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School Board

Board President Steps Down Due to Move

By Grace Kufahl

After 18 years on the board, including 12 as president, last term's president Mike Krupke announced his resignation due to his move to Illinois. Superintendent Novy presented him with a plaque and expressed gratitude for his service. The district will declare a vacancy and solicit applications for a new board member to replace Krupke within the required 60 days.

Following the recent election, the board voted to elect Michael Oelrich as president, Jennifer Flory as vice president, Paul Donovan as clerk, and Al Schneider as treasurer.

Official Depositories were approved including Bank of Brodhead for Payroll Depository, Tax Account and Debt Service/Capital Projects Fund and Bank of New Glarus-Brodhead Branch for the General Fund, Debt Service/Capital Projects Fund and Special Reserve Funds.

In Other Business:

Paul Donovan expressed appreciation for Aaron Guilbault's donation to the High School Athletic Department for the purchase of baseball tarps.

Meeting dates in line with the past year's were approved for 2026-27.

The board scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, May 12th at 7 a.m. to address teacher contracts.

The board selected Don Buchanan to represent them at the 2026 CESA 2 Delegate Assembly.

New committee assignments were approved.

The board approved the CESA 2 service contracts.

The second reading of the district's new mission statement, "Provide educational opportunities for every learner in a safe collaborative culture", was approved.

Changes requested last month to policies 2312 Class Size and 9215 School Support Organizations were approved.



Mike Krupke concludes 18 years on Brodhead School Board

Today we extend our sincere gratitude to Mike Krupke as he concludes an extraordinary 18 years of service on the Brodhead Board of Education, including 12 years as Board President.

Mike's leadership, dedication, and unwavering belief in our schools have helped guide the District through some of its most significant moments and challenges.

From leading the Board through the COVID-19 pandemic, to helping secure a successful \$17.5 million facilities referendum and four operational referendums, his steady leadership has had a lasting impact on our students, staff, and community.

Throughout his years of service, Mike has remained deeply committed to the success of Brodhead's schools and the people who make them exceptional. His appreciation

for staff, his support of students, and his love for the community he grew up in have always been evident.

Thank you, Mike, for your years of service to our students, schools, and community. Your leadership, heart, and commitment will be greatly missed.

Please join us in thanking Mike for his remarkable service and wishing him and Robin all the best in this next chapter.

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 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.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship September through May. Sunday school every other Sunday September thru May at 8:45 a.m. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Game Day at the UCC—third Tuesday of the month. UCC Spring Fish Boil, Sat., May 9, 4:30-7 p.m. Women's Luncheon Free Community Event, Thurs., May 14, at 11:30 a.m.

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

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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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St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on Monday 6:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m., Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. www.ctk-p.org. 608-325-9506. Fully accessible for people with disabilities.

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. In-person worship at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

Card shower for Gloria Klemm

A card shower is being held for Gloria Klemm's 85th birthday on Monday, May 11. Cards can be sent to her at E218 23rd St, Brodhead WI 53520.

Wildflower Walk at Muralt Bluff SNA

The local chapter of the Prairie Enthusiasts is hosting a wildflower walk on Saturday, May 16 at Muralt Bluff State Natural Area, located four miles west of Albany. Mid-May is a wonderful time to visit Muralt Bluff. The western-facing bluff will be alive with wildflowers such as bird's foot violets and shooting stars, plus other species.

Come enjoy the flowers, the amazing vista, and the fresh air up on the bluff. They'll talk about the geology of the site, and the management that brought this prairie remnant back to glory. The local Prairie Bluff chapter has been working on this site for 50 years. It is spectacular.

Details: Saturday May 16, 10 a.m.—noon. (Rain date TBD. Check their Facebook page if weather is uncertain.)

Meet at Muralt Bluff parking lot, adjacent to W2635 County Road E, Albany WI.

Look for the "Muralt Bluff Prairie Reserve" sign at the parking lot entrance.

Moderate hiking ability:

—They will follow an easy footpath to visit wildflowers at the base of the bluff. Then they will climb one steep path to view the top of the bluff. Bring a walking stick or use one that they provide.

—For those interested, they will also visit adjacent Iltis Savanna, to view the oak savanna following prescribed burn earlier this spring.

What to bring: sturdy walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, water, Merlin app.

Questions? Contact Beth Kazmar at csa@tipiproduce.com with any questions, or message us via our Facebook page.

DEATH NOTICE

Christine Townsend

Christine Townsend, 91, of Maricopa, Arizona, formerly of Beloit, died on April 14, 2026 at home.

A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday, May 2, at the Fountain of Life Holiness Tabernacle Church, Beloit, from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Grace-Bifulk Funeral Home, Albany, assisted the family

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Galaxy VBS at Living Word Church

Galaxy Vacation Bible School will be held at Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. Summer 2026 Weekend VBS for kids 4K to fifth grade.

God loves us, so...love each other! Friday, June 26th, 6–8:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 27th, 8:30 a.m. Donuts and Juice, 9–11:30 a.m.; and Sunday, June 28th, 10 a.m. Kids sing in church. Potluck luncheon to follow services.

Contact church office at 608-897-8246 to register your kids.

Each session will center on God's love and will include songs, games, Bible lessons and community service projects.

Sunday morning will include music by the kids, a slideshow of the weekend and a recap of the Bible adventures as well as a special message from the pastor, all followed up with a potluck luncheon.

Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

Breakfast Benefit for Badger Honor Flight

The Monroe Moose Lodge 754 and Woman's Chapter 599 will hold a Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight on Sunday, June 7th, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Lodge is located at 639 3rd Avenue, Monroe. Help send our veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorials built in their honor. The cost of the all you can eat breakfast is adults \$11; children five years to 11 \$6 and children four and under are free.

Mother's Day Market

The entire community is invited to stop by a Mother's Day Market on Saturday, May 9th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for a new shopping extravaganza. The event will take place in the parking lot of the Brodhead United Methodist Church at 501 1st Center Avenue. Vendors and crafters will have a wide selection of items to choose from. A book sale, bake sale and food stand will also be part of the event. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the lower level of the church and education wing. For more information, please call Jo Ann at 608-728-2980.

Oakley Union UMC Old Fashioned Sing-a-long

The Oakley Union United Methodist Church will have an Old Fashioned Sing a Long on Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m. Music by Ernie Saunders and Friends. Stay for refreshments and fellowship after. Free will donations appreciated.

Directions to the church, W2388 Gerber Road: from Juda south on County S, turn left on Gerber Road and drive until you see the church on the hill.

SOFTBALL

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 5/3 results: Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Orfordville Lutheran 14-5; Church of God defeated Luther Valley 16-3; Congregational UCC defeated Living Word 6-3.

Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 1-0; Church of God 1-0; Congregational UCC 1-0; Orfordville Lutheran 0-1; Luther Valley 0-1; Living Word 0-1; United Methodist 0-0.

Advertising Deadline:
Friday at Noon

For this child I prayed. ~1 Samuel 1:27
I have also dedicated him to the lord. ~1 Samuel 1:28 (AMP)
Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up. ~1 Samuel 2:19

Hannah's godly example as a mother is most challenging. She is marked by supplication, having prayed for Samuel before his birth and no doubt throughout his life. She is also sacrificial, being willing to give him fully to the Lord and His work. She was also wonderful in her service to her boy, lovingly making him a new coat every year! Motherhood has many demands, but with it comes such rich blessings and potential.

—Pete Smith

There are few things more powerful than the faithful prayers of a righteous mother. —Boyd K. Packer

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Congregational UCC's Annual Spring Fish Boil

The Brodhead Congregational United Church of Christ will be having their Annual Spring Fish Boil on Saturday, May 9th from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

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

Ticket cost is \$18 for full meal adult ticket. Buy on or before noon on Friday, May 8th and receive \$2 off cost. Tickets on sale now! Available from any church member or by stopping in the church office between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday. They hope to see you there!

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS

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~ Helen Keller



ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

CALLING ALL AREA INSTRUMENTALISTS!!!

For the past 13 years, the Brodhead Community Band has provided the Brodhead area with a summer concert. They are always looking for instrumentalists to be a part of their group.

The Brodhead Community Band rehearses on Tuesday evenings (starting on June 16th) from 6-7:30 p.m. in the BHS Band Room. Their performance this year is on Sunday, August 9th at Veterans Park in Brodhead.

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Jason Riesterer: jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

2026 Albany Alumni Banquet

The Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 23rd at the Albany Lions Building, 402 N Cincinnati Street. Social time starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., program 7:30 p.m. The program typically consists of an hour with social time after. Different from years past, this year the meal will be served buffet style. If you or your guest has any physical concerns and would like assistance through the line or served at a table, please indicate that on your reservation.

Meal includes baked chicken, pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, and cake. Water and coffee are included. Beer and wine will be available as a donation. Cost of the meal is \$20 per person.

Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 18th. Send reservations to: Carrie Ommodt, 601 S Mill St, Albany, WI 53502 or ommodt@gmail.com or 608-576-6824.

BMS Multicultural Event

Brodhead Middle School is seeking guest speakers for their annual Multicultural Morning event on Wednesday, May 27—and they would love to have you join them!

They invite community members who have traveled for vacation, work, military service, or any other reason to share their experiences with our seventh-grade students. This is a wonderful opportunity to help students explore the world through real stories and personal connections.

Event Details:

Begins at 8:15 a.m.

Presentations are 30 minutes each

Students will rotate in small groups to visit different destinations

Mid-morning break to sample international snacks

Additional sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

Event concludes at 12:10 p.m.

As a guest speaker, you are welcome to bring cultural artifacts, photos, or souvenirs to enhance your (in)formal presentation. Topics to discuss might include local customs, cuisine, holidays, landmarks, daily life elsewhere, and whatever reason allowed you to travel.

They hope you can join them for two or more sessions, but they appreciate any time you can give.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Tresemer, seventh-grade geography teacher (stresemer@brodhead.k12.wi.us) by Friday, May 15. *Please forward this invitation to anyone who might be interested. Thank you for helping us bring the world to our students!

Brodhead Historical Society

You may notice something new at City Hall starting this summer—artwork from Brodhead's Historical Society! As part of a temporary exhibit, the Historical Society is lending original paintings from its collection for public display. At times, you may also see historical photos and curated items featured. Instead of remaining in storage, these pieces will now be accessible for everyone to enjoy at City Hall.

The exhibit will showcase original works by Brodhead artists, along with photos and artifacts that highlight the city's history and illustrate how Brodhead has grown over the years. Residents are encouraged to stop by during regular City Hall hours to explore the display.

A special thank you to Jaine Winters and Holly Everson for their support in sharing Brodhead's heritage.

The Brodhead Historical Society's Depot Museum opens Saturday, May 23. The museum offers a perfect day out—explore Brodhead's history and connect with knowledgeable volunteers who enjoy sharing stories, guiding visitors through exhibits, and answering questions.

See you at the Depot!

Brodhead Jaycees Launch Memorial Fund-raiser to Support Splash Pad Project

The Brodhead Jaycees are partnering with Matthew Rolli of Rolli Worx Art and Signage to invite community members to leave a lasting legacy while helping bring a highly anticipated splash pad to life at Jaycee Park. A new memorial fund-raising campaign offers families, businesses, and organizations the opportunity to purchase engraved pavers, benches, and picnic tables—creating a meaningful and permanent tribute within the park.

As momentum continues to build around the Jaycee Park Revitalization Project, this initiative gives supporters a unique way to be part of something that will serve the community for generations to come. The planned splash pad and new playground will provide a safe, inclusive, and accessible space for children and families to gather, play, and cool off during the summer months.

The memorial paver program allows individuals to honor loved ones, celebrate milestones, or recognize local businesses through personalized engravings that will become part of the park's walkways. For those looking to make a larger impact, engraved benches and picnic tables will be placed throughout the park, offering both a place to relax and a visible reminder of the generosity that made the project possible.

Funds raised through the memorial campaign will go directly toward the construction of the splash pad and associated costs, helping the Jaycees move closer to their goal of fully funding the project through local support, partnerships, and grants.

Community members interested in participating in the memorial fundraiser can find more information on pricing, customization options, and ordering details by visiting the Brodhead Jaycees website at brodheadjaycees.com.

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Green County Amateur Radio to meet

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, May 9, at 9 a.m. at the Monroe Public Library, 925 16th Avenue, Monroe. All licensed and interested individuals are invited to attend. For any questions please call 608-558-0629.



Brodhead High School's Students of the Month for March 2026

Back row, left to right: Eve Droessler, Lily Kuebli, Annelise Bethke, Landen Kammerer, Aiden Arn; front row: Laetin Peterson, Lylah Huntington, Natalia Baldazzi, Madison Melvin, Isabella Santiago-Aguilar. Not pictured: Lily Scheidegger.



Brodhead High School's Students of the Month for April 2026

Back row, left to right: Aiden Arn, Dylan Ross, Caleb Wincell, Matthew Nordeng, Beck Benton, Jorge Villalva; front row: Clemence Galand, Brooklynne Ramirez, Belle Yoshida, Alecia Dahl. Not pictured: Brooke Mueller



Annalise Bethke took first place in discus. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Tavin Bomkamp finished third and second at the US Open Championship's in Las Vegas. Two of his three wins were upsets beating the #29 and #31 seeds of a 128 man bracket. His two losses were against the #4 and #11 seeds. Tavin nearly pinned the #4 seed during the match. The #4 seed went on to win fourth place. Tavin also had the best U17, 65kg record for Wisconsin. Well done Tav!!! On to State Tournament this coming weekend.



Congratulations to Albany High School students Peyton, Tatum, and Mia for earning a silver medal in the state forensics competition this year for their playacting entry.

Crossover Quad Meet in Brodhead

By Teresa Earleywine

Last week Brodhead High School hosted a track meet with Jefferson, Whitewater and Delavan Darien schools participating. No official team scores were kept.

Women's field events were led by Annelise Bethke 107.7 for first in discus with Lily Scheidegger earning third place. Pole vaulters Lillian Sievers was second and Gretchen Kammerer third. Kennedy Lerch and Ella Olson were the top two in long jump and Macy Gretebeck was third in triple jump. Gracie Hefty placed second in the 200m sprint; Rachel Hatter was runner-up in the 1600. Hurdles 100m top spot was Chesney Walker and Kaylee Miller in third, and in the 300m hurdles it was Elianna Shank and Brielle Enger finishing first and second.

Top results for the Cardinal men in field events included Xavier Duncan, 43-2.5, and Jordan Dix taking the top two spots in shot-put and Logan Berzinski taking top honors with his toss of 134-10 with the discus. Simon Moore took first in the high jump and second in the pole vault. Malachi Shank earned first place in triple jump and Lucas Keating was third and in long jump Cohen Henze had the highest range. Cohen Henze was also second in the 100m sprint. Brodhead packed first and second with Mavrik Plummer and Jorge Villalva in the 400m, with Plummer adding another first in the 800m. Treyton Leutenegger was third in the 3200m distance run. Crashing the hurdles was TJ Hall in the 110m for first place, and in the 300m hurdles it was Nolan Bump at #1 and Hall #2.

Brodhead Juda was stellar in the relays, taking top spots in the men's 4x200m, 4x400m and the 4x800. The women were also a force in relays taking first in 4x100m, 4x400m, and second in the 4x200m, and the 4x800.

On Friday the team participated in the Craig Relays in Janesville. With nine schools competing the Cardinal women finished second, 98 points, and the men, 62 points, placed seventh.

This week Brodhead Juda hosted the RVC "Rock" Conference meet on Tuesday. Friday they will participate in the annual Beloit Daily News Invite.

Golf Update

Golf was rained out last week but will be teeing off Monday at Towne Country Gold Club in Edgerton.

Cardinal Bats Are Hot

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead's six hits resulting in five runs was enough for a win over Monroe, who had nine hits but just three runs, last Tuesday. The Cards scored three in the first inning with Elise Rear getting hit by a pitch for a base, then able to advance to third when Mady Henning connected to send the ball to center field. Leah Rear sacrifices, Elise scores. Karli Krumwiede would drive the ball to center when she was at bat and score two runs. Henning earned the win for Brodhead, striking out seven, walking one and surrendering nine hits over the seven-inning

Baseball Digs Deep - Secures Wins

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead racked up seven hits that resulted in 13 runs while limiting the Whippets to three runs on three hits. Braylon Strehlow and Dylan Ross led the Cardinals with one hit each and they scored three-runs each. Chase Bauman went 2-for-3 at the plate. Logan Krupke earned the win for Brodhead, he surrendered three hits, three runs over four innings, and struck out seven. Ross pitched one inning in relief, striking out one and surrendered no hits.

Their second game of the week was against Delavan Darien. The Comets jumped out to an early lead. Brodhead attempted a rally in the fourth. Bases are loaded, Strehlow is hit by a pitch that gives the Cards their first score. Two outs, bases remain loaded, Sam Searls connected and sent a hard hit to right field. Krupke, Jayden Nehls and Strehlow all score with Searls now on third base. Manny Bueno singles a hard ground ball to left field. Searls scores, Brodhead put together five runs. It was not enough; the Cardinals lose with a 15-5 score.

Friday, the game against Monroe was all about the Cheesemakers with an 8-2 lead through the bottom of the sixth. Top of the seventh, Manny Bueno is on the mound for the Cards. It is three up and three out for Monroe. Brodhead at bat, one out, loads the bases; Ross who singles is on first, Sam Searls on second, and Bauman on third. Will Searls singles to first base, all runners advance with Bauman scoring. Sam will score on a hit by Beck Benton; Brodhead is now down by four. Next play, Will Searls will acquire out #2 advancing to third while Ross will score on a hit by Jayden Nehls. Krupke at bat, singles, Benton will score, 8-6, to keep the drive alive. Up to the plate is Strehlow. On the third pitch he connects for a triple, that is deep to center field, Nehls and Krupke will score, then Strehlow scores on a throwing error for a 9-8 walk-off victory, and the celebration for the Cardinals begins!

Monday, they traveled to Stoughton, Thursday the team hosts East Troy and Friday they will be at Jefferson. They have a double header scheduled for Saturday at Mineral Point.

game. Keagann Paulson took the loss for Monroe.

Friday's game against East Troy saw Brodhead take control with their first at bat scoring four runs with Elise Rear hitting a triple for the RBI, she would then score on a wild pitch. Maddi Henning would also score on a wild pitch. Kinsley Krumwiede on base, after hitting a single, will score on an line drive to right field hit by Natalie Pierce. Krumwiede and Rear would go 3-for-3 at the plate with Keegan Steinke and Pierce each hitting 3-of-4. The Cards would compile 16 hits, and finish with a final score of 16-4. Elise Rear on the mound earned the win, striking out nine, walking seven, allowed four hits and four runs.

Monday, Brodhead softball was at Delavan Darien, Tuesday took on Beloit Turner, Thursday hosting Evansville and Friday at Jefferson.



Keegan Steinke, 2nd baseperson, catches the throw for the forced out against East Troy. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



The 4x200 relay team running to a first place are: Nolan Bump, Aiden Walker, Marvin Paniagua and Tegan Pinnow. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



The 4x100m relay team of Macy Gretebeck, Ella Olson, Taiya Hawkins and Gracie Hefty made a comeback to take first place. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

The Durand Library to Host a Presentation: Illinois Creoles, French Canadians and Louisiana Cajuns: Illinois, a Continental Story

Dennis Stroughmatt, a cultural preservationist, educator and a fiddler presents a free program "Illinois Creoles, French Canadians and Louisiana Cajuns: Illinois, a Continental Story" Tuesday May 19 at the Durand Library. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Durand Library with the support of the Illinois Humanities Council.

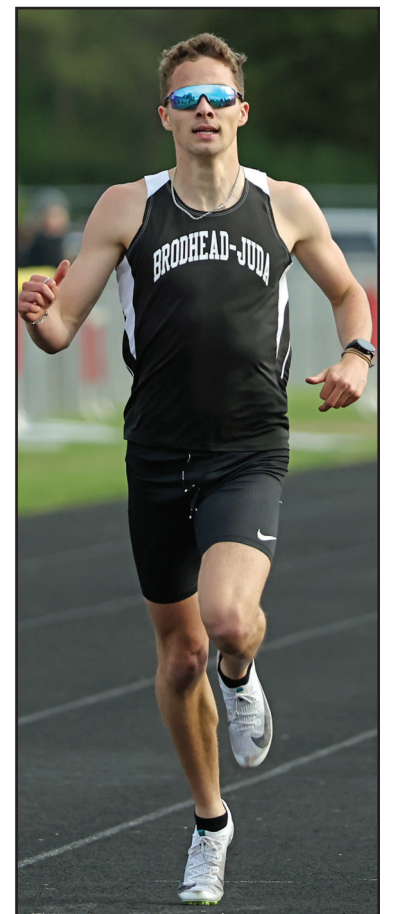
This program is proudly hosted by the Friends Library and everyone is cordially invited to this free presentation. "This is a real treat for us," said Barbara Flores, president of the Friends, "to host this delightful program with a "hot fiddle" to liven a history lesson."

New France once stretched from the St. Lawrence River in Canada to New Orleans and within its territory lived a vast population of French colonists almost as diverse as they were strong. With the coming of new borders and the formation of Canada and the United States, these French founders would find themselves divided and even isolated. But their cultures have remained, still existing after two centuries.

This program will take audiences on a journey of discovery where they will hear the history of the French settlers, the French dialects they still speak, and the unique music they still perform. And most important, through story and song, played on "Creole Fiddle," audiences will have fun learning how the French of "The Illinois Country" serve almost as a time capsule for their cousins to the north and south. With a "dash" of Cajun and a "pinch" of Quebecois this program will show how Illinois Creole culture bridges the continental expanse from Canada to Louisiana.

This presentation aligns with the Illinois America 250 Commission's theme "We the People." This theme invites us to explore ideas of who has been included and who has been left out of the nation's promise, as well as how people from all backgrounds have shaped and reshaped what it means to be part of "the people." The Illinois America 250 Commission's goals are to uplift local stories, places, and programs; build pride, and showcase how Illinois brings the ideals of the Declaration of Independence to life.

Dennis has entertained, educated, and captivated countless diverse au-



Mavrik Plummer was a double winner in the 400m and 800m races. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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diences throughout Illinois with his live-music presentations on subjects ranging from Illinois French Creole music and culture and Old-Time Western Swing.

The program is slated for Tuesday, May 19 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, it is 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.

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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

The wheels on the bus go round and round . . . Lots of singing at Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time last week! The theme for the day was 'things that go,' specifically school busses. The Bus Stop (by Stoeke) and The Little School Bus (by Roth) kept the youngsters captivated. The final story, The Seals on the Bus (by Hort) had everyone singing and making animal noises. So much fun! The chairs were rearranged to make an impromptu school bus that swerved all over the room. Finally, everyone constructed a school bus of their own using an egg carton with pop caps for wheels.

Next week, Story Time returns to the theme 'Dogs and Cats' with stories about dogs that go to school. The preschoolers will have a lesson in origami to create a puppy that's ready to go to school. The stories will include Charlie Goes to School (by DeGroat), Boomer Goes to School (by McGeorge), Marley Goes to School (by Grogan).

Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. There's only a few Story Times left to this school year, so we hope you'll come try us out. It's always a LOT of fun and new friends are always welcome!

Albertson Memorial Library is deep into the planning for the Summer Library Program. The theme this year, Unearth A Story, is all about dinosaurs. There will be two sessions every Tuesday: 10 a.m. for preschoolers and 1 p.m. for school agers. Each session will have activities and crafts appropriate to those age groups. In addition, every Tuesday evening is movie night. We can't wait to see you for this dinosaur themed summer extravaganza!



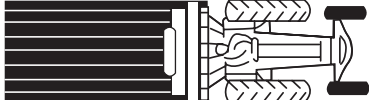
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AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Tuesday, May 12, 2026 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 7:00 a.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE III. ROLL CALL

AGENDA IV. APPROVAL OF TEACHER CONTRACTS V. ADJOURNMENT

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FD responded to a motorcycle crash in the N6500 block of CTH E, Town of Albany. The driver, David French, 39, of Albany, was northbound when a deer entered the roadway and collided with his motorcycle, causing French to lose control, and lay down the bike. The motorcycle left the roadway ejecting French. French was wearing his helmet and other protective gear. French sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported by ambulance to a local hospital. The motorcycle sustained functional damage and was towed from the scene.

RESIDENTIAL SEARCH WARRANT RESULTS IN

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room Wednesday, April 8, 2026 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, April 1, 2026 edition of the Brodhead Free Press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, Jenny Flory, and Paul Donovan

Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried, 7-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team presented information reports on their respective buildings and departments.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

No one was present to give public comment.

AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Meeting: March 11, 2026 b. Policy Committee Meeting: March 23, 2026 c. Steering Committee: March 25, 2026

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

- a. \$2,000.00 monetary donation from Kid Connection Albrecht Elementary School to support field trip transportation costs b. \$1,600.00 monetary donation from the Brodhead Lion's Club to be used to support the cost of District field trips c. \$1,269.08 monetary donation from the Brodhead Sports Boosters to the HS Golf Team.

4. RESIGNATION(S)

- a. Kevin Buxton, JV2 Boys Basketball Coach b. Jennifer Wunsch, Middle School Math Teacher

5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

- a. Karli Elsner, High School Cheer Coach Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE

REQUEST FROM BRODHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO USE THE CARDINAL GRAPHIC ON SQUAD VEHICLES

Corporal Matt Johnson of the Brodhead Police Department presented a request to allow use of the School District's cardinal graphic on City of Brodhead police vehicles. Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to allow use of the District's Cardinal graphic on City of Brodhead police vehicles. Motion carried, 7-0.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM

Middle School Principal Adam Ferger and students Grant McCullough and Brantley Anthony presented information and gave a demonstration related to the Middle School STEM Club led by Anne Corbit, the advisor.

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT HEALTH PLAN

District Administrator Novy presented some introductory information about potential changes to the District's Health Insurance plans. No action was taken. Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the District Health Plan with a 7.6% increase cost with no changes to the District's HSA deductions for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion passed, 5-0; [Michael Oellerich and Jenny Flory abstained].

1ST READING OF NEW VISION STATEMENT AND MISSION STATEMENT

The new District Vision and Mission Statement was presented for a first reading. Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Michael Oellerich, to approve the District Vision as presented and an Amended Mission statement of "Providing educational opportunities for every learner in a safe, collaborative culture". Motion carried, 7-0.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFFING FOR 2026-27

District Administrator Novy presented information regarding anticipated class sizes and staffing for the 2026-2027 school year. No action was taken.

APPROVAL OF STUDENT HANDBOOKS

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the 2026-27 student handbooks, as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF POLICY UPDATE

The Board reviewed a variety of District policy updates, NEOLA policy update 35.1. The Board discussed the presented policies and requested changes and a further reading at the next board meeting. No action was taken.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO HIRE A VARSITY GIRLS WRESTLING COACH

District Administrator Novy presented information about the potential need to hire a Varsity Girls Wrestling coach based on the number of participants and conflicting events with the Boys team. Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve hiring of a Varsity Girls Wrestling coach for the 2026-2027 school year. Motion carried, 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA [April 27, 2026]

- Approval of the Minutes
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)

- Report on Election Results
- High School Band Presentation – Nashville Trip
- Board Reorganization
- A. Election of School Board Officials
- B. Board Meeting Dates and Times for 2026-27
- C. Official Depository
- D. Approval of Authorized Signatures
- E. Appointment of Board Member Representative for 2026 CESA 2 Delegate Assembly
- F. Discuss Board Committees
- Approval of Teacher Contracts
- Elementary School Staffing for 2026-2027
- Approval of CESA 2 Service Contracts
- Second Reading of Mission and Vision Statement
- Policy Updates

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e)

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 8:55 p.m., for the discussion of:

- a. Consideration of Staff Resignation and Potential Waiver of Contractual Obligations
- b. Teacher Negotiations

Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0)

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 9:22 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Clerk reports out no action on closed sessions items.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to adjourn the meeting at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried, 7-0.

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| NOVY, DAVID A | 53.65 |
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| SCHOOL SPECIALTY | 1,751.81 |
| VISGER, KATHERINE M | 100.00 |
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| BOSTON, ERICA R | 125.00 |
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| PIGGLY WIGGLY | 280.32 |
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| SCHWARTZ, DENNIS | 780.00 |
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| WE ENERGIES | 4,315.90 |
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| CESA #2 | 9,300.67 |
| FLAHERTY, BRITTANY | 279.85 |
| KLOPFENSTEIN, JEFFREY | 130.00 |
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| SYMMETRY ENERGY SOLUTIONS, LLC | 19,545.16 |
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| INSTRUMENTALIST AWARDS LLC | 173.00 |
| MONROE HIGH SCHOOL | 150.00 |
| PIGGLY WIGGLY | 696.67 |
| SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MONROE | 159.00 |
| SECURITY ALARM OF ROCKFORD LLC | 150.00 |
| SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP | 4,925.08 |
| WAAE | 765.00 |
| WIEGEL, JEFF | 130.00 |
| BUILDING AUTOMATION SOLUTIONS | 623.00 |
| FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC | 1,627.57 |
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| BODELL, PAUL | 128.00 |
| COMMUNITY INSURANCE CORPORATION | 4,305.00 |
| DAVIS, DAN | 170.00 |
| DEPPLER WOOD SUPPLY | 1,000.00 |
| GREEN COUNTY HIGHWAY DEPT | 231.74 |
| INSTRUMENTALIST AWARDS LLC | 134.00 |
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| MC CANN, LARRY | 170.00 |
| U.S. CELLULAR | 193.78 |
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| MIDAMERICA | 24,964.97 |
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| EWELL EDUCATIONAL SERVICES | 120.00 |
| PIGGLY WIGGLY | 115.14 |
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| SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD | 870.66 |
| DEPPLER WOOD SUPPLY | 200.00 |
| MONROE ENGRAVING | 115.45 |
| NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION | 195.00 |
| PEPSI-COLA | 394.40 |
| PNNACLE FUNDRAISING SERVICES | 6,604.10 |
| GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC | 304.06 |
| RBS ACTIVEWEAR | 679.75 |
| MENARDS | 138.74 |

ARREST

On Thursday, April 30, 2026 at approximately 7:44 a.m., deputies with the Green County Sheriff's Office and the Rock County Sheriff's Office responded to an address in the N6500 block of English Settlement Road, Town of Albany, County of Green, State of Wisconsin regarding a report of construction equipment stolen from Rock County, Wisconsin. As the investigation continued,

Green County Sheriff's Office Deputies had sought, obtained, and served warrants on the residence in question on Thursday, April 30, 2026 and Friday, May 1, 2026. As a result of this investigation, three adult males were taken into custody for possessing/receiving stolen property, party to a crime, contrary to WI SS 943.34(C). All three subjects were transported to the Green County Jail and held

without bond (felony offense) to await an initial appearance in Green County Circuit Court. The following subjects were arrested: Raul NMI Gonzales, 58, of Albany Erick Gonzalez Colin, 28, of Albany Brandon Raul R Garcia, 18, of Madison The investigation remains active and no additional releases are planned at this time.

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To celebrate, Bank of Brodhead will host a Grand Opening event on Tuesday, May 12th from 1 to 5 p.m., welcoming community members, local businesses, and families to join in the festivities. The event is open to the public and will feature refreshments, games, and prizes.

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