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School Board

Budget Discussed and Committee Assignments Finalized

By Grace Kufahl

In his report, Tech Director Kevin Buxton noted the government's intention to narrow the scope of the E-Rate program, which currently covers 80% of the district's network expenses. He also mentioned the district has been hit hard with Phishing attempts and recommended the district transition to multi-factor identification for enhanced security.

Superintendent Novy informed the board he and Finance Manager Robin Marshall have been working with Baird on how to utilize debt from the last referendum to level out taxes. He explained that the strategy is similar to paying off a mortgage early to save money on interest, and more information will be provided next month.

Jim Wahl was appointed to the Legislative and Compensation Committees and will replace Don Buchanan as WASB Delegate. Wahl was removed from the Finance Committee and Don Buchanan will fill the vacant spot on the Negotiations Committee.

In Other Business:

Robin Marshall reported the district's 2025-26 budget currently shows an approximately \$295,000

surplus "on paper" and that Fund 46 is over \$800,000.

Building and Grounds Director Chad Dix relayed that the High School lot has been seal coated, booths have been installed in the foyer, screens have replaced the Wall of Fame, the track was resurfaced, and he gave a shout out to staff for everything they got done this summer.

Principals Jim Matthys and Adam Ferger thanked the board for allowing them to attend the valuable Visible Learning Conference in Nashville.

Matthys reported Sharon Malone will be doing 30 second check-ins with students to address mental health concerns.

Elementary Principal Kelly Knox informed the board that 50 students are enrolled in 4K so far, and they are working with the Bank of Brodhead on a financial literacy partnership.

Novy let the board know that the 4K floor that was done incorrectly was being redone and thanked Jerica Schwartz for the nice displays in the High School foyer.

The board approved hiring a highly recommended candidate with a one-year license with stipu-

lations for a hard-to-fill fifth-grade teaching position.

As required, Pupil Services Director DeAnne Larson reported there were no instances of Seclusion or Restraint of students last year.

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Woodsvew Duplexes Has Opening

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The residents enjoy a level of comfort knowing that they have the security of a life-long lease. The life-long lease includes utilities (excluding cable, internet and phone), maintenance inside and out, snow removal and lawn maintenance all for a maintenance fee of \$715 per month. Unit include two bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen, living room with gas fireplace and a sit-down counter. The unit also has a one-car garage.

The lease requires a substantial deposit of \$180,000. The deposit is 80% refundable upon end of the lease.

They have many residents that are very satisfied with their living arrangement at Woodsvew Duplexes. Call Casey, today, for more information, scheduling a walk through or to be placed on the waiting list. His number is 602-315-9191.



The Brodhead Community Band performed for the final concert of the Twilight in the Park series. This is the group's 13th year and they practiced throughout the summer to prepare for this concert. The group consisted of students and alumni from the Brodhead School district along with members from Brodhead and the surrounding area. The group performed selections such as: Lexington March, Chicago, the Pennsylvania Polka and many more. Thanks to the Community Band members for all of their hard work this summer. (Photos submitted by: Beth Riesterer and Diana Dougherty)



Jason Riesterer conducting the community band. He is the leader of the group.

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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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month—Gluten Free Options. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Community Blood Drive, Thursday, September 3, noon to 5:30 p.m. in UCC Fellowship Hall.

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. Worship service 9 a.m. No Sunday school until Labor Day Sunday.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblner. Web site: livingwordwi.org.

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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 Jadyne 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.

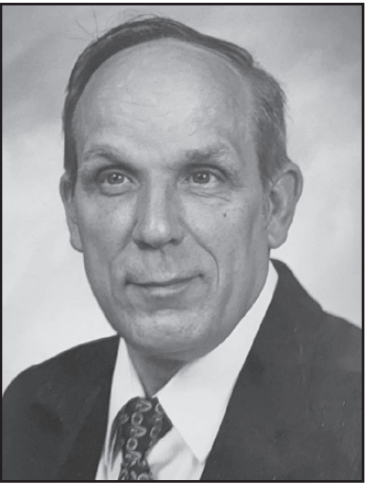
St. Patrick Catholic Church, 410 E. State Street, Albany, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

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 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. In-person worship at 10 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARIES



Terrence D. Peterson

Terrence David Peterson (Terry, Darrell), age 86, passed away quietly from this world early Friday morning, August 7, 2026, at Agrace Hospice in Fitchburg, Wisconsin.

Terry was born on November 28, 1939. He was originally from Brodhead (BHS Class of 1958) and had lived in Madison, Wisconsin, for many years. He was employed by Lloyds Plumbing of Janesville until retirement and then he worked part time at Oscar Mayer/Kraft in Madison.

Terry was an avid reader, coin collector and had a keen interest in genealogy. He had several spiral notebooks, compiling information on his family and requesting their assistance in keeping everything up to date. He loved doing crossword puzzles, Sudoku, jigsaw puzzles and going to garage sales and to the library. Terry enjoyed playing cards with his siblings at their monthly get-togethers, where the losers had to buy breakfast and the winners got to gloat. He wasn't very good at floating; he was too modest and kind.

Terry is survived by his two sons: Jeff (Elaine) of Middleton and Brian of Madison; and two grandsons: Trevor and Gavin. He is also survived by his siblings: Carole Badertscher, Anna Lea Duchow, Robert (Jean) Peterson, and Paul (Debra) Peterson; sisters-in-law: Patricia Peterson and Marlene Harris; and also many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives.

Terry was preceded in death by his dear wife, Helen; his parents, Raymond and Florence Peterson; his parents-in-law, Clifford and Blanche Fisher; his brother, Bruce; brothers-in-law: Richard Badertscher and Fred Duchow; along with his wife. Helen's siblings: Evelyn (Chuck) Lambert, Orn (Evelyn) Fisher, Jay Harris (brother-in-law), Charles Fisher, Orville Fisher and Alan Fisher.

Ryan Funeral Home, 2418 N. Sherman Avenue, Madison is handling the arrangements for Terry's funeral, tentatively scheduled for Friday, August 21. Information can be found at ryanfuneralservice.com. Special thanks to the wonderful people at both St. Mary's Hospital and Agrace Hospice Care.

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Davey K. Lee

Davey K. Lee, age 91, of Brodhead, passed away on Friday, August 7, 2026, at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. He was born on December 26, 1934, the son of Orville and Gladys (Hutzel) Lee. In 1956, Davey married the love of his life, Geraldine (Jerry) Bramble. Davey is survived by his wife; his four daughters: Paula, Karla, Theresa, and Kristina; and six grandchildren: Whitney, Taylor, Sierra, Madalena, Tory, and Teigen. Per Davey's wishes, no services will be held. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family. Condolences can be sent to the family at shgfuneralhome.net.



Card Shower

Please help celebrate Lorraine Wolfe's 90th birthday on Wednesday, September 2, with a card shower.

Sends cards to Lorraine at W826 Decatur Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

Tuesday's 8/11 results: Beef and the Boys defeated The Bar 1 17-4; Bridges Bar & Grill 1 defeated Bridges Bar & Gill 2 10-6.

Season standings: Bridges Bar & Gill 2 won 5 lost 4; Bridges Bar & Grill 1 5-5; The Bar 2 4-5; Beef and the Boys 4-6; The Bar 1 3-7.

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 8/16 results: United Methodist defeated Church of God 12-2; Luther Valley defeated Living Word 16-3; Congregational UCC defeated Orfordville Lutheran 11-0.

Standings: United Methodist 8-2-1; Bethlehem Lutheran 6-3-1; Congregational UCC 5-5; Church of God 5-2-3; Living Word 3-6-1; Luther Valley 4-6; Orfordville Lutheran 2-9.

Green County Amateur Radio to meet

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, September 5, from 9:30-11 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.

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Blood drive

A blood drive will be held on Thursday, August 20, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Luther Valley Lutheran Church. The church is located at 7107 S. Luther Valley Road, Beloit. Contact Patty at plwilliams1392@yahoo.com or call RRVBC at 815-965-8751 to schedule your appointment.

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The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.

~Psalm 14:1

One day I was preaching in the open air, standing at a place that was surrounded by a low single link chain. I noticed a man coming straight for me, his arms flapping about as he shouted, "There's no God, there's no God". As he approached where I was, he tripped over the chain and landed facedown in front of me. I stopped preaching and helped him up. He than said to me, "You know who did that to me? God did that to me!" How foolish to pretend there is no God. Even the atheist will one day acknowledge Him as Lord.

—Sid Halsband

Amazing grace who sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me;

I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see. —John Newton

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BHS CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

The Brodhead High School class of 1976 will hold their 50th class reunion on Saturday, October 3, at Kelch Museum (Brodhead Airport) from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. RSVP by Friday, September 4.

Prior to the reunion they will be touring the old high school, current middle school, starting at 4 p.m. You are also welcome to tour the Kelch Museum.

Watch your mailbox or inbox for your invitation. To verify your information or provide your current contact information (in case we don't have it) or for more information, email Chris Searles at 425emt5000@gmail.com.

CONDON-TEN EYCK 134th FAMILY REUNION

The Condon-Ten Eyck 134th family reunion will be held at noon Sunday, August 30th at the Putnam Park pavilion.

SSM Health to host total shoulder replacement surgery education presentation

SSM Health Monroe Hospital invites the public to an informative community education presentation, Stronger Joints, Stronger You, with orthopedic surgeon Dr. Jonathan Swindle. During the presentation, Dr. Swindle will highlight how total shoulder replacement surgeries can improve your pain and range of motion.

The free event will take place on Wednesday, August 26, at 4 p.m. in SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group's St. Clare Conference Center, 515 22nd Avenue, Monroe.

This is a great opportunity to understand the different types of total shoulder replacement surgeries, learn more about how virtual implant positioning technology and imaging enhances planning and precision, and ask questions.

Online registration is appreciated but not required. Those interested can register for the event online at ssmhealth.com/classes.

Boost Your Brain and Memory

The Green County Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is hosting a free seven-session program designed to educate participants on lifestyle factors that have been proven to enhance brain health.

Sessions will be held every Monday from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., starting September 14th and continuing through October 26th, at the Albertson Memorial Library.

Registration is required, and participants must commit to attending a minimum of six out of seven sessions.

Participants will receive a workbook that includes essential concepts and targeted follow-up exercises.

For registration or further information, please contact Bonnie at 608-426-4295 or via email at bbeam@gchsd.org. Registration is limited, so sign up today! Please ensure to register by Tuesday, September 8th.

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Invite your family and friends, plan your route, and join us for what promises to become one of southern Wisconsin's favorite fall traditions! The FREE interactive online map of registered sales will be available at <https://bit.ly/BOFFallRummageMap>

This community event is made possible through the efforts of local volunteers working together to bring our communities together. The event is independently organized and is not sponsored by or affiliated with the City of Brodhead, the Village of Orfordville, the Village of Footville or any of the neighboring townships.

100-Mile Parade Style Motorcycle Ride

On Saturday, August 29, there will be a 100-mile, parade style motorcycle ride, where all vehicles are welcome. Addi was born prematurely, diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and is half blind in her left eye. This is a family event, so they encourage you to bring the whole family! Ride starts at Leisure Lanes in Monroe, registration starts at 10 a.m., ride leaves at 11 a.m.

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Thursday, August 27

Continuing 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m.
Food stand open at 5:30 p.m.

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SSM Health at Home Offering Grief Support Group in Monroe

The journey through grief can be difficult. Many people find it comforting to face grief with others experiencing similar challenges. Join SSM Health at Home for "Walking Through Grief," an education and support group providing resources and encouragement for people grieving the death of a loved one.

Walking Through Grief is an eight-week grief support group open to those ages 18+ who have experienced the death of someone special. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. from September 2 to October 21 at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th Street in Monroe.

Seating is limited, and registration is requested. Attendance at all sessions is highly recommended. There is no charge to attend.

Those interested can register for the group online at ssmhealth.com/classes.

For more information or to register over the phone, please call SSM Health at Home at 608-324-1143.

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Albany FFA Alumni 16th Annual Tractor & Toy Show

The Albany FFA Alumni 16th Annual Tractor and Toy Show will be held Sunday August 30th, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Albany Lion's Club, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, Albany.

The Tractor Show with awards, with FREE registration, will offer entry plaques to the first 50 exhibitors—tractors must be in place by noon.

In conjunction there will be the Toy Tractor Show, Craft and Vendor Show, farm displays with awards, bounce house (weather permitting), Glitter Tattoos by KTS Party Faces from 1-3 p.m., raffles (quilt, 50/50 throughout the day, guns and cash drawing at 2:30 p.m., kid's tractor pull with prizes—registration at noon, pull starts at 12:30 p.m., and adult pedal tractor obstacle course.

There is free general admission and food and drink on grounds—no carry-ins. All proceeds benefit the FFA.

For more information please contact Jeffrey McNeely at albanywiffaalumni@gmail.com.

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Seniors leading Brodhead-Juda football in their upcoming 2026 season include back row, left to right: Grayson Arn, Caston Geocks, Kaden Riese, Logan Berzinski, Landen Malcook, Chase Bauman; front row: Wyatt Keyser, Kraig Walter, Aiden Walker, Braylon Strehlow. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Anna Fish and Superintendent Meaney
Brodhead’s Anna Fish receives major award

On Thursday, August 15, the Janesville School District was holding its annual “start of school” assembly with all teachers from all of the 21 schools in attendance. Among them was Anna Fish (Brodhead class of 2020), special education teacher at Marshall Middle School. As awards were given out, Anna was announced as one of three “Emerging Teacher of the Year” recipients. Nominations for this award come from school principals and others in their buildings. Three teachers who have completed one, two, or three years in the Janesville District receive this award each year. Janesville District Superintendent since 2013, Brian J. “BJ” Meaney, announced the winners. Anna has completed only one year in the Janesville District and is the third generation of special education teachers in her family, her grandmother being retired and her mother teaching at the Albrecht Elementary School in Brodhead.

Deadly Poison Hemlock Is Rapidly Colonizing Wisconsin and Minnesota Roadsides, and Mowing May Be Spreading It

Landowners, farmers, and community members are alerted to learn to identify one of North America’s most poisonous plants, and to act before this year’s seed crop matures.

A highly poisonous invasive plant capable of killing humans, livestock, and wildlife is spreading rapidly across roadsides, farm-field margins, drainageways, and even wetlands throughout Wisconsin and Minnesota, Applied Ecological Institute (AEI) warned today. Poison

hemlock (Conium maculatum), every part of which is toxic, now forms dense colonies four to twelve feet tall along travel corridors, including a large stands recently documented in Barron County, Wisconsin, and extensive infestations along both the Wisconsin and Minnesota state lines bordering fields near the St. Croix River.

Senior ecologist Steven Apfelbaum, founder of AEI, says the pattern of spread is unmistakable and

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increasingly urgent. “These colonies march outward from mowed road shoulders, ditches, and field edges, then push into drainageways and low wetland ground,” he said. “Wherever the soil is disturbed, and the sun reaches the ground, poison hemlock moves in, and native plants disappear beneath it. We are watching a genuinely dangerous plant convert ordinary roadsides into hazards.”

Know it, and don’t confuse it with Queen Anne’s lace:



Poison hemlock’s lacy, (above) fern-like foliage and broad clusters of tiny white flowers are easily mistaken for harmless Queen Anne’s lace (next). The reliable difference: hemlock’s smooth, hollow, purple-blotched stems and



Farmers to Host Cropland Conversion to Profitable Grazing Field Day August 27

Many farmers have rightfully complained about the slim profit margins when growing corn and soybeans recently. But have they done anything different to improve their chances to being more profitable? Farmers of the Sugar River are sharing ideas on how to do just that- one idea to be more profitable with your cropland is to convert it to pasture and grazing animals on it. There will be a field day on the Ron Mandel farm southwest of Juda, on Brunkow Road, south of County KS on Thursday, August 27th starting at 10 a.m.

The producer-led group is encouraging farmers to consider expanding pastureland and managing pastures for productivity. They will talk about fencing options and costs along with potential cost sharing sources available. There is money to be made by running forage through the animals on site. One does not need to own cattle or land to make money managing both for farmers, but they will need experience and a plan. Neighbor support and mentors are key to success. Learning how much land it takes to support a certain size herd is very valuable and important to maintaining productive pastures. Raising cattle on pasture is not a new idea, it’s a lost art and tool that hasn’t had widespread adoption or permanence. By converting more row crop fields to pasture or perennial cover, the health of the watershed and community will improve through increased soil protection, more water infiltration, cleaner runoff, financially sustainable farms and businesses, a tighter network of neighbors and building community.

Ron Mandel, the host farmer, is excited to share his success in converting from row crops to grazing his neighbor’s heifers. The field day site is across from N1795 Brunkow Road, Juda. The event is expected to last two hours and lunch will be served afterward. Organizers are asking attendees to RSVP to plan for enough food. Contact Tonya Gratz with the Green County LWCD at Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdn.net or text 608-426-2218 with your RSVP or any questions.



its towering height. Photo: Craig Ellefson

Poison hemlock is frequently mistaken for Queen Anne’s lace (wild carrot), but the two are easy to tell apart once you know the signs. Queen Anne’s lace is short, typically one to three feet tall, with hairy stems and a single flat flower cluster. Poison hemlock towers above it at four to twelve feet, with smooth, hairless, hollow stems marked with distinctive purple spots or blotches. Its leaves are bright green, glossy, and finely divided like parsley or fern, and they give off a rank, musty odor when crushed. Broad, umbrella-shaped clusters of tiny white flowers appear from late spring through midsummer. A single plant can produce more than 30,000 seeds.

One of the most poisonous plants in North America.

All parts of poison hemlock: leaves, stems, flowers, seeds, and the thick white taproot, contain potent piperidine alkaloids, chiefly

coniine and gamma-coniceine. Gamma-coniceine, the more toxic of the two, dominates in the plant’s early growth, while seeds and dried material carry the highest concentrations of coniine. These toxins attack the nervous system, causing trembling, excess salivation, dilated pupils, a rapid, weak pulse, muscle paralysis, respiratory failure, and death in both humans and animals.

Human risk: Poisoning occurs through ingestion or when sap reaches the eyes, nose, or mouth. Foragers occasionally mistake the plant for wild carrot, parsley, or parsnip with tragic results. Equipment operators are also at risk: cutting or string-trimming the plant can spatter toxic sap. Federal and state agencies advise the public never to handle poison hemlock with bare skin and to keep children well away from roadside stands. If exposure or ingestion is suspected, call Poison Control immediately at 1-800-222-1222.

Livestock risk: Cattle, horses, sheep, goats, and other stock are poisoned when hemlock contaminates hay, silage, or overgrazed pastures, hazards that climb in spring and drought when other forage is

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scarce. The plant retains its toxicity when dried in baled hay, and animals will eat more of it dried than fresh. The alkaloids can taint milk, and eating the plant during pregnancy can cause severe birth defects in calves, foals, and other young. Even small amounts can be lethal to a large animal.

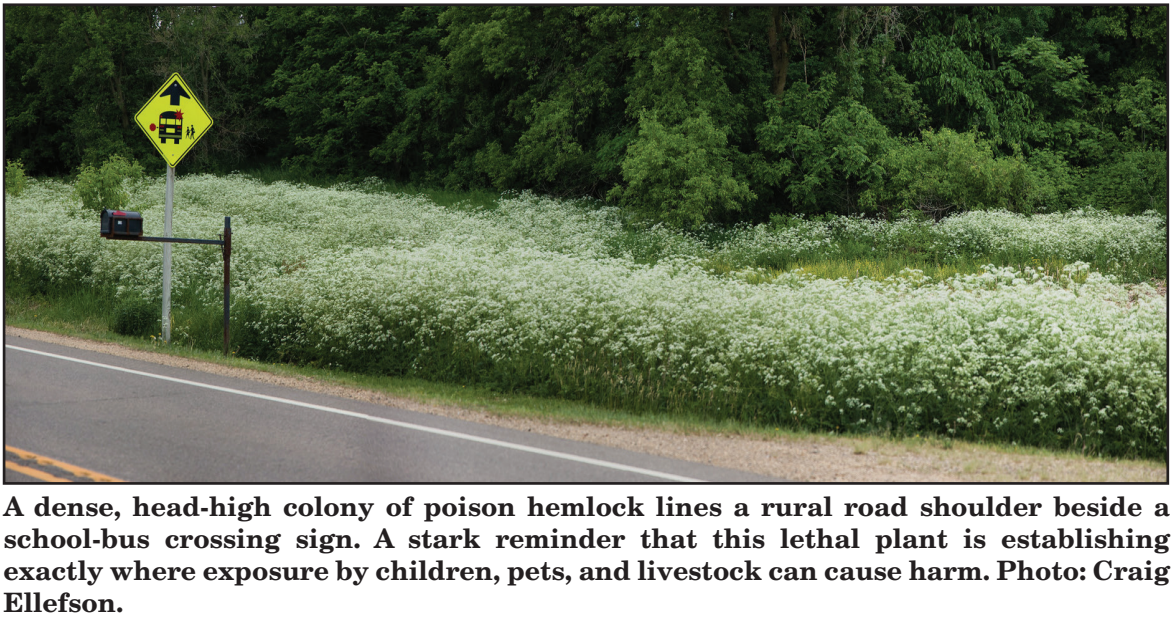
Wildlife and habitat: Where poison hemlock forms dense colonies, native wildflowers, grasses, and the food and cover they provide for pollinators, birds, and other wildlife decline sharply beneath the canopy. The plant offers little benefit in return, converting diverse roadside and streamside communities into toxic monocultures and degrading

the ecological corridors that connect Wisconsin's and Minnesota's natural areas.

Why it's spreading and how mowing fits in:

Poison hemlock is a biennial—it spends its first year as a low rosette of lacy leaves, then bolts, flowers, and sets seed in its second year before dying. It spreads only by seed, and it travels along the corridors people manage: highways, ditches, fence lines, drainageways, and rivers. Mowing equipment is one of the most effective ways those tens of thousands of seeds move to new ground.

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Green County Sheriff's Department
August 10-16, 2026

At approximately 2:43 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the W2200 block of State Highway 11, Town of Spring Grove, for a two-vehicle accident. Investigations found that a vehicle operated by Gilbert H. Barry, 50, of Beloit, was westbound on State Highway 11 and slowed to the active construction zone. Another westbound vehicle operated by Gabrielle M. Wenger, 16, of Brodhead, struck Barry's vehicle from behind. Both Barry and Wenger denied injury, reported wearing seat belts, and no airbag deployment in either vehicle. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. As a result of the accident, Wenger was cited for inattentive driving and released with a future court date.

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Hemlock
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Timing is everything. Mowing before the plants flower and set seed can prevent a colony from reproducing that year. But mowing after seed has formed does the opposite—it shatters and scatters viable seed and carries it down the road on mowers and trimmers, which helps explain why colonies so often expand outward from regularly mowed margins. AEI urges road crews, townships, and landowners to identify hemlock stands early in the season, schedule cutting before seed matures, and clean equipment before moving on.

What landowners and agencies can do now:

- Time mechanical control correctly. Mow or cut just before peak flowering to stop seed production. Avoid mowing once seed has set; if you must, bag and dispose of seed heads rather than scatter them.
- Treat first-year rosettes. Herbicides work best on small rosettes in fall or early spring, before the plant bolts, when daytime temperatures are reliably above 60°F. Selective products containing 2,4-D, triclopyr, or dicamba are commonly used in pastures and rights-of-way; glyphosate is an option on non-crop ground. Herbicides are largely ineffective once plants are tall and flowering. Always follow the label.

• Dig out small patches. Individual plants and the taproot can be dug with a shovel. Wear gloves, long sleeves, eye protection, and closed-toe boots, and never touch your face while working.

• Dispose of it safely. Bag plants and seed heads for the landfill. Do not compost, cut and composted material stays toxic and seed can survive. Do not burn, which can release irritating smoke.

• Clean equipment and repeat. Remove plant material and seed from mowers, trimmers, and tires. Because of a long-lived seed bank, control takes several consecutive seasons.

• Report infestations. Poison hemlock is a regulated invasive in both states (a Prohibited/Restricted species under Wisconsin's NR 40 and a Prohibited Noxious Weed (Control list) in Minnesota) meaning landowners are expected to prevent its spread. Report sightings to your county Land Conservation Department, the Wisconsin DNR, or the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's "Report a Pest" program, and log locations on EDDMapS.

"The encouraging news is that this is a plant we can get ahead of," Apfelbaum said. "It spreads by seed, on a predictable two-year clock, and along corridors we already manage. If neighbors, farmers, and county crews learn to recognize it and coordinate their timing; cutting before seed, treating the rosettes, and not carrying seed down the road, we can stop these colonies before they take over our roadsides and waterways. The first and most important step is simply learning to see it."

About the Lower Sugar River Watershed Association

The Lower Sugar River Watershed Association (LSRWA) is a Wisconsin-based nonprofit organization dedicated to science and education in its local watershed. Find upcoming events, volunteer in citizen science projects, and learn more at www.LSRWA.org.

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Weekend Food Programs For Students Provide Nearly 34,000 Food Backpacks Over Past Three Years

The Weekend Food Programs For Students began in 2018 in response to the growing number of students without enough food on weekends. The first programs launched in Albany, Black Hawk, Juda, Monticello, and New Glarus. After their early success, Brodhead and Pecatonica joined in 2019. These grassroots programs are supported by community donors, grant funding, in-kind contributions from each school, and dedicated volunteers who are committed to ending weekend hunger. Together, they provide students with nutritious food so they can return to school on Monday ready to learn. In 2025, the seven programs distributed 11,665 weekend food backpacks, the highest single-year total in program history. That total represents a 6% increase over the 11,002 students served in 2023, highlighting both the growing need in rural communities and the extraordinary commitment of those who respond to it week after week. Programs also issue snacks—both in the classroom and in the food backpacks. During 2025, there were 92,639 snacks issued by the seven programs, a record number, compared to 79,859 in 2024.

The chart shows the District's percentage of free/reduced meals as of October 2025, the population of each school as of October 2025, and the number of weekend food backpacks issued during the years of 2023–2025.

Notice



REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Office Board Room
Wednesday, July 15, 2026
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Michael Oellerich at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, July 8, 2026 edition of the Brodhead Free Press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Oellerich, Jenny Flory, Paul Donovan, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, Carl Hearing, and Jim Wahl
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried, 7-0.

INFORMATION REPORTS

No information reports given

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

AGENDA ITEMS

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION ITEM

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting: June 10, 2026

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

• None at this time

4. RESIGNATION(S)

a. Jessica Gardipee, Middle School Counselor

5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

a. Hailey Jester, Middle School [7th Grade] Math Teacher
b. Hannah Pautsch, District Wide Maintenance Assistant
c. Jana Quass, Elementary School Nutrition Worker
d. Jerrica Schwartz, HS Administrative Assistant/Registrar
e. Nicole Walters, Middle School Counselor
f. Mary Zettle, Middle School [8th Grade] Volleyball Coach
g. Lindsey Zerilli, MS Custodian, from Part-Time to Full-Time

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Carl Hearing, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

SENIOR PROJECT PRESENTATION: PAINTED SENIOR PARKING STALLS

PRESENTATION/ACTION ITEM

Senior Emberly Ast presented information on her Senior Project.

INSURANCE RENEWAL [PROPERTY]

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Carl Hearing, second by Al Schneider, to approve increasing property insurance coverage to \$350 per square foot for District school buildings at an overall rate increase of \$8,340.
Motion carried, 7-0.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL CRIME STATISTICS REPORT

PRESENTATION ITEM

District Administrator Novy presented the annual Crime Statistics report.

APPROVAL OF FRONTLINE EDUCATION CONTRACT

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the Frontline Education contract as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE 9-12 SCIENCE CURRICULUM

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Al Schneider, to approve the 9-12 Science curriculum as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF WASB BUSINESS HONOR ROLL NOMINATIONS

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Carl Hearing, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the WASB Honor Roll recipients as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE STAFF

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jim Wahl, to allow the District Administrator to hire staff and accept resignations as they occur, pending Board review at a future meeting of the Board.
Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the proposed “NOTICE OF THE STUDENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS THAT ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR”, with a date of July 15, 2026, as presented in the Board’s Addendum for this meeting, all pursuant to Section 120.12 (13)(b) and Section 118.30 (1g)(a) of the State Statutes.
AND “I move that the Board direct the administration to provide parents and guardians of District students with notice of the Board-adopted student academic standards that are in effect for the 2026-27 school year in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of section 120.12 (13) of the State Statutes.
Motion carried, 7-0.

ACCEPT BREAD & MILK BIDS FOR 2026-27

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Al Schneider, to accept the Pan-O-Gold bread bid for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion carried, 7-0.

Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Paul Donovan, to accept the Prairie Farms [Swiss Valley] milk bid for the 2026-27 school year.
Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR HANDBOOKS FOR 2026-27

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Carl Hearing, to approve the 2026-27 High School and Middle School Co-Curricular Handbooks as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

APPROVAL OF 2025-26 BUDGET REVISIONS

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Paul Donovan, to approve the 2025-26 budget revisions as presented.
Motion carried, 7-0.

FUTURE AGENDA [August 12, 2026]

- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Seclusion & Restraint Report
- 2026 Summer School Overview
- Reorganization of Board Committees
- Approval of Act 89 Special Update - Staff/Student Communications
 - Policies included in the update: 144.5, 1213, 3213, 4213, 7530.02, 7544, 8120, 8462
- Approval of 2026-27 Staff, Volunteer, & Substitute Teacher Handbooks
- Approval of 2026-27 Emergency Operations Plan Manual
- Approval of 2026-27 School Bus Drivers

Notice



- Approval of 2026-27 Priority Areas
- Approval of 2025-26 Budget Revisions

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e) **ACTION ITEM**
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 8:26 p.m., for the discussion of:
a. District Administrator Evaluation
Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0)
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION **ACTION ITEM**
Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Jim Wahl, to return to open session at 8:35 p.m.
Motion carried, 7-0.
ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS **ACTION ITEM**
None.
ADJOURNMENT **ACTION ITEM**
Motion by Carl Hearing, second by Jenny Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.
Motion carried, 7-0.

08/19/2026

Date: 07-15-26 \$100 Bill List

Vendor Name	Check Amount
AIRGAS USA, LLC	385.40
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	409.99
CURRICULUM ASSOCIATES INC	313.60
GOPHER PERFORMANCE	2,918.54
GORDON FOOD SERVICE INC	1,464.52
OFFICE PRO	7,161.97
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	7,398.08
ROCK COUNTY TREASURER	153.00
SYSCO FOOD SERVICES OF BARABOO	776.67
BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	20,577.64
BLICK ART MATERIALS	666.49
BRODHEAD FREE PRESS	577.40
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	11,639.77
EMC	1,400.00
GASSER TRUE VALUE HARDWARE	1,105.57
HOBART SERVICE/ITW FOOD EQUIP	3,862.75
KEATING, CHRIS	168.70
NEXTGEN FURNITURE, INC.	6,924.70
PIGGLY WIGGLY	785.53
R.E. MICHEL COMPANY, LLC	639.87
ROCK VALLEY PUBLISHING LLC	131.20
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	2,413.68
WI DATCP	1,320.00
COMMUNITY INSURANCE CORPORATION	1,937.00
KOBUSSEN BUSES LTD	479.32
LAKESHORE LEARNING MATERIALS	317.24
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	1,857.46
RENNING, LEWIS & LACY, S.C.	5,925.00
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS	5,196.06
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	12,388.26
LOCKOUT PEST CONTROL	429.00
MERIS CLEANERS INC.	1,000.00
NATIONAL ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	125.00
ORFORDVILLE LUMBER	218.97
PIGGLY WIGGLY	558.02
RHYME BUSINESS PRODUCTS LLC	869.94
RUFER & SON EXCAVATING, INC.	104.28
SPEICH OIL INC	805.88
SSM HEALTH - MONROE CLINIC MEDICAL GROUP	5,934.54
THE SHERWIN WILLIAMS CO	363.85
WE ENERGIES	707.11
IMAGINE LEARING	297.00
PIGGLY WIGGLY	485.32
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	151.62
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	184.94
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	224.46
WILDERNESS RESORT	1,065.26
THRILL FACTORY ENTERTAINMENT	309.22
JARVIS, NICHOLAS	556.33
OMNI CHEER	550.52
PLATTEVILLE FOOTBALL	250.00
AMERICAN AWARDS & PROMOTIONS	219.32
BSN SPORTS	880.65
PRAIRIE FARMS DAIRY INC	257.99
OMNI CHEER	550.52
SLEEP INN & SUITES	262.00
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MERIS CLEANERS INC.	857.75
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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	734.40
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	389.54
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	511.38
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	1,075.32
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	630.96
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	808.50
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BRODHEAD	119.83

DATA SOURCE: Wisconsin Dept of Public Instruction, Free/Reduced Meal District Data, Monthly reports from each program.

In rural Wisconsin, childhood food insecurity often goes unnoticed, hidden behind farmhouse walls and in small-town neighborhoods, but its impact is no less urgent. Families in our communities may face seasonal income changes,

long drives to grocery stores, and fewer nearby social services than urban areas provide.

During the school week, breakfast and lunch programs provide an essential safety net for children who qualify. However, federal Free/Reduced Meal income eligibility is set far below what United Way's

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Brodhead FFA Annual Kid’s Pedal Tractor Pull

On Saturday, August 8th the Brodhead FFA hosted 37 kids for our Annual Kid’s Pedal Tractor Pull during Covered Bridge Days. Thank you to our sponsors for this event: Speich Oil, Inc., The Huffman Family and Brodhead FFA.



Three Year Old Class—first place: Bethany Feig; second place: Levi Schultz; third place: Locton Hopwood



Four and Five Year Old Class—first place: Wyatt Jordan; second place: Oliver Downing; third place: Luke Schultz



Six Year Old Class—first place: Barrett Boeke; second place: Carson Malkow; third place: Theo Arthur



Seven and Eight Year Old Class—first place: Cheyanna Jordan; second place: Jaxson Jordan; third place: Anthony Holcomb



Nine Year Olds and Up—first place: Grant Ruger; second place: Kira Andersen; third place: Axel Stout



FFA Helpers—back row, left to right: Matthew Schupbach, Tyson Kraft; front row: Peyton Jordan, Kate Olmedo, Molly McCullough and Anya Fritz



Puller: Keaton Jarvis



Puller: Wyatt Jordan

The Weekend Food Programs For Students rely on the generosity and support of community members like you. There are no costs to the school, parents/caretakers and their students, or taxpayers. 100% of all donations are used to purchase food. We could use your help right now in two important ways:

Donate. Donations may be made to Caring For Kids, Inc. (CFK), our 501(c)(3), at PO Box 969, New Glarus, WI 53574 for all programs. Please include the name of the school program you wish to support so your gift is directed correctly, as each school has their own account.

Donations for Pecatonica may be made to the Blanchardville Woman’s Club, PO Box 24, Blanchardville, WI 53516, or to CFK.

Donations for Albany, Black Hawk, Brodhead, and Juda may be made directly to the school or to CFK.

Donations for the Monticello and New Glarus should be made directly to CFK and earmarked for the program of your choice.

Program names:
Albany Comets Care Pack Program, Black Hawk Warrior Pack Program, Brodhead Backpack Food Program, Juda Panthers Pack Program, Monticello Pony Pack Program, New Glarus Food For Kids, and Pecatonica Vikings Pantry.

Spread the word. If you know a family in need within these districts, please share information about the Weekend Food Programs For Students. All programs are completely confidential and judgment-free. Enrollment is simple, and families should feel comfortable reaching out to their school.

Hunger should never stand in the way of a student’s ability to learn.



Weekend Backpack For Students

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ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) research shows families need to meet basic expenses in Green and Lafayette Counties. Weekend Food Programs For Students were created to close that gap. Each Friday, enrolled students discreetly receive a bag or backpack filled with easy-to-prepare, nutritious food. The programs are intentionally designed to be free from stigma, and we’re proud that 100% of all donations go directly toward purchasing food—primarily through Second Harvest Food Bank in Madison.

Each weekend food backpack program is supported by a network of committed community partners. Our partnership with Second Harvest started when our programs began; Second Harvest not only provides us with affordable foods, but provides consultation, food credits to reduce our costs, and much more. Our partnership with Sysco—through its relationship with Health Purchasing Systems, Inc. (HPSI)—helps reduce the cost of additional food we purchase. We also rely on strong partnerships with the School Districts of Albany, Black Hawk, Brodhead, Juda, Monticello, New Glarus, and Pecatonica. Each District contributes in-kind support by identifying students, confidentially distributing weekend food packs, and providing climate-controlled storage space. We also partner with Caring For Kids, Inc. (CFK), our 501(c)(3), who provides an in-kind contribution to the programs through financial record keeping, and we’re grateful for the support we have received from the United Way of Green County.

Our final and indispensable partnership is with approximately 72 volunteers who donate their time, skills, transportation, and countless other forms of support. These programs demonstrate that when a community decides no child should go hungry over the weekend, that commitment is entirely achievable.

Students in any of the seven participating districts may join our programs—no questions asked, and no shame attached.

We are working to end weekend hunger—and we need your help to keep going.



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