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4-H members, volunteers and supporters were honored at the annual graduation and recognition ceremony during the county fair. Pictured above from left are Paige Blair of the Green County Farm Bureau, 4-H Key Award recipients Alex Nusbaum,

Natalie Roe, Emily Makos and Isabella Carnes, along with Josh Schenk of the Green County Farm Bureau.

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4-H honors members, volunteers, grads



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Green County 4-H 2021 high school graduates were honored at the county fair. In the front row from left are Lily Brewer, Tess Nafzger and Jade Stauffacher. In the middle row from left are Dane Duerst, Jencie Lynaugh, Natalie Roe, Isabella Carnes and Courtney Montgomery. In the back row from left are Dawson Bethke, Aleta Broge, Bryce Montgomery, Jordan Lerch and Luke McCullough.

A select group of Green County 4-H members and volunteers were recognized during the sixth annual 4-H Graduation & Recognition Ceremony held July 25 during the Green County Fair.

Key award

The 4-H Key Award is the highest award given in the 4-H program and can be received only once during a member's

career. The award marks individual growth through 4-H projects, leadership and service.

The 2021 recipients were Isabella Carnes, Emily Makos, Alex Nusbaum and Natalie Roe.

Memorial scholarship

The Cindi Miller Memorial Scholarship is awarded each

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 From left, Lynn Lokken, Kris Winkler and Roxanne Klossner were honored with the Lifetime Volunteer Award.



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 Daryl Miller is shown with Emily Makos and Kaleigh Dallman, Cindi Miller Memorial Scholarship recipients.

Albany River Festival

August 20 & 21, 2021

Friday, August 20

- Band: Stateline Playboys, 7pm-11pm (Downtown), no cover charge
- Legion Food Stand (Brats & Burgers)
- EMS Fish Fry

Saturday, August 21

- Flea Market/Arts & Crafts: 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. (Downtown)

At Legion Park

- Kickball: Ages 7, 8 & 9 at 10 a.m., ages 10, 11 & 12 at Noon (Rats vs. Buffalos)
- Kayak/Canoe Races: \$5 per kayak, \$10 per canoe, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Winners determined by lewis class. Race the clock to the pond and back.
- River Volleyball: Noon
- 16" softball: 2 p.m.
- Legion Chicken Barbeque: 2-4p.m. (advanced tickets only)
- Beer, brats & burgers all day

Downtown

- Ricky Denure, DJ: 7-11p.m.
- Womens League/Gun Club Food Stand
- Bed Races: 7-9:30 p.m. \$10 per bed. Sign up at any Albany Bar. 4 beds race up & down Water Street. Winners determined by lewis class.

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Historic church hosts Aug. 22 hymn sing

The Gap Church Museum Inc. 29th annual Hymn Sing will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 22.

The old-fashioned hymn sing will have bluegrass accompaniment provided by the group IBBN (In Bed Before Nine).

There is no charge for the event but donations are appreciated. Refreshments will be served after the music.

The Gap Church Museum Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. The nonprofit association is dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Gap Church (also known as Monticello Prairie Baptist

Church).

The pioneer church was established in 1850. The church building was built and the cemetery was platted in 1856.

The building is maintained by donations only. All donations will be used to repair church windows.

The Gap Church and cemetery is located four miles west of Albany on Wisconsin Highway 59.

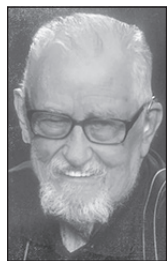
For more information, contact Craig Roth at 608-558-5280, Laurie Exum at 608-897-6990 or Jane Copus at 608-214-8289 or jcopus1@frontier.com.

Obituary

JOHN W. LAWRENCE

John Wayne Lawrence, age 86, passed away on Saturday, July 17, 2021, surrounded by his family at his home in rural Albany. John was born May 15, 1935, in Watertown, Wisconsin, and was raised in Janesville, Wisconsin.

John began working at General Motors in 1953 and was drafted into the Army shortly thereafter. Upon completing his service to his country, John returned home to his job at GM and built a new house on the west side of town on his family's property. John and his father shared a love of gardening and they ran a vegetable truck together for years. In 1972, John married the love of his life, Candace Cox (Lawrence). In 1979, they bought a piece of land and built their



dream home in Albany, Wisconsin. There, they raised their three children and lived for the next four decades.

John had many passions in his life; fishing, hunting, guns and building birdhouses were some of the big ones. Of all of his passions, his relationship with Jesus Christ was certainly his most important. As a member of Grace Church in New Glarus, John re-kindled his love of the Lord and found peace in the knowledge that he would forever be in the loving arms of the Lord upon leaving this world. John also found a calling in volunteering at local

nursing homes. He enjoyed playing cards and bringing contraband treats to the residents. He would often sit for hours with those who couldn't get out, and he impacted many in this way. John loved God, his family, his freedom and his country. To those who knew him, John was never one to mince words and until the end, he was a devoted patriot and held very strong opinions on the state of the union. John's witty, sharp sense of humor that will be greatly missed by all of those who were close to him.

Special thanks to Heartland Hospice for all the great care they gave our dad during his last few months. He was so grateful for everything they did for him and would often comment on how great his caregivers were (thank you, Stephanie Peach and Julie Flynn). Also, thanks to Grace-Bifulk Funeral Home for helping with all the arrangements.

John is survived by his three

children, Marian (Scot) Pfeuti (Albany), Melissa Chicker (Monticello) and Doug (Meghan) Lawrence (Albany); 14 grandchildren, Katie Anderson (Griffin Rostan), John (Amy) Anderson, Brad Anderson, Kelly (Leahy) Cano, Taylor, McKenna and Rahfi Pfeuti, Benjamin, Samuel, Hallie and Maximus Chicker, Alecia (Josh) Kraut and Nathan, Kalyn, Beau and Luke Lawrence; four great-grandchildren, Johnny and Harrison Anderson and Joshua and Arabella Kraut.

John was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife, Candy; sister, Janet Ackerman; and brother, David Lawrence.

A celebration of life will be held at Grace Church, 416 Second St., New Glarus, on Saturday, Aug. 21, starting at 10 a.m. There will be a visitation with family from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., followed by a service from 11 a.m. to noon. A luncheon will follow.

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Enjoy the outdoors at Wildflower Walk

Those who attend the Wildflower Walk can discover native wildflowers that can be used for rain, pollinator and butterfly gardens. The short walk, which is suitable for all ages, will begin at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 15, at Putnam Park in Brodhead. Each participant will receive a free packet of orange milkweed seed.

Small businesses may be eligible for loans due to drought

U.S. Small Business Administration officials announced last week that economic injury disaster loans are available to small businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and private nonprofit organizations as a result of drought that began on June 1.

The declaration covers the counties of Boone, DeKalb, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago in Illinois; and Green and Rock in Wisconsin.

"When the Secretary of Agriculture issues a disaster declaration to help farmers recover from damages and losses to crops, the Small Business Administration issues a declaration to eligible entities affect-

ed by the same disaster," Kem Fleming, director of SBA's Field Operations Center East, said in a news release.

Under this declaration, the SBA's economic injury disaster loan program is available to eligible farm-related and nonfarm-related entities that suffered financial losses as a direct result of this disaster. With the exception of aquaculture enterprises, SBA cannot provide disaster loans to agricultural producers, farmers and ranchers. Nurseries are eligible to apply for economic injury disaster loans for losses caused by drought conditions.

The loan amount can be up

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Arts center hosts photography contest

Entries for the Monroe Arts Center Photography Contest and Exhibit are due by Saturday, Aug. 28.

The contest is open to all non-professional photographers in adult and junior divisions. The photographs must have been taken after Sept. 1, 2020, and be the first time entered in this contest. Each photographer is permitted to enter as many photographs as they wish; there is a fee per photo.

Contest organizers will award cash and ribbon awards for best of show, second place, third place and fourth place.

Photographs entered in the contest will be on display Sept. 10 through Nov. 5 at the Monroe Arts Center, 1315 11th St., Monroe.

Bruce Fritz is serving as the judge for the 2021 contest. Fritz is a noted Madison photographer and a Pulitzer Prize nomi-

nee for news photography.

According to a news release, Fritz began his career as a photojournalist at the Capital Times in Madison from 1969 to 1977, where he covered human-interest stories, lifestyles, features, sports, and news. In 1976, he was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in news photography and the National Society of Professional NPPA Journalists honored him with the Sigma Delta Chi Distinguished Service Award in News Photography.

Following his newspaper career, Fritz freelanced for national magazines, including TIME, Newsweek and National Geographic.

Photography contest entry forms can be downloaded from the Monroe Arts Center website, monroeartscenter.com/exhibits.

For more information, call the Monroe Arts Center at 608-325-5700.



Above, Green County Fair Cheese Contest judges Eric Vorpahl and Gina Mode, at right, evaluate cheese from cheesemaker Gary Grossen, left. Grossen, of UW-Madison Babcock Hall, was the grand champion in this year's contest. Right, Grossen shows his award-winning aged Gouda, which notched a score of 99.70. This is the second consecutive grand champion win for Grossen.

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Checking out the champion cheese

In brief

Free concert features the sounds of Small Potatoes

The Monroe Arts Center Sounds of Summer outdoor concert series continues Wednesday, Aug. 18, with Small Potatoes. The free concert will start at 6:30 p.m. on the south porch of the arts center campus, 1315 11th St., Monroe.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic. Concerts are held rain or shine.

"Superb musicianship and showmanship, award-winning songwriting and a

strong sense of tradition has made them a must-see summer concert," according to a MAC news release.

Go online to monroeartscenter.com for more information.

Bandi-Hahn family notes Monroe reunion this Sunday

The postponed 85th Bandi-Hahn family reunion is set for noon on Sunday, Aug. 15, at the Monroe Moose Lodge. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Water

and coffee will be provided.

County Republicans host state senator at meeting

The Republican Party of Green County will hold a monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 14, at the American Legion building, 1627 12th Ave., Monroe. State Sen. Howard Marklein will be the featured speaker.

Interested Republicans are invited to attend. For more information, contact Bruce Kloeping at 608-897-8395.

Honors (Continued from front page)

year to two 4-H members who have shown a high level of community involvement. The scholarship is named for Cindi Miller, a longtime Green County 4-H adult leader who passed away in 2015.

Kaleigh Dallman and Emily Makos were chosen as the 2021 recipients of the Cindi Miller Memorial Scholarship.

4-H supporters

Each year, 4-H adult leaders vote on nominees for the Friend of 4-H, Volunteer of the Year and Lifetime Volunteer awards.

The Friend of 4-H honor usually is awarded to a business or organization that has stepped up to support the 4-H program. The Volunteer of the Year Award goes to a leader with 10 years or less of involvement and the Lifetime Volunteer Award goes to a leader with 10 years or more of involvement.

The 2021 recipients are:

- Friend of 4-H, Blain's Farm & Fleet and Gary Gibson/Gibson Training Center
- Volunteer of the Year Award, Derrick and Kelly Fiez and Owen and Christina Johnson
- Lifetime Volunteer Award, Roxanne Klossner, Lynn Lokken and Kris Winkler.

4-H graduates

The Green County 4-H program recognizes all of the high school seniors as 4-H program graduates, no matter their length of membership.

The Green County 4-H Class of 2021 includes: Jakob Bernstein, Dawson Bethke, Bryan Bloomquist, Lily Brewer, Aleta Broge, Isabella Carnes, Lane Christen, Dane Duerst,



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Ellen Andrews, left, Green County 4-H youth development educator, and Anne Schultz, right, of Compeer Financial, present the Friend of 4-H Award to Dan Lawrence of Blain's Farm & Fleet, second from left, and Gary Gibson of Gibson Training Center.



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Green County 4-H Volunteer of the Year Award winners are shown from left: Derrick Fiez, Kelly Fiez, Christina Johnson and Owen Johnson.

Kloie Huffman-Heins, Olivia Isely, Jordan Lerch, Timothy Leslein, Jencie Lynaugh, Luke McCullough, Elise Medenwald, Bryce Montgomery, Courtney Montgomery, Tess

Nafzger, Logan Niesen, Alivia Palmer, McKenna Pfeuti, Natalie Roe, Emma Shares, Madalynn Smith, Jade Stauffacher, Emma Stricker, Spencer Vestin and Kollin Zahradka.

For more information about the Green County 4-H program, contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H youth development educator, at ellen.andrews@wisc.edu or 608-328-9440.

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- SATURDAY, AUG. 14**
-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- SUNDAY, AUG. 15**
-Albany American Legion breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon (every third Sunday)
-Albertson Memorial Library closed
- MONDAY, AUG. 16**
-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- TUESDAY, AUG. 17**
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Brodhead festival weekend is packed with fun

If you can't find something fun to do in Brodhead this weekend, you're not trying.

Covered Bridge Days boasts activities, amusements and food all over town, starting Friday and stretching straight through Sunday. Admission is free.

"Covered Bridge Days has so many things to do, you will never run out of great ways to entertain the whole family for the entire weekend," Trey Carpenter, Brodhead Chamber of Commerce president, said in a news release. "Anywhere you look, Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days will have something for everyone."

The festival is back after being canceled due to the pandemic in 2020, and a host of sponsors have stepped up to contribute. The presenting sponsors are Bank of Brodhead and Madison Partners. Stoughton Trailers is the stage sponsor.

Friday

The festival fun begins in downtown Brodhead on Friday,

when the Brodhead Garden Club hosts a display at the Bank of Brodhead starting at 8 a.m.

Just south of downtown, the brand-new Kelch Aviation Museum will open at 10 a.m. and Gypsy Air will begin offering bi-plane tours. The plane tours are by reservation; call 608-215-7896. The museum and plane rides also will be offered Saturday.

In the evening, the downtown square turns into a concert venue with a new, larger stage on the square and the sounds of Sojourn Rocs from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Festival-goers can enjoy food stands and a beer garden while jamming to classic rock 'n' roll and country.

Saturday

On Saturday, the festival schedule is packed with fun at multiple sites. Festival attendees can take advantage of a free wagon shuttle between downtown and the south end.

For the energetic, Saturday begins with a 5K run/walk

along the Sugar River Trail that starts at 8 a.m. at Putnam Park.

Over at Veterans Park, dozens of artists will showcase and sell their fine art pieces at the Wildflower Art Festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Live music starts at 10 a.m. and Steve's Deli Dog House will offer food and ice cream treats on site.

Fun on the downtown square begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until 11:30 p.m. From 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., businesses will offer sidewalk sales, vendors will be open, the garden club will host its display and the Brodhead Historical Society museum will be open.

In addition, horse-drawn wagon rides will meander through the downtown from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and a Jaycee Kids Run takes off at 11:30 a.m.

Downtown musical entertainment includes a DJ from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and the country show band Madison County from 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

For those who want to experience Brodhead by water,



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Sojourn Rocs and Madison County take the downtown festival stage on Friday and Saturday evenings, respectively, during this weekend's Covered Bridge Days in Brodhead. The music begins at 7:30 p.m. both days.

pontoon boat rides on the Mill Race depart every half hour from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from the area of the old water tower, 1201 11th St.

A full slate of activities also is lined up on the south end of town at 19th Street and County Highway T, with sawmill demos, a tractor show/threshere

and garden tractor expo beginning at 9 a.m. Special events include the children's pedal

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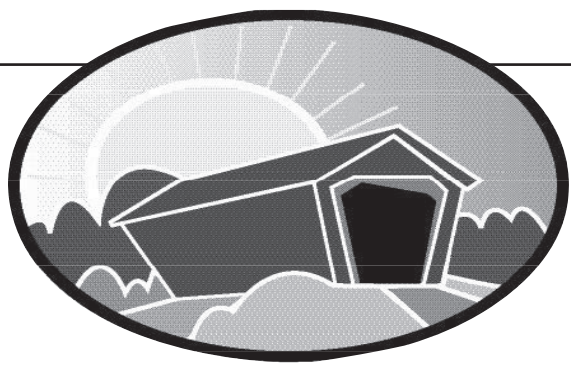
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUG. 13

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| <p>Downtown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Brodhead Garden Club display, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Bank of Brodhead) <p>Brodhead Airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kelch Aviation Museum open, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ▪ Gypsy Air biplane tours by reservation (call 608-215-7896) | <p>Legion Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Softball tournament, evening <p>Downtown on the Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Live music by Sojourn Rocs, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. ▪ Food stands and beer garden |
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SATURDAY, AUG. 14

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| <p>Sugar River Trail</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5K Run/Walk, 8 a.m. (starts at Putnam Park) <p>Veterans Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wildflower Art Festival, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ▪ Live music, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. <p>Brodhead Airport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kelch Aviation Museum open, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. ▪ Gypsy Air biplane tours by reservation (608-215-7896) <p>Downtown on the Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Garden Club display, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Bank of Brodhead) ▪ Sidewalk sales/vendors, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ▪ Historic museum open, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ▪ Horse-drawn wagon rides, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (tickets sold on corner by senior center) ▪ Jaycee Kids Run, 11:30 a.m. (west side of the square) ▪ DJ music, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. ▪ Live music by Madison County, 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. ▪ Food stands and beer garden | <p>Old water tower, downtown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boat rides on the millrace, every half hour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. <p>South end of town, 19th Street and County Highway T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sawmill demo, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ▪ Tractor Show/Threshere, starts at 9 a.m. ▪ GTE Garden Tractor Expo, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ▪ Food stands and beer garden, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. ▪ Children's pedal tractor pull, 10 a.m. ▪ Garden tractor pull, 1 p.m. ▪ Antique tractor drive, 4 p.m. <p>Legion Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Chicken barbecue, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. ▪ Softball tournament, all day ▪ Bags tournament, all day <p>Jaycee Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Green County Relay For Life, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. |
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SUNDAY, AUG. 15

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| <p>Veterans Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Open-air church service, 10:30 a.m. ▪ Twilight in the Park concert featuring Brodhead Community Band, 6 p.m. <p>Putnam Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wildflower Walk, 10:30 a.m. <p>Old water tower, downtown</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Boat rides on the millrace, every half hour, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. <p>Downtown on the Square</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Car show and car cruise, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. | <p>South end of town, 19th Street and County Highway T</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sawmill demo, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ▪ Tractor Show/Threshere, starts at 9 a.m. ▪ GTE Garden Tractor Expo, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ▪ Food stands and beer garden, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ▪ Tractor parade, noon (starts at East Third Avenue and 19th Street) ▪ Antique tractor pull, 1 p.m. ▪ Garden tractor pull, 1 p.m. <p>Legion Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Softball tournament, all day ▪ Chicken barbecue, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. |
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tractor pull at 10 a.m., the garden tractor pull at 1 p.m. and a slow-speed antique tractor drive at 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Food and beer will be available on the south end from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Sunday

The fun continues Sunday on the south end of town with the all-day tractor show and threshere and a tractor parade starting at noon at East Third Avenue and 19th Street. An antique tractor pull and garden tractor pull begin at 1 p.m.

If you're looking for a different kind of horsepower, a car show will be held on the downtown square from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and the pontoon boat rides continue from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For those looking for a quiet start to the day, an open-air church service is slated for 10:30 a.m. at Veterans Park and a wildflower walk is set for the same time at Putnam Park.

The day will end on a high note with a concert by the Brodhead Community Band at 6 p.m. in Veterans Park.



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Artists from all over Wisconsin and other states will set up shop Saturday, Aug. 14, for the 10th annual Wildflower Arts Festival in Brodhead's Veterans Park. The juried fine art event runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information about the artists, go online to brodheadchamber.com.

Bring a lawn chair.

More venues

In addition to the chamber-organized and sponsored activities, Legion Park will be the site for a weekend-long softball tournament, an all-

day bags tournament on Saturday and the finger-licking goodness of a chicken barbecue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Green County Relay for Life also will take place during festival weekend, stepping off at 6 p.m. Saturday at Jaycee Park. People will have the opportunity to support the American Cancer Society fundraising effort by stopping by the Relay for Life booth among the downtown vendor booths earlier Saturday.

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Man decries lengthy 'de facto probation'

By Phoebe Petrovic, Madeline Fuerstenberg, Jack Kelly and Mario Koran
WISCONSIN WATCH
Beau Jammes sat inside Dodge Correctional Institution, a maximum-security prison in Waupun, Wisconsin. It was late March 2018, and he was 25 years old.

Jammes wrote to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin: "Judge Vincent R Biskupic unlawfully stayed a portion of my jail sentence for 19 months."
In an amended complaint, Jammes said the Outagamie County judge had placed him "on a de facto term of probation ... in order to monitor my behaviors." It was, Jammes alleged, "illegal."

Jammes' case was among 31 such cases between 2014 and 2020 in which a Wisconsin Watch investigation found Biskupic offered to stay or furlough defendants' jail time

if they complied with his conditions.
A stay formally pauses or postpones a person's sentence. A furlough allows an incarcerated person to temporarily leave confinement to attend events such as funerals. State law restricts judges' ability to issue stays.

Biskupic's supervision departed from traditional probation overseen by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. It is not spelled out in state law and has no sunset period. Several attorneys said they consider these arrangements advantageous. Others argued they make defendants vulnerable to shifting demands and protracted timelines. Some legal experts questioned whether the practice is lawful.

Wisconsin Watch found Biskupic ordered four defendants arrested for failing to show up for these legally dubious review hearings.

In his complaint, Jammes

objected to Biskupic's lengthy supervision and shifting demands. A magistrate judge dismissed Jammes' claim, saying judges generally have "absolute immunity" when performing official duties.

Biskupic did not answer detailed questions about his practice. In a statement, he said state Supreme Court rules limit his comment on specific cases, which he said "resolved mostly in the four-year period of 2015-2018" — the latter being the same year Jammes filed his complaint. Biskupic did not answer a question about whether he has stopped the practice.

Biskupic's offer welcomed

At first, Jammes and his lawyer, Gary Schmidt, a seasoned private attorney appointed by the state public defender's office, felt grateful for the stay Biskupic offered.

They appeared before the judge in December 2015, after the DOC revoked Jammes' probation primarily for a weapons violation — later proven unsubstantiated. In Wisconsin, when people get revoked from probation, they generally are sent to jail or prison to serve their sentence.

Jammes faced up to two years in prison for his original crime: Resisting an officer as a repeater. The DOC recommended six to nine months. The prosecutor recommended the higher end.

"I will do anything to prove to you that this is not what it is," Jammes said. "I'm not this person."

Under Wisconsin law, circuit judges cannot reinstate probation after revocation. So Biskupic gave Jammes a year in the Outagamie County Jail with work release. But then, he raised a possibility that Jammes' attorney had neither requested nor ever experienced.

"This isn't a deal, but this is what I'm going to offer you," Biskupic prefaced.



MICHAEL CHRISTEN FOR WISCONSIN WATCH *Brodhead Independent-Register*
Beau Jammes was charged with repeat offenses of resisting an officer and disorderly conduct. He filed a federal lawsuit against Outagamie County Circuit Judge Vincent Biskupic claiming a "de facto probation" placed on him through a stay was illegal and cost him lost wages, employment and housing, along with "mental stress" and "pain and suffering." That suit was dismissed.

Biskupic explained that if Jammes kept a job, the judge "might stay some of that remaining time."

"You stay focused and do the things that you have the ability to do, this one year sentence can get reduced based on a petition and a follow-up hearing," he said.

A month later, Schmidt filed a motion asking Biskupic to reduce Jammes' sentence to time served, meaning his incarceration would end. In the motion, Schmidt emphasized that Outagamie County prosecutors had found no evidence of the crime for which he was revoked and had dropped their charges.

Biskupic convened a hearing. But instead of modifying Jammes' sentence — a standard practice spelled out in state law — he reverted to his initial offer and temporarily stayed his jail time.

"You are not completely where I want you to be on stability, but you are going in the

right direction. To help encourage you in the right direction I am going to give you a break," the judge said.

Biskupic ordered Jammes to follow several conditions: A full-time job, counseling or addiction meetings, sobriety, take his medications, continue GED classes and stay out of trouble. They'd review his status in March, several months later.

Jammes told the judge the arrangement sounded fair. Neither Schmidt nor the prosecutor objected. In an interview, Schmidt said, "(Biskupic) was dangling a carrot in front of Beau to try to encourage him to be employed and to get his GED so that he could get better jobs and survive better in society."

Jammes said in an interview he felt "kind of grateful."

'The judge was a probation agent'

But Jammes' outlook darkened as time dragged on. Bisk-

upic scheduled "one last review date." And that hearing yielded another. Even more followed.

"The fact that it continued on for months and months ... felt like I was still locked up. I didn't feel free," Jammes said.

Biskupic summoned Jammes for a total of seven review hearings. Eventually, Jammes got arrested yet again for disorderly conduct and incarcerated by another Outagamie County judge. Biskupic sent him back to jail.

In retrospect, Schmidt thinks Biskupic crossed a line.

"I think the judge wanted to keep Beau under his thumb," Schmidt said. "The judge was a probation agent."

Schmidt challenged the judge's authority to craft the unconventional sentence. Biskupic requested that he draft a legal memo on "how long of a furlough is allowed."

Court records show he never filed the memo. Schmidt said

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Legal Notices

MEETING NOTICE

The Town of Spring Grove Monthly Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. at the Town Hall, N2475 Hwy GG, Brodhead, WI.

MEETING AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
 2. Pledge of Allegiance
 3. Approval of Agenda and/or changes
 4. Reading of July Meeting Minutes
 5. Treasurers Report
 6. Public Input
 7. Donna Hohneke Land Division/Survey Update
 8. Brodhead Area EMS presentation
 9. Drug Testing Program update
 10. Road Projects
 11. Driveway Permits
 12. Building Permits
 13. Truck Loan Update
 14. Review of Monthly Bills
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Green County Public Health promotes breastfeeding

August is National Breastfeeding Month. This year's theme is "Every Step of the Way."

Efforts surrounding breastfeeding in Green County have resulted in an increase of resources available to parents, according to a Green County Public Health Department news release. Green County Public Health and Monroe Clinic currently have a combined total of nine certified lactation counselors, an increase of three from 2018.

The Green County Breastfeeding Collaborative, comprised of moms, health care providers and community organizations, works to promote, support and protect breastfeeding. This group has worked with employers to provide them consultation on how to be

more breastfeeding friendly for their employees, the release said.

The collaborative also developed a breastfeeding resource guide for community members.

"Breastfeeding is important to both the health of the baby and the mother. Breast milk has all the essential nutrients a baby needs to grow, it is easy for babies to digest, the cost is free and it is always ready without the need of preparation," the release said. "Babies who are breastfed have reduced risks for diabetes, asthma, ear infections and respiratory infections."

"Breastfeeding can decrease the risk of high blood pressure, diabetes, as well as breast and ovarian cancers for parents who breastfeed. Additionally, breastfeeding can help mothers heal faster after delivery, and increase

relaxation. Breastfeeding can also help the parent and their baby bond."

Green County Public Health/WIC provides guidance to parents about breastfeeding by contacting them via email at info@greencountywi.org or by phone at 608-328-9390.

Additionally, Monroe Clinic offers a breastfeeding class; call 608-324-2000 for more information.

"In public health it is critical that we engage our whole community to support breastfeeding not just in the month of August, but year-round," Jaime Batz, the Green County breastfeeding coordinator, said in the release. "As a community, it is our personal responsibility to protect the health and well-being of our youngest community members and the people who are their caregivers."

College helps students access pandemic relief funds

Blackhawk Technical College students will continue to benefit from COVID-19 relief funding during the 2021-'22 school year, according to a college news release. The college has \$3.8 million to devote to student support for the academic year that begins Monday, Aug. 16.

Since the pandemic began, the college has provided \$2,202,010 in relief funds directly to students.

BTC has received Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund grants from the U.S. De-

partment of Education through the several acts. The grant funding provides direct relief to help students address expenses and hardships they incurred during the coronavirus national emergency. BTC will disburse HEERF III grants in October and November to students enrolled in credit courses.

Since the beginning of the pandemic in March 2020, the college has provided the following directly to students:

- Issuing emergency grants to support hardships incurred

during the pandemic

- Paying off outstanding student tuition and fee balances
- Expanding Wi-Fi access on all BTC campuses
- Providing laptop and hotspot equipment loans

"Blackhawk remains committed to providing continued support to our entire student body," Tony Landowski, BTC executive director of student services, said in the release. "We recognize the hardships that our students have endured, and we will continue to support their educational and job

training goals through these relief funds."

BTC students experiencing hardships due to the ongoing pandemic may use emergency grant funding for assistance with tuition and fees, books, supplies or living expenses. BTC students in need may reach out directly to college counselor and case manager Laura Becker at counseling@blackhawk.edu.

For more information about the college's response to the pandemic, go online to www.blackhawk.edu/coronavirus.

THURSDAY, AUG. 12

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; book club at 6 p.m.
- Music in the Park, 6 p.m. at Purdy Park

FRIDAY, AUG. 13

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; storytime at 11 a.m.
- Parkview-Albany varsity football scrimmage at Cambridge, 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUG. 14

- Orfordville library open, 9 a.m. to noon
- Orfordville Market Day, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., lot

across from Village Hall

SUNDAY, AUG. 15

- Orfordville library closed

MONDAY, AUG. 16

- Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Parkview School Board meeting, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUG. 17

- Orfordville library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Teen/Tween Tuesday, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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Outagamie County Circuit Judge Vincent Biskupic speaks during a hearing in this file photo from the Outagamie County Government Center in Appleton. Wisconsin Watch found that Biskupic offered stays or furloughs in 31 cases if they complied with his conditions, which ranged from education to treatment requirements.

Probation vs. judge supervision

A comparison between probation through the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and the requirements of Outagamie County Circuit Court Judge Vince Biskupic's supervision.

Probation

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- Revocation happens over a multi-step process involving DOC agents and an administrative law judge.
- Reasons for extension limited by state law.
- Frequent option in justice system.
- Imposed by judges.
- Can entail review hearings before a

judge.

- Can require participants to attend treatment programs.

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- Not outlined in state statute. Those who call it legal say "inherent authority" and certain court rulings allow judges to invoke it.
- Not supervised by a state agency.
- Solely a judge imposes, determines length and decides whether a person must return to jail.
- Not frequently imposed by other judges.
- Entails review hearings before a judge.
- Has required participants to attend treatment programs.

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he likely decided an appeal would take too long to help his client.

Probation — the usual way

In Wisconsin, judges impose probation, which the state Department of Corrections monitors and enforces. Through such community supervision, the DOC holds people accountable for law-breaking without locking them up.

The agency lists 18 standard rules for all probationers, including following the law. Agents also set specific conditions, as do judges. Throughout probation, participants must regularly check in with the DOC agent assigned to monitor their behavior.

In some treatment courts, judges require a person to return to court to provide updates. While these resemble Biskupic's mandatory review hearings, there's a crucial difference — the person is on probation, and a DOC representative attends.

Wisconsin's probation system is governed by pages of rules and laws setting out maximum time limits by crime and rigid processes and limitations shaping how judges may extend probation — and how the DOC may revoke it.

'Probation ... through the judge'

It's in the shadow of this probation system that Biskupic operates something like it.

Of the defendants who took Biskupic up on his offer, almost all had been revoked from probation like Jammes. They faced almost certain incarceration, and having been extended a chance at freedom — no matter how tenuous — seized it.

Over 19 months, Biskupic measured Jammes against an elusive benchmark: "stability."

"I will decide what stable means, whether it's a few weeks, a few months," Biskupic said. Transcripts indicate the concept encompassed nearly all aspects of Jammes' life, including work, housing, friends, health and — especially — education.

The stay's original order said Jammes had to make progress in getting a GED. Then Biskupic raised the bar, telling Jammes if "you have this GED, we can end this." Jammes, who says he has dyslexia, never passed.

Had Jammes just served the time Biskupic gave him, he could have left jail and closed his case in July 2016. But the stay caused a delay, with Biskupic ordering Jammes back to jail in September 2017.

Schmidt said while Biskupic likely thought he was being helpful, "I don't think there is any actual statutory authority for the judge to act that way ... I think once the maximum term for any kind of probation or confinement expires I think the court's jurisdiction ends."

In another case in 2016, an Outagamie County assistant district attorney tried to lift a stay issued by Biskupic, arguing "that this is a sentence after revocation and probation is not permitted."

In an email, Biskupic's attorney, Daniel T. Flaherty of Godfrey and Kahn, said while the judge "received updates on the defendant's progress" in treatment, the defendant was "never placed on probation to the court."

Flaherty also characterized the time spent out of jail as a "furlough," rather than a stay. Though a slippery term, multiple legal experts said a furlough is a temporary, authorized absence from an incarcerative institution, typically for events like funerals.

Lack of 'guardrails'

About two dozen legal experts consulted by Wisconsin Watch and WPR had a wide range of views about Biskupic's use of review hearings. Some said the practice is legal, some called it a gray area and some said it has no basis in state law. Others had never heard of it before.

"Imposing and staying sentences and having someone come back in for reviews ... gets a little fuzzier because there's limited situations when a court's supposed to impose and

stay a sentence," said Brandt Swardenski, a private defense attorney and former state public defender.

The state public defender's office said in a statement that statutes do grant judges "broad discretion at sentencing" but failed to elaborate.

But Michael O'Hear, a professor at Marquette University Law School, said in an interview that case law appears to indicate that "once the judge imposes the sentence that the judge simply needs to turn the matter over to the executive branch of government for implementation of the sentence" — except in very limited circumstances.

Nevertheless, some attorneys and defendants subjected to the practice said they considered it helpful.

One defendant, Kristen Gurholt, said she was grateful that Biskupic stayed her jail sentence so long as she wrote a letter to her son apologizing for the behavior that landed her behind bars. She called Biskupic "amazing," adding, "I don't have a single bad thing to say about him."

But Craig Mastantuono, a private defense attorney and adjunct law professor at Marquette, cautioned that such an approach lacks "guardrails."

"That could be a dangerous thing if the discretion utilized becomes more outlandish and judges are making up wish lists without much statutory guidance for what they want to see accomplished," Mastantuono said.

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