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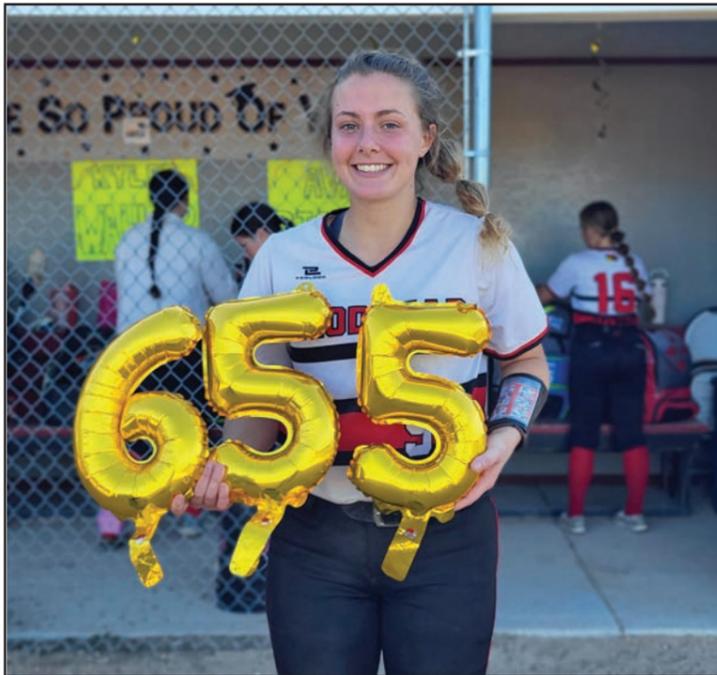
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Ava Risum set a new school record, 655, career strikeouts. The previous record was held by Ronessa Stampfli in 2004. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Senior golfers are; Brady Flannery, Cullen Walker, Jacob Keating and Jayke Huntington. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

## Brodhead Historical Society to hold monthly meeting

The monthly meeting of the Brodhead Historical Society will be held on Monday, May 19th. After a business meeting, there will be a sneak preview of this year's exhibits at the Depot Museum, including a 50th anniversary feature. The museum volunteers have been working diligently to put the finishing touches on them, as well as refreshing the museum's other exhibits. The meeting is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum. The museum will be open for the 2025 season on Saturday, May 24, and continues to have free admission.

## Brodhead Evening Garden Club to meet Tuesday, May 20

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club will be meeting on Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Heidi Hahlen will be teaching us how to make decorative plant saucers. They would love to see new faces join them for a little bit of fun and crafting.

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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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Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ 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; 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 Jadyan 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 Pastoriate II, 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.

**OBITUARIES**

**Greg Bagley**

Greg Bagley, age 72, of Jeffersonville, Kentucky, formerly of Juda, passed away on Monday, April 14, 2025, at his home. He was born September 11, 1952, to Robert and Margaret Bagley.

Farming was his life; he was a steward of the land. Another passion was the Clydesdale horses that he loved and his Dalmatians, Zoey and Mia.

He is survived by his significant other, Sherri Kundert of Brodhead; children: Eric Bagley of McFarland, Nikki (Scott) Bindl of McFarland and Suzanne (Rob) Parkinson of Woodbury, Minnesota; grandchildren: Ashley and Austin Bindl and Blake and Josie Parkinson; a brother, Lonie Bagley of Orfordville; and brother-in-law, Raymond Walmer of Juda. He was predeceased by his mother, Margaret (Peggy) Bagley in 1995; his sister, Julie Walmer in 2020; and his father, Robert Bagley in 2021.

He is sorely missed by his loved ones.

A Celebration of Life will be planned for a later date.

**DEATH NOTICE**

**Ann Marie Charneco**

Ann Marie Charneco, 78, of Brodhead, died on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at home.

Grace-Bifulk Funeral and Cremation Service, Albany, is assisting the family.

**Brodhead Methodist 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 glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our 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!

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Please contact us to place a community event, engagement/wedding announcement, an advertisement, or nearly anything else.



**Katherine (Kathy) Jean Weber**

Katherine (Kathy) Jean Weber, Brodhead, was born April 6, 1936 to Michael and Esther Bray and was called home by her heavenly Father on May 9, 2025 at the age of 89.

Born in Norway, Michigan, Kathy grew up on a farm near Peshtigo, Wisconsin where she became an avid Packers fan.

Kathy became a pen pal to Private Edward Weber while he was stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Ed surprised her one morning when he knocked on her door in Janesville while enroute home to Cross Plains, Wisconsin, on leave. The rest, as they say, is history as the couple, married in 1958, and recently celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary on April 12th.

The couple farmed for a living, primarily milking dairy cows, with the first farm in Ashton. In 1968 the Weber's moved to a larger farm near Brodhead, where Kathy was a master in book-keeping, record-keeping and meticulous herd management. In 1983 she was honored to be named the Wisconsin Farm Wife of the Year.

Kathy was involved in a number of organizations, including FFA Alumni, Rock County Dairy Promotion, AFS, EverReady and Bowling club. Kathy opened her home to a

number of foreign exchange students from countries such as Belgium, France, Brazil, Indonesia and South Africa.

Kathy loved gardening, especially flowers. She was known as the "glad lady" with rows of gladiolus planted in her large garden. If Kathy learned someone was sick she would prepare a bouquet of glads for them, and made sure the church altar was adorned with gladiolus for mass.

Kathy will be missed by her husband, Ed; her children: Paul Weber, Teresa (Dale) Earleywine, Rita Shimmiock and special friend, Kurt Grote, Robert (Michelle Van) Weber, Diane (Dan) Kaiser, and Sira (Bridget) Nsibirwa; daughter-in-law, Linda Yarley; 18 grandchildren; 17 great-children; her siblings: Betty Johnson, David (Jeanne) Bray, and Robert (Sharon) Bray; dear friends, Margie and Dean Darling; and many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

Kathy was preceded in death by her son, Michael Weber; granddaughter, Angelina Nsibirwa; her parents; and her son-in-law, Jesse Shimmiock.

Funeral mass will be held on Friday, May 16, at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, with Father Kevin Earleywine officiating. Prior to mass a visitation will be held at the church at 280 Haberdale Drive, Footville, from 9:30 to 11 a.m. A luncheon will be served immediately after the mass, with interment to follow at Greenwood Cemetery, 4301 County Road T, Brodhead, Wisconsin.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the family in Kathy's memory.

The family would like to express their great appreciation for the care that Kathy received these past two years at the Kelly House in Evansville, Wisconsin.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

**Stateline Women's Connection luncheon**

The Stateline Women's Connection cordially invite you to their "Branching Out" luncheon on Wednesday, May 21, at noon. The cost is \$15. The luncheon will be held at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.

The guest speaker is Barbara Hoffner of Madison. House on Fire! Which door to choose? Barbara shares about her house fire experience. There was loss, clean up and restoration. The Local Spotlight will feature Kathy King, local artist.

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

**Albany Historical Society to meet**

The Albany Historical Society presents "Show and Tell" on Tuesday, May 20th, at 7 p.m. Do you have an item that has an interesting story? Do you have an item that you don't know what it is? Bring your item or items to this program.

Come see what items others have brought.

All are welcome and there is no charge. The program follows a brief General Meeting.

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

**ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN**  
**EAA CHAPTER 431 COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

The community pancake breakfast, hosted by EAA Chapter 431, will be held Sunday, May 18, at the Brodhead Airport, from 7 a.m. to noon. The cost is adults \$10, and \$6 for children under 10. Drive in, fly in, walk in, bike in, any other transportation you have. Stop and visit Kelch Aviation Museum while you are there!

**VINTAGE AIRPLANE MOVIE NIGHT AT KELCH AVIATION MUSEUM ON THURSDAY, MAY 15TH AT 6:30 P.M.**

A little Hollywood fun happens every third Thursday of the month at the Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead, when the museum transforms into a casual movie theater to showcase family-friendly films featuring airplanes.

This month they'll be showing a 1934 adventure-thriller movie, "Murder in the Clouds." At 6:30 p.m., pizza from Brodhead's own Fat-Boyz Pizza will be served. Round out your meal with fresh popcorn and soft drinks. The movie starts at 7 p.m. No tickets or reservations required—just bring a friend and show up for some hometown fun! A \$10 donation is encouraged and appreciated; the museum is entirely supported through generous donations from our community. The museum is located at N2463 Airport Road in Brodhead.

**BRODHEAD COMMUNITY BAND**

The Brodhead Community Band will perform on Saturday, June 28 at 1 p.m. at Family Fest and Sunday, August 10, at 6 p.m. at Twilight In The Park.

Rehearsals will be held at the Brodhead High School from 6-7:30 pm. on Tuesdays: May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, July 29 and August 5.

For more information call 608-897-2155 ext. 253 or email jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

**BRODHEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL SEEKS MULTICULTURAL MORNING SPEAKERS**

Brodhead Middle School is looking for speakers to participate in its annual Multicultural Morning event on Wednesday, May 21. If you have traveled outside the USA for vacation, work, military service, or any other reason, you are invited to share your experiences with seventh-grade students. You will have 30 minutes to present photos, souvenirs, and memories of your time abroad.

Students will be divided into small groups and travel with a "passport" to listen and learn about different cultures, cuisines, tourist attractions, physical landscapes, holidays, and more. If you like, you can bring souvenirs or snacks to share, and you can organize a formal or informal presentation. Students will arrive at their first destination at 8:20 a.m. and another at 8:55 a.m. After a mid-morning break to sample international snacks, students will travel to another destination at 10:10 a.m., with a final stop at 10:45 a.m. They hope you can join them for two or more sessions.

Participating in this event offers numerous benefits, including inspiring young students, sharing your passion for travel, and forming meaningful connections within our community. Please respond to Stephanie Tresemer at (stresemer@brodhead.k12.wi.us) by Wednesday, May 14, to be added to the morning's travel itinerary.

**Friday Fun Day, May 23**  
**"Scanning Photos" by the Green County Genealogical Society**

The class will begin with a video by Aimee Cross followed by discussion, which will give you the opportunity to ask your questions concerning your scanning and saving photos.

Family photographs—what do you do with them? This video will go over best practices for scanning these family treasures.

Family history is more meaningful when photographs are included. These inherited treasures are often lost or destroyed. What is the best way to digitize them, share them with family, and use them in genealogy research?

Should you buy a scanner, rent one or visit a library to scan your images? They will discuss all-in-one printer/scanners as well as other scanners available, including things to look for in a new scanner when wanting to scan family photos, negatives or slides.

Should you scan a black and white photo in color or black and white? What dpi is recommended? What format should you use? They will discuss tiff, jpeg and png as well provide hints on labeling images.

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its Friday Fun Day, May 23 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.

**Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.**

**2025 Albany Alumni Banquet**

The Albany Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 24th at the Albany Lions Building, 402 N Cincinnati Street. Social starts at 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., program 8 p.m., and is over at 9 p.m. The \$20 roast beef dinner is served family style.

Send money and reservations to Dan Weber, N5926 Marie Ct, Albany WI 53502. Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Any questions call Dan at 608-862-3260.

**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.

**Green County Amateur Radio to meet**

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, May 17, at 9 a.m. at Fire Station Number One, 601 W. 17th Street, Monroe. Please use the side door. All licensed and interested individuals are invited to attend. For any questions please call 608-558-0629.

**Greenwood Cemetery thanks workers for their hard work**

Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead has always been well cared for by the workers who take pride in the hard work they do to keep it so well maintained. They have been thanked personally from people visiting the cemetery, a note in the paper, as well as monetary donations to the cemetery. All are very much appreciated.

Because the Cemetery is not city or county owned, donations are used for operational expenses and the daily upkeep such as mowing, trimming, raking, hauling and removing trees and brush as necessary, and more. If you have interest in contributing with a monetary donation, that can be made to Greenwood Cemetery Association, N2353 Stinson Dr., Brodhead, WI 53520

The Cemetery Board would like to send a huge "Thank You" to Ron Wolter, as the Sexton and his current crew of men: Mel Wolter, Allen Olson, Mark Oliver, Dick Olin and Jeff Koller.

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**Brodhead 2025 City Wide Bulk Pick-Up Days**  
**May 29th and May 30th**  
**City of Brodhead Residents Only**

With the help of Pellitteri Waste Systems, the City of Brodhead is providing a free bulk pick-up for unwanted bulky items.

**Set items out to curb by 6 a.m. Thursday morning, May 29th.**

**EXAMPLES OF ACCEPTED ITEMS:**  
Furniture such as sofas and chairs  
Dry carpet, rolled and tied for one person to pick up • Mattress in plastic bag only  
Water based paints dried out with lids removed  
Small mowers & snow blowers with gas & oil removed

**EXAMPLES OF ITEMS WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:**  
Extra bags of garbage • Cardboard boxes & other recycle material  
Tires • Oil based paint • Vehicle batteries & engine blocks  
55 gallon drums • Construction material • Household pesticides  
Rocks, bricks, cement, etc • Fuel tanks or LP tanks  
TV's and computer components or electronics

Household appliances such as refrigerators, dehumidifiers, air conditioners, ovens  
*These items can be disposed of at the Green County Landfill.*  
*For more information, call them at 608-897-8605*

**If you have any other questions call The Public Works Department at 608-897-4384**

**Albany Downtown Farmer's and Crafter's Market**

In conjunction with the Albany American Legion Buffet Breakfast

Come on out for some of the most unique craft vendors and produce, honey and cheese from local farmers at the Albany Downtown Farmer's and Crafter's Market, **Sunday, May 18** at the Albany American Legion Park **8 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**Please come on out and support your community and small business vendors at this great local event!**

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**Save the Date Oakley Union UMC Singalong**

The Oakley Union UMC Singalong will be held Sunday, May 18, from 1-2 p.m. Music will be by Ernie Saunders and Friends. The Church is located at W2388 Gerber Road, Juda. The event will be followed by free refreshments and fellowship.

**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.

**SOFTBALL**

**Tuesday Night' League**

Tuesday's results: Panoske Plastering defeated The Bar Team 1 22-0; Beast Buffet defeated Bridges Bar & Grill 11-8; Woodworth Team defeated The Bar Team 2 7-6.

Season standings: Panoske Plastering won 1 lost 0; Beast Buffet 1-0; Woodworth Team 1-0; The Bar Team 1 0-1; Bridges Bar & Grill 0-1; The Bar Team 2 0-1.

**Sunday Night Church**

Sunday 5/4 results: Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Orfordville Lutheran 17-15; Luther Valley defeated Church of God 13-2; Congregational UCC defeated Living Word 8-4. Sunday 5/11 results: United Methodist defeated Orfordville Lutheran 15-0; Living Word defeated Church of God 9-3; Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Luther Valley 11-5.

Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 2-0; Luther Valley 1-1; Living Word 1-1; United Methodist 1-0; Congregational UCC 1-0; Orfordville Lutheran 0-2; Church of God 0-2.

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## Josh and Liz Steiner of Heaven View Dairy to Host 45th Annual Green County Breakfast on the Farm

The Green County Ag Chest is eager to announce the return of the 45th Annual Breakfast on the Farm event. On Saturday, May 31st, Josh and Liz Steiner and family of Heaven View Dairy graciously invite you to join them at the farm for a hearty breakfast of scrambled eggs, sausage, cheese, homemade coffee cake, milk, coffee and orange juice, along with strawberry ice cream sundaes. Breakfast will be served from 6 to 10 a.m. The farm is located at N303 County Road HK, Monroe. Parking will be available on-site, weather permitting, however, transportation provided via bussing from WalMart Supercenter in Monroe from 5:30-9:30 a.m. is highly encouraged as space is limited. The cost of the breakfast is \$10 for adults (ages 11 and older), \$5 for youth (ages five-10) and free for children (ages four and under). Entertainment during the breakfast will consist of the State Line Play Boys band from 7 to 10 a.m., an antique tractor display and petting zoo, as well as agricultural education stations and various craft vendors. The Ag Chest looks forward to seeing you back on the farm for breakfast on May 31st!



Family members pictured in the attached photo: Joshua and Liz Steiner, daughters Natalie and Breann, son Jonathon and his fiancé Kiley with their two children, Leland and Sophia.

## PLEASE HELP! Keep the Sugar River Sweet and Clean VOLUNTEER ON Saturday, MAY 17th

Do you love the Sugar River? Do you like to see it clean of refuse or full of trash? Do you like it full of dangerous treefalls or safe for our kids to navigate? If your answer to these questions is yes, then why not come out and join them on Saturday, May 17th, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at their annual Sugar River Cleanup!

They will have canoes available to use so basically it's a FREE canoe trip where all you have to do is pick up trash or clear branches. Shuttle service will be provided. The Lake Winnetka Sugar River Improvement Association Inc. will hold its annual Sugar River cleanup in Albany, on Saturday, May 17th, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. They will meet at the Albany American Legion Hall at 300 N. Water Street. Their goal is to remove as much garbage as possible from the river and its banks and also to clear a path through fallen trees that totally block navigation of canoes and create hazards. Categories of work vary from walking the banks or riding in canoes, kayaks or boats and picking up trash or cutting tree branches and handing them to people on shore.

Please indicate the category of work you'd like to do when you register on their pre-registration page. Equipment needed is canoes or small boats, chain saws, bow saws and waders. The association will provide trash bags and local businesses will provide food and refreshments. They will get organized at 9 a.m. and begin cleaning up at 10 a.m. or sooner, however, a representative will be on premise at the Legion to direct those who want to come later. Students and scouts can earn community service points by helping out.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER your help or equipment. You can contact them for more information by e-mail at [lwria@aol.com](mailto:lwria@aol.com) or on their association Facebook page [Facebook.com/lwria](https://www.facebook.com/lwria) or call 773-418-7123, and leave a message including your name and phone number and they will return your call. They also have a pre-registration page where you can pick your work category and hours you can work. <https://forms.gle/7XKrWkfbxIHfvM8N9>

Come on out and help them clean up while enjoying the great outdoors after a long dull winter. Food and refreshments will be served to all volunteers as a token of their appreciation. Hope to see you there!!



## Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Introduction to Backgammon Saturday, May 17th

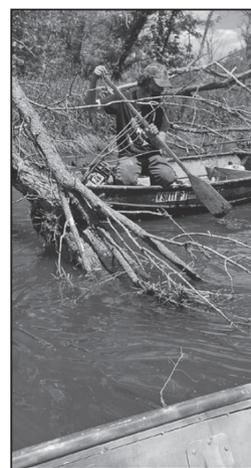
Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

Come to the library this Saturday morning if you'd like to watch a fierce competition in backgammon playing! No, not really! Saturday morning's backgammon get together offers casual lessons to anyone who is interested in learning how to play this 5,000 year old game. All skill levels are welcome to participate in the play or stop by to simply watch a game.

Anyone who already knows how to play backgammon and wants to share with others is more than welcome to participate. We do have some board sets and a wonderful library patron who is happy to share her knowledge about playing. Reservations are not necessary but a heads up helps with planning purposes.

The Durand Library, a volunteer driven effort by the Friends of the Durand Library, offers many library services. Please remember that the library has free access to archived Durand area newspapers dating from 1875 onward preserved by the Otter Creek Historical Society. There are also STEM quality games for checkout. Take advantage of checking these games out if you have little ones visiting over the Memorial Day weekend.

Also there is a lot of good reading on the shelves from Nicholas Sparks' romantic tales to great historical novels by John Jakes, thrillers by Stephen King, intricately woven mysteries by Agatha Christie, dystopian and disturbing books by Margaret Atwood, several books by Kristin Hannah including her highly rated recent book "The Women."



Above: Dangerous log jams like these that totally block navigation are made safely passable for paddlers by the volunteers.

Left: This volunteer filled a kayak with trash from the Sugar River in the stretch from Crazy Horse Campgrounds to the Clarence canoe launch near Bluff View.

# HAPPY GRADUATION

We would like to extend our sincere congratulations to the entire Brodhead High School Class of 2025, and a special shout-out to OUR graduate, Clayton Elliott!

This is a truly joyous time, and we are so excited to see what the future holds for you, Clayton, and all of your classmates!



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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES  
Friday, May 23rd - Juda School Gymnasium  
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## Brodhead Middle School Eighth Grade Graduates 2025



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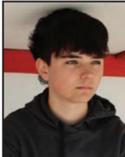
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## Seniors Lead Brodhead Golf

By Teresa Earleywine

This year's golf team at Brodhead High School is led by seniors, Brady Flannery, Jayke Huntington, Cullen Walker, and Jacob Keating. Last week at the Rock Valley Small Conference Meet held at Towne Country Club, Edgerton, Flannery led the foursome with 49 points. Junior Maddox McGinty was second for the team with Huntington Walker and Keating coming in close behind. Next week the team will participate in meets at Prairie Woods on Tuesday, Edelweiss Chalet on Wednesday and Alpine Valley on Thursday.

## Ava Risum Breaks the All-Time Strikeout Record

By Teresa Earleywine

It was a memorable game for Ava Risum on Thursday when Brodhead hosted Edgerton. The seniors: Tatum Ceslok, Kylee Wahler and Risum were celebrated for their years of commitment to the Brodhead High softball program before the game. During the game, Risum completed her 655th career strikeout overtaking the record set in 2004 by Ronessa Stampfli. She went onto finish the game with 12 strikeouts and no runs, walks or errors in the game. Brodhead pounded the Edgerton with 18 total hits and amassed 14 runs in the game for the shutout. Risum led the team at the plate going 4-for-4, with Ceslok 3-for-3, Mady Henning and Leah Rear each adding 3-for-4.

Earlier in the week, the Cardinals won 3-1 over Clinton, lost a close 1-2 game against Jefferson and won a double header Saturday 7-1 facing River Valley and 2-1 over Cuba City.

This week the team will be on the road all week: Big Foot Tuesday, Evansville Thursday, and Friday at Deerfield.

## Baseball Pierces the Blue Devils

By Teresa Earleywine

Two games against Evansville last week resulted in 9-4 and 11-9 wins. In game one, Brody Riese was on the bump, lasting five innings, striking out six, allowed three hits and two runs. Ethan Hess came in as relief for the final two innings. The Cardinals amassed nine hits in the game. Max Pinnow, Braylon Strehlow and Sam Searls collected two hits apiece. Gabe Bockhop led the team with two RBIs, including a fly ball to center field that resulted

in an error, scoring David Masloske and another error that allows Bockhop to also score.

Game two with the Blue Devils in town, Brodhead got out to a 9-2 lead in the sixth. Evansville nearly pulled off the comeback scoring 7-runs in the seventh inning. The Cardinals managed to holdoff their opponent. Max Pinnow led Brodhead in hits, 3-for-4 and two RBIs. Brooks Malkow was the winning pitcher. He surrendered seven hits and two runs over six innings and struck out four.

They had losses against Jefferson and their double header on Saturday versus Mineral Point.

This week the team will travel Tuesday to ABC Supply Stadium to take on Clinton, then on Thursday host the Cougars. Saturday they will play at UW Whitewater triangular versus Jefferson and Fort Atkinson.

## Stella Arn Breaks Own Record

By Teresa Earleywine

The RVC Divisional meet was held last week with the Brodhead Juda boys taking first place, 130 points, in the field of six schools. Evansville was second with 113 points.

Earning top spots for the men included Erik Woodward, 200m, Mavrik Plummer both 800m and 1600m, Tegan Pinnow high jump and Simon Moore in pole vault.

The Cardinal women finished in second, 115 points, with Beloit Turner capturing first place with 140 points. Stella Arn had an exciting night as she broke her own record in the 100m finishing it is 12.04 seconds and another first place in the 200m. Madi Brown cleared 5' for first in high jump and Ellianna Shank claimed the top spot in long jump.

The Beloit Daily News invite on Friday had eleven schools participating. The Brodhead women placed second, 102.75 points, with Turner earning 112.25 for first place. Arn and Brown, again, finished at the top in their events. Brynn Riesterer throwing 100' in discus also received top billing.

Turner also took first place for the men, The Cardinal men with 99 points finished third. On this night, Plummer would be Brodhead's only first place finisher in the 800m and 1600m runs.

Arn and Plummer were chosen by the coaches' pole as MVPs in the track events.

This week, East Troy will host the Rock Valley Conference meet for both divisions.



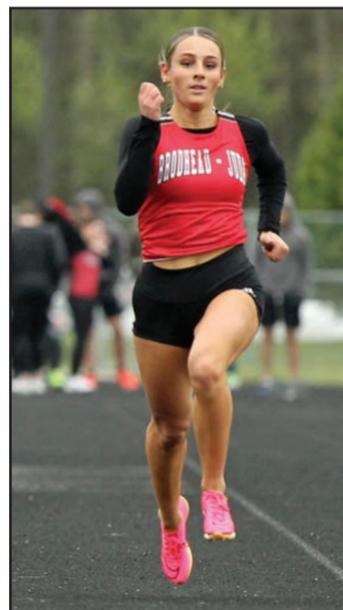
## The Bank of New Glarus Makes Donation to Brodhead Memorial Library

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The Bank of New Glarus made a \$500 donation to the Brodhead Memorial Library. The funds will be used to benefit the 2025 Summer Reading Initiative, "Color Our World."

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Stella Arn breaks her own school record in the 100m sprint, 12.04 seconds. She will be continuing her track career at UW Lacrosse post high school. (file photo)



Mavrik Plummer was named MVP for track events at the BDN last week with his performances in the 800m and 1600m runs. (file photo)



Gabe Bockhop slides safely into 3rd base on an error and ultimately score in Brodhead's win against Evansville last week. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)

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