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Brodhead Jaycees Easter Egg Hunt 2026

(Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Families had opportunities to have photos with the Easter bunny.



The rush of little people making their way into the Marjorie Blackford Arboretum.

Right: Luis Ignacio Guadalupe Mondragon, age five, spies a couple of eggs for his basket.



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OBITUARIES



Brenda S. Olin

Brenda S. Olin, 82, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, passed away on March 22, 2026 at UW Hospital following a brief but courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Born on August 9, 1943 in Rocky Mount North Carolina to Joseph and Melba Strickland. Brenda carried the warmth and spirit of her Southern roots with her throughout her life. She grew up with a deep love of family, the Outer Banks and the simple pleasures of North Carolina cooking, her favorites were eastern NC BBQ and hush puppies that she declared could not be made quite right in Wisconsin no matter how many times the family tried to replicate them.

Brenda attended Meredith College Raleigh NC where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1965—a degree she would go on to shape the lives of children for decades to come. On July 15, 1967 she married the love of her life, Donald B. Olin. The couple made their first home together in Franklin Park, Illinois before eventually settling in Don's hometown of Brodhead.

Brenda made her home in Brodhead, where she lived a life defined by love, learning and an extraordinary devotion to the natural world. For 23 years, she shaped young minds as a first grade teacher at Juda Schools. Her warmth, patience and passion left a lasting impression on countless children and families. To

many, she was simply known as the "Butterfly Lady" a title she earned and treasured through her dedicated work raising and education others about the magnificent Monarch butterfly. Her classroom was not just a place to learn to read and write; it was a place of acceptance and wonder. She ended each day asking every student if they needed a hug or a handshake, always seeing them and accepting them just as they were.

Beyond the classroom, Brenda's greatest joy was her family. She cherished time with her daughters, her grandchildren and her beloved little dogs who were constant companions and a source of endless delight.

The family wishes to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the compassionate doctors and nurses at Monroe SSM Health and UW Hospital Madison for the exceptional care and kindness shown to Brenda and her family during this difficult time.

Brenda was preceded in death by her husband, Don Olin; her brothers: Bobby Strickland, Joseph H. Strickland, Jr.; and sister, Sylvia Strickland.

Brenda is survived by her daughters: Kristin Olmedo (Carlos) of Brodhead and Lori Rockwell (Randy) of Ontario; and her beloved grandchildren: Robbie and Vanessa.

Brenda leaves behind a legacy as rich and graceful as the butterflies she so lovingly tended—a woman who understood that the most important things in life are the ones that grow when you give them care. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her and fondly remembered every time a Monarch drifts by on a summer breeze.

Visitation for Brenda will be held at the UCC Church in Brodhead, on Friday, April 10, from 6-8 p.m. Memorial services will be held on the following day at the UCC Church as well, Saturday, April 11, with a small visitation before starting at 10-11 a.m. with services starting immediately after.

DL Newcomer, in Brodhead, is assisting the family in funeral arrangements. Online condolences can be made at dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



Louise Staaland

On Friday March 27, 2026 Louise Staaland was called home at the age of 84.

Louise Lucy was born to Fred and Elsie Kuelz of Evansville, Wisconsin. She graduated from Evansville HS.

Louise met LeRoy Staaland her senior year at the local dance hall. They married two years later on April 9, 1960. They set up their home in Brodhead. There they raised three children until 1970 when the family moved to Wild Rose, Wisconsin.

Louise worked for Rex's Grocery store. She was a cook for Wild Rose School until she and LeRoy bought the drive-in, re-naming it the Rosewood Inn, which they ran for 10 and one-half years. Louise then became a librarian for the Patterson Memorial Library, which she did for many years before her retirement.

Louise was a long-time member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wild Rose. She was one of the starting members of the Wild Rose Kiwanis chapter.

Louise loved listening and dancing to Old Time music. Flowers and birds brought joy to her heart. She was known for her Snowfall predictions each winter. Louise's warm heart, easy smile, and sparkling blue eyes (sometimes with a hint of mischief) made a friend of those who met her. These traits remained to the very end.

She is survived by her husband, LeRoy of almost 66 years; three children: Laurie of Wild Rose, Wade (Barb) of Montana, and Pam (David) of Wild Rose; two granddaughters: Rael (Bert) and RaeAnna (Justin) and a great-grandson: Wyatt; sister-in-law: Elaine Staaland; two nieces: Sandy (John) and Judy (Paul) and a nephew, Greg (Laura). She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Kenneth and his wife Pat; an infant daughter, Linda Lou; and father-in-law and mother-in-law.

Family and friends are invited for a Celebration of Life at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 420 Park Avenue in Wild Rose on Thursday April, 16, visitation 10 to 11 a.m., service at 11 a.m. with luncheon at church to follow.

A special thank you to Allay Hospice and Nichole for her compassion, kindness, and unwavering support.

Her love will live on in the hearts she touched, a gentle light guiding her family for generations to come.



Jo Henning

"Though her hands are now at rest, her love still wraps around us, soft as a whisper, bright as the morning sun."

Jo Henning, aged 82, of West Bend, passed away peacefully on April 1st, 2026, surrounded by her loving family. Born on July 6, 1943, she lived a life filled with kindness, resilience, and devotion to those she loved.

She poured her heart into raising a family rooted in love and togetherness with three children and four step-children. Her joy multiplied

with the arrival of her cherished granddaughter and her treasured great-granddaughter, who brought her endless smiles and laughter.

Known for her warm hugs, her homemade apple pie and potato salad, and her ability to make everyone feel at home, she touched countless lives with her generosity and gentle spirit. She found joy in spending time with her grandkids and two dogs; her wisdom and humor will be remembered by all who knew her.

She is survived by her three children: Kelly (Rose) Raupp, Kim (James) Shere, and Georgia (Brad) Henning; her four step-children; her adored granddaughter, Amanda (Kevin) Pascavis; and great-granddaughter, Kaylee Mae; along with many other grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a beloved brother and sister. She is preceded in death by her husband, George Henning; her parents, George and Marian Astle; and her mother-in-law, Myrtle Tyler.

Per her wishes, no funeral or visitation will be held; she will be cremated, and the family will hold a small, intimate celebration at Day-

Father, forgive them, they know not what they do. ~Luke 23:34

This man hath done nothing amiss. ~Luke 23:41

Today shalt thou be with me in paradise. ~Luke 23:43

It was a sombre scene on Mount Calvary. Three men hung on crosses—the Lord Jesus in the centre. During this horrendous event, the two criminals on the either side of Him witnesses the glorious attributes of Jesus. They heard He could forgive sins. They saw He was sinless and that He was the giver of eternal life. One chose to trust the Lord and with Him in paradise. One did not and would be eternally lost in the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15). What is your choice? —Bob Cretney

Choose now, just now while the call is clear;

Tomorrow may be too late!

—Harriet Fithian

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2026 Gap Church Cemetery Notice

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Wednesday, April 15th to allow adequate time to clean up.

Do not place spring or summer items until Friday, May 1st.

Gap Church Cemetery, W2401 State Highway 59, Albany, Wisconsin.

DEATH NOTICE

Julie A. Jones

Julie A. Jones, aged 70 years, of Albany and Madison passed away March 23. She will be remembered by friends, classmates and relatives at a gathering at the Albany Legion building Saturday, April 18 from 1-3 p.m. There will be light refreshments and time to share memories.

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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!

Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

The Footville Fire and EMS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 25, from 6:30-11 a.m. at the fire station located at 252 N. Gilbert Street. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is adults \$10, children \$5 and two and under are free. Dine in, carry out and delivery available in Footville Fire District. Call 608-876-6118.

There will be 50/50 and basket raffle tickets for purchase. Winner will be drawn at the end of the event. You do not need to be present to win! There will be some silent auction items as well.

Brodhead Evening Garden Club Scholarship

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club (Est 1932) has been offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior since 2006. The scholarship is open to current seniors of Brodhead, Juda, Albany, Orfordville and Evansville. This includes qualified home school applicants who are pursuing a degree in Agriculture, with a preference to Horticulture, Plant Science, Landscaping or Turf Science.

Students may attend a four-year, two-year or technical school. The amount of \$500 will be awarded upon completion of the first semester. Applicants are asked to submit an application plus a two page essay detailing their high school achievements, grade point averages, extra-curricular activities, future goals and career objectives. If your school has a scholarship application online, a copy of that application will also be considered.

Application must be submitted to Marion Taylor, 15426 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 by Thursday, April 30, 2026.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

SOFTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

The Brodhead Park and Rec Department is looking for adult softball teams for Tuesday Night Men's and Sunday Night Church Coed. If you are new to the area or are interested in playing softball this summer, call Ashley at City Hall at 608-897-2159 ext. 9.

DLMRA Annual Meeting

The Decatur Lake and Mill Race Association (DLMRA) would like to announce their upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Kelch Aviation Museum. The public is invited to attend as well as all members. Directors will be updating members on recent activities, electing new board members and presenting a minor change to the bylaws to provide more flexibility in when the annual meeting dates will occur (members must be present to vote on these items). The guest speaker will be Tonya Gratz of Green County Land and Water Conservation District and Farmers of the Sugar River.

DLMRA is an active organization in the Brodhead area dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the experience of interaction with the area's natural resources. DLMRA has installed docks on Decatur Lake and the Mill Race. DLMRA also works with the Pearl Island committee for improvements, stocked our local waters with thousands of fish and provided opportunities for youth to experience fishing among many other endeavors. New ideas and programs are in the works—join them!

To join DLMRA by mail: send a check for \$30 and your contact information to DLMRA, N4177 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead WI 53520 or email info@DLMRA.org for an application form. More information may be found at DLMRA.org or DLMRA on Facebook. Venmo is accepted via the website.

Brodhead Community Gardens

The Brodhead Community Gardens has open plots for the 2026 season. The cost is \$20 per plot. Rental fees include tillage as well as water. Plots are approximately 20x25. If interested you can attend the spring meeting on Thursday, April 23, at 5 p.m. at the Brodhead Public Library. They will also be available on Saturday, April 25, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the gardens, located just north of Gassers Hardware on County Road T. Any questions can be sent to Rick at rmeuen@gmail.com.

Moore's Cemetery Annual Meeting

The Moore's Cemetery annual meeting will be held Monday, April 13, at 7 p.m., at the home of George Crooks, County Road F in Brodhead.

Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecraft luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecraft cordially invite you to their "Springtime On The Farm" luncheon on Wednesday, April 15, at noon. The cost is \$16. The luncheon will be held at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Road 81, Monroe.

The guest speaker Jodi Houlberg, of Monticello, will present "The 4 C's." Jodi will share her journey through job transitions and her battle with breast cancer. Jodi lives on the family farm with her husband and two children. The Local Spotlight will feature Brianna Steites of Chocolate Templantation.

Reservations are due by Friday, April 10, by calling Marcia at 815-821-4270 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.



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Special Meetings at the Gospel Hall

You are invited to special Gospel meetings Sunday through Friday 7:30-8:30 p.m. at

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starting Sunday, April 12 for several weeks.

The speakers will be:

Brandon Doll & Ben Wenger

For questions, call Mike Wenger at 608-214-1410 or Kent Walton at 608-354-9383. No collections will be taken.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Monroe Balloon and Bands Festival

The ARC-Green County will present the Monroe Balloon and Bands Festival on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20. Admission and parking are \$3. They will have food trucks both days along with hot air balloon flight, bands, balloon glow, craft fair, car show, carnival, pancake breakfast, tractor show, tethered balloon rides, pony rides, petty zoo and more. Artist line up is Blue Steel, Grass Attack, Dylan Doyle, Ivy Ford, and Chris O'Leary. The event will be held at the Green County Fair Grounds.

For times and updates follow them in Facebook or their web site www.monroeballoonandblues.com.

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Jennifer Drygierczyk and Will Zimmerman

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Brodhead Middle School Artists recognized at the Youth Art Month State Art Exhibit in Madison

An annual exhibit that draws student artists from across Wisconsin is the State Youth Art Month Exhibit. This statewide showcase features hundreds of works created by students in prekindergarten through 12th grade, representing more than 130 schools.

The selection process begins at the regional level, where art teachers submit five student pieces. From there, judges narrow the entries to three works that advance to the state exhibit.

This year, five students from Brodhead Middle School were selected to represent their school at the regional exhibit, held at the Commonwealth Gallery in Madison during February. Those students were Alexa Contreras Becerril, Rylee Helgestad, Victoria Schneider, Jennifer Drygierczyk, and Will Zimmerman.

At the Southwest Regional exhibit, the five entries were judged, and three students—Victoria Schneider, Jennifer Drygierczyk, and Will Zimmerman—were selected to advance to the Wisconsin Art Education Association Youth Art Month State Exhibit. Their work was displayed throughout March at East Towne Mall.

At the state level, two Brodhead Middle School students earned special recognition for their outstanding talent, skill, and craftsmanship.

Will Zimmerman received the BLICK WAEA Region Award for the Southwest region of the state. His painting was selected as the top work among entries from multiple counties, including Vernon, Richland, Sauk, Crawford, Columbia, Iowa, Grant, Lafayette, Green, Rock, Walworth, Jefferson, and Dane. His piece, a monochromatic self-portrait, demonstrated exceptional craftsmanship and meaningful subject matter. Will based his painting on a photograph of himself receiving Intermediate Showman title and also the Annette Ostrom Memorial Supreme Showman of the 2025 World Dairy Expo.

Jennifer Drygierczyk was awarded the Nasco Middle School Award for her detailed two-point perspective drawing. Her work stood out for its precision, creativity, and strong attention to detail, bringing her ideas to life in a compelling way. Her art teacher, Erica Foulker states; "It's always amazing to watch her ideas come to life. I just love her 'outside of the box' thinking."

Both students were recognized and received their awards during the closing ceremony at East Towne Mall on Friday, March 27. It was a great way to celebrate the accomplishments of these Brodhead Middle School students.



Will Zimmerman and his middle school art teacher Erica Foulker



Jennifer Drygierczyk



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Simon Moore vaulted 13', 3" to set new meet record. (Free Press photo by Duke Goetz, Goetz Imagery)



Brodhead Baseball Season Opens

By Teresa Earleywine

Aaron Guilbault returns for his 12th year as head coach of Brodhead Juda baseball. He is looking forward to returning letter winners: senior Sam Searls, and juniors Chase Bauman and Braylon Strehlow to lead the Cardinals forward this season. Adding to the roster are Manny Bueno, Beck Benton, Seth Coplein, Urias Vogel, Dylan Ross, Kavion Kupps and Jayden Nehls as juniors, sophomore Logan Krupke and freshman Landon Kammerer. Guilbault states he has a lot of new faces playing at the varsity level. As a team they are eager to learn how to compete offensively. Searls, Krupke and Kammerer will handle the bulk of the pitching duties. The Rock Valley Conference is expected to be tough with Turner and Edgerton being at the top of the Rock Division and Jefferson was last year's leader for the Valley. Guilbault is looking forward to the opportunities to develop and strengthen his young team.

Brodhead opened their season last Tuesday playing McFarland. The game ended with the Spartans taking an 11-1 win. No other stats were available at press time.

Next week they played Beloit Turner at Stateline Sports Youth Complex on Tuesday and then host the Trojans on Thursday. Parkview travels to Brodhead on Saturday for a doubleheader starting at 9 a.m.

Brodhead Juda Track Begins

By Teresa Earleywine

Head coaches Nick Jarvis—boys and Curt Graatz—girls combine for 23 years leading Brodhead Juda track and field. Both report a strong contingent of letter winners returning from last year.

Last week at the Richard Glendenning Invitational last week, in Monroe, Brodhead Juda girls and the boys' teams had strong performances in a field of eight schools. Each earned second place finishes. Area schools participating included Albany, Belmont, Black Hawk, Brodhead Juda, Darlington, Impact Christian Academy, Monroe and Monticello.

In the sprints for the boys, meet records were broken by Grayson Arn and Tegan Pinnow finished first and second in the 100 meters with Arn also first in 200 meters. In the 400-meter run, BJ went 1-2-3 with Mavrik Plummer, Bethel College recruit, (set meet record), Nolan Bump and Jorge Villalva crossing the finish line. In field events, Simon Moore, University of Dubuque recruit, vaulted 13'-3" to set a new meet record and match his personal best of last season taking first place. Pinnow at the high jump finished third as did Jordan Dix in shot put. In the relays the 4x400 team of Plummer, Villalva, Moore and Nolan Bump, earned a top spot and the 4x800 team, TJ Hall, Lucas Keating, Jameson Lenthe and Malachi Shank, finished second.

First place finishes were achieved by Elliana Shank in the 100 m hurdles and long jump, as did Annelise Bethke in discus. Each of the relay teams finished in the top three; 4x100 first place, Gracie Hefty, Ella Olson, Taiya Hawkins and Macy Gretebeck, the 4x200 with Brooke Mueller, Chesney Walker, Abby Withrow and Lillian Sievers and, the 4x800 team of Tarryn Condon, Avalynn Plummer, Hayden Lewis Usher and Kearra Hawkinson each earning second and third for the 4x400 team of Montana Restivo, Shank, Lewis Usher and Brooklynne Ramirez. Hefty earned team points finishing second in the 100-meter dash and third in the high jump. Also competing in 100-meter hurdles, Walker finished third, as did Emberly Ast in the 300-meter hurdles.

At the Whitewater indoor track meet, in team competition, more than 50 schools competed. Brodhead-Juda placed third for the boys. Plummer was

third—400m and second—800m, and Moore was third in pole vault clearing 14" and a new personal best.

This week the team will be at Big-Foot on Tuesday and at the Clinton Relays on Friday.

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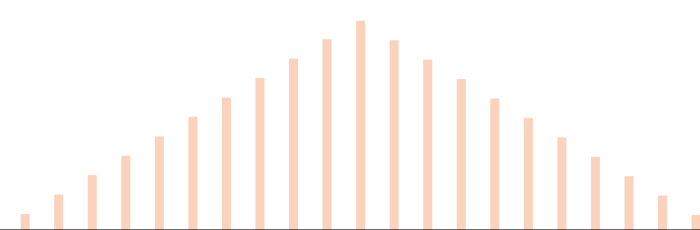
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Understanding Property Assessment With Tom Hodges, Winnebago County Supervisor of Assessments

Saturday, April 18, 10 a.m. at the Durand Library
 Submitted by Pam Ward,
 Durand Charm Housing Committee

With property tax bills scheduled to be mailed out in May, a timely educational presentation has been scheduled to provide an overview of the property assessment system in Illinois and how assessments support the fair distribution of the property tax burden among taxpayers. The guest speaker will be Tom Hodges, Winnebago County Supervisor of Assessments.



The presentation will cover available homestead exemptions and preferential assessment programs, including farmland assessments, the Conservation Stewardship Program, and the Forestry Management Program.

The session will also detail sales ratio studies and equalization, how assessments relate to a taxpayer's bill, and what factors do or do not influence the final amount owed. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of the role of local assessment offices in administering assessments and exemptions in accordance with Illinois law while promoting transparency, consistency, and equitable treatment for taxpayers.

This presentation is jointly sponsored by the Durand Charm Housing Committee and the Friends of the Durand Library. Entrance to the library is at the east or playground end of the school building. Follow the signs along the wide paved walkway.
 For more information about this program, contact Durand Charm at DurandCharm@gmail.com. For more information about library services, email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602. Follow the host organizations on Facebook for current information: Facebook.com/durandcharm and Facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary.

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 Abran Zaul Escobedo, Monroe, speedometer violations, violation date 01/08/2026, \$98.80.
 David Jeffery France, Janesville, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 01/02/2026, \$10.
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MO, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/25/2026, \$98.80.
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 Thomas Lee Hill, Stockton, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/05/2026, \$149.20.
 Beth Marie Jessie, Orfordville, zone and posted limits, violation



By Laura Roth,
 Children's Librarian

The preschoolers at Albertson Memorial Library made monsters! The stories were all about monsters, scary and friendly alike. There's an Alligator Under My Bed (by Mayer) is about a youngster luring the alligator from under the bed into the garage. I Need My Monster (by Noll) tells about a boy who 'tries out' different monsters while his goes fishing. Finally, in The Great Monster Hunt (by Landa), the characters make a monster out of a mouse. Surprise! The monster wasn't so scary after all. The preschoolers then dripped paint onto the tabletop and pressed paper into the puddle. Pull the paper up, add a few googly eyes and viola! a not-so-scary monster. There was plenty of time to do extra prints, too.

Next week the stories will focus on dogs and learning to read. B! I! N! G! O! will be the theme song, probably on repeat and faster and faster. Dog Loves Books (by Yates), How Rocket Learned to Read (by Hills) and The Best Place To Read (by Bertram) are the stories of the day. Everyone will make a dog puppet or two as well. A new friend to read to . . .

Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m., before the library officially opens so we have the place to ourselves. There's plenty of room for new friends. We look forward to meeting you!



date 01/13/2026, \$98.80.
 Cameron John Mcgoff, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/28/2026, \$86.20.
 Becky Lynn Metz, Juda, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/28/2026, \$98.80.
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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department

March 30-April 5, 2025

At 10:56 a.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the N6500 block of Attica Road, in the Town of Albany, where David A.C. Edmondson, 30, of Albany, was placed under arrest for an active warrant. Edmondson was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

Notice



PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Canvassers of the Brodhead School District will meet in the District Office, at 2501 West Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI, on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. to determine and certify the results of the April 7, 2026 Board Member election.

David Novy
District Administrator
Brodhead School District
04/08/2026

March Madness

The fifth grade team at Brodhead Middle School held a March Madness reading challenge throughout the month of March. Each classroom competed by logging the minutes that they read each day. Prizes were awarded for the top team, the top readers, and the individual (MVP) in each classroom. All students that participated earned the opportunity to shoot baskets for extra recess minutes. Overall, the grade level read over 58,346 minutes in March!



Mrs. Marchant's Winning Team: Nash, Kami, Lexi



Mrs. Marchant's Top Readers: Lilly, Lexi, Junie

Brodhead Middle School FORENSICS

FORENSICS is an extracurricular activity open to all middle school students in grades 6-8 that promotes self-confidence and improves public speaking skills. Sixty-five students from Monroe, Edgerton, Evansville, Parkview, and Beloit Turner, along with 109 participants from BMS, teamed up to create many voices for performance. Advisor Stephanie Tresemer encouraged students to step outside their comfort zones by reading poetry or prose, taking part in readers' theater, or giving a demonstration. On Thursday, February 26, and again on Thursday, March 5, Forensics participants traveled to Orfordville and Monroe, respectively. All participants received constructive feedback and positive tips from the judges to help improve their public speaking skills. Other season highlights included free time in the gym between performances, bus rides to area middle schools, and time spent practicing with friends.



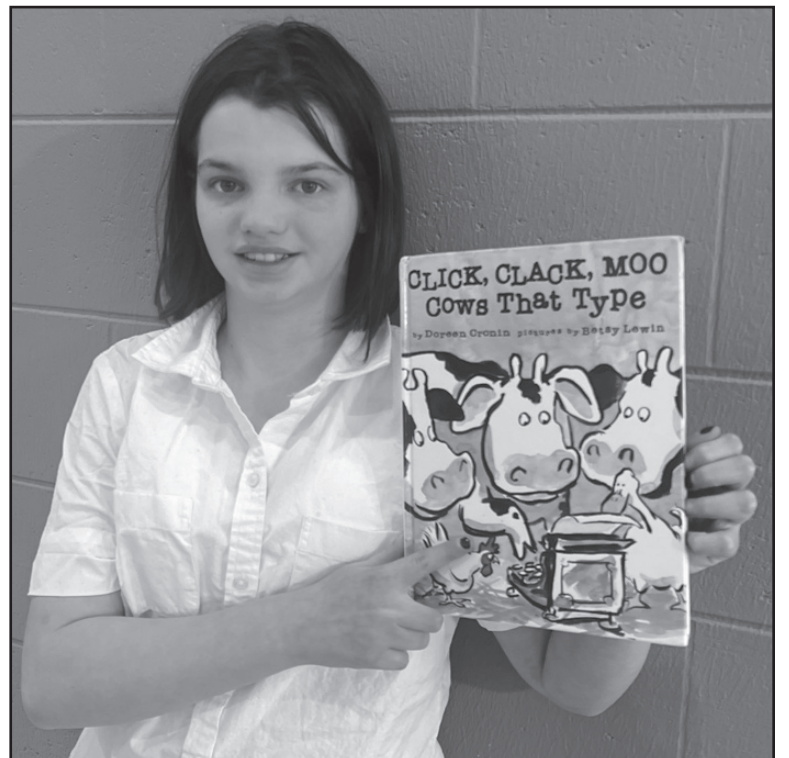
Mrs. Rear's Winning Team: Raymond, Emma, Harper, Owen



Mrs. Rear's Top Readers: Sophia, Owen, Harper, OJ, Cohen, Charles



Mrs. Ubersox's Top Readers: Natalie, Charlize, Carter, Emma, Lylah, Charleigh



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By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

Visit the Albertson Memorial Library and see what's fresh on the shelves!

Adult Non-Fiction: Block Idea Book: Volume 7 Issue 1 by Missouri Star Quilt Co. and We the Women: The Hidden Heroes Who Shaped America by Norah O'Donnell and Kate Andersen Brower.

Adult Fiction: Her Last Breath by Taylor Adams, Daughter of Egypt by

Marie Benedict, Life: A Love Story by Elizabeth Berg, Bloodlust by Sandra Brown, All Booked Up by Melody Carlson, The Night We Met (Say You'll Remember Me Book 2) by Abby Jimenez, The Bookstore Diaries by Susan Mallery, Want to Know a Secret by Freida McFadden, Judge Stone by James Patterson and Viola Davis, Mistakes Were Made (Story Lake Book 2) by Lucy Score, Felicia's Favorites by Danielle Steel, This Story Might Save Your Life by Tiffany Crum, The Delivery (Mercury Carter Thrillers Book 2) by Andrew Weish-Huggins, and I Came Back for You by Kate White.

Large Print: The Crossroads (Joe

Pickett Book 26) by C.J. Box.

DVD: Good Boy (PG-13), Hamnet (PG-13), The Housemaid (R), Killers of Flower Moon (Unrated), The Running Man (Unrated), and Zootopia 2 (PG).

For more details on each title, be sure to visit the Albertson Memorial Library's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary>.

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Elise Rear slides across home plate for Brodhead's first run. She also scored a walk-off run on a hit by Maddie Henning. The dramatic win gave Brodhead a 2-1 victory over Clinton. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



EllieMay Allen catches a fly ball, for the third out, from center field to retire the Cougars. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

sister, doubled on a high fly ball to left field, allowing younger sis to score to give the Cards a 1-0 lead. Andi Bell pitching for the Cougars would retire the side. Clinton with two-outs scores one to tie the ball game. Brodhead at bat resulted in three up and three down in the bottom of the seventh. Henning is on the mound for Brodhead. Clinton has runner at first. She is caught stealing second on a throw from

catcher Karli Krumwiede to shortstop Elise Rear as she covers second base. Brodhead stops Clinton from advancing. E. Rear leads off the Cardinals with a fly ball to left field for a double. Karli Krumwiede sacrifices to advance Rear to third. Henning takes the first pitch for a ride to right field, E Rear scores to give Brodhead the walk-off, 2-1 victory.

Brodhead traveled to Evansville on Tuesday and will host Big Foot on Thursday.

POLICE

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tivin, IA, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/01/2026, \$98.80.

Saul Sanchez Prospero, Rockford, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/04/2026, \$174.40.

Stephanie A. Richards, Brodhead, issue worthless checks, violation date 11/14/2025, \$313.

Moises Israel Romero Patena, Janesville, operate without valid license, violation date 01/20/2026, \$124.

Amanda M. Ruthven, Brodhead, issue worthless checks, violation date 01/06/2022, \$377.33; operating while intoxicated, violation date 01/02/2026, \$986.

Shyne Bentley Sparks, Stoughton, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 01/20/2026, \$67.30.

Monica Mae Steiner, Brodhead, junked vehicles storage restriction, violation date 12/09/2025, \$124.

Young Cardinal Softball Team Looks to be Competitive

By Teresa Earleywine

With Chad Risum in his second year as head coach and Matt Rear as assistant coach for Cardinal softball, the team looks towards being competitive in the season ahead. Though the team is young, they do come in with much experience as many are involved in traveling ball in the off-season. Sophomore Maddy Henning will lead the team from the mound. She played one varsity game last year in her debut season. Alum Ava Risum, who had led the Cardinals, as the pitcher the last three years, with a standout career, now plays at Lindenwood University. Returning starters include Karli Krumwiede, HM All-Conference, as catcher, Leah Rear, First Team All-Conference, at third base, and a trio of outfielders, Natalie Pierce, EllieMay Allen, and Kennedy Zimmerman, resuming the positions they had last year. Senior Keegan Steinke moves to second base and freshmen Elise Rear will be at shortstop, with Kinsley Krumwiede at first base.

In their conference opener last Tuesday against Clinton, it was a battle that ended in dramatic walk-off fashion in the eighth inning. It was the bottom of the sixth before the first run was scored. Elise Rear singled on a line drive to left field. Brodhead's next two batters struck out. Leah Rear, older

Jacob Lee Stewart, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/01/2026, \$98.80.

Jeffry Herman Thumser, Benton, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/11/2026, \$98.80.

Zella Ann Williams, Milton, WI, parent/guardian contribute to truancy, violation date 01/27/2026, \$187.

Brodhead Dance Academy Seniors, watching you grow has been an honor. Congratulations, we are so proud of you!

Left to right: Lacey Meldrum, Jayde Blizard, Simon Moore, Annelise Bethke, Seaira Lou Foster and Alexis Crawford

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