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Carol Pawlisch, with son Ben, accepted the plaque honoring Dr. Ray Pawlisch

Friends of Brodhead High School Dr. Ray Pawlisch

Dr. Ray Pawlisch has dedicated his entire adult life to the community of Brodhead and the surrounding communities. The community of Brodhead held great significance to him and he worked hard to make a meaningful impact. Dr. Pawlisch practiced as a veterinarian at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center since 1982 and was honored as the Veterinarian of the Year in 2017. Where Ray will be most known is the impact he had on the

community of Brodhead and the Brodhead School District.

Mike and Jenny Flory

Some people support education with words. The Florys support it with action... and with heart. They are passionate, unwavering advocates for music education in our schools. Because of their generosity, our students don't just learn music—they experience it at a higher level. A concert piano now enriches the High School Band Department. An electronic piano strengthens learning in the Middle School Band. Three new timpanis give young percussionists the chance to feel the power and precision of orchestral sound. And a brand new bassoon has opened doors for students in the Brodhead Band Department, putting a beautiful and often rare instrument into eager hands. But their impact doesn't stop at instruments. When our music students traveled to New York City, a trip filled with inspiration and unforgettable memories, Mike and Jennifer helped make a special dinner cruise possible—turning a great trip into a magical one. And while their support for the arts is incredible, it's only part of the story. You'll find them at sporting events too—Mike and Jennifer volunteering as ticket takers, greeting families with a smile. You'll find them giving their time to help run track meets, making sure events go smoothly for our athletes. Jennifer's dedication to students and schools goes even further. As a member of the school board, she helps guide the direction of our district. In the spring of 2025, when support was needed most, she stepped in and served as a school counselor for four months, offering care, stability, and compassion to students who needed someone to listen. And Mike? His spirit of service stretches into the broader community as a strong advocate and volunteer at the Kelch Aviation Center, helping inspire curiosity and learning beyond the classroom walls. Together, Mike and Jennifer Flory remind us what community truly means.



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

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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.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jady 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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OBITUARIES



Mary Lou Geasland

Mary Lou Geasland, 81, of Monroe, passed away, surrounded by her family, on Thursday, March 5, 2026.

Mary was born on December 28, 1944, in Cherokee, Iowa. She married Glenn Geasland on June 6, 1963 and together they raised four daughters: Cathy, Cora, Billie, and Glenda. Mary later made her home in Brodhead, Wisconsin, where she raised her girls and built a life centered around family.

Mary worked at Pleasant View Nursing Home for a number of years. After retiring, she continued doing what she loved most—caring for her family. Strong in her convictions and deeply devoted to those she loved, Mary was the steady foundation of her home. Her kitchen was always open, and she made sure no one ever left hungry.

Mary is survived by her daughters: Billie (Dan) Nipple of Brodhead and Cora (Kelvin) Pryor of Beloit; nine grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents: James and Viola Miles; daughters: Cathy Rufenacht and Glenda Shirley; six brothers; and her former husband, Glenn Geasland.

Per Mary's wishes no services will be held. Condolences may be directed to Billie Nipple, N2833 County Rd GG, Brodhead, WI 53520.

The family would like to thank Our House Memory Care and Agrace Hospice for providing such wonderful and compassionate care.



Barbara Moon

Barbara Moon, age 81, of Brodhead, passed away on Monday, March 2, 2026, at Pleasant View Nursing Home, Monroe.

Barbara enjoyed playing Scrabble with her many friends.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, Robert Moon; a daughter, Lynette Andrews of Woodford, Wisconsin; seven grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and a sister, Sandra Hare of Atlanta, Georgia.

She was preceded in death by parents, and two sons: Steven and Keith.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

2026 Gap Church Cemetery Notice

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Wednesday, April 15th to allow adequate time to clean up.

Do not place spring or summer items until Friday, May 1st.

Gap Church Cemetery, W2401 State Highway 59, Albany, Wisconsin.

Basketball contest

The highest scoring game for the final week was men's Wisconsin vs. Purdue, 97-93. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Lynette VonAllmen, with one incorrect game and 92 points. Tom Brewer—88 points and Curt Elmer—85 points, both of Albany, also had one incorrect.

Thank you to all who participated and our sponsors.

Classifieds: \$6 for 20 words (10 cents per word, thereafter)



By Sarah Carpenter

There are several exciting events coming up at the Brodhead Memorial Public Library, along with an important schedule reminder for patrons.

Please note that the library will be closing early at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 18 for an all-staff training day. The library will be open that day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and we appreciate your understanding as staff take part in training to better serve the community.

Fans of romance novels can look forward to the next meeting of The Spice Rack. The group will meet on Friday, March 27 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss *Bride* by Ali Hazelwood. Participants are encouraged to bring a snack or appetizer to share. This book club is open to ages 18 and older only, and copies of the book are available for checkout at the library.

Looking ahead to April, the library is excited to welcome Wisconsin author Claire Swinarski for a special visit on Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. This event will be a joint gathering of Books and Brews and the Brodhead Book Club, where attendees will discuss her novel *The Funeral Ladies* of Ellerie County. You do not need to be a member of either book club to attend, and everyone is welcome to join the conversation. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library, and themed refreshments will be served during the event.

There is also still time to sign up for the upcoming Antique Appraisal event sponsored by the Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library. Mark Moran, Antique Appraiser, will be at the library on Saturday, March 28, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to evaluate personal items. The cost is \$15 per item, payable by cash or check to the library. Call the library to reserve your spot, and visit the event page on the library's website or the Friends' Facebook page for more information about acceptable items.

We look forward to seeing you at the library soon!

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for His friends. ~John 15:13

The love of Jonathan for David was great and the love of Ruth for Naomi was genuine. However, such love pales into insignificance when compared to the love of the Lord for each one of us. The love of our Lord cannot be contained or calculated. The greatest evidence of the love was Calvary. We humbly praise and thank Him today for the love displayed to each one of us. —John M. Clegg

*The love that Jesus had for me,
To suffer on that cruel tree,
That I a ransomed soul might be,
Is more than tongue can tell.* —Jane E. Hall

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Green County Amateur Radio Breakfast

The Green County Amateur Radio will hold a breakfast meeting on Saturday, March 14, at 9 a.m. at Swiss Alps Restaurant, 804 4th Avenue West, Monroe. All licensed and interested individuals are invited to attend. For any questions please call 608-558-0629.



Greenwood Cemetery notice

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Wednesday, April 1st, to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place spring or summer items until Friday, May 1st.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

3/8 Final standings: I'd Smack That won 49 lost 5, The Goon Squad 43-11, Victorious Secret 36-18, Getting Diggy With It 31-23, Super Soy 31-23, That's What She Set 31-23, Killer Serves 26-28, All Sets Are Off 27-27, One Hit Wonders 26-28, Net Ninjas 23-31, Fambam Slammers 21-33, Cactus Squad 15-39, Hit Happens 13-41, It's A Set Up 6-48.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5k and up will take place Monday, February 16th-Friday, March 13th. Please stop down to City Hall between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, to sign your child up. After 4:30, registration packet(s) and payment can be placed in the drop box outside of City Hall. Anyone signing up after Friday, March 13th, if spots are still available, will pay a \$20 late fee. Registration forms are also available on the City of Brodhead website at www.cityofbrodheadwi.us

There are several leagues to accommodate the different age groups:

Girls: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and 14U 7-8 grade (\$50)

Boys: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and Pony's 7th grade (\$80)

Forms need to be completed and turned in with a fee by Friday, March 13th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call the Pool & Rec Department at 608-897-2159.

Fund-raising Agreement. As an adult registering a child to participate in the BYBP for the coming year, the player fee charged does not cover the full cost of your child's participation in the BYBP. The BYBP requires each child who participates in the BYBP to participate in an annual fund-raiser.

BRODHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HOME SHOW AND TRADE EXPO

The Second Annual Brodhead Chamber Home Show and Trade Expo is returning—bigger, brighter, and packed with opportunity. Showcasing local contractors, shops, service providers, and creators, this is their moment to shine and the community's opportunity to support local. Taking place Saturday, March 21st, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Brodhead High School. Admission is free!

BRODHEAD LIONS AND LEOS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Brodhead Lions and Leos are having their spring pancake breakfast to raise money for Brodhead School District field trips. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 28, at Albrecht Elementary School, from 7 to 11 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. There is no charge for the meal. They are asking only for your free will donation.

The Durand Library to host a presentation on the railroad in Illinois and its effect on the economy, society and culture

Mike Matejka presents a free program "What's Coming Down the Line? The Railroad in the American Mind" Tuesday, March 24. The Friends of the Durand Library is partnering with the Otter Creek Historical Society to host this presentation.

Illinois is the nation's railroad crossroads. Railroads not only accelerated Illinois' economic development and population boom but the train itself became an icon, which influenced American culture. People gathered along the tracks to watch the powerful and speedy trains arrive and they marveled at the opulent, Illinois-built Pullman cars.

"We are delighted to host this event," said Friends President Barbara Flores. "Mike is an outstanding speaker and steeped in knowledge about railroads. She added, "Indeed, the Village of Durand with its lovely 19th century buildings developed due to the railroad which ran through town."

The national land-based transportation network radically changed the economy, how people traveled, and how corporate structure evolved. Rail workers were seen as heroic as they labored in a hazardous occupation. The railroad became a cultural symbol, reflected in advertising, cinema, and children's toys.

Mike is an historian, writer and community organizer with a passion for Illinois labor and transportation history and he has years of experience presenting to a wide range of audiences.

This event is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar Speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music, politics, and more, at no cost to host organizations. The program enables local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities.

The program is slated for Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria area of the Durand School located at 200 W. South Street, Durand, Illinois. Audience members are asked to enter through the West Activity Entrance. For more information, email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602.

Illinois Humanities is a statewide nonprofit organization that activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that spark conversation, foster reflection, build community, and strengthen civic engagement for everyone in Illinois. Founded in 1974, we are the state partner for the National Endowment for the Humanities and supported by state, federal, and private funds. Stay connected with Illinois Humanities on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn @ILHumanities.

Albany High Alumni Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held at the Albany High School gym on Saturday, April 11th. Games will start at approximately 9 a.m. that day and will continue till around 6 p.m. with the final championship game. Food will be available to purchase.

This is their only fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to scholarships for deserving seniors. Please come out and support this worthwhile cause. They hope to see you there!

Albany Historical Society presents "SHOW and TELL"

The Albany Historical Society will present "SHOW and TELL" on Tuesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Speakers will be members and visitors presenting stories of items, photographs, etc. of local and/or historical interest. Anyone is welcome to participate.

The museum is located at 119 N. Water Street in downtown Albany. Visitors are welcome. No charge for admittance. The program follows a short business meeting.

Any questions email: jcopus1@frontier.com or call 608-214-8289.

Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecroft luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecroft cordially invite you to their "Come Fly With Me" luncheon on Wednesday, March 18, at noon. The cost is \$16. The luncheon will be held at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Road 81, Monroe. Men are welcome

The guest speaker is Randy Zemlicka, of Darlington, will present "Running the Marathon of Life." Randy has run a marathon in all 50 states. He grew up on a farm near Cobb, Wisconsin, and is a retired computer programmer. The Local Spotlight will feature Ami Eckard-Lee, from Kelch Aviation Museum, of Brodhead.

Reservations are due by Friday, March 13, by calling Kari at 608-558-0717 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.

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The family of **BEVERLY CURTIS** would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, memorials, visits and comforting words.

Thank you to Jarod and the staff at DL Newcomer Funeral Home.

She will be missed but left a loving and caring legacy.



Albrecht Elementary accepting 4K and 5K applications

Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four (4) by September 1st of this year, he/she will be eligible to attend school in the fall. New this year—ALL DAY 4K PROGRAM!!

You and your child are invited to participate in a special night set aside for incoming 4K children and their families. This year 4K Enrollment and Information Night will be held on Thursday, March 26th between 4 and 7 p.m. We are asking that you and your child sign up to attend one 1-hour session that evening.

The 4K Team will keep your child company while engaging them in a play based environment in the 4K classrooms. The parent information portion will be for parents to hear about our program and answer any questions you may have.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, or wish to learn more about our program, please call Albrecht Elementary School at 608-897-2146 or you can email Ashley Smith at ashleysmith@brodhead.k12.wi.us They are looking forward to hearing from you!



National Honor Society New Inductees—back row, left to right: Tegan Pinnow, Jorge Villalva, Logan Berzinski, Brooke Mueller, Lily Scheidegger, Madison Melvin, Eve Droessler; middle row: Jayde Blizzard, Emberly Ast, Abigail Vickers, Chesney Walker, Maddie Hawkins, Kylee Cole, Laney Fraley-Markley; front row: Kara Lohmar, Brielle Engen, Leah Rear, Elliana Shank, Dakota Carlson, Lillian Sievers. Missing: Mara Meichtry.



National Honor Society Current Members—back row, left to right: Lane Visger, Brynn Riesterer, Gretchen Kammerer, Addie Leifker, Annelise Bethke; middle row: Danica Demrow, Karli Krumwiede, Keegan Steinke, Serena Santiago, Taya Anderson; front row: Laney Weis, Jenna Dougherty, Aubrie Yoshida, Taiya Hawkins, Alecia Dahl. Missing: Jordan Menehan.



Middle School Band students that performed at Solo and Ensemble.

Music In Our Schools

By Jenny Flory, President, Brodhead Music Boosters

March is Music In Our Schools Month. Brodhead has four dedicated music educators working with our students every day. Let's get to know a little bit about them.

Jennifer Perry-Jones has taught for 15 years total with the last six being here in Brodhead. She works with our youngest students, teaching general music to kindergarten through fourth grade. When asked why she became a music educator, she replied, "I had wonderful experiences in music as a student. My music teachers inspired me. Music is exciting and every day of every year is different. Most of all, I really want to share my love of music with children." She hopes that children leave her classroom having learned that 'whether they listen to, play, or create music, it can enhance every part of their entire life.' What was the last live music performance she saw? Hamilton and it was incredible!

Beth Riesterer has spent the last 19 years teaching in Brodhead. Beth teaches sixth grade band, seventh/eighth grade band, sixth grade music, and team-teaches the fifth grade band and high school band. Why did she become a music educator? "Music education isn't only about notes and rhythms. It's about teaching perseverance and responsibility. It's about collaboration, listening, leadership, and confidence. I became a music educator because I love working with students. There is something incredibly special about watching young musicians grow—from hesitant beginners to confident performers. It's fun to see the potential in them before they see it in themselves. I value the relationships built in rehearsals, the teamwork that forms a "band family," and the pride students feel after a successful performance. These moments are so special." When asked what she hopes her students leave her classroom with, Beth replied, "In music, students learn life skills — discipline, accountability, empathy, and resilience — that extend far beyond our performances. My hope is that they carry these skills with them long after they leave my classroom. More than anything, I hope they leave not only as stronger musicians, but also as kinder, more compassionate people. If they walk away valuing hard work, showing empathy toward others, and striving to be good humans, then I know I have truly made a difference." The last live music performance seen? The UW Varsity Band!

Jason Riesterer has spent the last 23 years teaching in Brodhead. He teaches the high school concert and symphonic bands, and team-teaches fifth grade band. In addition, he teaches high school independent music theory. Jason said that band was always his favorite class in school. He continued, "It was the place for me to go and fit in at school." He remarked that he would like students leaving his classroom knowing how to work together to achieve a goal, to not be afraid to make mistakes, and to work each day to make improvements. The last live performance seen? University of Wisconsin Platteville Wind Ensemble and the Tri State Honors Band.

Sara Carr has taught for four years in Brodhead. Sara teaches fifth grade general music, sixth grade choir, seventh/eighth grade choir, high school concert choir, and chamber choir. When asked why she became a music educator, Sara said, "Music has been a constant in my life from a young age. It was and is my escape, my source of joy, and something I felt good at. Growing up, I was very fortunate to learn from music educators who didn't just teach notes but instilled a lifelong appreciation and love for music. Now that I'm a music educator, I hope to do the same for the next generation. I hope my students can leave my classroom with an appreciation for music, a sense of community, and a love for making music together." In addition, she would like students to leave with empathy for others, a sense of community, and a love for music. Sara's last live music performance seen? You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown.



High School Concert Band students that performed at Solo and Ensemble.



High School Symphonic Band students that performed at Solo and Ensemble.

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Celebrating Our Young Visionaries: Youth Art Month Comes to Brodhead

Since 1961, March has been recognized nationally as Youth Art Month, a time to celebrate a vital pillar of a child's education. While core subjects provide the foundation, art offers the soul; it is a space where our children learn to express themselves, tap into their creative imaginations, and experiment with a world of materials through multi-sensory experiences.

Beyond the canvas, art serves as a powerful teacher. It fosters critical thinking, helps students forge connections with their heritage and history, and opens their eyes to the beauty of diverse cultures. This month, our community has a front-row seat to see that growth in action.

A Showcase of Local Talent

Throughout the month of March, the Brodhead Memorial Public Library will be transformed into a vibrant gallery featuring the work of our very own local students. This exhibition highlights the hard work and dedication of young artists from:

- Albrecht Elementary School, under the guidance of Tiffany Shelton.
- Brodhead Middle School, led by Erica Foulker.
- Brodhead High School, directed by Erika Raess

Moving art from the classroom to a public setting gives these students a profound sense of accomplishment and allows the community to see the world through their eyes.

What to Look For—Our students have been busy experimenting with a wide array of mediums and techniques. Here is a sneak peek at what you can expect to see:

Brodhead High School Highlights:

- Painting Class: passion painting, color wheels, oil painting, and color theory animal projects
- Ceramic and Sculpture Class: thrown pottery, pinch pot creations, slab tiles, and paper mache

Fundamentals of Design: Japanese Notans, Lined Landscapes, Color Theory Images, and Clay cylinders

Brodhead Middle School Highlights:

- Fifth Grade:
 - Sixth Grade: Coil pots and contour line shoe drawings.
 - Seventh Grade: Tangible and expressive Plaster Hand Sculptures.
 - Eighth Grade: Monochromatic Self-Portraits and clay whistles.
- Albrecht Elementary School Highlights:
- A diverse collection from kindergarten through fourth Grade, showcasing the building blocks of creativity through painting, print making, collage, drawing, jewelry making, and paper manipulation.

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Albrecht Elementary School

Back: Mia Rackow, Brooks Wenger, Owen Schenk, Wyatt Lincicum, Miles Wasmund, Eileigh Loffelholz, Breyleigh Loffelholz, Henry Huffman, Eden Bates, Axel Hefty; **middle:** Dominic Drossler, Eleonore Mussared Varga, Miles Schleim, Cheyanna Jordan, Bryn Schenk, Sara Keyser, Wynnie Weis, Shaw Guilbault, Maisyn Schleim; **front:** Calvin Moore, Jaxson Jordan, Savannah Roemer, Chloe Riemer, Dottie Logan, Lennon Porterfield, Vinny Hasselman, Sloane Broughton. **Not Pictured:** Wesley Burton, Avionna Morris, Cullen Johnson.



High School—front row: Annah Loss, Jai'Lynn Amundson, Miranda Nelson, Josslyn Anderson; **second row:** Paola Lemus Hernandez, Isabela Valentin, Harper



Brodhead Middle School

Fifth Grade Students—back row: Mia Riley, Anais Mukosa, Lucy Curless, Juniper Carvalho, Lola Buchanan, Cohen Wurster, Paisley Runaas, and Lillyanna Messenger; **middle row:** Charlize Hopwood, Silas Harnack, Breana Ramirez-Rodrigues, Quetzaly Rodriguez-Valdivia, Grace Bliss, Hannah Wallace, Jayda Oellerich, Cambria Elmer and Charles Ends; **front row:** Izabella Aguilar, Alexa Contreras Becerril, Kaylee Marass, Kaylin Falk, and Rory Freeland. **Not photographed:** Kamryn Petts and Natalie Grosshuesch.



Sixth Grade Students—back row: Colvin Diedrick, Eliza Sievers, Julia Pierce, Helen Logan, Rosalee Cephas, Paige Zimmerman, Fay Menuey, Claire Hefty, Chesnie Hume, Sierra Miyagawa, Amelia Daly, and Desi Hicks; **front row:** Reece Clark, Braxtyn Menehan, Winston Waelti, Cedric Kramer, Brooks Kempel, Rylee Helgestad, Emma Tuttle, and Jocelyn Guadalupe Mondragon.



Seventh Grade Students—back row: Aria Yoshida, Magdalen Wilson, Mac Wand, Jaxson Demrow, Kaleb Bliss, Silas Workman, Michael Klopfenstein, Drake Geiwitz, Easton Rear, Will Strommen, Kaitlyn Mills, Cristi Baldazzi, Mykenna Jordan, Lilly Hatter, Elaina Hadley, Brooke Butts, Mia Anderson, Ashlynn Phillips, Addy Blizzard, Monica Ramirez, and Jaycee Blizzard; **front row:** Izzy Bennett, Willow Marass, Ramiro Real Banos, Sam Wallace, Everett Lenthe, Patrick Matt, Brailey Bratt, Delilah Hopwood, Hayden Cole, Victoria Schneider, Jamie Sutherland, Bella Thompson. **Not photographed:** Tenley Pinnow, Jaron Blum, Athena Carreras, Cydney Picuch, Jaxon Riese and Leo Hasselmann.



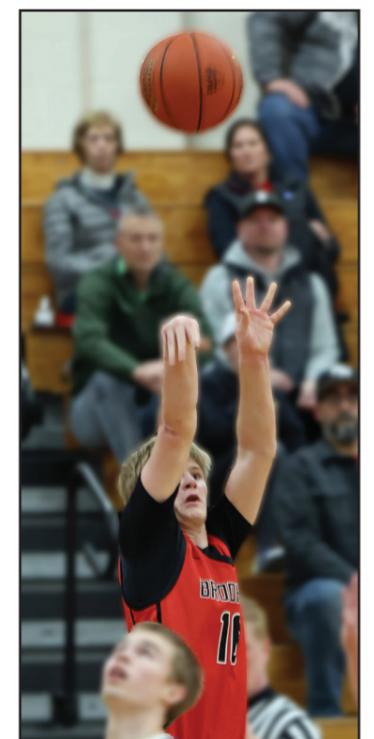
Eighth Grade Students—back row: Lilly Douglas, Ayva Perez, Jemma Huntington, Paige Bauman, Stella Kempel, Aspen Moore, Jennifer Drygierczyk, Easton Riese, and Alaina Duran; **front row:** Mikah Bishop, Parker Kaderly, Ayden Stephens, Kayson Richards, Archer Yates, Ryker Bennett, and Callum Buchanan. **Not photographed:** Cullen Risum, Malachi Mahlkuch and Nathan Leu.

Gibbons, Maria Hasselmann, Kane Smital; third row: Jessica Guadalupe Mondragon, Savannah Walder, Elise Rear, Brycen Spahr, Landin Mullins, Brielle Engen; **back row:** Jonathan Hoff, Alecia Dahl, Karli Krumwiede, Laney Weis, Jalynn Jones, Lily Kuebli **Not Pictured:** Zavon Dobson, Leila Elsner, October Grenawalt, Kaylee Halvorson, Josie Hatter, Lennon Krattiger, Naia Lazzari, Jameson Lenthe, Mara Meichtry, Hannah Menzel, Destyni Reed, Josie Smithback, Ethan Tracy, and Liam Watts.

Bold Finish to Boys Basketball Season

They were the under dogs when they traveled to Bellville for the regional quarter final last Tuesday. The Wildcats started strong with an 8–2 score, followed by an 11–5 lead. Sam Searls was credited with the Cards first five points. But when you are the underdog, it can be viewed as an opportunity to prove them wrong. Brodhead started to be more aggressive reaching for rebounds, playing tighter defense and taking gutsy shots. With Braylon Strehlow, Dylan Ross and Nolan Bump achieving some key points it was a tie game of 16 with under 4-minutes until the break. When the buzzer rang, the Cardinals down by three, were within striking distance. Bellville buckled down and quickly claimed a 10-point spread. Logan Krupke, who was scoreless in the first half, was on fire in the second. He dropped in 3-treys and was 2-for-2 at the gimme line. Big man Lucas Keating also connected from long range, then added another bucket when he grabbed a loose ball and went up for a hard fought 2-pointer. Ross, on a rebound, pushed to earn two and drew a foul in the process to score a bonus point. At 8:52 on the clock, it was tied again at 38 all. The Cats rallied, taking a 5-point lead. Searls put the Brodhead crowd into a frenzy when he tied the game, for a third time, with just over a minute to play, with 51 points when he swished the ball in from beyond the arc. A costly foul against Brodhead with seconds remaining gave Bellville the lead. Both teams were outstanding, crashing the boards for rebounds and making plays by stealing the ball. The final score, 60–53, at the buzzer sent the Wildcats to the regional semifinal on Thursday.

Brodhead boys' basketball will hold their post season recognition banquet on Thursday this week.



Logan Krupke shoots a 3-point basket to help close the gap on the scoreboard.



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Rock County Community Gardens 2026 Season

The Rock County Land Conservation Department has open plots for the 2026 garden season. Annual plots are \$35 each, or 2 for \$60. NEW THIS YEAR: Perennial plots are available. Perennial plots are \$45 each or two for \$80. Rental fee includes initial tillage, as well as water for the season. Gardens are open May 1st (weather dependent) to October 31st. Plots are approximately 20 feet by 25 feet. Please visit the garden website for more information and a list of garden rules: <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/community-gardens>. Feel free to email Ashley Roscoe at Ashley.roscoe@co.rock.wi.us for renting a plot or call 608-931-5135.



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SSM Health Seeks Volunteers to Support Patients, Families, and the Monroe Community

SSM Health invites community members of all ages and abilities to join its volunteer team, offering meaningful opportunities to support patients, families, visitors, and staff throughout the main Monroe campus.

Immediate openings include these roles:

- Clinic Front Desk: greet patients, assist with wheelchairs, answer questions, and provide way-finding support.
- Cardiac Rehab: assist staff and patients through non-clinical tasks and positive engagement.
- Café and Guest Refreshment Services: offer hospitality and helping maintain a warm, customer-friendly atmosphere.
- Environmental Services: help with organization, stocking, and maintaining a clean and safe environment.
- Opportunities also exist in guest relations, comfort support, clerical assistance, and other service departments.

Community members interested in volunteering must complete an application, interview, background check, and orientation, and meet vaccination requirements.

If under 18, they must provide guardian consent. Student volunteers may also earn service hours for school or project requirements.

Volunteering at SSM Health offers the chance to make a direct and positive impact on the patient experience, build relationships with healthcare professionals, gain exposure to a hospital environment, and contribute meaningful service to the community.

Those interested are encouraged to apply at ssmhealth.com/volunteer or contact the Volunteer Services office at 608-324-1569.

Saturday Morning at the Durand Library

Watch for Upcoming Program Saturday, March 14
By Barbara Flores, President,
Friends of the Durand Library

Be sure to save time for an upcoming program on watches Saturday, March 14. This informal event will be led by Jack Liston, a lover of time pieces, who will share his knowledge about the watches which guests bring in.

So please bring your timepieces in for Jack to look at. We all have an old watch or two hanging around in a dresser drawer. Jack can give you an idea of the maker, date of manufacture and other interesting facts.

Keep an eye on the time and plan to be at the Durand library at 10 a.m. March 14 with your favorite old, or not so old, pieces.

Library hours are Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 pm. Entry is at the east end of the school. Look for a sign at the sidewalk and follow the wide paved walkway back.

For more information please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602.

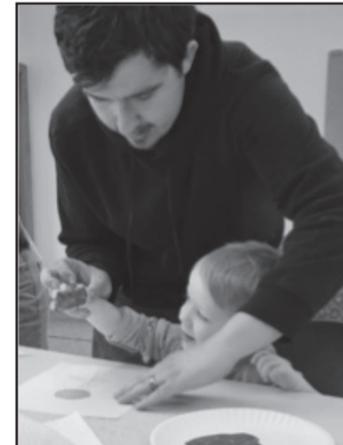


By Laura Roth,
Children's Librarian

Last week the preschoolers at Albertson Memorial Library's Story Time read books about grandmas. The first book flip-flopped between things grandmas do and things grandpas do and lead to a picture hunt of those activities: picnicking, napping, baking, painting, etc. Hello, Is this Grandma (by Whybrow) was a fun way to make all kinds of animal noises. I Love My Grandma (by Andreae) was another favorite that explored all the things grandmas do with their 'littles.' Story Time ended with a handprint flower for grandma, with very little mess. No paint was spilled in making this craft!

Next week, Story Time will revisit the Animals and Nature theme, focusing on the leggiest of animals, the giraffe. A giraffe and a Half (by Silverstein) is a rhythmic, almost chant the youngsters are sure to enjoy. This Book is Upside Down (by Wage) pictures a very confusing dialogue between a giraffe and a penguin. The preschoolers will have a blast with Giraffes Can't Dance (another book by Andreae), which will have them up and hopping all over the place. The craft will be a giraffe puppet that maybe really will dance with the preschoolers!

Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m., before the library actually opens. It tends to be a rambunctious time and having the library to ourselves is a very good thing. There's plenty of room for more preschoolers. Won't you join us? We look forward to meeting you.



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Green County Sheriff's Department March 2-8, 2025

At 6:49 a.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the intersection of CTH S and Town Center Road, in the Town of Jefferson, for a reported vehicle versus school bus crash. The investigation found that the driver of the school bus, Julie W. Jones, 68, of Juda, was traveling south on CTH S and attempted to turn west onto Town Center Road, but slid past it due to ice covered roads. Jones then began reversing, at which time a vehicle traveling southbound on CTH S, driven by Veronica J. Blum, 31, of Belvidere, IL, failed to slow down due to the road conditions and side swiped the school bus. Jones and Blum advised they were uninjured and wearing their seat belts. Blum's vehicle sustained functional damage, with no airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene. The school bus sustained functional damage, with no airbag deployment, and was driven from the scene.

Antique appraisal events return to Brodhead Memorial Public Library

Brodhead Memorial Public Library presents an antiques and collectibles appraisal program featuring author and antiques expert Mark F. Moran on Saturday, March 28, starting at 11 a.m.

Pre-registration is required. Please call the library at 608-897-4070 to reserve your spot. Cost is \$15 per item and is due to the library by Wednesday, March 25th via check or cash. Checks made out to Friends of the Brodhead Library. Space is Limited.

Formerly senior editor of Antiques and Collectibles Books for Krause Publications in Iola, Wis., Moran has also been a contributing editor for Antique Trader magazine. He has served as editor of Antique Review East magazine; as producer of Atlantique City, an antique show held in Atlantic City, New Jersey; and as editorial director of F+W Media's Antiques Group.



Moran was also a guest expert on the PBS program, Antiques Roadshow, for nine seasons.

Moran bought and sold antiques for more than 30 years, specializing in vintage folk art, Americana, and fine art. He has been active as an appraiser of antiques and fine art for more than 20 years.

Moran is available to make home visits for people with big things, or fragile things (or a lot of things). House calls are \$75 an hour and there is no mileage charge if within 10 miles of the appraisal event site on the day of the program. To arrange, call 715-281-5060 or

email moranm1953@gmail.com.

- Categories of objects for appraisal may include:
 - Americana, including autographs and historical documents.
 - Fine art, including paintings, drawings, prints and statuary.
 - Furniture (usually smaller pieces are best).
 - Ceramics, including figural pottery, vases, dishes, kitchenware and stoneware.
 - Glassware, including marbles and souvenir items.
 - Vintage photographs, including snapshots, tintypes, ambrotypes and daguerreotypes.
 - Advertising, including posters, lithographed tin, paper and figural objects.
 - Folk art, including carvings, quilts, weathervanes, windmill weights and "outsider" art.
 - Assorted toys, including dolls (bisque, composition and plastic), wind-ups and mechanical banks.
 - Metalware, including iron, bronze, brass, pot metal, silver, silver plate.
 - Clocks, including mantel, hanging and figural.
 - Costume jewelry, including brooches, bracelets, earrings.
 - Musical Instruments, including string, wind and reed instruments.
 - Antique and vintage lighting of all kinds.
 - Books.
 - Sports Memorabilia.
- Excluded items: all weapons, including swords and knives (though folding knives with advertising are accepted); traps (like leg-hold); Nazi memorabilia; coins and paper money; fine jewelry, including precious gems; Beanie Babies.
- Questions about objects not covered here can be submitted to Moran in advance to determine if they are appropriate. Suggested categories for advance inquiry include, but are not limited to: Oriental, Native American and other tribal objects (African, Oceanic); ancient artifacts (Egyptian and other early cultures); fossils and minerals; automotive items; nautical and military-related objects; records; antique tools and technological objects (typewriters, cameras, assorted machinery or instruments for scientific measure, like sextants, telescopes, microscopes, etc.). When in doubt, email inquiry can often address this.

Opinions of value are informal, and may not be used for insurance or charitable donation, which require a certified appraisal.

District 8 AA locations

- Tuesdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.
 - Thursdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.
 - Fridays: Promises Group, Orfordville Lutheran, 210 Main Street, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.
- Any questions call 608-751-5684 or visit www.rockcoaa.net.

Easterseals Wisconsin Elects New Board Members During Centennial Year

Easterseals Wisconsin, a leading nonprofit dedicated to supporting people with disabilities and their families, announced the election of Jeremy Kluz, Steve LeRoy, and Kade Mullett to its Board of Directors, effective 2026.

Jeremy Kluz brings more than 22 years of experience as a CPA, with a strong track record of leadership in accounting and finance. He currently serves as Chief Financial Officer at Neuman Pools, Inc. and has been a long-time supporter of Easterseals Wisconsin. Jeremy joins the Board from Wauertown.

"Joining Neuman Pools really enhanced my exposure and appreciation for Easterseals Wisconsin's mission and programs. When the opportunity to be a Board member arose, I jumped at the chance," stated Jeremy. "I'm truly honored to serve a great organization alongside some of the most talented and humble people I've met."

Steve LeRoy brings nearly 15 years of experience in sales and management. He currently serves as Director of Sales at Delta Dental of Wisconsin, providing strategic leadership and oversight for the field sales organization, directing the planning, development, and execution of sales strategies that drive new business growth and market expansion. Steve joins the Board from Stevens Point.

"I joined Easterseals Wisconsin because I wanted my work to have a meaningful impact beyond business results," says Steve. "Their commitment to empowering individuals with disabilities and strengthening families aligns with my values and gives purpose to the work I do every day."

Kade Mullett brings over 10 years of managerial experience. He currently serves as a Production Supervisor at Frito-Lay. His strong leadership skills and desire to continuously grow as an individual made him a great fit for the Easterseals Wisconsin's Board of Directors and he was honored to be asked to join. Kade joins the Board from Brodhead.

"We are privileged to have such strong leadership and active engagement from our Board of Directors. Their guidance and commitment continue to strengthen our organization and advance our mission," says Paul Leverenz, President and CEO of Easterseals Wisconsin.

"We are especially excited to welcome Jeremy, Steve, and Kade at such a monumental time in Easterseals Wisconsin's history," Paul says of the new Board members joining during the organization's centennial. "Each brings valuable and diverse expertise from across various industries, and their insights will further enhance and strengthen our already dynamic leadership team."

With these elections, the Easterseals Wisconsin Board now consists of 20 members.

WCMA Honors World Championship Cheese Contest Leaders

Key global cheese leaders were honored at the 2026 World Championship Cheese Contest on Wednesday, March 4 and will be recognized at CheeseExpo on Thursday, April 16.

Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) conferred the Aschebrock Award on expert judge Dr. Samir Kalit of the University of Zagreb, Croatia, for excellence in cheese evaluation. Contest volunteers Steve Stettler of Decatur Dairy and Dan Stearns of Agropur (retired) earned the Eggebrecht Award for dedication to execution of the Championship Cheese Contests on Wednesday, March 4. On Thursday, April 16, the Kolroser family of Vienna, Austria, will be honored with the Schlinsog Award for their outstanding contributions to decades of World Championship Cheese Contests.

"Our enthusiastic and devoted judges, volunteers and global partners are an essential part of our Championship Cheese Contests. Their commitment to growing these events and shepherding them to continued success year after year is truly remarkable," said Contest Director Kirsten Strohmeier. "We are deeply grateful for their steadfast dedication."

The Eggebrecht Award: Steve Stettler and Dan Stearns

The Eggebrecht Award, named for the late Contest Committee Chairman and "B-Team" founder Brian Eggebrecht, is presented each year to outstanding Contest volunteers. On March 4, Contest leaders presented the 2026 Eggebrecht Award to Steve Stettler of Decatur Dairy and Dan Stearns of Agropur (retired).

Steve Stettler, a Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker certified in six varieties, has volunteered at the World Championship Cheese Contest for 26 consecutive years and was honored with the WCMA Life Member Award in 2016, the organization's highest distinction. As owner of Decatur Dairy in Brodhead, Wisconsin, Stettler developed numerous cheeses, including his signature Stettler Swiss, a sweet, creamy, lacy interpretation of the classic Alpine style.

A frequent judge at Switzerland's national cheese competitions, Stettler plays a critical role in overseeing the care and logistics of the World Championship Cheese Contest's Alpine cheese classes. The Stettler family's contributions span generations, beginning with Glennette "George" Stettler's decades of leadership in score tabulation and continuing today through the volunteer leadership of Steve and Glennette's daughters, Shaya Guilbault and Sierra Stettler.

"WCMA deeply appreciates the generous time and energy the Stettler family has devoted to our Championship Cheese Contests, and for the friendships and camaraderie their kindness has fostered at our events," said John Umhoefer.

Dan Stearns, also a Wisconsin Master Cheesemaker, celebrates his 25th year volunteering at the World Championship Cheese Contest in 2026.

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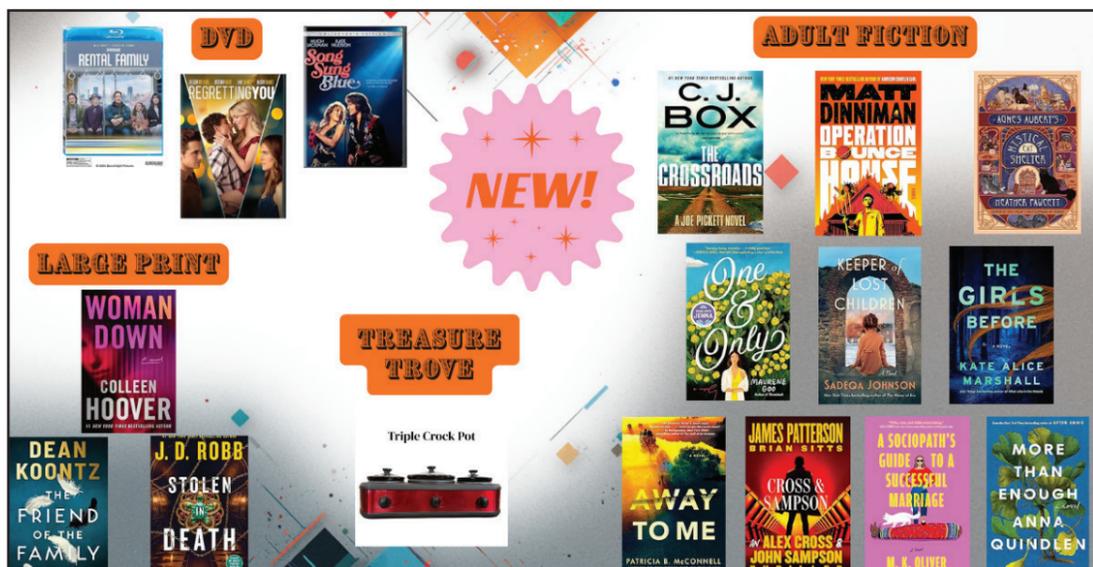
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Congratulations to the following students for being poster winners in Mrs. Corbit's sixth grade science class. Students picked an item to measure and then figured out how many of that item it would take to go through the crust, mantle, outer, core and inner core. This task involved a lot of converting of units. Kids are a little out of order in the picture, but the items chosen from largest to smallest were: The Hercules-Corona Borealis (HCB), Eiffel Tower, herself, Ava's braid length, a Posca marker, iPhones, Tacko Fall, Needoh, and Humphrey :), a toy.

Pictured from left to right: Quentin Lewis-Usher, Cedric Kraemer, Zachary Hartwig, Iris Nelson, Helen Logan, Sierra Miyagawa, Mallory Vickers, Finley Riese, Fayorah Menuet, Madison Donovan, and Ava Green.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

"Book it" to the Albertson Memorial Library and see what's fresh on the shelves!

Adult Fiction: The Crossroads (Joe Pickett Book 26) by C.J. Box, Operation Bounce House by Matt Dinniman, Agnes Aubert's Mystical Cat Shelter by Heather Fawcett, One & Only by Maurene Goo, Keeper of Lost Children by Sadeqa Johnson, The Girls Before by Kate Alice Marshall, Away to Me by Patricia McConnell, A Sociopath's Guide to a Successful Marriage by M.K. Oliver, Cross and Sampson (Alex Cross Book 35) by James Patterson and Brian Sitts, The Astral Library by

Kate Quinn, and More than Enough by Anna Quindlen.

Large Print: Woman Down by Colleen Hoover, The Friend of the Family by Dean Koontz, and Stolen in Death (In Death Book 62) by J.D. Robb.

DVD: Rental Family (PG-13), Regretting You (PG-13), and Song Sung Blue (PG-13).

Treasure Trove (Our Library of Things): Triple Crock Pot

VOX Picture Books: Ten Little Puppies by Alma Flor Ada, If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur by Linda Bailey, A Bear, a Fish, and a Fishy Wish by Daniel Bernstrom, In the Past by David Elliot, Lulu is a Rhinoceros by Jason Flom, The Big Snowdown by Katy Hudson, A Cat Like That by Lester Laminack, Never Take Your Rhino on a Plane by K.E. Lewis, Lambslide by Ann Patchett, Blue Bison Needs a Haircut by Scott Rothman, Cranky by Phuc Tran, and Cranky Makes a

Friend by Phuc Tran.

VOX Easy Reader: Nothing Scars a Dinosaur by Jonathan Fenske

VOX Books are physical children's books with a built-in audio reader, enabling a read-along experience without extra devices. Kids can listen to the story while reading by pressing a button, which also prompts page turns. This system requires no WI-FI, computers, or tablets, making it an accessible tool for early literacy development at home.

For more details on each title, be sure to visit the Albertson Memorial Library's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary>.

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The fifth through eighth grade Brodhead band members traveled to the Overture Center in Madison to see the UW Varsity Band perform. It was a great concert and a wonderful experience for all involved! Pictures courtesy of Beth Riesterer.

Optimist Club drawing and painting contest correction

The Optimist Club photo for the high school winner listed the second and third place winners incorrectly. The correct winners were: Naia Lazzari, high school junior first place and her art teacher, Erika Raess. Unable to attend: Miranda Nelson, placed second and Lily Kuebli, placed third.



Sunday Night Brodhead Rec Volleyball Champs "I'd Smack That"

Front row, left to right: MacKenzie Byrne, Maddie Roth, Courtney Mielke; back row: Danny Lewis, Sarah Lewis, and Austin Pax.



Fifth grade band members



Sixth grade band members



Seventh grade band members



Eighth grade band members