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## Independence Day Celebration slated for July 3rd and 4th

America is turning 250—and we're celebrating the Brodhead way thanks to Kody Menehan, Cody Gadow, Casey Jones, and the Brodhead Jaycees! Fabulous fireworks at dusk on Friday, July 3rd and patriotic parade by Brodhead Chamber of Commerce at noon on Saturday, July 4, to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America. This once-in-a-generation parade and fireworks celebration will be 100% funded by our community—local residents and businesses coming together to light up the sky. No outside funding. Just local, hometown pride. If you'd like to help fund this historic event and be part of something truly special, donations can be dropped off at the Bank of Brodhead. Checks should be made payable to Brodhead Jaycees with the designation of "Fireworks" in the memo line. Funds will remain in this separate account, and any excess funds in the account will be held over to the next Independence Day show. You can donate as little or as much as you want, and donations of \$500 or more will be included on a banner that will be displayed at the show. Let's make history together, Brodhead! Any questions can be directed to Kody Menehan, Cody Gadow or Casey Jones.

## BHS to present The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet

A tale of two houses, both alike in... rhyme? This spring, Brodhead High School invites audiences to experience the world's most famous tragedy like never before. Peter Bloedel's The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet takes the stage on Friday, March 6 and Saturday, March 7, reimagining Shakespeare's classic through the whimsical, colorful lens of Dr. Seuss. All are invited to this family-friendly show!

This comedic reinvention replaces the brooding streets of Verona with a world of bright colors, wacky contraptions, and rhyming couplets. While the plot remains (mostly) faithful to the original, most scenes and characters get a decidedly Seuss-ian makeover.

### Performance Details:

Date: Friday, March 6 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m.

Location: Brodhead High School

Tickets: \$7 per adult and \$5 per student. Bake sale at intermission!  
 90 minute run time



Brodhead Memorial Public Library

By Sarah Carpenter

Spring is just around the corner, and the Brodhead Memorial Public Library has several exciting opportunities to gather, learn, and connect with fellow community members.

Gardeners and plant lovers won't want to miss our upcoming Seed Swap on Saturday, March 7, from 9–11 a.m. Bring seeds to share, swap with other growers, pick up a few supplies and goodies, and enjoy chatting with fellow gardening enthusiasts. Whether you're a seasoned green thumb or just getting started, this is a great way to prepare for the growing season.

We also have an update regarding our monthly puzzle meet-up. Instead of meeting on the second Friday of the month from 5–7 p.m., the group will now gather on the third Saturday of each month from 9–11 a.m. We hope this new time allows even more puzzle fans to join in the fun. Join us for our first gathering at the new day and time on Saturday, March 21.

Finally, the Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library are sponsoring a special visit from Mark Moran, Antique Appraiser, on Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Reserve your spot to have your item or items appraised by calling the library. The appraisal fee is \$15 per item, payable by cash or check to the library. More information about acceptable items can be found on the event page on the library's website and on the Friends' Facebook page.

We look forward to seeing you at the library this spring!

ers were flawless in their tasks and worked well together.

Holly Everson remarked, "It was a real eye opener to why we do what we do...lots of documentation which was used in the recount. Badger Books worked so well for Brodhead for the first time using that."



## Election results Confirmed after Historic Recount

A recount of the February 17 Mayoral Primary was requested by Edward "Casey" Jones. Wisconsin State Statutes do not provide for an automatic recount of closely contested elections. A recount must be requested to have one held. The threshold for a request to be honored at no cost to the requester was a difference of 10 or less. The difference between the second and third place vote totals was three.

The recount began at 9 a.m. on Saturday and concluded at 10:20 a.m. There were six poll workers: Grace Policastro, Linda Grenawalt, Roylene Blankenhorn, Beth Stafiel, Karen Lowery and Holly Everson. Also in attendance was Treasurer Keri Miller, City Clerk Kristi Covert and Rock County Clerk Lisa Tollefson.

As an observer, it was a very smooth and well-run operation. The votes were separated and verified. Every vote was double counted. The votes matched what the machine counted. There were two what they call under-votes that were caught before the election and not counted in the election totals. There were two absentee ballots that were each marked for two choices. The counts verified the published results naming Jill Baxter and Troy Nyman as the names that will appear on the April ballot.

Watching the workman way that the poll workers accomplished the task at hand leads me to believe that the new Badger Books registration system and our poll workers are a great asset to our community. The poll work-

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. On-line worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship September through May. Sunday school every other Sunday September thru May at 8:45 a.m. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Grace Independent Baptist Church, Hwy. 81, three-quarter of a mile east of junction with 11, Brodhead. Donald Adams, Pastor. 608-897-8484. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. Wednesday 6 p.m. service.

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult

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Magnolia Christian Church, located on County A just off Hwy. 213. Services are Saturday night at 6:30 p.m. and can be viewed on their Facebook page. Call 608-449-6510 for more information.

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jady Meyer. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m.; Bible class and Sunday school 10:15 a.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 410 E. State Street, Albany, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 a.m. www.ck-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ck-p.org.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. www.ck-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ck-p.org.

St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on Monday 6:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m., Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. www.ck-p.org, 608-325-9506. Fully accessible for people with disabilities.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. In-person worship at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

## OBITUARIES



### Rollin G. Klick

Rollin G. Klick, Brodhead, Wisconsin, passed away on February 18th, 2026 surrounded by his loving family. He was born on August 28, 1962 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, to parents Ronald and Arlene Klick.

Rollin married the love of his life Hattie Blumer on August 12th, 1991. He loved camping, hunting, fishing, bowling, photography, classical cars and traveling with his family.

Rollin was a dedicated employee of TH Foods in Loves Park, Illinois, for over 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, Hattie (Blumer) Klick; sons: Zachary and Collin Klick of Orfordville; siblings: Karla (Edwin) Ensor, David (Theresa) Klick, Ronni (Bill) Stampfli; sister in laws: Cheryl, Jackie, Tammy, Beth; brother in law, Leroy; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by parents: Ronald and Arlene (Klick) Heisz; stepmother, Darla Klick; brothers: Derrick Heisz, Ronald Jr. and Rodney in infancy.

The family wants to give a special thank you to all the wonderful staff at the Prairie View Manor and to Kayla, Karen, Kaelyn, and Jenny; and all of Agrace Hospice care.

Rollin will be having a Celebration of Life from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 8th, at the Orfordville Legion, 3913 WI-213, Orfordville, Wisconsin.

DL Newcomer Funeral home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be made at dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



### David James Searles

David James Searles, age 71, passed away in his home Sunday, February 8, 2026.

He was born in Beloit Hospital on February 6, 1955 to Herbert and Mary (Caldwell) Searles. He went to school in Brodhead graduating in the Class of 1974 from Brodhead High School.

He attended several technical schools and universities in the Wisconsin system graduating from Milton College, May 20, 1980 with a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science.

He furthered his educational studies and received a Master of Arts degree in History from Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland, on May 19, 1992.

David considered himself to be a professional historian and did extensive research and work in the field of historic preservation. He was most interested in the periods of the American Frontier and Thomas Jefferson and later the Civil War era. He enjoyed traveling across the country visiting national parks and historic monuments. He had a strong passion for nature.

David volunteered on numerous political campaigns throughout the decades and was never hesitant to share his opinion.

He supported and was a member of countless historical conservation and political organizations.

He could be seen daily on his constitutional walks around town or riding his bike.

David is survived by his siblings: Jeanne (Dick) Pinnow and Chris (Karen) Searles; nieces and nephews: Courtney Searles, Erin (Jeremy) Colson, Jared (Michelle) Bednarcik, Lori (Brandon) Riese, Trevor (Cara) Searles, Derrick (Niteal) Pinnow, and Brynn Pinnow; and 16 great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A Memorial Visitation of Remembrance will be held on Sunday, March 1, from 2 until 4 p.m. at Everson Funeral Home, Brodhead.

## ACADEMICS

### AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES FROM UW-RIVER FALLS

The following local residents were among the 305 students receiving degrees from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls during fall commencement in December 2025. Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 273 undergraduates, 28 students received graduate degrees and four students earned associates degrees. Area students are listed below by name, hometown, degree, major and honors (if any).

Among those receiving degrees was Brett Klein, BS, Crop & Soil Science, of Durand, Illinois.

### Do you have an exotic pet that you are no longer able to care for?

If so, bring your pet to the Exotic Pet Surrender Event on Saturday, February 28 between noon and 3 p.m. at the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department, 1627 4th Avenue West, Monroe. This event takes place during the National Invasive Species Awareness Week, a nationwide effort to raise awareness about the threats invasive species pose to native ecosystems. One of the leading causes of invasive species introductions is the release of exotic pets into the wild. By providing safe and responsible surrender options, we're helping prevent future ecological harm, and giving these pets a second chance at life in a loving home.

You may surrender your pet in a safe, judgment free atmosphere. They will be accepting fish, invertebrates, reptiles, pet birds, and small mammals. No questions asked! To ensure your pet's safety, bring them in a secure, water-resistant container.

They will not be accepting domestic pets like dogs, cats, rabbits, guinea pigs, and chickens. If you have domestic animals, inquire within a local shelter or rescue for rehoming options.

Birds, reptiles, and mammals from out of state must be accompanied by a CVI (health certificate). After a brief quarantine period, all surrendered animals will be available for adoption through J & R Aquatic Animal Rescue.

This event is co-hosted by J & R Animal Rescue, Upper Sugar River Watershed Association, and the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Todd Jenson at 608-325-4195 Ext. 2682 or Todd.Jenson@wi.nacdn.net.

The secret things belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the works of his law.

~Deuteronomy 29:29

I normally use only a small percentage of a software's functionality. If only I had the time to learn all its features, I could increase my productivity. Though we should not speculate about unrevealed things that belong only to God, many of us miss out on things the Lord as revealed to us because we fail to know His Word. Instead, let us search God's Word for its treasures. He has given us His Word, so that we may appreciate its truths to live fruitful and productive lives.

—George Ferrier

Holy Bible, book divine, precious treasure, thou art mine.

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Mine to chide me when I rove; mine to show a Saviour's love. —J. Burton

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## Oakley Union UMC Soup Day

The Oakley Union UMC Soup Day will be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Juda Community Center. They will be serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will offer dine in or carry out.

Choice of soup: chili with beans, chili mac and loaded potato, brick cheese sandwich and choice of dessert.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

2/22 standings: I'd Smack That won 42 lost 3, The Goon Squad 38-10, Victorious Secret 30-18, Super Soy 30-18, Getting Diggy With It 28-20, That's What She Set 28-17, Killer Serves 25-23, All Sets Are Off 22-26, One Hit Wonders 21-27, Net Ninjas 20-28, Fambam Slammers 19-29, Hit Happens 13-35, Cactus Squad 12-36, It's A Set Up 5-43.

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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5k and up will take place Monday, February 16th-Friday, March 13th<sup>13<sup>th</sup></sup>. Please stop down to City Hall between 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m., Monday—Friday, to sign your child up. After 4:30, registration packet(s) and payment can be placed in the drop box outside of City Hall. Anyone signing up after Friday, March 13th, if spots are still available, will pay a \$20 late fee. Registration forms are also available on the City of Brodhead website at [www.cityofbrodheadwi.us](http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us)

There are several leagues to accommodate the different age groups:

Girls: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and 14U 7-8 grade (\$50)

Boys: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and Pony's 7th grade (\$80)

Forms need to be completed and turned in with a fee by Friday, March 13th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call the Pool & Rec Department at 608-897-2159.

Fundraising Agreement. As an adult registering a child to participate in the BYBP for the coming year, the player fee charged does not cover the full cost of your child's participation in the BYBP. The BYBP requires each child who participates in the BYBP to participate in an annual fundraiser.

### BRODHEAD PARKS AND RECREATION THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE DODGEBALL 2026

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be holding a four-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in third—fourth grades. The program will be on Thursday afternoons from 3-4:15 p.m. at the Brodhead Elementary School gym on March 5th, 12th, 26th and April 2nd. They'll form new teams each week and learn how to play the original version as well as some variations of this awesome game.

Sign-up forms are available at the school office, City Hall, or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>). Forms need to be completed and turned in with the \$20 fee by Friday, February 27th to the school office or City Hall. Checks can be made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, please call Ashley at 608-897-2159.

### BRODHEAD PARKS AND RECREATION FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE DODGEBALL PROGRAM

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in fifth—sixth grades. The program will be on Thursday afternoons from 3:15-4:30 p.m. at the Brodhead Middle School meeting March 4th, 11th, 25th, and April 1st. They'll form new teams each week and learn how to play the original version as well as some variations of this awesome game.

Registration forms are available at the schools and at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>) the cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned into the school office or City Hall with the fee by Friday, February 27th. Checks can be made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Graves at 608-897-2159.

## Albany High Alumni Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held at the Albany High School gym on Saturday, April 11th. Games will start at approximately 9 a.m. that day and will continue till around 6 p.m. with the final championship game. Food will be available to purchase.

This is their only fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to scholarships for deserving seniors. Please come out and support this worthwhile cause. They hope to see you there!

## Brodhead Jaycees Announce Third Annual Dueling Pianos Fundraiser to Support New Splash Pad

The Brodhead Jaycees, in partnership with The Morse Group, are excited to announce their third annual Dueling Pianos and Silent Auction Fundraiser, an event aimed at bringing a brand-new community splash pad to Brodhead!

The fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 7, from 7-10 p.m. at Ludlow Mansion in Monroe, and promises an evening of live entertainment, community connection, and charitable giving. Proceeds from the event will directly support the development of a splash pad designed to be fun, inclusive, and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Community members and local businesses are encouraged to get involved through event sponsorships, silent auction donations, or ticket purchases. All forms of support help ensure the success of the event and the future splash pad project.

Those interested in sponsoring, purchasing tickets, or donating auction items are asked to contact Katie Porterfield at 608-921-1199 or [brodheadjaycees@gmail.com](mailto:brodheadjaycees@gmail.com), visit their Facebook page, or you can find the links online at [brodheadjaycees.com](http://brodheadjaycees.com).

The Brodhead Jaycees invite the community to join them for an evening of music, fun, and generosity while helping build a healthier, happier future for Brodhead!

**Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.**

The Durand Library is located in the school. The entrance is at the east end (playground end) of the school building. Look for a sign at sidewalk and follow the wide paved walkway.

For more information, please email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org) or call 815-289-8602. Also please check our Facebook page.

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## Albrecht Elementary accepting 4K and 5K applications

Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four (4) by September 1st of this year, he/she will be eligible to attend school in the fall. New this year—ALL DAY 4K PROGRAM!!

You and your child are invited to participate in a special night set aside for incoming 4K children and their families. This year 4K Enrollment and Information Night will be held on Thursday, March 26th between 4 and 7 p.m. We are asking that you and your child sign up to attend one 1-hour session that evening.

The 4K Team will keep your child company while engaging them in a play based environment in the 4K classrooms. The parent information portion will be for parents to hear about our program and answer any questions you may have.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, or wish to learn more about our program, please call Albrecht Elementary School at 608-897-2146 or you can email Ashley Smith at [ashleysmith@brodhead.k12.wi.us](mailto:ashleysmith@brodhead.k12.wi.us) They are looking forward to hearing from you!

## Parkview FFA Alumni Fund-raiser Dinner

On Saturday, February 28 from 5—9 p.m., head to the Orfordville American Legion Post 209 for a hearty Tri-Tip dinner complete with a baked potato, salad, rolls, and beans—all for just \$25. Enjoy an evening packed with fun and chances to win, including a gift card wall, silent auction items, and raffles throughout the night. Every ticket and bid helps make a difference—funds raised support scholarships for Parkview FFA members, assist students at the Rock County Fair, and help cover registration fees for leadership workshops. Come hungry, bring your friends, and help support the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Contact FFA Advisor Tjark Sattler at [tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us](mailto:tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us) to order tickets!



## Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

The Stagecoach Era in Northern Illinois

Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

For roughly three decades from 1820 to 1850 the stagecoach was the way to go for travelers in northern Illinois. Please join us Saturday, February 28, at 10 a.m. to learn about this historic era.

Jon McGinty will explain what routes were followed and what still remains along those routes. The coaches had to stop somewhere to get fresh horses not to forget the passengers needing a stop also.

Jon has written articles for Northwest Quarterly since 2005. He will bring to life this mode of travel and point out places, which have a connection with the stagecoach routes. Please attend this great program to learn about this interesting period in Illinois history.

The program is hosted by the Friends of the Durand Library, which collaborates with the school to provide library services for the community.



Landen Malcook tallied 19 points in the game against Clinton on Friday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Cardinal girl wrestlers for Brodhead left to right: Ashlyn Cayetano-Pueblita, Lily Scheidegger, Olivia Brooks, Jai'Lynn Amundson, Hayden Lewis Usher. Missing: HaLinda Raesa and Serena Santiago.

### Lady Card Wrestlers

It has been a new era for wrestling this school year, as Brodhead has had a strong contingent of women competing throughout the season. The WIAA officially sanctioned girls wrestling in June 2020. Prior to that event, girls had competed as members of the boys' teams for several years. January 2022 marked the inaugural state girls individual tournament held

in LaCrosse with 261 wrestlers participating in 12 weight classes. The sport then moved, in 2023, to the Kohl Center running alongside the boys' tournament. This year there are 192 girl qualifiers entering the state individual tournament taking place Thursday-Saturday February 26-28.

Competing at sectionals last Friday, Olivia Brooks won her open-

ing round by pinning Chloe Walter. Her next round was against Maya Assad Thomps where she lost. Brooks came back to pin Olivia Soumphonphak to earn third place. Assad Thomps went on to become sectional champ. Cardinal wrestler Ashlyn Cayetano-Pueblita finished in fourth with her getting the fall against Maddy Townsend in the first round. Her next match was against Dealya Collins who finished in first place. Others competing at sectionals included: Lily Scheidegger, Hayden Lewis Usher, and Jai'Lynn Amundson.

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- 3. One entry** per contestant. Entry forms must be returned to the Brodhead Free Press, 925 W. Exchange Street, Brodhead, WI 53520 by **5 p.m. Friday.**

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# Brodhead Band Department Mid Winter Concert

The Brodhead Band Department presented a Mid Winter concert on Monday, February 9th. The concert included performances from the High School Concert Band, the High School Symphonic Band, the Middle School Jazz Band and the High School Jazz Band. Some of the selections performed were: Timepiece, Sunbloom, Blinding Lights & Knock on Wood. It was a great evening of wonderful musical performances.

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High School Concert Band



High School Concert Band



High School Jazz Band



Middle School Jazz Band



In their final regular season home game, Brodhead seniors: Gretchen Kammerer, Alecia Dahl, Taiya Hawkins, Annelise Bethke, Karli Krumwiede, Danica Demrow and Clemence Galand, were recognized prior to the game. (Amber Rear photo)

## Cardinal Girls' Basketball

Parents and seniors were celebrated and recognized before the start of the final regular season, home game last Monday. The Cardinal girls faced a team from Beloit Turner that came with a mission to avenge their 16-point loss to Brodhead earlier this year. Coach K's team started with a quick lead with Taiya Hawkins and Allie Dahl putting up, near back-to-back, 3-point baskets with a double from Ella Olson. But the Trojans were quick to respond, pulling down the rebounds eager to not let this game get away. The hometown team responded and widened their lead by six. But then it was as if there was a chill in the air as the Cards got iced half way through the opening half when Beloit ran up 19-2 run. At the break, it was Turner with a come-from-behind 31-18 lead. Ella Olson scored 12-of-16 points in the second half to lead all scorers, with Dahl putting up 13 and Hawkins 10 but this game belonged to the Trojans, with a 58-42 victory.

At Clinton on Thursday, Brodhead came ready to play with a balanced attack. At the halfway point, the Cards led 32-21. Dahl and Olson were consistent from close range. Danica Demrow had the lone trey for the Cards. With the 59-41 win, Brodhead closed out their regular season with an 11-4 conference record, tied for second with Beloit Turner. Edgerton with its undefeated record took the conference crown.

Brodhead #4 will host Darlington #5 on Friday for their opening round of tournament play. The winning team will play in the regional final on Saturday. Team and place TBD.

## Cardinal Boys' Basketball

At Evansville last Tuesday, the Brodhead boys came ready to play evidenced by taking shots and taking care of the ball with their passing. Down by two at the break, the teams were playing each other well. Landen Malcook, Logan Krupke, Dylan Ross and Josiah Blum each hit key 3-point shots in the second. It was the Blue Devil trio of Nolan Schott, Karder Tway and Tyrell Louis who took the wind out of the Cardinal sails as they combined for 28 points in the second including six baskets from long range in the

latter half. Evansville pulled away for a 75-57 victory. Brodhead's Sam Searls, Nolan Bump and Ross paced Brodhead with their 33 combined points.

The Cardinals put together a complete game against Clinton on Friday. Seven players put points on the scoreboard. The two teams went back and forth making buckets with the Cougars taking a five point edge into the locker room at the half. Malcook dumped eight points early in second to put the Cards out front. Before he was done he had worked



Middle School Jazz Band



High School Symphonic Band

his way around the perimeter for three 3-point buckets, scoring 15 of his 19 points in the latter half. Brodhead widened their lead to 20 points. Searls was fouled multiple times and was consistent at the stripe, hitting 9-of-11, he totaled 24 points in the game. Ross and Bump had strong games each contributing 14 points, with Krupke, Josiah Blum and Lucas Keating rounding out the scoring parade to give the Cardinals an 80-58 finish.

This week the team closed out the regular season with Beloit Turner coming to town on Monday, and their final game of the regular season Thursday at Big Foot.

Regional quarter action will happen on Tuesday, March 3rd, with the #9 Brodhead traveling to #8 Bellville. The winner will play on Friday against #1 Darlington.



The second graders, at Albrecht Elementary, had a goal to collect 100 items for the Green County Humane Society. This was a community project that went along with the 100th day of school. They went beyond and collected 105 items! Thank you to those who donated.

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## Green County Genealogical Society to present "Stoughton's William Seamonson and his Civil War Adventures"

The Green County Genealogical Society will present "Stoughton's William Seamonson and his Civil War Adventures" by John Arneson. The presentation is Saturday, March 7 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The program is open to the public!

Wisconsin Sons of Norway-Mandt Lodge member John Arneson will share the story of his adventure following the Civil War battle engagements of John's great grandfather, William Seamonson. Born in Norway and immigrating as a young child, William went on to serve three years in the Wisconsin 23rd Division in the Red River, Vicksburg, and Mobile Campaigns during the Civil War. Follow the journey that John's investigation has taken as he shares how he researched his great-grandfather's story of service to his country and what resources anyone has access to in order to research their own family members. Travels took them to Norway, Camp Randall, four southern states where most of his battle engagements occurred, to the state capitol, and ending at his final resting spot at West Koshkonong Church.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is [www.greencogenealogywi.org](http://www.greencogenealogywi.org).

## District 8 AA locations

Tuesdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.  
 Thursdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.  
 Fridays: Promises Group, Orfordville Lutheran, 210 Main Street, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.  
 Any questions call 608-751-5684 or visit [www.rockcoaa.net](http://www.rockcoaa.net).

## Immigration in America: Past and Present

"Immigration in America: Past and Present," an in-depth overview of immigration in America will be held on Thursday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Union Presbyterian Church, 2707 5th Street, Monroe. This educational and community-centered event will explore the historical roots, current legal landscape and lived experiences of immigrants in the United States.

Speakers will include Dr. Mike Jacobs, University of Wisconsin history professor, who will provide a historical perspective on the evolution of U.S. immigration laws and practices; Kime Abduli, immigration attorney and former Monroe resident, who will discuss current immigration laws and policies; and local immigrants, who will share their personal stories and experiences.

The event offers an opportunity for learning, reflection and dialogue around one of the most important and complex issues facing the nation today. This presentation is sponsored by Dando Una Mano: Together We Rise, a 501(c)(3) Green County organization, whose purpose is to create and promote an inclusive environment for all residents of Green County.

## Juda School District Board Meeting February 11th, 2026

Breana Brooks-EA.C.E. Teacher and Luke Skoumal-Elementary Physical Education Teacher gave a presentation to the Board on Senior Seminar Course, a demonstration of the drones the school now has and the use of "jumpers" for physical activity.

Jennifer Brooks, Kendra Sullivan and Dennis Pflingsten spoke about their experience at the recent WASB State Convention held in January in Milwaukee.

Mrs. Davis updated the Board on upcoming events. Friday, February 20th is a Professional Development Day and pre-school screening. Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 26th and Friday, February 27th and no school on the 27th.

Pam Green reported the Rec District will have their next meeting on Monday, February 16th. Family Fun Night was held at the school on Saturday, February 7th and a Teen Bowling Night is scheduled for Saturday, February 28th at Leisure Lanes in Monroe.

Mrs. Davis updated the Board on energy savings recorded through the data reporting program with Data Wrangler. Settings have been adjusted on the HVAC system, and the district has realized savings of over \$10,000.

Discussion was held on the leak in the roof in the gym. Phil Trotter did state the roof is still under warranty and the company will continue to repair and look at a permanent fix for the issue.

Discussion was held on Policy 35.1, and a motion was made to table the final approval of the revised policy until the March meeting.

Approved the High School Course Handbook for the coming school year.

Took no action coming out of Executive Session.

Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2026, at 7 p.m.



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

H! is for Hippo! Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time focused on hippos this week. One Red Sock! (by Sattler) is a story about a purple hippo who can't find a matching sock and learns to embrace imperfection when she decides to wear mismatched socks. This book inspired the preschoolers a sock-matching game that quickly turned into chaos (some even put the socks on their hands, like puppets!). Other books included But Not the Hippopotamus (by Boynton) and Fiona the Hippo (by Cowdrey). The kiddos got to watch a video of the first year of Fiona's life from the Cincinnati Zoo . . . she was so little and cute! Then everyone used blue colors and blue paper to make water, on which a giant H was glued. Add a hippo face and some toenails and voila! H! is for Hippo!

Next week's story time will return to the Family Theme, spotlighting several books about Grandmas: What do Grandmas do best (by Numeroff), Hellow is this Grandma? (by Whybrow) and I love my Grandma (by Andreae). Everyone will use handprints to make a bouquet of flowers for their grandma. It's sure to be a mess.

Albertson Memorial Library's Story Time meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and the chairs are filling up! There's still room for you . . . we'd love to meet you! Come join the fun!



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### Orfordville

**American Legion Unit 209 Auxiliary Craft and Vendor Fair. Sat., March 7, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.** Location: American Legion Post 209, 3913 S. State Road 213, Orfordville. Admission is free—open to the public. Door prizes. Lunch available for purchase. Bring a friend, enjoy the day, eat your lunch and shop away.

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# POLICE

## Green County Sheriff's Department

**February 16-22, 2025**

At 1:36 p.m., Monday, deputies took into custody Richard D. Hauser, 44, of Brodhead, for a probation hold. Hauser was transported to the Green County Jail pending court.

At 6:19 p.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the N4200 block of CTH E, in the Town of Decatur, for a reported disturbance. The investigation resulted in Isaiah A. Scheibe, 19, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, falling under Wisconsin's domestic abuse laws. Scheibe was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At 10:11 p.m., Sunday, deputies responded to the W1300 STH 11, Town of Spring Grove, for a reported altercation. The investigation resulted in, Adam Menehan, 41, of Brodhead, being arrested for domestic disorderly conduct and obstruction. Menehan was jailed pending court.

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# WCMA Applauds Legislative Action to Fund FoodShare, Clarify PFAS Liability

The Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) applauded members of the State Assembly for passing legislation to stabilize the FoodShare program and ensure continued access to nutritious dairy products, including high-protein options like dairy-based protein bars, and to clarify PFAS liability standards for food processors.

Bipartisan approval of Assembly Bill 180 (AB 180) advances a \$69 million investment to shore up Wisconsin's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, known in the state as FoodShare. The funding responds to recent federal policy changes shifting 75 percent of SNAP administrative costs to states beginning October 1. Without legislative action, Wisconsin could face federal penalties exceeding \$200 million annually, depending on error rates.

"FoodShare is both a hunger relief program and a powerful economic engine," said Rebekah Sweeney, Senior Director of Programs and Policy for WCMA. "Spending tens of millions now to avoid losing up to hundreds of millions of dollars later—and to protect more than \$1 billion in annual federal food purchasing power—is fiscal responsibility. It protects taxpayers, families, farmers, and food manufacturers across Wisconsin."

Each year, more than \$1 billion in FoodShare benefits are redeemed at Wisconsin grocery stores. A substantial share of those dollars—conservatively, hundreds of millions—is spent on Wisconsin-produced and Wisconsin-processed foods, including dairy products. That spending supports demand for Wisconsin milk, jobs in cheese plants and dairy processing facilities, trucking and cold storage networks, and retail jobs in rural towns and urban neighborhoods alike.

The bill also establishes limits the use of FoodShare dollars to purchase certain products—soda and candy, and via an amendment from bill author Rep. Clint Moses (R-Menomonie), it safeguards dairy-rich protein bars from being inadvertently misclassified as candy under an old statutory definition.

Also today, lawmakers approved AB 131, authored by Rep. Jeff Mursau (R-Crivitz), unlocking more than \$130 million in PFAS remediation funding and providing critical clarity regarding PFAS liability under Wisconsin law. WCMA members strongly support its provisions to ensure that food processors operating in compliance with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources permits are not unfairly subjected to liability for PFAS contamination they did not cause.

Many Wisconsin dairy processors manage wastewater under permits issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, including Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permits that establish strict monitoring and reporting requirements to protect water quality. The Assembly-approved language appropriately exempts farms and food processing facilities from PFAS liability when wastewater management was conducted in compliance with those permits.

"Dairy processors are committed to environmental stewardship and to maintaining the trust of the communities where we operate," Sweeney said. "This legislation strikes an appropriate balance, protecting water quality while providing regulatory certainty to businesses that follow the rules. Clear standards strengthen compliance, support investment, and sustain the rural communities that depend on dairy processing jobs."

WCMA thanked Assembly leaders and members from both parties for advancing these measures, as well as the Governor and Senate leaders who engaged in end-of-session negotiations. Members urge swift action in the Senate to send these proposals to the Governor for final consideration.

# University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension Women in Ag Programming, I'm a Farmer, Too Slated for Mar 19, 2026

Women are a key aspect of the agriculture industry and are responsible for many facets of the farm. This program is geared toward women (but open to everyone) and the many hats they wear in the agricultural industry. Topics for the day center around managing stress in crops, livestock, and most importantly ourselves.

Presenters and topics are as follows:

Mental Wellness Conversations—Joy Kirkpatrick Farm Succession Planning Statewide Outreach Specialist, UW-Extension

Heat Stress in Cattle by Jackie McCarville, UW-Extension Regional Dairy Educator—Grant, Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties

Healthy Soils, Healthy Crops by Jordyn Sattler, UW Extension Regional Crops and Soils Educator- Grant Green, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties

Meal Prep Activity lead by Katie Maier

Massage Tips and Tricks by Mickey Siedenburgh

The event will be hosted on Thursday, March 19th at the Congregational United Church, 300 Maiden Street, Mineral Point. RSVP by Friday, March 13th at <https://go.wisc.edu/16e22z> or by calling the Extension Green County office at 608-328-9440. The cost of the program is \$25 to help fund materials, lunch, and supplies. RSVP and registration fee is required a week before the program date. To make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs, contact the Extension Green County office as early as possible preceding the event.

Thanks to Farmer's Savings Bank, Compeer Financial, Heartland Credit Union, and Community First Bank for helping sponsor this event.

# Monroe Theatre Guild Begins Their 56th Season with a New Award-Winning Play

Monroe Theatre Guild is proud to present Making Sweet Tea and Other Secrets, one of the American Association of Community Theatre's, AACT NewPlayFest—2018 winning plays. This powerful dramatic thriller, written by Paul Elliott, brings touching and humorous moments to life, while also delving into challenging scenes involving domestic violence and dark family secrets. Seasoned directors Denise Plantenberg and David Bristow team up again to bring this emotionally charged play to MTG's Colony Brands Stage this March.

The AACT NewPlayFest is a celebration of theatre featuring original award-winning productions from across the country. The winning plays are the very best in community theatre and represent a powerful range of voices, stories, and artistic excellence. Founded in 1986, AACT is a non-profit corporation that serves both individuals and organizations by providing expertise, assistance, and support so that community theatres can provide the best possible theatrical experience. Monroe Theatre Guild is a long-standing member of AACT. Making Sweet Tea and Other Secrets, one of six NewPlayFest—2018 plays, is LGBTQ+ inclusive and tells the story of a transgender teen finding her inner strength in overcoming childhood horrors and fearlessly establishing her gender identity.

As the story unfolds, we meet Dottie, played by Lou Dalton, and her sister, Ruth, played by Connie Denison, enjoying a quiet evening at their farmhouse in the rural south. When the sheriff, Robert, played by Eric Kassebaum, unexpectedly brings a battered teen, Amber, played by Sophie Moorman, to the sisters' home, their peaceful country existence is turned upside down. Ruth resents the intrusion into their rural solitude; however, Dottie is committed to helping Amber once her true identity is discovered. As the storyline continues, life-shattering secrets begin to peel away, revealing prejudice, intolerance, domestic violence, and abuse within their small town.

Doc, played by veteran actor Jerry Bredeson, seen as the pillar of the community, is not the man they think he is. Doc's wife, Janie, played by Genia Allard, and their son, Alan, now Amber, have been victims all their lives. While the local gossip, Sheila Ray, played by Sami McCoy, injects some much-needed humor into the plot, she unknowingly becomes part of the sisters' scheme to expose Doc's false façade. The cast also includes an understudy for Amber, Gracey Cox, who will have an opportunity to perform the role one night during the second weekend of performances.

Making Sweet Tea and Other Secrets, part of the Colony Brands Performance Series, will be presented at the Monroe Theatre Guild, 910 16th Avenue, Monroe, over two weekends—Friday, March 6; Saturday March 7; Friday, March 13; and Saturday, March 14 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 8 and Sunday, March 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now on the MTG website, [monroetheatre.com](http://monroetheatre.com). Tickets can also be purchased in person at the MTG ticket window during its newly posted hours, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2–6 p.m., or by calling 608-325-1111.

\*Parental guidance is recommended for this emotionally charged play due to coarse and abusive language and content.



**"Making Sweet Tea and Other Secrets" opens on Friday, March 6th.**

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**Pictured left to right, front row: Lou Dalton, Sophie Moorman, Gracey Cox, Connie Denison; back row: Genia Allard, Jerry Bredeson, Eric Kassebaum, Sami McCoy.**



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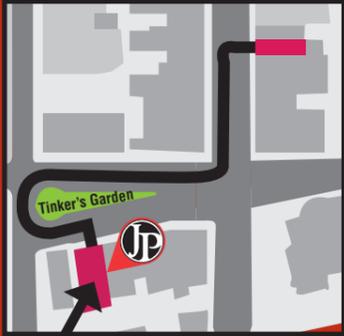
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Embark on an extraordinary journey in our Dungeons and Dragons campaign, “Shadows of the Infinite Staircase,” taking place on Saturday, March 14th and Saturday, March 28th at 4 p.m.! Immerse yourself in a thrilling adventure as you assist the Guildmaster in lifting a shadowy curse from the mystical staircase. Jump in anytime—no need for a magical portal! If you missed the character creation party, give us a shout to arrive early and get your hero ready. This campaign is ideal for adventurers aged 15 and older. On the fence? Curious about the chaos and camaraderie? Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for thrilling recaps of past sessions!

There will be no Creative Capers in March. Creative Capers will resume in April.

Head to the Albertson Memorial Library for a night of “Summer Fun” indoors! Escape the chilly weather and enjoy an evening of indoor fun. We’re excited to host a “Summer Fun” night, on Friday, March 20th from 5:30-7:30 p.m., featuring:

- A bounce house
- Mini golf
- Lawn games



**Tri State Honors Band**

On Friday, February 13th and Saturday, February 14th, five Brodhead High School Band members participated in the University of Wisconsin Platteville Tri State Honors Band. This year’s guest clinician was Dr. Travis Cross, Director of Bands at UCLA. This two day event featured over 100 gifted musicians from Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin, concluding with a fantastic performance. Representing Brodhead High School were: Jenna Dougherty (trombone), Peyton Jordan (trombone), Hayden Elmer (clarinet), Kylee Cole (clarinet) and Lillian Sievers (percussion). Congratulations to these musicians on their wonderful work.

From left to right: Hayden Elmer, Jenna Dougherty, clinician Dr. Cross, Lillian Sievers, Kylee Cole, Peyton Jordan and BHS band teacher Jason Riesterer. Photo submitted by: Diana Dougherty



**Brodhead High School Forensics Team**

The Brodhead High School Forensics team performed well at their Subdistrict Meet at Evansville H.S. with all 10 entries earning entrance to the District-level competition.

Students pictured: Emma Elsner, Madalyn Stephenson, Kayla Perry, Tyler Picard, Kelsey Bedward, Lillian Sievers, Bella Byrd, Kylee Cole, Elena Boston, Hayden Lewis-Usher, Maddie Hawkins, Isabelle Yoshida, Emily Steele, Annah Loss, Treyton Leutenegger, Makayla Babel

Brodhead will also host the Rock Valley Forensics Tournament on Wednesday, March 4!



**By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator**

Here’s a look at what’s taking place this March at the Albertson Memorial Library:

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., gather with us for Preschool Storytime led by our Children’s Programming Specialist, Miss Laura. Each week, we’ll explore captivating tales that highlight:

- Princesses and family
- Canines and felines
- Animals and nature
- Things that go

Additionally, on months with a fifth Tuesday, we’ll introduce a special bonus theme! Come and enjoy a delightful mix of stories and crafts.

The Albany Joint Library Board meeting is scheduled to take place, at the library, on Tuesday, 3rd at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be available on our website and posted at the library the Friday prior to the meeting. Join us to discover the library’s future plans!

Come on over and discover the magic of crafting ‘Mini-St. Patrick’s Day Plaques’ with us at Diane’s Craft Night on Wednesday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m.! Can’t make it? No worries! You can collect a kit from the library anytime during March and enjoy crafting this project whenever it suits you!

If you can attend craft night, you’ll have a selection of images to choose from, while our grab ‘n go craft bags will include three pre-selected designs.

Hot dog meal  
 Best of all, everything is completely free! Come and play with us!

Join ‘All Booked Up’ on Monday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m. in a discussion of “The Water Dancer” by Ta-Nehisi Coates. “The Water Dancer” is a dramatic story of an atrocity inflicted on generations of women, men, and children—the violent and capricious separation of families—and the war they waged to simply make lives with the people they loved.

Gather around, wordsmiths! The Sugar River Writers invite you to a night of literary shenanigans on Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 p.m. All levels of scribblers are welcome to join the fun!

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