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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 15, 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.

Brodhead's first opera house

By Dolores Alsteen,
Brodhead Historical Society

Because early settlers of Brodhead were mostly New Englanders, (many from prominent families), the community immediately became a center of cultural activity. Fred Gombar constructed Brodhead's first opera house in 1868 located on the Southside of Exchange Square and was initially known as Gombar Hall. For many years it was Green County's largest and finest opera house. The main hall was 46x58 feet and had a seating capacity of 400 to 500. Fred gave this building to his sons-in-law, Charles and Sebastian Laube. C.&S. Laube, Propr's, successfully operated it for years and in the days of vaudeville had many professional entertainers. In the 1900s, the Pierce family owned and operated the building for many years as the hardware store on the ground floor. In recent years the building has housed a variety of restaurants. Currently, this beautiful historical building is empty and for sale.



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

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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.

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

ACADEMICS

LOCAL STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM UW-MADISON

Just over 2,000 students received degrees during the University of Wisconsin-Madison Winter 2024 Commencement at the Kohl Center on Sunday, December 15, 2024.

Nearly 1,400 of them took part in the ceremony at the Kohl Center, where commencement speaker and “Top Chef: Wisconsin” finalist Dan Jacobs donned a Badgers apron and demonstrated on stage how to spatchcock and roast a chicken during the ceremony.

The following were among the degree recipients: Lily Brewer, School of Human Ecology, Bachelor of Science-Personal Finance, Personal Finance, of Albany; and Trent Anderson, College of Engineering, Bachelor of Science-Mechanical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Graduated with Highest Distinction, of Brodhead.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH (UMD) ANNOUNCES DEAN’S LIST FOR FALL SEMESTER 2024

The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean's List for Fall Semester 2024. Students on the Dean's List have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits.

Among those named was Allison Johnson, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Pre Music, of Orfordville.

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.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Brodhead United Methodist Church (UMC) is celebrating Fat Tuesday on Tuesd, March 4 with a Pancake Supper. All are invited to join them for an all-you-can-eat dinner of pancakes, ham, sausage and applesauce from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be a free-willing offering to support the Christian Education programming.

Historically, Fat Tuesday began when Pope St. Gregory prohibited Christians from eating all meat and animal productions during the 40 days before Easter. Christians would then use all the remaining rich ingredients to make pancakes on the night before the fasting season of Lent began.

The dinner is supported by Thrivent Choice Dollars. The Brodhead UMC, 501 1st Center Avenue, is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

Oakley Union Church Soup Day Fund-raiser

The Oakley Union Church will hold a Soup Day Fund-raiser on Saturday, March 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Road S, Juda and will offer dine in or drive through.

The meal costs \$8 and includes choice of soup, choice of dessert and includes a cheese sandwich.

Basketball contest

The highest scoring game was the boys' Shullsburg vs. Juda, 94-53. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Eric VonAllmen, of Albany, with one incorrect and 92 points. The following also had one incorrect games: Doug Reznor—88 points, Brian Malkow—88 points, and Paul Clark—81 points, all of Brodhead.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

2/23—Standings: I'd Smack That won 45 lost 3, Victorious Secret 40-8, The Goon Squad 40-8, That's What She Set 29-19, The Youngins 26-22, One Hit Wonders 19-29, Valued Volleyers 17-31, Killer Serves 16-32, Chewblocka 16-32, All Sets Are Off 15-33, Net Ninjas 13-35, Super Soy 12-36.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Upcoming March Programs

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

While cold weather is still with us, and before the 2025 gardening season begins, please join us in attending one or all of these great programs in March. The first program continues the story of how our country grew as multiple individual states were carved out of the Louisiana Purchase. Many eye opening factors, some good and some bad, were involved. The second tells of the meteoric rise of China and how its economic strength impacts us all. The third informs about nonnative, invasive plants, which are proliferating along roads and open areas. The talk will explain how to identify and control them, and the damage these invaders do to the environment.

Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m.: “How the States Got Their Shapes—Part 3” This talk focuses on the Louisiana Purchase. Avid historian Brad Keyes brings history to life with little known facts and excellent maps detailing how each state was established. Last month we learned how the Midwest was shaped after the Revolutionary War was over. This month we will examine the single purchase of land, which more than doubled the size of our young country. In 1803 President Thomas Jefferson sent a delegation to France to negotiate the purchase of a small territory around New Orleans. When the delegation came back, they announced they were successful in buying New Orleans, as well as all of the territory north and west, which France once held. This ended up shaping 14 new states and creating a nightmare between those who wanted slave states and those who wanted free states. Join us March 8 as we explore how all this got sorted out as the United States grew, state by state.

Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m.: “Understanding China: Complicated but Essential.” This program is presented by Dr. Norman Moline, Professor Emeritus of Augustana College, who has been a long time student of China and has traveled there 40 times from 1977 to 2024.

Dr. Moline notes, “China is, without question, the other major global power, and its economic and international power is likely to increase as the 21st century advances. China significantly impacts all Americans, including the people of Illinois.

Some of those impacts are well-known and covered both in news stories and in people's day-to-day lives. China produces products we need; it causes some of our manufacturing industries to close; its demands for food create markets for Illinois and Iowa soybeans and corn; it seeks to stretch its global interests, causing national security concerns for the U.S.; it and the U.S. are the two major contributors to global warming, but at the same time diligently seek innovative ways to obtain energy to reduce such warming; its policies against minorities, freedom of speech and religion, and open access to information on the internet counter American human rights values; its verbal threats about Taiwan exacerbate global tensions; it was the origin point for COVID-19 and works diligently to understand the disease; it is a cooperater with the U.S. on some key global issues and in research scholarship, but this is often not well known.

“One thing is certain,” he emphasizes, “China will be an important factor in the lives of people and businesses in Illinois and world affairs for decades to come.”

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.

Saturday, March 29 at 10 a.m.: “Identifying and Combating Invasive Non-native Plants.” This talk will be presented by Jay Solomon, Extension Educator for Natural Resources, Environment and Energy with the University of Illinois Extension Service. Don't miss this important program for all who love to garden and want to help our local environment. Jay will tell us how to “know the enemy.” the first step is learning to recognize the plants we want to keep from spreading and then learning best practices for controlling them. Nonnative plants crowd out the native vegetation, which is both beautiful and beneficial to wildlife. Invasive blight areas: think wild parsnip and teasel, garlic mustard and nonnative honeysuckle. Once entrenched these plants are extremely difficult to control, much less to eradicate. This is a real fight—come arm you with the right information!

About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between Durand School and the Friends of the Durand Library. Everyone is cordially invited to all events and Durand School District residents can check out books during public hours.

Also, we are more than happy to deliver books to those who are physically unable to get to the library. For those who can't make it to public hours, let us know and we can make other arrangements.

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




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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BANK OF BRODHEAD FALL BUS TRIPS

The Bank of Brodhead will have two fall bus trips for 2025. The first will be to New Hampshire and the White Mountains. The dates for this trip are September 13-21, 2025. It includes eight nights lodging, 15 meals, Gondola ride to Summit of Loon Peak, train ride to Clark's Trading Post, admission to Wright World War II Museum, live bear show, scenic cruise on Lake Sunapee and a trolley tour of Wolfeboro.

The second trip is to Branson, Missouri, for their Holiday Extravaganza. From November 10-15, 2025 there will be five nights lodging, eight meals and admission to seven shows.

For more information or to sign up for these trips, contact Sue Schmelzer, email is sschmelzer@charter.net, phone or text 608-558-8797.

SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5k and up; will take place Friday, February 14th–Friday, March 14th. Please stop down to City Hall between 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, to sign your child up. After 4:30 p.m., registration packet(s) and payment can be placed in the drop box outside of City Hall. Anyone signing up after Friday, March 14th, 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 14th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call the Pool and Rec. Dept. 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 JUNIOR CARDINALS YOUTH BASEBALL

The Brodhead Junior Cardinals Youth Baseball registration will be held from Monday, February 10 to Monday, March 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school office. The leagues are JV Division—eighth/ninth grade and Varsity Division—ninth/10/11. They will play Monday and Wednesday nights. The cost is \$125.

If you have any questions please call Aaron Guilbault at 920-728-1792.

BRODHEAD PARK AND REC INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week youth indoor soccer program for boys and girls in K-first grade. The program will meet after school on Mondays for kindergartners and Thursdays after school for first graders in the elementary school gym.

The program begins on March 10th and ends on April 17th. This program is for children at all skill levels and it will teach basic skills and fundamentals. Forms are available at the elementary school, the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website. The cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with the fee by Friday, March 14th the school office or Rec Department. Children are encouraged to wear tennis shoes and shin guards. Checks make payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, contact Tom at Park and Rec at 608-897- 2159.

BRODHEAD PARK & REC THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE DODGEBALL PROGRAM

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in third-fourth grades. The program will be on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. at the Albrecht Elementary School meeting April 1, 8, 15 and 22. They'll form new teams each week and learn how to play the original version as well as some variations of this awesome game.

Registration forms are available at the schools and at the Brodhead Park & Rec Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>) the cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by Thursday, March 27th to the office or Rec Department. Checks made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, please call Tom at 608-897-2159.

Next Generation 4-H Club Spring Craft Fair

The Next Generation 4-H Club will host a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Road S, Juda. The snow date is Sunday, March 30. Admission is free.

Stop in to see the amazing vendors as well as treat yourself to breakfast or lunch.

2025 Albany Alumni Banquet and Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held March 28th and 29th and the Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 24th. Mitch Trow is in charge of the Alumni Basketball Tournament.

Brodhead Community Clothes Closet

The Brodhead Community Clothes Closet, is located at 1104 11th Street. They offer free gently used clothes and more. The Clothes Closet is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Parkview FFA Alumni presents Donkey Basketball

The Parkview FFA Alumni will host Donkey Basketball on Thursday, March 6, at the Parkview Jr./Sr. High School. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the event starting at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 ahead or \$13 at the door. Teams participating are Parkview, Brodhead, Evansville and Albany FFA.

Tickets are available at Bank of Brodhead—Orfordville, Knutes, Stables, Sather's Service and Ace Hardware or emailing FFA Advisor at tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us.

2024 Tax Assistance Appointments

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

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The Morse Group Presents a Dueling Pianos Splash Pad Fund-raiser

Together with The Morse Group, the Brodhead Jaycees are once again partnering with Piano Fondue of Madison for a dueling pianos show and silent auction on Saturday, March 8th from 7-10 p.m. at Ludlow Mansion in Monroe. All proceeds will benefit the Jaycee Park splash pad. Plan a date night or gather a group of friends for an evening you won't forget! Tickets are \$75 each and include one drink and a hot and cold Hors-d'œuvre buffet, and are available for sale through Jaycee members or by contacting Katie at brodheadjaycees@gmail.com.

They are also seeking donations for the silent auction, and have the following sponsorship levels still available: Supporting Sponsor (max of six): \$750. Half VIP table (five tickets), social media and newspaper recognition, logo on sponsor signage at event. Silent Auction Sponsor (no limit): \$100. Recognition on social media pages and signage on silent auction tables.

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



Albrecht Elementary School 4K Enrollment


Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four (4) by Monday, September 1st of this year, he/she will be eligible to attend school in the fall.

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 20th between 4 and 7 p.m. They are asking that you and your child sign up to attend one one-hour session that


evening.

The 4K Team will keep your child company while engaging them in a playbased 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!




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Amy Rowley receives BEE Award

Amy Rowley, SSM Health Monroe Hospital Lab Support Technician, has been named the newest recipient of the BEE Award.

The BEE Award was created to recognize any non-nursing staff members who demonstrate excellent quality care, extraordinary compassion, focus on the patient and the patient’s needs and effective collaboration with other members on the patient care team.

Amy was nominated by Emergency Department nurse, Taylor Foecking. Her nomination shared:

“Amy approaches every task with meticulous attention to detail and commitment to excellence. Her work ethic and enthusiasm are evident in the quality of her contributions, and she delivers results that exceed expectation.

One of the most striking moments that I experienced with Amy was a time when our emergency department team had a code. Amy is part of the laboratory team in our ED and was there in the room waiting for her role to take place in patient care to obtain labs. Some of our team members needed a replacement for CPR when their two-minute rotation was up. Without hesitation, Amy volunteered and continued to route in and out to perform high-quality CPR. It did not matter that her role in our emergency department was laboratory. She arrived in that room committed to serving anywhere she could.

Her actions are a testament to herself as an individual and exceed all my expectations. I am confident that Amy will continue to inspire and lead by example, setting a standard for all of us to aspire to.”

Amy Rowley after receiving the BEE Award on Thursday, February 13.



Thanks for Reading...

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At their last home meet, seniors were recognized for their contributions to the Brodhead Juda wrestling program. Left to right: Kyla Miller, manager, captains—Chase Wilhite, Felix Paffel, and, Jameson Wallin and manager, Emily Reyes Ramirez. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

The Brodhead Optimist Drawing and Painting Contest Winners

The theme was “The Beauty of Nature” Cash prizes will be mailed. First place \$25, second place \$15, third place \$10. The artwork will be displayed at the Brodhead Library until Monday, March 3. The Brodhead Optimist Club would like to thank all that participated in this contest.



First place—Gracie Marie Fields, grade 11, Title “The Butterfly Effect”



First place—Elise Williams, grade eight, Title “A Fly Through the Forest”



First place—Opal Mahnke, first grade, Title “Behind the Waterfall”



Second place—Christopher Keller, first grade, Title “Duck by the Lake ”

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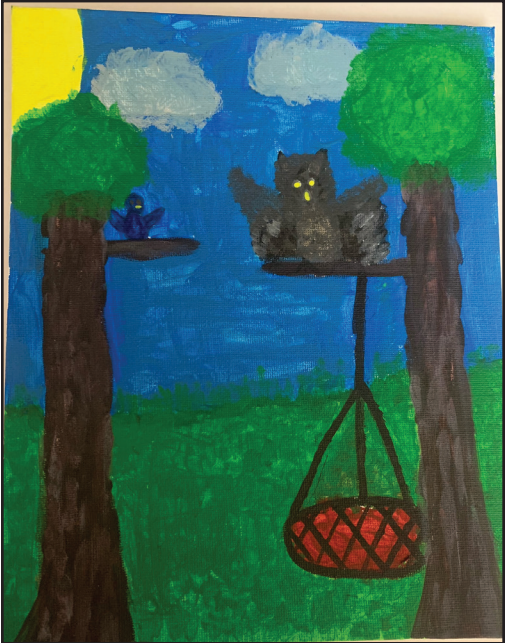
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Third place—Aubrey Condon, second grade, Title “The Reading Backyard”



Team 2x4 makes it four in a row!

By Kent Walton

Waukesha North High School was the site of this years FIRST LEGO League Wisconsin State Championship. Team 2x4 arrived for the day well prepared, but down a team member due to Influenza A. They were excited to have proven themselves to be one of the top 28 teams (out of 400) in Wisconsin, but they had a bigger goal. “At the beginning of the season we set a goal to earn another trip to an international tournament, our fourth in a row, which no team has done before,” shares Evan Schneider of Clinton. The competition in Wisconsin is strong, so everything from judging to the way the robot performs has to go well in order to finish at the top of the state.

All FIRST LEGO League teams are judged in a 30 minute judging session, which includes prepared presentations on the Innovation Project and the Robot Design. The team then answers a lot of questions from the judges. While the technical skills are important, FLL is also about developing confidence in young people. Halee Williams, Beloit, says, “I have overcome my fear of talking in front of judges.”

Team 2x4 took on the problem of retrieving ghost nets from the ocean for their Innovation Project. They did a lot of research and met with many experts throughout the year. “Meeting with Katie McWilliams of GhostNetUSA.org was a great moment,” shares Mason Williams of Beloit. The team is currently improving their Ghost Grappler prototype with the help of the GhostNet divers, with the hope that it could be useful to divers in the future. Contacting experts and preparing the presentation for judging takes a lot of work. Isaac Bently of Loves Park commented “I’m really proud of my emails, my work on the scripts, and the animation I did to show judges how the Ghost Grappler works.”

In Robot Design judging the team explained all the physics and forces they used to design an effective robot that could autonomously solve 12 LEGO missions in two minutes and 30 seconds. Team 2x4 developed a quick change attachment system that allows them to spend less than two seconds changing attachment, allowing their robot more time to solve missions on the board. Their coach, Kent Walton, challenged the team to step up their programming by learning a new language between sectionals and state. Tim Walton says, “I’ve learned

how to code in Python which is good for me to learn, now because it will open up more job opportunities in the real world.” The judges were impressed that the entire team started learning a new coding language mid-season.

The robot had an up and down day on the competition mat. The best score they had was 315, just short of their season high 320, placing 11th in that portion of the competition. The team also competed in a fun alliance style match, pairing with the Webster Wolverines. As the alliance matches ended everyone took their places for the awards ceremony.

The team was thrilled during the awards ceremony when their coach, Heather Schneider, was awarded one of two Coach of the Year trophies. Team 2x4 and her family surprised her with LEGO flowers to celebrate her seven years of coaching. The team was even more excited a few minutes later when they won first place Core Values Award. This award is given to a team that does everything in the program to a high level, and does so well expressing the FIRST Core Values such as teamwork, innovation, impact, and fun.

When advancement rankings were announced Team 2x4 was hopeful they would be on the list and they were not disappointed! They finished tied for fourth. They are now going to be Wisconsin’s first team to ever attend the Florida Sunshine Invitational in Daytona Beach, Florida, in late June. This tournament will feature 96 teams from 24 different countries and 44 states. Bethany Walton, of Durand, Illinois, says, “I’m excited to go to Florida to meet new friends from around the world.”

Team 2x4 has commenced fundraising for their trip to FSI in Florida. The team is looking to raise \$9,000 to cover expenses including registration, event costs, transportation, and lodging during the five day tournament. They are currently selling Decatur Dairy Cheese for \$8/ block or bag of curds. Contact any team member or call 608-676-7329 to order, delivery is early March. You can make donations to their team through PayPal Checks can be mailed to Stateline Homeschool Robotics, PO Box 126, Clinton, WI 53525. Anyone donating \$100 or more will have their name printed on the team banner and company logos can be put on the banner (in different sizes) for donations of \$250-\$1,000 or more.



Team 2x4 starts their day at the Wisconsin State Championship. (L to R) Mason Williams, Bethany Walton, Isaac Bentley (picture), Tim Walton, Evan Schneider, Halee Williams



A successful robot run for Team 2x4. (L to R) Mason Williams, Tim Walton, Bethany Walton, Coach Kent Walton, Evan Schneider, Halee Williams, Coach Heather Schneider, Isaac Bentley (picture), and student mentor Kelby Schneider celebrate.

BSD receives grant from Arc of Green County

The Brodhead School District was recently the recipient of a generous grant from the Arc of Green County to purchase a washer and dryer for the special education classroom at the middle school. Having a washer and dryer provides the opportunity for instruction in self-care independence for students with special needs as part of their occupational therapy and special education plans. The Arc has been a long-standing partner to the Brodhead School District special education programs and has provided grant funding for equipment to support students with disabilities. In prior years, Arc has provided adaptive trikes, wobble stools, and a computerized vision screener to be able to readily identify children at risk for visual impairments. Brodhead has been able to then share this equipment with other Green County schools as needed to engage in local partnerships.

The Arc of Green County is a local non-profit community organization that advocates for children and adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The Arc provides opportunities for dances and other outings for community members with disabilities. Additionally, the Arc provides annual grants to local school districts to support special education programming as well as to businesses and recreation facilities that support individuals with disabilities. The Arc of Green County is part of the state and national Arc organizations and is one of nearly 700 local chapters around the country. The mission of the Arc organization is to support those with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families to have the necessary support and services to engage in their local communities.



Pictured: Quentin Mertens and Easton Riese



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Nicholas Alexander Bastian, Dubuque, IA, zone and posted limits, violation date 12/15/2024, \$98.80.

Jordan Andrew Lee Byrd, Brodhead, disorderly conduct, violation date 04/21/2024, \$313.

Laura Lynn Cleaveland, Juda, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 12/13/2024, \$98.80.

Caden Walter Creuzer, Juda, retail theft—alter price, violation date 08/30/2024, \$313.

Austin J. Ferguson, Brodhead, junked vehicles storage restriction, violation date 12/06/2024, \$124.

James Harry Flanagan, IV, Monroe, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 12/22/2024, \$67.30.

Margaret L. Hazeltine, Janesville, operate motor vehicle w/o proof of insurance, violation date 12/13/2024, \$10.

Taylor Danielle Hitchins, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 12/27/2024, \$98.80.

Elizabeth Fay Hollis, Dodgeville, WI, operate motor vehicle w/o proof of insurance, violation date 12/28/2024, \$10.

Kathryn Marie Lee, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 12/10/2024, \$98.80.

Gina A. Lundervold-Foley, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 12/13/2024, \$98.80.

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Darby Louise Millard, Shorewood, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 12/24/2024, \$98.

Stephen C. Pickering, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 12/29/2024, \$98.80.

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Adeigh Rhiannon Schwartz, Albany, disorderly conduct, violation date 12/06/2024, \$313; underage drinking-procures, violation date 12/06/2024, \$313.

Laverne R. Scofield, Brodhead, junked vehicles storage restriction, violation date 12/22/2024, \$98.80.

Vaness Ann Vansickle, Rockton, IL, reckless driving-endanger safety, violation date 07/13/2024, \$923; disorderly conduct, violation date 07/13/2024, \$313.

Alejandro Herrera Viveros, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 12/24/2024, \$149.20.

Green County Sheriff's Department February 16-22, 2025

At 12:39 p.m., Sunday, deputies responded to the N7300 block of State Hwy 104 in the Town of Brooklyn for a two vehicle crash. The investigation determined that a southbound vehicle driven by Ryan R. Boatman, 47, of Monroe, attempted to pass a mail truck on the shoulder of the roadway. As Boatman was passing the mail truck driven by Chad M. Howard, 38, of Durand, attempted to turn east into a driveway resulting in the vehicles colliding. Boatman was not injured and was wearing his seat belt. His vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene. Howard was not injured, his vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene.

At 614 p.m., Monday, deputies responded to the N5800 block of Peebles Road in the Town of Albany for a single vehicle crash. The investigation determined that a southbound vehicle driven by Heather Dimmel, 36, of Albany, left the roadway and collided with a tree. Dimmel sustained injuries and was wearing her seat belt, she refused treatment on scene. The vehicle sustained disabling damage with airbag deployment and was towed from the scene.

At 11:33 a.m., Friday, deputies responded to the WI DOC Probation Office at the request of probation agents to take a subject into custody. A deputy subsequently arrested Antonio Ramos, 20, of Albany, for a Department of Corrections probation hold. Ramos was transported to jail where he was held pending further proceedings.

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Madison Area Dairy Product Manufacturers to Compete in 2025 U.S. Championship Cheese Contest

Competition set for March 4-6 in Green Bay, Wisconsin

As the prestigious 2025 United States Championship Cheese Contest® approaches, the nation is watching – and dairy product manufacturers in the Madison area are ready. Thirty-four local businesses have submitted entries to be evaluated March 4-6 at Resch Expo in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in competition for the coveted title of U.S. Champion Cheese. Their products are among a total of 2,414 entries across 117 classes of dairy products.

“We’re pleased to see dairy manufacturers across the country take advantage of this chance to improve their craftsmanship, grow their businesses, and achieve one of the cheese industry’s highest honors,” said Kirsten Strohmeier, Contest Director. “We wish these entrants from the Madison area – and all those participating—the best of luck!”

The following area businesses are set to compete among dairy processors from 31 U.S. states:

Chalet Cheese Cooperative of Monroe, Wisconsin

Decatur Dairy, Inc. of Brodhead, Wisconsin

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Emmi Roth USA of Monroe, Platteville, and Stoughton, Wisconsin

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Sabrosura Foods of Monroe and Monticello, Wisconsin

W&W Dairy of Monroe, Wisconsin

Preliminary rounds of judging are open for public observation on Tuesday, March 4 and Wednesday, March 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Attendance is free, and samples and judging demonstrations will be available! The exciting announcement of the 2025 U.S. Champion will be livestreamed on Thursday, March 6 at 2 p.m. (CT) at USChampionCheese.org.

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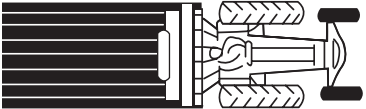
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Green County Genealogical Society Monthly Meeting

The Green County Genealogical Society monthly meeting will be Saturday, March 1 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library Meeting Room. The subject will be Deeds—How to Use Them in Genealogy Research by Aimee Cross.

Are you looking for parents of an ancestor? Deed records are crucial in genealogy research and often overlooked. They are particularly helpful when researching the 1700s and early 1800s, basically determining ancestors pre-1850 when censuses began indicating family relationships by naming all individuals in a household. Deeds are written documents filed with the court transferring ownership of property from one person to another but deed books sometimes include other types of legal records such as a power of attorney, marriage bonds, guardianship, part of a probate and mortgages. Deeds help you discover family relationships, family locations and previous residences and break through brick walls.

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



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

It was all about tractors at Albertson Memorial Library's Pre-School Story Time last week. We reread Go Dogs Go and had a great time guessing why the dogs climbed the tree! Then, Otis the tractor saved his friend the calf from Mud Pond, and Tractor Mac Arrives at the Farm.

We put tractor puzzles together and ran toy tractors through brown and black paint. (Without making a huge mess even!) What fun to do fieldwork in February!

Next week, we're "Going to the Library" featuring Do NOT Bring Your Dragon to the Library. There may or may not be a fire breathing dragon or two in the library as well as some dragon puppet-making. Have you ever tried dragon fruit? I wonder how THAT will go over with preschoolers . . . There's fun to be had at Albertson Memorial Library!

Join us on Tuesdays at 10 a.m.!



GCDC Welcomes New Project Manager

With continued growth in programs and services, Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) has expanded their team with the addition of Wendy Flanagan as the new Project Manager.

The full-time Project Manager position is in partnership with the Green County IT department, and will focus on broadband expansion throughout Green County, as well as grant and general office management for GCDC. The position fills a great need for the non-profit organization who hosted over 600 people at 12 events in 2024, and obtained several large grants supporting workforce training, healthcare and more.

"With a solid base beneath us with our incredible collaborative partnerships, we continue to expand our services and delve into other viable programs. Bringing on a project manager allows for greater focus with housing development, workforce training, and other top areas of need." Executive Director, Olivia Otte stated. "We are excited to have Wendy on board and look forward to bringing more to Green County economic development."

Wendy is a lifelong resident of Green County and grew up in Monroe. She graduated from UW Steven's Point with a degree in graphic design, transitioning into project management over the last eight years. She lives in Argyle with her husband, a multi-generational dairy farmer.

Monday Night Mixed League

2/10—High series: Robert Murray 708, Trenton Sauer 693, Jason Shrier 678. High games: T. Sauer 278, Glayden Wahler 256, Ryan Flood 248. Bartelt-high team game 1,111 and series 3,186. **Standings:** Broughton's Bar won 16 lost 5, Center Tavern 15-6, Bartelt 12-9, Fosters Gaming 8-13, Beloit Chiropractic 7-14, Albany Lanes 5-16.

Tuesday Shanigans

2/11—High series: Alexis Sies 527, Chris Rosheisen 423, Rick Josephsen 549, Ted Yaun 530, Dennis Atkinson 525. High games: A. Sies 215, C. Rosheisen 152, R. Josephsen 232, D. Atkinson 214, Larry Ommodt 205. The Young and The Restless-high team game 838 and series 2,332. 2/18—High series: Alexis Sies 566, Chris Rosheisen 340, Karrie Laws 318, Rick Clark 598, John Thill 590, Ike Johnson 576. High games: A. Sies 200, C. Rosheisen 139, K. Laws 110, I. Johnson 223, Dennis Atkinson 211, J. Thill 210, R. Clark 210. The Young and The Restless-high team game 905 and series 2,602. **Standings:** The Young & The Restless won 86 lost 40, Albany Lanes 79-47, Sweet Mini HaHa 58-68, Clayt's Boomtastic 57-69, Misfits 53-73, Greightful Dead 45-81.

Badger

2/11—High series: Josh Brugger 655, Brian Purdy 636, Ryan Brugger 616, Brock Peters 602, Kim Qualley 392. High games: J. Brugger 262, B. Purdy 243, B. Peters 237, Ethan Koss 222, K. Qualley 157. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 825 and series 2,324. 2/18—High series: Ethan Pfuetti 639, Keith Riese 580, Brian Purdy 579, Ryan Brugger 574, Megan Anderson 472, Kim Qualley 303. High games: E. Pfuetti 247, K. Riese 239, R. Brugger 208, B. Purdy 203, M. Anderson 183, K. Qualley 119. Counter Attack-high team game 771 and series 2,203. **Standings:** Counter Attack won 10 lost 4, Team 6 9-5, Decatur Dairy 8-6, Jim's Mechanic Shop 7-7, TUGS 6-8, Renks 2-12.

Wednesday Night Ladies

2/19—High series: Zoe Krattiger 509, Darcy Stephenson 440, Marcie Brugger 437, Kari Johnson 434, Shianne Broughton 426. High games: D. Stephenson 203, Z. Krattiger 180, Sue Armitage 164, Rikki Thomas-Martin 164, Alice Patchen 162, Brenda Jacobson 162, M. Brugger 162. Glenn-Ann Ladies-high team game 610. Crystal's Team-high team series 1,685. **Standings:** Glenn-Ann Ladies won 33 lost 16, Crystal's Team 32-17, Stables Bar & Grill 22-27, Albertson's 21-28, General Store 21-28, Larson Acres 18-31.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

2/20—High series: Debbie Williams 452, Becky Riese 429, Tana Klitzman 401, Laurie Thommen 401. High games: Ann Marie Macado 178, L. Thommen 174, D. Williams 159. Albany Lanes-high team game 523. Nolte's Garage-high team series 1,454. **Standings:** Nolte's Garage won 40 lost 23, Mike's Flooring 38-25, Albany Lanes 38-25, Ball's Installation 35-28, Knutes 30-33.

Thursday Night Mixed

2/20—High series: Ty Powell 729, Ryan Flood 684, Robert Murray 657, Tony Brewer 637. High games: T. Powell 248, Rick Reed 248, R. Flood 244, Ty Anderson 239. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,060 and series 3,109. **Standings:** Glenn Ann Holsteins won 22 lost 6, Golz Electric 16-12, Albany Lanes 15-13, Attica Bar 14-14, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 10-18, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 7-21.

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Wendy Flanagan

GCDC leads the Home Construction Cooperative program, an annual small business clinic and pitch contest, various workshops and training events, a fall breakfast event and spring dinner. They recently announced a \$2 million-dollar non-state grant that will be used to support trades development throughout Green County. The Annual Dinner and Awards will be held on Thursday, March 20th and will highlight the achievements of the year and honor business award nominees and winners for Business of the Year, Entrepreneurial Spirit, and Legacy Leader. Tickets for the event are available until Friday, March 7th and can be purchased online at <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/gcdc-annual-dinner-and-awards>.

The mission of Green County Development Corporation is to catalyze economic growth while enhancing the quality of life in Green County, Wisconsin. For more information on any of the programs and services of GCDC, visit their website at greencountydevelopment.com or call 608-328-9452.



Here's what's happening during the month of March at the Albertson Memorial Library:

It's 'let's all go to the library' during March's Preschool Story Time! Enjoy stories and crafts every Tuesday at 10 am with our Children's Programming Specialist, Miss Laura. This month's stories will light a fire in your imagination with books about dragons, get you to leap into action with ribbiting tales about our froggy friends, create a cookie-crumbling blast listening to tales of mischievous gingerbread men, and make you 'book, book, book' it down to the library for some farm-tastic tales!

The Albany Joint Library Board Meeting will be held at the library on Tuesday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be posted on our website and at the library the Friday before the meeting. Join us to learn about the library's future plans!

Join us for Craft Night with Diane, Wednesday, March 5th at 6:30 pm to make your own 'Built in Bow Any Occasion Gift Bag'. No gift bag? No tissue paper? No problem! You can create a beautiful wrap using

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Join us for a one-hour workshop on Wednesday, March 12th at 6:30 p.m. to learn how to utilize Ancestry for discovering your ancestral origins. Computers and instruction will be provided. We'll make researching your family origins simple.

Swing by on Friday, March 21st from 6 to 7:30 p.m. for Creative Carpers, the ultimate adult craft bash! Grab the craft you're working on and join the crafting party for some chit-chat and yummy snacks! Let's get crafty and snack happy!

Join us for our monthly book club, All Booked Up, on Monday, March 24th at 6:30 p.m. This month we will be discussing 'Family Lore' by Elizabeth Acevedo, the story of one Dominican American family told through the voices of its women.

Whether you're a word wizard or just starting out, everyone's invited to join the fun on Thursday, March 27th at 6:30 p.m. to share and be inspired while working on their writing projects with the Sugar River Writers.

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*Using Beanstack is a fun and easy way to track books read to complete reading challenges and collect prizes. One of the library's most popular reading challenges, '1000 Books Before Kindergarten', is open to any child who has not yet started kindergarten. For every 100 books read, kids earn a free book. When they complete the program, they'll snag a bag bursting with goodies! Visit the library for additional information about this program. Also be on the lookout for our summer reading challenge. This six-week challenge kicks off in June and welcomes participants of all ages, with the competition divided into various age categories. This is a fabulous way to kick back and chill during the sizzling summer hustle!

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