Awareness Day was established to commemorate this tragic failure and encourage people to recognize the responsibility to maintain safe, operational dams.

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials estimates that the cost to rehab-

itate the nation's non-federal high hazard dams, or those whose failure could cause loss of life, exceeds \$157 billion. Rehabilitation is an integral part of maintaining or improving the safety of dams. The DNR provides dam repair and removal grants to assist owners with making their dams safer.

For more information regarding local risk, roles in dam safety and the benefits and impacts of dams, visit the DNR dam safety webpage at dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Dams.