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Thoughts from Scotch Hill

Crisis and Constitution show us purpose for laboring in friendship

Backs rounded, eyes downcast, bodies bent toward work. Not mythological creatures, divine beings, or rulers – as bas relief sculptures on temple walls and upraised coins famously “lift” individuals out of thought or history.



By **TONY ENDS**
Editor

These individuals are life-size recent ancestors, grandparents and parents of my generation, from the Great Depression of the 1930s.

They are sculpted into scenes depicting purposes the Preamble gives our U.S. Constitution. The people’s

delegates wrote and signed them as basis for our laws 235 years ago.

These bas relief sculptures project from a long outside wall of the community center in Greenbelt, Md.

I live in Greenbelt when I

travel to work near Washington, D.C.

Greenbelt is a cooperative community that Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt fostered to help masses of unemployed, hungry people following the 1929 stock market crash.

When I walk about Greenbelt today, I don’t see people still living there paying much attention to these sculptures.

In our nation’s turmoil, division, and strife, I’m drawn across the quiet lawns around the community center to these sculpted figures. I’m drawn to this document’s Preamble, to our people’s values.

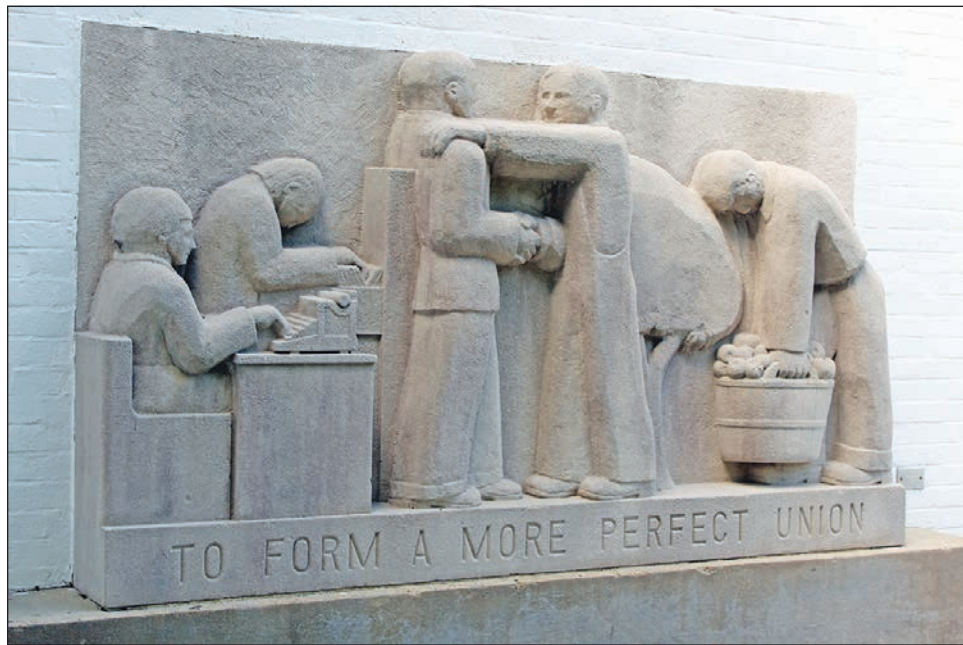
Mr. Kelly, my civics teacher in 1966, persuaded an entire class of 12-year-olds to memorize the Preamble to the Constitution.

In Greenbelt today, I see captured permanently in these sculptures what is written lovingly, loyally into my heart from those early Constitutional lessons.

In shapes embodying that first line of the Preamble, I see my mother sitting at a manual typewriter, just as she did as a teenager for her first job in the early 1940s in downtown Chicago.

Ahead of her is someone standing, bent over a card file. Across from them, is an orchard field hand or farmer straining to lift a bushel basket heavy with apples.

Common occupations,



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It is the first purpose written into the Preamble to the Constitution in 1787, “in order to form a more perfect union,” and it found life in this 1930s bas relief sculpture of common people working through the economic hardship of the Great Depression. On the exterior wall of Greenbelt Community Center in Maryland, it reminds us everywhere in the United States of how to survive hard times, by laboring in peace together.

by hand and often physical strength, they depict work before war machines, industry, and technology radically transformed life in the United States.

In the midst of the sculpted figures, portraying tired, toiling, downcast souls of the Great Depression, rise up two more people.

Their right hands are

grasped. Their left hands extend gently forward to rest on each other’s shoulders. They are looking each other in the eye. They are smiling at each other.

“In order to form a more perfect union,” reads the caption – from the first purpose given the Constitution.

I stop. I think about that. I let the words meld with the

images from our history.

These images are of a people all in the same national crisis, facing the same harsh economic conditions, striving to earn livings.

It was going so poorly for the nation, with so many, many people out of work that full employment wasn’t

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A bas relief sculpture above the doors of Greenbelt Community Center in Maryland welcomes in the public with an inscription from the Preamble to the Constitution, “We the People.” The sculptor, Lenore Thomas Straus, was one of 3,700 artists whom the Public Works of Art Project employed during the Great Depression. The program only lasted one year, but the artists produced 15,000 works of art from it for the nation.

Union Grove man charged with election fraud over absentee ballot requests

Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) last week announced that Harry E. Wait, 68, of Union Grove, has been charged with two counts of Election Fraud and two counts of Unauthorized Use of an Individual’s Personal Identifying Information in connection with his requesting absentee ballots for two other individuals.

“The Wisconsin Department of Justice is committed to ensuring that the integrity of our elections is protected from alleged intentional violations of the law,” Attorney General Josh Kaul stated in a press release announcing the charges last week.

Wait went to MyVote.wi.gov on the evening of Tuesday, July 26, and requested absentee ballots for two individuals to be sent to his address in Union Grove, according to the criminal complaint.

The individuals whose names he used to request the ballots were Assembly Speak-

er Robin Voss and Racine Mayor Cory Mason, according to media Wait contacted to publicize his actions.

Wait leads a group called Honest, Open and Transparent Government.

The complaint states that, in multiple online videos and other correspondence, Wait admitted requesting the ballots using the other individuals’ personal identifying information.

The complaint states that the individuals did not authorize Wait to use their personal identifying information for this purpose.

As in any criminal proceeding, Wait is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

DOJ’s Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) led the investigation.

Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC) notified DCI on Thursday, July 28 that a “Freedom Fighters of Wisconsin” Facebook post contained a message of a claim of some-

one requesting absentee ballots in other people’s names.

DCI investigators reviewed screenshots of the post, which had a signature line claiming to be from “Harry Wait” with a Union Grove address in Racine County and phone number 262-770-9796, according to the criminal complaint.

In the post, Wait admitted that he had requested the absentee ballots for two people on the MyVote.wi.gov website to be sent to his address.

In this same post, Wait also admitted to requesting additional absentee ballots for others, claiming to have done so with their permission, and also have them sent to his address. Wait further stated that he stood “ready to be charged” for his actions.

Upon conviction of this offense, a Class H Felony, the defendant may be fined as much as \$10,000 or imprisoned as many as 6 years, or both, according to the 17-page criminal complaint.

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Obituaries

VICTORIA ANN ERICKSON

Victoria Ann Erickson, 75, of Brodhead, passed away on Sept. 4, 2022 while at her home surrounded by her family.

She was born June 28, 1947, in Monroe, the daughter of Julian and Ruth (Wells) Rear. She married Carlyle Erickson on Nov. 20, 1972, in Rockford, Ill.



She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and her great grandson.

She enjoyed horses, watching her granddaughters and their barrel races, as well as all

the grandchildren's sporting events.

She also enjoyed coloring, sewing, tending to her plants, watching birds out the window and playing cards and board games.

She and Carlyle are members of Bethany Lutheran Church in Brodhead.

She is survived by her husband Carlyle Erickson; 2 daughters, Irene (Chris) Roberts and Angie (Brian) Montefelt; five granddaughters, Chelsea Roberts, Chantel Roberts, and Ciara (Caleb) Roberts Wardenberg; Nicole Montefelt and Hannah Montefelt; a great grandson, Luke

Mullin; two aunts, Shirley (Arthur) Costello and Irene Sprague; and one uncle, Bob Wells.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Julian and Ruth Rear; and one uncle, George Wells.

Condolences and cards can be directed to the family

via DL Newcomer Funeral Home, PO Box 26, Brodhead, WI, 53520.

A private graveside service will be held at a later date at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

JEAN R. JOHNSON

Jean R. Johnson, 97, of Beloit, passed away on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at Willowick Assisted Living.

She survived numerous health issues over the years, always with a positive attitude and smile. She was truly a cancer survivor.

She was born Nov. 30, 1924 in Spring Valley Township, the daughter of Tillman and Mabel (Burtness) Everson. She was a 1942 graduate of Brodhead High School and later a graduate of Blackhawk Technical College.

She married Harold Hagen in 1945 at Luther Valley Church. She was a homemaker and farmer's wife.

On June 25, 1976, she married Raymond J. Johnson in Shirland, Ill., and they enjoyed their senior lives together, traveling in their RV and fishing. She later moved to Inman Estates and lived there for many years.

Survivors include her children, Linda Cowan of Brodhead, Carolyn Hagen of Orfordville, and Rodney Hagen of Brodhead; grandchildren, Steven Cowan, April (Dan) Halbach, Crystal (Ed) McConnell, Travis (Leah) Hagen,



Todd (Noe) Hagen, Cody (Megan) Cash and Tiffany (Jared Kotajarvi) Cash; and 18 great grandchildren.

A special thank you to Dr. Cheryl Miller, Amy at Heartland Promedical Hospice, Willowick Sr. Living, and especially Tanya and Sandi who always made her smile that little smile.

Rest in peace, Mom. She was predeceased by her parents; husband, Ray; sister and brother-in-law, Marie (Clifford) Clair and infant sister, Evelyn.

A Funeral service for Jean will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 10, in the Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, with Pastor Larry Froemming officiating.

Burial will be in Shirland Cemetery. Visitation of remembrance will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service Saturday in the funeral home.

Online condolences may be sent to www.daleymurphywisch.com.

ROBERT LEE THOMPSON

Robert Lee Thompson, age 77, passed away on Aug. 29, 2022, while at his home in Beloit.

He was born on May 29, 1945, in rural Brodhead, the son of Ralph and Gene Delila (Bienemann) Thompson.

He enjoyed watching all sports, including the Bucks and Packers. He enjoyed taking rides in his Buick cars to Brodhead, Juda and Avon.

He was a graduate of Beloit Memorial High School in 1963 before serving his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. He served during the Vietnam War, was wounded and received an honorable discharge and the Purple Heart.

He worked for more than 40 years prior to his retirement as a welder for General Kinematics in Crystal Lake, Ill.

He is survived by his three children, Jennifer Whitt, Robert E. (Stacy) Thompson, and Amanda Thompson;



six grandchildren; five great grandchildren; three siblings, Lavola Ewers, Janet (Roger) Kopp, and Kendall (Ruth) Thompson; and many other nieces, nephews, and other relatives.



He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Beverly Zampelli; a brother-in-law, Clarence Ewers; and one nephew.

Visitation was held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Friday Sept. 2. A visitation was also held at the funeral home. Pastor Kendall Thompson officiated. Burial with military honors concluded at the Greenwood Cemetery.



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Connie and Steve Isely celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Connie and Steve Isely of Juda will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary at Leisure Lanes in Monroe on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 7 to 11 p.m., including a dance to the Other Brothers. They were married Sept. 9, 1972. The event is hosted by their girls, April Tiedeman, of Wasilla, Ark.; Kathy Spring of Monroe; and Bridget Paffel of Brodhead. The celebration is open to the public. Gifts may be omitted.

•Friendship

(Continued from front page)

realized for more than 20 years.

My mother would recall the time with a shudder at memories of an endless succession of unemployed men tramping along the country road, banging at the door for work or food.

Yet in the sculpture, in the Constitution, through trying times, the people remember what all the hard work, what preserving their values and dignity are for.

They reach out in friendship. They embrace in friendship.

A Constitution that unites the people speaks with strength more powerfully than television, radio, or social media.

This day, I entreat you to put this media on pause. Turn every electronic and digital contrivance off long enough to consider our collective purpose.

Consider the purpose of this historic document, our Constitution. See it in the eyes of your neighbors. See it in our common ancestry who did not let political divisions or beliefs undermine the values that hold us together for good purpose.

Those other four scenes richly tell why it's vitally important that every one of us do this.

"Establish justice. Insure domestic tranquility. Promote the general welfare. Provide for the common defense."

It's what every one of us regardless of political affiliation, belief, or persuasion, wants and needs.

We want to be treated fairly and to see others treated justly, too. We want tranquility, peace where we live. We want to look out for others. We want all of us to feel safe, protected from harm.

Arguing and debating are everyone's right of free speech, free assembly, free press.

Disagreements have al-

ways been. From before and even at the Constitution's signing, as told in the document's history recorded at the U.S. Senate website, our leaders were not unanimous.

When delegates from the original 13 colonies met to discuss and craft a legal framework for our nation, 16 of 55 delegates ultimately refused to sign the Constitution.

Most of those who refused wanted a bill of rights in the document. One objected because language in the document codified slavery, protected the slave trade.

It was another 4 years before the first amendments listing the first 10 rights were made to the Constitution. It was more than 75 years before a civil war ended slavery.

One person's great words, great ideas, are always for some number of other people incredibly mistaken or flawed.

Words after all are only words. They need not break our bones, nor leave us living divided, thinking unjustly of each other, without tranquility, without general welfare, and vulnerable to harm.

Our Constitution and its Preamble are brought to life in Green Belt's bas relief scenes of the 1930s economic collapse. They call us across the nation today to remember vital, timeless truths that lift us up — together.

We cannot live long at all without food, without shelter, without meaningful work, without standing together for a just, tranquil, secure way of life.

We cannot alone or without unity protect a nation. One additional bas relief scene is sculpted above the double doors to the Greenbelt, Md., community center.

It entreats us to enter into a document we share, a Constitution ordained and established on Sept. 17, 1787, by us, for us: "We the people."

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2022 12th annual Albany FFA Alumni Tractor and Toy Show announces winners



JENNIFER MCNEELY *Brodhead Independent Register*

Every tractor has its day, and then some. Looking and running like new, they abounded at Albany FFA Alumni's annual show this past weekend.



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Exhibitor's Choice First Place went to Orville and Margie Bondele for their 1961 John Deere 4010 in Albany Saturday at the annual tractor show.



JENNIFER MCNEELY *Brodhead Independent Register*

Albany FFA Alumni Memorial Award honors this year went to Don Best with his mom Anita Best and her 1941 John Deere B.



JENNIFER MCNEELY *Brodhead Independent Register*

Reid Ireland competing in the pedal pull in Albany over the Labor Day weekend of tractor fun.



JENNIFER MCNEELY *Brodhead Independent Register*

Serving up cheese was a group effort this past weekend for the Albany FFA Alumni Tractor Show, held at the Lions Center, with Brodhead Dairy Queen Emma Beutel, Albany Dairy Queen Ellie Modaff, Belleville Dairy Queen Cameron Frey, Green County Fairest of the Fair Sharlene Swedlund and Wisconsin FFA State Vice President from Section 5 (from Albany) Rhyllie Gough, all in attendance.

Furthest Traveled
Joel Nieman, Gratiot

Deere B

Best Display
Wyatt Clason, Albany

Tractor Pull Results:
3-4 year olds:
2nd Place: Ivan Gill
1st Place: Cheyanna Jordan

Spectator's Choice (voted on by show spectators)
2nd Place: Brody Shotliff, 1955 Allis Chalmers WD45
1st Place: Bruce Ruegsegger, 1963 John Deere 5010 Industrial

5-6 year olds:
2nd Place: Michael Pals
1st Place: Oliver Templeton

7-8 year olds:
2nd Place: Reid Ireland
1st Place: Adalyn Eickelkraut

Exhibitor's Choice-Best of Show (voted on by tractor exhibitors)
2nd Place: Devan Ortiz, 1942 Farmall M
1st Place: Orville & Margie Bondele, 1961 John Deere 4010

9-10 year olds:
2nd Place: Lena Nyhus
1st Place: Liam Tesch

Sponsor's Choice (voted on by Show Sponsors in attendance)
2nd Place: Pat McNeely, 1952 John Deere B
1st Place: Rob Moe, 1954 Farmall Super MTA

Raffle Drawing Winners
First 50/50 drawing:
Jennifer McNeely

Second 50/50 drawing:
Todd Ellingson

WI FFA Alumni 50th Anniversary Collectable Toy Tractor:
Duane Yaeger

Albany FFA Member's Choice (voted on by Albany FFA Members in attendance):
Nick Stokstad, 1951 Minneapolis Moline R

Tractor Show Raffle:
1st Prize: Logan Schoenberger, Evansville
2nd Prize: Larry Hanson, Albany
3rd Prize (\$100): John Abey, Brooklyn
4th Prize (\$50): Doug Schlimgen, Waunakee

Albany FFA Alumni Memorial Award
Anita Best, 1941 John

Albany Comet News

THURSDAY, SEPT. 8

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- *Middle School Football vs Clinton 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
- *High school Volleyball vs Pecatonica 6 to 9 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPT. 9

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- *High School Football vs. Shullsburg/Benton, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 10

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- *Albany HS and MS Cross Country at Spring Green, 8:30 a.m.
- *High school volleyball tournament at Brodhead, 8:30 a.m.
- Recycling Center, 500 Ogden Ave., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPT. 12

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Village Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- *Middle school volleyball vs. Black Hawk, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 13

- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Joint Library Board meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- St. Patrick's Mass, 8 to 8:30 a.m.
- Village Building, Grounds, Recycling, Cemetery meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- *Middle school football at Beloit Turner, 5:15 p.m.
- *High school volleyball vs. Barneveld, 6 p.m.
- Town of Albany regular board meeting, 6:30 to 9 p.m.

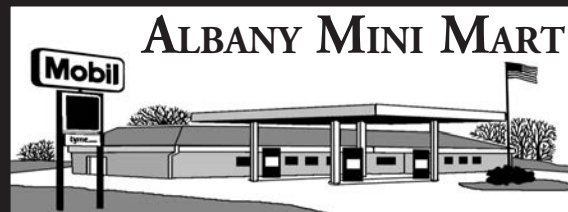
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- Albertson Memorial Public Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Recycling Center, 1 to 6 p.m.
- Albany United Methodist Church choir practice, 7 p.m.

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Artifacts being uncovered in Janesville date as early as 1890 and document the history of brewing in the city.

Upcoming RCHS events

Including brewing excavations, artifacts, and site visit

Artifacts uncovered while exploring historic breweries by Janesville native and historian Robert Bier will be a highlight of his two presentations on The History of Breweries in Janesville.

The sessions are set for this Saturday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Carriage House on the Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) campus, 450 N. Jackson St. in Janesville. They are free and open to the public.

Participants will also be invited to visit one of the excavation sites where ruins are still visible. The location is close to RCHS, near the Kiwanis Trail and Mercyhealth Hospital and Trauma Center.

Bier has dedicated the past several years to researching and uncovering Janesville's brewing history.

His work includes explor-



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Some of the artifacts featured in a history of beer presentation and site visit in Janesville upcoming.

ing underground at the sites of former beer cellars in Janesville, where he's found artifacts.

At his presentations, participants will get a first-hand look at many of his finds, such as old whiskey bottles and signage. The artifacts date to as early as 1890.

For research, Bier uses newspapers, land records and interviews with relatives of old brew masters, which he will share in his presentations.

No reservations are required. For questions, call the

RCHS at 608-756-4509.

Home to six historic sites on a 3.5-acre campus in the Look West Neighborhood, Rock County Historical Society's mission is to bridge past and present through capturing and sharing stories about Rock County, Wisconsin.

Its sites include the Lincoln-Tallman House, Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center, RCHS Archives and Preservation Facility, Tallman Carriage House, Wilson-King Stone House, and the Frances Willard Schoolhouse.

Farmers on the Rock field day with lunch this Friday

Farmers on the Rock is hosting a summer field day this Friday, Sept. 9.

Enjoy a scenic tour as we take a chartered bus to farms around Rock County, with stops focused on soil health practices.

Tour begins at 9 a.m. at Hughes Farms, 4031 U.S. Highway 51, south of Janesville.

Field Day participants will examine soil pits to find out the effects conservation practices have on soils

and see how healthy soils impact crops.

A rain simulator will show the effects of rainfall on soils with differing conservation practices.

An outdoor lunch will follow. RSVP is required to help sponsors plan for the meal. Visit the Farmers on the Rock website www.farmersontherock.com/events or contact the group's president Willie Hughes at 608 359-1800 for details.



WISCONSIN DNR *Brodhead Independent Register*

Goats, like this kid, eat woody invasive plants, including buckthorn, that outcompete native vegetation and are detrimental to ecosystem health. Clearing out these harmful plants is helping the state forests to regenerate.

State forest hires new land managers: Goats

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced a special class of new land managers working at the Brule River State Forest. Goats.

Beginning in May 2022, the DNR partnered with Regenerative Ruminants to place goats in portions of the Brule River State Forest overrun with buckthorn, an invasive plant, as part of the department's integrated pest management plan.

Brule River State Forest offers exceptional recreational opportunities, including river paddling, world-class trout fishing, wildlife viewing, a 23-mile stretch of the North Country National Scenic Trail and 9 miles of Lake Superior shoreline.

All 44 miles of the Bois Brule River are contained in the forest. Two campgrounds offer family campsites and access to canoe landings on the Bois Brule River.

"Buckthorn has been a problem on the Brule River State Forest for a long time," said Dan Kephart, DNR Brule River State Forest Property Manager.

"It's really important to the forest ecologically and aesthetically that we inhibit these invasive species as much as we can and promote native species. We're trying to evaluate how effective

this project can be, so it's exciting to see what will happen."

Invasive plants, animals and pests are taking a toll on Wisconsin's lakes, rivers and landscapes.

The DNR is working with the public and other partners to slow the spread of invasive species across the state. Through educational outreach, strategic planning and active management – including the use of goats – we are protecting our environment and economy from invasives. Regenerative Ruminants is the prescribed grazing service of Northern Wisconsin. Their ferd (flock/herd) of goats and sheep are land managers who specialize in brush clearing, pasture improvement, and invasive species control. A natural alternative to herbicide that benefits soil and can increase biodiversity.

The goats eat woody invasive plants, including buckthorn, that outcompete native vegetation and are detrimental to ecosystem health.

Clearing out these harmful plants will allow the forest to regenerate.

Depending on the site, there are various ways to treat invasive plants. Goat grazing is often an effective method for reducing herbicide use.

"We're always being

asked to reduce the amount of pesticide that we use. We want the forest to be able to regenerate our native species.

If invasive species get in the way, it makes it very difficult to do so," said Mary Bartkowiak, DNR Invasive Plant Coordinator.

"If the invasives out-compete all of the native vegetation, we won't have the sugar maples, red pines or the white pines because they would be overtopped by the invasives."

Like other management methods, goat grazing is a long-term treatment. The goats have rotated throughout this site at the Brule River State Forest several times this summer and are now back for another round of grazing.

Since the seeds of the invasive plants remain in the soil for several years, the department will evaluate the area in upcoming seasons to determine if the goats or other treatment methods are needed.

When visiting parks and forests, be sure to wipe your shoes and clean your equipment before arrival and when you depart to help avoid spreading harmful invasive species like buckthorn.

More information about invasive species in Wisconsin is available on the DNR website.

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 2nd Prize \$10

SECOND WEEK FOOTBALL FRENZY WINNERS

The first place winner of \$20 was Dennis Schwartz of Brodhead with 7 correct answers and 52 as the most points scored. The second place winner of \$10 was Eric Von Allmen of Albany with 7 correct answers and 49 as the most points scored. The most points scored by one team was River Ridge vs Parkview with a score of 64-0. Thank you to everyone who participated in the Football Frenzy Contest this week and a special thanks to all our sponsors who make this contest possible.

CONTEST RULES

1. Pick the teams listed in each advertisement on this page. Indicate the winner by writing in the name of the team opposite the advertiser's name in the entry blank. No scores. Just pick winners.
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3. One entry only from each contestant. Entries must be brought to The Independent-Register office by 4:30 p.m. Friday or postmarked no later than Friday of each week and mailed to The Independent-Register, 917 W. Exchange St., Brodhead, WI, 53520.
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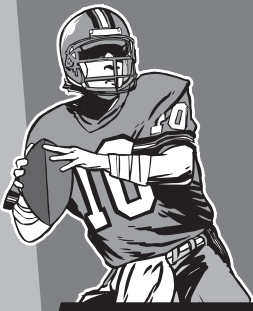
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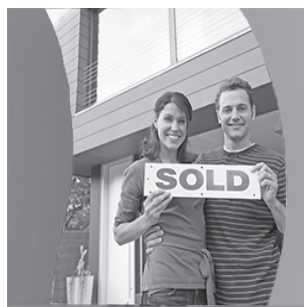
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Highly pathogenic avian influenza confirmed again in Wisconsin, other states

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has identified a case of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a backyard flock in Washington County.

This is Wisconsin's first confirmed case of HPAI in a domestic flock since May. First cases this year were in Jefferson in March and Rock County in April.

This year, 23 flocks in 15 counties have been confirmed with HPAI in Wisconsin.

All infected flocks are depopulated to prevent spread of the disease. Only 22 birds were depopulated at the Rock County non-commercial farm, but more than 2.7 million birds were destroyed at the commercial operation in neighboring Jefferson.

Washington County, about an hour, 40 minutes' drive northeast of Rock County, had 578 farms in the 2017. That is a decline of 19 percent in 5 years, according to the USDA National Agricultural Statistics

Service (NASS).

NASS withholds statistics on poultry to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

This past week, Indiana and Minnesota have also announced new cases of HPAI in domestic flocks, and there have been recent detections among wild birds in Wisconsin.

The fall and winter could be a critically important time for virus transmission. In a press release In a press release, the department of agriculture urged all poultry owners to implement strong biosecurity measures to protect their birds from the disease.

HPAI viruses are highly contagious and often fatal to domestic poultry. The disease can be spread by contact with infected birds, equipment, or clothing worn by anyone working with the animals. Signs of HPAI include:

Sudden death without clinical signs; lack of energy or appetite; decrease in egg production; soft, misshapen eggs; and purple discoloration of wattles,

comb, and legs.

Birds suffering from HPAI also have difficulty breathing; runny nose, coughing, sneezing; stumble or fall down; and have diarrhea.

DATCP reminds Wisconsin poultry owners to register their premises. State law requires that all livestock owners register where their animals are kept. Registration helps animal health officials communicate with flock owners during disease outbreaks.

To report increased mortality or signs of illness among domestic birds, contact DATCP at 608-224-4872 (business hours) or 800-943-0003 (after hours and weekends).

For updates on how the virus is affecting domestic birds in Wisconsin, visit DATCP's HPAI webpage.

Wisconsin's egg production value grew 60 percent between 2016 and 2020, rising to \$133 million from an estimated 7.9 million laying hens, according to the state Agriculture Statistics Service.



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A variety of 9-week-old chickens on grass and organic feed cast a wary eye at the camera in a new backyard flock outside Brodhead. Wisconsin Department of Agriculture and Consumer Protection alerted poultry growers last week to guard against Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza, on the deadly disease's return to the state.

Green County Sheriff's report

Green County Sheriff's Department released deputies' reports of the following incidents they recorded over the past week.

All individuals arrested or cited in this account are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Deputies reported the following incidents:

Sunday, Sept. 4 Motor Vehicle Crash

At approximately 7:50

a.m., deputies responded to the North 6700 block of County Highway X in the Town of Albany, for a report of a motor vehicle crash with nobody in or around the involved vehicle.

Investigation determined the operator, Israel Lopez-Luis, 40, of Brooklyn, was traveling north on Highway X when he failed to negotiate the curve.

Lopez Luis' vehicle continued through the median where it struck a mailbox and traveled down an embankment

before coming to rest against a tree.

He advised he was not injured and was wearing his seatbelt. There was no airbag deployment in the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Lopez Luis was issued citations for Failure to Maintain Control, Failure to Notify LE of Accident and No Valid Driver's License (1st Offense). He was released with non-mandatory court date.

Warrant Arrest

At Approximately 2:27 a.m., deputies responded to the West 8200 block of State Highway 11, Town of Cadiz, to apprehend an individual for an active child support warrant. Contact was made with the subject, Douglas Scace, 51, who was placed into custody on the active warrant.

He was transported to the Green County Jail where he was incarcerated pending an initial court appearance

Saturday, Sept. 3 OWI Arrest

At approximately 2:51 p.m., deputies conducted a traffic stop in the West 2900 block of State Highway 92, Town of Exeter, for a headlamp violation.

Further investigation resulted in the operator, Jon E. Eichelkraut, 54 of Belleville, being arrested for Operating While Under the Influence of alcohol - 1st Offense.

He was also cited for Prohibited Alcohol Concentration and a Headlamp Violation. He was released to a responsible party pending a future court appearance.

Warrant Arrest

At approximately 9:40 p.m., deputies and the Brodhead Police Department responded to the Brodhead EMS garage, for a report of an intoxicated male subject that walked in through an unlocked door.

The male subject, Randall S. Zuber, 44 of Brodhead, was subsequently arrested for an outstanding warrant through the Department of Corrections as well as one charge of Felony Bail Jumping. Randall was transported to the Green County Jail where he will be held pending his initial court appearance.

Motor Vehicle Crash with Injury

At approximately 12:05 a.m., deputies, New Glarus EMS, and the New Glarus Fire Department responded to the West 7700 block of County Highway H in the Town of York for a report of a one vehicle, rollover crash.

Investigation determined the operator, Mackenzie A.

Scott, 21 of Woodford, was traveling west on County Highway H, when she told deputies that she looked at her phone.

While doing this, her vehicle entered the north ditch and struck a culvert. This caused her vehicle to go airborne and strike a utility pole.

Her vehicle came to a rest in the north ditch after sustaining disabling damage with no airbag deployment. Her vehicle was towed from the scene.

She reported to deputies that she was wearing her seatbelt and sustained minor injuries.

She was transported for medical services by a private vehicle.

Mackenzie was subsequently issued citations for Inattentive Driving and Failure to Maintain Control of her vehicle. Mackenzie was issued a future court date. Alliant Energy also responded to the scene to repair the damaged utility pole.

Friday, Sept. 2 Motor Vehicle Crash

At 8:03 p.m., deputies responded to the North 1300 block of County Highway HK in the Town of Cadiz, for a report of a one-vehicle crash with no injuries.

Investigation found the driver Gavin Richards, 21, of Madison, was traveling west bound on County Highway B and began to turn south bound onto County HK where the vehicle lost traction due to the loose gravel along the roadway.

The vehicle entered the west ditch where it tipped on its passenger side and came to rest.

Richards and his passengers, claimed no injuries, and they said they were wearing their safety belts.

The vehicle sustained disabling damage and air bag deployment. It was towed from the scene.

Wednesday, Aug. 31 Motor Vehicle Crash

Deputies responded to the 200 block of Warren Street in the, Village of Albany, for

a report of a two-vehicle accident with no injuries.

During the investigation it was learned a vehicle operated by Sheila A Green, 58, of Albany, was backing from her driveway when she struck a mail truck operated by Robert S.L. Parr, 34, of Janesville. Green and Parr both denied injury Both reported wearing seat belts and neither had airbag deployment.

The vehicles sustained moderate damage.

Monday, Aug. 29 Motor Vehicle Crash

At approximately 7:26 a.m., deputies responded to the West 7200 block of Franklin Road in the Town of Clarino for a report of a single-vehicle crash.

Investigation determined the operator, Mario A. Cuz-Xo, 20, of Freeport, was southbound on Steiner Road when he attempted to turn eastbound onto Franklin Road.

He failed to negotiate the turn and entered the north ditch, striking a telephone pole.

He was not injured and reported to authorities that he was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the accident.

There was no airbag deployment, and the vehicle was towed due to disabling damage.

He was cited for Failure to Maintain Control of his vehicle, Non-Registration of Auto, Operating without Insurance and Operating without a Valid Driver's License - 1st Offense.

He was released to a valid driver pending a future court date.

Sunday, Aug. 28 Disorderly conduct and battery

Deputies responded to the 100 block of South Taylor Street in the Village of Albany for the report of a domestic dispute.

The investigation resulted in Shane E Baertschi, 43, Albany, being arrested for disorderly conduct and battery through the domestic abuse law.

He was transported to the Green County Jail where he posted bond. He was released pending a court date.

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