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Brodhead Historical Society Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Come celebrate with them! Members and the public are invited to attend the Monday, June 30, gathering at the Depot Museum Knight Addition (E. 2nd Avenue entrance) starting at 6:30 p.m. If you want to attend in style, dig out some mod 1970s attire, wear a tie-dye shirt, grab some colorful beads and join them! OR, wear a Historical Society t-shirt, purchased from the JB Teddy Gift Shop in the Museum, open Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. They will have a celebration of Brodhead Historical Society's many events and dedicated volunteers over the past 50 years, 1975 to 2025. Curator Jaine Winters has been assembling the Historical Society's own history to gather anecdotes, achievements, and strong community participation of this volunteer-led organization. There will be live music, stories, pictures, and merriment. Start assembling your cool threads 1970s attire, or stop in and purchase a Historical Society t-shirt. Please join them Monday night, June 30 at 6:30 p.m.—they hope to see you groovy people there!

City Council Major Leak at the Pool

By Grace Kufahl

The mayor noted that the pool has a significant leak. Chief Raupp raised concerns about the structural integrity of the pool and questioned how that might be determined to make sure it's safe. Alder Baxter asked if MSA could examine it and the mayor replied he hasn't spoken to them about it yet. Alder Gritmaker questioned how long it's been going on and Raupp stated water usage records could be examined. Alder Gritmaker proposed three options. One, to ignore it, which he didn't recommend. Two, to add the cost of repairs to the Capital Improvement Plan borrowing package. Three, to seek public approval for a new pool in the form of a referendum. Ultimately, a motion was passed to examine the water usage further at next month's meeting.

Alder Burkhalter raised concerns heard by the Public Safety Committee regarding parking safety at the pool and the handicapped chair not working. Alder Sauer noted the Park Board was not informed of issues at the pool. Mayor Simpson confirmed the handicapped chair does not work and he hasn't been able to get anyone to work on it. The Council approved a motion to add signage for two handicapped parking stalls and designating the entrance and exit of the U-shaped drive.

The Council approved proposals submitted by Consigny Law Firm and Russell Law Offices for the City's Legal Services. Representatives from both firms will be interviewed during the next City Council meeting.

In Other Business:

Annual business licenses were renewed and permits were approved for Family Fest and four Chamber of Commerce Food Truck Nights.

Join Us for the Annual Brodhead Family Fest! Saturday, June 28th

Presented by the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce and our generous presenting sponsor, Campbell's Piggly Wiggly of Brodhead.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 29th and bring your family, friends, and neighbors to this FREE community celebration filled with fun, food, and fireworks!

Shop the Park Outdoor Market—Kick off the day at beautiful Putnam Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., where vendors will offer a variety of vintage finds, boutique clothing, handcrafted goods, and more.

Patriotic Parade—11 a.m. Register for the parade with Jeremy Pinnow and Associates: call today—608-897-2013. The parade begins near the police department and travels north on West 3rd Avenue, past Putnam Park to 3rd Street, east on 3rd to Cedar Avenue, then north to Alpine Street, ending at Legion Park.

Post-Parade Fun in Putnam Park After the parade, head back to the park for a full afternoon of entertainment and activities, including:

- Performances by the Community Band and Pirate Radio's Jim Carter, leading into a live show by the Second Generation Band until fireworks begin
- Free family fun: Face painting, Kids' Fishing Derby, and more!
- New this year: Laser tag and triple bounce trampolines (wristband required)
- Beer Garden & Food Trucks
- Fireworks at dusk!

Let's celebrate Independence Day with community spirit, great memories, and summer fun!

Save the Date: Saturday, June 28, 2024

For the full schedule, parade registration, vendor forms, sponsor list, and more, visit BrodheadChamber.com.

The Council approved a carrier change from SunLife to Hartford for a savings of \$1,000 per year on employee life insurance.

After much debate centering around the cost and the potential for answers to be prompted based on how a question is posed, a motion to allow only designated elected officials to contact the City Attorney failed.

Since no certified individuals have yet applied to replace Justin Schwartz, MSA will help with the sewer plant operation in the meantime.

Resolutions were passed directing homeowners to fix sidewalks in need of repair.

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Thursday, July 3 at 5 p.m.

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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Rev. Tom Moe, Pastor. Sunday worship May 25-August 31—9 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch.com.

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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. 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.

Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Worship service 9 a.m. No Sunday school until fall.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblor. Web site: livingwordwi.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 Jady N Manjrekar. 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. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

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. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook.

Rotary Botanical Gardens Announces First-Ever Dog Days of Summer Event

Celebrate community, canines, and cold drinks on Sunday, August 3 Rotary Botanical Gardens is excited to host the first ever Dog Days of Summer on Sunday, August 3, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This new dog-friendly event invites guests of all ages two and four-legged to enjoy a lively day of outdoor fun, food, music, and community.

Held on the scenic 20-acre garden grounds at 1455 Palmer Drive, Dog Days of Summer will feature food trucks, vendors, a pet photo booth, lawn games, dog cooling stations, and goodie bags for the first 100 guests. Attendees can shop at the local pet vendor marketplace, enjoy live entertainment, and take part in interactive dog-friendly games like bobbing for tennis balls and a dog/owner look-a-like contest.

Adding to the festivities is a custom beer release by Good Works Brewing Co., specially crafted and labeled for the event. This exclusive Dog Days of Summer brew will be available during the event alongside non-alcoholic options and treats from participating vendors.

Admission is \$10 per person and includes full access to the gardens and all events. Children six and under enter free, and dogs are welcome at no additional cost (must remain leashed and follow posted guidelines).

“This event is all about enjoying the gardens in a new, playful way,” said Laura Kenyon, Community Engagement Manager. “We’re excited to bring the community together for something fresh, fun, and dog friendly.”

For full event details, visit: <https://rotarybotanicalgardens.org/event/dog-days-of-summer/>

SOFTBALL

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 6/15 results: Church of God defeated Orfordville Lutheran 10-9; United Methodist defeated Bethlehem Lutheran 14-9; Congregational UCC defeated Luther Valley 9-8.

Sunday 6/22 results: Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Living Word 15-11; Luther Valley defeated United Methodist 8-4; Church of God defeated Congregational UCC 10-6.

Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 5-2; United Methodist 4-2; Congregational UCC 4-2; Living Word 2-4; Luther Valley 3-3; Church of God 2-3; Orfordville Lutheran 1-5.

Epic Australian Adventure—an unforgettable journey with Jesus

You’re invited to join St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church for Epic Australian Adventure, their Vacation Bible School open to all children from kindergarten up through seventh grade. The camp will run from July 9-11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come and sing songs, play games, make crafts, and study the Word of God with us. Snacks and lunch will both be provided. Parents especially will want to come Friday afternoon for the closing ceremony (refreshments provided), and again on Sunday, when the VBS kids will have the chance to sing in the 9 a.m. Sunday worship service! With this free program, they’re hoping to get to know the members of our community, form some friendships, and show you what they’re all about here at St. Peter. If you’d like to know more about their Vacation Bible School, or the other services St. Peter provides, there’s a few ways to reach them. Call or text the church phone at 608-618-6090. Check out their website, StPeterLutheranBrodhead.com, for online registration. And if you’d like to get acquainted with their pastor, he’d love to hear from you as well! Call or text Pastor Tyler Swiderski at 612-270-2591 or email him at pastorswiderski@gmail.com. The Camp Coordinator, Joyce Drewes, can be contacted at 608-897-4071. In person visits are also always welcome. Find them at 1708 W. 6th Avenue, Brodhead. Look for the brown A-frame church! And all guests are welcome to join them for worship Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., but if you’d like to drop by during the week, that works, too.

Camp registration forms can be found online, picked up in-person in the church building, or by contacting Pastor Swiderski or Joyce Drewes, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note, if you wish to enroll multiple children, they request a separate form for each child. They hope you join them, and have a terrific summer!

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters’ League

Tuesday’s results: Panoske Plastering defeated Bridges Bar & Grill 8-5; Woodworth Team defeated Beast Buffet 14-4; The Bar Team 1 defeated The Bar Team 2 11-6.

Season standings: Panoske Plastering won 4 lost 0; Woodworth Team 4-0; Beast Buffet 1-3; The Bar Team 2 1-3; Bridges Bar & Grill 1-3; The Bar Team 1 1-3.

Juda School District Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

•Approved the OT/PT contract with SSM Health for the 2025/2026 school year.

•Approved a 66:03 agreement with Monticello for the Library Consultant for the 2025/2026 school year. Mary Larson is available to assist the Monticello District on a as needed basis.

•Approved the coaches for the 2025/2026 school year.

•Approved an agreement with WIAA for the 2025/2026 school year.

•Approved the sports co-ops for the 2025/2026 school year.

•Approved the Co-Curricular Handbook for the 2025/2026 school year.

•Approved the Hudl package for \$6,500 for the 2025/2026 school year with the agreement that \$4,000 will be covered by the three sports and \$2,500 by the district.

•Compiled a list of area businesses to nominate for the WASB Business Honor Roll.

•Learned that Mr. Skoumal has taken the position of High School Science Teacher and that Mrs. Henderson will take the position of as Special Education Assistant at the High School level.

•Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Larson have scheduled a meeting with the staff leadership team to work on the strategic plan.

•Approved the staff and student handbook for the 2025/2026 school year.

•Learned that the district is working with Albany and Monticello to get a group insurance rate.

•Approved the fees for the 2025/2026 school year.

•Held discussion on the first round of maintenance projects scheduled for this year with funds from the passed referendum. Bids came in around \$91,000 lower than projected. These funds will be used to complete more projects from the list.

•Learned that 77 computers will need to be replaced by October as they will be reaching Windows 10 support will be ending in October. The board authorized the district to spend up to \$45,000 for replacement of these computers.

•Approved the Safety Plan for the Juda School District.

•No Executive Session was needed.

•Next meeting will be held on July 9, 2025 and the August meeting will be moved from August 13th to August 20th.

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Dan Brown and Denny Schwartz Dan Brown, Faithful Servant

The United Methodist Men recently presented their 2025 Faithful Servant Award to Dan Brown. The award recognized Brown, the owner-operator at Center Avenue Auto Sales in Brodhead, as one of the founders of the men's group and current President, as well as a long-time Trustee, and member of Stewardship and Finance committees. Brown, a member of the Church for over 25 years, has consistently been a go-to guy for practically anything needed at the building. He helps lead several successful events, including the Wild Game Feed, Chicken Dinner, Chili Feed, and pizza sale. A welcoming presence on Sundays, Brown volunteers regularly as an usher.

The United Methodist Church of Brodhead is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome to attend services or join the men's group, meeting monthly for breakfast and Bible study.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

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UW-MADISON ANNOUNCES SPRING DEAN'S LIST

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

Area student who have received this honor include: Kelsey Deegan, School of Nursing, Dean's Honor List and Kaiya Zurfluh, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List, both of Albany; Sage Eckard-Lee, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List, Haley Elmer, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List, Skylar Gretebeck, School of Education, Dean's List and Emma Nelson, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List, all of Brodhead; and Emma Zeller, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List, of Davis, Illinois.

ALEX SCHLIEM NAMED TO SPRING 2025 DEAN'S LIST

Northern Illinois University announces its spring 2025 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Students from your area who achieved this honor include: Alex Schliem, of Albany, who is majoring in Psychology-B.A. Schliem is a graduate of Albany High School.

STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST FOR SPRING 2025

The following students from the area have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester.

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Among those named was Noah Flood Elyafi, BS Computer and Electrical Engineering, of Orfordville.

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ACADEMICS

NIU SPRING 2025 GRADUATION LIST

More than 2,100 students received their bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Northern Illinois University in May. Included among the graduates were the following students from your area:

Alex Schliem, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, of Albany; Kiley Deschepper, Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education with Preschool Special Education Approval, of Davis, Illinois; Katarina Kalina, Bachelor of Arts in Sociology: General Sociology, of Durand, Illinois; and Joshua Soderstrom, Master of Science in Kinesiology and Physical Education-Exercise Physiology, of Orfordville.

DAVIS NATIVE NICK PANOSKE NAMED TO MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2025 DEAN'S LIST

Nick Panoske, of Davis, Illinois, has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Panoske is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science.

To make the Dean's List, students must have earned at least 12 credits for the spring 2024 semester and have no disqualifying grades. The GPA threshold varies by college—for the College of Education and the Klingler College of Arts and Sciences, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.7 to be named to the Dean's List.

The undergraduate GPA requirement is 3.5 for the following colleges: the Diederich College of Communication, the College of Business Administration, the College of Health Sciences, the Opus College of Engineering and the College of Nursing. All other programs have a 3.75 GPA minimum.

NICK PANOSKE GRADUATES FROM MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

This past spring, Nick Panoske of Davis, Illinois, graduated from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Panoske earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Environmental Science.

Panoske was one of 2,845 students to graduate from Marquette in May. The university celebrated its 144th Commencement with a series of events, including Graduate Recognition Ceremonies at Fiserv Forum and a Baccalaureate Mass on campus. Learn more about the weekend.

UW-OSHKOSH SPRING 2025 DEAN'S LIST, HONOR ROLL RELEASED

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh officials have released the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List and University Honor Roll in spring 2025.

The term grade-point average (GPA) requirement for University Honor Roll is 3.3; the term GPA requirement for Dean's List is 3.75 out of a possible 4.0.

To qualify, a student must have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits. (P/F courses do not count toward a 12-credit minimum.) There can be no individual grades below a "C" and no incomplete or non-reported grades at the time the process is run.

Among those named were Kendra Dollak, Dean's List, of Durand, Illinois; and Cally Burrell, Honor Roll and Hailey Rowley, Honor Roll, both of Orfordville.

UW-EAU CLAIRE SPRING DEAN'S LIST ANNOUNCED

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire is proud to recognize the outstanding academic achievements of the Blugolds who have earned a place on the Dean's List. Their commitment to excellence exemplifies the highest standards of scholarship at UW-Eau Claire. Congratulations on this remarkable accomplishment!

Eligibility Requirements—At the end of each semester, each of UW-Eau Claire's four colleges recognize excellence in scholastic achievement by publishing the Dean's List.

To be eligible, a student must:

- Be in good academic standing.
- Have a minimum semester GPA of 3.70.
- Have completed at least 12 credits during the semester, with no incompletes, no courses below the 100 level, no repeats, and no Satisfactory/Unsatisfactory registrations (except in degree credit-bearing courses that are offered only on the S/U grading system in which a grade of S has been earned).

Students from your area who were named to the Dean's List are: Elsie Smith, College of Business, Davis, Illinois.

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Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

How Do They Write So Many Books? Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

We are in the process of integrating the books we term "village books" with the school collection. This will make it easier for patrons to find their favorite authors as all books will be filed alphabetically by the author's name. It will also make better use of the shelves.

So we are going through all the shelves and this is an interesting experience. How in the world do some authors write as many books as they do? We are not claiming to have every single title by any one author listed here but following are some examples.

There are 61, yes 61, titles by James Patterson. A few of these are young adult books. But still! 61? If you love this author, you might want to challenge yourself to read each one.

John Grisham writes terrific novels with the law, court procedure and legal terms woven throughout. There are 24 of his works.

Nicholas Sparks, writer of beloved romantic tales, has 17 books on the shelf.

One can read more than 10 novels by Debbie Macomber. Light hearted romantic novels are her style.

Ah, the queen of mystery, Agatha Christie, the writer whose stories never grow old. There are 33 titles. Try one and see how skillfully they are woven. Murder on the Orient Express Is the best known.

Then there is the category of historical novels. Kristin Hannah's recent book The Women, has been very popular. It is set during the Vietnam War. Hannah is well represented at the library with 15 titles. Many of her works are historical novels. The characters and story are made up but they are living in a real time and real place. This is a great way to learn history.

John Jakes is represented by seven titles. His historical novels are lengthy, engrossing and very full of information about the time and place where he sets his characters. Try one, you are sure to enjoy it and come away with a sense of history.

We'll end with only two works by Barbara Kingsolver available, which are at the library now. Any reader who would be interested in her other works is cordially invited to ask.

Kingsolver's historical novel, The Demonwood Bible, follows the story of a family struggling with their faith, the elements, and the challenges as missionaries in the Congo. The author herself lived for a short time as a child in that part of Africa. This is an engrossing tale but with a sad and ugly twist. When the Congolese finally get their freedom from the harsh and cruel colonial power, Belgium, their new and beloved president is assassinated and a finger is pointed at the United States CIA and President Ike Eisenhower.

Her most recent novel, Demon Copperhead, has been much praised and was very popular. Her other works are sensitive to the environment and social issues. Try one of these books and enjoy how clever and insightful this author is.

Please visit and support the Durand Library by coming to programs and checking out books. There are many great books waiting to be read and programs on a variety of topics to be enjoyed. Please know that community interest and support is important to maintaining library services.

Library hours are Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evenings 6-8 p.m. For more information please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or check our Facebook page.



Diana Wiemer, volunteer extraordinaire at the Durand Library, tests her backgammon skills against Jack Liston during game day at the library Saturday.

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Going “au naturale”

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It is often difficult to “see” the negative effects of non-natives but that does not diminish their harmful consequences and the domino effect they have on diversity. As the quantity of non-native plants take over an area, the quantity of native insects, birds, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals are impacted. Many of us would never know if 100 or 1000 species of insects were no lon-

ger on our land. For some, it might take years to notice the loss of several birds.

Allowing invasives to crowd out natives is not how nature was intended to work and expecting that nature can change the direction of this negative multiplier effect is a fantasy. On a positive note, of all the reasons that our habitats are being destroyed, removing and controlling non-natives is the one where a single individual can make a huge difference in a short amount of time.

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Notice



REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room Wednesday, May 19, 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, May 14, 2025 edition of the Brodhead Free Press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
Present: MMike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Jenny Flory, Paul Donovan and Don Buchanan [virtually]
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, 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
Nicole Miller was present to give public comment on the topic of overload pay.

AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
a. Regular Meeting: April 28, 2025

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
a. \$1,000.00 monetary donation from Diane Anderson and the Ken Anderson Memorial to the Backpack Food Program

4. RESIGNATION(S)
a. Katie Jaquint, 4th Grade Teacher
b. Niteal Pinnow, High School Show Choir Director
c. Amber Rear, Elementary School Yearbook Advisor
d. Cristian Wedig, Head Varsity Football Coach
e. Rodney Wedig, Assistant Football Coach
f. Shirley Zuhlke, Elementary School Part-time Night Custodian

5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
a. Layne Millard, Elementary School Early Childhood Teacher

6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
a. None

Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE PRESENTATION
Principal Adam Feger presented information on the creation of the 2025-2026 Middle School schedule now that there are four grades at the Middle School.

APPROVE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve Jim Wahl as the new Community Representative for the Finance Committee for a two [2] year term.
Motion carried, 7-0.

OPEN ENROLLMENT APPROVALS /DENIALS FOR 2025-26
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the recommended Open Enrollment approval/denial list of students for school year 2025-26 as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

REVIEW AND UPDATE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Al Schneider, to approve the Employee Handbook for the 2025-26 school year, as presented.
Motion passed, 6-1; Elizabeth Kempel opposed.

CONSIDERATION TO INCREASE SUBSTITUTE AIDE PAY
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to increase substituted aide pay to \$16/hour, beginning with the 2025-26 school year.
Motion carried, 7-0.

CONSIDERATION TO INCREASE SUBSTITUTE TEACHER PAY
Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to make all substitute teacher pay within the District to be \$140/day, beginning with the 2025-26 school year.
Motion carried, 7-0.

REFERENDUM UPDATES
District Administrator Novy presented information on the ongoing Referendum building projects. More construction will commence on the Monday following the last day of school.

2024-25 BUDGET REVISIONS
Amended budget revisions were provided. No action was taken and these will be reviewed again in June 2025.

FUTURE AGENDA [June 11, 2025]

- Approval of the Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)
- Approval of 2025-26 WIAA Membership Renewal
- Establish Student Breakfast/Lunch/Milk Prices for 2025-26
- Establish Student Fees for 2025-26
- Approval of the 2024-25 Budget Revisions
- Approval of the 2025-26 Preliminary Budget
- Referendum Update

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f)
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 8:28 p.m., for the discussion of:

- a. School Board Evaluation
- b. District Administrator Evaluation
- c. Considering Compensation of an Employee

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

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to return to open session at 9:17 p.m.
Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve a \$2,500 stipend for a National certification and an associated pay increase to \$78,000 annually for Jenna Randecker, Speech Pathologist.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve a 3.43% salary increase for the District Administrator and an amendment to his contract language related to sick day payout upon retirement.
Motion passed, 6-1; Jenny Flory opposed.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.
Motion carried, 7-0.

DATE: 05-19-25 \$100 BILL LIST

Vendor Name	Check Amount
AIRGAS USA, LLC	246.24
BUILDING AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS	1,313.09
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	2,580.00
FOSTER & FOSTER	6,575.00
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	18,260.54
JW PEPPER & SON INC	165.59
MECA SPORTSWEAR	209.95
NEWSLA	2,750.88
OFFICE PRO	1,563.78
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	524.43
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	5,824.97
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	627.97
SMITH, ROBIN M	250.00
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	8,602.37
BADGER HIGH SCHOOL	300.00
BELOIT MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL	100.00
BELOIT TURNER HIGH SCHOOL	225.00
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	10,443.50
BUELOW VETTER BUIKEMA OLSON & VLIET LLC	4,548.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	584.99
CITY OF BRODHEAD SEWER DEPT	1,687.92
CITY GLASS CO INC	180.00
CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL	325.00
EAST TROY HIGH SCHOOL	160.00
EVANSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	275.00
HEGGE, JON	200.00
HOMB, LOREN	200.00
INSIGHT FS	3,125.80
MONROE HIGH SCHOOL	275.00
MONTGOMERY, RANDY	120.00
NEW GLARUS HIGH SCHOOL	125.00
PEARSON EDUCATION	764.82
PEARSON EDUCATION	3,314.22
PIGGLY WIGGLY	606.55
RANDECKER, JENNA E	250.00
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	3,344.69
SPEICH OIL INC	404.82
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	6,244.83
VISA	527.88
VRUWINK, DON	120.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	882.22
WE ENERGIES	2,235.94
WE ENERGIES	2,974.71
WI SKYWARD USER GROUP	250.00
SPORTSBOOSTERS	270.00
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	7,866.82
MONTGOMERY, TOM	120.00
VRUWINK, DON	120.00
HEGGE, JON	200.00
HOMB, LOREN	200.00
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	120.00
BYE, ROBIN L	4,729.05
CESA #3	780.00
CESA #6	6,452.46
DIX, CHAD A	157.74
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	3,042.37
KAMMERER, BRIAN J	120.00
RANDECKER, JENNA E	198.45
SMITH, ROBIN M	193.95
WI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION	7,451.00
CESA 2/DCTS	5,236.40
GREEN COUNTY SOLID WASTE	413.00
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	631.15
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONROE	135.00
SSM HEALTH - MONROE CLINIC MEDICAL GROUP	5,845.08
STATELINE SEPTIC WELL & PUMP	250.00
U.S. CELLULAR	168.68
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	790.53
MONTGOMERY, RANDY	120.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION	162.80
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	110.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	78,113.47
CESA #6	1,218.40
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	584.99
DIX, CHAD A	300.00
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	14,835.79
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	74,411.25
KOMPAS CARE	496.42
MARTENSON, LAUREL B	500.00
MECA SPORTSWEAR	659.20
NEOLA, INC.	1,375.00
PAN-O-GOLD BAKING CO	658.27
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	7,624.48
ROCK COUNTY TREASURER	153.30
SOMMERFELDT, LAURIE A	130.90
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	18,705.55
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	477.64
BOARDMAN & CLARK LLP	462.00
CESA #5	146.25
DWD-UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	370.00
GASSER TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	403.21
GOECKS, MICHAEL J	15.00
HOBART SERVICE/ITW FOOD EQUIP	395.75
HUNTINGTON & SON WELL PUMPS & PLUMBING INC	1,034.50
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	521.55
MENEHAN REFRIGERATION	80.00
NEW DOCUMENTS & LABELS INC	139.00
PEPSI-COLA	1,629.83
PIGGLY WIGGLY	899.49
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	3,319.50
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	349.41
SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA	11,078.00
SPEICH OIL INC	552.78
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	3,524.40
THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	145.87
WASTE MANAGEMENT	882.22
WE ENERGIES	2,033.36
WIL-KIL PEST CONTROL	142.54
COUNTRY MEATS	118.00
JW PEPPER & SONS INC	139.99
MALKOW, JILLIAN	330.00
NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION	202.75
PIGGLY WIGGLY	827.08
RITE BITE	368.50
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	1,336.12
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	340.59
SCHOOL TOURS OF AMERICA	6,644.38
33 FEEDS	399.80
BADGER SPORTING GOODS	192.48
BODELL, PAUL	128.00
DECAUTUR DAIRY INC	5,474.42
HEGGE, JON	200.00
HOMB, LOREN	200.00
JOSTENS INC	226.16
MONROE ENGRAVING	220.80
MONROE ENGRAVING	697.02
MONROE HIGH SCHOOL	2,772.70
MUSICBOX ENTERTAINMENT LLC	1,000.00

RIESTERER, BETH A	200.00
RIESTERER, BETH A	550.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	202.95
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	1,235.00
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	125.00
AMERICAN AWARDS & PROMOTIONS	310.50
JARVIS, NICHOLAS L	380.00
NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER MUSEUM	322.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	235.51
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	300.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	201.60
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	506.20
WISCONSIN ASSOC OF FFA	603.00
AMERICAN FAMILY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL	210.19
BURPEE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY	788.00
PIGGY WIGGLY	454.79
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	110.26
RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE	285.44
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	427.25
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	1,070.95
SCHOOL TOURS OF AMERICA	180.00

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Craft Sales



Orfordville
American Legion Unit 209 Auxiliary Craft and Vendor Fair. Sat., October 18, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Location: American Legion Post 209, 3913 S. State Road 213, Orfordville. Admission is free—open to the public. Space still available for vendors! Call 608-346-7524 (06/25)

Garage Sales



Brodhead
1601 19th Street (in the back shed—Shirley Zuhlke) Five family garage sale. Fri., June 27, and Sat., June 28, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Lots of added items. Some reduced prices. Gift baskets, mens and womens clothing of all sizes, lots of summer tops with tags on, metal outdoor and indoor decor, wind spinners, wind chimes, rolling file cabinet, antique baby buggy, Planters peanut jars, co-pilot bike trailer, 7 cu. ft. freezer, rocking horse, baby chair, portable baby swing, scrubbies and dish rags, dishes, Pfaltzgraff, Tupperware, casserole dishes, glassware, and much more.



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Rotary Botanical Gardens Announces 2025 Summer Camps for Kids

This summer, Rotary Botanical Gardens will host three unique, nature-based camps that invite children to learn, explore, and create in the beautiful 20-acre gardens. With options for ages five–12, each camp blends hands-on activities, artistic expression, and outdoor discovery in a safe and supportive environment.

Garden Art Adventure Camp—for ages six–11, July 15–17, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Cost: \$179 (three-day pass), \$140 (two-day), or \$70 (one-day). Registration Deadline: Wednesday, July 2.

Presented in partnership with Art on the Fly and inspired by the 2025 garden theme Van Gogh in the Garden, this art-focused camp invites children to:

- Create two major art projects, including a Van Gogh-inspired piece and a sunflower sculpture
- Enjoy daily art and garden activities
- Participate in a special Open House art showcase on Wednesday, July 16
- Contribute to the September Garden Art Auction

Dress for mess—there will be plenty of creative (and muddy) fun, including face painting!

Garden Quest: Stories in Bloom—for ages five–eight, July 29–31, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. Cost: \$179 (three-day pass), \$140 (two-day), or \$70 (one-day). Registration Deadline: Monday, July 14

In partnership with Miss Edie Baran with ArtSpark, this camp combines storytelling, acting, movement, and nature exploration to help children:

- Develop creativity and vocal expression
- Create characters and retell stories
- Engage with nature through drama and music

Each day stands alone, so campers can attend one, two, or all three days. Activities will take place outdoors, weather permitting.

All camps are held at Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI.

To register or learn more, visit: <https://rotarybotanicalgardens.org>.



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

The Summer Library Program at Albertson Memorial Library started off with the stories *Yellow Copter* (A teacher gets stuck on the Ferris wheel.) and *Little Blue and Little Yellow* (What happens when blue and yellow hug?). Then the chaos began. While everyone worked on squeegee rainbow paintings, one by one, the kiddos came up to blow bubbles in yellow-dyed bubble solution, creating a bubble print on both paper and the on-going t-shirt project. It was exciting to watch the result of their efforts. In no time at all the room was filled with rainbows!

Next week, the youngsters will practice following a rainbow line, adding dots of paint in the right order. They will also add green to their t-shirt using a leaf pounding technique, which leaves behind the chlorophyll. (Think grass stain!)

The Summer Library Program at Albertson Memorial Library meets every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. for young people ages four through six. The end of the program is coming fast, but there's a few weeks left to join the fun. The last date is July 9th. We'd be happy to welcome new friends!

What fun On Tuesday Afternoon!

The third week of Albertson Memorial Library's Summer Library Program was all about yellow, exploring the light of our yellow star, the sun. Amanda Ryan was a special guest, demonstrating what happens when electricity passes through different gasses. She even had special tools showing the wavelengths of different colors of the rainbow. Participants then split into smaller groups to create their own rainbows and bend pencils and sunlight using just water, mirrors, and flashlights. Finally, using bubble solution, everyone made yellow bubble prints, first on paper, then on the on-going t-shirt project. Those t-shirts are starting to be really colorful!

Next week, green becomes the focus in the "Color Our World" science and art extravaganza at Albertson Memorial Library. Everyone will experiment with both green markers and green leaves using chromatography. Then they will use those leaves in a 'flower pounding' activity on their t-shirts.

The Summer Library Program is rapidly coming to a close, but there's still time to attend! AML invites all young people grades second through fifth to come at 1 p.m. We'd love to meet you!

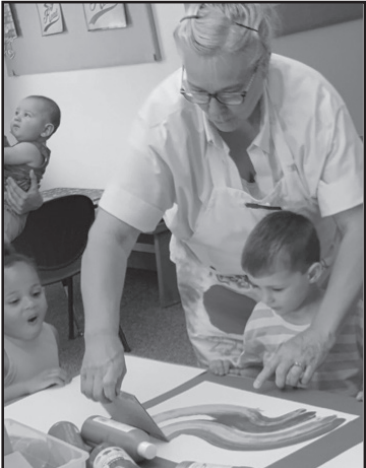
District 8 AA locations

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.



Going "au naturelle"

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Tallamy, Douglas W. 2007. *Bringing Nature Home*. Portland, Ore: TimberPress.

Marci Hess has 60 acres that she is restoring with her husband, Jim. These 60 acres include prairie, woods, and oak savanna and grade from dry soil to wet mesic soils. She has 25 years of experience in restoring land to native habitat with 20 of those studying the infinite scientific

aspects of nature. She is determined to put Lafayette County "on nature's map" and as such has documented and donated insects and plants to UW-Madison. More info at driftlessprairies.org

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union is a member-driven chapter committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement in Rock, Green, and Lafayette Counties.

Fight the Bite this Spring & Summer

Take steps to prevent tick bites.

Green County Public Health is reminding community members to protect themselves, their family members, and their pets against ticks this summer. Ticks are common in Wisconsin and can spread diseases such as Lyme disease and, more rarely, Powassan virus and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

Lyme disease is the most common illness spread by ticks in Wisconsin. It has spread to every county in the state over the last three decades, and the average number of reported cases has tripled over the past 15 years. In 2023, over 6,300 cases of Lyme disease were reported in Wisconsin, and it's estimated that many more cases were not reported.

Many people who get sick from an illness spread by ticks do not remember getting a tick bite. The common symptoms of illnesses

spread by ticks include fever, rash, headache, body aches, and fatigue. Most diseases spread by ticks in Wisconsin, including Lyme disease, can be treated with antibiotics. You should call your doctor if you have worrisome symptoms and think you may have been bitten by a tick.

"As people start spending more and more time outside, it's important for them to keep tick prevention in mind," said RoAnn Warden, Director of Green County Public Health. "Residents can protect themselves and their families from tick bites by following simple steps before, during, and after being outdoors."

Tick bites are preventable. When spending time outdoors, follow these simple steps to protect yourself and your family members from tick bites:

BEFORE GOING OUTDOORS

- Use an insect repellent with 20-30% DEET or another EPA-registered repellent according to the label instructions.

- Use 0.5% permethrin products on clothing, socks, and shoes according to label instructions.

- Wear long sleeves and pants, and tuck pants into socks and shirts into pants to avoid ticks crawling under clothing.

- Use a veterinarian-prescribed tick prevention treatment on pets.

WHILE OUTDOORS

- Walk in the center of trails and do not brush up against plants on the edge of trails.

- Avoid wooded and brushy areas with tall grass and leaves.

AFTER BEING OUTDOORS

- Check all parts of the body carefully, especially the armpits, behind the knees, scalp, in and around the ears, inside the belly button, and

groin.

- Parents should check their children for ticks.

- Place clothes in the dryer on high heat for 10 minutes to kill any ticks on clothing.

For more information on tick bite prevention, visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website.

To stay up-to-date on all things related to Green County Public Health, please visit our website: gc-publichealth.org.

POLICE

**Green County
Sheriff's Department
June 16-22, 2025**

At 3:25 p.m., Monday, deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash at the intersection of Montgomery Road and Richland Road, in the

Town of Jefferson. The investigation found that a vehicle driven by Peter P. Minucci, 67, of Juda, was traveling northbound negotiating a curve on Richland Road. Another vehicle driven by Wyatt T. Steiner, 17, of Juda, was traveling southbound and appeared to travel into the northbound lane causing a collision with Minucci. Minucci advised he was uninjured and wearing his seat belt. Steiner advised he was not wearing his seat belt and was later transported to the hospital with apparent non-life-threatening injury. Both vehicles involved sustained disabling damage, with no airbag deployment, and were towed from the scene.

At 10:46 p.m., Monday, deputies responded to the W300 block of Rockhill Road, in the Town of Spring Grove, for a reported disturbance. On Wednesday, June 18, as a result of the investigation, Kenneth O. Lippitt, 59, of Brodhead, was placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, falling under Wisconsin's domestic abuse laws, and bail jumping. Lippitt was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At 6:09 p.m., Saturday, deputies responded to the W300 block of Rockhill Road, in the Town of Spring Grove, for a reported disturbance. The investigation resulted in Harvey F. Pribble, 59, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, falling under Wisconsin's domestic abuse laws. Pribble was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At 1:10 a.m., Saturday, deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding in the W1500 block of STH 11, in the Town of Spring Grove. The investigation resulted in the driver, Joel A. Ends, 36, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for operating while under the influence and speeding. Ends was later released pending court.

At 11:25 a.m., Saturday, deputies responded to the W300 block of Rockhill Road, in the Town of Spring Grove, for a report of a subject violating a temporary restraining order. The investigation resulted in Harvey F. Pribble, 59, of Broadhead, being placed under arrest for bail jumping and violating a temporary restraining order. Pribble was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At 7:59 p.m., Saturday, deputies responded to the N4200 block of Park Road, in the Town of Decatur, for a reported disturbance. The investigation resulted in Leonard M. Richardson, 69, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, falling under Wisconsin's domestic abuse laws. Richardson was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court. Brodhead PD assisted on scene.

At 8:46 p.m., Saturday, deputies responded to the W300 block of Rockhill Road in the Town of Spring Grove, for a reported disturbance. The investigation resulted in Debra A. Anderson, 54, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct while armed and Robin L. Milbrandt, 52, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct and battery. Both parties were incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court. Brodhead PD assisted on scene.

Campbell's  **piggly wiggly**

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Saturday June 28th

SHOP THE OUTDOOR MARKET @ PUTNAM PARK FROM 9 AM - 4 PM

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE AT 11 AM

THE COMMUNITY BAND WILL PLAY AFTER THE PARADE

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FREE FACE PAINTING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES FROM NOON - 4 PM

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