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## City Council

### Council Moving Forward with Search for City Administrator

By Grace Kufahl

The council approved a contract with Public Administration Associates Contract so they can move forward with the search for a city administrator. Recruiting for the city administrator position will begin Friday, June 20th.

Representatives from Baker Tilly were present virtually to present the city's 2024 Audit. They reported that the fund balance had a jump from 2023 and revenue had a positive variance. The city's debt and debt capacity are at about 20% of the legal limit. At 10%, the city's non-capital expenditures are healthy. In the Wastewater Fund, revenues have been in line with expenditures. When questioned about the breakdown of Wastewater expenses, Leah Gaffney from Baker Tilley replied

that most are salaries, maintenance and phosphorous testing. Mayor Simpson asked about a comparison with other municipalities noting that increasing salaries are hindering maintenance. Gaffney replied that comparisons are difficult and stated that it has been 10 years since the last rate study.

Resolution 2025-015 was approved providing that the top bidder for TID 9 Crosswinds Infrastructure, RT Fox, is recommended, accepted, and assigned to the developer. Parties will follow the developer's agreement and the city can accept the improvements when completed.

The council approved Resolution 2025-011 declaring the official intent to reimburse EIF Expenditures.

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## School Board

### Jillian Malkow and Brian Kammerer Congratulated on Honors Received

By Grace Kufahl

High School Principal Jim Matthys congratulated Ag Teacher Jillian Malkow who was selected for the Kohl's Fellowship. A \$6,000 grant to the Ag Department accompanied the award.

During the Public Comment Period, Physical Education teacher Nicole Miller made a case for additional overload pay of 1/6 of her salary. Later in the meeting, as part of Employee Handbook changes recommended by Superintendent Novy, the board approved overload pay of 7.25% based on comparisons to other area schools. Last year's overload pay was \$1,000 per semester.

All open enrollments were approved for 2025-26. The number of students enrolling out remained steady at 113. The number of students enrolling in increased by five

to 93. Of those enrolling out, 17 were for 4k and 13 were for 5k.

Some of the other Employee Handbook changes approved were adding a third day of bereavement pay for loss of immediate family, adding a 2% penalty to the cost of insurance if physical exams aren't completed by the required date, and increasing the cost for breach of contract to recoup as much money deposited to Health Savings Accounts as possible.

#### In Other Business:

Mr. Matthys reported \$80,000 in scholarships were given away on Class Night.

Mr. Novy reported he's soliciting suggestions for the Wisconsin Association of School Boards' Business Honor Roll.

Novy congratulated Brian Kammerer for being named Athletic Di-

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### Brodhead Historical Society to mark milestone

By Jill Baxter

The Brodhead Historical Society (BHS) is proud to mark a significant milestone—50 years since the founding committee was established to safeguard the heritage of Brodhead. This moment laid the foundation for the ongoing efforts to honor and preserve the city's rich history.

The BHS, alongside the Brodhead Depot Museum, reflects a steadfast commitment by dedicated volunteers who engage in the curation essential for preserving Brodhead's past.

This spirit of community involvement is deeply rooted in Brodhead's history. It was evident 50 years ago when the original members united in order to establish the historical society, and it traces back to 1856 when Brodhead's founders collaborated to build a new city.

Our current achievements are built upon the contributions of countless individuals who have stepped forward to enhance the lives of Brodhead's residents. To honor a few of the remarkable individuals, the BHS is thrilled to announce a new display as part of our 50th-anniversary celebration.

"Hats Off to the Women of Brodhead: Celebrating the Women of Brodhead" will provide a snap shot view into the contributions made by women in our community. This display will also feature a variety of historic hats, offering visitors a unique glimpse into the past.

Join us as we commemorate this significant occasion and pay tribute to the women who played a vital role in shaping our community!

See you at the Depot!



### Jillian Malkow received Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teachr Fellowship

The Brodhead School District is excited to announce Jillian Malkow, Ag Teacher, as the recipient of the Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship. She received a \$6,000 grant due to her skills as a leader and agent for positive change and her superior ability to inspire love of learning. The Brodhead High School also received a \$6,000 grant to help increase her budget and purchase additional ag supplies in the future. Mrs. Malkow is pictured with Mr. Novy, Superintendent.

Congratulations and well deserved Mrs. Malkow!



Jameson Wallin was recognized for his decision to join the United States Army and serve our country post graduation. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

### New hours at Brodhead City Hall

Effective Wednesday, June 4th, Brodhead City Hall will begin closing at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

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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: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other Sunday thru May. 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.



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Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblar. 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; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jady N Manjrekar. 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. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

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.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital  
Receives Silver Safe Sleep  
Certification

SSM Health Monroe Hospital has earned an upgraded certification as a Silver Safe Sleep hospital through Cribs for Kids® for their commitment to best practices and education on infant safe sleep.

It takes a significant amount of work and commitment to safe sleep initiatives to increase certification status. This achievement is a testament to the hospital's continued commitment to providing families with exceptional care.

As a Nationally Certified Safe Sleep Hospital, SSM Health Monroe Hospital is recognized for following the safe sleep guidelines recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and providing training programs for healthcare team members, and safe sleep education to family and caregivers.

- SSM Health Monroe Hospital has proven to:
- Implement hospital or hospital system-wide Infant Safe Sleep Policy
  - Promote safe sleep education on the hospital website
  - Promote hospital-wide infant-safe sleep imagery
  - Provide safe sleep training to staff caring for infants < 1 year
  - Provide safe sleep education to families/caregivers of infants < 1 year
  - Identify families needing a safe sleep space and provide resources
  - Perform quality improvement measures based on compliance audits
  - Use and/or give wearable blankets

“Achieving this certification reflects our team's dedication to the health and safety of the infants in our care,” said Michele Schiess, Director of Acute Care and Emergency Services at SSM Health Monroe Hospital. “We're proud to support families and ensure every baby has the safest possible start.”



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This preserves the ability to pay for the sewer and water main as part of DNR programs providing for low interest loans for temporary financing.

The Building Inspector contract with 3C Inspect was approved and the city will give 30-day notice to terminate SafeBuilt. Resolution 2025–013 also passed amending the fee schedule for the Building Inspector and Zoning Administrator.

Alder Burkhalter proposed that trees planted on the terrace should be maintained by the homeowners. Alder Baxter raised concerns this would discourage planting trees and would impact the small town feeling in the future. The council will refer the matter to the Public Works Committee.

Second letters regarding sidewalk requirements will be sent to four property owners who were first notified last year and initial letters will be sent to additional property owners.

In Other Business:

Mayor Simpson read a Peace Officers Memorial Day Proclamation that Thursday, May 15th was Peace Officers Memorial Day in Brodhead subsequent to a ceremony that was held that day honoring fallen officers.

An agreement with Exum Trust to establish the Pearl Island boundary line was approved.

School Board  
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rector of the Year.

Due to construction, School Board Meetings will be held in the library for the next three months.

Middle School principal Adam Ferger presented the new Middle School schedule necessary to accommodate the addition of fifth graders to the building.

The board approved Jim Wahl to be named the community representative for the Finance Committee.




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SEMESTER 2025  
ACADEMIC DEAN'S  
LIST

University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Spring Semester 2025 Academic Dean's List.

Full-time students in good academic standing (registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the Dean's List. Once grades have been submitted for any Incompletes, the Office of Academic Affairs will review eligibility again for possible placement on the Dean's List for the given term.

Dean's List is awarded for the fall and spring semesters only and may be awarded retroactively.

Among those named were Alexis Kammerer, Hannah Shickles, and Onnika Williams, all of Brodhead.

UNIVERSITY  
OF DUBUQUE  
ANNOUNCES SPRING  
2025 GRADUATES

This spring, the University of Dubuque celebrated the academic accomplishments of undergraduate, graduate, and seminary students with two commencement ceremonies on campus. The University of Dubuque Spring Commencement was held at 1:00 p.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025, in the Chlapaty Recreation and Wellness Center. The University of Dubuque Theological Seminary Commencement was held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 26, 2025, in Blades Chapel, Blades Hall.

Among those graduating was Hannah Shickles, Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, of Brodhead.

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Church VBS

The Brodhead United Methodist Church (BUMC) is inviting kids four years old through fifth grade to this year's True North vacation bible school. Beginning Monday, June 16, participants will be guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistering glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! VBS will run all week from 12:30 to 5 p.m.; lunch will be provided.

Registration is open for kids at vbspro.events/p/brodheadumc. Volunteers are certainly welcome, call Tiffany at 608-897-2515. The Brodhead UMC, 501 1st Center Avenue, is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

SOFTBALL

**Sunday Night Church**  
Sunday 5/18 results: Orfordville Lutheran defeated Luther Valley 11-1; United Methodist defeated Living Word 12-2; Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Congregational UCC 12-10.  
Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 3-0; United Methodist 2-0; Luther Valley 1-2; Living Word 1-2; Orfordville Lutheran 1-2; Congregational UCC 1-1; Church of God 0-2.




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# ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

## JOHN ARMBRUSTER, AUTHOR OF “TAILSPIN” TO PRESENT AT JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

The regular monthly EAA Chapter 431 meeting on Tuesday, June 3 will be held at the Kelch Aviation Museum, and will feature author John Armbruster, discussing his new book, Tailspin; “The true story of a World War II tailgunner who survived a four-mile fall without a parachute, only to land in German hands.”

Join them Tuesday, June 3, at 7 p.m., at the Kelch Aviation Museum, N2463 Airport Road, Brodhead. Presented by a generous anonymous donation.

## FRIENDS OF THE BRODHEAD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOLD BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library will be holding a book sale during City-wide Rummage Sale Days on June 13 and 14, 2025. In addition to books, the group will also have puzzles and board games for sale. The group is accepting donations of books, puzzles and board games in good to new condition. Puzzles and board games should be complete with no missing pieces. If you have books, puzzles or board games you would like to donate, please drop them off with library staff during regular hours from June 2nd through June 12th.

Here’s an opportunity to support a great organization while doing some spring-cleaning. Funds raised will be used toward supporting library programs for children and adults including this year’s summer reading program. Sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday June 13th and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 14th.

# GCDC’s Elevate Entrepreneur Pitch Series Announces Pitch Contest Winners

Entrepreneurs in Green County had a chance to pitch their business idea to local lenders as part of Green County Development Corporation’s (GCDC) Elevate Entrepreneurs Pitch Series. Hosted by GCDC and The Bank of New Glarus this program is in its third year.

The program, which began on Thursday, May 1, was held at Bailey’s Run Winery in New Glarus. Twelve participants with great ideas and entrepreneurial spirit registered for the series, which started with information and resources for small business owners, specifics on the pitch process, and financing tools for business success. The Thursday, May 8 session included coaching for individual business plans and pitch preparation. Brenda Siegenthaler, owner of Brenda’s Blumenladen in New Glarus served as a special guest mentor.

On Sunday, May 18 the event culminated with participants ‘pitching’ their business idea to a group of judges for a chance to win one of three cash prizes. The Elevate Entrepreneurs Pitch Series and cash prizes are sponsored by The Bank of New Glarus. “At The Bank of New Glarus, we understand small businesses are the heart of our community. We’re excited to again support GCDC’s Elevate Entrepreneur Pitch Series, which empowers the amazing entrepreneurs we have in Green County. Together we can help turn their business ideas into reality.” Ron Schaaf, President, The Bank of New Glarus

Cash prizes were awarded to the top three pitches by local judges who ranked presentations on problem identification and solution, target market, competition and unique selling position, business viability, and pitch quality.

Seven Green County entrepreneurs pitched their business, and included:

First Place Mercedes Gonzalez—Vickys little house community daycare

Second Place Abby Breseman—Alpenhaus Market-Vintage store in New Glarus

Third Place Patricia & Virgilio Ocampo—Cleaning and home care service

“Fostering entrepreneurship and supporting small businesses is high on the list of priorities for GCDC. With this being the third year of the program, we stretched the location to New Glarus and decreased sessions to fast track the pitch process,” stated GCDC Executive Director Olivia Otte. “Small businesses contribute to the long-term success of all our communities, and we are proud to be the conduit to accelerate success for these enthusiastic entrepreneurs.”

Visit GCDC’s webpage at [www.greencountydevelopment.com](http://www.greencountydevelopment.com) for more information about all of their programs and for contact information.

The mission of Green County Development Corporation is to catalyze economic growth while enhancing the quality of life in Green County, Wisconsin.

# Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival

The ARC-Green County will present the Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14. Admission and parking are \$3. They will have food trucks both days along with hot air balloon flight, bands, balloon glow, craft fair, car show, carnival, pancake breakfast more. The event will be held at the Green County Fair Grounds.

For times and updates follow them in Facebook or their web site [www.monroeballoonandblues.com](http://www.monroeballoonandblues.com).

# Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

## Great News to Share! Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

The Friends of the Durand Library has been informed by the Illinois Humanities Council that we have been chosen to be one of 10-15 priority host partnerships across the state to participate in the Road Scholar Program. The Humanities Council pays the speaker fee and expenses and enables organizations like us to offer top-notch speakers.

Dr. Norman Moline presented a talk here at the Durand Library in March on China through the Road Scholar program. He holds a PhD in geography from the University of Chicago and is Professor Emeritus at Augustana College. Dr. Moline has traveled to China 40 times in recent decades up to and including 2024 and has led student groups there.

We were so pleased to have 35 people attend his very informative and in depth presentation. However, it required persistence and frequent contacts to secure the speaker we wanted, and it required time and effort to publicize the talk. Those organizations that host speakers are asked to publicize the event beyond their immediate area in order to draw a greater audience

So it was a special pleasure to be included with other priority hosts. And, of course, great news that we would be able to have three speakers per year, all expenses paid.

As a board, the Friends will decide soon whether to take on this challenge. We will be asked to sign a contract committing to the three talks and all that is involved in hosting them. Community support is important for this effort to be successful. More information will follow so please stay tuned!

## About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between the school and the Friends of the Durand Library. All residents of the Durand School district are able to check out books. Non-residents are always invited to all library programs or activities.

Library hours are Saturday 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday 6 to 8 p.m. For more information please email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org), call or text 815-289-8602 or go to [Facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary](http://Facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary).


# Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight

The Monroe Moose Lodge will hold a Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight on Sunday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Lodge is located at 639 3rd Avenue, Monroe. Help send our veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorials built in their honor. The cost of the buffet style meal is adults \$11; children five years to 10 \$6 and children four and under are free.


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# THANK YOU • THANK YOU • Thank You • Thank You

I would like to extend a thank you to the committee members who chose me as a recipient for both the Barbara Garwig Pautz Scholarship and the Ray C., Maude M. and Genevieve Lyons Scholarship. I will use it to further my education at UW-W in the fall. I appreciate your kindness and generosity.

Sincerely,  
**Brooks Malkow**

# THANK YOU • THANK YOU • Thank You • Thank You

# Thank You!

# THANK YOU!

Dear Committees of the following scholarships and awards,

I would like to sincerely thank you for the recognition of the Margie Breyvogel Scholarship, Brodhead Sports Booster Club Scholarship, Barbara Garwig-Pautz Academic Scholarship, Ray, Maude and Genevieve Lyons Family Scholarship, Brodhead Lions Club/Fritz Zibolsky Scholarship, Wahlin Foundation, Inc. Scholarship, Everson Memorial Scholarship, Colony Brands Career Expo Scholarship, WIAA Scholar Athlete and American Legion Participation award. Thank you for your generosity as I am honored to be a recipient of these scholarships and awards.

Warm regards,  
*Makenna Schooff*

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## RVC Track Meet Girls Second and Boys Third

By Teresa Earleywine

Monroe captured first in both boys and girls team scores with 160 and 133 points respectively. Eleven schools competed with Brodhead men achieving 82 points for third place and the women compiled 87 points for second place.

Athletes for the Cardinals with a first-place finish include: Simon Moore—pole vault 12’6”; Mavrik Plummer—400m, the 4x100; and relay set a new conference record, 44.16 comprised of Erik Woodward, Grayson Arn, Cohen Henze, and, Tegan Pinnow; Stella Arn—100m—12.40, and 200m—26.14; Madi Brown—high jump—5’4”, for a personal record, led the women.

Second place on the podium were: Pinnow—high jump; Elliana Shank—100m hurdles; girls relay 4x100—Arn, Shank, Kennedy Lerch, and Taiya Hawkins; Brynn Riesterer—discus; Gretchen Kammerer—pole vault.

Earning points for third place were: Woodward—100m; Mavrik Plummer—800m; Nolan Bump—300m hurdles.

Regional track meet for Brodhead-Juda, was at Monroe on Tuesday, May 27th and sectional competition will be at McFarland on Friday, May 30th. The state tournament will be June 6-7 at UW Lacrosse

## Softball Closes Out Regular Season

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead softball closed out their regular season in Evansville last Thursday with a 4–1 victory over the Blue Devils. Ava Risum was dominant in the circle with 14 strikeouts, giving up two hits and one run in the seven-inning game.

Keegan Steinke, 2-for-3, and Karlie Krumwiede, 2-for-4, led their team in hits. Leah Rear hit a solo homerun in the seventh to make it a 3–1 score and Natalie Pierce, with two outs, hit a single line drive to left field, good for an RBI when Risum scores.

Brodhead finished their season with an 11–4 RVC record for fourth place, and 17–4 overall. Beloit Turner 13–2 captured the RVC crown.

Post-season play began on Tuesday this week when Brodhead, #3, hosted #6, McFarland. Monroe, seeded #2, played Lakeside Lutheran, #7 on Tuesday, the winners of each of these games will play Thursday with location TBD. Note \$6/person, cash only, for post-season action.



Madi Brown, file photo, cleared 5’4” in high jump for her personal best and a first place finish at the RVC Track Meet last week.



Simon Moore, file photo, vaulted to first place, 12’6” during the conference meet last week at East Troy. The road to state begins next week.



Olivia Hartwig, file photo, competed in four events at the RVC meet last week including two relay teams.



Kennedy Zimmerman, right field, catches this pop-fly to get the third out and retire Evansville in the fifth inning. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Leah Rear is all smiles as she rounds second base on her way to complete her home-run against Evansville last week. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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# Baseball Heads into Playoffs Thursday

By Teresa Earleywine

Baseball played three games last week earning one win and two losses. Playing at Clinton, Brody Riese got the nod to start in the circle. He went the distance for six and two-thirds innings allowing six hits and four runs, three earned, struck out three and walked four. Easton Hess collected the save.

Brodhead Juda tallied 11 hits in the game with Brooks Malkow, Chase Bauman and Gabe Bockhop collecting two each. Bockhop recorded a solo homerun. Malkow and Sam Searls were credited with two RBIs.

A double header against Beloit Turner on Thursday resulted in a double loss for the Cards. The team collected three hits in game one, Riese went 2-for-3 and Max Pinnow was 1-for-3 at the plate. Trojan pitcher, Sawyer Wightman, recorded eight strikeouts, walked two, gave up three hits and zero runs to make it tough on Brodhead. Malkow took the loss for the Cards, surrendering five runs on 10 hits. Turner kept the pressure on and recorded a 5–0 win.

In game two, Brodhead was down 8–0 at the end of second inning. The Cardinals ultimately out hit the Trojans, 8–7, scored four runs in the sixth but fell short losing 12–6. Braylon Strehlow led his team with two hits. He along with Pinnow, Hess, Clayton Elliott, David Masloske, Tyrin Foster drove in one run each. Pitching duties were split between Searls and Parker Vanderpahl. They combined for seven hits, allowed 12 runs, struck out one and had 12 walks.

Regional playoffs begin this week on Thursday with Brodhead, #8, hosting Delavan Darien, #9 in D2. Admission is \$6/person. Regional semi-final will take place Tuesday, June 3rd with team and location to be determined.

# Golf RVC Conference Meet Results

By Teresa Earleywine

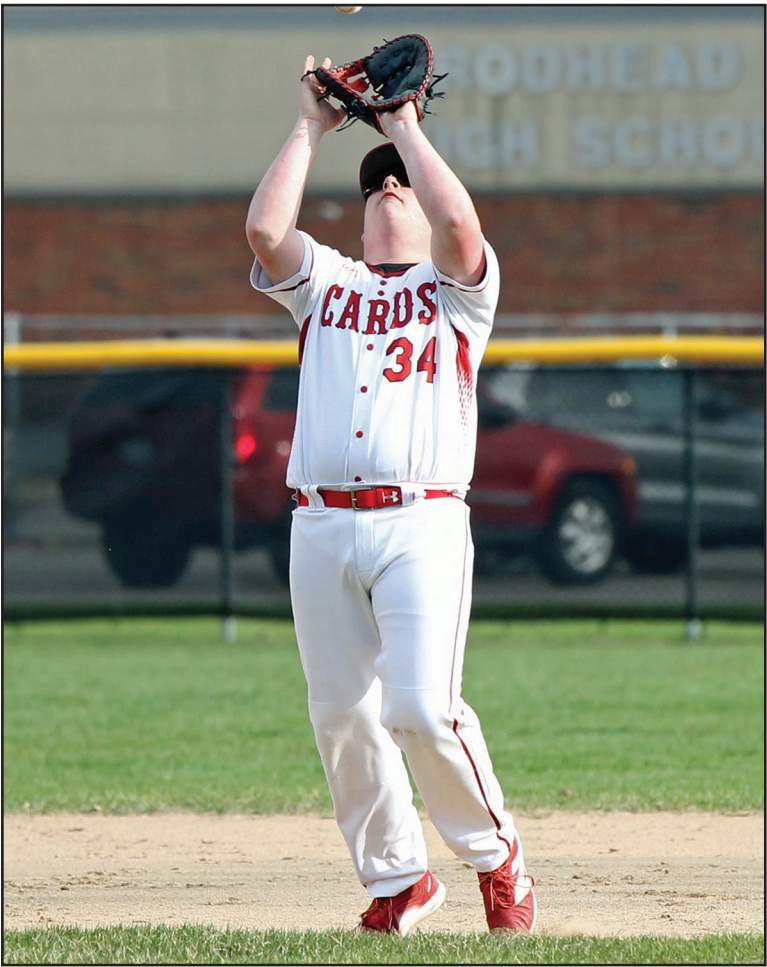
Brodhead varsity golf placed 10th out of 11 schools competing at Riverside Golf Course last week, the sight of the RVC meet. Seniors, Jayke Huntington, and Brady Flannery led the Cardinals and will play in the regional competition this week at Evansville They will be joined by underclassmen: Maddox McGinty, Landen Malcook and Avery Rufer.



Jayke Huntington surveys his putting options, he moves into regional play this week. (file photo)



Brady Flannery, one of two seniors heading into regional play this week, eyes his chip shot from the sand. (file photo)



Max Pinnow keeps his eye on this high fly ball coming into his glove. (file photo) He and the other seniors will lead their team into the playoffs on Thursday this week in Brodhead.



Josie Picard takes a short break while planting “The 2025 BHS Grad Garden” and “waters in” the newly planted garden.

# New Annual Garden Planted at Putnam Park

A new garden was planted at Putnam Park recently. It is called “The 2025 BHS Grad Garden.” It was planted by Josie Picard, a 2025 BHS graduate. Josie planted geraniums and petunias that sported two of the school colors, white and red. Around the perimeter of the garden is black mulch. Black is the other school color of Brodhead High School. The garden’s preparation was done by Mayor Tom Simpson and Paul Roemer. All the plants were grown by Brodhead High School’s Future Farmers of America.



Posing for a photo are co-salutatorians Makenna Schoof, Stella Arn and valedictorian, Olivia Hartwig. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

# Memorial Day 2025

(Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Commander Bruce Sutherland gave the welcome.



Ken Joyce led the prayer.



Matthew Nordeng read Logan’s Orders



Casey Jones, Navy veteran, was speaker.

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**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**District Office Board Room**  
**Wednesday, April 28, 2025**  
**Minutes**

**OFFICIAL OATH OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS**  
Incumbent Al Schneiderr and newly elected Board member Paul Donovan took their oath before the meeting coomenced.

**CALL TO ORDER**  
The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, April 23, 2025, edition of the Independent Register and properly building posted on Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL**  
Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, Jenny Flory and Paul Donovan.  
Absent: None


**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to amend the agenda to move item VIII (Presentation of New York City Music Trip) to immediately after public comment with the remainder of the agenda remaining the same.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**  
No one was present to give public comment.

**AGENDA ITEMS**  
**PRESENTATION ON NEW YORK CITY MUSIC TRIP**  
**PRESENTATION ITEM**  
Beth and Jason Riesterer presented a recap of the Music Departments' recent trip to New York City.

**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**  
a. Regular Meeting: April 9, 2025  
b. Negotiations Meeting: April 14, 2025  
c. Buildings & Grounds Meeting: April 17, 2025  
**2. ACCEPT DONATION(S)**  
a. \$200.00 monetary donation from DL Newcomer Funeral Home for bus expenses for the Kindergarten field trip  
b. \$1,600.00 monetary donation from the Brodhead Lion's Club to be used to support the cost of District field trips  
c. Anonymous donation of a Getzen Trumpet donated to the Brodhead Band Department  
**3. RESIGNATION(S)**  
a. Stacie Geiken, High School Special Education Paraprofessional  
b. Taylor Gerlach, 3rd Grade Teacher  
c. Alysha Witt, Middle School Science Teacher  
**4. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
a. Sarah Saether, Elementary School Counselor  
**6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)**  
a. Jennifer Jenny Flory, High School Office, Counseling  
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**BOARD REORGANIZATION**  
**Election of School Board Officials**



of the Board of Education for Checks drawn against District funds in accordance with the following provisions:  
1. The signature shall only be available to the Finance Manager and A/P Clerk using a passcode procedure.  
2. A check signature register shall be maintained, and the register shall be audited by the Finance Manager and District Administrator.  
3. All void or spoiled checks shall be marked as such and retained and the signature section shall be removed and destroyed.  
Facsimile signatures will also be used in all cases where Board officers are required to sign check orders and to sign employee contracts.  
Motion carried, 7-0.  
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to authorize account access rights for inquiries and payments via wire or automatic deductions when necessary, to the Finance Manager on the General Fund, Payroll, Tax Account, Debt Service/Capital Projects Accounts, and Special Revenue Accounts, to the A/P Clerk on the General Fund, Payroll and Tax Account, to prepare daily financial tasks and monthly reconciliations, and authorizes account access rights to the building secretaries on the Brodhead School District Activity Fund accounts and to the High School Administrative Assistant on the Scholarship accounts for the 2025-26 school year.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**Appointment of Board Member Representative for**  
**2025 CESA 2 Delegate Assembly**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to appoint Mike Krupke as the 2025 CESA 2 Representative.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**Discuss Board Committees**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to update Board Committee assignments as agreed upon for the 2025-26 school year.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF TEACHER CONTRACTS**  
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to approve an increase of 2.95%, which is the CPI amount for the current year.  
Motion carried, 6-0 [Michael Oellerich abstained].

**APPROVAL OF CESA 2 SERVICE CONTRACTS**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the 2025-26 CESA 2 service contracts, as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE**  
**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LONG-TERM FACILITY PLAN**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the long-term facility plan as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**APPROVAL OF BUILDING AND GROUNDS PROJECTS**  
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jenny Flory, to approve building and grounds 2025 projects as presented.  
Motion passed, 6-1 [Paul Donovan opposed].

**CONSIDERATION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF THE MAY 19 BOARD MEETING**  
No action needed as the change of date was approved when the Board meeting calendar for 2025-2026 was approved.

**FUTURE AGENDA [May 19, 2025]**

- Approval of the Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)
- Middle School Schedule Presentation
- Open Enrollment Approvals / Denials for 2025-26
- Review and Update Employee Handbook
- Consideration to Increase Substitute Aide Pay
- Consideration to Increase Substitute Teacher Pay
- Referendum Updates
- 2024-25 Budget Revisions

**ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION**  
**PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f)**  
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Al Schneider, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 7:55 p.m., for the discussion of:


- a. Support Staff/Administrator Negotiations
- b. Staffing
  - Consideration of Compesation of an Employee

  
Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0).

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to return to open session at 8:33 p.m.  
Motion carried, 7-0.


**ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to approve a \$1/hour pay raise for all support staff, with starting hourly pay set at \$17.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.  
Motion carried, 7-0.



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**Brodhead resident, Matthew Mordhorst graduated from the 720-hour Blackhawk Technical Law Enforcement Basic Recruit Academy on Friday, May 16, 2025. He has been a correctional officer with the Green County Sheriff’s Office since 2019 and now begins field training in the community.**



**By Cindy Clint, Outreach Librarian**

Here’s what’s happening during the month of June at the Albertson Memorial Library:

The Albertson Memorial Library ‘Summer Library Program’ is all set to “Color our World” each Tuesday in June! There will be stories, crafts, and activities with a different color as the theme each week. Join us on an exciting journey as we explore various techniques to incorporate vibrant colors in a variety of styles onto t-shirts. T-shirts will be provided by the library. Two sessions will be held each Tuesday: 10-11 a.m. recommended for children pre-k through kindergarten and 1-2 p.m. recommended for children first grade and up. We understand that families may have children in both age groups, so please feel free to come to just one of the sessions with all your children. Please note that each session is tailored to that specific age group, so the activities and information may be more basic or more advanced depending on the session attended. Our schedule is as follows:

- June 3rd—Blue
- June 10th—Red
- June 17th—Yellow
- June 24<sup>th</sup>—Purple

The Albertson Memorial Library 2025 Summer Reading Challenge is open, to all ages, from Sunday, June 1st to Friday, August 29th. Participants can earn prize entries by tracking their reading. Sign up at the library and get a reading log. Read any material (audiobooks, eBooks, novels, etc.) to fill the log. Choose a prize for each completed log and return it for a new log (one log = one entry). Repeat until Friday, August 29th.



Prizes are showcased in our community display cabinet—feel free to stop by and take a look! Winners will be notified after the drawing.

The Albany Joint Library Board Meeting will be held at the library on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be posted on our website and at the library the Friday before the meeting. Join us to learn about the library’s future plans!

Join the crafty fun at the library on Wednesday, June 4th at 6:30 p.m. for Diane’s Craft Night, where you’ll have the chance to make a ‘See Through Sharpie Bookmark’. Create a timeless bookmark for your favorite person; these nifty bookmarks are waterproof! Or give your current bookmark a snazzy new jacket makeover. Can’t make it? No worries! You can collect a kit from the library anytime during June and enjoy crafting this project whenever it suits you!

Join the adventure at the Albertson Memorial Library on Saturday, June 14th at 2:30 p.m. as we begin our Dungeons and Dragons campaign—“Shadows of the Infinite Staircase”. Our campaign will kick off at level 1 and progress gradually over time. The first session is scheduled earlier to allow ample time for character creation. Subsequent sessions will take place at 4 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. Players are welcome to join at any point. If you missed creating a character at the 1st session, please reach out to us so we can plan for an early arrival. For those who prefer to create their own characters, we request adherence to D&D 5e material. Any unofficial content must receive approval from the DM. This campaign is suitable for ages 15 and up. If you’re interested in attending, please let us know. No sign-up is necessary; we just want to gauge how many players will be joining.

## Food Truck Tuesday Rolls Into Brodhead This Summer

Mark your calendars, don’t delay — Food Truck Tuesday is on its way!

From May through October, the second Tuesday is the date, with food, fun, and friends—it’s sure to be great! Each month from 3 to 8 p.m., we’ll gather and eat, with trucks on the street serving savory treats. The Brodhead Chamber invites one and all, to enjoy tasty bites and have a ball!

2025 Food Truck Tuesday Schedule:

- June 10—Kobussen Buses
- July 8—Exit Realty at Putnam Park
- August 12—Dick’s Repair & KC Lawn Care
- September 9—Bank of Brodhead
- October 14—Gasser True Value

Tuesday, June 10th lineup:

- Pop N Kettle Delight
- Culinary Nirvana
- Steve’s Deli Dog House
- Ben’s Pretzels
- Press Box
- Bluesy Box

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is proud to support our members and bring the community together with this fun, flavorful new tradition. Admission is free, and all are welcome—so bring your appetite, your friends, and your love for good eats!

As summer approaches, life tends to get busier. Our ultimate adult craft bash will be taking a break. Creative Capers will not hold meetings in June, July, or August. However, this crafting party will return in September.

‘A Long Petal of the Sea’ by Isabel Allende is a powerful tale of resilience, love, and the impact of war on the human spirit. Join the Albertson Memorial Library’s monthly book club, All Booked Up, on Monday, June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. for a discussion of this epic novel. We will delve into themes, character development, and the key lessons to take away.

Join the Sugar River Writers on Thursday, June 26th at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate your passion for the written word! Whether you’re a beginner or a seasoned writer, we warmly welcome everyone to come and participate!

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.

**Library Learnings**

Preparing to celebrate your graduate? Let the Albertson Memorial Library assist you with your party planning. We offer a wide variety of items available for checkout from our Treasure Trove, ensuring your celebration is both enjoyable and budget friendly. You can find canopies, tables, roasters, and outdoor games among our offerings! These items can be borrowed at no charge, just bring along a valid Albertson Memorial Library card. Items can be checked out for one week, and patrons are welcome to visit the library to reserve items for their desired dates.



**Albany Fire Chief Brian Hauri holding one of four donated devices from GCDC’s Tech Connect program.**

## GCDC Tech Connect Program off to great start

In March of this year, GCDC announced a partnership program with Green County IT that provides refurbished computers to individuals that are low income, veterans, students, or seniors, and to small businesses and non-profit organizations.

While the program began with a slow start, in the past 30 days, 10 laptops and tablets have been distributed to individuals, small businesses, and non-profits, including the Albany Fire Department.

Fire Chief Brian Hauri applied for and gratefully accepted two laptops and two tablets, stating, “With the technology that GCDC has given Albany Fire, once up and running, it will enhance Fire’s capabilities to respond more efficiently and ease some pressure that dispatchers are faced on a daily basis, by making communications and call updates virtually immediate.”

The program focuses on the core values of Wisconsin’s Digital Equity Plan of adoption and sustainability, by providing access to engage in a digital society.

This program brings refurbished computers and similar devices to eligible Green County residents and entities at no cost. All applicants must live or work in Green County. Low-income people participating or eligible for government assistance, individuals 60 and over, veterans, students, non-profit organizations, and businesses in existence less than one year may qualify.

There are still many devices available, and plans are to continue the program well into the future. An application must be completed and can be obtained by calling 608-328-9452 or emailing [gcgc@greencountydevelopment.com](mailto:gcgc@greencountydevelopment.com). More information can also be found on GCDC’s website at <https://greencountydevelopment.com/live-work/>. Devices will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

GCDC is a 501c3 non-profit organization building public and private partnerships that catalyze economic growth in Green County, while maintaining the quality of life that makes our community a great place to live and work.

## Join Us for the Annual Brodhead Family Fest!

### Saturday, June 28th

**Presented by the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce and our generous presenting sponsor, Campbell’s Piggly Wiggly of Brodhead.**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 29th and bring your family, friends, and neighbors to this FREE community celebration filled with fun, food, and fireworks!

Shop the Park Outdoor Market—Kick off the day at beautiful Putnam Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., where vendors will offer a variety of vintage finds, boutique clothing, handcrafted goods, and more.

Patriotic Parade—11 a.m. Register for the parade with Jeremy Pinnow and Associates: call today—608-897-2013. The parade begins near the police department and travels north on West 3rd Avenue, past Putnam Park to 3rd Street, east on 3rd to Cedar Avenue, then north to Alpine Street, ending at Legion Park.

Post-Parade Fun in Putnam Park After the parade, head back to the park for a full afternoon of entertainment and activities, including:

Performances by the Community Band and Pirate Radio’s Jim Carter, leading into a live show by the Second Generation Band until fireworks begin

- Free family fun: Face painting, Kids’ Fishing Derby, and more!
- New this year: Laser tag and triple bounce trampolines (wristband required)
- Beer Garden & Food Trucks
- Fireworks at dusk!

Let’s celebrate Independence Day with community spirit, great memories, and summer fun!

Save the Date: Saturday, June 28, 2024

For the full schedule, parade registration, vendor forms, sponsor list, and more, visit [BrodheadChamber.com](http://BrodheadChamber.com).