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School Board

Board Voted for Referendum to Exceed Revenue Limit

By Grace Kufahl

To avoid cutting programs and increasing class sizes and to address a projected shortfall of over \$2 million, the Board approved two resolutions necessary to have a referendum on the ballot next April authorizing the district to exceed revenue limits by \$1,750,000. The district is also planning over \$400,000 in budget cuts. Superintendent Novy will communicate this to the public via meetings, a flyer, and online.

High School Principal Jim Mathys and Instructional Learning Coach Stephanie Hurt gave a presentation on the benefits the addition of this role has provided to the high school and now to the middle school. The three main areas of impact are data, instruction, and school culture. She is the Curriculum Director for the high school; she puts together data in a format that's easy for teachers to consume, she observes and coaches teachers, and she facilitates student recognition efforts and teachers observing

and learning from other teachers. Mathys attributes the high school's performance improvements to Hurt's efforts.

In Other Business:

Up to 20 seniors will present their senior projects on January 29th.

Elementary Principal Kelly Knox and the 4K Team are planning for a 4K information meeting in March.

The second Board meeting this month has been moved to Monday, January 27th due to a conflict with the Wisconsin Association of School Boards Convention.

The new varsity baseball scoreboard paid for with advertising funds raised by Max Pinnow's senior project is set to be installed in March.

Mandatory safety drills took place in all three buildings on Tuesday, December 10th.

The remaining donated funds will be used for a backstop net for the JV girls' softball field, and the board approved up to \$10,000 from the advertising fund to be used for a scoreboard.

First Baby of 2025 Contest

These fine area business are pleased to welcome the first baby in the Brodhead area of 2024 with the following gifts: 5x7 area rug from Bob's Carpets, \$50 deposited into a Sammy Savers account and a Piggy Bank from Bank of Brodhead, \$25 gift certificate from Sugar River Loft and \$25 Pig Card from Brodhead

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First Baby Contest
The rules are:

1. The parents of the baby must reside in the Brodhead School District;
2. Parents wishing to be considered in the Firstborn Contest must contact the Brodhead Free Press within one week of the birth.
3. The contest will continue until a winner is declared. One family will win all prizes listed.

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Message from Brodhead School District Administrator David Novy

I want to send out a message to the residents of the Brodhead School District to help everyone understand their property tax bill, specifically the School District's portion of the overall tax bill. I have been hearing concerns from residents of our School District regarding higher than expected property taxes and want to communicate how the School District's portion of your tax bill is determined.

In October of this year, the Brodhead School District levied a total tax of \$5,791,673 for the 2024-25 school year, which is used to calculate our District's mill rate. The mill rate is the amount of tax a property owner will pay per \$1,000 of property value. Each School District in Wisconsin has the authority to levy up to a specific dollar amount for public schools. This amount is different for every District and is set by the State of Wisconsin in what is known as the "Revenue Limit". The mill rate is calculated by taking the total local tax levy and dividing this by the total Equalized Value of Property (EVOP) for all properties within

the School District. This answer is then multiplied by 1,000 to get a mill rate, or rate of tax per \$1,000 of property value. The Brodhead School District mill rate for 2024-25 is \$7.25.

EVOP is determined by the State Department of Revenue and is intended to be an estimate of the fair market value of property relative to other property throughout the State. It considers variations across the State in assessed property values. School Districts use the EVOP to determine how to divide property taxes between the municipalities in the District in a way that is fair and equitable. The distribution of equalized value of the Brodhead School District for 2024 is: City of Brodhead-Green County (33.5%), Town of Decatur (31.7%), Town of Spring Grove (13.1%), Town of Spring Valley (8.1%), Town of Avon (7.6%), Town of Sylvester (3.3%), Town of Magnolia (1.5%), and City of Brodhead-Rock County (1.1%).

The School District then notifies

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. On-line worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 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.

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

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398.

Kelly Jahn, Pastor. 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 Jady Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

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

Brodhead Sewer Customers

As of Thursday, March 27, the City of Brodhead is discontinuing the option to pay Brodhead Sewer Bills at both Bank of Brodhead and The Bank of New Glarus. The Sewer Department currently has three ways you can pay your bill.

The sewer department now has a new website where you can view and pay your bill. The new website is <https://brodheadwi.ourcommunityconnect.com>. If you would like to you can have your bill paid automatically every month by linking it to a checking account or a debit/credit card (fees do apply).

Mail in your payment to City Hall (no fees apply)

Pay in person at City Hall (no fees apply)

City Hall personnel will be available Monday through Friday 8 a.m.—4:30 p.m. to help anyone setup their account with the new website or to answer any questions. This change is for Brodhead Sewer payments only and does not affect Brodhead Water and Light payments.

Thank you,
Brodhead Sewer Department

Brodhead UMC Thrift Sale

The Brodhead United Methodist Church invites the public to check out their collection of antiques, uniques and household items on Saturday, January 18 with an inventory reduction sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Church Education Wing. Items for sale represent donations from members of the church, several estates and an area antique store.

The Brodhead United Methodist Church is located at 501 1st Center Avenue and is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

2024 Tax Assistance Appointments

Appointments are now available for free income tax preparation services for low to moderate income, elderly and disabled persons through the AARP Foundation/Tax-Aide program. Assistance provided includes the preparation of federal and state (including homestead) income taxes. Appointments are available on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, February 3rd through Wednesday, April 9th. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. with the last appointment at 11:30 a.m. at the Green County Government Services Building, N3152 State Rd 81, Monroe. Please call the ADRC at 608-328-9499 to schedule an appointment.

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SSM Health at Home hospice volunteers are an important part of the hospice team as they assist in providing companionship for patients and respite for families as well as support in the office. Volunteers are placed in areas where they are most comfortable and can use their gifts and talents to help others.

SSM Health at Home will be holding a volunteer training session on Saturday, January 18 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the SSM Health at Home Office located at 1905 5th Street in Monroe.

SSM Health at Home's hospice volunteers can provide patient and family support, assistance with administrative and special projects, pet therapy, licensed care (massage, reiki, beautician), vigils, and provide meals and bedside comfort at the SSM Health Monroe Hospice Home. There is also a special program that matches volunteers who are military veterans with patients who have a history of military service offering them camaraderie in their final days.

For more information or to register for training, contact SSM Health at Home's Monroe office at 608-324-1143 or email Robinn.leuenberger@ssmhealth.com.



The Congregational United Church of Christ collected socks, mittens and leggings for the Albrecht Elementary. Pictured are Wendy Schupbach, Principal Kelly Knox and Mary Malcook.

**Advertising Deadline:
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Ron Nenneman


Memorial services were held Friday, December 20, at Brodhead United Methodist Church with Pastor Francois Mukosa officiating. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. DL Newcomer Funeral Home assisted the family.

We want to thank everyone for all their love and support to our family before and after Ron's passing. God bless everyone.
~Ron's family

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BANK OF BRODHEAD SPRING BUS TRIP

The Bank of Brodhead spring bus trip will be to San Antonio, Texas. The dates are from Saturday, March 29-Sunday, April 6, 2025. Highlights of this trip include: guided tour of San Antonio, cruise at San Antonio's famous River Walk District, visit to the famous Alamo and the IMAX theater presentation: Alamo... "The Price of Freedom", a visit to Witte Museum and the San Antonio Mission, and a tour of the LBJ ranch.

Sign up is happening now! To sign up or for more information contact Sue Schmelzer, email is sschmelzer@charter.net, or phone or text is 608 558-8797.

It's Brodhead Optimists Essay Contest Time!

Calling all high school and middle school students! Grab your pen, pencil or keyboard to express yourself and have an opportunity to earn a cash award. Applications for the essay contest will be available at the Brodhead Public Library, and both the middle school and high school offices, or through the Brodhead Optimist Club. The Optimist Club of Brodhead is encouraging all Brodhead and surrounding area youth, including home-schooled scholars, to write an essay 700 to 800 words long on the topic "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success"

The Brodhead Optimist Club will judge the local students' essays, based on the theme of "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success" along with organization, creativity, clarity, structure and adherence to contest rules to determine the top winners. The winning essay at the club level will be sent to the district level where the student will compete for a chance at a \$2500 scholarship.

The Brodhead Optimist Essay Chair Wendy Backes said, "It is our goal to encourage young people to take part in this activity and do what we can to bring out the best in each of them. This experience gives them a wonderful opportunity to tap into their creativity and pursue possible scholarships at the same time."

The Optimist Club of Brodhead has been participating in the Optimist Essay Contest for many years and has been active in the community since 2002. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include Christmas gifts for families in need The Mitten Tree Project, Tri-Star Basketball competition, a fishing derby, pumpkin decorating, and an art contest, just to name a few. The Club also makes donations to numerous school departments, the public library, childhood cancer patients and pediatric cancer research.

Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can find out more about the contest by contacting the club chair Wendy Backes at wendybackes1966@gmail.com or getting an application from their school counselor at either the middle school or high school, or at the Brodhead Public Library.

Finally, completed applications and essays can be dropped off at the Middle or High School offices, Brodhead Public Library or email them to wendybackes1966@gmail.com before Monday, February 10th, 2025.

BHS Wall of Fame seeks nominations

Do you know someone that has achieved great accomplishments? Brodhead High School is seeking nominations for its "Wall of Fame." The Wall of Fame was started about 12 years ago to recognize the graduates of Brodhead High school that have gone on to accomplish great things. Not only does the wall recognize great people, it also demonstrates to the students at BHS what can be achieved with hard work. The people that are selected for this award get honored at the BHS National Honor Society banquet. The honoree gets to speak to future graduates about what it took to become a success.

Many past graduates have been nominated over the years. This number has decreased substantially over the last couple of years though. Although there is still a great list of possible choices, BHS is hoping to receive more nominees. Even if the person is not chosen, it is still an honor to be nominated. After the NHS ceremony, an article is placed in the newspaper about the year's choices.

There are some people that have graduated from BHS that are deserving of this honor. Please take the time to nominate them. Nomination forms are located at the High School, Brodhead Free Press or in the Independent Register. Any former graduate up to the year of 1995 can be nominated.

Blood donors needed in Monroe

To help meet the continued national blood supply need, please consider participating in SSM Health's Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 28. The Blood Drive will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Clare Conference Center at the main clinic located at 515 22nd Avenue in Monroe.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. To schedule, please visit Bloodcenter.org or call SSM Health Monroe Hospital Volunteer Services Coordinator, Mary Berger, at 608-324-1569.

Please eat before donating and bring a photo ID. If you are unable to donate, you can help by encouraging others to donate.

Message

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each municipality how much in taxes to collect on the School District's behalf using this method. Each municipality turns around and divides the school tax among the property owners based on the assessed property values. If a property owner has property equal to 0.10% of the total assessed property in the City or Town, that person's property tax would be 0.10% of the total tax levy.

The EVOP increase for each municipality from 2023 to 2024 is the following: City of Brodhead (+4%), Town of Decatur (+10.4%), Town of Spring Grove (+12.6%), Town of Spring Valley (+13.6%), Town of Avon (+13%), Town of Sylvester (+8%), Town of Magnolia (+6.6%), City of Brodhead - Rock County (22.7%). Assuming no other changes, this is what you could expect the impact of the school's tax levy to be on your property tax bill.

Generally, a large increase in equalized property values will decrease the District's mill rate. When we passed last year's referendum, we anticipated an increase in the District's mill rate from 7.05 in 2023-24 to 8.22 in 2024-25. On a \$200,000 home, that would have meant an additional tax of \$234 of tax on average. Because the EVOP increased by an average of 8.86%, the mill rate dropped to 7.25, with an additional tax impact of only \$40 for a \$200,000 home.

To give another example, the Town of Decatur has 31.7% of the School District's EVOP, so the Town of Decatur is sent a "bill" of \$1,837,592, which is their portion of the District's overall tax levy of \$5,791,673. The Town of Decatur then turns around and "bills" each resident according to the value of property they own. If a resident of the Town of Decatur owns 1/10% of the EVOP, that resident would pay \$1,838 in property taxes.

Hopefully, after reading this, you should have a better understanding of how the School District's portion of your property tax bill is determined. There are many variables associated with your overall property tax bill. Generally, Wisconsin School Districts levy taxes based on the average mill rate, send a "bill" to each municipality based on their percentage share of the District's overall EVOP, and municipalities "bill" each individual based on the assessed value of that property.

Pop tabs for a cause

Every year Albrecht Elementary students participate in a Pop Tab Contest in January to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Last year the students collected 266 pounds of pop tabs and were able to donate \$119.07. This year they would love help from the amazing community to collect as many tabs as possible for this great cause. Start saving those pop tabs now and feel free to drop them off at the elementary office at any time.

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They are also seeking donations for the silent auction, and have multiple sponsorship levels available, including:

Presenting Sponsor (max of one): \$2,000. Full VIP table (10 tickets), social media and newspaper recognition, and presenting sponsor signage at event (including all tables).

Supporting Sponsor (max of six): \$750. Half VIP table (five tickets), social media and newspaper recognition, logo on sponsor signage at event.

Silent Auction Sponsor (no limit): \$100. Recognition on social media pages and signage on silent auction tables.

Follow the event on facebook.com/BrodheadJaycees for updates!

VOLLEYBALL


Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

12/15—Standings: I'd Smack That won 31 lost 2, The Goon Squad 28-5, Victorious Secret 27-6, That's What She Set 20-13, The Youngins 17-16, Valued Volleyers 14-19, One Hit Wonders 13-20, All Sets Are Off 13-20, Killer Serves 11-22, Net Ninjas 11-22, Chewblocka 11-22, Super Soy 5-28.


Basketball

contest

The highest scoring game was the boys' Edgerton vs. Clinton, 86-33. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Lynette VonAllmen, Albany, with all the correct games and 85 points. The following each had all the correct games: Curt Elmer, Albany—89 points; Tom Brewer, Albany—90 points; and Brian Malkow, Brodhead, 84 points.



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Wrestling Gaining Experience

By Teresa Earleywine

Head coach Chris Hoesly is pumped that the Cardinals have most every weight class filled but recognizes there is a lack of varsity experience. The team is led by three seniors: Jameson Wallin, Chase Wilhite and Felix Paffel. There are three juniors and have a combination of 16 sophomores and freshmen.

Last week in Juda, the Brodhead-Juda wrestling hosted a quad meet featuring Dodgeville, Verona, and Sugar River Raider. In action against Verona, Thomas Lohmar, 106, had a pin over Andrew Cook, TJ Hall, 132, by fall over Jacob Rodriguez, Joziah Crisler, 138 hung on into the third period and overcame Austin Christiansen. Verona won out in the other weight classes and won 53-24. Against Sugar River Raiders, the Cardinals; Jameson Wallin, 144, Tyler Coleman, 285, Rush West, 157, Olivia Brooks, 145, and Lohmar all record pins. Joziah Crisler and Hall came out on top by decision. As a team the Raiders won the match.



Cullen Walker goes over Cade McCollough for a score. Walker scored 25 points as the Cardinals held off a late surge by Evansville to chalk a 72-60 victory. Brodhead opened on a 17-2 scoring run early in the first half. The boys will be in action on Thursday hosting Monroe. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Chase Wilhite, BJ, prevails over Kolten Berger, Monroe, when Brodhead hosted a tri-meet last Thursday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brodhead's Jamison Wallin perseveres and wins by pinning Ian Benitez of Monroe. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Hosting a tri-meet on Thursday facing Clinton, Hall recorded the team's only pin while Coleman, Lohmar won by decision. With the final score 54-18 the Cougars won handily. Against the Cheesemakers, Wallin, Cupps and Wilhite scored with falls and Lohmar received a forfeit. Monroe earned 60 to Brodhead's 24 points. The team will compete in Evansville on Thursday and at River Valley on Saturday.



Cardinals' player Gretchen Kammerer (file photo) scored 11 points on the road to take on Whitewater last week. Brodhead jumped out to the early lead and never looked back. Alecia Dahl had a double-double leading all scorers with 22 points and 11 rebounds. This week they host Delavan Darien on Tuesday and will be in Monroe on Friday taking on the Cheesemakers.

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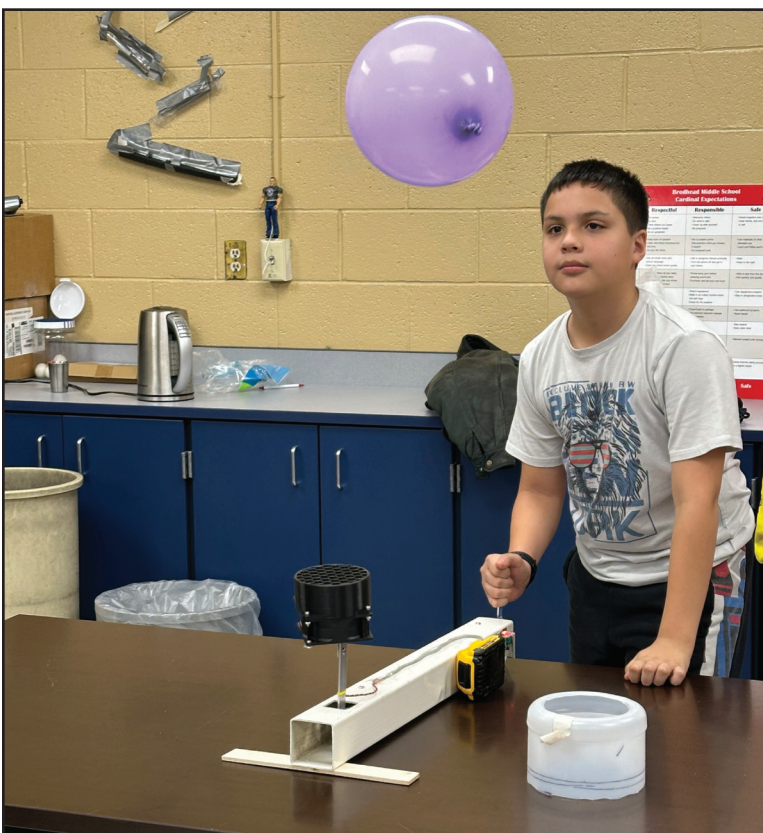
Holiday Luncheon

On Friday, December 13, the Team of Outstanding Leaders collaborated with other GOOD humans to host the annual Holiday Senior Luncheon at Brodhead Middle School. A record 186 guests enjoyed a program of music, poetry readings, jokes, food service, and the distribution of door prizes. Additionally, pianists played a few selections, some physical education students danced, all choir members sang, and eighth-grade musicians performed. Generous donations from last year's guests covered food expenses, while community members, area businesses, staff, and students donated all decorations and door prizes. TOOL adviser and luncheon coordinator Stephanie Tresemer would like to thank everyone involved in this year's luncheon. The Holiday Luncheon provided the 115 TOOL members with many opportunities to lead, follow, and make a difference. This is an event BMS looks forward to hosting all year, and those in attendance shared their appreciation through their festive spirit and gratitude.



Thank you to the following area businesses for their generous donations to the BMS Holiday Luncheon: Bank of Brodhead Bus Group, Piggly Wiggly, Caked by Paige, First Center Floral, Decatur Dairy, Kwik Trip, The Bar, Bullwinkles, Bridges, Debbie Jean's, and the Brodhead Lion's Club. The luncheon coordinator, Stephanie Tresemer, along with the guests, appreciate and value your support.

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Kids learned about Bernoulli's Principle and were able to play "air basketball" putting it to use. Students also visited a website that simulated a rocket launch. They were able to manipulate variables such as drag, launch angle, and thrust pressure to determine if their payload got where it needed to be.

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**Juda School
District
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Meeting
Wednesday,
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will be substituting for the ninth and 12th grade classes. Kim Grimm will substitute for the 10th graders. Ashley Henderson will substitute for the 11th grade class. Mrs. Davis advised that the standards will be covered given the current situation for the English Class.

- The new Spanish teacher begins Friday, January 10th.
- Mrs. Davis reviewed with the board the upcoming events taking place at the school.
- Pam Green updated the board on the Juda Rec District. There was a recap on the Youth Basketball for the season, with four teams this year. The committee is also discussing the possibility of moving up the Juda Bash to Saturday, June 21, 2025 with more details to be worked out in the near future. The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025. The March meeting will be on the 12th with a tentative time of 5:45 p.m. The community is encouraged to attend.
- Tabled the 2025/2026 school calendar until the February meeting.
- Buildings and Grounds will meet next month in conjunction with Upper 90 as the district plan for upcoming projects and improvements. Mrs. Davis also noted the installation of the Greenhouse shell to be ready by March.
- Approved open enrollment limitations for the 2025/2026 school year. Regular Education has none, Special Education was set for ECH (Early Childhood) to Eighth grade to 6 students and High School (9-12) set to 3 students.
- No Executive Session was needed.
- Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025 at 7 p.m. State School Board Convention will be held January 22nd-24th, 2025 in Milwaukee.

•Approved the hiring of Gabriel Olmedo as Spanish Teacher

•Accepted resignations from English teacher, Ryann Klein. Custodian, Mia Thompson.

•Accepted donations from Alter Metal in the amount of \$314.51 for playground equipment. Green County Beef Producers \$250. Green County Pork Producers \$150.

•Mrs. McCullough and the third grade class attended the evenings school board meeting to learn more about local government. The students were introduced to the board and Mrs. Davis explained how School Board meeting's function. The students shared things they have learned through the new English curriculum, and the project, which sparked their interest in government proceedings.

•Heard a report from the FFA Officers on activities that have taken place so far this school year, which included their trip to the National Convention. They also updated the board on events taking place in the near future.

•The candidates running for School Board in the April election are as follows: Kendra Sullivan, Eric Munz, and Courtney Martins. Laura Powers has announced her non-candidacy.

•The Board reviewed the results of the School Board Perception Survey that members recently completed.

•With the English teacher resignation, there are temporary staffing changes occurring. Cole Mahlkuch

Listening Sessions for Residents of the 17th Senate District Scheduled

Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) announces a series of Listening Sessions for residents of the 17th Senate District. All residents of the 17th Senate District are invited to attend.

Friday, January 17: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.—Belmont Community Building, 222 S. Mound Avenue, Belmont; 1:30-2:30 p.m.—Barneveld Public Library, 107 W. Orbison Street, Barneveld.

Friday, January 24: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.—Brodhead Public Library, 1207 25th Street, Brodhead; 1:30-2:30 p.m.—Belleville Public Library, 20 S. Park Street, Belleville.

Monday, February 3: 10:30-11:30 a.m.—Prairie du Chien City Hall, 214 E. Blackhawk Avenue, Prairie du Chien; 1:30-2:30 p.m.—American Legion Post #184, 860 Lincoln Avenue, Fennimore.

The format for the Listening Sessions is designed for Senator Marklein to receive input and ideas about issues facing residents in the 17th Senate District. Senator Marklein does not plan to answer questions, debate ideas, challenge the ideas, or otherwise comment because he is seeking to hear every point-of-view equally. The goal is for every attendee to feel comfortable sharing their input.

Depending on the number of people who attend, the session moderator may set a time limit for each attendee to share their thoughts (two-three minutes) so that everyone has a chance to speak. If there are only a few people, the session may be more casual.

Constituents are welcome to attend to listen to others and submit written ideas, however, facility capacity limitations may impact audience observation. As always, all constituents are invited to call, email or write to Senator Marklein at any time to share thoughts, ideas and concerns.

In the case of inclement weather, please visit Senator Marklein's website, Facebook page or call 608-266-0703 to confirm if the Listening Session will be held.




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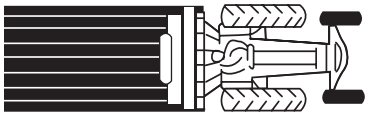
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Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Factors involved as English Colonies took Shape Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

This past Saturday we heard part one of a four part series entitled “How the States Got Their Shapes.” The presentation focused on the original 13 colonies and was led by Brad Keyes, an avid historian. He will continue these high quality talks on other regions of the country in the coming months. Please see below for dates and areas to be covered.

Saturday’s talk began with a globe in hand and an explanation of latitude (also known as parallels) and longitude (meridians). These lines were in use during the colonial period. Brad also used a large map of the United States to show that some of the original colonies claimed lands well beyond their boundaries.

Those attending were reminded of the truth of this common expression, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” Trade, transportation and expansion of economic activity were the driving forces from the time the colonies were established by England. Transportation at that time meant access to rivers, the Great Lakes and, of course the Atlantic Ocean.

There were, of course, other factors involved: incorrect surveying; the desire or importance of including or excluding certain areas or settlements including the city of Philadelphia; cultural and religious differences and changing geographic features.

In addition to specific facts about why each colony ended up with a curious shape or a gratuitously slanted boundary, Brad offered historical context as well. The colonies were the product of English kings granting land to their buddies and the royal thumb was on exactly where the boundaries of each colony should fall.

Please join us on the following dates for these informative, energetic and thoughtful discussions: Part 2 will cover the Midwestern States and be presented Saturday, February 8; Part 3, the Louisiana Purchase Saturday, March 8; and Part 4, the Pacific Coastal states, Saturday, April 12. All talks begin at 10 am.

About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between Durand School and the Friends of the Durand Library, a 501 (c)(3) organization. Residents of the Durand school district enjoy checkout privileges, and everyone is invited to all library programs.

The building is handicapped accessible, and we are more than happy to deliver books to those who are physically unable to get to the library. If public hours are inconvenient, one of the volunteers will be happy to meet anyone at the library at another time.

Library hours are Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. Entry is at the east or playground end of the school building. Just follow the paved walkway. Look for the blue library sign at the sidewalk and more signs on the building. For more information, please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or visit FB.com/durandvillagelibrary.

Monday Night Mixed League

1/6—High series: Denny Schultz 718, Glayden Wahler 647, Tyson Foster 647. High games: D. Schultz 257, Ty Powell 246, T. Foster 245. Bartelt-high team game 997. Fosters Gaming-high team series 2,820. **Standings:** Bartelt won 42 lost 14, Fosters Gaming 33-23, Center Tavern 33-23, Broughton’s Bar 24-32, Beloit Chiropractic 23-33, Albany Lanes 13-43.

Tuesday Shanigans

1/7—High series: Alexis Sies 500, Chris Rosheisen 373, Lisa Josephsen 345, John Thill 645, Rick Clark 545, Rick Josephsen 538. High games: A. Sies 181, C. Rosheisen 151, L. Josephsen 144, J. Thill 245, R. Clark 207, Ted Yaun 205. The Young & The Restless-high team game 891 and series 2,429. **Standings:** The Young & The Restless won 62 lost 29, Albany Lanes 52-39, Clayt’s Boomtastic 46-45, Misfits 44-47, Sweet Mini HaHa 39-52, Greightful Dead 30-61.

Badger

1/7—High series: Ryan Brugger 669, Ethan Pfueti 648, Rob Kubesh 639, Brian Purdy 611, Megan Anderson 426, Kim Qualley 377. High games: R. Brugger 265, E. Pfueti 256, R. Kubesh 236, B. Purdy 224, M. Anderson 162, K. Qualley 133. Jim’s Mechanic Shop-high team game 837 and series 2,355. **Standings:** Jim’s Mechanic Shop won 37 lost 12, Renks 29-20, Decatur Dairy 29-20, Counter Attack 25-24, Team 6 15-34, TUGS 12-37.

Wednesday Night Ladies

1/8—High series: Kari Johnson 489, Zoe Krattiger 445, Sue Armitage 434, Nicole Brewer 433, Joan Flood 429. High games: K. Johnson 191, J. Flood 171, Z. Krattiger 167, Alice Patchen 164, Darcy Stephenson 162. Crystal’s Team-high team game 617. Glenn-Ann Ladies-high team series 1,710. **Standings:** Glenn-Ann Ladies won 14 lost 7, Stables Bar & Grill 12-5, Crystal’s Team 11-10, General Store 10-11, Larson Acres 10-11, Albertson’s 6-15.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

1/9—High series: Becky Riese 435, Nancy Salzwedel 413, LouAnn Harmel 400. High games: Barb Chapman 154, L. Harmel 152, B. Riese 150. Mike’s Flooring-high team game 537 and series 1,562. **Standings:** Mike’s Flooring won 23 lost 5, Albany Lanes 20-8, Ball’s Installation 17-11, Nolte’s Garage 14-14, Knutes 6-22.

Thursday Night Mixed

1/9—High series: Erich Brandenburg 703, Chad Malcook 688, Scott Wahler 663, Glayden Wahler 651. High games: C. Malcook 258, S. Wahler 248, Jim Krattiger 247, Ethan Pfueti 245. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,100 and series 3,128. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 46 lost 10, Attica Bar 27-29, Glenn Ann Holsteins 26-30, Broughton’s Corner Bar 1 25-31, Golz Electric 22-34, Broughton’s Corner Bar 2 20-36.

Brodhead Juniors

1/11—High series—boys: Ashton Hale 581, Parker VanderPal 560, Evan Johnson 441, Tristan Modaff 373, Casey Johnson 373, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 356. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 214, A. Hale 198, E. Johnson 181, A. Ramirez-Vogel 152, T. Modaff 150, C. Johnson 132. **High series—girls:** Taylor Sauer 461, Kylee Wahler 405, Kelsee Brugger 346, Harper Krattiger 333, Emma Welbig 241, Ryan Stevens 187. High games—girls: T. Sauer 188, K. Brugger 152, K. Wahler 140, H. Krattiger 123, E. Welbig 92, R. Stevens 88.

Brodhead Early Rollers

1/11—High games: Abigail Fenwick 76.

Brodhead Youth

1/11—High series: Henry Johnson 194, Jack Norris 191, Carter Fenwick 170, Jayse Bennett 137, Jaxson Brewer 102, Amelia Fenwick 130, Ayla Brugger 128, Keira Shrader 116, Stella Brugger 74, Kinslee Brewer 48. High games: J. Norris 117, H. Johnson 108, C. Fenwick 97, J. Bennett 79, J. Brewer 57, A. Brugger 72, A. Fenwick 69, K. Shrader 64, S. Brugger 38, K. Brewer 28.

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Welcome to the new year of story time at Albertson Memorial Library in Albany! We started out the year by turning off the lights! Yep, we read our winter stories using a flashlight, which showed us what was going on under the snow. Those “Shine-A-Light” books are pretty awesome. You probably want to stop in and check one out . . . (We’ll read another one in February, this time about trains!)

Our second book was “Over and Under the Snow” about a family of cross-country skiers who discover a variety of life all around them, from insects burrowed into the leaves under the snow to a fox who runs over the snow and an owl who hovers in a tree over the snow. A sheet made a handy snowbank, and the preschoolers had TONS of fun hiding over and under the snow. Then we made a snow scene and had to decide which animals went over or under the snow.

Next week, we’ll read “The Mitten” and “William’s Winter Nap.” What happens when there’s too many to fit? And how many preschoolers can fit into a “sleeping bag mitten?” You won’t want to miss this one! Please join us on Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. We’d love to meet some new friends!



POLICE

Green County Sheriff’s Department January 6-12, 2025

At 10:22 a.m., Monday, Isidoro Garcia Hernandez, 29, Brodhead was stopped for speeding in the N2200 block of CTH K, Town of Clarno. He was cited for speeding and operate without a valid DL. He was released pending a court appearance.

At 10:13 a.m., Sunday, Deputies responded to W1200 block of Ten Eyck Road, Town of Decatur, for a cell phone crash detection call. Keith Meier, 62, Brodhead, was westbound when his vehicle ran off the roadway, striking a ditch. The vehicle sustained disabling dam-

age, but there was no airbag deployment. Meier and his passenger reported wearing their seat belts and were uninjured. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 12:15 p.m., Sunday, Deputies responded to a disturbance in the W2200 block of CTH EE, in the Town of Albany. The investigation revealed a verbal and physical altercation occurred between spouses, Cynthia T. Zeratsky, 64, and Arthur J. Zeratsky, 62. The investigation resulted in charges for domestic related disorderly conduct for both parties being referred to the District Attorney’s Office.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.



Bicknell Lodge No. 94 installs officers

Bicknell Lodge No. 94, Brodhead, officers were installed on Tuesday, December 10. Front row, left to right: Deputy Paul Larson, Installing Master; Duane Huber, Junior Deacon; Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts Matthew A. Niedermeier; LeRoy Huber, Master; Deputy Grand Master Jeffrey S. Schoenfeldt; Mel Wolter, Secretary/Treasurer; Barry Sauer, Senior Steward; Bill Kayser, Tiller; Dr. Robert Barnett, Installing Chaplain; and Bob Markham. Back row: Scott Wagner, Green Dragon MC Rep; Mike Nelson, Installing Senior Warden; Jon Lindley, Junior Warden; Dave Renly, Senior Warden; Mark Nelson, Installing Junior Warden; Dr. Pat Gavin, Installing Marshall; District Lecturer Brad Behlke, and Matt Rolli.



Massachusetts Deputy Grand Master attend Bicknell Installation

Deputy Grand Master Matthew A. Niedermeier of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, presented Bicknell Lodge No. 94, Brodhead, Master LeRoy Huber a golden trowel at the Bicknell installation of officers on Tuesday, December 10. DGM Niedermeier is a native of Janesville. His grandfather, Bro. Burton Coplien as Master of Bicknell Lodge in 1969. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts dates back to 1733. It was the first in the New World and the third oldest following the Grand Lodge of England and Ireland.

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