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City Council Council Heard Updates on Construction Projects

By Grace Kufahl

Chris Searls, BAEMS, asked that the city renew its contract with them for \$30 per capita. Regarding the request to have a non-voting member on their board, Searls explained they'd have to offer it to other townships and it could be disruptive to have six non-voting members at meetings. He also stated a new ambulance will arrive in a few weeks and they'll need to look into another one soon. Searls explained they pay a driver and two healthcare personnel to be scheduled at all times to meet the community's needs. The Council later voted to cancel the EMS contract. Alder Gritzmaker stated this won't affect the business model of the EMS who will be able to collect money from the citizen's insurance or Medicare.

The Council approved payments for two projects. MSA's Hunter Nix reported the Crosswinds Development project is due to be completed by year's end, with the exception of sidewalks to be completed in the spring. The West Third Avenue and 13th Street reconstruction should be half done by Thanksgiving with the remainder to be completed next year. As of now, 13th Street between West Third and Fourth and West

Third from 11th to 14th Street will be completed. All utilities are in the ground minus the storm sewer on 13th and the curb, gutter, sidewalks and driveways are to be done within the next two weeks.

Kyle Kabe from Accurate Appraisals summarized their Request for Proposal. He explained marketing communications to taxpayers is what sets them apart. Alder Sauer expressed concerns regarding their timeliness and accuracy. Musser Appraisal was unable to attend the meeting.

The Council approved Chief Raupp's request to reallocate \$4078 of Capital Improvement Project funds saved from scaling back the new unmarked car to replace Internet connection devices for three cars.

In Other Business:

The Council passed Resolution 2025-028 requesting the PSC approve direct charge of the Fire Protection Fee to all landowners within the Fire Protection District including city landowners who don't have city utilities.

The Council approved Chief Raupp to make a conditional offer of full-time employment to Danielle Graham, pending exams and testing.

Brodhead Optimist holds annual awards dinner

The Brodhead Optimist Club had its annual awards dinner Thursday, October 2 at the Kelch Aviation Museum with food from Up in Smoke Barbecue. They celebrated last year's successes and swore in a slate of new officers. They also had an auction with the proceeds going back to foster music education in our community.

They meet every Tuesday at 7 a.m. at Country Garden restaurant. Come and see what they are all about.

New officers are President, Gloria Sutter; First Vice president, Chrissy Baumgartner; Second Vice President, Wendy Backes; Secretary, Rich Vogel; Treasurer, Casey Jones; Foundation Representative, Wayne Dieckhoff and Past President, Christine Dieckhoff.

Awards winners, Chrissy Baumgartner—Best New Member, Assistant Member of the Year—Todd Long, Gary Sutherland—Fund-raiser of the Year, Marcia O'Rourke—Silent Worker of the Year, Christine Dieckhoff—Past President and Wendy Backes—Optimist of the Year.



Left to right: Chris Dieckhoff, Chrissy Baumgartner, Wendy Backes, Todd Long and Gary Sutherland.



Left to right: Jeanne Vogel, Marcia O'Rourke, Chris Dieckhoff, Wayne Dieckhoff, Casey Jones, Rich Vogel, Wendy Backes, Chrissy Baumgartner, and Gloria Sutter.



Dave Novy, Sara Carr, and Gloria Sutter

Brodhead Optimist President Gloria Sutter presented a donation to the Brodhead School District Vocal Music Department.

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

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. 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.

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

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Native Americans, Columbus, and Medicare

Submitted by Barbara Flores, President

There have been three really great and enlightening programs at the library in recent weeks and there are many more to come. Watch for the three part series on “Jerks in Chicago” to begin November 15. We began in early October with an eye opening talk by Native American filmmaker and student of media Ernest Whiteman III. It is easy to think that we know about a subject because we hear about it from time to time, but nothing beats having someone who has lived the experience of Native Americans (Ernest grew up on a reservation) speak from his heart. It was shocking to hear what authors we have admired such as Charles Dickens and Frank Baum had to say about Native

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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.

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. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook.

Americans. Ernest began by pointing out that Native Americans knew about the seasons and astronomy, how to build permanent structures (teepees were “mobile homes”) for hunting expeditions. And they were practiced farmers to grow their own food e.g. the three sisters, corn, beans and squash. Sadly, he noted that nothing a Native American knew had any value to society until a white person endorsed it. Dave Dini a retired engineer and local resident gave us a wealth of information about Christopher Columbus inviting us to learn more about Columbus by concluding that there followed a sad episode at the end of his life. Dave’s excellent talk was rich in beautiful images as he explained how life and the economy in Europe were changing and how these changes gave the impetus for the voyage Columbus made. Did Columbus know there was another continent in the way as he sought a route to China and the riches the fareast offered? Did he ever land in North America? Why do we measure speed at sea by “knots?” We

St. Peter Lutheran Church 44th Thanksgiving dinner

The congregation of St. Peters is inviting the community to join them for this special event on Monday, November 10, serving from 5 to 7 p.m. Carry outs are available. Menu includes turkey, ham, potatoes, green beans, squash, rolls, salad and dessert

For questions and carry out orders, call or text them at 612-270-2591 or 608-618-6090 or order online at stpeterlutheranbrodhead.com.

Free will offering with all proceeds being donated to the Brodhead EMS and Wels Christian Aid and Relief. Find them at 1708 W. 6th Avenue, Brodhead and Happy Thanksgiving!

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learned about sailing in the 15th century and very much more.

And then most recently we learned from Serina Starnes about the intricacies of signing up for Medicare and supplemental health insurance. Serina Starnes has been an Independent Insurance Agent since 2016. She was awarded the Circle of Champions by the Obama administration for being a leader in helping people sign up for the Affordable Care Act. We all need health insurance, and she laid out the differing kinds of policies to complete Medicare coverage. These programs and several more to follow throughout the year are always free and open to everyone. It is one of the missions of the Durand Library to be a learning place for the community. The Friends of the Durand Library, a nonprofit 501c3 organization is the group, which makes public access to the school library possible. And the group, which plans the programs.

We urge everyone to support this local library effort. Durand is one of only two (the other is New Milford with a population of 700), which does not have publicly funding library service.

About the Library Entry is at the east, or playground, end of the building. Follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. Check out privileges are free for all residents of the school district. Everyone is invited to all programs and activities. 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.



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Trunk or Treat

The United Methodist Church of Brodhead will once again host a Halloween evening Trunk or Treat. Residents are invited to bring their decorated car trunks to the Friday, October 31 4 to 8 p.m. event. Hundreds of costumed Blueey, Spider Man, and pirates will come through, collecting their treats and a few spooky cars.

Businesses and other organizations are welcome, joining the Brodhead Fire Department and Brodhead Police. It's a great opportunity to have some fun and show off your business to the community.

Feel free to stop in on Halloween or call ahead to 608-897-2515. The United Methodist Church of Brodhead is located at 501 First Center Avenue. Worship services are on Sunday at 9 a.m. All are welcome to come for a visit.

Green County Genealogical Society to meet

The Saturday, November 1 meeting of the Green County Genealogical Society is “New France in Illinois and Wisconsin” presented by Mark Peterson. The presentation is at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The presentation is free and open to the public. The presentation looks at the years 1524-1763 when the French explored and then settled in North America, including Wisconsin (Wis-kon-sa) and Illinois (Il-len-noh-wa). It examines the French relations with the Native Americans. It examines what happened to the French and Native Americans in their conflicts with the British. Today’s French sites such as Portage, Wisconsin, and Fort De Chartres, Illinois, and others are reviewed.

Mark Peterson has been teaching history for Lifelong Learning at Highland Community College since 2017. A U.S. Navy veteran, he served six years aboard ships based in South Carolina and Greece. Mark earned his B.A. and M.A. in History from Southern Illinois University Carbondale before beginning a decades-long teaching career in HVAC controls, history, and adult education. His work has taken him to 41 states, four Canadian provinces, and countries including Australia, China, Denmark, Germany, and France. From 2004 to 2018, he taught Historical Methods for Adult Learning at Concordia University in Beloit, Wisconsin. After retiring in 2009, Mark continued teaching in northern Illinois schools and spent several summers as a campground host at Mt. Rainier National Park. Having traveled to all 50 states and 19 countries, Mark brings global insight and enthusiasm for history to presentation.

If you have 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.

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BRODHEAD LIONS AND LEOS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Brodhead Lions and Leos are having their fall pancake breakfast to raise money for Brodhead School District field trips. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 8, at the Albrecht Elementary School from 7 to 11 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, apple sauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. There is no charge for the meal. They are asking only for your free will donation.

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM AT ALBRECHT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Albrecht Elementary School will be having their Annual Veterans Day Program on Tuesday, November 11th at 9:15 a.m. They cordially invite all veterans to join them for donuts and coffee prior to the program at 8:15 a.m. If you are a veteran or know someone who has served our country please spread the word. They would be honored if you could join them. This event is open to the public. All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, please call Kelly Knox, Albrecht Elementary School Principal, at 608-897-2146 for further details.

IT'S OPTIMIST MITTEN TREE TIME!

Helping the children of our community and throughout the world is the sole purpose of the Brodhead Optimist Club, a proud member of Optimist International. What better way to do that than by providing Christmas gifts to children in need. But we need the whole community to help us make this project successful. The Susan Welch Mitten Tree Project is designed to help families of children who have eighth graders or younger who live in the Brodhead School District and are having difficulty providing Christmas gifts for their children.

Applications can be picked up by the parents or guardians at the Bank of Brodhead, the Bank of New Glarus—Brodhead Branch, Brodhead Albrecht Elementary and Brodhead Middle School beginning Monday, October 27. The completed form needs to be dropped off where it was originally picked up by Friday, November 7.

The parent or legal guardian must pick up the gifts on Saturday, December 13, between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Congregational UCC Church, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. If the parent is unavailable at this time, they may have someone else pick up the gifts with a signed note from the parent.

Let's work together to make Christmas delightful for all our Brodhead children this year. Thank you for supporting the Brodhead Optimist Club.

Albany Women's League Empty Stocking

By Teresa Blumer

The Albany Women's League Empty Stocking will be serving families this winter season, with clothing and boots. We are so fortunate to have a generous and caring Albany community. This effort has been supported for over 35 years. We would like to thank the Albany Public Schools for making this project possible by distributing information sheets to families and also collecting the forms at the school district office.

All those wishing to donate monetarily please do so at the Bank CMG in Albany. Thank you to the staff for collecting those funds for this necessary cause. Be on the lookout for the "Giving Tree" adorned with mittens containing wishes from children for Christmas. The Christmas tree will be placed in the lobby of the Bank CMG in Albany. Thank you so much for all your support to the Albany Women's League, insuring families with adequate clothing for the winter season and also gifting those less fortunate for the holidays.

Green County Amateur Radio to meet

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, November 1, 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.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

10/26 standings: I'd Smack That won 9 lost 0, Getting Diggy With It 8-1, The Goon Squad 6-3, That's What She Set 7-2, Net Ninjas 7-2, Super Soy 7-2, All Sets Are Off 3-6, Victorious Secret 3-6, Cactus Squad 1-8, Hit Happens 4-5, It's A Set Up 1-8, One Hit Wonders 2-7, Fambam Slammers 4-5, Killer Serves 1-8.



Brodhead
Memorial Public
Library

By Sarah Carpenter

Can you believe next week is November? The Brodhead Library has some exciting programs lined up to keep things cozy and fun as the weather cools down!

Get ready for a dino-mite adventure when Dinosaur Dimensions visits the library on Tuesday, November 11, at 4 p.m. This family-friendly show features animatronic dinosaurs and a roaring good story that's sure to delight dinosaur fans of all ages.

Then, on Tuesday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m., Chef Laura Eyler of Thyme Savor Cuisine returns for another delicious installment of Cozy Cooking. This time, she'll be making Veggie Loaded Turkey Chili and Pumpkin Cheesecake Parfaits—the perfect comfort foods for chilly nights. This class is for adults 18 and older, and registration is required through our website or by calling the library.

Our crafty crowd also had a great time this week at Chatty Crafties, where they made 3D Paper Pumpkins! Join them next month for No-Sew Sock Snowmen on Monday, November 24, at 5:30 p.m. All skill levels are welcome—just be sure to sign up by calling the library or visiting our website.

Brodhead Evening Garden Club

By Heidi Hahlen

Late October's cooler wet weather means that summer has come to a close. It also means that Tuesday, October 21 was the Brodhead Evening Garden's Club last meeting of 2025. Now we'll watch the leaves and snow fall on this year's labors to plant and grow flowers, shrubs, fruits and vegetables and start planning for next year's yard, garden and flowerbeds.

This garden club began in 1932 as the Brodhead Ladies Garden Club, led by Millicent Mitchell (b. 1880, d. 1957) and over the years, it evolved into an organization that attracted both women and men of all ages interested in learning and sharing knowledge of gardening and beautifying Brodhead. In the 1990s, with working folks expressing interest, an evening group was started and continues today.

Our meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month so the first meeting in 2026 will be Tuesday, March 17, 2026 (St. Patrick's Day). Mark this date on your calendar today. The meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Brodhead Senior Center. You are welcome to join us, meet old and new friends and neighbors to launch another three seasons of planning and planting. Then sit back and enjoy the results of your labors and beauty of flowers, bees, butterflies and birds throughout the Brodhead area.

75th Wedding Anniversary Otto and Delores Olsen Saturday, November 1, 2025 1 to 4 p.m.



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Senior Addie Leifker makes a play at the net against Lake Country Lutheran. Brodhead closed out their season in the regional final game. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Volleyball in Regional Play

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead hosted a semi regional match against Brookfield Academy last Tuesday. Brodhead took care of Brookfield, a #6 seed in Division-3, with scores of 25–10, 25–14, and 25–9 for the sweep.

The regional final was Saturday with #3 Brodhead facing #2 Lake Country Lutheran. LCL took the first match, 17–25. Shortly after the second match started, Cardinal player and middle hitter, Brynn Riesterer, leader in kills and blocks, went down with a knee injury and would not return. Coach Erin Kammerer made adjustments to the frontline. The team was quick to respond coming out victorious 25–23 at the end of two. The Cardinals were in control, in round three, leading 14–7 but the Lightning battled back. Tying the game at 22 all then 24 all, LCL, 26-24 would squeak out the win for the third match. Game four was one for the books, the score would be knotted seven times. The Brodhead fans helped to keep the energy alive. This time the Cards would be the victor, 25–22, to set-up a fifth match. Brodhead got off to a slow start trailing by four early but fought their way to tie the game four times. The lightning held on, 15–11 for their three-of-five wins on the night.

Brodhead seniors, Brynn Riesterer, Laney Weiss, Alecia Dahl, Gretchen Kammerer, Karli Krumwiede, Taya Anderson, and Addie Leifker conclude their high school volleyball careers. They have had success with sharing RVC titles or as runner-up four consecutive years. They have worked to achieve the status of regional champs and been finalists at the sectional level multiple times in their time on the hardwood. Congrats ladies on all the successes!

Southwest Wisconsin Land Judging Contest held

The Southwest Wisconsin land-judging contest was held on September 24. This contest is hosted by the Grant, Lafayette, and Green County Land and Water Conservation Departments. Schools participating were Argyle, Black Hawk, Cassville, Cuba City, Dodgeville, Fennimore, Juda, Lancaster, Milton, Monroe, Monticello, Mt. Horeb, Pecatonica, Platteville, Potosi, Prairie du Chien, River Ridge, Seneca, and Shullsburg. There were a total of 170 students from 19 schools.

The students traveled to the John Abey farm in Brooklyn Township. Students reviewed four soil pits and determined the position in landscape, slope of the field, type and degree of erosion or if there was deposition, evaluated soil properties, such as texture, structure, and drainage, estimated slope, ranked land classes, observed soil limitations, checked for invasive species, and recommended conservation practices.

The top 10 individuals were as follows: (score is out of a possible 400)
1. River Sahr, Potosi—301; 2. Manhattyn Udelhofen, Potosi—294; 3. Aar-

WIAA D2 Sectional 6 results

The Cardinal boys finished in eighth place. Mavrik Plummer was 14th overall with a time of 16:51.17, missing state by two spots. Jorge Vilalva was 21st finishing in 18:03.02.

The Cardinal girls finished in eighth place also. Olivia Brooks was 10th overall finishing in 19:06.8, missing state by one spot.



on Edger, Potosi—293; 4. Harmony Reynolds, Potosi—291; 5. Abilene Bartz, Dodgeville—291; 6. Teegan Griswold, Fennimore—284; 7. Tim Brunner, Fennimore—282; 8. Otto Kasper-Theisen, Cassville—279; 9. Alan Stepflug, Fennimore—279; 10. Brad Retallick, Potosi—277.

The top five teams were as follows: (score is out of a possible 1,200) 1. Potosi—866; 2. Fennimore—842; 3. Dodgeville—818; 4. Monroe—791; 5. River Ridge—781

Thank yous go to Brent Wollin for digging the pits for the contest. Jeremy Ziegler and Natalie Irizarry of the Natural Resources Conservation Service were the official judges of the contest. Tonya Gratz, Mason Jarosinski, and Todd Jenson of the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department, Chelsea Starr, of the Green County Natural Resources Conservation Service, Keith Lane, Steve Smith, and Annette Lolwing of the Grant County Land Conservation Department, and Max Blackburn of the Lafayette County Land Conservation ran the contest. And of course to John Abey for hosting the contest.

BHS Marching Band

The Brodhead High School Marching Band has had a wonderful season. This year's show featured songs from the 2010s including "Runaway Baby", "Viva La Vida" & "Bang Bang". Friday, October 10th was the Band's last performance on the field, and it included some 8th graders band members performing "The Hey Song" and "The Star Spangled Banner" during pre-game with the high school band. Pictures were taken by Diana Dougherty and Beth Riesterer.



Some members of the eighth grade band joined the HS marching band on the field during pre-game.



The HS band members played pep band music in the stands prior to the start of the football game.



The senior marching band members were recognized after their final half time show on Friday evening.

New Glarus Caregiver Announces Run for Wisconsin State Senate

Corrine Hendrickson Launches "Corrine for 17"

Flanked by working families, former New Glarus Family childcare provider Corrine Hendrickson launched her campaign for Wisconsin State Senate Wednesday, September 17th. Due to a continued loss of funding for rural childcare, Hendrickson was recently forced to close her longtime small business "Corrine's Little Explorers." A newcomer to politics, Hendrickson decided to run for office to try and give voice to the many across southwest Wisconsin who are increasingly struggling to keep up.

"It's tough out here for lots of folks," Hendrickson said. "People are working harder just to try and get by and are worried about their families. The cost of everything is making life harder to afford, but it's important to note even in this challenging moment, there is a better way to do this. If we want things to be different, we have to be willing to try something different, and that's why I'm running."

Hendrickson is a nationally renowned advocate for childcare providers and their families. As the cost of life basics continues to increase, including for childcare, Hendrickson is looking to give working families a greater voice in decisions being made impacting their everyday lives.

"Politics has become a really icky business, but that's exactly what those in power want us to think because it discourages us regular people from participating," Hendrickson added. "This campaign is about people, a chance to have conversations about what we are all experiencing and coming up with solutions. In Southwest Wisconsin, we know how to work hard and do whatever it takes to get the job done. We also know that it's going to take a lot of different perspectives to help us all meet this moment. It's time to stop drawing lines, have conversations, and get creative to solve the problems impacting our families," she concluded.

Hendrickson has never run for partisan office previously. She is running as a Democrat to represent southwest Wisconsin including all of Green, Lafayette, Iowa, Grant, and Crawford Counties, along with a portion of Dane County.

More information about "Corrine for 17" can be found at: <https://www.corrinefor17.com/>

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The Green County Child Care Network would like to than Only in Wisconsin Giving for the recent grant to ensure our child care educators can access trainings that would otherwise be cost prohibitive and ensure continuing education requirements are met for child care regulation. Abbi Kruse recently provided an all-day training, including lunch, for GCCCN members to help them improve their ability to meet children’s social emotional needs using conscious discipline, a brain based program. Local school district employees and parents were also welcomed to attend. Overall, the program teaches the educator to understand their own emotions and the child’s emotions to so we can help children better manage their own. It builds resilience. We can learn that it is okay to be disappointed or sad. And we learn how to manage our response to that. In turn, children can learn from us.

Conscious Discipline is a step in changing the culture to teach self-regulation among children. But really, it’s all about connection. Because connection brings willingness, and helps a child feel safe so they can learn. There is a second, shorter virtual offering in February as well.

Other professional development that the network has accessed using this grant is partial scholarships for Masters degrees, meeting sensory needs of children, and CPR/First Aid. Several members have now completed the T-TAP train the trainers ensuring local childcare professionals can become mentors and trainers for other network members to meet the specific needs of the regulated child care programs in our county.

Save a Calf, Save a Cow

The University of Wisconsin Division of Extension is offering a Save A Calf, Save A Cow workshop series for dairy and beef producers, and dairy workers (in Spanish). This workshop provides information and techniques to boost your confidence in preparing the cow for calving, obstetric techniques and newborn calf care. From transition cow diets and body condition to recognizing key signs of labor and handling difficult deliveries with precision, this program equips you with practical strategies to support both cow and calf health. Whether you’re seasoned or new to livestock care, you’ll gain hands-on expertise to approach calving with assurance, improve outcomes, and enhance the well-being of your herd.

Topics covered during the virtual (Zoom) classroom include:

- Getting newborns off to a good start: neonatal calf care and colostrum management
- Cow nutrition and management pre- and post-calving health and reproductive success (breakout into either beef or dairy)
- During the in-person session, participants will learn and practice:
 - Stages of labor and signs to watch for—when to call for help
 - Calving equipment options and function/sanitation/cleaning
 - Worker Safety—cow and calf handling/ needles/ PPE/ biosecurity

The series costs \$20/person. To attend the in-person session, you must have attended a prior Zoom session. For your convenience, you may choose an late morning or evening ZOOM and an in-person hands-on combination that fits your needs:

Zoom Sessions:

- November 5th, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- November 6th, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (English and Spanish)

In-person Sessions:

- Gays Mills: November 12th, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (English and Spanish)
- Gays Mills: November 12th, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Darlington: November 13th, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (English and Spanish)
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Registrations are due Saturday, November 1 for the English sessions. Register online at <https://go.wisc.edu/6605sn>. Don’t wait to register, participation is limited to the first 20 paid participants per in-person session.

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On Friday, October 10th, Brodhead Middle School participated in a district wide “pink out” to show support for those affected by cancer. Students and staff had the opportunity to guess the amount of pink candies for a prize.

This contest was won by the following: fifth grade—Koby Leu, sixth grad—Jack Elmer, seventh grade—Mia Anderson, eighth grade—Roman Whitehead, and staff—Mrs. Tresemer. Pictured are the winners from left to right.

Juda School District Annual Meeting Summary

Voters at the annual meeting of the Juda School District approved a mill rate of \$9.81 which is a reduction from the prior year rate of \$10.31. The total tax levy for the year will be \$2,055,945, which is up from the prior year of \$1,916,485. The breakdown for the tax levy is \$1,490,576 for the General Fund, \$445,369 for Referendum Debt Service and \$80,000 for the Community Service Fund. During the past fiscal year, the district was able to increase the general fund balance by \$338,133. It is anticipated the district will not adding to the general fund balance in the current fiscal year.

In other action the voters:

- Approved the board salaries of \$100 for the President, \$100 for the Clerk, \$60 for the Vice President, regular meetings of \$35 per member, special meetings of \$25 per member and \$30 per member for the annual meeting.
- Approved the 2025/2026 school fees and breakfast/lunch fees.
- Designated the Bank of New Glarus-Juda as the official place of depository.
- Authorized the board to furnish textbooks at the fees the board designates.
- Authorized the board to furnish school lunches at the fees the board designates.
- Authorized the board to engage Boardman and Clark as legal counsel as needed.
- Approved the district to provide transportation services to students.
- Approved to authorize reimbursement for board member expenses.
- Set the date for the 2026 annual meeting to be held on October 21, 2026 at 7 p.m. in the Technology Lab.

Following the annual meeting, the board held a special meeting to approve a mill rate of \$9.81, which is down from the prior year mill rate of \$10.31.

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Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Indiana over UCLA, 56-6. Doug Rezner, Brodhead, won first place with all the correct games. Eric VonAllmen, Albany, took second place with two incorrect.

The following had three incorrect games: Curt Elmer and Lynette VonAllmen, both of Albany; and Ann Schwartz, Dennis Schwartz and Bob Whalen, all of Brodhead.

Monday Night Mixed League
10/20—High series: Robert Murray 714, Jason Shrier 691, Ryan Flood 642, Trevor Wahler 641. High games: R. Flood 269, R. Murray 237, J. Shrier 235, Tyson Foster 226. Broughton’s Bar-high team game 1,083 and series 3,069. **Standings:** Fosters Gaming won 102 lost 87, Broughton’s Bar 100-89, Albany Lanes 100-89, Center Tavern 96-93, Bartelt 89-100, Beloit Chiropractic 80-109.

Tuesday Shaningans
10/21—High series: Tammy Neuenschwander 476, Chris Rosheisen 343, Linda Neuenschwander 310, Rick Clark 538, Rick Josephsen 536, Dan Eaton 495. High games: T. Neuenschwander 184, C. Rosheisen 136, L. Neuenschwander 130 R. Clark 214, R. Josephsen 204, Rick Neuenschwander 184. Sweet Mini HaHa-high team game 791. The Young & The Restless-high team series 2,266. **Standings:** Perfectly Aged won 19 lost 2, Misfits 11-10, Sweet Mini HaHa 10-11, The Young & The Restless 9-12, Greightful Dead 2-12.

Badger
10/21—High series: Josh Brugger 606, Dave Brugger 592, Jim Laughlin 585, Brian Purdy 573, Megan Anderson 406, Kim Qualley 338. High games: Ryan Brugger 244, J. Brugger 244, Ethan Pfueti 223, B. Purdy 214, M. Anderson 141, K. Qualley 135. Renks-high team game 825 and series 2,266. **Standings:** Renks won 30 lost 19, Counter Attack 29-20, Decatur Dairy 28-21, Jim’s Mechanic Shop 21-28, Team 6 20-29, TUGS 19-30.

Wednesday Night Ladies
10/22—High series: Kari Johnson 479, Marcie Brugger 462, Fran Kubesh 444, Darcy Stephenson 431, Tami Behnke 424. High games: K. Johnson 186, T. Behnke 174, F. Kubesh 167, Barb Larson 163, Angela Grandt 162. Glenn-Ann Ladies-high team game 615 and series 1,751. **Standings:** Larson Acres won 40 lost 9, General Store 35-14, Glenn-Ann Ladies 32-17, Crystal’s Team 15-34, Stables Bar & Grill 14-35, Albertson’s 11-38.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies
10/23—High series: Nancy Salzwedel 463, Debbie Williams 445, Laurie Thommen 419. High games: D. Williams 175, L. Thommen 164, N. Salzwedel 163. Nolte’s Garage-high team game 558 and series 1,431. **Standings:** Nolte’s Garage won 39 lost 17, Knutes 39-17, Briggs Heating and AC 38-18, Mike’s Flooring 34-22, Albany Lanes 16-40.

Thursday Night Mixed
10/23—High series: Brandon Bayrhooffer 748, Rob Kubesh 704, Ryan Flood 704, Scott Wahler 704, Tiffany Repa 402. High games: S. Wahler 289, B. Bayrhooffer 279, R. Flood 265, R. Kubesh 263, T. Repa 156. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,101. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team series 3,074. **Standings:** Glenn Ann Holsteins won 33 lost 23, Attica Bar 33-23, Broughton’s Corner Bar 1 32-24, Albany Lanes 29-27, Golz Electric 27-29, Broughton’s Corner Bar 2 14-42.

Brodhead Juniors
10/25—High series—boys: Casey Johnson 459, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 409, Jayse Bennett 368, Evan Johnson 341, Tristan Modaff 311, Jack Norris 255. High games—boys: C. Johnson 188, A. Ramirez-Vogel 151, T. Modaff 149, J. Bennett 138, E. Johnson 120, J. Norris 100. **High series—girls:** Taylor Sauer 503, Aubrie Bartelt 312, Kelsee Brugger 309, Lily Johnson 277. High games—girls: T. Sauer 204, K. Brugger 130, A. Bartelt 127, L. Johnson 113.

Brodhead Youth
10/25—High series: Jaxson Brewer 137, Thorin Perrin 122, Braxton Normington 47, Ayla Brugger 161, Amelia Fenwick 112, Kinslee Brewer 90, Abigail Fenwick 64. High games: J. Brewer 83, T. Perrin 74, B. Normington 26, A. Brugger 111, Amelia Fenwick 59, K. Brewer 51, Abigail Fenwick 38.

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By Laura Roth,
Children's Librarian

Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library focused on trees and leaves (appropriately!). The stories included Up In The Leaves (Boss) and Tap the Magic Tree (Matheson). The youngsters enjoyed interacting with the stages trees go through during the different seasons by tapping and swooshing the trees, counting the apples, etc. Then, the true story about Bob Redmond, who built treehouses in Central Park, New York . . . and then lived in them! This week's craft was a multi-media project involving crayon rubbings of leaves, stamping using paint and paper tubes and a torn piece of brown paper creating a colorful tree of their own, mimicking the trees right outside the library!



Next week, the preschoolers will revisit the princess theme. Do princesses really kiss frogs? And how many mattresses are needed until the pea cannot be detected? The princesses might even visit to the hair salon . . . can that curly hair be combed?

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m., and ALWAYS welcomes new kiddos to the group. Won't you join in on our fun?





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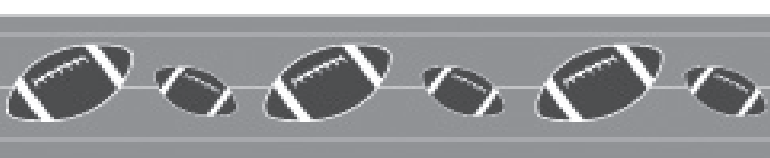
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By Cindy Clint,
Outreach Coordinator

Here's what's happening during the month of November at the Alb-ertson Memorial Library:

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., gather with us for Preschool Storytime led by our Children's Programming Specialist, Miss Laura. Each week, we'll explore captivating tales that highlight:

- Princesses
- Canines and felines
- Animals and nature
- Things that go

Additionally, on months with a fifth Tuesday, we'll introduce a special bonus theme. Come and enjoy a delightful mix of stories and crafts!

The Albany Joint Library Board Meeting is scheduled to take place, at the library, on Tuesday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to everyone. The agenda will be available on our website and posted at the library the Friday prior to the meeting. Join us to discover the library's future plans!

Don't miss Craft Night with Diane on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m., where you'll have the opportunity to learn how to create a beautifully illuminated pumpkin centerpiece that will light up your Thanksgiving table! Can't make it? No worries! You can collect a kit from the library anytime during November and enjoy crafting this project whenever it suits you!

The Friends of the Albertson Memorial Library group will be meeting on Thursday, November 6th at 6 p.m. Stop in to find out what this group is all about while lending a hand in planning and preparing for the library's upcoming Snack with Santa event!



An example of one of Robert's Manga inspired journal covers.

Embark on an unforgettable journey in our Dungeons and Dragons campaign, "Shadows of the Infinite Staircase," taking place on Saturday, November 8th and 22nd at 4 p.m.! Immerse yourself in a thrilling adventure as you assist the Guildmaster in lifting a shadowy curse from the mystical staircase. Jump in anytime—no need for a magical portal! If you missed the character creation party, give us a shout to arrive early and get your hero ready. This campaign is ideal for adventurers aged 15 and older. On the fence? Curious about the chaos and camaraderie? Check out our Facebook and Instagram for thrilling recaps of past sessions!

Unleash your creativity with the Creative Capers! Dive into craft night fun with us on Friday, November 21st at 6 p.m.

Join the Sugar River Writer's on Monday, November 24th at 6:30 p.m. and allow your literary side to soar! Participants of all skill levels are invited. Please note that this event has been rescheduled from its regular day due to the holiday.

Join the discussion with All Booked Up. On Monday, November 24th at 6:30 p.m., come engage in a conversation about "The Tattooist of Auschwitz" by Heather Morris. This inspiring tale emphasizes themes of hope and courage, illustrating the duality of human nature—the coexistence of calculated brutality alongside spontaneous, selfless acts of love.

The library will be closed in observation of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 27th. We will reopen on Friday, November 28th.

Please follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary>, Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/albertsonmemoriallibrary> or check out our calendar of events on our website at <https://www.albertsonlibrary.org> for additional information.



"The Howling Wolf," one of Robert's nature themed works done in colored pencil.

Local artist pursues dream

By Kaitlyn Van Wyhe

"Don't let anyone say that you can't. You should do what you love," said Robert Lawrence, a Brodhead artist, who has spent his life doggedly pursuing his dream in spite of the stroke he had at birth.

In his 24 years, Robert has never let his perceived "disability" stop him from doing what he loves. The moment he first picked up a pencil to draw, he knew he'd found his passion.

"I was like seven or eight years old, and I just remember having got in trouble with my grandma so she'd grounded me." He smiled at the memory. "I asked her what I was to do since I was so bored. And she said, 'Why don't you try drawing?'"

By the time he was ten, he picked up a paint brush and people took notice. A newspaper article reported his newfound talent when he was still small.

"I would say I've always had the gift." He shrugged. "Ever since I was little, people said my artwork looked like someone older had done it."

Through the years, he honed his craft little by little. Originally, he wanted to be a graphic designer, but now he is what he describes as a manga artist. Manga is a Japanese comic art style. So far, he has helped create 100 coloring books, written and illustrated 15 manga comic books of his own, written a stage play, designed over 50 different greeting card and notebook covers, and drawn and painted a variety of portraits, still-lives, and landscapes.

"I think drawing faces is my strength. The overall human form is hard though," he said.

At the moment, he has stopped painting to focus more on his drawings, particularly with colored pencils, as he prefers impressionist styles. He enjoys drawing landscapes "at a glance" and creating artwork from memory, fixating less on details and more on the emotions and feelings invoked by the piece. He loves pencil sketching because he can make it look either like a painting or a photo, depending on his purpose, and it allows him more control over lines and placement. "It's less messy than paint."

Robert shook his head when asked about themes and emotions. "I want people to be able to look at my work and smile."

He doesn't create his art to portray any particular themes or emotions, but rather he wants people to see the beauty of the work at face value.

Of all his creations, he said he enjoys creating his comics best as he has been an avid collector, reader, and writer of them for years. Naruto, a manga that follows a teenage ninja, is one of his favorites. His own comics are teen dramas set in a contemporary high school following the lives of various teens.

"I use Ohuhu markers for the front covers of my comic books. It makes them streaky."

His eyes lit up as he explained how he draws his comics in the manga style using pencil on copy paper for the original sketches and then fills them in with a dipping pen using black India Ink. He uses black sharpie for the edges.

People react with disbelief when he shares his work. "People's eyes go wide and their mouth drops open. Every. Time. You don't normally see people who've experienced a stroke having artistic abilities."

In his own sphere, he hasn't seen many artists with strokes and that has led him to feel a bit alone in the field, but he says he has never met anyone who has treated him or his art poorly. The only misconceptions are how many people seem to believe that because of his stroke he can't or shouldn't be able to create art. "Every artist should get noticed," Robert said. "Everyone should have a chance."

His advice for aspiring artists with disabilities: "Don't let anything hold you back from pursuing your art."

None of his family are artists, but he says his grandmother has always supported and encouraged him. Currently, he works with the Brodhead Register Print Center to print his work.

"It's been a lot of fun. It also helps my art get to more people." He loves sharing his work.

People may purchase his greeting cards, which include thank yous, birthdays, and special occasion cards, at the Register Print Center. They portray art ranging from butterflies and bees, to dogs, sea creatures, flowers, landscapes, and portraits.

Those interested in buying Robert's art may contact Robert at dkamlager@gmail.com or visit the Register Print Center at 918 W. Exchange Street for more information.



Robert with two of his pieces of art. "The Girl with Purple Flowers," is a canvas print which his grandmother proudly displays in their home. "The Two Swans" is another example.

Green County Kicks Off Local Wealth-Building Effort with Inspiring Community Breakfast Event

More than 150 community members gathered at Turner Hall in Monroe Friday, October 10 for a dynamic and energizing breakfast event that marked the beginning of an ambitious new chapter for Green County.

Hosted by the Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin (CFSW), and UW Extension—Green County, the event served as the local launchpad for exploring the creation of a Community Investment Fund—a sustainable, locally-driven fund designed to support projects in housing, entrepreneurship, childcare, and more. The goal: to keep local dollars circulating locally and empower residents to shape their own economic future.

The event featured keynote remarks from Jeff Yost, President and CEO of the Nebraska Community Foundation, whose compelling presentation spotlighted Nebraska's statewide success in community wealth-building and grassroots endowment development. Attendees were challenged to imagine what's possible when a community comes together to invest in itself.

Yost was joined by co-authors of the book Pulling Together: A handbook for Community Change, Tom Mosgaller and Mike Breininger. The three are currently traveling the state as part of a tour focused on the book and creating timely conversation around ownership, belonging, and the power of place-based solutions.

"This breakfast isn't just an event," said Olivia Otte, GCDC Executive Director. "It's the beginning of something bigger. We're exploring how Green County can build a fund by us, for us—one that supports real needs and real ideas, right here at home."

Throughout the morning, there were lively discussions and moments of reflection, as community members responded to the call to action. Following the breakfast, a smaller roundtable session was held in the Turner Hall Ratskeller, where participants dug deeper into next steps, shared personal inspiration, and began mapping out how Green County could model successful strategies from across the Midwest.

Next steps will include continued community conversations, strategic planning, and stakeholder engagement around the formation of the Community Investment Fund.

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