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## BMS Seventh-Grade Cardinal Club

Congratulations to Easton Rear, Kaitlyn Mills, Easton Nyman, Cristi Baldazzi, Michael Klopfenstein, and Mykenna Jordan for being recognized as Seventh-Grade Cardinal Club members. These students were chosen based on their upbeat attitude, admirable effort, and notable leadership in the classroom and throughout the school day. They are proud of these students for being good humans at BMS.

They look forward to recognizing more outstanding seventh graders in the upcoming months.

## A Message from David Novy, Brodhead School District Administrator

### To the Brodhead Community:

I would like to clarify a point from a newspaper article I wrote following our 2025 Brodhead School District Annual Meeting regarding the impact of underlevying for property taxes. I previously stated that underlevying this year would permanently reduce the District's revenue-limit base. After further review, I want to acknowledge that this was not accurate.

Under Wisconsin's revenue-limit statute, underlevying affects the levy only in the year it occurs. The District's base revenue limit is recalculated the next year using the State formula, with no permanent reduction in long-term taxing authority. I share this clarification in the interest of full transparency, as there was no intention to misstate the issue or influence public understanding.

Underlevying is a lawful option available to districts, though rarely used. While it can provide short-term tax relief, it must be weighed carefully against financial risks, especially when State funding remains uncertain.

Even though underlevying does not permanently lower future revenue limits, choosing to levy the full amount allowed this year was a prudent decision that supports stable operations, protects educational programs, and positions the District to meet future financial challenges. Thank you for your continued trust as we work to balance fiscal responsibility with high-quality education for our Brodhead students.

## Brodhead Optimists Once Again Offer Essay and Oratorical Contests Great Prize Money

Students under the age of 19, are invited to speak their minds through a written essay entitled "How My Acts of Service Help Me Understand What My Community Means to Me" to win cash prizes at the local and district levels of Optimist International for the school year 2026! Just pick up an application from Brodhead middle and high schools, the library, or Wendy Backes ([wendybackes1966@gmail.com](mailto:wendybackes1966@gmail.com)) and you're on your way! Applications and essays are due back by Monday, January 26th, 2026 to the place where you picked up your application.

Students, the Oratorical Contest has even bigger prize money available. You must be under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2025, and create a speech that lasts between four and five minutes on the topic of "The Moment I Realized I Belonged—My Definition of Community". Pick up your application at the middle school, high school or library as soon as possible and return by Monday, January 5th to secure your space!

The Optimist Club will judge the students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Winners will receive cash awards and the winning speeches will be sent to the Zone Level, and possibly the District Level for the opportunity to win college scholarships. Winners of the District Level will be eligible to compete in a regional contest in St. Louis, Missouri, at St. Louis University. Winners of the regional contests will compete in the World Championship also held at Saint Louis University. Students could possibly win up

## School Board

## State Report Card Shows Schools Still Meeting Expectations

By Grace Kufahl

Technology Director Kevin Buxton updated the board on the bids received for internet service. Frontier provided a bid in addition to the one Spectrum had provided. They can meet the price, a \$120 savings, but it would be for 2 GB service rather than the 10 GB Spectrum would provide. Frontier would need a substantial infrastructure investment to be able to provide the same service as Spectrum.

Principal Matthys shared that the WIAA has informed the high school that the conferences are being realigned. Brodhead may potentially move from the Rock Valley to the Capitol Conference. To maintain longstanding relationships and minimize travel, Matthys has submitted an appeal and is in the process of submitting others, but advised there may be no changing the decision.

In an update from the Building and Grounds Committee, Superintendent Novy advised that the high school track needs to be replaced and bids are coming in around \$400,000 which they're considering taking from the Fund Balance. Other upcoming needs will be a new boiler at \$750,000 and the elementary school parking lot at \$250,000. The committee will be meeting again in January.

Though the criteria have changed, Superintendent Novy and the Building principals reported all three Brodhead schools continue to

meet expectations on the Department of Public Instruction School District Report Card. A link to more information can be found on the District's website.

At the district's annual meeting, a levy of \$7.45 was approved after a motion to under-levy and keep it at \$7.24 failed. It was reported at the time that under-levying would impact future funding. After researching further, Mr. Novy reported this is incorrect. Were the district to under-levy, the base would reset the next year. The board requested Novy provide a clarification in the newspaper.

### In Other Business:

Principal Ferger reported 170 people signed up for the middle school annual Senior Luncheon.

The canopy has been installed at the high school.

The board approved \$2,000 for Ron Dayton from CESA 2 to facilitate committee meetings with a cross section of staff and community members to rewrite the district's vision and mission statements driving future decisions and goals.

Chris Searls and Derrick Pinnow from Brodhead Area EMS and Fire Department explained BTC will now be offering a class at the Monroe Campus allowing them to add Fire Fighter training to the EMT class in which six high school students are already participating.

The two new 4K rooms will be ready to use Monday, January 19th.

to \$22,500 in scholarships!

"As they prepare for their future, many of our local students need experience expressing their thoughts and opinions to an audience," Club President Gloria Sutter said. "The Oratorical Contest challenges them to do just that and also offers an op-

portunity for scholarships. In this way, our club hopes to bring out the best in each of them and help them achieve their goals for the future."

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dieckhoff at [christidee@litewire.net](mailto:christidee@litewire.net) or 608-558-5828 and she will help you.

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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 Doeblner. Web site: livingwordwi.

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org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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 JadyN 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.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-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.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-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.ctk-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.

OBITUARY




Karen Lorraine Jones

Karen Lorraine Jones (née Rolleston), age 76, passed away on December 10, 2025, in Monroe, Wisconsin at the SSM Health Monroe Hospice Home. She was born March 4, 1949, to Newton and Lorraine (Lass) Rolleston in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Karen graduated from Riverside High School in Milwaukee. After graduation, she went on and received her RN nursing degree from Mount Sinai Nursing School, Milwaukee. She met Curtis Jones of Brodhead and they were married on May 16, 1970. Together, they raised a wonderful family as they worked their farm located outside of Brodhead in Decatur Township.

Karen enjoyed many activities involving education, family, friends, and her faith. She loved to cook and bake, read, sing, play piano, and she was a prolific crafter (knitting, crocheting, cross stitching, creating custom-made dressed bears, and many others). Karen was a faithful supporter and attendee of her children’s school and community activities (music concerts, plays, competitions), as well as The Fire-side in Fort Atkinson. She loved angels, Precious Moments, music (60s

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and Christmas) and animals, especially cats. She shared her time and talents as a member of Eastern Star, Bethlehem Lutheran Church Choir and Circle, Christian Women’s Club, Needle Clickers, Decatur 4-H leadership, and Brodhead Dairy Queen mom. Karen served as a second shift supervisor at Pleasant View Nursing Home and Monroe Manor in Monroe, Wisconsin for many years, leaving lasting impressions on those she worked with and cared for. Karen touched so many lives and humbly did not give herself the credit so truly deserved. She was a faithful servant of God and loved her husband and family deeply.

Survived by husband, Curtis Jones; children: Allison (Scott) Lange of Waukesha, Wisconsin, Christopher (Kristi) Jones of Evansville, Wisconsin, Nicholas Jones of Janesville, and Melissa (Paul Schadt) Jones of Appleton, Wisconsin; grandchildren: Eli, Issiah, Zach, Jorah, Parker, Alexander, and Evelyn; sister-in-law: Rebecca Haling; brother-in-law: LaMerl Hammon; cousins: Mary (Chuck) Howell, Thomas (Karen) Mashek, and Rob-

ert Mashek; several nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors, including all her children’s friends who called her their second “Mom.”

Preceded in death by her parents: Newton William Rolleston and Lorraine Myrtle Kapusta; stepfather, Joseph Kapusta, brothers: James Rolleston and George Rolleston, sisters-in-law: Barbara Rolleston, Christine Hammon, and Caroline Kamps; and brother-in-law, Gerald Kamps.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the SSM Health Monroe Hospice Home staff for their unwavering compassion and outstanding care of Karen during her short stay.


Friends may visit on Friday, December 19, from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 20 also at the church. She will be laid to rest on Saturday after the service at Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Juda, Wisconsin.

A Grace-Bifulk Funeral Service in Albany, Wisconsin is caring for the family. Condolences may be made to agracefuneralservice.com



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**Christmas Eve Wednesday, December 24th**  
**Traditional “Lessons & Carols”**  
Candlelight Evening Service at 5:30 p.m.

**Sunday, December 28th**  
Carol Sing Service at 10 a.m.

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**VIVIAN COPLIEN** (09/07/32~12/24/05)  
**TOMMY BUTTS** (12/03/55~04/16/24)

I thought of you with love today, but that is nothing new.  
I though about you yesterday, and the day before that too.  
I think of you in silence, I often speak your name.  
Now all I have is memories, and your picture in a frame.  
Your memory is my keepsake, With which I'll never part.  
God has you in His keeping, I have you in my heart.

Love you and miss you so much!  
Love, Susie

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

12/14 standings: I’d Smack That won 23 lost 1, That’s What She Set 20-4, The Goon Squad 18-9, Getting Diggy With It 17-10, Super Soy 14-13, Victorious Secret 15-12, Net Ninjas 14-13, Killer Serves 15-12, All Sets Are Off 13-14, One Hit Wonders 11-16, Hit Happens 8-19, Fambam Slammers 9-18, Cactus Squad 7-20, It’s A Set Up 2-25.

# ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

## 2026 PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH—9 A.M.

Reservations for the park shelters for 2026 will begin being accepted at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 5th, at the City Hall. Reservations are based upon first-come, first served basis only, with no one allowed to register before that time. Registering may be done over the phone, by calling 608-897-2159 or by stopping down to the City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. Once you have registered, a payment of \$50 for a resident of the City of Brodhead and \$75 for a non-resident; along with Park Reservation Agreement, must be turned in within five business days or your name will be removed from the calendar.

## BANK OF BRODHEAD BUS TRIP

There will be a Bank of Brodhead bus trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania from April 19-25, 2026. Highlights include admission to “Joshua” at Sight and Sound Theater, guided tour of Philadelphia, where they are celebrating our 250th anniversary, visit to Kitchen Kettle Village, guided tour of Lancaster, and admission to the Gettysburg National Park and a guided battlefield tour. The price is \$959 per person for double occupancy. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue Schmelzer by text or phone call to 608-558-8797.

# POLICE

## Brodhead Municipal Court

### Finding Date: 11/05/2025 through 12/10/2025

Anthony C. Ambrose, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/27/2025, \$124; operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 09/27/2025, \$124.

Omar Arias Ordonez, Rockford, IL, operate without valid license, violation date 09/23/2025, \$124.

Estaban Blanco Gaytan, Rockford, IL, operate without valid license, violation date 10/14/2025, \$124.

Hunter Thomas Brewer, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 08/29/2025, \$187; operate motorcycle without valid license, violation date 08/29/2025, \$124.

Alyssa J. Bull, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/28/2025, \$124; non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 10/28/2025, \$98.80.

Athena Margaret Coppelman, Brodhead, disorderly conduct, violation date 09/27/2025, \$155.50.

Rachael Y. Coward, Elberta, AL, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/28/2025, \$73.60.

Desean Lamar Dowell, Milwaukee, disorderly conduct, violation date 10/27/2025, \$155.50.

Devona E. Edwards, Janesville, unclean/defective lights or reflectors, violation date 09/27/2025, \$86.20.

Exposure Enterprises LLC, Franklin, WI, operate after revocation/suspension of registration, violation date 09/05/2025, \$98.80.

Linda Kay Farwell, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/27/2025, \$98.80.

Lily Grace Fitzgerald, Oregon, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/30/2025, \$124.

Jaron Robert Harding, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/17/2025, \$98.80.

Joseph Edward Hay, Janesville, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/03/2025, \$98.80; operating after suspension, violation date 09/03/2025, \$124.

Kody William Henning, Brodhead, operating while intoxicated, violation date 08/27/2025, \$986.

Christopher Michael Jaworski, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/18/2025, \$98.80.

Paul M. Karr, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/05/2025, \$124.

Tyler Joseph Keepers, Monroe, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/03/2025, \$98.80.

Kristy Lee Kuhn, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/03/2025, \$98.80.

Colby Marie Lock, Burlington, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/05/2025, \$124.

Sherry Lee Malueg, Phlox, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 08/26/2025, \$98.80.

Lucille Dawn Masloske, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/30/2025, \$98.80.

Alexis R. Massie, Loves Park, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/05/2025, \$98.80.

Charles Malcolm McCall, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 08/26/2025, \$149.20.

Linda Marie Milam, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/22/2025, \$98.

Jeffery R. Miller, Davis, IL, issue worthless checks, violation date 03/28/2025, \$160.80.

Lindsey Marie Myhre, Juda, zone and posted limits, violation date 08/31/2025, \$98.80.

Nations Roof North LLC, Waukesha, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/03/2025, \$98.80.

Rick Lee Nelson, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/25/2025, \$98.80.

Phoebe Jean Padilla, Fitchburg, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/18/2025, \$124.

Cody James Pettitt, Juda, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/27/2025, \$98.80.

Isabella Dinorah Quaerna,

Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/04/2025, \$98.80.

Luvina R. Rice, Albany, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/04/2025, \$218.50.

Jodi Eileen Schwartz, Juda, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 08/26/2025, \$98.80.

Wayne Alan Segner, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/27/2025, \$98.80.

Jeanna Mary Slack, Orfordville, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/25/2025, \$98.80.

Rafael J. Solorzano Mijares, Rockford, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/19/2025, \$149.20.

Alexus A. Spearman, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/23/2025, \$98.80.

Amanda S. Stoewer, Galena, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/13/2025, \$98.80.

Eric W. Tell, Davis, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/23/2025, \$124.

Kyle Richard Timmerman, Footville, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/03/2025, \$98.80.

Catelynn Annette Varichak, Edgerton, zone and posted limits, violation date 10/17/2025, \$98.80.

Hunter Jan Petrus Veneman, Beloit, loud/unnecessary noise prohibit first offense, 08/02/2025, \$155.50.

Sirui Wan, Oxford, MS, zone and posted limits, violation date 08/06/2025, \$67.30.

Boyue Wang, Madison, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/18/2025, \$98.

## Green County Sheriff's Department December 8-14, 2025

At 1:36 p.m., Tuesday, deputies along with Juda Fire Department and Green County EMS responded to a two-vehicle crash with injuries in the W1700 block of State Highway 11, Town of Spring Grove. Pamela M. Huseman, 65, Brodhead, was traveling eastbound, when she entered the westbound lane of travel and collided with a westbound vehicle operated by Christine L. Scharrschmidt, 72, Brodhead. Huseman sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital. Huseman reported no seat belt usage, and the vehicle airbags deployed. Huseman's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. Scharrschmidt sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital. Scharrschmidt reported wearing her seat belt, and the vehicle airbags deployed. Scharrschmidt's vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. Huseman was cited for operating left of center, and released pending a court date.

At 3:58 p.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the Green County Probation and Parole Office where Darren J. Lange, 27, of Albany, was placed under arrest for a probation hold. Lange was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

# Criminal investigation and conviction— John Tracy

On August 23, 2024 the Green County Sheriff's Office received information of multiple incidents of child sexual assaults having taken place within Green County, Wisconsin, as well as other locations reported by multiple survivors. The assaults were reported to have taken place years prior when the now adult survivors were children. In the multitude of reports, John Erwin Tracy, 46, of rural Brodhead, was identified as the offender.



This investigation spanned nearly nine-months, which was led by the Green County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau. During the course of the investigation, probable cause was established to arrest John Erwin Tracy for child sexual assault crimes with Tracy being arrested on August 27, 2024 and officially charged under 2024CF175 on September 3, 2024. Tracy was charged with three child sex crimes; one count of repeated first degree sexual assault of the same child and two counts of first degree child sexual assault—sexual contact or sexual intercourse with person under the age of 13.

Spanning September 2, 2025—September 4, 2025, Tracy's case had been heard by members of the jury during a three-day jury trial in Green County Circuit Court, members of the jury found John Tracy guilty on all three felony child sex crimes in which he had been charged.

On Friday, December 5, 2025 John Tracy appeared in Green County Circuit Court and was sentenced to 35 years in the Wisconsin State Prison system (20 years of initial confinement followed by 15 years extended supervision on each of the three counts). As part of the sentence, Tracy was also placed on the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registry as a “Life Time” registrant.

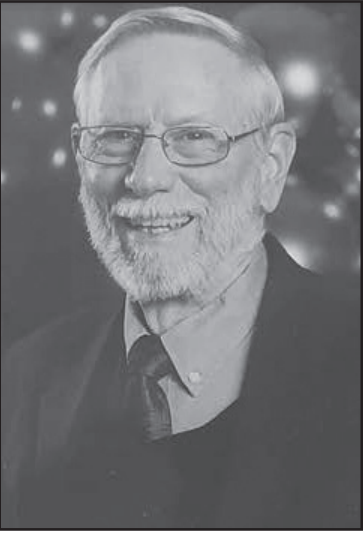
From the time of his arrest through the conclusion of this investigation, John Tracy has remained in law enforcement custody. Additional information on these charges and conviction can be found on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Page (CCAP) under Green County case 2024CF175. <https://www.wicourts.gov/casesearch.htm> The Wisconsin Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry search can be found at <https://appsdoc.wi.gov/public>

# Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

## More Jerks in Chicago—1900-1945

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

Please join us on Saturday, December 20 for part two of the story, More Jerks in Chicago. Due to single digit temperatures on the 13th, the presentation was rescheduled for Saturday, December 20. Speaker Brad Keyes will tell us the stories of the scoundrels who were involved as the city moved into the first half of the 20th center. Chicago managed to prosper despite the criminals, corrupt leaders and mobsters.



The Columbian Exposition of 1893 had given it a boost as well as worldwide attention. The city was well placed with access to the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River and soon became the rail hub for the nation. Population grew rapidly due to immigration from abroad and migration of African Americans from the South. Industry grew accordingly and soon the city was the center of meatpacking and steel and other manufacturing.

Along with this prosperity and groundbreaking advancements e.g. the use of iron, which led to the erection of skyscrapers, came the jerks about which we will learn. There was a mayor who deserves the title of the most corrupt official in Chicago history. One man married and dispensed with multiple wives and at least one woman did the same with husbands.

It was quite a place—brothels galore, bootlegging, gangsters, and, of course, corruption. The talk begins at 10 a.m. and is 90 minutes long. Coffee and tasty little pastries will be offered so come by, get comfortable and enjoy the presentation.


Entry to the library is at the east end of the building. Just follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. Public library hours are 9 a.m.—noon Saturdays and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

We urge the community to support this volunteer library effort by attending programs, visiting and checking out books and joining the Friends of the Durand Library.

Email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org), 815-289-8602 and visit us on FB/[durandvillagelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary).

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### Albrecht Elementary Penny War

Students at Albrecht Elementary School had a great time raising funds for charity during the Penny War the week of November 17-21. Grade levels competed against each other to see who could earn the most total points. Each penny counted as one positive point per grade level. Each silver coin counted as negative points per grade level. In other words, dropping a quarter in another grade level's bucket took 25 points away from their total. The winning grade level was five-year old kindergarten. Overall, the staff and students raised \$1,452.55 for the Backpack Food Program. Pictured are the kindergarten classrooms.

### Cards Wrestling

Wrestling at the Sugar Fiver Invite last Saturday, Thomas Lohmar secured first place. No other stats were available at press time. This week the team travels to Edgerton on Thursday. The girls will compete on Friday at Mt Horeb with the boys competing at that location on Saturday.

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Nolan Bump #2, Sam Searls and Logan Krupke combined for 41 points in last week's game against Evansville. Brodhead lost to the Blue Devils, 69-51. You can catch them in action this week Tuesday at home hosting Clinton and will travel to Beloit Turner on Friday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Taya Hawkins was one of four Cardinal players scoring from behind the arc to propel Brodhead, in a come-from-behind victory, 54-44, over Evansville last Tuesday. They celebrated a win, 50-46, when they traveled to Beloit Turner last Friday. The team will take on Clinton, Thursday at home. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

### Parkview/Albany Wrestling

By Joel Steinmann

Second weekend in the books for Parkview/Albany wrestling! Thursday night we had a couple JV wrestlers go to Edgerton to get some mat time in. Chase Meyers was 2-0, Rylan Aasen 1-1 and Case Cudney 1-1 for the night. On Friday the ladies headed north to the Dells they placed 42nd out of 53-team tournament. At 126—Serenity Pautsch placed fifth, 132—Avigale Pautsch placed sixth and also at 132—Ayda Klein did not place. This was set up as a 32-person bracket and they all wrestled hard and showed improve-

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# Parkview

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ment from the week before.

On Saturday the JV boys went to Evansville. Chase Meyers—157 went 1-1 and Case Cudney—285 was 1-2 on the day. Also on Saturday the varsity boys went to Belleville to compete in the Raider Scramble, placing eighth out of a 12-team tournament. Tavin Bomkamp—150 placed first; Balin Lacy—150 placed sixth; Elijah Gunn—165 placed second; Peter Roth—175 placed third; Rylan Aasen—215 placed first; and Jagger Wilke—285 placed 10th. They headed to Deerfield on Monday, December 15th for a conference Quad against Deerfield, Hus-tisford and Palmyra/Eagle.



# Monday Night Mixed League

12/8—High series: Robert Murray 669, Jason Shrier 654, Denny Schultz 639. High games: Tyson Foster 274, J. Shrier 254, R. Murray 247. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,080 and series 3,005. **Standings:** Beloit Chiropractic won 64 lost 44, Center Tavern 60-48, Fosters Gaming 57.5-50.5, Broughton's Bar 55.5-52.5, Bartelt 45-63, Albany Lanes 42-66.

# Tuesday Shanigans

12/9—High series: Tammy Neuenschwander 415, Becky Hanneman 385, Lisa Josephsen 382, Rick Josephsen 586, Dan Eaton 567, Rick Clark 486. High games: T. Neuenschwander 151, B. Hanneman 142, L. Josephsen 141, R. Josephsen 203, D. Eaton 190, Mike Hanneman 183. The Young & The Restless-high team game 781. Sweet Mini HaHa-high team series 2,238. **Standings:** Sweet Mini HaHa won 53 lost 17, The Young & The Restless 46-24, Perfectly Aged 43-27, Misfits 36-34, Greightful Dead 25-45.

# Badger

12/9—High series: Jim Laughlin 672, Ryan Brugger 638, Keith Riese 632, Guy Stamm 624. High games: R. Brugger 259, K. Riese 243, J. Laughlin 243, G. Stamm 232. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 860. Renks-high team series 2,330. **Standings:** Renks won 21 lost 7, Counter Attack 19-9, Decatur Dairy 17-11, Jim's Mechanic Shop 16-12, Team 6 7-21, TUGS 4-24.

# Wednesday Night Ladies

12/10—High series: Alice Patchen 456, Sandy Larson 443, Nicole Brewer 442, Tara Blumer 437, Julie Williams 431. High games: N. Brewer 196, Jolene Adcock 179, A. Patchen 178, S. Larson 169, T. Blumer 164. Glenn-Ann Ladies-high team game 594. Larson Acres-high team series 1,691. **Standings:** Larson Acres won 7 lost 0, Stables Bar & Grill 7-0, Glenn-Ann Ladies 4-3, General Store 3-4, Albertson's 0-7, Crystal's Team 0-7.

# Thursday Afternoon Ladies

12/11—High series: Sheryl Johnson 433, Laurie Thommen 424, Becky Riese 408. High games: Nancy Salzwedel 156, L. Thommen 155, Chris Rosheisen 150. Mike's Flooring-high team game 536 and series 1,557. **Standings:** Briggs Heating and AC won 70 lost 28, Knutes 69-29, Mike's Flooring 60-38, Nolte's Garage 59-39, Albany Lanes 34-64.

# Thursday Night Mixed

12/11—High series: Robert Murray 693, Jason Shrier 689, LeRoy Blumer 654, Brandon Bayrhofer 621. High games: R. Murray 279, L. Blumer 265, J. Shrier 254, Josh Stadt 241. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,079. Albany Lanes-high team series 2,993. **Standings:** Glenn Ann Holsteins won 19 lost 9, Golz Electric 19-9, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 16-12, Albany Lanes 12-16, Attica Bar 10-18, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 8-20.

# Brodhead Juniors

12/13—High series—boys: Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 411, Jayse Bennett 333, Tristan Modaff 297, Jack Norris 280, Carter Fenwick 262, Liam Elmer 219. High games—boys: A. Ramirez-Vogel 146, T. Modaff 118, J. Bennett 113, C. Fenwick 109, J. Norris 99, L. Elmer 82. **High series—girls:** Taylor Sauer 488, Aubrie Bartelt 379, Kelsee Brugger 375, Emma Welbig 270. High games—girls: T. Sauer 178, A. Bartelt 149, K. Brugger 134, E. Welbig 119.

# Brodhead Youth

12/13—High series: Braxton Normington 149, Jaxson Brewer 125, Thorin Perrin 82, Wyatt Shoemaker 51, Ayla Brugger 210, Kinslee Brewer 94, Keira Shrader 54. High games: B. Normington 82, J. Brewer 63, T. Perrin 52, W. Shoemaker 30, A. Brugger 106, K. Brewer 60, K. Shrader 30.

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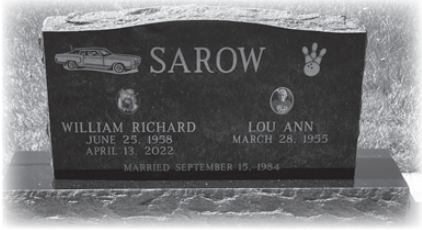
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**Albertson Memorial Public Library**

**By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian**

Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time celebrated Christmas with the cats! Here Comes Santa Cat (by Underwood) is a fun story about a cat who thinks that if he pretends to be Santa, he can bring presents to HIMSELF! In Merry Christmas Splat (by Scotton), Splat has a terrible time being good enough to get presents from Santa. After the stories, the preschoolers experimented with painting using cardboard. If the paint is applied to the paper in a U-shape, then smeared with cardboard, a cat magically appears! Of course, the kiddos practiced first by smearing drips of paint, making colorful stripes on the page.

Preschool Story Time will not be scheduled during the Christmas and New Year Break. Tuesday, January 6th will introduce a new theme: Families. The books that day will focus on families having fun in the snow. More information on that in the future.

On a final note, thanks to everyone who made Albertson Memorial Library's Snack with Santa such a success. Plenty of visiting with Santa, and three different elf-related crafts, games and treats in the Community Room, and everyone took a free book home with them. The Friends of Albertson Memorial Library did a fabulous job putting this event together. (If you're interested in becoming a 'friend of the library,' stop in to see us sometime! We'd love to have you join us.)

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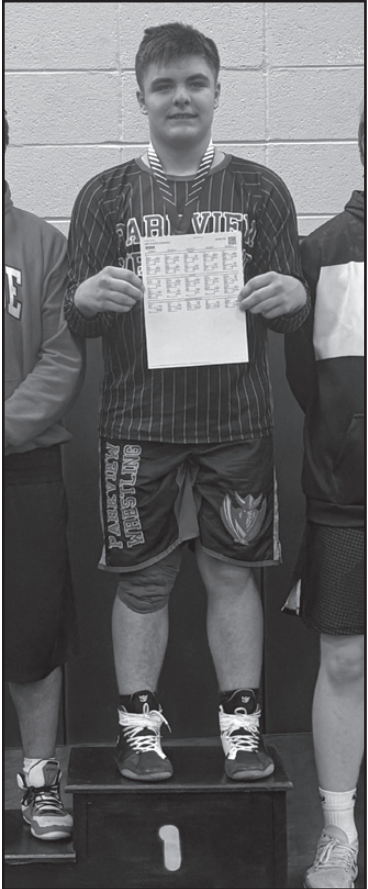
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Notice

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
District Office Board Room  
Wednesday, November 12, 2025  
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting Agenda was published in the Wednesday, November 5, 2025 edition of the Brodhead Free Press and properly building posted on Friday, November 7, 2025.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Al Schneider, Jenny Flory, Paul Donovan, and Michael Oellerich and Don Buchanan [virtually]

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried, 7-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team presented information reports on their respective buildings and departments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present to give public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting: October 8, 2025

b. Policy Committee Meeting: October 27, 2025

c. Annual Meeting: October 27, 2025

d. Regular Meeting: October 27, 2025

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

a. \$2,000 monetary donation from the Brodhead Booster Club to put towards the cost of updating the HS Gym Wall Mats

b. \$1,265 monetary donation from the Brodhead Optimist Club to the HS Choral Program

c. \$500 monetary donation from Andrew and Nicole Webnar to help support District students experiencing homelessness

4. RESIGNATION(S)

a. Billie Nipple, Part-Time ES Custodian

b. Dan Rueckert, MS Washington, DC Trip Advisor

5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

a. Breanna Bradt, HS Special Education Paraprofessional; increase in hours

b. Summer Clementine, MS Special Education Paraprofessional

c. Nick Jarvis, additional JV Volleyball Coach

d. Tina Keyser, HS Special Education Paraprofessional

e. April Knox, ES Special Education Paraprofessional

f. Billie Nipple, ES Part-Time Night Custodian

g. Bonnie Papendorf, HS Special Education Paraprofessional

6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)

a. Ashley Smith, ES Yearbook Advisor

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF 34.2 POLICY UPDATES

https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/brodhead/Board.nsf/goto?open&id=D2NHQG49005B

Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the referenced policy updates, as presented.

Motion passed, 5-2 (D. Buchanan and M. Oellerich opposed).

APPROVAL OF CO-PURCHASE WITH THE SPORTS BOOSTERS OF HIGH SCHOOL GYM WALL MATS

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the co-purchase of the High School Gym Wall Mats, as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF THE 2026 MIDDLE SCHOOL WASHINGTON, DC TRIP

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve the request for an 8th Grade trip to Washington, DC, in the Fall of 2026.

Motion carried, 7-0.

REFERENDUM UPDATE

District Administrator Novy presented updates regarding the ongoing building projects.

FUTURE AGENDA [October 8, 2025]

•Approval of Minutes

•Approval of Bills

•Accept Donation(s)

•Resignation(s)

•Employment Recommendation(s)

•Presentation: Supporting School Day Firefighter Classes

•State Report Card Presentation

•Approval of High School Program of Studies for 2026-27

•Referendum Update

•Approval of the 2026-2027 Master Calendar

•Approval of Window Treatments

•Approval of District Vision and Mission Statement Planning

Process

•Revenue Under-Levy Limit Discussion and Action

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e)

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jenny Flory, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e) at 7:58 p.m., for the discussion of:

a. Bus Contract

Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to return to open session at 8:09 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Date: 11-12-25 \$100 Bill List

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PIGGLY WIGGLY	418.99
PLATTEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	300.00
RPC-MG	1,234.00
SECURITY ALARM OF ROCKFORD LLC	137.50
SPEICH OIL INC	507.58
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	4,779.03
TAUTGES, TOM	100.00
THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	860.00
WE ENERGIES	532.72
WIL-KIL PEST CONTROL	1,366.88
AIRGAS USA, LLC	446.12
CESA #6	7,032.00
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	76,889.30
MENARDS - JANESVILLE	211.71
NASCO	2,577.95
OFFICE PRO	9,198.92
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	220.00
AIRWORX	3,537.48
DWD-UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	102.91
GASSER TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	146.90
HPS	2,005.78
LEARNING WITHOUT TEARS	500.00
LEMKE FENCE OF JEFFERSON, INC	453.72
MENEHAN REFRIGERATION	4,385.00
PIGGLY WIGGLY	400.55
RPC-MG	120.00
TESCHENDORF, KEVIN	500.00
U.S. CELLULAR	543.52
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION	107.80
BAUS REFRIGERATION	318.00
BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	24,824.94
BRODHEAD TIRE CENTER LLC	164.53
DEMCO INC	166.01
DEMCO MEDIA	117.95
HOBART SERVICE/ITW FOOD EQUIP	568.00
INSIGHT FS	1,160.80
PEPSI-COLA	965.13
PIGGLY WIGGLY	328.55
RHYME BUSSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	869.94
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	2,807.48
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	307.18
SECURLY	2,626.12
SPEICH OIL INC	463.05
SSM HEALTH - MONROE CLINIC	5,547.10
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,096.11
WE ENERGIES	1,341.19
ANDERSON, SCOTT	100.00
BROWN, ROBERT	100.00
CESA #2	3,952.20
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	18,031.67
KOMPAS CARE	496.42
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	438.09
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	9,136.86
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