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### Santa arrives at 4pm

**Brodhead Family Chiropractic 1027 1st Center Ave** Optimist Cookie Decorating at City Hall Horse Drawn Carriage Rides Brodhead Water and Light Lighted Parade 7pm Frozen T-Shirt Contest to follow parade. Food on the Square-Bridges Hot Toddys



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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. 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.

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

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 410 E. State Street, Albany, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

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

# Brodhead Memorial Public Library

#### By Sarah Carpenter

As winter weather approaches, the Brodhead Memorial Public Library would like to remind patrons that we follow the Brodhead School District for weather-related closures and delays. If the district closes or has a two-hour delay, the library will follow suit. Please check local announcements and our Facebook page for updates before heading out in snowy or icy conditions.

In January, the Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library kicked off the annual Buy-a-Book fundraiser, and we're grateful to share that \$275 has already been raised to enhance our collection. Participants can choose how their donation is used—supporting adult materials, children's materials, or leaving it up to Librarian's Choice. Forms are available at the checkout desk, so stop in, pick one up, and help us continue to grow the library's offerings.

Our Book Clubs are taking a short break for December so members can enjoy the holiday season, but the next selections for both book clubs will be available around mid-December. Be sure to grab a copy once they arrive and join us for great discussions in the new year.

And don't forget—Community Puzzle Night is coming up next Friday, December 12, from 5 to 7 p.m. Bring a friend, grab a puzzle, and enjoy a relaxing evening at the library. All ages are welcome!

### Juda Craft Fair

The Juda Booster Club will be hosting the Juda Craft Fair on Saturday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Juda School, N2385 Spring Street. There will be jewelry, ceramics, handmade signs, homemade soaps, quilts, cross stitch, easy to prepare food, spices, drink mixes, wickless candles, plastic canvas, gourmet food products and much more.

Concessions will be available all day, with breakfast and lunch options as well, sponsored by the junior class.

Santa will be visiting from 10 a.m. to noon.

Admission is free.

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Pictured, left to right: Judy Kaderly, Kim Shields, Shelly Jordan

#### Christmas Is Coming— Sing For Joy

The cantata "Christmas Is Coming—Sing For Joy" will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 1:30 p.m. at the Juda Zion Community Church. Written by Steven Curtis Chapman, Jason Gray, and Chris Tomlin, and directed by Shelly Jordan, the cantata highlights both new songs and old Christmas favorites. Narrators for the program are Kay Carter and Bob Severson. Lily Williams is cast in the role of Mary and Lucas Woodward is Joseph.

Members of the adult choir are: Steve Anderson, Kathy Broger, Jen Coppas, Sara Carr, Kay Carter, Irv Case, Sharon Creuzer, Julie Davis, JoAnn Eberle, Rose Engen, Seth Engen, Beth Figi, Jake Hoesly, Joyce Hoesly, Peg Jordan, Judy Kaderly, Kalvin Kaderly, Rudy Kaderly, Laurie Martenson, Debbie Mason, Nicole Ramirez, Carrie Schwartz, Bob Severson, Kim Shields, Lily Williams, Lucas Woodward and Pastor Mark Woodward. Also participating, is the children's choir, directed by Sara Carr.

Following the performance a time of refreshments and fellowship will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. The program is free and open to the public. Juda Zion Church is located at N2350 Church Street, Juda.

#### Connect Green County announces Third Annual Ugly Sweater Holiday Party

Connect Green County will host its Third Annual Ugly Sweater Holiday Party on Thursday, December 18, at the Monroe Golf Club, 2205 21st Street in Monroe. The event runs from 4 to 8 p.m. and is free for all attendees. Guests will also receive a complimentary raffle entry and one drink ticket.

Connect Green County is a networking group created to bring together local professionals, community members, and newcomers who want to build relationships and get more connected in Green County. The group hosts casual events throughout the year to help people meet one another, share ideas, and engage in the community.

"The Ugly Sweater Party has become one of our favorite traditions," said Michelle Prien, Connect Green County Board President. "It's a simple, fun way for folks to unwind, make new connections, and enjoy the holiday season together."

Attendees are encouraged to wear their most festive or outrageous holiday sweaters and join in for an evening of relaxed conversation, light activities, and seasonal cheer.

For more information, contact Olivia Otte at 608-328-9452 or gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com, or check out the Connect Green County Facebook page for updates.

# Deadline approaching for Christmas Assistance

The Children's Christmas Benefit is accepting holiday referrals for families with children in the rural communities of Rock County. The Children's Christmas Benefit delivers food and gifts anonymously and confidentially to families who typically are not served by other charities or organizations. Many families are going through temporary crisis, health and medical problems, or job loss, and could use a little extra help during this holiday season. If you know of a family that could use help this holiday season with food and gifts for the children, please email childrenschristmasbenefit@yahoo. com. Referrals would be appreciated by Friday, December 5, 2025 so that adequate time can be allotted for filling the gift orders.

# Holiday Cookie Walk and Frosty Workshop

The UCC's Annual Cookie Walk and Frosty Workshop Event will be held on Saturday, December 13th in the Fellowship Hall of the UCC located at E201 23rd Street from 8 a.m. to noon, or until treats are sold out!! Lots of gift items available for last minute Christmas Shopping in our Frosty Workshop! Please come show your support. Come early—we sell out fast! Thanks!







"If you can't yet do great things, do small things in a great way." ~ Napoleon Hill



#### ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

#### FIRE AND ICE FESTIVAL LIGHTED PARADE

Entries are being taken for the Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival—Brodhead Water and Light parade to be held Friday, December 5, starting at 7 p.m. The parade will travel from 10th Street down 1st Center Avenue to 12th Street.

Register today by emailing admin@brodheadchamber.com.

#### **BMS WINTER CONCERT**

The Brodhead Middle School Concert will be held Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m. in the middle school gym. There will be performances by the fifth grade band, sixth grade band and choir and the seventh/eighth grade band and choir.

They hope this concert will get you into the holiday spirit.

#### SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Santa uses the Brodhead Optimist Mitten Tree Project to help make Christmas special for all children in our community. This year is no exception. Anyone wishing to help Santa gather gifts for those children in need is asked to pick a set of mittens from the tree in the Bank of Brodhead lobby, or the Bank of New Glarus—Brodhead Branch lobby. As a reminder, the bank lobbies are closed on Saturdays.

Beginning Friday, November 21, please pick up and fill out the mitten asking for your contact information and leave it in the mailbox nearby. Then take the other mitten containing the child's age, size and wish list with you. After shopping, just wrap your gift and attach the mitten with the child's info on the package and drop it off where you picked up the mitten. The gifts must be returned by Tuesday, December 9

Happy shopping to all of Santa's helpers and thank you for participating in this great Optimist project. If you have any questions, please call 414-405-6203.

#### BRODHEAD LIONS CLUB COLLECTING DEER HIDES

The Brodhead Lions will join in with Lions from across the state of Wisconsin in collecting deer hides again this year. Hides are sold, made into gloves, with the tails made into fly fishing lures. Monies made from this sale will go to support the Wisconsin Lions camp for the blind or visually impaired. Hides may be dropped off any time, look for the area at Gassers Hardware.

#### BMS HOLIDAY SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Brodhead Middle School TOOL team is proud to collaborate with BMS staff and students to host our annual holiday luncheon on Friday, December 12. The Team of Outstanding Leaders will organize a program of musical performances, trivia, readings, crafts, and door prizes. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch service at noon, and wrap up around 1 p.m. This luncheon is an opportunity for senior citizens in our community to gather for good cheer and festivities before the holidays. Contact the Brodhead Middle School office at 897-2184 by Wednesday, December 10, if you plan to attend.

Free-will donations are accepted at the luncheon to support this holiday tradition, as are donations from area businesses to be added to our door prize table. Contact stresemer@brodhead.kl2.wi.us for donations.

# Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

#### Green County Genealogical Society to meet

The Green County Genealogical Society will host "Vintage Textiles and Family Stories" by Eileen Daniels. The presentation is Saturday, December 6, at 10 a.m. in the Turner Hall Ratskeller Restaurant, note location.

Join Eileen for a heartwarming trunk show that weaves together art, history, and humor. Through her collection of art quilts, Eileen celebrates the beauty of vintage linens and the family stories they carry. Each piece tells its own tale—quilts made with great-grandmother's blocks from the early and mid-1900s, adorned with cherished handkerchiefs, delicate doilies, and lace. With a dash of humor and plenty of family lore, Eileen's presentation invites you to see how old fabrics can stitch together generations and memories in unexpected ways.

Eileen has been a quilter for more than 50 years, and she loves to share her creative artwork. She also taught middle school Home Economics for 30 years before she retired. She and her husband of 54 years live in the woods outside of Brodhead, where they both have their studios. Ross does woodworking.

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.

# Brodhead Optimists Once Again Offer Essay and Oratorical Contests Great Prize Money

Students under the age of 19, are invited to speak their minds through a written essay entitled "How My Acts of Service Help Me Understand What My Community Means to Me" to win cash prizes at the local and district levels of Optimist International for the school year 2026! Just pick up an application from Brodhead middle and high schools, the library, or Wendy Backes (wendybackes1966@gmail. com) and you're on your way! Applications and essays are due back by Monday, January 26th, 2026 to the place where you picked up your application.

Students, the Oratorical Contest has even bigger prize money available. You must be under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2026, and create a speech that lasts between four and five minutes on the topic of "The Moment I Realized I Belonged—My Definition of Community". Pick up your application at the middle school, high school or library as soon as possible and return by Monday, January 5th to secure your space!

The Optimist Club will judge the students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Winners will receive cash awards and the winning speeches will be sent to the Zone Level, and possibly the District Level for the opportunity to win college scholarships. Winners of the District Level will be eligible to compete in a regional contest in St. Louis, Missouri, at St. Louis University. Winners of the regional contests will compete in the World Championship also held at Saint Louis University. Students could possibly win up to \$22,500 in scholarships!

"As they prepare for their future, many of our local students need experience expressing their thoughts and opinions to an audience," Club President Gloria Sutter said. "The Oratorical Contest challenges them to do just that and also offers an opportunity for scholarships. In this way, our club hopes to bring out the best in each of them and help them achieve their goals for the future."

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dieckohoff at christidee@litewire.net or 608-558-5828 and she will help you.

### 24 Snows To Go!

According to the Ties Formula, go back to the last new moon before the first trackable snow and take that snow and add the two numbers together. The first snow was November 8.



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# Bridges Breakfast with Santa! Sunday, December 7 8 - 11 a.m.

Featuring Breakfast Buffet only

Free Hot Chocolate and Cookies for the kids.

Bring your camera to take a picture with Santa! Santa will be at Bridges from 8:30 to 11 a.m.



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#### JUDA FIRE DEPARTMENT'S

# 32nd Annual GUN SHOW

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Thursday, December 11
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Doors and food stand open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m.

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## **Lunch and Learn: Christmas Bird Count**

Join the Lower Sugar River Watershed Association for their Christmas Bird Count Lunch and Learn with presenter Quentin Yoeger, expert birder and Green/Rock County CBC facilitator, on Thursday, December 18th, from 12–1 p.m. at Three Waters Reserve (N3941 Golf Course Road, Brodhead.

Enjoy a delicious meal crafted by Culinary Nirvana while discovering the wonders of winter birds in this engaging and educational session, perfect for wildlife lovers and foodies alike!

Buy Tickets online at www.threewatersreserve.com/pages/calendar-1 Price: \$21.95

Featured Buffet: Italian

Register by: Sunday, December 14th





#### **Brodhead** Varsity Girls' **Basketball Schedule** 2025-26

12/4/25 vs Big Foot 7 p.m. 12/9/25 @ Evansville 7 p.m. 12/12/25 @ Turner 7 p.m. 12/16/25 @ Dodgeville 7:30 p.m. 12/18/25 vs Clinton 7 p.m. 12/30/25 vs Stoughton 7 p.m. 1/2/26 vs Parkview 7 p.m. 1/6/26 vs Jefferson 7 p.m. 1/13/26 @ East Troy 7 p.m. 1/16/26 @ Monroe 7 p.m. 1/20/26 vs Black Hawk 7 p.m. 1/22/26 vs Whitewater 7 p.m. 1/27/26 @ Marshall 7:15 p.m. 1/30/26 vs Delavan-Darien 7

2/2/26 vs Albany/Monticello 7

2/5/26 vs Edgerton 7 p.m. 2/10/26 @ Big Foot 7 p.m. 2/13/26 vs Evansville 7 p.m. 2/16/26 vs Turner 7 p.m. 2/19/26 @ Clinton 7 p.m.

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1/9/26 vs Big Foot 7 p.m. 1/12/26 vs Belleville 7 p.m. 1/15/26 vs East Troy 7 p.m. 1/20/26 @ Jefferson 7 p.m. 1/23/26 vs Monroe 7 p.m. 1/26/26 vs Wisconsin Heights 7

1/29/26 @ Whitewater 7 p.m. 1/31/26 vs Albany 4:30 p.m. 2/3/26 vs Dodgeville 7 p.m. 2/6/26 @ Delavan-Darien 7 p.m. 2/10/26 @ Juda 7:30 p.m. 2/12/26 vs Edgerton 7 p.m. 2/17/26 @ Evansville 7 p.m. 2/20/26 @ Clinton 7 p.m. 2/23/26 vs Turner 7 p.m. 2/26/26 @ Big Foot 7 p.m.



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#### **Brodhead Fire and** Ice Festival: A Holiday **Tradition Returns!**

Get ready to kick off the holiday season at the annual Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival, presented by Bridges Bar and Grill, on Friday, December 5th, from 4 to 9 p.m. in downtown Brodhead. This beloved community tradition promises an evening full of festive fun, sparkling lights, and holiday cheer for the entire family.

Visitors can enjoy beautifully crafted ice sculptures and the fiery excitement of mesmerizing fire twirlers lighting up the crisp winter night. Families are invited to stop by Brodhead Family Chiropractic with Santa, where Exit Professional Realty will be handing out a sweet treat for everyone who visits.

Thanks to sponsors Body Crafters and Kuhn, horse-drawn carriage rides will take guests on a festive journey through downtown, offering the perfect way to experience the twinkling lights and seasonal atmosphere.

The highlight of the evening is the Brodhead Water and Light Holiday Parade kicking off at 7 p.m. featuring dazzling floats, festive music, and plenty of holiday spirit. After the parade, warm up by the fire pits, roast marshmallows or hot dogs, and enjoy the friendly fun of the Frozen T-Shirt Contest, where participants can compete for some "cool" prizes.

On Saturday morning, the celebration continues holiday with Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Brodhead Jaycees, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Three Waters Reserve. Families can enjoy a delicious breakfast and take a photo with Santa to capture a special holiday memory. For more information and to register for contests, the memory tree, or the lighted parade, visit Brodhead-FireAndIce.com. Join the fun as downtown Brodhead transforms into a holiday wonderland during this year's Fire and Ice Festival!

#### Saturday Mornings at the **Durand Library**

More Jerks in Chicago—1900-1945 Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

Please join us on Saturday, December 13 for part two of Jerks in Chicago. The first part covered the 1800s when the city was a small settlement dealing with the growing pains of organizing itself. The second part, More Jerks in Chicago, details the type of ills and kinds of characters the city continued to face during the first half of the 20th century.

Still, Chicago managed to prosper despite the criminals, corrupt leaders and mobsters. The Columbian Exposition of 1893 gave it a boost as well as worldwide attention. The city had been well placed with access to the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River and soon became the rail hub for the nation. Population grew rapidly as did industry and soon it was the center of meatpacking and steel and other manufacturing.

Along with this prosperity and groundbreaking advancements e.g. the use of iron, which led to the erection of skyscrapers, came the jerks about which we will learn. A certain mayor deserves the title of the most corrupt official in Chicago history while a certain man married and dispensed with multiple wives and at least one woman did the same with husbands.

It was quite a place-brothels galore, bootlegging, gangsters, and, of course, corruption. The talk begins at 10 a.m. and is 90 minutes long. Coffee and tasty little pastries will be offered so come by, get comfortable and enjoy the presentation.

Entry to the library is at the east end of the building. Just follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. Hours are 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

Email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call 815-289-8602 and visit us on FB/ durandvillagelibrary.



State Street looking north from Randolph in 1911





#### 27th Annual Children's Christmas Benefit

The 27th Annual Children's Christmas Benefit will be held at the Orfordville American Legion on Saturday, December 6. Many exciting holiday events will highlight this year's benefit.

At 6 p.m. the evening will kick off with a delicious pork chop community supper.

Santa Claus will be on hand for the children at 7 p.m.

Raffles will be held throughout the evening. Donations will be accepted for the meal. The State Line Play Boys will provide entertainment from 8 p.m. to midnight. Bring your entire family for an evening of holiday fellowship and fun!

The toys and gifts collected are distributed discreetly and confidentially among local county children so their Christmas will be a bit merrier. The purpose of the benefit is to give to the kids what they would not otherwise have during the holiday season. It is an organization that is 100% volunteer driven.

There is no charge for the evening's entertainment or the meal. Donations will be accepted at the event. All cash contributions will be used specifically for purchasing hats, mittens, boots, clothing, toys, and supplies for children from birth to high school age. The contributions also supply a Christmas meal to each of the families. Community members are encouraged to join in the fun and holiday spirit so that many deserving children will have a merrier Christmas this year. If you are interested in donating raffle items, would like to refer a family in need, or for questions regarding the event, please contact Brian Knudson at 608-289-2498.



#### 2025 Albrecht Elementary Turkey Trot

By Madi Arnold and Serena Santiago

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped in the 2025 Albrecht Elementary Turkey Trot. They are very grateful for the turn out of our senior project and how much everyone enjoyed it. We also want to give a big thank you to our sponsors for making this event possible: Bullwinkle's Coffee and More, The Bank of New Glarus (Brodhead), The Bank of Brodhead, Harvest Moon, and Sauer Vending.



#### Monroe Theatre Guild Presents a Holiday Celebration for the Entire Family

The holidays at Monroe Theatre Guild will be bursting with laughter and merry melodies as they present The Best Christmas Pageant Ever with Voices of the Season. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, written by Barbara Robinson, is directed for MTG by first-time director Marcia Bredeson, with Melissa Schnepper as Assistant Director. Bredeson and Schnepper bring years of community theater experience to the role as they team up to present a family-friendly holiday play on the MTG Colony Brands Stage.

Voices of the Season brings together local performers who begin each show with festive songs and stories. Each performance showcases a mix of musical artists—many familiar from previous MTG productions—sharing their favorite holiday tunes through solos and duets. Santa Claus himself will also

make an appearance, delighting children by reading "A Visit from St. Nicholas" (commonly known as "'Twas the Night Before Christmas) in his own special style.

Following the musical preludes, the featured presentation begins. The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, a comedy, centers on the Herdman children, the town's most notorious delinquents, who take over the annual church Christmas pageant. Once the siblings assert themselves to secure all the lead roles, Grace, the director, faithfully guides the children as they discover the origins of the first Christmas. The townspeople are horrified by the Herdmans' roles in the town's traditional celebration. But as the chaotic rehearsals progress, the Herdmans begin to learn the true meaning of the Christmas story, leading to an unexpected and heartwarming

performance. The play explores themes of grace, kindness, and inclusion, showing how the most unlikely people can teach the biggest lessons.

As part of the Colony Brands performance series, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever with Voices of the Season will be presented in eight performances at the Monroe Theatre Guild, 910 16th Avenue, Monroe. Performance dates and times are Friday, December 5 at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 6 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., Sunday, December 7 at 2 p.m., and the following weekend, Friday, December 12 at 7 p.m., Saturday, December 13 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 14 at 2 p.m.. Tickets can be purchased online at monroetheatre.com, at the ticket window on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., or by calling 608-325-1111.



# Special Mailbox Has Arrived at Brodhead Post Office

It's that time of year, so full of cheer, When children think of gifts so near. A special mailbox has arrived in town, at the Brodhead Post Office, just look around!

Write your letter, neat and bright, Address it to Santa, and seal it tight.

Drop it in the box with care, And Santa will get it, he's always there!

The North Pole staff is ready to read, And Santa himself will take the lead,

Answering each letter with care, A Christmas reply beyond compare.

But hurry, don't wait too long, The box is here until Sunda, December 14th!

Santa's busy, as you can see, But he'll find time to reply—guaranteed!

#### A Full Day of Holiday Fun at Three Waters Reserve:

Breakfast with Santa & Holiday Open House

The Brodhead Jaycees and the Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy are excited to kick off a festive day with Breakfast with Santa from 9 to 11 a.m. at Three Waters Reserve, N3941 Golf Course Road, Brodhead.

This free, family-friendly event invites the community to stop in, meet Santa, enjoy donuts, fruit, and assorted breakfast treats, and enter Give-Away Baskets in the upper level. Downstairs, children can take part in a variety of holiday-themed activities, including coloring, a magic reindeer food station, and other seasonal crafts. Make sure to bring items to donate for our community food drive. This event is free and open to all!

The festivities don't stop there!

Beginning at 12 p.m., Three Waters Reserve will host their Holiday Open House, running until 3 p.m. Guests are invited to tour the newly updated facility, including the completed Bridal Suite, a newly added pergola and grand stone staircase, and a refreshed lower level. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and yummy holiday cocktails by Culinary Nirvana!

In the spirit of the season, the Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy is honored to partner with Family Promise of Green County to support a community food drive benefiting families in need during our Holiday Open House! High-priority, non-perishable items requested by Family Promise include:

- Spaghetti sauce
- Peanut butter
- Tuna or packaged white chicken
- $\bullet \ Cereals$
- Soup

All other non-perishable items are welcome as well! Bring FIVE items to donate and you will receive THREE free tickets to enter their Give-Away Baskets. Plus, SWLC will be matching donations up to \$500 in supplies collected during the event!

The festivities continue with their Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest, with the winner announced at 1:30 p.m.! By making a donation or signing up for an SWLC Membership, you will receive bonus entries for their variety of Give-Away Baskets. Tickets will be available from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and winners will be drawn at 2:30 p.m.!

This special day offers something for everyone, and they look forward to welcoming community members to celebrate with them. The trails at Three Waters Reserve will also be open for visitors to enjoy throughout the events.

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#### By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Tractors! Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time continued the theme "Things That Go" focusing on Tractors. The stories included Stanley the Farmer (Bee) and Tractor Mac Learns to Fly (Steers). Can a tractor really fly? The preschoolers practiced their counting with One Tractor (Sly) and ran around like mad looking for different 'things that go.' The craft for the day was a geometric-shapes tractor, green, of course. It started out as a puzzle and then was glued to a background page, complete with a grassy field. At the very end, the kiddos played in the corn bin/sensory table, spreading corn all over the place!

Next week starts the Christmas stories, this time about dogs and cats. Charlie and the Christmas Kitty (Drummond), Merry Christmas Splat (Scotton) and Jingle Paws (Brown) are all on the list. B! I! N! G! O! will help the preschoolers practice their clapping skills. Then a 'pulled-paint' project to magically make a cat painting. (Bet you want to hear how THAT'S done, don't you?) We'd love to meet some new friends. Story Time meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. and is always a grand time with lots of energetic games and crafts. Sometimes we even sing. See you next week?

Saturday, December 6th, is Albertson Memorial Library's Snack With Santa event. Santa arrives at exactly 9:30 a.m., so don't be late. The crafts will include an elf gift bag and two elf ornaments for the Christmas tree. The event ends with treats in the Community Room at the library.







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Sat., Nov. 29 and Sun., Nov. 30, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Free hot chocolate and cookies. NEW variety of gift baskets and other items; bake sale; homemade lefse; dehyrated sourdogh bread starter; home. Christmas and decor; metal wall hangings; solar lights; wooden Packer, Badger and John Deere plus more signs; cement Packer, Badger, animal statuary; baby sweaters, baby blankets; scrubbies, pot holders, dish cloths; doorstops/shelf plush animal sitters; Christmas bells of all sizes; garden goodies; Christmas towel sets; handmade cards; gnomes; Highland Cow tree ornaments and baskets; hand knitted ear warmers, vintage decorated iars. Christmas items-old and new. Shirley Zuhlke, 608-289-5729.

#### **Green County Sheriff's Department** November 24-30, 2025

At 5:49 p.m., Monday, deputies responded to a disturbance in the W3000 block of Greenbush Road, Town of Sylvester. The investigation resulted in the arrest of Zachary R Leaver, 46, Juda, for battery under the domestic abuse law Leaver was transported to the Green County Jail where he posted bond, and was released pending a court appearance.

#### **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.

#### **Notice**



**AGENDA** BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT **Finance Committee Meeting** Wednesday, DECEMBER 10, 2025 HIGH SCHOOL LMC 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 6:30 p.m.

#### AGENDA

- **REVIEW BILLS** REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE ADJOURN

12/03/2025

**AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT** REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, December 10, 2025 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 7:00 p.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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- CALL TO ORDER
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE **ROLL CALL**
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- INFORMATION REPORTS PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

#### **AGENDA**

- CONSENT AGENDA . APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
- 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
- 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
- 4. RESIGNATION(S) 5. EMPLOYMENT
- RECOMMENDATION(S) PRESENTATION: DISTRICT VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT
- PLANNING PROCESS PRESENTATION: SUPPORTING SCHOOL DAY FIREFIGHTER
- CLASSES. STATE REPORT CARD
- **PRESENTATION** APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL
- PROGRAM OF STUDIES FOR 2026-27
- APPROVAL OF 2026-27
- MASTER CALENDAR APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR WINDOW TREATMENTS AND
- ROOM SIGNAGE REVIEW UNDER-LEVY LIMIT
- DISCUSSION AND ACTION
- REFERENDUM UPDATE FUTURE AGENDA
- XVII. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e) a. Bus Contract
- XVIII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION **ITFMS**

#### XIX. ADJOURNMENT

Persons needing special accommodations should call (608) 897-2141 at least twenty-four [24] hours prior to the meeting. 12/03/2025

#### Green **County Land** and Water Conservation Tree Sale is Open

It's holiday season. That time of year where you get to mingle with your loved ones or... start ordering trees for next spring! The Green County Land & Water Conservation Department is still offering eight varieties of trees and two shrubs for landowners interested in planting trees next spring. The tree varieties are: Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, White Oak, Black Cherry, Domestic Apple, White Pine and Norway Spruce. The shrubs available are American Plum and Redosier Dogwood. The trees and shrubs are bare root, and range in height between 18 inches and 4 feet depending on species. The cost is \$3 per tree and must be ordered in increments of 10.

Most of the trees and shrubs are native to the area and the species offered cover a broad range of soil types and moistures. All species are still currently in stock.

Mycorrhizal root dip and nutrient packs are also available to order. Tree spuds can be rented with a deposit. The LWCD has tree planters available, allowing you to plant a lot of trees with ease. Contact the office to get on the planter schedule.

Trees can be ordered by contacting the LWCD directly by phone or by ordering through the Green County LWCD website https:// greencountylwcd.com/tree-sales/ There are also order forms in the office if you want to stop by and pick one up. If you are unsure about what trees will work in your particular soil, have any questions about the trees or how to order stop in or give the Green County LWCD a call at 608-325-4195 ext 2682. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Limited amounts of each species are available, so it is advised if you are looking for something specific- order early. Trees are scheduled for pick up mid to late

#### **Green County Humane** Society Rescues 55 Dogs and a **Cat From Extreme Hoarding** and Breeding Situation

The Green County Humane Society is once again asking for the community's support after undertaking another major animal rescue-this time saving 55 dogs and one cat from a severe hoarding and breeding situation earlier today.

Just weeks after responding to a case involving 17 starving German Shepherds, our staff, volunteers, and board members were called to assist local authorities with an entirely new crisis. Upon arrival at the property, they discovered two small trailers packed with 55 dogs, many confined to filthy, cramped cages. The conditions were horrific, the air thick with ammonia, and the sound of panicked barking echoed through the space.

Inside were 26 puppies, including one litter so new that their umbilical cords were still attached. Despite the trauma and neglect they endured, many of the dogs showed surprising resilience—frightened, but not completely mistrusting.

All animals were immediately transported to the Green County Humane Society in Monroe, where our team worked swiftly to triage, weigh, clean, and settle them into safe spaces with fresh bedding, food, and clean water.

"We are overwhelmed-emotionally and physically," said the Executive Director of the Green County Humane Society. "But we are committed. These animals had no one else. We will do everything in our power to give them the care, treatment, and compassion they have been denied for so long. Now we need our community's help to get through this."

This rescue places tremendous strain on the shelter's resources. Many of the dogs will require medical treatment, vaccines, medications, and round-the-clock careespecially the newborn puppies, several of whom will need supplemental feeding and monitoring.

The Green County Humane Society is urgently asking the community for support. Donations will directly fund medical care, emergency supplies, cleaning materials, puppy formula, food, and staffing needs as we navigate this massive

Monetary donations can be made through our website at: greencountyhumane.org/donate or on our Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/share/14PiG4quSYm/

Physical donations such as small breed dog food, puppy pads, bleach, laundry detergent, puppy food, high-calorie nutritional support, blankets, and gift cards are also welcome. Volunteers are desperately needed at this time as well. We welcome all of our volunteers to come and make a difference in the walls of our shelter if possible.

"This is one of the largest intakes we have ever experienced," the Executive Director added. "But every one of these 56 animals deserves a fresh start - and together, we can give them that."

For media inquiries, interviews, or to learn more about supporting the rescue efforts, please contact: Erin Emery Green County Humane Society 608-225-7780 eemery@greencountyhumane.org or acurtis@ greencountyhumane.org countyhumane.org

#### Monday Night Mixed League

11/24—High series: Robert Murray 686, Rick Reed 668, Bill Schoen 662. High games: R. Murray 257, B. Schoen 248, Josh Fenwick 245. Center Tavern-high team game 1,001. Broughton's Bar-high team series 2,886. Standings: Broughton's Bar won 37 lost 17, Center Tavern 33-21, Beloit Chiropractic 31-23, Fosters Gaming 24-30, Bartelt 19-35, Albany Lanes 18-36.

**Tuesday Shaningans** 11/25—High series: Becky Hanneman 384, Shi Strommen 347, Tammy Neueneschwander 337, Rick Clark 530, Larry Ommodt 510, Dan Eaton 480, Doug Hawkins 480. High games: B. Hanneman 167, Linda Neuenschwander 142, T. Neuenschwander 125, L. Ommodt 188. R. Clark 182, D. Hawkins 175. The Young & The Restlesshigh team game 812 and series 2,352. Standings: Sweet Mini HaHa won 41 lost 15, The Young & The Restless 39-17, Misfits 32-24, Perfectly Aged 31-25, Greightful Dead 18-38.

Wednesday Night Ladies

11/26—High series: Kari Johnson 504, Fran Kubesh 495, Tami Behnke 489, Tara Blumer 479, Jessica Holtsapple 462. High games: J. Holtsapple 198, Carrie Ommodt 192, F. Kubesh 190, T. Blumer 183, Joan Flood 180. Albertson's-high team game 648. Glenn-Ann Ladies-high team series 1,783. Standings: Larson Acres won 56 lost 28, General Store 53-31, Glenn-Ann Ladies 48-36, Albertson's 36-48, Stables Bar & Grill 35-49, Crystal's Team 24-60.

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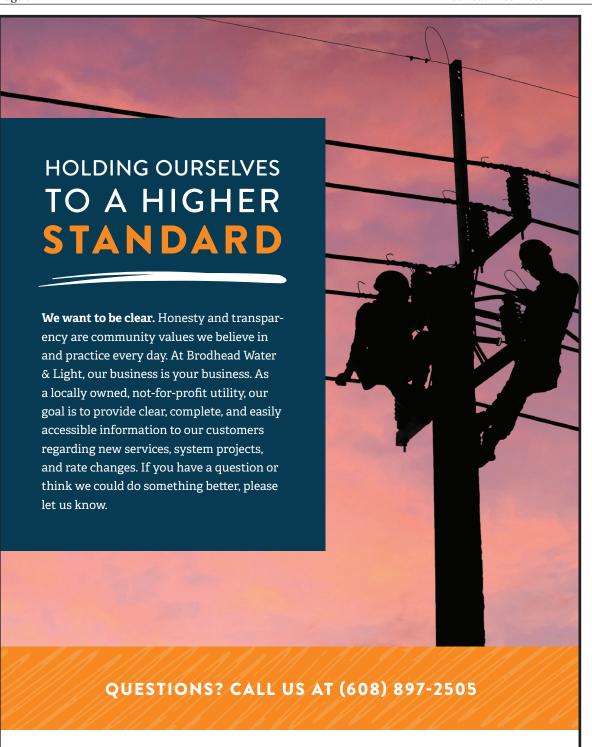
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Key Election Forms and Access

To officially run for office, you must obtain and file a set of three required forms from the City Clerk's office:

Campaign Registration Statement (CF-1): Filed prior to accepting contributions or making disbursements.

Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162): Declares your intent to run.

Nomination Papers (EL-169): Requires signatures from eligible electors (voters) in Brodhead.

How to Get Your Papers:

Visit City Hall: Stop by the City Clerk's Office located at 1111 W. 2nd

Avenue during normal business hours.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday—8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Contact: Call the Clerk's office at 608-897-4018 to let them know you are coming, or to ask any questions about the forms.

Important Dates to Remember Circulation Starts: December 1st

Circulation Starts: December 1st (No signatures collected before this date are valid).

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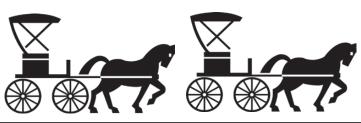
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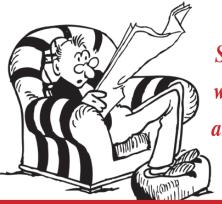
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