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Congratulations to Brodhead senior Danica Demrow for her successful fund-raising efforts coordinating this year's Covered Bridge Days 5K Walk/Run for her senior project. Funds will go to Brodhead's high school track teams! Brodhead Health and Fitness is so proud of her. And a big thank you to all who participated, volunteered and the sponsors who contributed. They hope to see you all next year.



#### By Sarah Carpenter

The Brodhead Memorial Public Library is excited to announce the return of Preschool Story Time, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., featuring Ms. Rosa and Ms. Sarah. The season began Wednesday, September 3 with an early Grandparents Day celebration, and upcoming September themes include Football, the alphabet, and a special day honoring favorite stuffed animals. Story Time is a fun way to encourage early literacy and foster family connections, and everyone is welcome to join.

For adults, the library continues to host Chatty Crafties, a monthly

# **Cross-Country** Season Underway By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead-Juda hosted their annual invitation last Thursday, hosting four schools: Beloit Turner, Edgerton, Evansville, and Holy Family.

All the Cardinal women placed in the top 15 runners. Saffron Blume of Evansville placed first in the event. But Olivia Brooks 22:52, Ryleigh Brown 23:09, and Rachel Hatter 23:18, for Brodhead, finished 2-3-4. Josie Hatter and Quinn Burchard were in the top ten. Rounding out the varsity team for the Cards Isabelle Yoshida, and Ciarrah Condon. Their team score of 26 gave them a first place. The remaining teams finished in this order; Evansville, Holy Family, Turner, and Edgerton.

For the men, Edgerton with 54 points, edged out the Cardinals who had 57, points for first place. Turner was third, Evansville fourth and Holy Family fifth. Mavrik Plummer 18:21, led the Cardinals with his second-place finish. Brodhead's Gauge Smith 19:59, Jorge Villalva 20:01, and Treyton Leutenegger 20:33 were in the top 15 athletes. Ashton Henze, Jameson Lenthe and Franco Ramirez completed the home team.

The cross-country team will compete Saturday, September 6th at Lodi.

craft night that combines creativity and community. The most recent session on Monday, August 25 featured a guided painting project. The next Chatty Crafties will take place on Monday, September 22, at 5 p.m., with participants creating Halloween-themed terracotta pots. Registration is required for this program—patrons may sign up by calling or visiting the library, or by registering through our website. All supplies are provided, and no experience is needed—just bring your creativity!

Stay connected with the library on our website and social media for the latest updates. We look forward to seeing you this fall!



Brodhead-Juda girls placed first and the boys placed second in their first cross-country meet of the season. Congratulations to all the runners.

Medalists: Rachel Hatter, Quinn Buchard, Ryleigh Brown, Olivia Brooks, Ciarrah Condon, Isabelle Yoshida, and Josie Hatter.

Gauge Smith (Franco Ramirez), Mavrick Plummer, Jorge Villalva, and Trayton Leutenegger.



# **Monroe Moose Lodge 754** and Women's Chapter 599 **Benefit Breakfast**

The Monroe Moose Lodge 754 and Women's Chapter 599 will be hosting their monthly BENEFIT BREAKFAST in support of Family Promise of Green County on "Grandparents Day," Sunday, September 7.

Please join them for a delicious buffet-style breakfast and help them help our Green County families in need. Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Adults are just \$11, children ages 5-11 are \$6, and children under five

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. Online worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 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. Worship service 9 a.m. No Sunday school until fall.

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

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Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jadyn Meyer. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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

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United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 lst Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook.

# Alpha Course coming to Living Word

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This is how it works: meet new people over a meal, watch a video and discuss and share your thoughts. If you are interested, call Amanda Kloepping at 608-897-8246 for details (and so they can have enough food). The discussion starts Sunday, September 7th at 5 p.m.

# Living Word AWANA God-sized faith meets kid-sized fun in AWANA, where kids aged four to

God-sized faith meets kid-sized fun in AWANA, where kids aged four to fifth grade find community as they learn Scripture and come to know and love Jesus. Awana meets at Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead, on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and is open to anyone. Registration for Fall 2025 is open now. Their first session is Wednesday, September 14th. Please contact Living Word at 608-897-8246 or email ptl@livingwordwi.org for registration forms or more information.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

#### **OBITUARIES**



# Diane Shoemaker

Diane Shoemaker, age 77, Brodhead, passed away at SSM Monroe Hospital on August 24th, 2025.

She was born on August 10th, 1948 to parents Dale and Jewell Nelson in Beloit, Wisconsin. She worked at Besly Wells where she met Gary, they married in September of 1967. She worked at the Parkview Elementary School as a teacher's Aide for many years. She was also a 4-H leader that taught counted cross-stitching. She worked at the Orfordville Library as assistant Librarian for many years. In June of 2004 her and Gary purchased Schultz Power Equipment in Beloit, which is now run by her two sons. After she retired, she occupied her time with spending time with her grandkids, reading books which she loved doing and watching her favorite baseball team the New York Yankees. She loved music from Tom Jones, the Eagles, and the Bee Gees.

Diane was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and aunt.

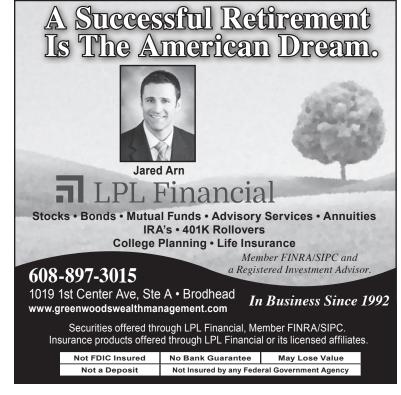
She is survived by her husband, Gary; sons: Jeff (Pam) Shoemaker and Greg (Amanda) Shoemaker; grandson, Gerrad (Amy) Shoemaker; granddaughter, Paige Shoemaker; brother, Bruce (Cheryl) Nelson; sister, Susie Berger; and nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Dale and Jewell Nelson; and brother-in-laws: Ralph Berger and Dennis Shoemaker.

Private burial services were held. There will be a public celebration of life at a later date.

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# Gary Fay Brewer

Gary Fay Brewer, 83, of Attica, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, August 29, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Fittingly, this day marked the 61st anniversary of his marriage to his high school sweetheart, Colleen (Zurfluh) Brewer.

Born to Fay and Valliere (Walmer) Brewer, Gary was the eldest of their children. He graduated from Albany High School in 1960 and married Colleen on August 29, 1964.

Gary wore many hats throughout his life—business owner, farmer, dad, grandpa, great-grandpa, uncle, brother, son, and friend. He and Colleen owned Brewer's Center Tavern in Albany, for over 50 years. He was a charter member of the Albany Lions Club and up until the last few months, he continued working part-time at the bar and checking on the pigs at the farm.

His passions were many: raising Chester White pigs on the family farm, playing basketball and softball, refereeing games, hunting coon, deer, and duck, and playing euchre with his buddies. He proudly showed his pigs across the Midwest and was honored with induction into the Milwaukee State Fair Hall of Fame in 2009. Gary also enjoyed driving his team of mules on Wagon Train rides throughout Wisconsin. A devoted sports fan, he cheered for the Milwaukee Brewers, Wisconsin Badger basketball, and the Green Bay Packers. Locally, he was affectionately known as the unofficial "Mayor of Attica."

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Fay and Valliere; brothers: Glenn (Joann) Brewer and Roger "Red" Brewer; son-in-law, Randy Peach; grandson, Lucas Brewer; brothers-in-law: John Mauerman and Lee Zurfluh; and parents-inlaw, John and Eileen Zurfluh.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Colleen; his children: Todd (Brenda) Brewer, Teresa Peach (Mike), Tanya (Tim) Helwig, Tim (Lisa) Brewer, and Tom Brewer (Glady); 13 grandchildren—Ashley (Nate) Miller, Collin Brewer, Sidney Peach, Madelyn Peach, Brent (Anna) Helwig, Ryley (Trey) Recknor, Summer Brewer, Tyler Brewer, Danilynn Brewer, Hunter Brewer, Lily Brewer, Carson Brewer, and Cash Brewer; and five greatgrandsons-Cayson Helwig, Gunnar Helwig, Tucker Helwig, Braxton Miller, and Jayce Miller.

He is also survived by sisters-inlaw: Jan Brewer, Judy Zurfluh, Diane (Ron) Kubly, and Cindy Mauerman; brothers-in-law: Hans (Patti) Zurfluh and Don Zurfluh; and many nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to all who shared their friendship with Gary. He was grateful for the time he had to say goodbye. Special thanks to his caregivers at UW Hospital, UW Health Belleville Clinic, Agrace Hospice, Joyce's Home Care, and his favorite nurse, Anna Helwig.

Gary would want us to celebrate his life and the stories he left behind. A Celebration of his Life will be held at the Albany Lion's Club, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, Albany, on Saturday, September 6. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m., immediately followed by a short service with prayer and shared memories.

Memorials may be made to the Albany Lions Club, Albany American Legion, Albany EMS, or Albany Fire Department. Condolences may be shared in the family's memorial guest book at shgfuneralhome.net.

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#### **ACTIVITIES** AROUND TOWN

#### WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE **DEADLINE: Friday, September 26th**

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will offer the following recreation indoor volleyball League:

SUNDAY NIGHT RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL COED LEAGUE: This league will be played on Sunday evenings at Brodhead Middle School beginning Sunday, October 12th. PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS must be seventh grade and older. Each team must consist of four to six players, with two of them being adults. The cost is \$25 per person.

To register a team, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159 ext. 9.

#### **BRODHEAD CLASS OF 1980 45TH REUNION**

Attention Class of 1980! They are planning the class reunion, taking place Saturday, September 20th, at 7p.m. It will be at The Bar, formerly M&J's, in Brodhead.

If you would like to eat prior to the reunion there are restaurants/ bars in Brodhead or neighboring cities. They will be serving hors

RSVP to: Brodhead, WI Class of 1980 on Facebook or call or text Laura Zettle at 608-558-1151 by Monday, September 8.

Any teachers who had them as students are welcome to join them.

#### COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Congregational United Church of Christ will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, September 4, from noon to 5:30 p.m. The church is located at E201 23rd Street, Brodhead.

Spring into action—donate blood and save lives! Walk-ins are wel-

# Saturday Mornings at the **Durand Library Upcoming** October Programs Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the

**Durand Library** 

Please mark your calendar for these two informative and thoughtful programs scheduled for October. Each offers a perspective with which we may not be well acquainted.

We are very pleased to offer a talk by Native American, Ernest Whiteman III Saturday, October 4, at 10 a.m. Ernest is a Northern Arapaho filmmaker, artist, writer, and media educator. He is the Co-director of First Nations Film and Video Festival, Inc. a non-profit film festival supporting Native American directors. He teaches an upper-level communications course, "Native Americans in Media" at the University of Wisconsin at Parkside.

Ernest's talk is entitled "No One Ever Sees Indians: Native Americans in Media" followed by the question "Are you watching closely?" This presentation is loosely structured as a three-part magic act. Ernest discusses the many representations of Native Americans in media, how far back these depictions go, and how these representations inform audiences' perceptions of Native peoples and issues. Ernest presents this free program as part of the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

The second talk is on October 14 in recognition of what we have traditionally celebrated as Columbus Day. Dave Dini will share his clear-eyed look at the man whose discovery of the New World changed the course of history. Dave is a modeler and member of the Stateline Area Modelers (SAM) Club from Durand, Illinois. His special interest is wooden ships, and over the years he has built 1/64 scale wooden models of Columbus's three famous ships, which were used for that famous voyage.

Dave's presentation, The Story of Christopher Columbus and His Famous Ships, includes some history, some storytelling by Dave, some humor, and of course some controversy. Models of the three famous ships will be on display, as well as some artifacts related to the history of this famous explorer. Was Columbus a true genius of the seas, or just the luckiest guy ever to sail the earth? Dave invites you to come hear his story and decide for yourself. Accessible Library Services

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# Juda **School District**

**Board Meeting** Wednesday, August 20, 2025

•Accepted the resignations of Amy McCullough and Justy Roth. Both held aide support positions.

- •Traci Davis updated the board on referendum maintenance items. Majority of the parking lot has been finished, drainage issue at the south end of the parking lot has been fixed, several floors have been redone and HVAC system schedule is still being worked on.
- •Approved an early graduation request for a High School Senior.
- •Mary Larson reviewed with the Board the curriculum update schedule for the next few years. Curriculum needing to be updated and replaced was discussed along with the anticipated cost of the materials.
- •Traci Davis updated the board on the upcoming events.
- ·Learned several members of the district attended a meeting in Brodhead relating to school safety and safety updates and safety plans. There was discussion on conducting a mock drill with the entire school, staff and parents.
- •Modified a previous authorization for the purchase of new computers. Previous authorization was given to spend up to \$45,000. This was modified to \$47,200 and will cover the replacement cost of 59 computers in the district.
- •Heard an update on the results of the Juda Bash held in June. A profit of around \$8,000 was made and will be used for the operation and continued updates to the park.
- •New security cameras have been installed at the park.
- •The swings located at the park have been removed and moved to the playground behind the school.
- •26 students have signed up for flag football.
- •A request by the Recreation District to replace the well system at the park for \$20,044 was brought before the board. Approval to proceed with the project failed on a voice vote from the Board. Next meeting of the Recreation District will be on Monday, September 8th at 3:30 p.m.
- •Approved the updates to Policy
- •Took no action coming out of Executive Session.
- •Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025.

# **Football** contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Evansville over Brodhead/Juda, 42-16. Doug Rezner, Brodhead, won first place with two incorrect. Eric VonAllmen, Albany, won second place with three incorrect.

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## **Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation Celebrates Successful Golf Outing**

Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation, a member of SSM Health, hosted its 20th Annual Golf Outing on Tuesday, August 5 at the Monroe Golf Club. The event drew an impressive turnout of 129 golfers, raising more than \$82,320 to support the Mission of expanding access to local healthcare.

The beautiful day of golf was followed by a vibrant Fiesta-themed celebration at Ludlow Mansion Events. Guests enjoyed a colorful and luxurious street taco buffet, accompanied by Latin-inspired music performed by Hugo Espinoza, SSM Health Monroe Hospital's Language Services Coordinator, creating a relaxed and festive atmosphere.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Foundation's Future of Healthcare Endowment Fund and General Fund, which support a variety of initiatives. One current project includes the installation of new patient room whiteboards in the Inpatient, ICU, and Emergency Departments at SSM Health Monroe Hospital this fall. These whiteboards are designed to improve communication and elevate the overall patient experience.

Over the last year, the Foundation has funded numerous impactful initiatives, including three Cardiovascular Prep and Recovery Suites, refresh of the Freeport Clinic, creating the Healing Garden outside of Oncology, as well as supporting the Reach Out & Read Program, P.A.R.T.Y. Program, and SSM Health at Home's hospice services in Monroe.

"We are incredibly grateful for the continued support from our community, sponsors, and volunteers who make this event such a success year after year," said Jane Sybers, Executive Director of Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation. "Every dollar raised helps enhance care and impact patient experience right here at home."

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# SOFTBALL

#### **Sunday Night Church**

Sunday 8/24 results: United Methodist defeated Luther Valley 12-2; Living Word tied Bethlehem Lutheran 9-9; Church of God defeated Congregational UCC 14-9.

Standings: United Methodist 10-3; Bethlehem Lutheran 8-4-1; Congregational UCC 8-5; Living Word 6-6-1; Church of God 7-6; Luther Valley 4-8; Orfordville Lutheran 2-11.



A huge shout-out to Brodhead Middle School's new crew of WEB leaders. WEB, which stands for "Where Everybody Belongs," is a middle school orientation and transition program designed to welcome and support students throughout their first year of middle school. Built on the belief that students can help other students succeed, the program trains eighth-grade

mentors to be WEB Leaders.

On Wednesday, August 29, 20 eighth-graders participated in five hours of leadership training. WEB coordinators Jessica Gardipee, Erin Kammerer, and Stephanie Tresemer noted the enthusiasm and collaboration of this great group of leaders. WEB was excited to welcome sixth graders for orientation on Friday, August 29!







# 2025 Brodhead Rec Sunday Night "Spirit of the League Team"—Orfordville Lutheran

Front row: Rachael Baldwin, Alex Burtness, and Collin Burtness; upm Logan Krupke, Steve Arnold, Gehrig Grenawalt, Dave Gissing, Evan Rice, Jason Burtness, and ump Joey Brown. Missing: Jason Draves, Meg Bettack, Wes Bunts, and Dakota Bunts.



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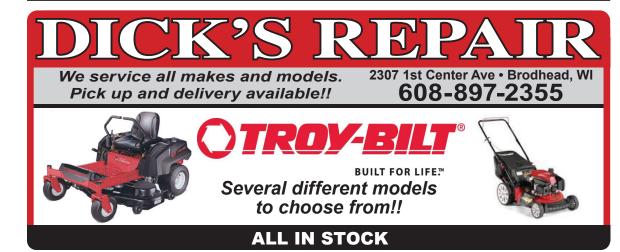




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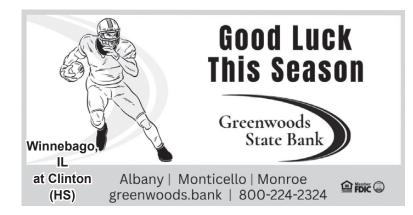
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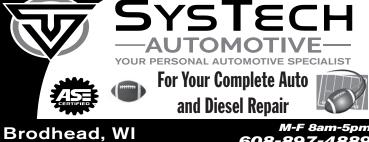
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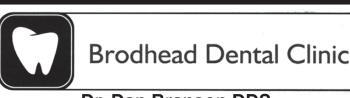
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# 'Pulling Together' **Wisconsin Book Tour Coming to Green County**

**Communities** 

Three Green County organization are working together in partnership with the authors of Pulling Together: A Handbook for Community Change, to host two special events this October as part of the Pulling Together Wisconsin book tour featuring Jeff Yost, president and CEO of the Nebraska Community Foundation (NCF). The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin, Green County Development Corporation, and UW Madison Green County Extension are bringing this free event to Green County to offer practical strategies and inspiring stories for building better communities.

Get yourself, your team, your community-minded friends and family to the Friday, October 10 Fall Breakfast at Turner Hall and be inspired by the keynote address as Mr. Yost talks about what we all can do to pull together for community change. To gain momentum before the breakfast event, get registered for the optional book discussion held October 2 and take part in candid discussion about the book, and ways to get things moving in our

The book, Pulling Together: A Handbook for Community Change is a timely guide filled with real-life stories, practical lessons, and powerful tools for those ready to bring people together to create positive change. Co-authors Mike Breininger, a small-town conservative evangelical pastor, and Tom Mosgaller, a progressive community builder and farmer, prove that trust, love, and shared purpose can overcome division.

The keynote speaker, Jeff Yost, will bring his experience of transform-

# **Help Shape Rock County's Future: Public Survey Now** Open

Rock County invites residents to share their perspectives through a new community survey, now open as part of the County's major update to its long-range planning documents.

Rock County Planning, Economic and Development Agency launched the survey as an important step in a roughly year-long process to update the County's Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan. Together, these plans guide local decisions on land use, housing, transportation, agriculture, and more. They will serve as a roadmap for addressing future challenges, managing resources, and ensuring coordinated planning across the County over the next 10-20 years.

"Community voices are essential," said Andrew Baker, Director of Planning and Land Conservation. "This survey will help us understand what people value most about living and working in Rock County, and what priorities they want reflected in the updated plans."

Survey Information

All members of the public are encouraged to take the online survey at https://arcg.is/105ebz5 or bit.ly/ reimagine-rock-2025.

Paper surveys are available by request. Residents may pick one up at the Planning Agency's office on the second floor of the Rock County Courthouse, 51 South Main Street, Janesville, WI 53545, or call 608-757-5583 and request to have one mailed to them along with a prepaid return envelope.

The online and paper surveys are both offered in either English or Spanish.

The survey will remain open through Tuesday, September 30. Results will help shape draft plans that will be released this winter for public review and comment.

ing his hometown of Red Cloud, Nebraska into a thriving center of hope and opportunity. Red Cloud appears in the book as a case study, offering proof that small communities can do big things when they pull

Keynote Breakfast: Pulling Together for Community Investment with Jeff Yost

Date: Thursday, October 10 Time: 7:30-9 a.m.

Location: Turner Hall, 1217 17th Avenue, Monroe

Cost: Free (RSVP Required)

Online Book Review: "Pulling Together'

Date: Wednesday, October 2

Time: 12–1 p.m. (Virtual Event) Cost: Free (Registration Re-

quired) Pulling Together: A Handbook for Community Change can be pur-

chased online https://www.pulling-together.com/ Join us to be inspired, connect

with neighbors, and learn how our community can thrive—together. Learn more and register for one

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#### **Green County Sheriff's Department** August 25-31, 2025

At 12:22 p.m., Sunday, deputies responded to the N1500 block of CTH S, in the Town of Jefferson, for a vehicle versus tractor crash with injuries. The investigation found that the driver of the vehicle involved, Zayne D. Mills, 21, of Davis, was traveling northbound and attempted to pass a tractor operated by Jasper W. Werren, 15, of Monroe, as Jasper began turning westbound onto Norton Road, causing a collision. Zayne advised he was wearing his seat belt and was uninjured. Zayne's passenger, Makenzie R. Mills, 18, of Davis, advised she was wearing her seat belt and was later transported to the hospital for suspected non-life-threatening injuries. Werren advised he was uninjured. Zayne's vehicle sustained disabling damage, with no airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene. The tractor was repaired and later removed from the scene. The investigation resulted in Zayne being cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and Mackenzie being cited for underage possession of alcohol. Both parties were released pending court.

#### **Notice**



**AGENDA** BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2025 HIGH SCHOOL LMC 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 4:30 p.m.

AGENDA

**REVIEW BILLS** REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE

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**AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** Wednesday, September 10, 2025 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 7:00 p.m.

\*\*OPEN HOUSE TOURS WILL TAKE PLACE AT 5:00 P.M., FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR MEETING\*\*

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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**AGENDA** 

CONSENT AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

2. APPROVAL OF BILLS 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

4. RESIGNATION(S) 5. EMPLOYMENT

RECOMMENDATION(S) 6. VOLUNTEER

RECOMMENDATION(S) APPROVAL OF 2025 FFA TRIP TO NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION &

EXPO IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN ESTABLISH THE DATE, TIME & LOCATION FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING ADOPTION OF OCTOBER 2025 ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD

MEETING AGENDA APPROVAL OF STUDENT FUND-RAISERS FOR 2025-26

APPROVAL OF 2024-25 BUDGET

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE AN INTERMEDIATE DISTRIBUTION FRAME (IDF) CLEANUP SYSTEM **END OF YEAR ALLOCATION** 

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FUTURE AGENDA XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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# City and **Main Street** Monroe to **Host Night Market** and Park **Preview**

New Event will feature retail, interactive activities, community groups, live music, all while showcases updates to downtown park with public restrooms.

With progress being made on the public park on the northeast corner of the square at a quickening speed, the city will host a preview event to showcase the soon to be completed project.

The event is a night market, cohosted by Main Street Monroe, Inc. A night market is an outdoor street market that operates in evening hours and features a variety of vendors selling food, merchandise, and crafts. Originally believed to have originated in China, they have become especially popular in the United States over the last handful of years. Monroe's will be Saturday, September 13th from 5-8:30 p.m.

Vendors will include local stores like 213 Mercantile, Busy Bee Floral, and 608 The Factory, which opened on the north side of the square in the spring. 213 Mercantile attends approximately a dozen markets annually and is excited to be a part of Monroe's. "Hopefully this is the start of a new event. We always enjoy being a part of downtown Monroe. There's so much to celebrate, especially this year. We can't wait to bring all these different things together," states Terra Junk, owner of 213 Mercantile. Busy Bee Floral will have retail as well as a bouquet station and 608 The Factory will have a station set up for custom trucker hats. Additional vendors not normally found downtown will include a Trachten Closet, Dirty Soda Fountain Bar, food vendors, permanent jewelry, apparel, other crafts, plus a beer garden, and live music, which includes the UW Band, which was scheduled to perform on the July 11th concert, which was rained out. Vendors will lean more into retail than the farmers market with many attending an event in Monroe for the first time.

Everything will be set up on the blocks just off the northeast corner of the square to showcase the park project. The project, first officially announced by Main Street Monroe, Inc in June of last year, has seen significant progress in the last few weeks. The interior of the bathroom building has been completed, the building itself will soon be connected to electricity, and landscaping started on Thursday, August 27th.

The city of Monroe owns and will maintain the project, through the city's Parks and Recreation Department's existing annual budget.

Main Street Monroe says nearly 95% of the total cost for the project has been raised so far, with no city of Monroe taxpayer dollars being used on the project. Once completed, the project, in addition to the

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restrooms, will include a pergola, electronic kiosk, a historic timeline of the city of Monroe, landscaped areas and green spaces. The city is covering financing for pledges made through 2026. By covering bridge funding, as its known, the city is saving tens of thousands of dollars on the total cost of the proj-

Not all elements of the park project will be installed by September 13th, but Main Street's director, Jordan Nordby, is excited for people to be able to walk through the area and really get a feel for it. "It's been a long time coming and because of the size of the project it hasn't been as easy maybe to see all the work that has been done. This event will really allow people for the first time to see a huge addition to our downtown."

Donations are still being accepted for the park, with complete details being found online at mainstreetmonroe.org/restrooms.

Anyone interested in being a vendor at the market, should contact Nordby at 608.328.4023 or monroemainstreet@tds.net

Main Street Monroe, now celebrating its 20th anniversary, is the 501(c)3 volunteer drive non-profit organization that handles community development in downtown Monroe

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# **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

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Grayson Arn scored two TDs with runs of 6 and 51 yards. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

# **Brodhead** Volleyball By Erin Kammerer

Brodhead volleyball earned fifth in the Janesville Invite. The 12-team tournament was stacked with Big Eight powerhouse teams. We have not been involved in this tough of a tournament to start our season and my players did not back down. I'm proud of their effort and growth. We earned a third seed on day one, which put us in the Gold Bracket. Day two, in the gold bracket we beat Madison Memorial to earn fifth

place.

They will host their invite on Saturday. Ten schools from the area will be participating at Brodhead Middle and High Schools.



# **Brodhead-Juda Scores** Late in Game

By Teresa Earleywine

The Cardinal faithful who stayed to the end of Friday's game against Evansville, saw a spark ignite that will hopefully fan into a flame moving forward this season. The Blue Devils who scored 35 unanswered points in the first half were held to one TD in the second. The Cardinals had more first downs, 13-9 for Evansville but struggled to sustain a drive that would get them into the

Senior Maddox McGinty was in the QB position in the second half. McGinty and Grayson Arn put scoring run plays together of 6 and 51 yards. The 2-point conversion after each play was good with Jayden Brown getting across the endzone. With the final score 16-42, Evansville won but here is hoping the spark ignited by Brodhead at the end of the game fans into a flame next week.

Brodhead will host their Southwest Wisconsin Conference opener against River Valley on Friday.



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# **Green County Genealogical** Society to meeet

The Green County Genealogical Society will host "The 1972 Supreme Court Decision in Wisconsin versus Yoder" presented by Mark Louden. The presentation is Saturday, September 13 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. Please note the meeting will be the second Saturday of September.

Mark Louden, will speak about the 1972 Supreme Court decision in Wisconsin v. Yoder, which upheld Amish parents' right to determine their children's education on religious grounds. It is considered a landmark in American constitutional history. In this presentation he will discuss the background to the case, which began in New Glarus, Wisconsin,, and its implications today, more than 50 years after the decision was handed down.

Mark Louden is a linguist who received his training in Germanic linguistics at Cornell University. A fluent speaker of Pennsylvania Dutch, he has published extensively on this language and other German-American varieties, as well as Yiddish. In addition to his position as the Alfred L. Shoemaker, J. William Frey, and Don Yoder Professor of Germanic Linguistics in the Department of German, Nordic, and Slavic+, he directs the Max Kade Institute for German-American Studies and is affiliated with the Religious Studies and Language Sciences programs and the Mosse/Weinstein Center for Jewish Studies. He serves as an interpreter and cultural mediator for Plain people (Amish and traditional Mennonites) in multiple settings, especially healthcare.

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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