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School Board

Annual Public School Board Meeting 2025

By Grace Kufahl

Superintendent Novy began the annual mandatory Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting by outlining the budget and giving the public a chance to pose questions. The Annual meeting requires district residents to approve the tax levy for the District's General Fund among other resolutions. A total of 14 district citizens attended including staff and board members.

It was reported the district will receive \$8,000,448 in equalized state aid for 2025-26, a \$391,098 or 4.66% decrease from last year.

The district requested a levy of

\$5,401,455 for the General Fund and \$1,115,633 for the Debt Service Fund and \$16,203 for the Community Service Fund, totaling \$6,533,291. This is an 11.35% increase from last year's levy. The District's three-year membership average decreased by 18 students.

The mill rate for the requested levy is \$7.45 per \$1,000 equalized property value, a \$.20 increase from last year's levy of \$7.25 per \$1,000. This is due to a 9.84% increase in equalized property values, the impact of the two recent referendums and a decrease in state funding.

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Memo regarding EMS

Submitted by
City of Brodhead

Recently there has been public discussion about the City of Brodhead government and the Brodhead Area EMS service. Likely this comes from a discussion and action by the mayor and council at their Monday, October 20, regular meeting. To be clear no final vote was taken to defund or dissolve the EMS service. Quite the contrary—the draft 2026 city budget includes the EMS donation full funding. Full funding for the fire district, which is a separate entity from the EMS, remains included in the draft budget as well. The public hearing on that proposed budget is scheduled for Thursday, November 13, at 6 p.m. in City Hall.

Following the October 20th closed session discussion and upon return to open meeting there was a motion to cancel the EMS contract, which received a second. Council approved the motion with five affirmative votes and one abstention. Councilmember Gritzmaker discussed that passing the motion would not affect the business model of the EMS, if a resident calls the EMS and they respond, the EMS will still be able to collect their money from the resident's insurance or Medicare. The City and the EMS entered into an initial year-long agreement effective on January 1, 2022. The agreement allows for automatic renewal unless either party provides 60-day written notice to not renew the agreement. This is a discussion of a donation that does not affect the way the EMS model is run in this city. It is about governance and oversight of the city's annual EMS expenditure.

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Understanding Brodhead's 2025-26 Mill Rate and District Budget

A Message from
David Novy, District Administrator

To our Neighbors in the Brodhead Community,

Like many of you, I know what it means to budget carefully and make ends meet. That is why I want to speak plainly about the District's 2025–26 budget and the increase in our school mill rate, which is the part of your property tax bill that funds our schools.

At our Annual Meeting on October 27, the Brodhead School District presented its 2025-26 budget and reviewed factors influencing this year's mill rate increase from \$7.25 to \$7.45 per \$1,000 of equalized property value. I want to explain why this change occurred, what it means for taxpayers, and how State-level decisions have affected local school funding.

What Does This Mean for Your Wallet?

For a home valued at \$150,000, the annual school portion of your tax bill will rise by about \$30.

•For a home valued at \$200,000, the annual increase is about \$40

•For a home valued at \$300,000, the annual increase is about \$60

In short: you will be paying roughly \$20 more per year for every \$100,000 of your home's value.

The Heart of the Problem: State Funding and the "400-Year Veto"

We based our Referendum request last April 1, 2025 on the best financial advice available at the time, which projected a stable mill rate. Unfortunately, when the State's biennial budget was finalized in July of 2025, it included no increase in general school aid in either year. More significantly, the State's contribution toward the District's revenue limit provided \$391,098 less in funding this year compared to last year, even as our overall expenses continue to rise.

•No New General State Aid: For the first time since 2010-11, the 2025–27 Wisconsin State budget

provided no increase in general school aid to help local districts with rising costs.

•The Funding Gap: Governor Evers' use of his partial veto power—often referred to as the "400-year veto"—extended the school district revenue limit increase of \$325 per pupil indefinitely. This measure grants districts the authority to raise more revenue through our property tax levy.

•A Local Burden: While this \$325 per-pupil increase in revenue authority is essential to keep up with inflation, the State budget provided no new additional general State funding increases to cover it. This means the allowed revenue increase must be funded locally—it comes directly from your property taxes.

•The Big Picture: Our per-pupil funding caps have lagged behind inflation for 18 years straight. When the State does not keep up with the cost of doing business, the burden of funding the schools is shifted right back to us, the local taxpayers.

Fiscal Responsibility and Our Revenue Limit

Community members present at the Annual Meeting were faced with a choice: try to maintain the old \$7.25 rate, or tax to the full limit.

•The Cost of Short-Term Relief: To keep the mill rate at \$7.24 would have meant under levying by about \$180,000. While that offers temporary tax relief this year, it would permanently lower our revenue limit base.

•Long-Term Damage: Because future levies are based on the prior year's actual levy, under levying this year would have a compounding affect and would compound into a loss of over \$1 million in revenue over the next five years alone. This loss would directly lead to painful cuts in staffing, programs, and the quality of education for our students.

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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.

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

School Board

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This year's headcount is 974, which converts to 944 FTE's. Including summer school, the total FTE's were 959. One hundred seven students open enrolled in and 113 enrolled out. This net loss of six students equates to roughly \$67,950 in lost revenue. Once again, most of those enrolling out were four year olds which the district hopes to retain in the future due to the new space and full day 4K program.

Current budget projections indicate a deficit of \$311,686 for this year, including funds from the first year of the three-year operations referendum.

Before the vote, former board member Jim Wahl questioned why the district carries a 32.5% General Fund Balance instead of putting it toward the debt. Novy replied it's because of upcoming deficits projected and in case the next operations referendum fails.

Board member, Paul Donovan proposed keeping the levy the same as last year as communicated at the time of the construction referendum. Novy explained that would result in a greater deficit this year and in coming years and would have to be accounted for in the future. Member Don Buchanan stated the levy wasn't increased due to the construction, but rather due to the unforeseen decrease in state aid.

The district's requested \$7.45 levy was ultimately approved for the 2025-26 school year in a 12 to 2 vote. Resolutions to set Board salaries and to reimburse board members for travel also passed.

The School Board was again authorized to set the date and time of the 2026 Annual Meeting according to state Statutes.

St. Peter Lutheran Church 44th Thanksgiving dinner

The congregation of St. Peters is inviting the community to join them for this special event on Monday, November 10, serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Carry outs are available. Menu includes turkey, ham, potatoes, green beans, squash, rolls, salad and dessert

For questions and carry out orders, call or text them at 612-270-2591 or 608-618-6090 or order online at stpeterlutheranbrodhead.com.

Free will offering with all proceeds being donated to the Brodhead EMS and Wels Christian Aid and Relief. Find them at 1708 W. 6th Avenue, Brodhead and Happy Thanksgiving!



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The Brodhead School District was thrilled to welcome Assembly District 50 Representative Jenna Jacobson! Representative Jacobson joined them for the Groundbreaking Ceremony on Friday, March 14 at the start of the building projects, so it was wonderful to have her return to tour the newly renovated facilities and see the incredible progress across the district. They appreciate her taking the time to visit and celebrate these exciting updates with them!



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Juda Zion Community Church and JHS National Honor Society holding food drive

The Youth Group Members of the Juda Zion Community Church and members of the Juda High School National Honor Society will be holding a food drive for the Green County Food Pantry and the Blue Food Pantry located at the church in Juda on Saturday, November 8th, from 8 a.m. till noon at the Jefferson Township Recycling Center located on Walnut Street in Juda. Items needed are cereals, fruit Nutri Grain Bars, Ramen Noodles, microwave meals, pancake mix, dry soup mixes, seasoned pasta, seasoned rice, crackers, spam, tuna, canned chicken, oatmeal, trail mix, Jell-O, pudding and cake and brownie mixes. Canned goods of any type will also be accepted. Items can also be brought to the church on Sunday morning between the hours of 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Indiana over Maryland, 55-10. Curt Elmer, Albany, won first place with two incorrect games and 56 points. Tom Brewer, Albany, took second place with two incorrect and 52 points.

The following also had two incorrect games: Doug Rezner—43 points and Brian Malkow—48 points, both of Brodhead.

Scholarship Recipients Announced by Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation

The Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation recently announced winners of the R.C. Miller Scholarship for the 2025-26 year and will each be receiving funds to use towards their education expenses. The R.C. Miller Scholarship was established and funded by the late R.C. Miller, a local leader in agribusiness. He started the scholarship program to encourage and support Stephenson County residents pursuing degrees in agriculture with an emphasis in conservation. The Stephenson County Extension and 4-H Foundation is responsible for the scholarship administration.

This year's winners are Isabella Kostallari, of Pearl City, who is studying Veterinary Medicine at Iowa State University, Jacob Mitchell, of Freeport, who is studying Agri-Business Management at Highland Community College, and Madelyn Mayberry, of Davis, who is studying Animal Science at Highland Community College.

For more information about the Stephenson County 4-H and Extension Foundation, which provides financial support to the University of Illinois Extension and 4-H in Stephenson County, please call 815-235-4125.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

11/2 standings: I'd Smack That won 12 lost 0, Getting Diggy With It 10-2, That's What She Set 10-2, The Goon Squad 9-3, Net Ninjas 9-3, Super Soy 8-4, Victorious Secret 5-7, Fambam Slammers 5-7, Hit Happens 4-8, One Hit Wonders 4-8, All Sets Are Off 3-9, Cactus Squad 2-10, Killer Serves 2-10, It's A Set Up 1-11.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BRODHEAD LIONS AND LEOS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Brodhead Lions and Leos are having their fall pancake breakfast to raise money for Brodhead School District field trips. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 8, at the Albrecht Elementary School from 7 to 11 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, apple sauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. There is no charge for the meal. They are asking only for your free will donation.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT ALBRECHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Albrecht Elementary School will be having their Annual Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11th at 9:15 a.m. They cordially invite all veterans to join them for donuts and coffee prior to the program at 8:15 a.m. If you are a veteran or know someone who has served our country please spread the word. They would be honored if you could join them. This event is open to the public. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Knox, Albrecht Elementary School Principal, at 608-897-2146 for further details.

IT'S OPTIMIST MITTEN TREE TIME!

Helping the children of our community and throughout the world is the sole purpose of the Brodhead Optimist Club, a proud member of Optimist International. What better way to do that than by providing Christmas gifts to children in need. But we need the whole community to help us make this project successful. The Susan Welch Mitten Tree Project is designed to help families of children who have eighth graders or younger who live in the Brodhead School District and are having difficulty providing Christmas gifts for their children.

Applications can be picked up by the parents or guardians at the Bank of Brodhead, the Bank of New Glarus—Brodhead Branch, Brodhead Albrecht Elementary and Brodhead Middle School beginning Monday, October 27. The completed form needs to be dropped off where it was originally picked up by Friday, November 7.

The parent or legal guardian must pick up the gifts on Saturday, December 13, between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Congregational UCC Church, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. If the parent is unavailable at this time, they may have someone else pick up the gifts with a signed note from the parent.

Let's work together to make Christmas delightful for all our Brodhead children this year. Thank you for supporting the Brodhead Optimist Club.

BATTLE OF THE BUSINESSES FOOD DRIVE

A Battle of the Businesses Food Drive will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fill the cart of your favorite business at Campbell's Piggly Wiggly parking lot. The business with the most food wins!

What is needed? Cereal, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, and canned goods: soup, tuna, chicken, vegetables, fruit, jelly and peanut butter.

One hundred percent of donations will support Brodhead Food Pantries.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Jerks in Chicago, Who Knew?

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

Yes, it is true, there were jerks in Chicago! Come to the Durand Library Saturday, November 15, to learn about these unscrupulous characters. Brad Keyes will be presenting the facts about the bad actors who helped shape the young city in the 1800's. He always adds humor to his talks so this program will be more fun and entertaining than dark and grim.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a jerk as "one who is cruel, rude, or small-minded." It also offers as synonyms the terms "bastard," "skunk" and "creep." Brad defines jerks a little more broadly to include "people who are Obnoxious, Annoying, Putz, Foolish, Offensive, Jackass, Murderers, Thieves, and Con Artists." He will tell us all about these scoundrels who were active early in Chicago's history.

As Brad did his research he found there were far too many jerks to discuss in one presentation, so he has prepared three programs, each one focusing on a different time period in Chicago's history.

The Saturday, November 15, talk will focus on the 1800s when Chicago was just a settlement and will include a range of characters who played a part, better or worse, in its phenomenal growth. There will be both familiar and unfamiliar names—and a range of misbehavior.

The second program, "More Jerks in Chicago," will be offered Saturday, December 13th and focus on the period from 1900 to 1945. The third, "Still More Jerks in Chicago," is set for Saturday, January 10, 2026 and will cover the years from 1950 to 2000.

Please join us November 15 for this fascinating look at the personalities who helped define what was to become the "The Windy City." This program is hosted by the Friends of the Durand Library and everyone is cordially invited to attend. The program begins at 10:00 am. The Friends urge everyone to support their local, volunteer driven, library.

About the Library

Entry to the library is at the east, or playground, end of the building. Fol-

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•Navigating Planned Deficits: Our budget deficits are projected at \$311,686 for 2025–26, \$645,035 for 2026–27, and \$850,849 for 2027–28. It is important to understand these projections were planned, knowing that the School Board and administration would need to make substantial budget cuts and adjustments each year to manage these gaps and keep our Operational Referendum ask as low as possible. Taxing to the full limit this year is essential to provide the necessary base to make those future cuts manageable without destroying our programs.

The Board determined that the only responsible path for the long-term health of our schools was to tax to the full revenue limit.

Final Thoughts

The building and maintenance work approved by voters in the April 2024 Bond Referendum is also reflected in the overall rate; the first interest payment adds approximately \$1.27 to the total mill rate this year.

We know Brodhead takes pride in its schools. This decision reflects our commitment to providing a high-quality education while navigating complex State finance issues. We will continue to be transparent and work hard for your children and your tax dollars.



Lemke joins Consigny Law Firm

Hannah L. Lemke, University of Wisconsin Law School 2025 graduate, has joined Consigny Law Firm, S.C., as an associate and focuses on litigation and transactional matters.

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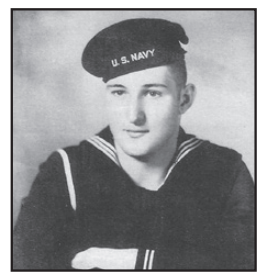


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The cast of “Big Fish” look forward to entertaining you with their upcoming performances. The cast is led by seniors: Simon Moore, Jenna Dougherty, Aubrie Yoshida, Kayla Perry, Elise Vock and Hayden Stewart.

Big Fish the Musical at BHS

By Teresa Earleywine

Save the date as Brodhead High School’s choral department, with directors Sara Carr and Chris Hurt, will present the musical “Big Fish,” Friday, November 14, and Saturday, November 15 at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 16th.

Synopsis: Big Fish, made its Broadway debut in 2013, is a fantastical, heartwarming musical that follows the life of Edward Bloom, a

traveling salesman whose larger-than-life stories captivate everyone around him. The story shifts between two timelines. In the present-day world, 60-year-old Edward Bloom faces mortality while his son, Will, prepares to become a father himself. In the storybook past, Edward ages from a teenager, encountering a Witch, a Giant, a Mermaid, and the love of his life, Sandra. The stories meet as Will discovers the se-

cret his father never revealed.

This large cast is led by seniors: Jenna Dougherty, Simon Moore, Kayla Perry, Hayden Stewart, Elise Vock, and Aubrie Yoshida.

Ticket information: adults: \$12, students \$7, children nine and under enter for free. Tickets can be bought online, in the high school office, or in person at the performance.



Senior cheer squad members include: Jenna Dougherty, Hailey Heffernan, Lilli Voelker, Clèmence Galand, Allena Rufer. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Congratulations to the Brodhead WIHA (Wisconsin Interscholastic Horsemanship Association) Team for competing at the state level. The competition took place on Friday, October 24th-Sunday, October 26th at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. The team members are Leilah King and Madison Melvin; Coach: Alyssa Bailey.



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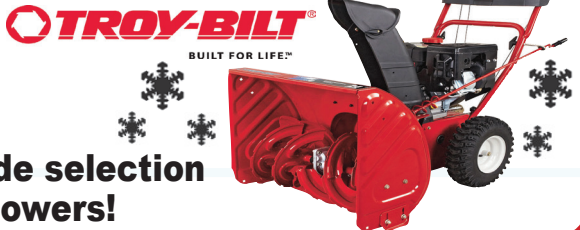
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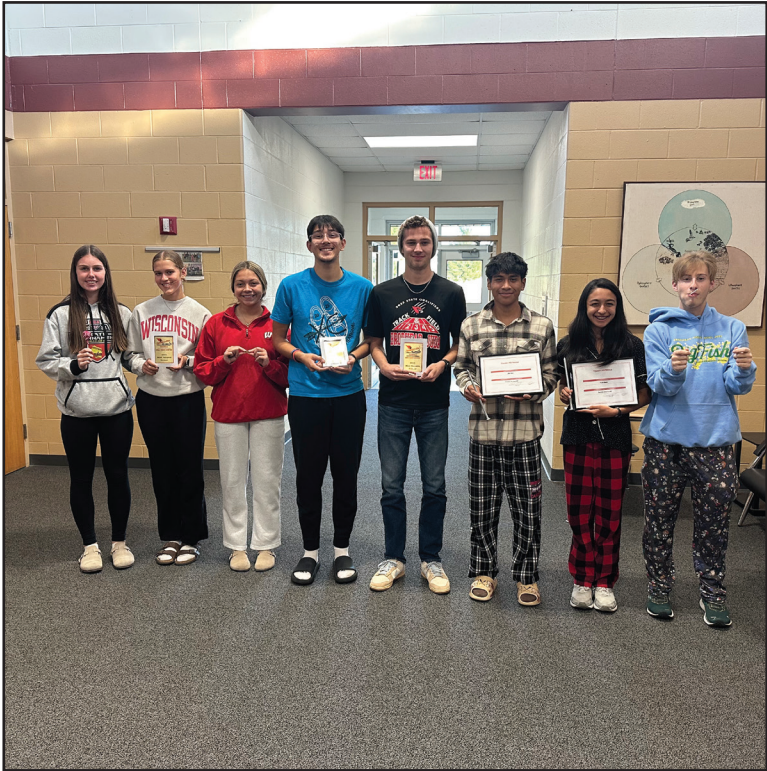
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Pictured left to right: Ryleigh Brown, Olivia Brooks, Serena Santiago, Franco Ramirez, Mavrik Plummer, Jorge Villalva, Isabella Yoshida, and Treyton Leutenegger. Missing from photo Ciarrah Condon.

Cross Country Awards for 2025

Spirit Sucker—boys: Treyton Leutenegger and girls: Ryleigh Brown.
Tough As Nails—boys: Jorge Villalva and girls: Isabelle Yoshida.
MIP—boys: Franco Ramirez and girls: Ciarrah Condon. MVP—boys: Mavrik Plummer and girls: Olivia Brooks. Captains—boys: Mavrik Plummer, Jorge Villalva, and Franco Ramirez; girls: Serena Santiago and Olivia Brooks.
First Team All Conference—boys: Mavrik Plummer and girls: Olivia Brooks.
Second Team All Conference—girls: Isabelle Yoshida.
Honorable Mention—boys: Jorge Villalva and girls: Ciarrah Condon.



Brodhead High School’s Students of the Month for October 2025

Back row, left to right: Hannah Menzel, Naia Lazzari, Ella Olson, Jayden Nehls, Kinsley Krumwiede, Wyatt Valentin; front row: Kylee Cole, Kane Smital, Hayden Elmer. Not pictured: Abbey Vickers.



Make a Difference
By Stephanie Tresemer

Over 80 volunteers **SHOWED UP** on Saturday, October 25, from 9-11 a.m. Seeing so many grown-ups working alongside our youth to lend a hand was extraordinary! I am proud of the collective efforts of **GOOD** humans in our community.

Thank you to the Brodhead Fire Department for the use of the station as our “home base.”

After volunteers checked in and enjoyed donated snacks, they helped around our community. The morning’s achievements included the following:

Landscaping at Albrecht Elementary School with mulch donated from Gasser Hardware

Seven yards raked and tended to for members of our community

Brush and invasive trees cleaned up at the Brodhead Arboretum alongside Mr. Paul Roemer

Six fleece blankets tied for donation to Family Promise of Green County

Donated clothes sorted and organized at the Brodhead Community Closet

A dozen tug toys braided for the Green County Humane Society

Fall crafts decorated for donation to residents at the Brodhead Senior Village

Bookmarks crafted for the Brodhead Memorial Library

A team of two horses and a carriage, along with two tractors and wagons filled with volunteers, went trick-or-treating around town to collect non-perishable items for two local food pantries: White Gift and Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

Thank you to those who donated snacks, water, fleece, cash and encouragement.

I am grateful, humbled, inspired, and proud.



Monday Night Mixed League
10/27—High series: Robert Murray 659, Ryan Flood 644, Jason Shrier 642, Zach Hefty 616, Maddie Kuhlow 537, Connie Wunschel 502. High games: J. Shrier 243, R. Murray 243, Tim Huffman 228, Rick Reed 228, M. Kuhlow 197, C. Wunschel 192. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,029 and series 2,855. **Standings:** Fosters Gaming won 119 lost 97, Center Tavern 116-100, Albany Lanes 110-106, Broughton’s Bar 107-109, Bartelt 101-115, Beloit Chiropractic 95-121.

Tuesday Shaningans
10/28—High series: Karrie Laws 373, Lisa Josephsen 344, Becky Hanneman 319, Rick Josephsen 591, Dan Eaton 502, Mike Hanneman 483. High games: K. Laws 138, B. Hanneman 126, L. Josephsen 126, R. Josephsen 232, D. Eaton 184, M. Hanneman 171. Sweet Mini HaHa-high team game 804 and series 2,211. **Standings:** Perfectly Aged won 19 lost 9, Misfits 18-10, The Young & The Restless 16-12, Sweet Mini HaHa 15-13, Greightful Dead 9-19.

Badger
10/28—High series: Ethan Pfueti 604, Jim Laughlin 586, Dave Brugger 579, LeRoy Blumer 573, Megan Anderson 443. High games: E. Pfueti 230, L. Blumer 225, J. Laughlin 223, Josh Brugger 221, M. Anderson 157. Jim’s Mechanic Shop-high team game 779 and series 2,201. **Standings:** Renks won 35 lost 21, Decatur Dairy 33-23, Counter Attack 31-25, Jim’s Mechanic Shop 26-34, Team 6 22-34, TUGS 21-35.

Wednesday Night Ladies
10/29—High series: Sarah Flood 472, Nicole Brewer 448, Julie Williams 446, Jessica Holtsapple 425, Lindsey Kotte 419. High games: J. Williams 193, S. Flood 179, Betty Helwig 174, N. Brewer 173, L. Kotte 164. Albertson’s-high team game 595 and series 1,648. **Standings:** Larson Acres won 45 lost 11, General Store 40-16, Glenn-Ann Ladies 32-24, Crystal’s Team 19-37, Albertson’s 16-40, Stables Bar & Grill 16-40.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies
10/30—High series: Nancy Salzwedel 489, Becky Riese 471, Laurie Thommen 426. High games: N. Salzwedel 174, B. Riese 161, Betty Helwig 151. Mikes’ Flooring-high team game 507. Knutes-high team series 1,466. **Standings:** Briggs Heating and AC won 45 lost 18, Knutes 44-19, Nolte’s Garage 39-24, Mike’s Flooring 36-27, Albany Lanes 23-40.

Thursday Night Mixed
10/23—High series: John Pluss 735, Boomer Detra 698, Brandon Bayrhofer 696, Jason Shrier 689. High games: Erich Brandenburg 277, J. Pluss 258, B. Detra 253, Ryan Flood 246. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,097. Broughton’s Corner Bar 1-high team series 3,127. **Standings:** Broughton’s Corner Bar 1 won 39 lost 24, Glenn Ann Holsteins 35-28, Albany Lanes 34-29, Attica Bar 33-30, Golz Electric 27-36, Broughton’s Corner Bar 2 21-42.

Brodhead Juniors
11/1—High series—boys: Casey Johnson 450, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 438, Tristan Modaff 361, Carter Fenwick 275, Jack Norris 267, Henry Johnson 249. High games—boys: A. Ramirez-Vogel 172, C. Johnson 157, T. Modaff 126, J. Norris 124, C. Fenwick 117, H. Johnson 103. **High series—girls:** Taylor Sauer 450, Aubrie Bartelt 391, Kelsee Brugger 328, Emma Welbig 320, Lily Johnson 278. High games—girls: T. Sauer 162, A. Bartelt 149, K. Brugger 119, E. Welbig 113, L. Johnson 103.

Brodhead Youth
11/1—High series: Thorin Perrin 116, Jaxson Brewer 105, Braxton Normington 82, Wyatt Shoemaker 52, Ayla Brugger 188, Amelia Fenwick 108, Abigail Fenwick 55, Keira Shrader 23, Kinslee Brewer 21. High games: T. Perrin 68, J. Brewer 56, B. Normington 52, W. Shoemaker 35, A. Brugger 103, Amelia Fenwick 61, Abigail Fenwick 37, K. Shrader 23, K. Brewer 17.

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Left—Albany cross country members Emerson Butts finished 49th overall and Kaleb Broughton finished 40th overall in D3 at the State Cross Country Meet. (Free Press photos by Duke Goetz, Goetz Imagery)

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Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Last week the preschoolers at Albertson Memorial Library learned about trucks during Preschool Story Time. The stories ranged from Alphabet Truck (Vamos) to Puppy Truck (Pinkney). The best story, Chuck's Truck (Anderson) inspired the crafts: practicing with scissors and glue (just a little bit of glue will do!) to make a paper plate truck as well as a popsicle stick truck puzzle. The kiddos sang, "the wheels on the truck go round and round" and "the windows on the truck go up and down."

Next week, Preschool Story Time returns to the dogs and cats theme, this time focusing on Puppies! Puppies! Puppies! A footprint turned puppy is the craft of the day, and for sure the song "B! I! N! G! O! is on the list to sing again. Plus a fun matching game using the book Hardworking Puppies (Reiser).

Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for a rollicking good time. We'd love to meet some new friends. Won't you come join us?



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City of Brodhead names Lawrence DiRe as inaugural City Administrator

The City of Brodhead Common Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Lawrence DiRe as the City's first City Administrator. Mr. DiRe was selected following a comprehensive, nationwide search to fill this vital new leadership role.

The creation of the City Administrator position reflects the Common Council's commitment to optimizing City operations, driving strategic economic development, and enhancing service delivery for all residents.

Mr. DiRe has over 20 years of municipal experience, most recently serving as Town Manager for Chestertown, MD. His background in-

cludes significant accomplishments in capital project management ranging from community playgrounds to wastewater plant clarifiers, and downtown development. He also has experience in land use and comprehensive planning, historic preservation management, and technology upgrades for increased efficiency and accountability.

"I am honored and excited to join the Brodhead team," said Mr. DiRe. "The community's unique character, strong business sector, and committed residents make it a truly special place. I look forward to working closely with the Common Council, and the dedicated City

staff to ensure Brodhead continues to thrive and remains a wonderful place to live and work.”

As City Administrator, Mr. DiRe will serve as the chief administrative officer for the municipality, overseeing all City departments, executing policies approved by the Common Council, managing the annual budget, and serving as the primary advisor to the elected officials.

The City Council encourages all residents to welcome Mr. DiRe to our community.

Contact information: (608) 897-4018 ext. 172, cityadmin@cityof-brodheadwi.us



When an Act of Kindness Creates a Ripple Effect

In a heartwarming display of community support and generosity, local musician Miranda, a Brodhead native, received a brand-new guitar on Sunday, November 2nd at Veterans Park, thanks to the kindness of several community members and the band When Pigs Fly.

The idea came together the morning of Autumn Fest, when Miranda was doing a sound check and discovered her guitar's electric pickup was not working properly. "Well, the show must go on," said Jon, the lead guitarist from When Pigs Fly. The band lent Miranda a guitar for the show.

Miranda, who has been beginning to branch out and perform publicly, had been invited by Jim Carter to play at this year's Autumn Fest. Despite the technical difficulties, thanks to When Pigs Fly and Jim Carter, the show went on! Miranda sang her songs and played on a borrowed guitar—and she played amazingly. Recognizing an opportunity to support a fellow artist, Carter reached out to several friends and community members to make a lasting difference.

Donors included Jim Carter, Gary and Nancy Sutherland, Rich and Jeanne Vogel, Bruce and Shirley Sutherland, Matt Rollie, and the band When Pigs Fly. Together, they were able to replace Miranda's guitar and surprise her with the gift, allowing her to continue developing her music skills.

The gift not only ensures that Miranda can continue performing but also stands as a testament to the spirit of generosity and encouragement that defines Brodhead. Residents who witnessed the surprise celebrated the moment, reflecting the supportive environment the town fosters for its local talent.

For Miranda, the gesture was more than just receiving a new instrument—it was a reminder of the community that believes in her music and her growth as an artist.

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At 8:22 a.m., Monday, deputies along with Brodhead Fire Department, Brodhead EMS, and Albany EMS responded to the N3700 block of CTH E, Town of Decatur, for a two-vehicle accident. Richard M. Leitzen, 78, Brodhead, was northbound when a southbound vehicle operated by Thomas C. Woodruff, 75, Brodhead, crossed the centerline and into the northbound lane. Woodruff's vehicle collided with Leitzen's vehicle. Both Leitzen and Woodruff had injuries and were transported via EMS. Leitzen and Woodruff both reported wearing their seat belts. Leitzen's airbag deployed while Woodruff's airbags did not. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. Woodruff was cited for operating left of center and released with a court date.

At 10:40 p.m., Monday, deputies responded to the N6700 block of English Settlement Road, Town of Albany, for a single vehicle crash. Kalya Elmer, 34, Albany, was northbound when she swerved to miss the deer in the roadway. Elmer crossed the centerline and crashed into the east ditch. The vehicle sustained disabling damage with airbag deployment. Elmer reported wearing her seat belt and was uninjured. The vehicle remained at the scene

and will be removed at a later time.

At 2:42 p.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the WI DOC office at 2841 6th Street, Monroe, to take Kathleen J. Kirschbaum, 67, Albany, into custody on a probation violation. Kathleen was taken into custody and turned over to Green County Jail staff.

At approximately 1:56 p.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the 2800 block of 6th Street, City of Monroe, at the request of the Department of Corrections, to affect an arrest. Deputies arrested Donald Pitman, 26, of Albany, for a probation violation. Pitman was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

At 12:20 p.m., Saturday, Deputies and Brodhead EMS responded to a single motor vehicle crash with injuries in the N1300 block of Mt. Hope Road, Town of Spring Grove. John L.T. Bennett, 27, of rural Brodhead, was traveling northbound, when he failed to negotiate a curve and entered the east ditch. The vehicle continued traveling north through the ditch and then crossed the roadway and entered the west ditch. The vehicle then collided with a concrete barrier and rolled an unknown number of times before coming to rest on its roof. Bennett sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was transported by EMS to an area hospital for treatment. Bennett reported wearing his seat belt and the airbags did not deploy. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. Bennett was cited for failure to control vehicle, and operate a motor vehicle without insurance. Bennett was released pending court.



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