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School Board

School Funding Discussed, Budget Revisions Approved

By Grace Kufahl

Technology Director Kevin Buxton reported concerns that, after reviewing its E-Rate program, the FCC could eliminate that funding. This program, which helps fund internet-related expenses at schools and libraries, has provided the district with over \$400,000 in nine years to help offset technology expenses. Funding comes from the Universal Service Fee on phone bills.

Paul Donovan shared his experience attending a meeting of the Association for Equity in Funding in Monroe, where they discussed revenue limit disparities. He learned that Brodhead is locked in at the lower end of the revenue limit spectrum for another 20 years due to its fiscal responsibility at the time the funding was determined. Donovan also mentioned that every referendum passed reduces the overall pool of funds, and the per pupil increases don't necessarily have to be funded by local taxpayers; they could be provided by the state. Don Buchanan reported that the CESA 2 convention he attended also discussed school funding and relayed that in 2010, the revenue limit stopped increasing with inflation.

Emberly Ast presented her proposed senior project to raise funds for the high school musical by selling reserved parking spots

to seniors, which they could then personalize with painted designs. Other schools in the area have implemented similar initiatives.

Superintendent Novy presented the board with the annual crime statistics report. He reported that there were eight crimes committed on school grounds in the past year. Six of these were alcohol-related or involved controlled substances, all of which were students and resulted in citations.

In Other Business:

The board approved an increase in insurance coverage to \$350 per square foot.

Fifteen thousand dollars was approved to install the Frontline system for required teacher evaluations, with \$8,500 of the cost reimbursed by the Department of Public Instruction.

Savvas, a new high school science curriculum, was approved.

The board accepted the bids for bread and milk from the current vendors, the only vendors to submit bids.

Changes to the high school and middle school 2026-27 handbooks were approved.

The board approved the 2025-26 budget revisions after Mr. Novy reported that, despite reduced revenue, the district had a surplus of \$547,000 due to savings in expenditures, particularly transportation.



Brodhead Historical Society monthly meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Brodhead Historical Society will be held on Monday, July 27. Following a short business meeting, the guest speakers will be Kim and Doug Buehl. They will be giving a presentation about the historic Monticello Woolen Mill. Doug will trace the history of the factory,

and Kim will talk about the restoration of the Woolen Mill limestone warehouse into a residence. The mill dates back to 1866, and was powered by the water of the Little Sugar River. It operated for over 80 years, and was the last water-powered mill in Green County. The mill burned in 1950, but the warehouse remained. Kim and Joni Waelchi-Buehl became the property owners in 2007.

Come join them for an entertaining lesson on Green County history, as well as some insight into the process of historic building restoration. Doug has authored a book about the mill, and Kim has a collection of vintage blankets that were made at the mill. The brothers have roots in Brodhead, descending from the Douglas and Woodward families.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum (enter on East 2nd Avenue.) The public is welcome to attend.



Covered Bridge Days Tractor Show

Something new this year during Covered Bridge Days—the Massey Harris Association will be celebrating their 25th anniversary at the show. Along with all other brands, look for a large display of Massey Harris tractors. They will also have a display with the history of Massey for viewing. Thanks to their sponsor, Speich Oil, there is no admission charge to get in.

The Brodhead FFA will be hosting the kids pedal pull at 10 a.m.

on Saturday. Antique tractor and garden tractor pull will start at 11 a.m. each day. There will be many demonstrations going on each day, showing how our ancestors did their work generations ago.

You may park at the show, and hop a shuttle to uptown events from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. A tractor drive will start at 4 p.m. on Saturday. People wagons will be available for anyone that would like to ride along, and enjoy the scenery at

a slower pace. A free will donation to the American Cancer Society will be collected.

Sunday will feature a car show at McClaren Machine and Tool, and Kelsch Machine from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 1805 East 9th Avenue.

A variety of food stands will be set up both days, come and enjoy a meal, sandwich or a snack, and support these local groups. Anyone with antique cars, trucks, tractors, or implements are welcome to come and enjoy the fun and display them these days. Sunday will be a nice blend of cars, trucks and tractors, something for everyone to enjoy!

Need more information on any of these events—contact Jim Huffman at 608-558-1507.



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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month—Gluten Free Options. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Worship service 9 a.m. No Sunday school until Labor Day Sunday.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.



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org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Wednesday evening Impact Youth 6 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. In-person worship at 10 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARIES



Patricia (Pat) McNeely

Heaven has gained the perfect caretaker of the land, cows, flowers, birds, Shih Tzus and an excellent cook.

Patricia (Pat) McNeely, 79 passed away July 11, 2026, at St. Mary's Hospital Madison calmed by prayers and surrounded by family. Pat was born December 27, 1946, in Elkhorn, Wisconsin the oldest daughter of Duane "Buckwheat" Johnson and Annabelle (Smith) Johnson. She graduated from Big Foot High School in 1965.

In 1963 at a Methodist Youth Fellowship gathering in Evansville, Patricia met Robert McNeely and they connected over their love of farming and strong work ethics. With big dreams and a few cows, they married at the Sharon United Methodist Church in Sharon, Wisconsin, on August 26, 1965. Together they farmed "on shares" in Sharon and then cash rented a farm in Hebron, Illinois. It was while farming in Sharon that they were blessed with a bouncing baby boy, James Alan, to be followed in a few years by the apple of Bob's eye, Brenda Kay. After years of working hard they found a farm of their own in the beautiful rolling hills of Green County, Wisconsin. They packed up the kids, the house, cows and machinery and on a February day in 1973 the last load of cows and the McNeely's were firmly planted on the farm and land that could, and would, serve

them for generations to come. They were blessed by setting down roots in the best neighborhood possible, filled with fellow farmers, children the same ages, wonderful cooks and lifelong friends. There were card clubs, potlucks, dances and putting many miles on their matching Polaris snowmobiles as members of the Brooklyn Sno-Hornets. Bob and Pat took pristine care of Rollin' Green Dairy Farm and Pat passed on her ability to identify a cow by name or number from yards away to her grandson Jeffrey. She was honored to highlight the day-to-day operations of the farm to almost 4,800 people when the family hosted the Green County Breakfast on the Farm in 2017. Patricia was a member of the Brooklyn Community United Methodist Church, serving on the finance committee in the past. Patricia served on the Brooklyn Township Plan Commission from March 8, 1993, until the time of her death, a position she was very passionate about, preserving the farmland of Brooklyn Township.

Pat was not one to be indoors and her beautiful yard full of flowers was the envy of many. Her grandchildren lovingly called it "Grandma's mini-golf course" and she would smile and add another decorated bowling ball to the collection. She enjoyed feeding and watching the birds (especially cardinals) from her desk on the porch as she took care of the farm bookwork. Larger, unwelcome critters dared not plan on staying long, it became a game for her to move them along, and a game she always won. In 2009 employee Annie mentioned to "Grandma Pat" during chores that she wanted breakfast and Thursday morning egg sandwiches became tradition at Rollin' Green Dairy Farm. Family, employees, the milkman and neighbors have long enjoyed Grandma's breakfast in the barn or parlor. Rest easy Great-Grandma, Maysen promises to keep everyone fed and happy!

An advertisement for a toy tractor shows created years of enjoyment hunting for and collecting toy tractors for Bob and Pat. Similar to the tractors they farmed with, they did not discriminate so every brand and color had a place on the shelves. A 1954 Allis Chalmers WD-45 started another, bit more expensive hobby, finding and helping restore "the real thing". One of the first tractors Bob and Pat purchased when they started farming, a 1969 John Deere 4020, had been used every day mixing feed for the cows until 2023 when "she" was restored and delivered just in time for the 50th Anniversary picnic of Rollin' Green Dairy Farm. Pat had the honor of being the first

family member to drive the tractor to the shed after the picnic.

For over 30 years Bob and Pat enjoyed camping at Duck Creek Campground in Wyocena. The camper was Pat's happy place, and she took her love of flowers and birds just a bit north, making their site as beautiful as her home. Brenda and Abel and Grandson Cody decided to join her with sites at the campground. Pat continued her weekend journey to the campground after Bob's passing as she had many, many friends there and she enjoyed the activities as much as she enjoyed the peaceful setting. Her beloved Shih Tzus, Bandit and Bodie, traveled wherever she went. They were her protectors and loving companions. Pat had many special friends and enjoyed their lunch dates, giving rides to appointments and the many laughs they shared.

Patricia is survived by her son, James (Jennifer), and daughter, Brenda (Abel) Schultz. Grandchildren: Jeffrey (Nicole) McNeely, Jamison (Amanda) McNeely, Jillian (Christopher) Malkow, Kevin Schultz and Cody Schultz. Great grandchildren: Adalyn, Chet, Maysen and Charles McNeely and Carson Malkow. Pat is further survived by sisters: Peggy (Bob) Kirkpatrick and Diane (Charles) Pearce; sister-in-law: Loren Sprenkle and Bud Cavins; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. She also leaves behind her "boys": Bandit and Bodie.

Pat is predeceased by her husband, Robert McNeely; parents, Duane "Buckwheat" and Annie Johnson; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Chester and Ilene McNeely; a sister, Pauline Cavins; brothers-in-law: Duane Leseberg, Ralph McNeely and David McNeely; and sisters-in-law: Mary (Larry Sr.) Otto and Linda Sprenkle; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and her cherished Shih Tzus: Fritzie, Britches, Holly and Bubba.

Lord, bless the farm wives who hold their homes and families together. Grant them strength through long seasons, patience when worries mount and the wisdom to know when to rest. Protect their marriages, their children and their farmers from harm. Thank you for the vital foundation they provide to agriculture. Amen.

A private family service will be held. A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, August 6, from 4-8 p.m. at Halverson's Everything Nice, 1965 Barber Drive, Stoughton, Wisconsin.

Ward-Hurtley Funeral Home, Evansville, is assisting the family. For online condolences please visit www.wardhurtley.com

OBITUARIES



Glen Oliver Deremo

Glen Oliver Deremo, age 89, Brodhead, passed away unexpectedly while at his home in Brodhead on July 14, 2026.

Glen was born in rural Brodhead, Wisconsin, on January 29, 1937 the son of Arthur and Irene (Nolan) Deremo. He later married his wife, Frances Langoehr on September

19, 1953 in Door County and she preceded him in death on April 10, 2017.

Glen worked for over 40 years before his retirement from Beloit Corporation in 1997. He enjoyed playing euchre, cribbage and chess and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and his many grandchildren. Glen also attended many of his children and grandchildren's sporting events over the years. Glen was known as a tinkerer and he worked on many cars, bikes and lawn mowers with his children while they were growing up.

Glen is survived by his 11 children: Debra (Ken) Nyborg, Glenda (Rodney) Benton, Lance (Cindy) Deremo, Keith (Mary) Deremo, Jay (Meri) Deremo, Sheri Bennett, Bret (Cheryl Buss) Deremo, Lee Deremo, Joel Deremo, Penni (Alan) Bruce, and Andy (Becca Dymzarov) Deremo; many grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren; four siblings: Bonna Adams, Betty Bordeau, Mike (Mona)Deremo and Lynn Deremo

and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Frances; a grandson, Brad Shoemaker; a great grandson, Anthony Sanchez; two sons-in-law, Kenneth Bennett and Mike Lamb; and six siblings: Daryl, Herb, Allen, Alice, Nan and Wayne.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in Glen's memory.

A celebration of life will be held at the Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead on Friday, July 31, from 2:30 to 6 p.m. Cremation rites have been accorded and Glen's cremated remains will be buried on Friday at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family with arrangements.



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Say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the Lord. . .Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing!
~Ezekiel 13:2-3

False prophets, abound and apparently they have no problem gaining a following. Someone has noted we should say to them, "Before you tell what's going to happen tomorrow, tell me what I did yesterday." That might sift out the false prophets rather quickly. Accurate prophecy is only found in God's Word, from the One who knows the end from the beginning.

—Wm. H. Gustafson

Jesus shall reign where-e'er the sun,
Doth his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Til moons shall wax and wane no more. —Isaac Watts

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BRODHEAD OPTIMIST PIG ROAST

The Brodhead Optimist Pig Road and Pies in the Park is Sunday, July 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Brodhead Veterans Park. Menu includes pork loin, beans, coleslaw, soda or water. Large selection of pies sold separately by the slice. All monies raised go to fighting childhood cancer. Then at 6 p.m. enjoy music by State Line Play Boys. All at Veterans Park on Sunday, July 26th.

BHS CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

The Brodhead High School class of 1976 will hold their 50th class reunion on Saturday, October 3, at Kelch Museum (Brodhead Airport) from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. RSVP by Friday, September 4.

Prior to the reunion they will be touring the old high school, current middle school, starting at 4 p.m. You are also welcome to tour the Kelch Museum.

Watch your mailbox or inbox for your invitation. To verify your information or provide your current contact information (in case we don't have it) or for more information, email Chris Searles at 425emt5000@gmail.com.

BHS CLASS OF 1996 REUNION

A 30-year reunion will be held at the Ford Shed on East Exchange Street on Saturday, July 25 at 6 p.m. Any questions reach out to Jeremy Pinnow at 608-295-2596.

BRODHEAD POLICE ASSOCIATION 12th ANNUAL NIGHT OUT

The Brodhead Police Association is hosting the 12th Annual Brodhead Night Out on Tuesday, August 11th (rain date Wednesday, August 12th) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Jaycee Park, 300 4th Street.

This FREE Night Out is a community wide event to heighten awareness of crime, drug and prevention efforts and to encourage community participation. For more information please visit them on Facebook and Instagram!

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN-UP (Deadline: Friday, July 31st)

The Brodhead Pool & Recreation Department will be sponsoring a six-week youth NFL flag football program for boys and girls in second-sixth grades. The games will be played on the Brodhead High School practice field on Saturday mornings beginning September 5th and ending October 10th.

Registration forms are available at the Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>) The cost is \$60, which includes an NFL team-identified reversible jersey and flag set.

Please return forms to the Brodhead Pool and Rec Department at City Hall. If you have any questions about registration or about the league, contact Brodhead Pool and Rec at 897-2159 x9. Deadline is Friday, July 31st at 4:30 p.m. After Friday, July 31, registration forms will not be accepted.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

Tuesday's 7/14 results: The Bar 1 defeated Bridges Bar & Gill 2 12-7; Beef and the Boys defeated The Bar 2 6-4.

Season standings: Bridges Bar & Gill 2 won 5 lost 1; Beef and the Boys 5-2; The Bar 2 3-3; The Bar 1 2-5; Bridges Bar & Grill 1 1-5.

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 7/12 results: Church of God defeated Orfordville Lutheran 22-6; United Methodist defeated Bethlehem Lutheran 15-1; Congregational UCC defeated Luther Valley 7-5.

Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 5-2; United Methodist 5-1; Congregational UCC 4-2; Church of God 3-1-1; Living Word 1-3-1; Luther Valley 1-5; Orfordville Lutheran 1-6.

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Juda Fire and First Response pancake breakfast

In conjunction with the Juda Fore Fathers event, the members of the Juda Fire and First Response will be holding a pancake breakfast on Saturday, July 25th, from 7 until 11 a.m. at the Juda Community Center. The menu will include pancakes, sausage, applesauce, coffee and milk. A freewill donation will be accepted and all proceeds will benefit the department.

Albany Lions Club Stuff The Bus Service Project and Albany Lions Club "Pig Out"

The Albany Lions Club is once again sponsoring their "Stuff The Bus" Service Project and holding the "Lion's Pig Out".

Since 2013, Stuff The Bus has been a project where school supplies are collected for children in our community. Several business locations in Albany provide canisters for cash donations and/or bins for collection of supplies. The collection sites will be open until Thursday, August 20th and each site has a listing of items that are specifically being requested. In 2025 they collected over 330 individual items and nearly \$1,000 in cash, which was used to purchase additional needed supplies.

On Saturday, August 1st, the club is hosting their annual "Pig Out". Pork Loins and loaded potato bar will be available for on site serving and carry out from 4:30 until 8 p.m. for the cost of \$10. A raffle drawing is also being held. Tickets for dinner and raffle tickets are available from any Lions member. Raffle proceeds go toward local scholarships and community projects. They will have a drop off box for school supplies and donations in the parking lot of the Lions building that evening.

Phyllis Runaas of the Lions shared that "Everyone is invited to the "Pig Out" and encouraged to contribute to the "Stuff The Bus" project. These are just two of the many events held at the building, which is located just off Hwy 59 on Cincinnati Street in Albany.

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All concerts will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs/blankets—Reminder: dogs are not allowed in city parks. Concerts are FREE to the public - come and enjoy!

Sunday, July 26th State Line Play Boys (Zweifel Brothers)

(polkas, waltzes & yodeling)
Brodhead Optimist Club—annual pig roast/pie 4p.m.?



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34th Annual Gap Church Hymn Sing

The 34th Annual Gap Church Hymn Sing Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 16, at 1 p.m. Music will be by Ernie Saunders and the group "In Bed By Nine". There is no charge and refreshments will be served. A free-will offering is appreciated. The church and cemetery are located at W2401 State Hwy 59, Albany.

The Gap Church and Cemetery was established in 1853 and built in 1856 under the name of "Monticello Prairie Baptist Church and Cemetery". The name Gap Church was given by the local people that lived in the area because of its location between two hills. Eventually the name just faded away and became the Gap Church and Cemetery.

This event is sponsored by the Gap Church Museum, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Gap Church and Cemetery. They recently completed the refurbishing of the six large windows in the church and the two partial windows in the church entryway. Next comes the windows in the community hall.

Contacts are Craig Roth at 608-558-5280, Laurie Exum at 608-897-6990 and Jane Copus at 608-214-8289.



OFF TO THE IVYS

After graduating top of the class this year from Parkview High School, Alexis Crawford is off to New York to attend Cornell University to continue studies in Music!



Free Community Block Party

Family Services of S. WI to Host Free Community Block Party in Beloit on Saturday, July 25

Family Services of S. WI invites the community to a FREE Community Block Party on Saturday, July 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 825 Liberty Avenue in Beloit, Wisconsin.

The event is open to all and designed to bring families, neighbors, and community partners together for an afternoon of connection, celebration, and fun. Activities will include kid-friendly games, giant bubbles, stilt walkers, robotics demonstrations, interactive music, free lunch, and community resource tables featuring local organizations and services.

The block party reflects the mission of Family Services of S. WI and N. IL Inc., which focuses on building stronger, more resilient communities through advocacy, education, and support services. Organizers say the event is intended to create a welcoming, inclusive space where community members can connect with one another and learn about available resources.

“At Family Services, we believe strong communities are built through relationships, support, and belonging,” Kelsey Hood-Christenson shared. “This block party is an opportunity to come together, meet neighbors, and celebrate the many resources that help individuals and families thrive.”

The event will take place at the Family Services campus at 825 Liberty Avenue and is free and open to the public.

Event Details:

- What: Family Services Community Block Party
- When: Saturday, July 25, 11 a.m.–2 p.m.
- Where: 825 Liberty Avenue, Beloit, WI
- Cost: Free admission
- Who: All are welcome

For more information, contact Amy Mueller, Chief Resource Officer, Family Services amueller@familyservices1.org 608-365-1244.

Athletic/Activity Code Meeting

If your child is any Brodhead High School athletics or other school activities you and your child are required to attend the Code Meeting. This will be held on Monday, August 3rd at 6 p.m. in the high school gym. Questions, contact the high school office.

Wisconsin Field Days: Feeding High-Oleic Soybeans to Dairy Cows

Dairy farmers, consultants, and service providers are invited to attend field days focused on feeding high-oleic soybeans to dairy cattle. There will be multiple field days hosted across the state of Wisconsin. This event will feature a morning with expert presentations from University of Wisconsin Extension and Industry presenters, Q&A with dairy farmers and their advisors who are feeding high oleic soybeans, and lunch. This will be followed by an afternoon on farm with interactive activities.

Event Details:

Field days will be offered at three locations across Wisconsin. For all locations, registration sign-in begins at 9:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 10 a.m. and running to approximately 2:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, August 18: Chippewa Valley Technical College Energy Education Center (Eau Claire) and Five-Star Dairy (Elk Mound)
- Tuesday, August 25: Brillion Nature Center (Brillion) and Woldt Dairy Farm (Brillion)
- Monday, August 31: Green County Justice Center (Monroe) and Spring Grove Dairy (Brodhead)

Field Day Highlights:

- Expert Presentations: Learn from UW-Madison Extension specialists and industry professionals on key aspects of high-oleic soybean use for dairy cattle.
- Key Topics: High-oleic soybeans nutritional value, agronomic considerations, identity preservation, and the economics and best practices for roasting and processing.
- Farmer and Advisor Panel: Hear firsthand experiences from dairy producers and their advisors currently using high-oleic soybeans.
- On-Farm Learning: Participate in on-farm learning activities focused on storage, handling, roasting, and feeding high-oleic soybeans. Five-Star Dairy will feature a walk-through of their on-farm roasting set-up.

Registration and Cost:

These field days are being offered at no cost thanks to generous sponsors including the United Soybean Board and Pioneer. Registration is required to gather accurate meal counts.

Register at: <https://go.wisc.edu/hosb26>

For more information, please contact Katelyn Goldsmith at katelyn.goldsmith@wisc.edu or 608-262-3872.

ACADEMICS

UW-LA CROSSE ANNOUNCES MAY 2026 GRADUATES

The following area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in May.

Students earning degrees in May include: Gage Lawrence Boegli, Bachelor of Science, Finance Major: Personal Financial Planning Concentration; Economics Major, Highest Honors; Madelynn Jo McIntyre, Bachelor of Science, Exercise and Sport Science Major: Physical, Adapted, and School Health Education, Honors; and Amanda Visger, Bachelor of Arts, Theatre Arts Major: Performance Emphasis, Highest Honors, all of Brodhead.

Voting by Absentee Ballot?

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Remember—Absentee ballot requests are due by Thursday, August 6.

Check your polling location and registration status at myvote.wi.gov.

Community Members Invited to Share Their Vision for Future Senior Living Options

Survey Open July 14–24

Planning for the future starts with listening.

New Glarus Home is considering growth and new opportunities for senior living in Green County! In alignment with our mission of serving the evolving senior living and care needs of our community, we are inviting community members to participate in our Senior Living Interest Survey.

Our survey is open from July 14 through July 24, 2026, as part of an effort to better understand the housing needs, preferences, and priorities of current and future older adults in our community.

The survey is designed to gather feedback on a variety of topics, including current living situations, future housing preferences, desired amenities and services, lifestyle priorities, and factors that influence decisions about senior living. The information collected will help guide future planning efforts and evaluate opportunities to expand senior living options that reflect the needs and interests of local residents.

“Community input is essential as we look toward the future,” said

Matt Streiff, Executive Director. “We want to ensure that any future senior living opportunities are shaped by the people who may ultimately call them home. This survey gives community members a meaningful opportunity to share what matters most to them.”

The survey is open to:

- Adults who are considering future senior living options for themselves
- Family members helping loved ones plan for the future
- Community members interested in supporting thoughtful local senior living development

Responses will play an important role in helping New Glarus Home better understand community demand, preferred housing styles, desired amenities, service expectations, and affordability considerations. Survey participants will also have the opportunity to share concerns, priorities, and ideas that can help shape future offerings.

As a thank you for participating, individuals who complete the survey will receive a special treat at the Campus Car Show New Glarus Home is hosting on Wednesday, August 12th.

The Partisan Primary is coming up fast, Brodhead!

The Partisan Primary is on Tuesday, August 11th, 2026! Don't forget!

- Check your polling location and registration status at myvote.wi.gov
- In-person registration is available through Friday, August 7th, 2026 or on election day Tuesday, August 11th.
- Apply for Absentee Ballots by Thursday, August 6th, 2026—request online at myvote.wi.gov
- Early voting begins Tuesday, July 28th, 2026.

Polls are open 7 a.m.-8 p.m. on each Election Day.

The survey can be completed online and takes approximately 15 minutes to finish.

Survey Dates: July 14–24, 2026

Ways to take the Survey:

- Visit our website at nghome.org to take the survey there
- Visit the survey link directly: <https://tally.so/r/5BpWWv>

Community members are encouraged to complete the survey and share it with friends, family members, and neighbors who may be interested in future senior living options.

About New Glarus Home

New Glarus Home has proudly served the community for generations, providing compassionate care and quality senior living services. Through a commitment to listening, innovation, and community partnership, New Glarus Home continues to explore opportunities that support aging well and strengthen the future of senior living in our region.

For more information, please contact: Monica Pastrana, Process and Quality Improvement Manager, New Glarus Home, 608-636-2471 or monicapastrana@nghome.org.

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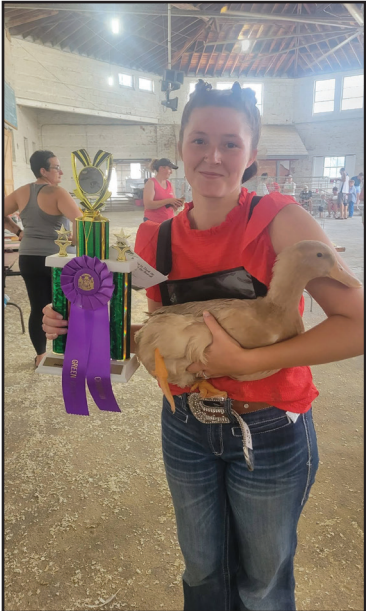
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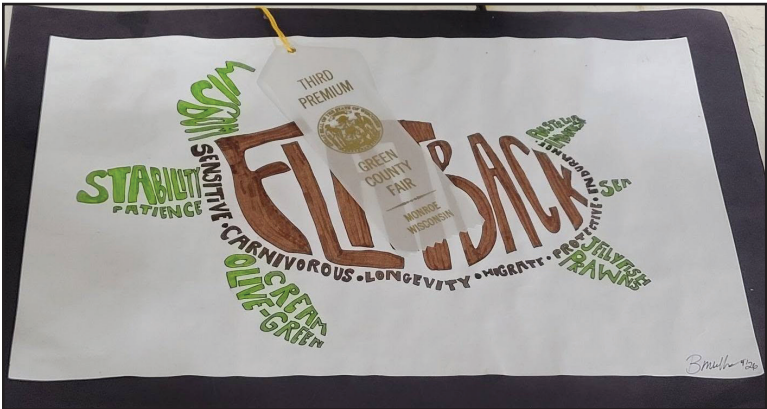
Rabbit Exhibitors:
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Dairy Exhibitors:
Kate Olmedo; Annelise Bethke

Sheep Exhibitors:
Jenna Pinnow; Leilah King

Swine Exhibitors:
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Janesville Art League brings Plein Air Painting and Chalk Art to Rotary Botanical Gardens

Three new events will invite the public to watch local artists create in the gardens this summer and fall.

Rotary Botanical Gardens (RBG) is partnering with the Janesville Art League to bring three new art events to the gardens this year, including two plein air painting sessions and a community chalk art installation. All three events are open to the public with regular garden admission.

The partnership kicks off with a Pop-Up Plein Air event on Wednesday, July 22, at 9-11 a.m., where Janesville Art League members will paint on location throughout the gardens. Visitors are welcome to watch the artists at work as part of their regular garden visit.

On Wednesday, August 5, the Art League will host a Community Chalk Art Installation immediately following RBG's Story and Stroll program, which runs from 10 to 11 a.m. at the same location. Story and Stroll participants are invited to join the chalk art event at no additional cost, and regular garden admission applies to anyone arriving afterward to take part.

A second Plein Air Painting event is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, from 1 to 3 p.m., giving visitors another chance to see local artists create in the gardens as the fall colors set in.

"We are excited to partner with the Janesville Art League and give the public a chance to witness the creation of art right here in our gardens," said Laura Kenyon, Marketing and PR Manager at Rotary Botanical Gardens. "Bringing art and nature together is part of our mission, and we are happy to welcome the Art League's creativity to RBG."

All three events are free with regular garden admission. No advance registration is required. For more information on garden hours and admission, visit www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org.

About Rotary Botanical Gardens

Rotary Botanical Gardens is a nonprofit public garden located in Janesville, Wisconsin, dedicated to inspiring people through horticulture, education, and community engagement. The Gardens feature more than 20 themed gardens on 20 acres and are open to the public year-round.



Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Albertson Memorial Library's Summer Library Program is done for this year. The last session featured the Pteranodon. Books included Winged and Toothless (by Dahl), Pteranodon, the Giant of the Sky (by West), Baby Pterosaur (by Abery) and Can I Bring My Pterodactyl to School, Ms. Johnson? (by Grambling). There was so much to learn about the differences between the Pteranodon and the Pterodactyl. The morning class made refrigerator magnets using craft foam and sticky magnets but ran out of time before a Pteranodon could be constructed. The afternoon class created an origami Pteranodon and proceeded to have aerial battles between the folded paper creatures. It was quite fun to watch.

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time will start up Tuesday, September 8th, (the first Tuesday after Labor Day) at 10 a.m. The stories and crafts for the month of September will be all about bears, including Goldilocks and the Three Bears. (The original Goldilocks and the Three Bears was written in 1831!) More information will be available by mid-August.



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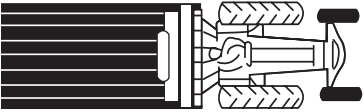
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1802 W. 5th Avenue, Thurs., July 23 and Fri., July 24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., July 25, 8 a.m.-noon. Lots of things to look at. Chris Rosheisen.

Notice



AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, July 29, 2026
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
12:00 p.m.

- AGENDA**
- I.

REVIEW OF SPECIAL UPDATE ACT 89 (Staff/Student Communications)
RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NEOLA
•POLICIES INCLUDED IN THE ACT 89 UPDATE:
°0144.5-BOARD MEMBER BEHAVIOR, COMMUNICATIONS, AND CODE OF CONDUCT (REVISED)
°1213/3213/4313-STUDENT SUPERVISION AND WELFARE (REVISED)
°7530.02-STAFF AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS USE OF PERSONAL COMMUNICATION DEVICES (REVISED)
°7540.03-STUDENT TECHNOLOGY AND ACCEPTABLE USE AND SAFETY (REVISED)
°7544-USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA (REVISED)
°8210-VOLUNTEERS (REVISED)
°8562-CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT (REVISED)
- II.

DEVELOP AND FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL
- III.

ADJOURN

07/22/2026

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room Wednesday, June 10, 2026 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Board President Michael Oellerich at 7:00 p.m. The meeting Agenda was published in the Wednesday, June 3, 2026 edition of the Brodhead Free Press and properly building posted on June 4, 2026.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL
Present: Michael Oellerich, Jenny Flory, Paul Donovan, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, and Carl Hearing
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Carl Hearing, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried, 6-0.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- AGENDA ITEMS**
- CONSENT AGENDA**
1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting: May 18, 2026
2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

• None at this time
4. RESIGNATION(S)

a. Chris Davison, MS Football Coach
b. Miranda Ends, ES LMC Aide
c. Marnie Leifker, HS Administrative Assistant/Registrar
d. Connie Liptow, Part-time ES School Nutrition Worker
e. Kristin Oellerich, MS Volleyball Coach
f. Doug Showers, MS Custodian
5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

a. Karen Elmer, move from ES School 3rd Grade to MS 8th Grade ELA Teacher
b. Jennifer Sanchez, ES 4th Grade Teacher

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Carl Hearing, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion carried, 6-0.

INTERVIEW FOR BOARD CANDIDATES
Voting was conducted by signed paper ballot in accordance with Board policy.
Clerk Paul Donovan collected, counted, and reported the results as follows:

- Dale Earleywine
- Carl Hearing
- Jim Wahl
- Al Schneider
- Paul Donovan
- Michael Oellerich
- Jennifer Flory
- Don Buchanan
- Result: Dale Earleywine – 1 vote Jim Wahl – 5 votes
- Board President Michael Oellerich declared that Jim Wahl received a majority vote of the remaining Board members and was therefore selected for appointment.
- Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Al Schneider, to appoint Jim to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Education, effective July 15, 2026, until a successor is elected and qualified at the April 2027 Spring Election.
- Vote on Motion: Ayes: Al Schneider, Paul Donovan, Michael Oellerich, Jenny Flory, Don Buchanan, and Carl Hearing Nays: None
- Motion carried, 6-0.
- APPROVAL OF LONG-TERM FACILITY PLAN**
Motion by Carl Hearing, second by Al Schneider, to approve the long-term facilities plan as presented.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- APPROVAL OF WASB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**
Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Carl Hearing, to approve the annual renewal of Wisconsin Association of School Board (WASB) membership for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- APPROVAL OF 2026-27 WIAA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the High School and Middle School 2026-27 WIAA Membership Agreements as presented.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- HIGH SCHOOL STEAMER AND ELEMENTARY HOT WELL PURCHASE AUTHORIZATION**
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Al Schneider, to approve the purchase of a steamer for the High School from Hubert Co. and the purchase of a hot food well unit for the Elementary School from Kessenich's using investment earnings from the Referendum Bond proceeds.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- CONSIDERATION TO UPDATE SCHOOL SIGNS**
Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Don Buchanan, to approve updating signage at the Elementary School and Middle School from Rolli Worx, including new sign faces, and repainting of existing monument cabinets and pedestals using investment earnings from the Referendum Bond proceeds.
Motion carried, 6-0.
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- ESTABLISH STUDENT BREAKFAST/ LUNCH/MILK PRICES FOR 2026-27**
Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the Brodhead Schools Breakfast, Lunch, and Milk prices for the 2026-27 school year as presented.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- ESTABLISH STUDENT FEES FOR 2026-27**
Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve the Brodhead Student Fees for the 2026-27 school year as presented.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- APPROVAL OF THE 2025-26 BUDGET REVISIONS**
This item was tabled to the July 15 Board meeting.
- APPROVAL OF THE 2026-27 PRELIMINARY BUDGET**
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the start of spending for the preliminary 2026-27 budget as presented.
Motion carried, 6-0.
- FUTURE AGENDA [July 15, 2026]**
 - Approval of Minutes
 - Approval of Bills
 - Accept Donation(s)
 - Resignation(s)
 - Employment Recommendation(s)
 - Senior Project Presentation: Painted Senior Parking Stalls
 - Insurance Renewal [Property, Liability, & Workers' Compensation]
 - Presentation of Annual Crime Statistics Report
 - Approval of Frontline Education Contract
 - Consideration to Approve 9-12 Science Curriculum
 - Approval of WASB Business Honor Roll Nominations
 - Authorization to Hire Staff
 - Approval of Academic Standards
 - Accept Milk & Bread Bids for 2026-27
 - Approval of HS & MS Co-Curricular Handbooks for 2026-27
 - Approval of 2025-26 Budget Revisions
- ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e)**
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 8:45 p.m., for the discussion of:
 - a. Board Evaluation
 - b. District Administrator Evaluation
 - c. Staffing
 - Consideration of Compensation of an Employee
Roll Call vote: All ayes (6-0)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to return to open session at 9:31 p.m.
Motion carried, 6-0.

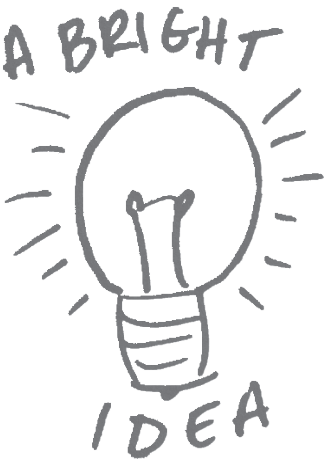
ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Carl Hearing, to approve a \$1,000.00 stipend for the Pupil Services Director.
Motion carried, 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Don Buchanan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:32 p.m.
Motion carried, 6-0.

07/22/2026

Date: 06-10-26 \$100 Bill List

Vendor Name	Check Amount
AIRGAS USA, LLC	296.10
CESA #2	2,288.00
CESA #3	780.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	409.99
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	4,389.74
GRATZ, CURTIS E	150.00
IXL.COM	10,915.00
JARVIS, NICHOLAS L	150.00
KLOPFENSTEIN, JEFFREY	130.00
NEOLA, INC.	1,720.00
WIEGEL, JEFF	130.00
1901 INC	535.00
BELOIT TURNER HIGH SCHOOL	225.00
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	11,512.40
CITY OF BRODHEAD SEWER DEPT	1,830.33
CLINTON HIGH SCHOOL	325.00
EAST TROY HIGH SCHOOL	160.00
JANESVILLE CRAIG HIGH SCHOOL	175.00
MONROE HIGH SCHOOL	150.00
NEW GLARUS HIGH SCHOOL	125.00
PIGGLY WIGGLY	341.09
PLAYAWAY PRODUCTS LLC	310.45
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	190.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,072.11
WE ENERGIES	1,887.35
CESA #2	7,827.33
DIX, CHAD A	659.97
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	507.40
KNOX, KELLY J	165.81
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	2,679.83
MENARDS - JANESVILLE	289.02
MIDAMERICA	24,964.97
RIDDELL/ALL AMERICAN SPORTS CORP	3,809.20
SOMMERFELDT, LAURIE A	130.50
SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC	4,948.61
VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	958.21
1901 INC	2,305.00
BODELL, PAUL	136.00
EVANSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	150.00
MONROE GOLF CLUB	125.00
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	110.11
SECURITY ALARM OF ROCKFORD LLC	300.00
THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	455.71
AIRGAS USA, LLC	138.45
ANDERSON, ANN F	103.55
BENCHMARK EDUCATION COMPANY	19,919.20
CESA #2	7,800.00
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES INC	8,243.75
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	740.34
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	17,434.86
KAMMERER, BRIAN J	488.66
KEYSER, TINA D	100.00
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ROLLI WORX	1,322.53
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	11,663.44
TUTTLE, JESSICA D	100.00
WASPA	1,075.00
BELMONT HIGH SCHOOL	200.00
BRUCE COMPANY	283.54
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GASSER TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	541.17
LOCKOUT PEST CONTROL	429.00
MONROE ENGRAVING	104.77
PIGGLY WIGGLY	457.59
REILLY, PENNER & BENTON LLP	6,250.00
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	869.94
RUFER & SON EXCAVATING, INC.	262.60
SAVVAS LEARNING COMPANY LLC	35,998.80
SPEICH OIL INC	1,206.60
SSM HEALTH - MONROE CLINIC MEDICAL GROUP	6,264.57
U.S. CELLULAR	549.95
WASTE MANAGEMENT	1,177.11
WE ENERGIES	1,171.89
BRODHEAD HIGH SCHOOL	100.00
BUSY BARN ADVENTURE FARM	698.50
DEBBIE JEANS	120.00
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MONROE HIGH SCHOOL	2,538.22
PIGGLY WIGGLY	888.34
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VOIGT MUSIC CENTER	1,546.74
BODELL, PAUL	120.00
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SHUTTERFLY LIFETOUGH LLC	280.11
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