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City Council

Tax Incremental District 9 Approved Near **Intersection of Highway 11** and County T

By Grace Kufahl

After a presentation by Dave Ferris from Ehler's, Inc., resolution 2025-004 passed creating TID 9. The city agreed to incentives and \$2 million toward infrastructure the developer will install. Included in the development plans are eight houses to be started the first year, with some being finished in the second. The TID's taxes will be used to pay for the improvements. The few public comments the council has heard have been positive. TID 6, with some parcels that overlap TID 9, was extended for six more years. This allows repayment of three more years of debt payments without using taxes paid by other residents. Resolution 2025-005 also passed terminating TID 4, established for a former school property, because it's no longer serving any purpose. The land in TID 4 will return to the tax roll.

The insurance renewal with Baer was approved at an additional cost of approximately \$15,000 due to a lost time worker's compensation claim and having new police cars ordered while the old ones are still owned by the city. This is 10% higher than what was budgeted. Brodhead Water and Light contributes to the insurance payments. Treasurer Miller said the cost of the policy should go back down within three to five years.

The council approved a \$4,000 Southwestern Regional Planning Commission outdoor plan contract needed to work with the Green County Development Corporation and the Jaycees to apply for Splash Pad grant funds. It could be helpful in applying for other grants in the future.

The council okayed Chief Raupp's plan to increase CSO pay from \$11/ hour to around \$20/hour with fewer hours. At \$11/hour, the position is not attracting any applicants.

In Other Business:

An AP ACH Module from Civic was approved allowing the city to pay bills electronically, which should save time and potentially money due to qualifying for early payment incentives and buying less check stock.

Assessor Paul Musser will be available in person on Tuesday, April 22nd from 4 to 6 p.m. and by phone Tuesday, April 1st through the Wednesday,

Brodhead Historical Society to meet Monday, March 31

The Brodhead Historical Society will hold their first meeting of 2025 on Monday, March 31. The program for the evening will be our annual "Show

and Tell". Members and guests are invited to bring in family treasures and historical artifacts to show and share information about the item. If you don't have an item to show, feel free to tell a family story or share a family picture. You may also bring an unknown item and see if others can help with identification.

There will also be a short business meeting. The event begins at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum. The public is welcome to attend.



Left to right: Marie Perry, director of Monroe Arts Center 50 years recognition, Samuel and Santos Lobato Tinoco representing parents Maribel Lobato and Santos Tinoco for the Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, GCDC Executive Director Olivia Otte, Gene Jacobson Leadership Legacy Award, and Justin and Alicia Campbell with Campbell's Piggly Wiggly for Outstanding Business of the Year.

GCDC Announces Green County **Award Recipients**

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) celebrated another successful year at their Annual Dinner and Awards on Thursday, March 20, at Turner Hall in Monroe. Attendees celebrated outstanding community and business leaders and included a keynote address from Beth Haskovek, Senior Director, Office of Rural Prosperity with the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

GCDC Executive Director, Olivia Otte welcomed attendees, and reviewed the accomplishments of 2024, including the progress on the Home Construction Cooperative new home build, the \$2 million non-state grant to support skilled trades workforce development, and the new Housing Development Fund that provides \$2.8 million in loan funds from local investors to incentivize new home construction in Green County. The 2024 annual report was shared along with GCDC's vision for 2025, noting that Green County is Where Opportunity Lives.

Awards for Outstanding Business of the Year, Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, and the Leadership Legacy Award were announced after the presentation. Nominations for the awards were sought from the public, with 17 nominations across the three categories. A special recognition was presented for the Monroe

Arts Center for 50 years of excellence in creativity.

The Outstanding Business of the Year Award recognizes an existing business that has demonstrated outstanding commitment to the county's economic growth through innovation, job creation, new investment, and/or extraordinary long-time interest in supporting other business. This year's recipient was Campbell's Piggly Wiggly in Brodhead. Owners Justin and Alicia Campbell have made significant

improvements to their business, enhancing customer experience and adding convenience. They are dedicated supporters of local events, charities and school programs. Justin was also recently awarded Volunteer of the Year by the Optimist Club and Chamber Member of the Year, in Brodhead, for financial and hands-on involvement.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit Award honors an entrepreneur who leads the way for the business, demon-

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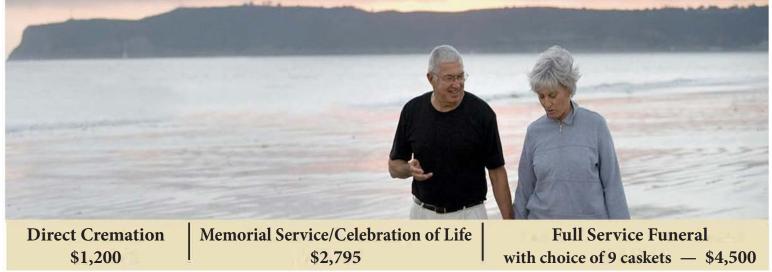
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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currenlty open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. 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. Online 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. Sunday school every other Sunday thru May, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. 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. "Trauma Talk" dealing with anxiety and grief presentation Sunday, April 6, at 5 p.m. hosted by Rev. Dr. Shawn Stapleton, UCC Pastor. Open to community. Ecumenical Lenten mid-week services noon, through Wed., Apr. 9. Location rotating weekly between three Brodhead churches.

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.

Dealing with

Trauma

present Dealing with Trauma-un-

derstanding grief, anxiety and your

brain, on Sunday, April 6 at 5 p.m. at

the UCC Church, Brodhead. During

this hour-long presentation he will

share the ways in which our brains

cope with loss and trauma and in-

troduce strategies that help alleviate

these conditions. Based on research

presented by such authors as Mary-

Frances O'Connor—The Grieving

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The Body Keeps the Score, this

information will help those strug-

gling with grief, anxiety and other

emotionally paralyzing conditions

better understand why they feel the

way they feel and how to cope when

swer session after the presentation.

Beverages and light refreshments

invited to attend, so stop by and

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There will be a question and an-

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

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi. org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult 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, 608-934-5551. Pastor Jadyn 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 lst 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.

Brodhead UMC to Host Ecumenical Prayer Service for World Peace

The public is invited to an Ecumenical Service for World Peace on Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. at the Brodhead United Methodist Church. In this time of war and suffering-in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, we are coming together to unite in prayer, music and reflection to seek God's peace for our world. The service will include speakers and music united in one message: "blessed are the peacemakers" (Matthew 5:9). All are invited who wish to come together, lifting our voices in unity believing that God still hears the cries of His people.

Members of the community are also invited to join an ecumenical choir during the service. Please contact the Church at 608-897-2515 for more information.

The Brodhead United Methodist Church is located at 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. The building is handicap accessible and is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m.

OBITUARIES



Donna Marie (Schuman) Sommerfeldt

Donna Marie (Schuman) Sommerfeldt, of Brodhead, passed away peacefully at Agrace Hospice in Fitchburg, Wisconsin, on March 19, 2025 at age 91. She was born June 29, 1933 to Ralph and Ila (Holden) Schuman. Donna graduated from Orfordville High School in 1951 and went on to study at Prospect Hall Secretarial School in Milwaukee. Donna married her high school sweetheart, Sheldon Sommerfeldt, on February 21, 1953. Sheldon served in the US Army and was stationed in Aberdeen, Maryland and Donna worked as a secretary in the restricted area on the post.

Donna and Sheldy moved to Beloit, where Donna was a stay at home mom to their two boys, Marc and Kevin. Then she was employed by the Beloit Clinic, retiring after 30 years in 2000. The family enjoyed boating, water skiing and camping on summer weekends. They took summer camping vacations and enjoyed the western United States the best. Some of Donna's favorite vacations were traveling to California and Hawaii with Sheldy to visit their son Kevin. Sadly, Sheldy passed away at 57 years old in 1990.

At a classmate luncheon in 2004 she sat next to Lawrence (Lorny) Grabow who was recently widowed. He asked Donna out to lunch a few months later. Donna moved to Brodhead with Lorny in 2005 and they shared a close and loving relationship with lots of laughter until his death in 2020. Donna main-

tained a close relationship with Lorny's family after his passing.

If you knew Donna, she was never one to let a good time pass her by. She took many trips with friends to places like Holland, Michigan, Branson, Missouri, and Nashville, Tennessee. She and Lorny traveled to visit friends and family and made several trips to Hawaii to visit her son, Kevin.

Donna was always busy and had many hobbies. She crocheted nearly 100 afghans for family and special friends but was known for her crocheted slippers. From a young age photography was a passion and she created beautiful photo books and greeting cards with her pictures. Her favorite hobby for many years was line dancing where she created many lasting memories. While dancing she made a special friendship with Mary, Jan and Sandy. She loved her flowers, had a passion for reading and shared her life with several special kitties: Sammie, Toby, Muffin and Oscar.

She is survived by her sons: Marc (Beth) of Fitchburg, and Kevin (Kimi) of Keaau, Hawaii; her grandsons: Michael (Kari) Sommerfeldt of Madison, and Jerod (Christi) Sommerfeldt, Potsdam, New York; and a very special great-grandson, Foster Sommerfeldt in Potsdam, New York. She is further survived by brother-in-laws: Jerry Sommerfeldt and Richard (Chub) Sommerfeldt; sister-in-law, Jan (Harley) Weisse; and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Donna is preceded in death by her husband of 37 years, Sheldon; her parents: Ralph and Ila Schuman; in-laws, Virgil and Nancy Sommerfeldt and Judy Sommerfeldt; niece, Janelle Bevars and nephew, Craig Sommerfeldt. Her loving companion Lorny Grabow passed away in 2020.

Visitation will be at the D. L. Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead, on Friday, March 28. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 with the service to follow. Internment will be at the Orfordville Lutheran Cemetery in Orfordville.

The special people at the Brodhead Memorial Public Library delivered books to Donna once she was home bound. Donna asked that memorials be addressed to Brodhead Memorial Public Library in her memory.

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Norma J. Lee Dedrick

Norma J. Lee Dedrick, age 71, of Brodhead passed away on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at her home, surrounded by loving family and friends. She was born on September 3, 1953 the daughter of Robert and Beverly (Ebert) Goudy. She graduated from Edgerton High School in 1971. On May 14, 1991 Norma married Brian Dedrick in Monroe. Norma loved to cook and used that passion at several different restaurants and bars over the years. She enjoyed reading, cooking, and digital art. She possessed a deliciously full-bodied witty and dry sense of humor. Her giggles and laughter brought smiles to all.

Norma is survived by her husband, Brian of Brodhead; children: Jessica Cody of Racine, Fania (Brent) Casper of Waxahachie, Texas, and Mark Prindle of Mauston; four grandchildren; and siblings: Jennifer Goudy of Brodhead, Berty (Jardine) Goudy of Brodhead, Becky Byla of McFarland, and Chip Pierce of Jefferson. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Tina Gillett; and brother, Mark Goudy.

Per Norma's wishes no services will be held. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows, way up in the sky.

In the morning sunrise when all the world is new,

Just look for me & love me,

As you know I love you. Time for me to go now, I won't say goodbye;

Look for me in rainbows, high up in the sky.

In the evening sunset, When all the world is through, Just look for me & love me And I'll be close to you.

It won't be forever, the day will come & then

My loving arms will hold you, When we meet again. Time for us to part now, we

won't say goodbye; Look for me in rainbows, shining

in the sky.
Every waking moment and
All your whole life through
Just look for me & love me,
As you know I loved you.
Just wish me near to you
And I'll be there with you.

Next Generation 4-H Club Spring Craft Fair

The Next Generation 4-H Club will host a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Road S, Juda. The snow date is Sunday, March 30. Admission is free.

Stop in to see the amazing vendors as well as treat yourself to breakfast or lunch.

Greenwood 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 Tuesday, April 1st, to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place spring or summer items until Thursday, May 1st.



A LITTLE GOOD NEWS



"Success is peace of mind, which is a direct result of self-satisfaction in knowing you made the effort to become the best of which you are capable."

~ John Wooden



Advertising Deadline: contact the Church at 608 for more information. The Brodhead United Church is located at 501 Avenue, Brodhead. The

ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BANK OF BRODHEAD BRANSON BUS TRIP

There are a few seats left for the Bank of Brodhead bus trip to Branson, Missouri, for their Holiday Extravaganza, from November 10-15, 2025. There will be five nights lodging, eight meals and admission to

For more information or to sign up for these trips, contact Sue Schmelzer, email is sschmelzer@charter.net, phone or text 608-558-

BRODHEAD PARK & REC THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE DODGEBALL PROGRAM

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in thirdfourth grades. The program will be on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. at the Albrecht Elementary School meeting April 1, 8, 15 and 22. They'll form new teams each week and learn how to play the original version as well as some variations of this awesome game.

Registration forms are available at the schools and at the Brodhead Park & Rec Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (http/:/www.cityofbrodheadwi.us) the cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by Thursday, March 27th to the office or Rec Department. Checks made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, please call Tom at 608-897-2159.

SPRING INTO ACTION— DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

The Brodhead Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, April 15, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead. For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Use sponsor code: BrodheadWI to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome!

BRODHEAD COMMUNITY BAND

The Brodhead Community Band will perform on Saturday, June 28 at 1 p.m. at Family Fest and Sunday, August 10, at 6 p.m. at Twilight In

Rehearsals will be held at the Brodhead High School from 6-7:30 pm. on Tuesdays: May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, July 29 and August 5.

For more information call 608-897-2155 ext. 253 or email jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

POST PROM DONATIONS

Parents of the Brodhead High School junior class are asking for donations to help sponsor this year's post prom event. The donations will help pay for games, food and door prizes for the students.

Post Prom will be held at Bass Creek Golf Course and will feature virtual golf, darts, bags, pool, hunting game, photo booth, cards/ games and a jukebox.

They are hoping to have all donations by Friday, April 11. Please contact Angie Fields at 608-897-2184.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

A softball organizational meeting for Sunday Night Church league has been set for Thursday, April 17th at 6 p.m. at City Hall. All managers must be there or at least a team representative must be present to guarantee a spot in the league. If you are interested in entering a team or have any questions regarding the league, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 608-897-2159.

MENS SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

A softball organizational meeting for Tuesday Night Men's League, (25 years and over) has been set for Thursday, April 17th at 7 p.m. at City Hall. All managers must be there or at least a team representative must be present to guarantee a spot in the league. If you are interested in entering a team or have any questions regarding the league, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 608-897-2159.

ATTENTION ADULT SOFTBALL TEAMS

If you are interested in getting a team in the Sunday Night Church Coed League, Tuesday Night Men's Master's League or would like to play on a team, call the Park and Rec Office at 608-897-2159. Leagues will begin in May.

ANNUAL LOT OWNER'S MEETING

The Annual Lot Owner's meeting will be held at John's Barber Shop, at 911 Exchange Street, Brodhead, on Wednesday April 16th, at 5:30 p.m. The Trustee's meeting will be held at the same location, following the Lot Owner's meeting.

Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

The Footville Fire and EMS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26, 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-

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 School Board candidate

My name is Paul Donovan and I am running for a position on the Brodhead School Board. I previously served on the Board from 2010 through 2016 and have been the public representative on the finance committee since 2017. I'm running for two main reasons: to promote financial accountability and to ensure we stay focused on our primary mission—educating our students. While it is true that we have entered each of the past seven years with a projected deficit, it is also true that we ended each of those years in the black. One reason for that is because of previous referendums passed by the community and another reason for that is because of fiscal responsibility. Even so, I am concerned that we may be slowly returning to a tax and spend mentality that can provide cover for questionable budgetary decisions. I have observed the Board thoughtfully consider financial decisions. However, it's important that we continually remind ourselves to live within our means. Although the Board has stated the referendum will have a zero, tax rate impact, that does not mean our taxes won't go up. Per pupil revenue limit increases, equalized property values, allowable tax levies all play into our overall tax burden. Even though I plan to support our latest referendum, it is a close call for me. Thanks to the collaboration between community members and district employees, our district is currently in a relatively sound financial position. I desire to further foster that collaborative relationship while continuously advocating for prioritizing the curriculum in Math, English and Science as our top educational focus. Hard work and determination always lead to success. Our district will thrive, one way or another. Nothing less would be acceptable. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Brodhead Evening Garden Club **Scholarship**

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club invites seniors who have an interest Horticulture, Plant Science, Landscaping, Turf Science or Natural Resources to submit an application and a one-page essay detailing their school achievements, grade point average, extra-curricular activities, future goals and career objectives, All applications must be submitted by Friday, April 25. Students may be attending a two-year, four-year or technical college. The scholarship awarded may be up to \$500. Please send your application to Julie Neeley at brodheadgardenclub32@gmail.com, put Scholarship in the subject line.

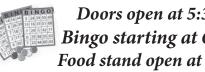
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> Dealing with **Trauma**



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Sunday, April 6 at 5 p.m.

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Beverages and light refreshments will be served. Everyone in the community is invited to attend, so TRAUMA stop by and bring a friend.

Vote Rick AUSTIN

on April 1st for Town of Spring Grove 2nd Supervisor •Part of the township for over 50 years, owning land and farming

"Good governance is about finding common ground, not creating division. Our township deserves leaders who listen to all perspectives, foster open and respectful debate and work together for the greater good. Unfortunately, recent behavior has not reflected these values. That is why I am running—to restore the respectful leadership our township once had. I believe our current chairman shares these values, and I look forward to serving alongside him."

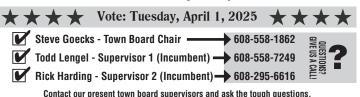
I would greatly appreciate your support and vote on April 1st.

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I will endeavor to be far more responsive to constituents concerns, fiscally responsible, and cooperative with our present Town Supervisors who have led the vast progress in the past two years on labor cost savings, road projects and equipment improvements. I will strive to build on that progress going forward, not regress to the ineffective, unproductive ways of the past.

- Steve Goecks (for Town Board Chair)

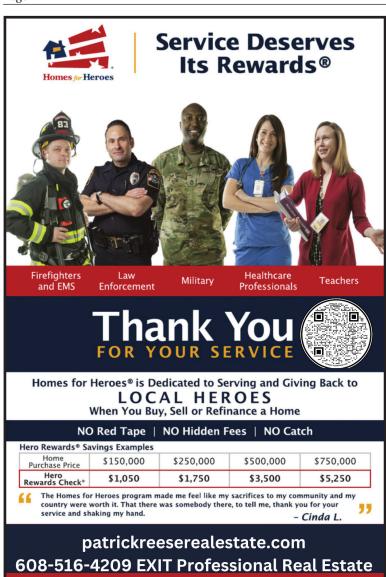


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BHS graduates participated in NCAA Division 3 National Track and Field

Two recent Brodhead High School graduates participated in the NCAA Division 3 National Track and Field Indoor Championships in Rochester, New York, on Friday and Saturday, March 14-15. Madelynn McIntyre (BHS class of 21) senior at UW-Lacrosse and Kalena Riemer (BHS class of 24) freshman at Washington University (WashU) in St. Louis contributed to their teams success on the national stage.

Madelynn ran in a strong 5000m run field and finished 15th with a time of 17:21.02.

Kalena raced the 800m leg in the Distance Medley Relay (DMR). The Distance Medley consists of athletes running 1200m, 400m, 800m and 1600m. The WashU ladies raced hard and finished sixth in a strong field. Kalena earned All American honors and an individual trophy. Kalena ran the 800m split in 2:15.14 with a total relay time of 11:49.82. They earned three points for WashU.

WashU finished second overall with 45.5 points, just 3.5 points behind first place MIT. Madelynn's team of UW-Lacrosse finished third overall in the championships with 37 points.





On Friday and Saturday, March 14 and 15, the Brodhead Drama department performed "Lost in the Woods", a short comedy that featured lost campers, a mysterious camp counselor, Bigfoot, gnomes, and other forest creatures. This production was directed by Mr. and Mrs. Hurt, but it was a true team effort as the student cast and crew made costumes, created set pieces, operated the sound and lighting equipment, and rehearsed every night after school. A big thank you to all who showed their support by attending the performances and donating to the bake sale!

Brodhead Opens Track Season **Indoors**

UW Whitewater was the setting for the Nelson /Daniel Classic indoor track meet where Brodhead Juda competed as a small school. In the 500m, both Eric Woodward and Stella Arn with times of 6.54 and 7.21, respectively, ran for first place finishes.

Fourth place was Madi Brown in high jump, and Eliana Shank, pole vault. Boys 800m run in fourth place was Mavrik Plummer, Teagan Pinnow for high jump and Simon Moore in pole vault.

Thirty six schools competed in the small school division.





Kalena with her Riemer)



Grayson Wallin participated in the Wisconsin Federation Wrestling state qualifying meet on Saturday, March 22, in Oregon, representing the Monroe Wrestling Club. He finished in first place and will wrestle at the Alliant Energy Center this coming weekend. Grayson is a seventh grader in Brodhead. Photo courtesy of Andrea Frenandes.



Blake Fernandes participated in the Wisconsin Federation Wrestling state qualifying meet on Saturday, March 22, at River Valley High School, repressenting the Alber Athletics Wrestling Club. He finished in first place and will wrestle at the Alliant Energy Center this coming weekend. Blake is a seventh grader in Brodhead. Photo courtesy of Andrea Frenandes.





ALL IN STOCK

Brodhead District Administrator Quarterly Report

By David Novy, Brodhead **School District**



Update on the Brodhead **School District Bond Referendum Projects**

The end of March marks the halfway point of the second semester for the Brodhead School District. All schools in the District are preparing for their State testing for the year, our spring sports seasons are getting underway, and our high school music department is preparing for their spring break trip to New York City. It is an exciting time of the year for our Brodhead students as they transition into the last quarter of the school year.

With the passing of our \$17,485,000 Bond (building) Referendum last April, we have taken part in a lot of meetings to determine the scope of our projects, when those building projects will start, and how we can continue with the rest of the school year and Summer School as we work around the construction areas. After our students left for spring break on Monday, March 24, construction began on the safe entry at the High School.

When students and staff come back from spring break, there will be no parking in the front of the high school during the school day. That lot will be devoted to construction equipment and vehicles. The front lot will still be available for parking after school hours for sports events, concerts, and graduation. We ask that all parking during the school day be on the west side of the school off County Highway GG. Entry into the high school will also be through the west door, which will be our new safe entry with our camera and buzz-in system.

The back of the middle school will also be affected by the construction area for our new fifth grade addition and new band room. The typical use of this area for parking at our girls' softball games and track events will not be available. We ask our visitors to use the high school parking lots and the elementary school parking lot for those events.

If you have noticed on our Brodhead School District Facebook and Instagram pages, we are starting to share some maps of those construction areas, making sure visitors to

our schools understand affected areas and how parking and entries into our school will be different when students come back to school after Spring Break. We also have a new tab on our Brodhead School District website documenting those updates, along with renderings of our new school spaces.

As a reminder, the projects for our District include: safe entries for all District schools, new windows in the middle school and elementary school, ADA updates in our middle school and elementary school bathrooms, expansion of the middle school cafeteria, a new middle school band room, a new fifth grade addition at the middle school to alleviate overcrowding at the elementary school, and a new four year-old kindergarten (4K) addition to Albrecht Elementary.

We will continue to provide updates on these exciting new projects. The overall plan is to complete almost all construction projects prior to the start of the 2025-26 school year, with many of those projects starting after students are dismissed for the summer. The only project not planned for completion is the 4K addition, which should be completed by January of 2026. We will offer our all day 4K starting with the 2026-27 school year.

Update on the District Operational Referendum, Tuesday, April 1

At our January 8 School Board meeting, our School Board passed a resolution to run a three year non-recurring Referendum for \$1,750,000 per year, and will be taking it to our community for a vote in the April 1, 2025 election.

It is important for our residents to know why there is the need for another "Operational" Referendum, and the history behind the need for Wisconsin Districts like Brodhead to have a consistent schedule set up for regular Operational Referendums. In fact, a total of 131 of the State's 421 Districts posed Referendum questions to their taxpayers last year with an additional 81 Districts requesting Referendums on April 1. That is nearly half of all districts in Wisconsin since April of 2024. Referendums have become a regular occurrence across the State of Wisconsin as State imposed revenue limits do not allow adequate funding for school districts to keep up with inflationary increases.

Many of you may also wonder why we are asking for yet another Referendum after passing a \$17,485,000 Bond (building) Referendum just last April. Why not use funds from that Referendum to balance the budget? Please understand that a Bond Referendum only allows for funds to be used for expenditures related to approved building projects and for ongoing debt ser-

Front rendering of high school

vice payments to pay off that debt. An Operational Referendum can only be utilized for the District's operations and not for debt service or the building projects. The Bond Referendum passed last April was very much overdue for our District, with the last major Bond Referendum passed over 30 years ago to build the "new" high school. This Referendum will support facility needs that could not be covered with our regular budget.

After holding two community informational meetings last November and December to gather information from community members, it was clear to our School Board that our community wants 1) to maintain a low tax rate compared to our neighboring Districts, 2) to come back to the community every three years for Referendum requests, and 3) to keep the School District's portion of property tax rate at a consistent level. Our School Board has committed to those aspects and understands that our community expects fiscal responsibility while still maintaining great programs and opportunities for the students of the Brodhead School District.

Additional information is available on the Referendum link https://brodhead.referendumfacts. org/ on the District website, www. brodhead.k12.wi.us. Contact a School Board member or the District Office at 608-897-2141 if you have questions, and please remember to vote on Tuesday, April 1.



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Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Invasive and Nuisance plants in the Landscape: **Spring Edition** Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

Please join us Saturday, March 29 for a timely and information packed talk on invasive and nuisance plants. With the warmer weather, things are starting to green up. Our landscapes are coming back to life with showy displays of new plant growth and flowers. But are all those the plants you expected and

Are there plants taking over your landscape, timber, or open areas? Some of these are best managed during the spring and early summer. Our speaker, Jay Solomon, will provide the information we need to control unwanted plants before they go to seed.

Stanley (Jay) Solomon is a Natural Resources, Environment, and Energy Educator with the University of Illinois-Extension based out of Northwestern Illinois. His focus includes rainwater management, nutrient management for livestock operations, and enhancement and protection of natural resources. Invasive plant awareness and control have become a significant part of his forestry and landscape management programming.

"Spring can be the best time to identify and manage many of these plants. Management starts with distinguishing between invasive plant species and nuisance plants.," Solomon points out. "Invasive plants by definition are non-native, introduced by humans and do/can cause environmental or economic harm. Nuisance plants are defined as causing management issues or other damage. Many native plants can become a nuisance in disturbed soils of our landscaping and other

The primary focus of this spring workshop will be on vegetative plants, which can be easily identified and controlled prior to developing seeds. Many of these can be spotted by their prolific early season growth. Garlic mustard, cow parsnip, wild parsnip, Pokeweed, hemlock, some ground covers and vines are a few examples.

We will discuss what makes some of them of concern as invasives, while others are just making a nuisance of themselves.

During the workshop, identification and management strategies will be covered as well as safety precautions. For instance, cow parsnip, wild parsnip, and hemlock can be harmful or even deadly if handled improperly.

Join us Saturday, March 29 at 10 a.m. for this program and come away armed with the information you need to control invasive vegetation before they get a head start. Bring your questions too! See you

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GCDC Awards

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strating a growth mindset, a strong work ethic, a willingness to learn and find solutions to challenges, and a hunger for opportunity. This year's award was presented to Maribel Lobato and Santos Tinoco owners of Veracruz Mexican Market in Monroe. Maribel and Santos lead with their entrepreneurial spirit in all aspects of life-supporting individuals, families, entrepreneurs, business, and community while reflecting values of solidarity, hard work, and determination. As pillars of the Hispanic community, they were integral in building the first community posada and are committed to making Green County a better community for all.

The Leadership Legacy Award reflects the characteristics of selfless leadership, one that exemplifies the character of a true leader by actions taken every day and the accomplishments one has achieved. This year's recipient was Gene Jacobson. Gene was nominated for almost 50 years of leadership in the electrical trades and workforce development in Green County. He has held various certifications, licenses and board positions in the building trades throughout his career. As PDC co-founder and previous owner, his decision to sell PDC to its employees ensured ownership and leadership from those who helped build it. His impact on the industry, his colleagues, and the community reflects his professionalism, integrity, and commitment to excellence.

GCDC is proud to recognize all nominees and honor the commitment and dedication it takes to run a successful business and give back to their communities. Additional nominees included: Jelle's Towing, Full Moon Brew Bar, Zenful Moments Spa, Sportsman's Reloaded, Horseshoe Saloon, United Way of Green County, Ludlow Mansion Events, and Brodhead Veterinary Clinic for Business of the Year. Cortney Gilbertson owner of Memphis & Co. Dog Training, Gilber Moore owner of Venom E.V., Scott Hook owner of Sportman's Reloaded, and Robert Rugger as performer Miranda Maize for Entrepreneurial Spirit. Rich Vogel, Scott Mosher, and Bibiana Gonzalez were nominated for the Leadership Legacy Award.

"I am incredibly grateful for the support of our community and partners who make Green County such a thriving place for businesses and entrepreneurs. Congratulations to all the award winners and nominees-your hard work and dedication are what make our county special. Green County truly is a great place to live, work, and grow!" stated GCDC Executive Director, Olivia Otte.

The mission of GCDC is to catalyze economic growth while enhancing the quality of life in Green County, Wisconsin. As a non-profit organization GCDC is building the economic future of Green County communities and businesses through public-private partnerships.

For more images of the event, visit GCDC's Facebook or LinkedIn pages. You can find more information on GCDC online at www. greencountydevelopment.com or by contacting the office directly at 608-328-9452 or email gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com.

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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Run, Run as fast as you can! You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man! Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library was a triple-whammy of good fun! The first book kept with the theme "Go to the Library." The Library Gingerbread Man lead a tour through the nonfiction books, pointing out where he lives (398.2). There was a dice game creating a cardboard gingerbread man. The kids finished their time at

the library by decorating a real gingerbread man, complete with licorice hair. YUM!

The first story time in April falls on April Fool's Day and you guessed it, there will be silly stories and jokes. (Did you know Rain Makes Applesauce?) They will make brownies (no foolin!) to take home for their family. There may or may not be a giant dinosaur present during Story Time, too.

Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday at Albertson Memorial Library at 10 a.m. We've had lots of new friends join us, but there's AL-WAYS room for more. Won't you join us next Tuesday? We'd love to meet you!















Juda School District

Board Meeting Wednesday, March 12, 2025

•Accepted a donation of \$1,000 from Cynthia Miller for lunch accounts.

•Heard a report from Upper 90 on the projects that will take place in the near future. These include some preventative maintenance on the boilers and work on the parking lot to eliminate drainage issues.

•Approved the purchase of a new bus for \$145,860. This will be a handicap accessible bus and will replace one of the older buses in the fleet. The final payment on the last bus purchased by the district will be in January 2026 and the new bus should be delivered by March of 2026.

•Heard a presentation from Lori Brokopp (Elementary Counselor) and Julia Sribnyak (MS/HS Counselor) on the counseling program in the school.

•In the spring election there are three candidates running for three seats. Candidates are Courtney Martins (incumbent), Kendra Sullivan and Eric Munz. Spring election is on Tuesday, April 1st, 2025.

 Traci Davis reported on the upcoming events at the school and mentioned that interviews will be taking place for the English teacher position in the high school.

•Traci Davis and Courtney Martins attended the Day at the Capital hosted by the WASB.

•Pam Green updated the board on the meeting and events of the Juda Recreation District. The Juda Bash will be held Friday and Saturday, June 20th and 21st at the Community Park.

•Approved an out of state field trip to Creative Adventure Lab and Eagle Point in Dubuque, Iowa, for the second grade class.

•Approved policies 34.1 regarding Act 20 and policies 6320 (Spending Thresholds), 6325 (Federal Funding) and 6235 (Fund Balance).

•Pam Green and Traci Davis informed the board the quote for the heath insurance came with an increase of 8.6%. The insurance company will come back with some other options/plans.

•Took no action coming out of Executive Session.

•Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9th, 2025.



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Help Wanted



Firebolt Stone Oven Pizza and Coffee is looking for a morning barista with food prep and a pizza connosseur. Apply within, 1002 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. (04/02)

POLICE

Brodhead Municipal Court

Finding Date: 03/05/2025 through 03/19/2025

Brendan Wayne Demeny, Brodhead, operate without valid license, violation date 12/20/2024, \$124.

Bradley John Eckelmann, Madison, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/14/2025, \$98.80.

Austin J. Ferguson, Brodhead, operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 01/10/2025, \$124.

Abbygail Summer Marie Foster, Juda, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 01/31/2025, \$10.

Julian Reed Hilmer, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/31/2025, \$98.80.

Timothy J. Huffman, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 09/02/2024, \$218.50.

David Paul John, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/02/2025, \$98.80.

Trinity Raine Johnson, Brodhead, failure to stop for school bus, violation date 01/15/2025, \$600.

Le Roy Douglas Loofboro, Milton, WI, vehicle operator fail/wear seat belt, violation date 01/31/2025, \$10.

Dawn M. Muenchow, Orford-ville, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/31/2025, \$98.80.

Shane Thomas Nehls, Brodhead, fail to signal turn, violation date

Food



Firebolt Stone Oven Pizza and Coffee—COUPON—\$5 off any 18" pizza; .50 cents off any coffee drink—any size. Coupon expires 04/26/25. (03/26)

Hay Sale



JUDA HAY SALES LLC. LOCA-TED AT: Carter and Gruenewald east lot, W2898 County Road KS, Juda, WI. First and third Saturdays. Next sale date—April 5. Sale starts at noon. Unloading available the day before and the morning of the sale. No unloading after 11 a.m. Reloading available after the sale. Operated by Mike and Holly Hasse, phone 608-214-8444, license 4039.52; Cal Schaver Auctioneer, license #451. (04/02)

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01/10/2025, \$98.80.

Nicole R. Newton, Evansville, WI, fail to signal turn, violation date 11/09/2024, \$98.80.

Alexander Thomas Obermann, Oregon, WI operating while intoxicated, violation date 01/17/2025, \$986; inattentive driving, violation date 01/17/2025, \$111.40.

Samuel Kenton Powell, Brodhead, license restriction violation-Class D/M vehicle, violation date 01/13/2025, \$98.80.

Eddie Lee Stowe, Freeport, IL, display false vehicle registration plate, violation date 01/02/2025, \$187.

James Clifford Strutt, Jr., Brodhead, operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 01/13/2025, \$124.

Marisa Michele Voelkel, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/31/2025, \$124.

Jordan A. Vrazsity, Dakota, IL automobile following too closely, violation date 02/01/2025, \$124.

Raymond E. Yackley, Janesville, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 01/22/2025, \$10; non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 01/22/2025,

POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department March 16-23, 2025

At 7:49 a.m., Wednesday, Deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash in the N1300 block of CTH K, in the Town of Jefferson. A vehicle operated by Nathan M. Parker, 41, of Monroe, was southbound on CTH K. A second vehicle operated by Wyatt T. Steiner, 17, of Juda ,was westbound on Town Center Road. Steiner failed to yield the right-ofway from a stop sign and entered the intersection, causing Parker to collide with his vehicle. Parker was not injured, was wearing a seat belt, and there was airbag deployment. Steiner had minor injuries, he was wearing his seat belt, and there was no airbag deployment. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. Steiner was cited for failure to yield the right-of-way from a stop sign and released.

At approximately 12:54 a.m., Friday, deputies responded to the N2400 block of Brodhead-Airport Road, Town of Spring Grove, for a report of a two-vehicle accident. Investigations found that a vehicle operated by Ashley J. Williams, 41, of Brodhead, was southbound on Brodhead-Airport Road when a northbound vehicle operated by Timothy B. March, 53, of Evansville, attempted to pull into a driveway and collided with her. Williams and March both reported no injuries, both reported wearing their seat belts, and no airbag deployment in either vehicle. William's vehicle sustained moderate damage and was towed from the scene. March's vehicle sustained moderate damage and was driven from the scene. March was cited for failure to yield the right of way while making left hand turn.

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Monday Night Mixed League

3/17—High series: Jason Shrier 728, Rick Reed 694, Denny Schultz 683. High games: R. Reed 299, Glayden Wahler 269, Roger Sutter 268. Bartelt-high team game 1,095 and series 3,168. **Standings**: Broughton's Bar won 26 lost 20, Center Tavern 33-23, Bartelt 29-27, Fosters Gaming 26-30, Albany Lanes 23-33, Beloit Chiropractic 21-35.

Tuesday Shaningans

3/18—High series: Alexis Sies 544, Chris Rosheisen 341, Lisa Josephsen 314, John Thill 695, Rick Josephsen 613, Rick Clark 597. High games: A. Sies 196, C. Rosheisen 126, L. Josephsen 117, J. Thill 244, Brandon Bong 225, R. Josephsen 225. Albany Laneshigh team game 864 and series 2,506. **Standings**: The Young & The Restless won 108 lost 46, Albany Lanes 98-56, Sweet Mini HaHa 77-77, Clayt's Boomtastic 64-90, Misfits 63-91, Greightful Dead 52-102.

Badger

3/18—High series: Ryan Brugger 667, Ethan Pfueti 666, Keith Riese 661, Brian Purdy 619, Megan Anderson 456, Kim Qualley 403. High games: K. Riese 258, R. Brugger 255, E. Pfueti 235, Rob Kubesh 225, , M. Anderson 180 K. Qualley 151. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 835 and series 2,398. **Standings**: Decatur Dairy won 27 lost 15, Jim's Mechanic Shop 24-18, Team 6 23-19, Renks 20-22, Counter Attack 17-25, TUGS 15-27.

Wednesday Night Ladies

3/19—High series: Zoe Krattiger 496, Rikki Thomas-Martin 441, Traci Brewer 430, Tami Behnke 424, Tara Blumer 421. High games: Z. Krattiger 190, Brittany Flood 176, Amy Golz 166, R. Thomas-Martin 164, Sarah Flood 159. Crystal's Team-high team game 592 and series 1,717. **Standings**: Glenn-Ann Ladies won 52 lost 25, Crystal's Team 48-29, Larson Acres 35-42, General Store 35-42, Stables Bar & Grill 31-46, Albertson's 30-47.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

3/20—High series: Becky Riese 440, Cindy Sheldon 430, Barb Chapman 425. High games: B. Riese 168, C. Sheldon 161, B. Chapman 144. Mike's Flooring-high team game 574 and series 1,614. **Standings**: Nolte's Garage won 66 lost 25, Albany Lanes 58-33, Ball's Installation 54-37, Mike's Flooring 52-39, Knutes 35-56. **Thursday Night Mixed**

3/20—High series: Brandon Bayrhoffer 730, John Pluss 678, Scott Wahler 656, Erich Brandenburg 636. High games: B. Bayrhoffer 280, J. Pluss 259, E. Brandenburg 254, Ty Anderson 249. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team game 1,100 and series 3,124. **Standings**: Albany Lanes won 36 lost 20, Glenn Ann Holsteins 31-25, Attica Bar 30-26, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 29-27, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 24-32, Golz Electric 18-38.

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Green County Genealogical Society to meet

The Green County Genealogical Society will present "Early Poor Farm Records of Pleasant View" by Jeremy Broge. The presentation is Saturday, April 5, at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the ground floor.

Jeremy Broge will talk about the history of the Green County Poor Farm to the present day Pleasant View Nursing Complex. Built in 1882 for \$6,390, the Green County Asylum originally was a single building facility for 40 patients. Despite the institution's name, the facility served as the home for the county's poor and elderly as well. The asylum became locally known as the Poor Farm and would expand to several buildings and hundreds of acres of fields over time.

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



Parishioners from the pastorate of Saint Cletus, Footville, Evansville, Edgerton, Stoughton, and Oregon gathered at St. Augustine's in Footville to have fun playing bingo and euchre. God blesses us with your ability to have fun.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Librarian

Here's what's happening during the month of April at the Albertson Memorial Library:

It's 'April Showers Bring May Flowers' during April's Preschool Story Time! Enjoy stories and crafts every Tuesday at 10 a.m. with our Children's Programming Specialist, Miss Laura. This month's stories will have you diving into the wacky world of giggle-worthy shenanigans, make you grab hold of your umbrella, send your imagination soaring, provide a sprinkle of enchantment, and be a blooming good time!

The Albany Joint Library Board Meeting will be held at the library on Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be posted on our website and at the library the Friday before the meeting. Join us to learn about the library's future plans!

Join the crafty fun at the library Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 p.m. for Diane's Craft Night. You'll have the chance to create 'Easter Treat Cups,' perfect for decorating your table or any space where you'd like to add a delightful surprise. Fill them with small treats, like jellybeans or M&M's, for a sweet touch.

Join us on Friday, April 18th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for Creative Capers, the ultimate crafting event for adults! Bring along the craft project you're currently working on and come to the crafting party for some chitchat and munchies. Let's unleash our creativity and enjoy some tasty treats together!

Get ready to release your inner Shakespeare! Join the Sugar River Writers at the library on Thursday, April 24th at 6:30 p.m. Whether you're a word wizard or this is your first dip into the writing pool, everyone's welcome to join the fun!

At 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 26th the library will host a Sourdough Bread Workshop. During this special learning event, you'll discover how to harness sourdough starter to whip up delightful and surprising recipes. Instruction, starter, recipes, terminology, and fresh baked samples will be provided. As a special bonus, all attendees have a shot at snagging a fabulous door prize!

Join us for our monthly book club, All Booked Up, on Monday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. This month we will be discussing 'We Are the Brennans' by Tracey Lange. This story explores the staying power of shame and the redemptive power of love in an Irish Catholic family torn apart by secrets.

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Library Learnings

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, is Tax Day. Are you searching for the necessary forms to complete your tax return? The Albertson Memorial Library can help.

To locate Federal Tax Forms, go to the Albertson Memorial Library

website at: https://www.albertson-library.org/. Don't have a computer or Wi-Fi? No problem, use the library's! Click on 'IRS Forms & Information', which you can find on our homepage under the section titled 'Miscellaneous Links'. Click on 'Find forms & instructions' next to the "information icon". Below is a list of some of the forms you will find. (This site also offers guidance on how to complete these forms correctly.)

•Form 1040 US Individual Income Tax Return. Annual income tax return filed by citizens or residents of the United States.

•Form 1040-ES Estimated Tax for Individuals. Form 1040-ES is used by persons with income not subject to tax withholding to figure and pay estimated tax.

•Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) and Certification. Used to request a taxpayer identification number (TIN) for reporting on an information return the amount paid.

•Form 9465 Installment Agreement Request. Use this form to request a monthly installment plan if you cannot pay the full amount you owe shown on your tax return (or on a notice the federal government sent you).

•Form W-7 Application for IRS Individual Taxpayer Identification Number. Get or renew an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) for federal tax purposes if you are not eligible for a social security number.

•Various other forms are also available.

For help finding Wisconsin Tax Forms go to the Albertson Memorial Library website at: https://www.albertsonlibrary.org/. Again, if you need a computer or Wi-Fi, use ours! Click on 'Wisconsin Department of Revenue Forms and Information' on our homepage under the section titled 'Miscellaneous Links'. Choose 'Forms' located in the 'Quick Links' section. Under the section titled 'Income Tax Forms' select the year and form required. The available form options include:

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Brodhead Jaycees Thank Community for Splash Pad Fund-raiser Support

The Brodhead Jaycees would like to thank The Morse Group for their incredible generosity and presenting sponsorship of our recent dueling pianos splash pad fund-raiser! Due to the amazing community support we received, we were able to raise over \$6,000 to contribute to the splash pad fund. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their partnership in this event:

Supporting sponsors: Jeremy Pinnow and Associates, Alter Metal Recycling, and Turke and Steil Law Offices;

Silent Auction Sponsors: Arn's Automotive Service, Design Electric, Castle Cleaning LLC of Albany, and The Nurturing Tree Early Learning Academy;

Silent Auction Donors: Mike and Jenny Krause of Sugar River Apiaries, Decatur Dairy, Peder Johanson of Portage point, A Simple Life Homegoods, Pleasant Prairie Greenhouse, The Bank of New Glarus, Melissa P Photography, Bridges Bar and Grill, Jerica Schwartz of JS Designs, Hart & Blade Barbershop, 608 the Factory, Michael and Kristin Oellerich, Piggly Wiggly, Green County YMCA, Albrecht Elementary School's Kid Connection PTO, and Brodhead Health and Fitness.

We would also like to thank Ludlow Mansion for hosting our event, Knute's for catering and donating to our cause, Melissa Popanz for photographing the event, and of course Piano Fondue for the incredible entertainment!

Without the support of these businesses and community members, this fund-raiser would not have been possible. Thank you!







FORENSICS is an extracurricular activity open to all middle school students that promotes self-confidence and enhances public speaking skills. Fifty-five students from Monroe, Edgerton, Evansville, Parkview, and Beloit Turner, along with 109 participants from BMS, combined to create many voices for performance. Advisor Stephanie Tresemer urged students to step outside their comfort zones to read poetry or prose, participate in readers' theater and radio announcing, or deliver a demonstration or speech. On Thursday, February 27, Brodhead Middle School hosted 164 speakers and several spectators at the season's first meet and traveled to Beloit Turner for a second meet on Thursday, March 6. All participants received constructive feedback and positive tips from the judges to improve their public speaking skills. Other season highlights included free time in the gym between performances, the bus ride to Beloit, and the time spent supporting and practicing with friends.