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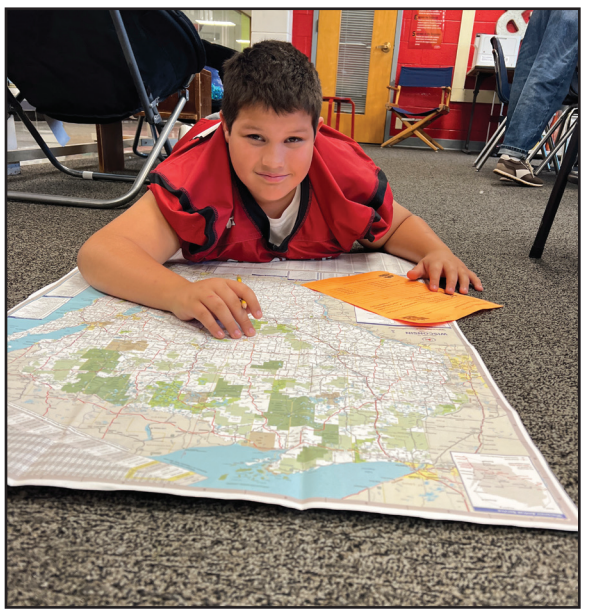
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Seventh-Grade Geographers Hit the Road Across Wisconsin!

Seventh-grade students in Mrs. Tresemer's geography classes recently explored Wisconsin through hands-on map-reading activities. Students learned to read traditional road maps, created mental maps of the state, and used a variety of geographic tools to sharpen their navigation skills.

Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) road maps served as a valuable classroom resource. Students practiced using map legends, identifying cardinal directions, locating specific places, and recording distances from the mileage log. They also strengthened their understanding of Wisconsin's geography by identifying communities, roads, and other important locations throughout the state.

Each student received a road map to use for navigating upcoming trips across the state. By combining traditional map skills with geographic exploration, Mrs. Tresemer's students are developing practical skills they can apply both inside and outside the classroom.



Chase Wenzel, 16, Brodhead, caught this 40-inch Northern Pike by the Headgates on the Mill Race on Tuesday, October 6. He was surprised that such a huge fish occupied the water, he was targeting Bass.







Great Apple Crunch

The Great Apple Crunch is an annual October event that promotes local food purchasing and encourages healthy eating during National Farm to School Month. For this simple event, schools, organizations, and households across Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest region commit to crunch into local apples in October. Last year, nearly two million participants crunched into locally grown apples across the Midwest region. The Great Apple Crunch is celebrated across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, and Ohio.

One of the Crunch's main goals is to celebrate seasonal foods and to generate excitement around local foods and agriculture. The event highlights farm-to-school and farm-to-institution sales, increases appetites for regionally and locally grown produce, and supports Wisconsin apple growers. The Crunch encourages Wisconsin schools and other institutions to increase local options in cafeterias, keeping local dollars in the community and benefiting local apple producers.

Albrecht Elementary took part in the crunch on Thursday, October 8th. Huge shout out to Ten Eyck Apple Orchard in Brodhead for supplying all of our students with an apple to crunch again this year. We could not do this without you!

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

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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.

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Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship September through May. Sunday school every other Sunday September through May at 8:45 a.m. Nursery care 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. Community Bible Study, Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. through Saturday, October 17th. "Cups of Comfort" grief cafe support group, monthly on the first Wednesday at 6 p.m. thru March 3, 2027.

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

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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. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend: worship service 9 a.m.; No Sunday school.

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Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Wednesday evening Impact Youth 6 p.m.

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

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Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Rev. Dr. Ray Diaz. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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

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St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m.; Bible class and Sunday school 10:15 a.m.

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St. 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.

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

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United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. In-person worship at 10 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

You have kept the good wine until now! ~John 2:10 NKJV

Dear reader, do you think that surrendering to Jesus is going to doom you to a life of boredom? There's an important lesson for you in this first miracle Jesus performed. Typically, the "*best*" wine was served at the beginning of wedding receptions in Jesus's day (see vv. 9-10). Yet what Jesus provided at the end was better than their very best. Life application: Don't be fooled into thinking this world can make you happy. What Jesus offers is better than the best this world has to offer. The world promises happiness, but it's only temporary and leaves the bitter aftertaste of shame and regret. *"The blessing of the Lord,"* however, *"makes one (spiritually and eternally) rich, and He adds no sorrow with it"* (Prov. 10:22). —Brian Cretney

Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains,
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest. —Isaac Watts

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Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Herbert Chapman

Herbert Chapman, age 86, passed away peacefully on October 7, 2026. He was born on October 1, 1940 in Wisconsin to parents Lawrence and Ruth Chapman.

He enjoyed horseback riding every Sunday at the farm and camping with his horses. He loved watching and reading his "Westerns". He liked to bowl, mow his lawn and working at Crazy Horse campground after he retired. He was an avid Packer fan.

Herbert is survived by his wife, Barb Chapman; son, Robert (Terri) Chapman; daughters: Mary (Larry) Kloepping and Lori (Dan) Moore; sister, Delores Lutes; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; a brother-in-law, Larry Lutes and sister-in-laws: Janet Hoff and Doris Ambs.

A visitation for Herbert will be held at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral home on Friday, October 16, from 4 to 7 p.m. Funeral services will be held the next day at the United Methodist Church in Brodhead, at 2:30 p.m., with a small visitation time starting at 2 p.m.

It's a Honey of a Deal Luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecroft cordially invite you to their "It's a Honey of a Deal" luncheon on Wednesday, October 21, at noon. The cost is $16. The luncheon will be held at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Road 81, Monroe.

The guest speaker Brenda Yoder, of Shipshewana, Indiana, will give "The Gift of Change." Change is inevitable, but the choices we make determine the kind of change we either enjoy or regret. Special music will be presented by Alexa Nissen. They will also hold a fund-raiser auction and bake sale with returning auctioneer Blake Caterbury.

Reservations are due by Friday, October 16, by calling Marcia at 815-821-4270 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.



Barbara Markham

Barbara (Buehler) Markham, 78, Brodhead, passed away at Collinwood Memory Care on October 10, 2026. She was born on August 6, 1948, in Monroe, Wisconsin, to Herbert and Marion Buehler. Barb graduated from Monroe High School in 1966. She spent the majority of her career working for the Green County Bank. Barb enjoyed working in the yard, traveling, fishing, bowling, motorcycles, and spending time with her granddaughter, Rhiannon. She married Kurt Markham in 1989.

Survivors include her husband, Kurt Markham; son, Brandon (Michelle) Keen; granddaughter, Rhiannon (Bishop) Yoder; stepson, Andy Markham, and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Bill Buehler.

Per Barb's wishes, there will be no services.

Thank you to the wonderful girls at Collinwood and Bristol Hospice for taking great care of Barb.

Share a Slice of Life

The Brodhead Blood Drive will be held Monday, November 23, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Walk-ins welcome!

Go for a spin. Help Save a Life. Give blood. Come to give blood November 23 to December 6 for an exclusive American Red Cross x Wheel of Fortune mug, while supplies last.

Classifieds: $6 for 20 words (10 cents per word, thereafter)

SSM Health at Home Offering Grief Support Group for the Holiday Season

The holiday season can be especially difficult for those grieving the loss of a loved one. SSM Health at Home's compassionate bereavement team invites community members to attend Handling the Holidays, a support program designed to provide guidance, comfort, and practical tools for navigating grief during this challenging time of year.

Participants will explore topics such as common holiday concerns, coping with emotions, strategies for managing holiday gatherings and traditions, finding spiritual comfort in grief, and meaningful ways to honor and remember loved ones.

The program will be held Saturday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th Street, Monroe.

This free event is open to adults ages 18 and older who have experienced the death of someone special. Seating is limited, and registration is required.

To register online, visit ssmhealth.com/events. For additional information or to register by phone, call SSM Health at Home at 608-324-1229.

Cups of Comfort: A Grief Café

Grief can be a lonely journey, but it doesn't have to be walked alone. Beginning this fall, the Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, will host Cups of Comfort: A Grief Café, a free monthly gathering for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, you are invited to join them for coffee (or tea, or cocoa, or cider), conversation, and compassionate support in a welcoming, nonjudgmental setting.

Each gathering will provide an opportunity to share stories, listen to others, and find encouragement among people who understand the challenges of grief. There is no pressure to speak, no expectation to "move on," and no timetable for healing—just a safe place to be yourself.

The café will meet the first Wednesday of every month for approximately 60–90 minutes, beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, and ending on March 3, 2027. Whether you've attended grief support groups before or this is your first experience, you are warmly welcome.

For more information, please contact the church office at 608-897-2917, or Pastor Shawn directly at pastor@brodheadcucc.com.

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~ Eleanor Roosevelt


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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BRODHEAD POLICE ASSOC. BI-ANNUAL BRODHEAD IN THE MOONLIGHT

The Brodhead Police Association is hosting its bi-annual Brodhead in the Moonlight...a haunting experience! This historical downtown walking tour includes stories of ghostly happenings in the city. Your tour guide will enlighten you with how our city began and share her first-hand knowledge of our ghostly history as well! To get your tickets, follow the Brodhead Police Association on both Facebook and Instagram. Tours will be every Saturday night in October from 7-10 p.m. and will start at the gazebo on the downtown square at W. 2nd Avenue and W. Exchange Street. For more information or if you have questions, please email us at brodheadpa@gmail.com.

DOUBLE FEATURE DRIVE-IN MOVIE
Saturday, October 24 at Legion Park

Join them for a fun night under the stars at the Brodhead Pool and Rec Department's Double Feature Drive-In Movie at Legion Park! The first movie will be Casper, which will start at 6 p.m. After a short intermission, they will begin their second movie, Edward Scissorhands.

Concessions will be available, and a port-a-potty will be on site for your convenience.

Come dressed in a costume and receive a goody bag!

Load up the family, grab some blankets, and come enjoy a great night of movies at Legion Park!

Carve out a new tradition! Give Blood!

The Albany High School Blood Drive will be held Wednesday, October 21, from 1 to 6 p.m. at Albany High School gym, 309 Vinton Street, Albany.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Walk-ins welcome! By donating at this blood drive, you are helping one or more graduating seniors earn a scholarship!

Come to give blood October 19-November 22 for a $10 Amazon gift card by email plus earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards. See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

Annual Veterans Appreciation Lunch
Saturday, November 7, 2026 at noon

The Albany and Monroe Lion's Clubs and the Green County Veterans Service Office are sponsoring the annual Veterans Appreciation Lunch on Saturday, November 7th, at the Albany Lion's Club Building, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, on the northeast side of Albany.

Active Duty Personnel, Veterans, their spouses and widows or widowers of deceased Veterans are invited to this no cost lunch.

There will only be one seating this year, at noon. There will be no reservations taken. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

Battle of the Businesses Food Drive

A Battle of the Businesses Food Drive will be held on Saturday, November 7, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Fill the cart of your favorite business at Campbell's Piggly Wiggly parking lot. The business with the most food wins!

What is needed? Cereal, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, and canned goods: soup, tuna, chicken, vegetables, fruit, jelly and peanut butter. No glass jars please.

One hundred percent of donations will support Brodhead Food Pantries.

Albany Historical Society to hold Show and Tell

The Albany Historical Society will have a General Meeting on Tuesday, October 20, at 7 p.m. Following a brief meeting, the program will be show and tell. Items to view will be Scrapbooks of 1938 and 1939, Autograph books of 1959/1960 among others. WLS Radio (Chicago) Family Albums 1935, 1937, 1938 and 1941with Prairie Famer's Centennial Year Addition. Sheet Music from Gene Autry's 1935 movie "The Phantom Empire". Songbooks of Gene Autry and many others. Those attending are invited to bring something to be viewed.

The museum is located at 119 North Water Street, Albany. Question text or call 608-214-8289.



Make A Difference Day

You were born to make a difference. Happy National Make a Difference Day will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 9 to 11 a.m., meet at the Brodhead Fire Department. Transportation will be provided to "work sites" from the "headquarters" downtown.

Everyone in our community is invited to lend a helping hand.

•Rake and clean up neighborhood yards for elderly residents

•"Trick or Treat" around town to collect items for our local Brodhead Food Pantry

•Tie fleece blankets for Family Promise of Green County

•Craft bookmarks for the Brodhead Memorial Library

•Pick up sticks and trash around area parks in Brodhead

•Collect trash along their mile of Adopt-a-Highway

•Write/craft notes for Veterans Day delivery

•Braid fabric scraps into tug toys to donate to the Green County Humane Society

•Assist with fall clean-up on school grounds, arboretum and Pearl Island

•Sort and organize donations at the Brodhead Community Closet

•Additional projects will be added as they come to be

Please consider:

•Spreadng the word—let Stephanie Tresemer know of someone in town that needs help with yard work

•Helping crews rake leaves in neighborhood yards and move the brush to the curb

•Donate one and one-half yards of fleece for the tie blankets to be donated to Family Promise

•Transporting volunteers as they collect non-perishable items around the community

•Providing morning treats for the volunteers: sweets, chips, granola bars, fruit, water, etc.

If you would like to get involved in any way or know of someone that could use help with a project please contact Stephanie Tresemer at stresemer@brodhead.k12.wi.us or call 608-897-2184 ext. 210.

"Using Astrology to Get to Know Your Ancestors" by Amy Hunt
GCGS Friday Fun Day
October 16, from 1-3 pm

For millennia, people have sought the wisdom of astrology to get to know themselves better. Why not get to know our ancestors in this way also? Natal charts can reveal spectacular details about a person's life. The more information about the birth we have, the more information about their life we can know. Amy will present the basics of using astrology and ideas on interpreting ours and our ancestors' charts

Amy Hunt has researched genealogy for over two decades and recently added the interest of astrology in hopes to get an idea of what her ancestors were like. Amy started her astrology pursuits around October 2025 with the entrance of an interstellar comet into our solar system, which turned her attention to influential celestial energies in motion. Amy is a self-taught astrology student and now applies the practice to add depth in her genealogy hobby.

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its Friday Fun Day, October 16 from 1-3 p.m. in the Research center located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is www.greencogenealogywi.org.

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Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Beloit Turner vs. Whitewater, 44-14 and Evansville vs. Clinton, 44-12. Lynette VonAllmen, Albany, won first place with all the correct games and 45 points. Second place was won by Brian Malkow, Brodhead, with all the correct games and 49 points.

Also having all the correct games were Dennis Schwartz—50 points, of Brodhead and Tom Brewer—56 points, of Albany.

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Brodhead QB #4 Kraig Walter hands off to #23 Steven Carlson on a run play propelling the Cards to a first down. The team hosted Southwestern East Dubuque last Friday. The Warcats scored the win 40-8 over the Cardinals. Brodhead Juda will close out their season this Friday at home against River Valley. Both teams are striving to win their first game of the season. Come celebrate senior night at Gary Larson Field. (File photo) (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Baertschi Invite

The 33rd Annual Baertschi Invite was held last Saturday. Olivia Brown placed 14th of the 117 athletes competing in the small schools division. The Cardinal Ladies placed eighth as a team. Ashton Henze and Treyton Leutenegger led the Brodhead Juda boys to a 13th team finish. This week Thursday, UW Whitewater will be the location for the RVC country meet.

District 8 AA locations

Tuesdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Thursdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Fridays: Promises Group, Orfordville Lutheran, 210 Main Street, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Any questions call 608-751-5684 or visit www.rockcoaa.net.



Congratulations to the Varsity Volleyball team on a first place finish in the Clinton Invite this weekend. Leading up to that Brodhead made quick work of Clinton on Tuesday: 25-12, 25-20, and 25-17. The sweep continued on Thursday when the Cardinals defeated Big Foot 3-0. Brodhead closed out the regular season at Beloit Turner on Tuesday. Playoffs begin the week of October 20th.

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Recently Robert McEwen, left, from Australia and Einar (ET) Thorisson, right, from Iceland, viewed their pictures at Brodhead High School when they returned for their class reunion. Robert had been hosted by the Duane Malcook family and Einar by the Hubert Vickers family.

40 Years

By Robert McEwen and Einar Thorisson

Question: Why would an Aussie take a 16 + 4 hour flight, and an Icelandic take seven hours, to return to Brodhead after 40 years?

School reunions are not for everybody. Depending on where life is at, they are not always accessible—or desirable.

So why now?

Life moves fast. Just like the front windscreen of your car, there is so much to see, do and look forward to. Who has time to spend looking at that small rear-vision mirror? And, to some degree, why would you look back?

Einar Thorisson and I attended Brodhead for only 12 months in 1985/86. Yet what we packed into those 12 months was huge. The AFS program, with the support of the Brodhead community, was done extremely well. While I was milking cows twice a day, we also embraced the senior year celebrations and everything that came with them. We could not have asked for a better American Midwest experience.

But what we both enjoyed most were the friendships we formed across the broad spectrum of students, families and community members. Einar and I were short-term visitors, which allowed us to simply connect with as many people as possible. We were accepted for who we were.

Einar brought a European perspective to the school through his fashion, music and love of sport, including football. As a shy Australian, I simply brought a love of farming—but also an absolute, hard-nosed commitment to sport through cross-country, basketball and athletics. I needed that commitment because skills alone were never going to be enough!

As with any school reunion, why this one? We are no different from our other 90 graduates of 1986. Some went to college, others started work, some joined the military, while others traveled the world. Most moved away from Brodhead, while some remained as part of the local fabric.

Some of us married and started families, while others chose different paths. Over 40 years, our classmates have experienced both good and challenging times. Some have faced serious health scares, family tragedies or simply tough periods in life.

So let me answer the opening question this way.

Saturday night, and the days leading into and following the reunion, were simply a renewing experience—full of wholesome nourishment. In the words of one friend, "Catching up was like a warming of the soul."

I have always enjoyed meeting people and hearing their stories. I am continually amazed by the experiences people have lived through. Behind every face there is a story waiting to be understood.

For me, it was particularly special to see members of the cross-country team return for the night and simply pick up where we left off. For Einar, I could see how much he enjoyed reconnecting with old friends, talking football and sharing meals with a gin and tonic in hand.

In a small country town, community transcends all friendship groups. That was highlighted by our bar-hopping conversations, the laughter and the fun that continued late into the evenings—well past most of our bedtimes!

An amazing shout-out to Jodie and Paul Saevre, who are incredible members of the community and hosted me for the week. Once again, 40 years later, I found myself sitting in the lounge room of the Vickers family, being spoiled by Rita, drinking Mike's beer, eating great food and sharing time with my mate Einar. Thank you Mike.

The only difference from 40 years ago was the drinking of the beers!

During the week, I also shared a meal with my host family, the Malcooks, who all came together to catch up. It was a great night of sharing stories, laughing together and simply acknowledging that life's journey is filled with both highs and lows. Einar also spent time with his host family and their extended crew.

A big thank you to Dena McKee and Stephanie Olson for organising this reunion. Well done. Great job.

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40 Years

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Brodhead provided one of those rare life experiences that helped shape who we are today. Driving into Wisconsin, it was noticeable that many of the small and medium-sized dairy farms had been swallowed up by larger operations. Yet it also looked and felt as though the farms had adapted and remained healthy.

Much like life, we all need to adapt and change with the times. But that does not mean we forget the past.

Whether you are a past student or simply passing through, like us, taking the time to look into the rear-vision mirror when you are ready can be a wonderful way of appreciating the small things that have helped make us who we are.

One final shout-out

If you ever find yourself passing through Brodhead, take the time to visit the Kelch Aviation Museum run by Pat Weeden and his fellow pilots. Pat is always up for a yarn, and the crew can walk you through the golden age of flying.

And for my cross-country buddies...Just remember who The Athlete was.



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P.A.R.T.Y. Program reaches more than 600 local students

Educational event helps students understand the real-life consequences of risky decisions.

On Wednesday, October 7, SSM Health Monroe Hospital and emergency response agencies throughout Green County partnered to host the 16th annual Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth (P.A.R.T.Y.) Program.

The program welcomed 643 students from 15 area high schools for a powerful day focused on the lasting impact of decisions involving alcohol, drugs, and impaired driving.

Through realistic demonstrations and firsthand accounts, students gained a deeper understanding of how a single choice can affect not only their own lives, but also their families, friends and entire communities.

A live dramatization brought together student actors, SSM Health Monroe Hospital staff, Green County EMS, City of Monroe police officers, the Green County Sheriff's Office and City of Monroe firefighters to portray the response to a serious impaired-driving crash. Students also heard from the Green County Coroner, a Green County judge, and individuals whose lives have been directly affected by impaired driving.

"I think kids aren't fully aware that these are choices they're making when they decide to drink and drive or use drugs and get into a car," said Mary Tessendorf, SSM Health Monroe Hospital Trauma Coordinator. "They don't always stop and think about the consequences. Our goal is to help them understand the impact those decisions can have before it's too late."

By combining education with real-world experiences, the P.A.R.T.Y. Program encourages students to recognize risky situations and make safer choices.

Thank you to the many community partners and volunteers who helped make this year's program a success. A special thank you to the Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation for its continued sponsorship of this important educational event.



Green County EMS reenacting bringing a passenger from the accident into the emergency department.

Imagine Discover Connect Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Oh! What fun was had at Albertson Memorial's Preschool Story Time! Every preschooler colored a sheet of matching paper socks and cut them out. Then they played a sock-matching game. "Why socks?" you say? The stories were all about birds wearing socks! In Sally and the Purple Socks (by Bechtold), Sally's socks take over her home and eventually become a circus tent, which collapses in the rain. Lizette finds a green sock in Lizzette's Green Sock (by Valckx), but only one, which eventually becomes a cap worthy of envy. Have You Seen My New Blue Socks? (by Bunting) tells how the main character can't find his new blue socks when all along he's wearing them! Sound familiar? The craft for the day was a bird puppet made of a pipe-cleaner and a pompon. It really looked like it was flying.

Next week, the stories will focus on ducks: Do Like a Duck Does (by Hindley), Dimity Duck (by Yolen) and Little Quack's Bedtime (by Thompson). The preschoolers will create a pond of their own on a paper plate using bubble wrap and blue paint. They will color a duckling to put into that pond as well.

Albertson Memorial Preschool Story Time meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. at the library, before regular hours so we don't bother regular patrons. It's always a great time practicing our listening skills as well as folding, cutting, gluing, painting, and other fine-motor skills. The best thing of all is making new friends. Some of the shiest kiddos are really becoming brave, having a grand time with everyone. It's so much fun. Won't you join us? We'd love to meet you!







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Notice

BUDGET HEARING/ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Monday, October 26, 2026
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITERIA
2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
6:00 p.m.

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

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BUDGET HEARING
I. Presentation of Proposed 2026-2027 Budget – District Administrator David Novy
Discussion and Questions Concerning the Budget

ANNUAL MEETING
I. Call to order—Board President Michael Oellerich
II. Election of Chairperson
III. Treasurer's Report
IV. President's Report
V. Resolution A—Adoption of Tax Levy
VI. Resolution B—Salaries of Board Members
VII. Resolution C—Reimbursement of Board Member Travel Expense
VIII. Resolution D—Authorize School Board to Establish Date for 2027 Annual Meeting
IX. Other New Business as Authorized Under State Statues
X. Adjourn

Persons needing special accommodations should call (608) 897-2141 at least twenty-four [24] hours prior to the meeting.
10/21/2026

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 ~ 7 p.m.
Notice of Annual District Meeting
(Section 120.08(1))

Notice is hereby given to qualified electors of the School District of Juda, State of Wisconsin, that the annual meeting of said district for the transaction of business, will be held at the Juda High School Technology Room, Juda, Wisconsin, on the 21st day of October, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Brooks
Board Clerk
10/08/26 and 10/14/26

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Notice of Budget Hearing
(Section 65.90(4))

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the School District of Juda that the budget hearing will be held at the Juda High School Technology Room, on the 21st day of October, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Detailed copies of the budget are available for inspection in the District's office.

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Board Clerk
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Notice

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Regular School Board Meeting
October 14, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Juda School Den (Old Library)
N2385 Spring St.

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

The Policy Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Den.
The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

AGENDA
I. Call to Order by President Pfingsten
II. Roll Call
Dennis Pfingsten Jen Brooks
Eric Munz Kendra Sullivan
Courtney Martins Rustin Whitney
Amber Scheidegger
III. Pledge of Allegiance
IV. Proof of Notice
V. Acceptance of Agenda
VI. Open Forum
VII. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion: however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on September 9, 2026
2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
5. Donations (Action)
VIII. Reports
1. School Staff/Student Report
•WirSA nominee recognition
•WASB Business Honor Roll
•Exchange Students
•Early Graduation Requests
2. School Board President's Report
•School Funding Meeting Review of October 8, 2026
•Wednesday, October 28, 2026—Sun Prairie Regional Meeting
•Joint School Board Meeting—November 4, 2026 in Juda
•State Convention—January 20-21, 2027
3. Administrator Report
•Staffing Updates
•Strategic Plan/Continuous Improvement
•Review of events/Upcoming events
•Monticello Works partnership
•Recreation Department Update
•Other updates as necessary
IX. Referendum Updates
X. Out of State/Overnight Field Trips
•National Soils Competition—May 2027—Oklahoma
•Band and Choir Trip: New Orleans, April 5-9, 2028
XI. Policy Update: 35.2
XII. Annual Meeting Review: Discussion/Action
•Review Agenda
•Special Meeting Agenda
•Fund 80 Discussion
XIII. Five Minute Recess
XIV. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
•Discuss Administrator Contract
XV. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
XVI. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
•October 21, 2026—Annual Meeting
•November 4, 2026—Joint School Board meeting
•November 11, 2026—Regular School Board Meeting
XVII. Adjournment

10/14/26

AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, October 19, 2026
HIGH SCHOOL LMC
2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
6:30 p.m.

AGENDA
I. REVIEW BILLS
II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE
III. ADJOURN

10/14/2026

AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, October 19, 2026
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
7:00 p.m.

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II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
III. ROLL CALL
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
V. INFORMATION REPORTS
VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
AGENDA
VII. CONSENT AGENDA
1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
4. RESIGNATION(S)
5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
VIII. FUND 39 DEBT SERVICE PAYMENT OPTIONS
IX. APPROVAL OF SPORTS CO-OPS
X. BUILDING GOALS UPDATE
XI. WISCONSIN SCHOOL FUNDING AND ADVOCACY OPPORTUNITIES
XII. APPROVAL OF POLICY UPDATE 35.2
XIII. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL MEDIA LITIGATION
XIV. APPROVAL OF EARLY GRADUATION REQUESTS
XV. COLLEGE/TECH CREDIT APPROVALS
XVI. APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED AND VOLUNTEER COACHES
XVII. APPROVAL OF SNOW REMOVAL BID
XVIII. SELECT BOARD DELEGATE FOR STATE SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION
XIX. UPDATE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING INFORMATION (IF NEEDED)
XX. FUTURE AGENDA
XXI. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WIS. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(e)
a. Teacher Leave Request
b. Staffing
•Consideration of Compensation of an Employee
c. Bus Contract
XXII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
XXIII. ADJOURNMENT

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10/14/2026

SSM Health support and connection for dads-to-be with new "Dad Life, Real Talk" education

Becoming a parent is one of life's most significant milestones, but for many expectant fathers, the journey to parenthood is filled with questions.

To help local dads feel more prepared and confident, SSM Health Monroe Hospital is offering a free educational class designed specifically for men. "Dad Life, Real Talk" will be held from 6- 8 p.m. on Thursday, October 22, in SSM Health's St. Clare Conference Center, 515 22nd Avenue, Monroe.

The class provides expectant fathers with an opportunity to learn about childbirth, newborn care and the transition to parenthood while connecting with other men preparing for the same experience.

The session will be led by Samuel Beuschel, RN, a registered nurse at SSM Health Monroe Hospital and father of four. Having worked in the Family Birth unit, Beuschel understands the unique questions and concerns many fathers have as they prepare to welcome a child.

"Many men have questions that they may feel hesitant to ask in a traditional birth class setting," Beuschel said. "Our goal with 'Dad Life, Real Talk' is to create a comfortable environment where dads can connect with one another and gain practical knowledge."

During the class, fathers will learn:

What to expect during labor and delivery

How to effectively support a partner through childbirth

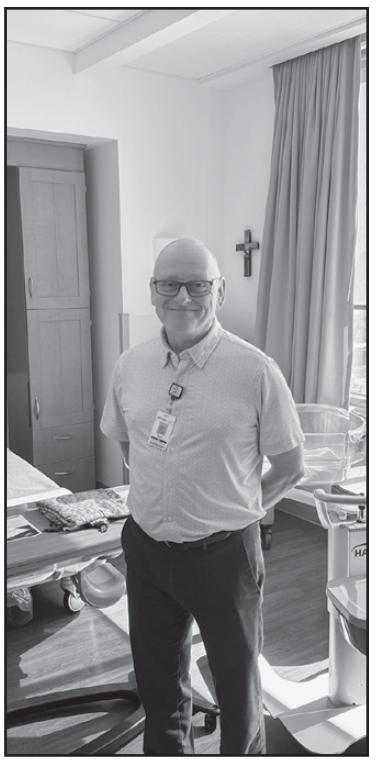
Ways fathers can assist with breastfeeding support

Newborn care basics

Tips for navigating the transition to parenthood

"Understanding what to expect during labor and delivery and learning the basics of newborn care can make a meaningful difference for the entire family," Beuschel said. "We want dads to recognize just how valuable their support is and leave feeling prepared for the important role they play."

The Dad Life, Real Talk class is free and open to all expectant fathers in the community. To register they should call 608-324-2241 or 815-233-0999.



Samuel Beuschel, RN in a Family Birth Suite at SSM Health Monroe Hospital.

Sweetening the Holiday Season for Green County Families

SSM Health Monroe Hospital Supports Baker's Dozen Fund

For many families, the holidays are about more than preparing a meal. They are about gathering with loved ones, carrying on family traditions, and creating memories through recipes that have been shared for generations.

Again, this year, SSM Health Monroe Hospital is helping make those traditions possible for more local families through a $2,500 contribution to the Baker's Dozen Fund.

Founded by Rick and Nancy Maliszewski, the Baker's Dozen Fund supports the purchase of baking ingredients and supplies that are distributed through six food pantries serving Green County. The program provides items such as flour, sugar, butter, spices and other baking essentials, allowing families to enjoy the traditions and comfort of holiday baking.

This year, Baker's Dozen will serve 492 food-insecure families, an increase from the 470 families served last year. Baker's Dozen has also seen rising costs, with this year's expenses already approximately $2,000 higher than last year's effort. The estimated budget for 2026 is $20,000.

"It feels good to help families enabled to enjoy a holiday tradition," said Rick.

While many food assistance programs focus on everyday necessities, Baker's Dozen fills a unique need by helping families celebrate and participate in traditions that make the holiday season special.

SSM Health's support reflects its commitment to addressing food insecurity, one of the social drives of health that can significantly impact overall well-being.

"Food insecurity affects more than what's on the dinner table. It can impact a family's overall well-being and ability to fully participate in important traditions," shared Rachel Meier, Community Health Specialist at SSM Health Monroe Hospital. "We're proud to support the Baker's Dozen Fund because it not only helps address food insecurity, but also brings comfort, connection, and joy to local families."

Community members interested in supporting the effort can donate to the Baker's Dozen Fund through the Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin. Every dollar contributed goes directly toward purchasing baking ingredients and supplies for local families.

To learn more or donate, visit: https://cfsw.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?funit_id=5542



Rick Maliszewski distributing baking kits at a St. Vincent de Paul Mobile Food Pantry in 2025.



2026-27 Brodhead Optimist officers: Chrissy Baumgartner, President; Rich Vogel, secretary; Gary Burns and Jeanne Vogel, board members; Wendy Backes, vice president; Wayne Dieckhoff, treasurer, Doug Pinnow and Casey Jones, board members; Gloria Sutter, past president.





Left: Gloria Sutter presenting Wayne Dieckhoff with the Optimist of the Year award.

Top right: Gloria Sutter presenting Rich Vogel with the Smile of the Year award.

Bottom right: Gloria Sutter presenting Addie Fulton with the Artisan of the Year award.



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