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Championship team to be recognized after 40 years

The 1976-'77 State Line League Championship football team will be recognized during halftime at Brodhead's home football game on Friday, Aug. 26. The game will begin at 7 p.m.

All members of this championship-winning team are invited to attend. Please pass the word so the following players may be recognized:

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Teammates who have passed away will also be recognized. These teammates include Eugene Updike, Randy Kamps, Rod Arnsmeier, and Joe McGinty.

We are encouraging fans to attend and show these players that the Cardinal Spirit is still going strong after 40 years!



Wilmer and Barbara Pautz celebrate 65th anniversary

Wilmer and Barbara Pautz, of Altoona, recently observed their 65th wedding anniversary. They were married by the Rev. R. W. Sachtjen on June 2, 1951, in Brodhead's Methodist Church.

To celebrate their anniversary, they entertained relatives and friends at two dinners, the first at The Bijou Restaurant in Eau Claire, and the second at The Butterfly in Beloit. These two dinners also honored Barbara's 90th birthday, which occurred on March 25. The former Barbara Garwig, she grew up in Avon Township and is a Brodhead High School graduate.

In the 1950s, both Wilmer and Barbara were teachers in the area high schools of Brooklyn, Juda, Brodhead, and Monroe, with Dr. Pautz (Wilmer) also serving as District Administrator in Juda. Later, he joined the faculty at UW-Eau Claire, where for 30 years, he prepared students to become teachers.

The couple currently resides in Knollwood Village, a retirement community in Altoona.



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Monroe Fund awards grant to Parish Nurse Program

Grant supports educating volunteer nurses

The Monroe Fund recently awarded Monroe Clinic's Parish Nurse Program a \$850 grant from the Clifford & Dorothy Riesa Charitable Fund, a component of the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Inc. The grant will support the educational program "Meeting Continuing Educational Needs of the Faith Community Nurse: Care of the Elderly," presented by the faith community nurses in Monroe Clinic's service area.

The continuing education program focuses on the needs of the elderly, including palliative care, homecare, hospice, county resources, advance care planning, grief, and elder abuse. The Parish Nurse Program received the same grant in 2015, which was used for educating on chronic disease management and transitional nursing care (patients returning home after discharged from the hospital, homecare, or a long-term care facility).

"The faith community nurses are volunteers and often cannot afford to attend continuing educational courses," said Kris Wisnefske, MSN, RN, and Parish Nurse coordinator. "The generosity of the grant is very much appreciated by the nurses, and they look forward to their educational day."

Faith Community Nursing is a professional practice of nursing. Monroe Clinic has 12 faith com-



Monroe Clinic's faith community nurses, pictured left to right, are: Marlene Stewart, Darlene Becker, Vicki Evenson, Rudy Gebhardt, and Carol LaPointe.

munity nurses, who volunteer within their own communities to promote health, wellness, and disease prevention. For more information on parish nursing (faith community nursing), please contact Kris Wisnefske at 608-324-1185. For more information on supporting the Community Foundation, contact Linda Gebhardt at 608-328-4060 or visit www.cfsw.org.

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Vendors wanted

Vendors are currently being sought by the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce for the 13th annual Fall Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on North Water Street in downtown Albany.

The cost of a 10-foot by 10-

foot vendor space is \$15.

Those interested in reserving a space should contact Teri Rupp at 608-862-3214 or email trupp@townbank.us

This event will be held rain or shine; in case of inclement weather, it will move to the Albany School's gymnasium.

Toy and Tractor Show coming to Albany

The Albany FFA Alumni are holding their 7th annual Tractor and Toy Show on Sunday, Aug. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The show will take place at the Albany Lions Club. This event will also include a craft show, a flea market, farm displays, raffles, a bounce house, and a kids' tractor pull.

Those participating in the tractor show will be charged a fifteen-dollar registration fee. The first fifty exhibitors will receive entry plaques. Please note that tractors must be in place by noon.

Registration for the kids' tractor pull will begin at 12:30 p.m., and the pull will begin at 1.

Admission to the Tractor and Toy Show is free. Food and drinks will be available on the grounds. All proceeds will benefit the FFA.

For more information on the Tractor and Toy Show, please contact Jeffrey McNeely at 608-628-6975.

For information specific to the craft show or flea market, please contact Jodi Houlberg at 608-558-3232.

Albany Comet News

By Stacey Torstenson

THURSDAY, AUG. 25

- *Camp 4K, 9 to 11 a.m.
- *Camp Kindergarten, 9 to 11 a.m.
- *High school volleyball at Abundant Life, 4 to 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUG. 26

- *Camp 4K, 9 to 11 a.m.
- *Camp Kindergarten, 9 to 11 a.m.
- *Football home vs. Jefferson, 7 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 27

- *High school volleyball: Six Rivers Tournament at Monticello, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUG. 28

- *FFA Alumni Tractor and Toy Show at Lion's Club, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MONDAY, AUG. 29

- *Teacher professional development day
- *Middle school volleyball practice begins
- *High school cross country at Monroe, 4 to 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 30

- *Teacher professional development day
- *High school JV football at Jefferson, 4:45 to 9 p.m.
- *High school volleyball home vs. Barneveld, 6 to 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUG. 31

- *Teacher professional development day
- *Back to School Night, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

* Denotes an Albany School program. For more information, please call 608-862-3225.

- Denotes an Albany Community Center event. For more information, please visit the Albany Community Center page on Facebook or call 608-862-2488.

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Community gathers to benefit Albany's Dean Walz

By Beth Blakemore
CORRESPONDENT

A benefit for Albany's Dean Walz took place at the home of Jay and Rhonda Dailey last Saturday, Aug. 20. The event included music, a 50/50 raffle, and canoe races, among other highlights.

"Dean is caring, always doing stuff for everyone," said Amber Evans, a family friend who helped organize the event. Evans and several others have spent the past several months putting this event together to help Walz and his family after he suffered a work-related accident earlier this summer. Walz fell 50 feet from a boom truck.

According to Evans, Walz has made recent progress in his recovery. "He's walking with nurses, talking a lot, and doing sign language," she said.

In addition to serving 20 years on the fire department, Walz, who grew up in Glenhaven, served 10 years on the ambulance.

At the benefit event, music was provided by Jamie Caldwell. Pulled pork and hot dog meals were provided by the Lions Club, Gabriella's, Sugar River General Store, the Gun Club, and several others. S&B tubing supplied the canoes for races, and a number of community members donated treats to be sold in a bake sale.



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Next Generation 4-H to host Juda Farm and Toy Show

By Siara Schwartzlow
EDITOR

The Next Generation 4-H Club will sponsor the 28th Juda Farm and Toy Show on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Jefferson Community Center and Fire Station.

During the show, agricultural history will be highlighted through various pieces of machinery including antique tractors and lawn mowers. "I want the youth to see older equipment, but I also want them to see what farmers can do with a tractor that turns them into a pulling machine," said Deb Myers, the general leader of Next Generation 4-H.

The event also includes a pedal tractor pull for children and a variety of food for the whole family. "Last year, we teamed up with the Green County Fall National Tractor and Truck Pullers to get them to come down and display their equipment so kids and parents alike could get an up front look at these marvelous machines," Myers said. "Kids loved it, and hopefully, we will have them here again this year."

One element unique to this event is the toy show button. Each year, one tractor is displayed on each button, and event goers receive one upon purchasing a pass for the show.

This year, the club would like to display each of the 28 tractors that have been highlighted on these buttons since the first Juda Farm and Toy Show. "The club is looking to personally invite these tractors back to represent the year that they were spotlighted and to encourage others who have never displayed their tractors to bring them to the show," Myers said. Moving forward with this idea, she said, was an easy decision. "It's giving the community a glimpse of Green County history in their own backyard." Myers says the club won't give up on finding all 28 owners, even if it takes until next year.

Few records have been kept over the years, so the club needs help finding these tractors and their owners. Anyone with information about these tractors should contact Eric Hanson at 608-329-8574 or Marvin Becker at 608-934-5331.

The club is also looking for a tractor to be highlighted on the

2017 buttons. A member of Next Generation 4-H will take the chosen tractor's photo with its owner at no cost. Those interested should contact Hanson or Becker.

About the show
The Juda High School FFA founded the Juda Farm and Toy Show in 1988. In 2014, the Next Generation 4-H Club took over management responsibilities and has hosted the show since. "Once the first year was over, I couldn't stop thinking about what new things we could try to make this a great show," Myers said. Some of the changes Myers and the club has made are adding more vendors to draw interest from surrounding communities and making admission free to the public.

Though admission is free, this event is a fundraiser for the 4-H club. Money raised goes toward fleeces for club members to make blankets for children in hospitals, yarn to knit caps for the Red Cross heart campaign and for newborn babies at local hospitals, 4-H camp costs, and various donations to local schools. The club also uses the money to donate food to Meals on Wheels and to donate toward the Christmas Stocking. "We try to pay forward what we are blessed to receive," Myers said.



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A variety of toys will be on display at the Juda Farm and Toy Show on Sunday, Sept. 11.



Each year since 1988, one tractor has been highlighted on a toy show button. This year, the Next Generation 4-H club would like to reunite each of those 28 tractors in a large display.



Participants in the pedal tractor pull receive their trophies at last year's show. This year, the top four finishers in each of four age categories will receive a trophy, and every participant will receive a prize.



One participant gives her all during last year's pedal tractor pull.

St. Augustine Catholic Church to host annual festival

Footville's St. Augustine Catholic Church will be celebrating with their annual Fall Festival and Buffet Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Buffet dinners will cost \$11 for adults and \$5 for children between ages five and 12. Children under five will eat for free.

Included in the day's activities will be children's games, a cake walk, a homemade candy and bake sale, arts and crafts, an afghan/quilt raffle, and a 50/50 raffle.

Those with questions may contact the church at 608-876-6252.

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Green County Pasture Walk coming Wednesday, Sept. 7

The Green County Land and Water Conservation Department, along with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, is hosting the 2016 Fall Pasture Walk, "Grazing the Summer Lull." The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at Holmstrom's Grassy Acres in Blanchardville. The farm is located at N9276 Hay Hollow Road.

The day will begin at 11 a.m. with registration, networking, and a presentation on warm weather forage

feeding from Brian Pillsbury, NRCS State Grazing Land Specialist. Pillsbury's presentation will discuss the advantages and disadvantages of grazing annual grasses.

The walk will begin at 11:15 a.m. and will include discussions of the pasture's condition.

For more information, call the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department at 608-325-4195 or send an email to Chris.Newberry@wi.nacdnet.net.

Rabies confirmed in Rock County

Marie-Noel Sandoval, Public Health Officer with the Rock County Health Department, announced that one bat submitted to the State Lab of Hygiene has tested positive for rabies. At least one bat a year has been confirmed rabid in Rock County since 2013. "The positive rabies result is a reminder that this fatal disease is present in our community's wildlife," stated Sandoval. "The public should be aware of what rabies is and how it is spread."

Rabies is an infectious disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. According to information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), people contract rabies from a bite of an animal with rabies (a rabid animal). Wild mammals such as raccoons, skunks, foxes and coyotes can all transmit rabies, but it is the bat that transmits the most human cases of rabies in the United States.

Rabies is a fatal disease, but it can be treated if those who are bitten seek medical advice immediately. Treatment includes one dose of immune globulin and four doses of rabies vaccine over a 14-day period.

Bat exposures can occur in a home where the animal has entered through small openings in screens, around chimney caps, underneath door gaps, or in any hole larger than a quarter-inch by half-inch. It is therefore important to "bat proof" your house. Young children may also come across injured or young bats outside. They should be taught not to touch bats, as bites may result. If you find a bat in your home, it is important to seek advice from the health department as to the correct course of action. This is because very young children may not even know they have been bitten.

Sandoval also reminds pet owners to have their animals vaccinated against rabies. She says that even though you think you have an indoor pet, bats can still bite cats and dogs when they invade homes.

"Exposure of cats to bats is fairly common," she added. If you

suspect your pet has been exposed to a bat, contact the health department for advice.

As with many illnesses, Sandoval stated that rabies can be prevented. First and foremost, teach children to never handle bats or other wild animals, and always be wary of animals that are acting out of character, such as a raccoon that is out during the day. Next, thoroughly wash any wound from an animal with soap and water and

seek medical attention. Have all dead, sick, or easily captured bats tested for rabies if exposure to people or pets occurs. It is also important to prevent bats from entering living quarters. Finally, be a responsible pet owner and keep your animals vaccinated.

For more information on rabies, contact the health department at 757-5440 or 364-2010 or visit the department's web site at <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/health-rabies>.

Good Time Gathering coming to Durand

Flea market and antique tractor/engine show

The third annual Good Time Gathering, sponsored by Cornerstone Church, will be held this Saturday, Aug. 27, in Durand's Saelens Park from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The event will include a flea market and antique tractor and engine displays with food vendors selling throughout the day. Matt Kolb, of Wisconsin, will be providing music for your enjoyment. The day will end with a parade through Durand's downtown square at 4:30 p.m.

This event is free. Bring the family to Durand for an old-fashioned, fun day.

There is still time to arrange to sell your wares at the flea market. The cost is \$35 for a 12-foot by 25-foot space. You may also put your antique tractors or engines on display at the park. Call Sue at 608-314-6125 or Warren at 815-248-8053 for more information or an application, or send an email to goodtimegathering@outlook.com.

Obituary

SHAWN CONDON

Shawn Condon, 46, of Brodhead, died unexpectedly Saturday, Aug. 20, at his home. He was born on Feb. 28, 1970, in Monroe, the son of Lyle Condon and Donna Scheidegger. He attended Brodhead High School. He worked for Douglas and Son Septic Service. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, music, and his dogs, Tilley and Sophie.



He is survived by his mother, Donna Scheidegger of Brodhead; six children: Chantel (Jonathon) Pagano,

Shawna Condon of St. Petersburg, Fla., Nicholas Condon of South Beloit, Ill., Kaitlin (Jake) Thorpe of Albany, and Alicia Condon and Kylie Condon, both of Brodhead; grandchildren: MyLee, Tanis, Ariel, and Jon Jr.; two sisters: Debbie Farmer of Belvidere, Ill., and Cheryl Buss of Orfordville; five brothers: Jeffrey (Kit) Condon, Glenn (Kathy) Condon, Randall Condon, Kent Condon, and Brett (Vickie) Condon, all of Brodhead.

He was preceded in death by his father, Lyle Condon, step-father, Levi Scheidegger, and a brother, Rickey Stabler.

A Celebration of Life will be held today, Wednesday, Aug. 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Everson Funeral Home in Brodhead.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

In this time of ongoing turmoil, student exchange is good medicine for a world torn by terror. We want to invite the families of Orfordville to help us combat international fears and prejudices by welcoming a foreign teen into their homes and hearts!

In recent weeks, all eyes have turned to Rio and the Olympic games. But as we cheer on Phelps, Biles, and Ledecky, many of us quietly hold our breath: rumors of a potential terrorist threat are woven through the press and shared on social media. The result? Fear. "International," a word once celebrated as exciting and elite, now feels scary and oppressive.

And yet – we have a choice!

If we want to break down prejudices and build understanding (even in the face of terror), relationship is the most likely antidote -- real relationships with other human beings. This is where student exchange comes in. Welcoming an international student is a simple, tangible way to teach our children that different is not dangerous. When students engage with a classmate from Germany or Thailand,

they begin to see the world differently. They become more likely to judge the country based on their friendship (and not the other way around).

In short: exchange students provide a much-needed way to let "global" be good again!

We've partnered with local high schools like Parkview High School to find host families to welcome these students. We can't do it without community support – so let's link arms and be part of the solution.

We urge your readers to help us bring all students "home." We are seeking host homes for 60 students from Germany, Thailand, Switzerland, Spain, Austria, and Italy. All students must have a host home by Wednesday, Aug. 31. Readers can consider helping by hosting as a short-term or long-term host family.

To learn more, contact International Experience directly at 888-266-2921, and we will connect you with the Local Coordinator in your area, or visit www.IE-USA.org.

Sincerely,
Jodi Lundell
International Experience

PACE program application window now open

The Rock County Land Conservation Department has announced the 2016 application period for the Rock County Purchase of Agricultural Conservation Easements (PACE) program, which is open now until Saturday, Oct. 15.

The purpose of the PACE program is to protect and preserve productive agricultural lands in the unincorporated areas of the county through the acquisition of an agricultural conservation easement. Willing, eligible, agricultural landowners retain ownership and private use, but the potential future use of their land is limited to the terms of the perpetual easement and may not be developed or subdivided. The compensation for the easement value comes through a combination of allocated federal and county funds and a tax-

deductible donation by the landowner. There is also an option for a landowner to permanently protect his or her property by agreeing to the perpetual easement terms and donating 100% of the easement value.

The eligibility criteria, application standards, and selection process were designed by a diverse committee representing many interests in the county to promote and encourage a strong agricultural economy, intergovernmental cooperation, and a regional land use plan throughout the county.

Please contact Thomas Sweeney at the Land Conservation Department at 608-754-6617, ext. 115 or THOMAS.SWEENEY@co.rock.wi.us for more information. Information may also be found at www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-pace-program.

Pastor's Corner

Pausing to Worship

BY REV. ANDY TWITON

One of the best pieces of advice I received as a young minister was to pause before beginning Sunday morning worship. As a worship leader, I have a lot on my mind leading up to the start of the service – prayer concerns, announcements to make, the sermon, the people in front of me, etc. In the midst of it all, it's easy to lose sight of what's most important: we are here to worship God.

Part of the problem is remembering that this time is not about me. This time belongs to God. It was my internship supervisor who taught me to simply take a deep breath and turn toward God in this moment.

As God's children, we all need time to pause for worship, but worship seems to be less and less of a priority, especially on Sundays.

Rollie Martinson, a teacher at my seminary, tells the story of a conversation he had with a stranger on an airplane. Rollie, being a very outgoing guy, asked the man next to him if he went to church. The man said that it was funny to be asked because his family had recently decided to stop going to their church. This man and his family were exhausted from running from activity to activity, so they called a family meeting to decide where to cut back. They made a list of every activity and ranked them by importance and the value each added to their lives. In the end, they decided Sunday morning church was a place they could save some time.

similar decisions. People are often busy and exhausted, and we are afraid of wasting time on something that isn't a priority for us. How do we find the time? How do we remember to pause for worship?

Part of the problem may be that we forget that worship is not primarily about us. It's about God. In our consumer culture, we sometimes treat church like shopping for a new car or outfit. One of the reasons people give for not coming to worship is that they felt they weren't getting anything out of it.

Like all pastors, I hope people find meaning and transformation in worship, but what I'm saying is that this is not the main reason we gather. We gather to worship God.

Mark Allan Powell, the author of *Loving Jesus*, says that the question that gets him out of bed on Sunday morning is not, "Am I going to get something out of church this morning?" The question that gets him out of bed is, "Does God deserve to be worshipped?" As his mother used to say to him when he whined about church, "Six days

a week, God is good to us, and on Sunday, we give thanks."

I'm writing this not in the hopes of making people feel bad or guilty. In my experience, people have enough burdens to carry as it is. I know of several people who work on Sundays or who have health issues or other circumstances that prevent them from taking part at that specific time. They find other times and ways to worship. Instead, I mean this as an invitation to pause for worship on Sunday mornings and at other times.

The beginning of the school year is often a time when people return to church. Some churches even have a "Back to Church Sunday" or a "Rally Sunday." For example, Orfordville Lutheran Church is having our Rally Sunday on September 11, when we'll have activities for kids and a service project for adults. Worship is at 9:00 a.m.

Maybe you'll feel drawn to worship this fall with us or another church in our community. May God bless us all with time for worship because God deserves our praise!

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FRIDAY, AUG. 26
Volleyball at Janesville Craig, 9 a.m.
Cross country practice, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball practice, 3:40 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Football at Marshall, 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, AUG. 27
Volleyball at Janesville Craig, 8:30 a.m.
SUNDAY, AUG. 28
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MONDAY, AUG. 29
Grade 7 orientation, 7:20 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Cross country practice, 3:30

p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball practice, 3:40 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Football practice, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
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TUESDAY, AUG. 30
Cross country practice, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Volleyball practice, 3:40 p.m. to 6 p.m.
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Completion of the \$3.75 million project coincides with the art center's 41st anniversary celebration. Two phases of the project remain. Expansion plans began one decade ago.

The original arts center was the former First Methodist Episcopal Church, whose sanctuary hosted occasional classical music concerts. Now the non-profit enterprise has mushroomed into a block-long arts precinct with room to showcase more of the area's virtuoso talent, especially in the visual arts.

A transparent, two-story walkway links the 1869 church to the \$3 million addition. Another \$750,000 investment updates infrastructure (accessibility, restrooms) and revamps a concert hall in the original arts center but maintains historical integrity.

"As well as this functioned as a church, it couldn't do all that well as an arts center," said Richard Daniels, Art Center director. The structure is on the National Register of Historic Places and was designed by Edward Townsend Mix, known for Gilded Age architectural work throughout the Midwest.

The late Peg Stiles was credited for saving the church and parsonage from demolition and establishing Monroe Arts Center in 1976. A future phase of renovation will update the lower level of the church and demolish a 1950s addition. The project also includes the rehab of the parsonage, now used for music lessons and recitals.

The expansion project demonstrates a deepening of Monroe's commitment to the arts by providing bigger and more flexible art galleries, better spaces for public receptions, and classrooms for teaching art, especially to children. A sculpture garden is also possible.

The Kubala Washatko Architects of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, designed the

new building. In Madison, they designed the Children's Museum and the new addition to the Unitarian Meeting House. CG Schmidt, with offices in both Madison and Milwaukee, served as the construction manager for the new addition. CG Schmidt built the Calatrava-designed Quadracci Pavilion of the Milwaukee Art Museum and, locally, the new addition to the Monroe Clinic.

The upcoming September grand opening hints at the range of audiences served. Events include the Friday, Sept. 2 gallery exhibition opening of "A Sense of Place: Wisconsin Landscape Photographs" by Regina Flanagan, Peter Latner, Jill Metcoff, and Zane Williams; singer/songwriter Ken Lonnquist in free performances for all ages at 11:00 a.m. on Saturdays, Sept. 3, Oct. 1, and Nov. 19; and the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Sewell, in concert at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10.

Monroe Arts Center is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For additional information, consult www.monroeartscenter.com or call 608-325-5700.



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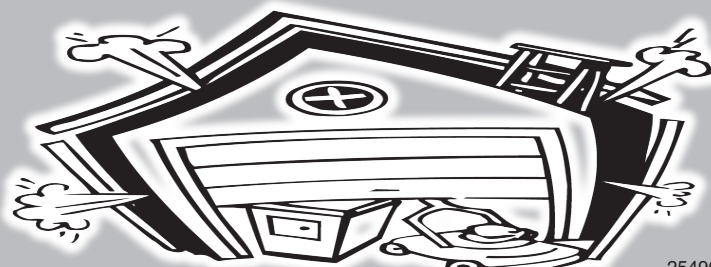
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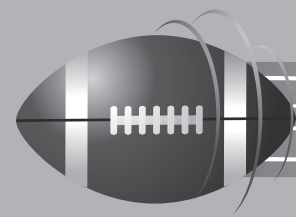
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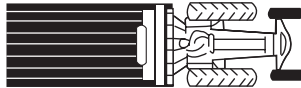
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