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City Council

Bid Accepted for West Third Avenue Street Reconstruction

By Grace Kufahl

The 2024-2025 Council met briefly to approve the previous month's Council minutes. Spring election winners were sworn in prior to the start of the first 2025-2026 meeting, which started immediately afterward. Nick Burkhalter and Emily Sauer were re-elected and Zach Woodford was elected to the City Council on Tuesday, April 1st.

Joe DeYoung from MSA reviewed options for the West Third Avenue area street project. After a lengthy discussion, the Council voted for the \$3.1 million option that would include a complete reconstruction of the sanitary sewer in that area. The project will be partially funded by a \$1 million grant and potentially other funding down the road. The bid was awarded to Mandrell Excavating who will have the option to start the work this year and complete it next year if needed.

After determining \$94,000 was available largely from not filling other positions, Mayor Simpson asked

the Council to reconsider adding a City Administrator position. They did and the motion passed. Alder Gritmaker stated he was opposed to the position at first, but after becoming more familiar with the mayor's workload he changed his mind.

In Other Business:

As part of the Consent Agenda, Public Event Permits were approved for Chamber of Commerce Food Truck Nights Tuesday, May 13th and Tuesday, June 10th.

The Council approved closing City Hall on Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 4:30 p.m. to allow staff uninterrupted work time.

Jill Baxter was re-elected Council President.

A memorandum of understanding between the city and the Jaycees was accepted to allow Splash Pad funds raised by the Jaycees to be deposited by the city in order to apply for a matching grant.

Closing City Hall the day after every election passed by a 3-2 vote.

The Council voted to accept a

bench being donated by the Brodhead Garden Club.

The Board of Review will be held Tuesday, May 13th from 6 to 8 p.m.



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Brodhead Historical Society monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Brodhead Historical Society will be held on Monday, April 28, and the featured presentation will be "Spirits 101". Local psychic medium, Paris Trumbower, will be speaking about spirits in the world around us. Paris will give an educational, non-sensationalized introduction to the spirit world, based on personal experience and connections with Brodhead.

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



The annual Brodhead Jaycee Easter egg hunt brought many families to the MJ Blackford Arboretum last Saturday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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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 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. Nursery is available for those who desire. 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.



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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 Doebl. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5551. Pastor JadyN Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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

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

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 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.

OBITUARIES



Kenneth
“Milkman”
Anderson

Ken died on April 9, 2025. He was born at home in Belleville, Wisconsin, on March 1, 1953. He graduated from Belleville in the class of 1972. After graduating he purchased a dairy route in Brodhead. He delivered dairy products to homes, schools, bars and restaurants in Brodhead, Monroe, Albany, Footville, Orfordville and Hanover. That is how he earned the nickname “Milkman”.

He married Diane Ringler on June 28,1991. He was a proud member of the Brodhead Lions Club and was a recipient of the Melvin Jones Award. Ken was a past member of the Jaycees, past president of the Chamber of Commerce, volunteer Fireman, and was on the Board of Directors of the Sugar River Trail when it first started. Ken loved to talk about his time in the Revolutionary Band in high school and several years after.

Ken is survived by his wife, Diane; stepson, Jim Ringler; sisters: Arlene Marty and Marilyn Lokken (Paul); and sister in law, Elaine Anderson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Mabel and Ole Anderson; brothers: Darrell and Dale; sisters: Doris Gallagher, Sonya Mezera, Ellen Anderson, and Cheryl Burkhalter; sisters in law: Shirley and Joann; brothers in law: John Marty, Dave Miller, and Bill Gallagher; and nephews: Steve Gallagher, and Troy Burkhalter.

A celebration of Life will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead, on Saturday, April 26. Visitation will be from 10 to 11 a.m. with service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made out to Diane Anderson, which will be donated later to the Brodhead Lions Club and Fire Department.

Monroe Balloon and Blues
Festival

The ARC-Green County will present the Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14. Admission and parking are \$3. They will have food trucks both days along with hot air balloon flight, bands, balloon glow, craft fair, car show, carnival, pancake breakfast more. The event will be held at the Green County Fair Grounds.

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



Lynda M.
Mauermann

Lynda M. Mauermann, age 80, of Brodhead passed away on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at her home. She was born on June 22, 1944 the daughter of Nelson and Myrtle (Bork) Christensen. She graduated from Brodhead High School. After high school she went on to attend and graduate from Business College in Madison. On May 6, 1967 Lynda married James “Jim” Mauermann in Brodhead.

Lynda dedicated over 40 years of her career as a Senior Administrative Manager at Swiss Colony. She was a member of the Monroe United Methodist Church. Lynda enjoyed water aerobics at the YMCA, where she made many cherished friendships. She had a passion for traveling the world, was an avid reader, a proud member of several card clubs, and loved antiques. Above all, Lynda cherished time spent with her children and grandchildren, who were the greatest joy of her life.

Lynda is survived by her husband of nearly 58 years, Jim; children: Craig (Sara) Mauermann and Shelli (Robert) Becker; grandchildren: Courtney and Meghan Fowell, Abby (fiancé, Ethan Edwards), Matthew, and Elisabeth Mauermann; brothers-in-law: Ron (Lois) Mauermann and Wayne (Ruthie) Gibson; and nieces, nephews, extended relatives, and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sisters: Karen Gibson and Betty Edgar.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, April 25, at the Monroe United Methodist Church at 11 a.m. with Pastor JadyN Meyer officiating. Burial will be held at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, April 24, at Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home from 4 until 7 p.m. Condolences may be sent to the family at: shgfuneralhome.net.



Bernice
Koller-
Swartz

Bernice Koller-Swartz, age 95, of Brodhead, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 13, 2025, at Albany Oaks. She was born on January 1, 1930, in Poland, the daughter of Bernie and Anastazja (Hwinko) Sacker. Bernice graduated from Brodhead High School in 1948. She was first united in marriage to Joseph Koller, who preceded her in death in 1976. She later married Frank Swartz.

Bernice worked for many years as a secretary at Brodhead Water and Light, where she also met her husband. She retired from there in 1995. Bernice was also a waitress at the Chalet for several years. Bernice was a member of the Brodhead United Methodist Church and the VFW Auxiliary. In her free time, Bernice enjoyed sewing, knitting, ceramics, and tending to her beloved flower garden.

She is survived by her children: Susan Koller of Petaluma, California, Jeff Koller of Brodhead, and Jerry Koller of Brodhead; her grandchildren: Adam (Emily Kuehn) Koller and Brandi (Todd) Hoesly; her great-grandchildren: Braylon, Beau, and Briggs; and step-children: Dean (Ann) Swartz, David (Laurie) Swartz, and Dennis Swartz.

Bernice was preceded in death by her parents; both of her husbands, Joseph and Frank; her sister, Jenny Zimmerman; and her brother, Wesley.

Private family services will be held at a later date. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family during this time.

2025 Albany
Alumni
Banquet

The Albany Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 24th at the Albany Lions Building, 402 N Cincinnati Street. Social starts at 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., program 8 p.m., and is over at 9 p.m. The \$20 roast beef dinner is served family style.

Send money and reservations to Dan Weber, N5926 Marie Ct, Albany WI 53502. Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Any questions call Dan at 608-862-3260.

Save the Date
Oakley
Union UMC
Singalong

The Oakley Union UMC Singalong will be held Sunday, May 18, from 1-2 p.m. Music will be by Ernie Saunders and Friends. The Church is located at W2388 Gerber Road, Juda. The event will be followed by free refreshments and fellowship.

Breakfast
to Benefit
Badger Honor
Flight

The Monroe Moose Lodge will hold a Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight on Sunday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Lodge is located at 639 3rd Avenue, Monroe. Help send our veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorials built in their honor. The cost of the buffet style meal is adults \$11; children five years to 10 \$6 and children four and under are free.



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Please contact us to place a community event, engagement/wedding announcement, an advertisement, or nearly anything else.

Congregational
UCC’s Annual
Spring Fish
Boil

The Brodhead Congregational United Church of Christ will be having their Annual Spring Fish Boil on Saturday, May 3rd from 4:30 to 7 p.m.


The UCC located at E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, will serve their always delicious menu, which includes: boiled cod, potatoes, carrots, onions, coleslaw, rolls and butter, dessert and a variety of beverages. They will also offer take-out meals for adult priced tickets only.

Ticket cost is \$18 for full meal adult ticket. Buy on or before noon on Friday, May 2nd and receive \$2 off cost. Tickets on sale now! Available from any church member or by stopping in the church office between noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday.

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

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

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

MT. HOPE CEMETERY ANNUAL MEETING

The Mt. Hope Cemetery Association's annual meeting will be held Monday, April 28, at 7 p.m. at the Spring Grove Town Hall, County Road GG, Brodhead.

BRODHEAD LIONS SELLING ROSES

The Brodhead Lions are selling roses just in time for Mother's Day delivery. They will be selling a dozen roses for \$20. Contact any Lion or Jim Huffman at 608-558-1507 by Thursday, May 1 to ensure you get your dozen. Proceeds will be used to support our many community projects.

DLMRA ANNUAL MEETING

Decatur Lake and Mill Race Association (DLMRA) will be having its annual meeting on Saturday, April 26, from 1-3 p.m. in the Brodhead Public Library community room. The public is welcome in addition to all DLMRA members. Hear reports on the DLMRA fish stocking program successes, kids fishing programs, and there will be a short presentation by local ecologist, Steve Apfelbaum, on Three Waters Reserve activities and developments.

DLMRA would also like to draw your attention to the recreational survey being conducted by the City of Brodhead, <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BrodheadCORP>. This is a good opportunity for community input for improvements.

DLMRA is actively acquiring handicapped/limited mobility paddle craft access to our local waters as well as additional fishing piers. Your participation in this survey will help them obtain grant funding for this enhancement to local waterways.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Less than \$1 per person per year
Submitted by Barbara Flores, President,
Friends of the Durand Library

An executive order issued by the Trump administration Friday, March 14 is shrinking the Institute of Museum and Library Services. This agency is the nation's only federal program directed toward supporting America's libraries.

The agency is not being eliminated, that would take congressional action; it is being crippled. The 75 member staff, reduced in size by one half, has been instructed by the administration to meet only "statutory obligations," whatever that means.

The budget for this very small agency is approximately \$300,000,000, which amounts to a little less than a \$1 per person per year. This is, of course, barely a drop in the bucket of the \$3,570,000,000 the government has already spent in this fiscal year.

Much of the money spent by this agency has benefitted rural and underserved areas and small libraries and museums. The impact and consequences will become clearer in time. We hope that the interlibrary loan service for the Durand Library will continue and that other rural libraries who do not have a "home" in their school as we do, will have the resources to continue to provide uninterrupted service to their patrons.

Among the services offered by the Institute are Braille and talking books for the visually impaired and high speed internet access. One can visit the American Library Association website for a list of the many ways special library services have been supported through the Institute of Library and Museum Services.

Locally, the Durand Library is volunteer driven and hence there are no staff costs and our collaboration with the school means we have no building or maintenance costs. We are thankful for support from two public bodies, the Village of Durand and Laona Township. The Lions Club and generous individuals provide additional support, which is used for program costs and book acquisition.

On the other hand, as efficient as this arrangement is, we cannot match the services, which publicly funded libraries offer. Nor do we qualify for programs through the Illinois State Library or the Institute for Libraries and Museums.

Please visit and support the Durand Library by coming to programs and checking out books. There are many great books waiting to be read and programs on a variety of topics to be enjoyed. Please know that community interest and support is important to maintaining library services.

Library hours are Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evenings 6-8 p.m. For more information please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or check our Facebook page.

Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

The Footville Fire and EMS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26, from 6:30-11 a.m. at the fire station located at 252 N. Gilbert Street. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is adults \$10, children \$5 and two and under are free. Dine in, carry out and delivery available in Footville Fire District. Call 608-876-6118.

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

Brodhead Evening Garden Club Scholarship

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

Juda Fire and First Response open house

The members of the Juda Fire and First Response will be holding their annual open house on Sunday, April 27th from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Juda Fire Station and Community Center. A meal of brats, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and desserts along with beverages will be available for a free will donation. There will be fire truck rides all day for the kids along with free blood pressure screening and a demonstration at 1 p.m. Come down and see the department's equipment and chat with the department's members. Hope to see you on the 27th!

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Monroe Trumps Brodhead Baseball

By Teresa Earleywine

At Monroe last week, once the Cheesemakers bats got moving, the Cardinals found themselves in a hole to big to get out of. Brodhead scored first in the third but Monroe came back to score five, taking the lead and never relinquishing it. With two on base, top of the fifth, Gabe Bockhop connected for a high fly ball triple to score Braylon Strehlow and Clayton Elliott. Sam Searls was able get Bockhop home for the RBI to bring the score 4-5 and have the Cheesemakers within striking distance. Monroe sealed their victory with eight runs scored on six hits, bottom of the fifth. Brody Riese pitched 4.2 innings, compiled five strikeouts, took the loss for the Cards.

At Columbus on Friday, both teams presented with strong pitching. On the bump for the Brodhead was Searls who pitched six and one-third innings, recorded eight strikeouts, three hits and one run. Chase Bauman, second inning, doubles. Brooks Malkow sacrifices to move Bauman into scoring position. Max Pinnow singles a hard ground ball to left field, Bauman scores. But Columbus ties the game in the fourth. Enter the sixth inning,

Brodhead has one out, Searls is on third, Bauman is on first. Malkow is at the plate with one strike. Second pitch he connects for hardline drive to left field sending. Searls home to score giving Brodhead a 2-1 lead. Seventh inning, Searls is again on the mound. He gets the first out but Parker Vanderpahl is brought in for relief as Searls hits a 101-pitch count. The first batter he faces ends in a walk. B Carthew connects but the Cardinals turn a double play to finish the game in dramatic fashion.

Brodhead were up against Big Foot at home on Tuesday and travel to Big Foot on Thursday.

Softball Sees 2-for-3 Victories

By Teresa Earleywine

Though Brodhead collected five hits to Beloit Turner's two it was not enough as the Trojans eked out a 3-2 win. Ava Risum was on the hill for the Cards. Going the distance, she struck out 12 batters while throwing 102 pitches, 70 of them strikes. Natalie Pierce and Tatum Ceslok were credited for driving in two runs for the Cardinals. Olyvia Piranio also threw seven innings, striking out seven for Turner.

Game two was Brodhead hosting Clinton. Risum had a strong performance in the circle striking out 13 batters, walking one, allowed six hits. She captured a 4-2 win. At the plate her homerun over the left field

fence scored two runs. Ceslok and Keegan Steinke were at force at the plate connecting 2-for-3. As expected, it was tight game with Brodhead earning a 4-2 victory.

Hosting Big Foot on Friday, Brodhead scored in the first inning when Karlie Krumwide smacked a fly ball to left field to allow Risum to score. No addition scores until bottom of the fifth when Risum's ground ball hit and an error by the Chiefs puts her into scoring position at third base. At bat next is Leah Rear who triples while Risum scores. Madi Henning singles to left field, Rear scores and Brodhead leads 3-0 which will close out the game. Risum from the bump strikes out 14, and allowed zero hits and zero runs.

The Cards traveled to Edgerton on Tuesday and host Columbus on Friday.

Thanks for Reading...

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Cardinal pitcher Ava Risum struck out 39 batters in three games last week. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Sam Searls (file photo) is a strong pitcher for the Brodhead Juda team helping the Cards win in the game against Columbus last week. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brodhead Middle School hosted their first track meet of the season on Thursday, April 17th. They will have two more home meets on Monday, April 28th, and Thursday May 8th. Come on out and watch over 55 athletes run, jump and throw!



Above: Seventh-grade members of the Team of Outstanding Leaders delivered hand-crafted Easter eggs to the Brodhead Senior Village last week. The BMS TOOL values collaboration, leadership, and community service.



Pictured is Dave Novy, Brodhead School Superintendent receiving a donation check from Doug Johnson, Lions Treasurer, supporting the Student Field Trip fund.

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ALL IN STOCK

BJ Track Sweeps the Board in Quad Meet

By Teresa Earleywine

Hosting Clinton, Evansville, and Edgerton last week in a quad meet at Gary Larson Field, both boys and girls completed a sweep. Team results for the Cardinal men included 95–51 against Clinton, 86–60 over Edgerton, and 92-54 Evansville. Strong performances included Erik Woodward 11.4 and Tegan Pinnow 12.0 for a one-two punch in the 100m. Pinnow was victorious in long jump, 20'7", and second in high jump. Moore once again with a vault of 11' claimed first. In the 200m, Woodward 22.4 and Grayson Arn came in first and third. Maverick Plummer 2:11 was first in both 800m, and 1600m with a 4:57 time. In the 300m hurdles, Nolan Bump earned team points with a third- place finish and he along with Jorge Villalva, Plummer and TJ Hall claimed first, 3:41 in the 4x400 relay. Additional success came in the 4x100 with Woodward, Arn, Pinnow and Cohen Henze, 44.5, for first and Henze, Wyatt Keyser, Simon Moore and Jayden Clark running to second place in the 4x22 relay. Third place finishes in field events for Jordan Dix in shot-put and, Xavier Duncan toss of the discus, and Franco Ramirez in triple jump

The women's results are as follows; 99-47 to top Clinton, 93.5–52.5 over Edgerton and 109–37 for a solid win over Evansville. Brodhead women ruled in field events with four first place finishes; Elliana Shank, 8'6" pole vault and 15' 4.25" long jump, Brynn Riesterer, 90'3" discus, Madi Brown, 30' 11.25" triple jump and third in high jump. Brooke Mueller second and Lillian Sievers third to complete a 1-2-3 sweep with Brown in the triple jump. Stella Arn doubled with first place in 100m, 12.3, and, 26.3, in 200m, whereas in the 400m, Olivia Hartwig, 1:07 and Irene Fernandez, 1.12, claimed the top two spots. In hurdles competition, 300m Brielle Engen captured second and teammate Chesney Walker was third in both 300m and 100m. The 4x100m relay of Shank, Taya Hawkins, Kennedy Lerch and Abby Withrow finished at the top, 56.2, and in the 4x200, the Cardinals; Brooklynne Ramirez, Hawkins, Mueller, and Bernice Bevars, with a time of 2:05, landed another first place. Second places were earned by Shank, Engen, Fernandez and Hartwig in the 4x400m, and Engen, Avalynn Plummer, Kasia London and Korrie Mumm, in the 4x800m.

The annual Jim Church Invite will happen on Friday, 4 p.m., this week in Brodhead.



The 4x100 foursome of Eric Woodward, Grayson Arn, Tegan Pinnow and Cohen Henze, with a time of 44.5 finished in first. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Simon Moore vaulted to 11' to claim top spot.



Kennedi Lerch hands off to Taya Hawkins in the women's 4x100m relay, with Elliana Shank and Abby Withrow, the team captured first place.



In the triple jump, Madi Brown led all competitors.

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School Board Seeks Finance Committee Volunteer

The Brodhead School Board is seeking a community volunteer to serve on its Finance Committee. The Finance Committee is a standing committee of the Board, and provides guidance and oversight to budgeting procedures. Committee membership currently includes three Board members, the District Administrator, the Finance Manager and a community volunteer.

The Board is seeking to add a second community volunteer to serve on this Committee. It is hoped that the community representative will bring some experience in public sector finance or other financial experience.

Individuals interested in serving in this position should submit a short letter of interest, providing an overview of their qualifications for the appointment. The letter of interest should be submitted to the District Office no later than 3 p.m. on Monday, May 5.

Time commitment for this appointment will include a monthly meeting prior to the Board meeting each second Wednesday of the month. This monthly meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. and ends prior to the 6 p.m. Board meeting. Finance Committee members are encouraged, but not required, to stay for the Board meeting. Occasionally the Committee will meet earlier, to provide additional time for budget work. Additional meetings may be scheduled by the Committee as needed. Term of appointment will run for two years, concurrent with School Board Committee appointments (typically May to April).

Individuals needing more information on this Committee appointment are encouraged to visit with any Board member, or contact Superintendent Dave Novy at 608-897-2141.

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April Chapter Meeting— Wisconsin Farmers Union, South Central Chapter

Submitted by Matt Sheaffer, Chapter Secretary

The April Chapter Meeting of the Wisconsin Farmers Union, South Central Chapter will be Sunday, April 27th, 1:30-5 p.m. at Seven Acre Dairy 6858 Paoli Road, Paoli, Wisconsin.

April Chapter Meeting—BioChar Event: Demo, Workshop and Movie South Central, Dane, Kenosha/Jefferson/ Racine and Walworth County WFU chapters are joining together to offer an educational event about Regenerative BioChar. The DNR's Brian Zweifel and NRCS's Kristin Foehringer will be on hand to talk about what BioChar is and how you can make BioChar rich carbon for small-scale farm or garden soil. The Ring of Fire BioChar making demonstration will be on the banks of the Sugar River alongside the Seven Acre Dairy at 1:30 p.m. followed by Q&A, talk, snacks and 3:30-5 p.m. movie in the Seven Acre Dairy Hotel. Earth Conscious Film's "The Need to Grow" movie showcases BioChar inventor, urban intensive small-scale gardening, soil solutions and the fight for non-GMO foods. The award-winning movie is a family-friendly documentary. The event is free and open to all but reservations are required and seating is limited. Please RSVP to penny@stillpoint.farm

Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder.

Did you know that more than half of women over age 50 experience issues with bladder or bowel control? These problems can be slightly bothersome or totally debilitating. For some women, the chance of embarrassment keeps them from enjoying many activities and can take control of their life.

A popular workshop in Rock County can help! Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder is a workshop designed to give women the tools they need to take control of their bladder and bowel symptoms. The workshop provides information, group activities, and simple exercises and dietary changes to practice at home. The workshop consists of three, two-hour sessions over the course of a month. Dedication to the series of three classes is required. This is a workshop for females, taught by a female for those age 60+.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Rock County is offering a Mind over Matter workshops this spring in Beloit on (3) Wednesday mornings from 10:00 am-12 noon on: May 6, 20, and 29, and June 3, 2025, at Grinnell Hall Senior Center, 631 Bluff Street, Beloit. Facilitator is Sherril Gilbertson. Suggested donation is \$10 to cover cost of materials.

Space is limited, please register by Wednesday, April 30, to reserve a spot! Contact Health Promotion Coordinator, Lisa Messer, of the ADRC of Rock County at: 608-757-5309 or email: lisa.messer@co.rock.wi.us.

GCDC's Elevate Entrepreneurs-Pitch Series to be held in May

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), the Bank of New Glarus, Southwest Wisconsin Small Business Center (SBDC), and the New Glarus Chamber are partnering up to host a three-part coaching series and pitch contest beginning Thursday, May 1. This series will prepare entrepreneurs to pitch their business ideas to local lenders and leaders for a chance at cash prizes.

The series kicks off Thursday, May 1 with focused attention on building your business plan. Nora Roughen-Schmidt with Southwest Wisconsin SBDC will help participants get focused on the core elements of their business plan. On Thursday, May 8 participants will work on their pitch plans and have one-to-one opportunities to work with Roughen-Schmidt and GCDC's Executive Director Olivia Otte to polish their pitches. On Thursday, May 15 participants will get a chance to pitch their business to local judges. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three best pitches based on a scoring system that will be presented prior to that evening.

Previous pitch contestants have indicated the pitch contest experience

Juda School District Board Meeting April 9th, 2025

•Accepted the resignation of Julia Sribnyak, Middle School and High School Counselor.

•Approved the CESA 2 contract for the 2025/2026 school year.

•Accepted a donation in the amount of \$93.93 from Klitzman Feed and Seed for milk for the students.

•Traci Davis updated the board on the many activities taking place at the school over the next month and a half.

•Thanked outgoing board members Laura Powers and Courtney Martins for their years of service to the board and welcome new board members Kendra Sullivan and Eric Munz. Reorganization of the board will take place and the May meeting.

•Scheduled end of year meeting with the staff and board for Monday, May 12th at 3:30 p.m.

•Heard an update from the Recreation District. Project on home side dugout has been completed, sponsoring a trip to the Madison Mallards game on Friday, June 13th, Juda Bash is scheduled for Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st. Next meeting is Wednesday, April 23rd at 3:30 p.m.

•Approve an overnight trip for the Senior Class to the Wisconsin Dells on Sunday, May 18th and Monday, May 19th.

•Coming out of Executive Session the board approved the hiring of Teagan Shelton for the High School English Teachers position. Approved the hiring of Ariel Foesch for the 4K/Interventionist position. Approved language changes in the Teachers Contracts. Approved a preliminary notice of non-renewal for a teacher due to budgetary reasons.

•Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. Please note change in start time due to concert at the school.

was a great opportunity to pull the details of their business together in a comprehensive way for use in any situation, but especially with potential investors and customers. Previous winners have used their cash prize for marketing purposes, equipment purchases, and hiring a consultant to explore ways to grow their business. All have commented on the valuable information and feedback received by simply taking part in the program.

All sessions are held on Thursdays from 6-7:30 p.m. at Bailey's Run Vineyard and Winery in New Glarus. The program is free to attend. Registration is required, and attendance at all sessions is required to participate in the pitch contest. Participation in the pitch contest is optional.

Registration is required and can be completed at bit.ly/4hP5w3v

Elevate Entrepreneurs is an umbrella for business support offered by GCDC. GCDC is focused on assisting entrepreneurs and business owners through educational programs, loan programs, consultation, and referrals.

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Garage Sales



501 E, 5th Avenue, Five family garage sale—Thurs., Apr. 24, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Fri., Apr. 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sat., Apr. 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Air fryer, electric fry pan, popcorn machine, TV, other small kitchen appliances, Canon movie camera, luggage, clothes/coats for men, women and kids—size small-XL—mostly brands names (Under Armor, Nike, Lululemon, Calvin Klein, North Face), all in excellent condition, household decor, 31 Bags, YETIS, women's shoes sizes 8, 9 & 9 1/2, antique crates, books, and lots of miscellaneous for kids and adults. Priced to sell and all TARIFF Free. Venmo accepted. Come stock up.

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District 8 AA locations

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Josh and Liz Steiner of Heaven View Dairy to Host 45th Annual Green County Breakfast on the Farm

The Green County Ag Chest is eager to announce the return of the 45th Annual Breakfast on the Farm event. On Saturday, May 31st, Josh and Liz Steiner and family of Heaven View Dairy graciously invite you to join them at the farm for a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, cheese, home-made coffee cake, milk, coffee and orange juice, along with strawberry ice cream sundaes. Breakfast will be served from 6 to 10 a.m. The farm is located at N303 County Road HK, Monroe. Parking will be available on-site, weather permitting, however, transportation provided via bussing from WalMart Supercenter in Monroe from 5:30-9:30 a.m. is highly encouraged as space is limited. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 for adults (ages 11 and older), \$5 for youth (ages five-10) and free for children (ages four and under). Entertainment during the breakfast will consist of the State Line Play Boys band from 7 to 10 a.m., an antique tractor display and petting zoo, as well as agricultural education stations and various craft vendors. The Ag Chest looks forward to seeing you back on the farm for breakfast on May 31st!



Family members pictured in the attached photo: Joshua and Liz Steiner, daughters Natalie and Breann, son Jonathon and his fiancé Kyley with their two children, Leland and Sophia.

Green County Genealogical Society to present “Laura Ingalls Wilder”

The Green County Genealogical Society will present “Laura Ingalls Wilder” portrayed by Jessica Michna. The presentation is Saturday, May 3, at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor.



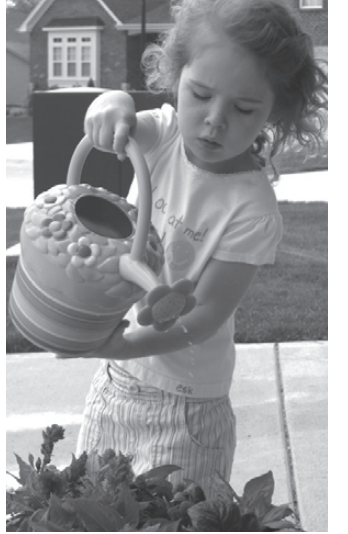
Originally from Pennsylvania, Jessica Michna developed a love of history at an early age. She and her family visited many historic sites throughout America. Her school years would find her appearing in various productions, in addition to costume design and construction.

Her love of theater and history would eventually bring Jessica to found her company, “First Impressions.” Since its founding in the year 2000, Jessica has expanded her repertoire to include 17 historic figures.

In 2016 she was awarded the Presidential Service Center’s Distinguished Service award for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies. Jessica is particularly fond of performing for senior groups and communities. The life experiences of those in her senior audiences enhances her understanding of life stories. She often reminds her audiences that everyone has a history and encourages them to record their own life stories. “History is not a litany of which generals died under which tree. It is the story and life experiences of each human life.”

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

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By Laura Roth, Children’s Librarian

It was Worm Weather and Puddles during preschool story time at Albertson Memorial Library last week! There were plenty of worms made using tissue-wrapped straws, markers, and water. Add a drop of water and the worms wiggle like they’re alive! The puddles came out again and everyone had a grand time jumping in them. Even the youngest had fun sitting in the puddles. Finally, oil pastels and blue watercolor paints make pretty good pictures of rain and clouds. At the end of the hour, there’s plenty of fun at the train table and coloring the worksheet.

Next week is the second half of “April Showers Bring May Flowers.” How long does it take for a flower seed to grow? What does a seed need to grow? Fingerprint flowers are also on the agenda.

Albertson Memorial Preschool Story Time meets each Tuesday at 10 a.m. There are only a few weeks left before we take a break for the Summer Library Programming (Color Our World—you DON’T want to miss this!), so won’t you join us? We’d love to welcome new friends!







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The Brodhead Jaycees are asking for the community's help to bring in funds for a splash pad at Jaycee Park! Our Community Calendar fund-raiser is a great opportunity for anyone in the community to get involved and help get us closer to our goal of building a splash pad! All you need to do is pick up a Splash Pad Calendar Fund-raiser form and collect donations to fill each square on your calendar. Calendars are being circulated in this week's edition of the Free Press, as well as the following locations: The Bank of Brodhead, the Bank of New Glarus-Brodhead, Brodhead Memorial Public Library, Piggly Wiggly, and Brodhead City Hall. Each calendar turned in with donations equal or greater than all donation squares being filled (\$496 or more) by Saturday, June 7, will receive a \$50 gift card to any Brodhead business of their choice! Any calendar returned with less than \$496 will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 gift card. Completed forms and checks (made out to the Brodhead Jaycees) can be mailed to the Brodhead Jaycees, PO Box 283, Brodhead WI 53520; or can be turned in in-person at their Summer Kickoff Party fund-raiser on Saturday, June 7th from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Jaycee Park. For questions, to arrange pick up of cash donations, or to discuss alternate payment methods please contact Katie at 608-921-1199 or brodheadjaycees@gmail.com. Thank you all for your support, and happy fund-raising!



What a great group of people that traveled to San Antonio on the Bank of Brodhead bus trip. They left on Saturday, March 29th and returned on Sunday, April 6th. Some of the highlights included guided tour of San Antonio, spending time on the Riverwalk and a cruise. Time was spent at the Witte Museum and the National Museum of the Pacific War. They visited three missions including the Alamo. One day was spent touring the hill country, including a visit to the LBJ Ranch and a stop in Luckenbach, Texas. As they headed home there was a stop at the Magnolia Market at the Silos in Waco, Texas. Everyone was glad to arrive in Brodhead safe and sound after traveling through rain, storms, more rain and flooding in Arkansas and Missouri.

Exciting Announcement: New Ag and Commercial Lender Joins Bank of Brodhead!

We are thrilled to introduce Jill Uhe as the newest member of our Bank of Brodhead family. With over 15 years of experience in the banking and lending industry, Jill brings a wealth of knowledge, expertise, and a proven track record of success.



Jill began her career as a personal banker, where she quickly developed a passion for helping clients with their financial needs. She then transitioned into an Ag Loan Assistant role, where she honed her skills in credit analysis. With this strong foundation, Jill is uniquely positioned to provide our customers with tailored financial solutions and exceptional service.

A proud native of southern Wisconsin, Jill grew up on a dairy farm outside of Evansville, and her deep-rooted connection to this community makes her a perfect fit for Bank of Brodhead. Together with her husband, Buck, Jill continues to farm, and they have two children, Benny and Brianna.

Jill is passionate about working with beginning farmers and guiding families through farm transition planning. Having faced her own struggles during her family's farm transition, she is committed to ensuring others do not encounter the same obstacles. Her personal experiences give her a unique understanding of the challenges farmers face, and she is dedicated to helping her clients succeed.

Outside of work, Jill enjoys spending time with her family at cow shows and sporting events. She is also very active in her community, serving on the Rock County Farm Bureau Board and contributing to her church. Jill holds a B.S. degree from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

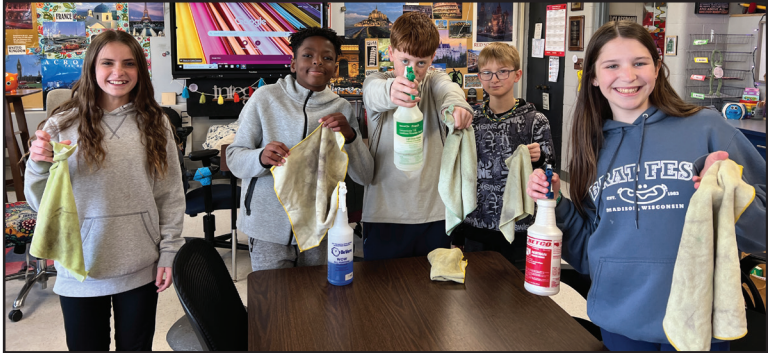
We are confident that her experience, passion, and local ties will make her an invaluable addition to our team. Please join us in welcoming Jill to Bank of Brodhead. We are excited to have her on board, and we look forward to the positive impact she will bring to both our bank and the communities we serve.

"We are excited to expand our presence in southern Wisconsin, and having experienced professionals like Jill on board is an important part of this growth," added Mike Olson, President and CEO of Bank of Brodhead. "We are committed to providing exceptional, customized service and supporting the financial success of our neighbors, whether they are farmers, business owners, or homeowners."

About Bank of Brodhead

For over 125 years, Bank of Brodhead has been proudly serving the financial needs of southern Wisconsin. With a deep commitment to community banking, we offer a broad array of services, including personal and business banking, digital solutions, mortgages, and specialized lending for agriculture and commercial enterprises. As we continue to grow, we remain dedicated to helping our customers achieve their financial goals. We're excited to expand our presence and strengthen our support for the vibrant communities of Brodhead, Orfordville, and now in Milton.

For more information about Bank of Brodhead, visit BankOfBrodhead.com



Sixth-grade TOOL members actively participated in spring cleaning projects around Brodhead Middle School. On a beautiful Friday morning, many students chose to rake, while others dusted the foyer shelves or changed the message on the sign out front. Proud members of the Team of Outstanding Leaders proved that many hands make light work.