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The Arboretum: From Field to Forest in Fifty-six Years

By Paul Roemer

The M.J. Blackford Brodhead School Arboretum has gone from field to forest over the past 56 years. The first tree plantings were done in 1969. There were seven forward-thinking people who comprised the first Arboretum Committee in 1968: Ruth Amerpohl, Marjorie Blackford, Frank Gombar, Robert Keen, Ron Albrecht, Larry Landerholm, and Gus Thompson. These people decided to establish a school arboretum for Brodhead students to study trees and the environment.

Thirty-two years ago the first native prairie plants were established around the perimeter of the Arboretum. Thirty years ago the Brodhead Community Cabin was put in place on the north end of the Arboretum. Paul Roemer was the head of both endeavors.

Today the M.J. Blackford Brodhead School Arboretum offers a peaceful place for reflection and the study of trees. There are 60 interpretive signs that provide information on trees and shrubs in the Arboretum. Many birds can be seen and heard in the Arboretum. Aldo Leopold benches provide seating for 24 people in the middle of the Arboretum. The M.J. Blackford Brodhead School Arboretum is open to the public from dawn to dusk every day of the year. It is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of 25th Street and West 5th Avenue in Brodhead.



Above—The Arboretum in 1975 The northwest corner of the Arboretum: 2024 Ralph Schwartz built the pumphouse.

Right—Many interesting discoveries are made in the M.J. Blackford Brodhead School Arboretum. This five year old notices a tree frog perched in an oak sapling in the spring of 2025.





Arboretum is prescribed burned nearly every year to benefit the native plants.

Celebrate Autumn Fest and Día de los Muertos with Better Brodhead!

Better Brodhead invites you to Autumn Fest and Día de los Muertos on Saturday, October 4, from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park, downtown Brodhead. This free, family-friendly event blends fall fun with rich cultural traditions.

Highlights include:

•Pumpkin decorating, chili cookoff, hay rides, and games

•Día de los Muertos learning & activities

•Food vendors, live music, and crafts

•Guests are encouraged to bring a photo or item for the community ofrenda to honor loved ones.

Event Details: Saturday, October 4—9 a.m.-4 p.m., Veterans Memorial Park, Brodhead

Free and open to the public

Celebrate the season, honor tradition, and enjoy a day full of community spirit!

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Fowler Memorial Dental Clinic to Host Upcoming Fund-raising Event

The Fowler Memorial Dental Clinic in Monroe is gearing up for its upcoming fund-raising event, and the community is invited to join in supporting the important work the clinic provides to residents of Green and Lafayette Counties.

The clinic is more than just a source of oral health care; it is also a living tribute. It was named in honor of Dr. Donald Fowler, a proud 1971 Brodhead High School graduate and beloved dentist who dedicated his life to serving others. Dr. Fowler was a fiercely devoted family man, deeply committed to those he loved, and he carried that same spirit into his practice. Known for his easygoing nature and kindness, he treated every patient as though they were family. He was generous with his time and talents, and he never turned anyone away who was in need of care. His legacy of compassion, service, and excellence in dentistry continues to guide the mission of the clinic that hears his name.

Today, Fowler Memorial Dental Clinic fills a critical gap in local health care. It is the only dental clinic in Green and Lafayette Counties that accepts Medicaid (ForwardHealth), BadgerCare, and also treats patients without insurance. As a non-profit organization, the clinic relies on grants, donations, and community support to maintain its operations and ensure access to care for everyone, regardless of their financial situation.

At the heart of the clinic's success is its dentist, Dr. Alison Taleb, known for her compassion and dedication to exceptional dental care. With extensive training under leading pioneers in the field, Dr. Taleb combines advanced skill with a welcoming, "judgement free" approach that puts patients at ease. Her mission is to provide high-quality, accessible, affordable care while creating a supportive environment where every patient feels valued. Her warmth and enthusiasm for life carry into her work, where she is committed to building lasting relationships and helping patients achieve healthy, confident smiles.

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

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 n.m.

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

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

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

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

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OBITUARY



Tina Marie Moulton

Tina Marie Moulton, age 67, of Albany, passed away peacefully while at her home with her family by her side on September 22, 2025.

Tina was born on August 26, 1958 in Hartford, Connecticut the daughter of Joseph and Marjorie (Noble)

Tina was a creative person and was hands on fix it type person who could fix anything. She loved spending time with family, friends and her animals and loved riding her motorcycles. She was a member the Union Rider MC of Stoughton.

Tina worked as a welder for many years at Ogden Manufacturing in Albany.

Tina is survived by her three children: Chris, Melissa and Tanya Wurtzbacher; 11 grandchildren; one great grandchild; one brother, Martin Prete and her dog, Baxter.

Tina was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings: Leo, Alan, Joey and Lou.

A Celebration of Life will take place at the Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany, on Saturday, October 4, from noon to 4 p.m.

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



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Things that GOOOOO!

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time zoomed along with the books Are We There Yet? (After a long but exciting trip, Grandma's house is boring!), Drive (a book about opposites) and Vroom (One evening, Annie put on her helmet . . .). The song Driving in My Car was even more fun when it went fast and then slow (Vroom! Vroom! Vroom!). Finally, Matchbox cars with markers taped on the back made some very colorful roads on the paper-covered tables. The preschoolers raced around the table and things got exciting when

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tempera paint was dropped on the 'road.' What fun!

The dogs are returning to story time next week; this time joined by their kitten friends. Then, a matching game and a time of singing about a cat named Coco, meow, create a handprint kitten of their own using tempera paint.

Albertson Memorial Library hosts the preschool story time every Tuesday at 10 a.m., before regular hours. It's always a time filled with lots of energy and rowdy fun. We'd sure love to meet some new friends!





For ladies 16 and up. Sorry no childcare provided. Fowler Memorial Dental Clinic

Building Up 2025—an

encouragement event for

women

Church, 3825 South County Road T, Brodhead, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cof-

fee and continental breakfast will be provided. Keynote speakers are: Anne

Kolasch, Holly Nilles and Amanda Kloepping. The event includes soup and

Cost is \$25. Checks or cash can be dropped off at Living Word Church or

salad luncheon, along with break out sessions, fellowship and fun!

mailed to address above. Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 30th.

Building Up 2025 will be held on Saturday, October 11th, at Living Word

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The upcoming fund-raiser will take place Friday, October 10th, 5-8 p.m. at the Monroe Country Club and will feature carnival games with prizes, face painting, a 50/50 raffle, a silent auction, live music by Hugo Espinoza, hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and fun for the whole family. All proceeds will enable the clinic to continue its mission of providing affordable and accessible dental

services to those who might otherwise be unable to receive them.

The Fowler Memorial Dental Clinic continues to serve as a reminder that health care is not just about treating patients. It is about caring for neighbors, honoring those who came before, and building a stronger future for the community.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

PARKVIEW/ALBANY WRESTLER FALL CLEAN-UP

The Parkview/Albany wrestler fall clean-up will be held Saturday, October 11-Sunday, October 12 and Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19. Services offered include: raking leaves, cleaning out flower gardens, picking up sticks and putting items away. They will be servicing the Albany, Orfordville, Hanover and Footville areas.

All jobs will be completed by the high school and middle school wrestlers. Suggested donation minimum of \$50, all proceeds go toward purchasing new wrestling bags.

Questions or to schedule call Al Stark at 815-541-0263.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

October 4 Program

No One Ever Sees Indians: Native Americans in the Media

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

The Friends of the Durand Library is pleased to host a multimedia look at the depiction of Native Americans in the media and how these images influence public perception. Ernest Whiteman III, a Northern Arapaho filmmaker presents this free program as part of the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau.

The talk is entitled "No One Ever Sees Indians: Native Americans in Media, followed by the telling 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 audience perceptions of Native peoples and issues.

"We are so pleased to offer this excellent program to the public here in Durand and the surrounding area," said Barbara Flores, president of the Friends of the Durand Library. "I just love the question our speaker poses:

Are you watching closely?"

The presentation is Saturday morning, October 4 at 10 a.m. in the Durand School Library located at 200 West South Street, Durand, Illinois.

Using a loosely structured 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.

The talk is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music, politics, and more, at no cost to host organizations. The program enables local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities.

Ernest is an experienced and dynamic presenter for diverse audiences in a wide range of venues, He is a Northern Arapaho filmmaker, artist, writer, and media educator and 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 Parkside, and is a Producer/Editor with Truth and Documentary, an independent workshop rooted in the traditions of journalism, communications, ethnography, and cinema.

The Friends of the Durand Library collaborates with Durand School, offering its own collection to school district residents and providing public hours for access to the school's collection. to permit access to the school library and to house its own collection. Programs on a variety of topics are presented and everyone is cordially invited. Library hours are Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Please join us for this excellent program on Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. in the Durand School Library at 200 West South Street, Durand Illinois. For more information email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602.

About Illinois Humanities

Illinois Humanities is a statewide nonprofit organization that activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that spark conversation, foster reflection, build community, and strengthen civic engagement for everyone in Illinois. Founded in 1974, we are the state partner for the National Endowment for the Humanities and supported by state, federal, and private funds. Stay connected with Illinois Humanities on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn @ILHumanities.

Green County Genealogical Society to meet

The Green County Genealogical Society will host "Colonel Henry Dodge" presented and acted by Tom Vergeront. The presentation is Saturday, October 4 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The program is free of charge and the public is welcome.

Henry Dodge, Indian fighter, lead miner, and long associated with public life in Wisconsin, held the distinction of being both the first and last territorial governor of Wisconsin, 1836-1841 and 1845-1848. Henry Dodge was an interesting fellow and important in early Wisconsin history.

Tom Vergeront is a retired food scientist that has worked in the Wisconsin food business for 40 years. He always liked history and people. He decided doing historical presentations was his way of sharing history.

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



By Sarah Carpenter

October is a busy and creative month at the Brodhead Memorial Public Library! From seasonal crafts to community connections, there are plenty of ways to get involved, learn, and share in the fun.

The library's Chatty Crafties group met last week to celebrate the Halloween season with a festive project: painted terracotta pots. Participants enjoyed an evening of conversation and creativity as they transformed simple pots into spooky decorations to take home. Looking ahead, the next Chatty Crafties will be held on Tuesday, October 28, at 5:30 p.m. This month's project will feature 3D Paper Pumpkins-a perfect craft for the fall season. Registration is required to ensure that we have enough supplies for everyone. Please sign up online through the library's website or by calling the library.

Another way to connect with your library community is through the Friends of the Library. This volunteer group supports the library through fundraising, special events, and advocacy, and they're always looking for new members. Their next meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the library's community room. Everyone is welcome to attend—whether you'd like to get involved or simply learn more about the work they do.

Looking further ahead, families in the area may be excited to hear about the library's newest program: Homeschool Connection. This group will have its first meeting on Thursday, November 13, at 10:30 a.m. and is designed to provide a space where homeschooling families can come together, share resources, and connect. The program is free to attend and requires no registration—simply come as you are.

In addition to these events, the library invites you to stop in and explore our seasonal book displays. Whether you're looking for a thrilling read to match the spooky season, a cozy mystery for crisp fall evenings, or family-friendly Halloween stories, you'll find something to enjoy.

As always, the Brodhead Memorial Public Library continues to offer programs and services for all ages. For more information or to register for upcoming programs, call or visit the library.

Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was McFarland over Monroe, 55-44. Eric VonAllmen, Albany, won first place with one incorrect game. Second place was a tie with two incorrect and 49 points. The winners were Curt Elmer and Lynette VonAllmen, both of Albany.

Ann Schwartz, of Brodhead and Tom Brewer, of Albany, both had three incorrect.

a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is www.greencogenealogywi.org

You're invited to attend a Public Hearing on the 2026 Green County Specialized Transportation Grant Application

Join us at Green County Government Services Building for a discussion of the specialized Transportation Grant Application.

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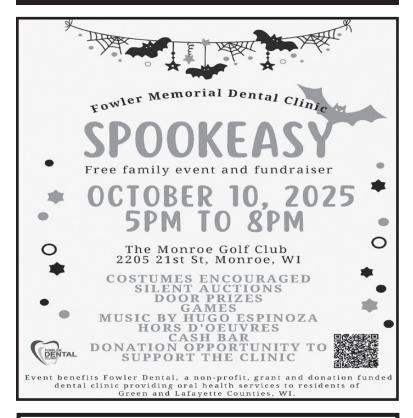
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We will be reviewing Green County's proposed plan for spending \$102,524 plus required match, authorized under Section 85.21 of Wisconsin Statues. If you can't join us, the draft plan can be reviewed at the ADRC Office N3152 State Road 81, Monroe from 8-4:30 pm Mon-Fri.

SEND COMMENTS TO: Morgan Kennison, Aging Programs Supervisor N3152 State Road 81, Monroe, WI 53566 Contact ADRC for **FREE TRANSPORTATION** to the public hearing.



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Leah Rear serves against Evansville. The Cards swept the Blue Devils in three sets. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Cardinal offense lines up first and goal to punch the football in for a TD. Brodhead was held to 6-points in their homecoming game. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Cardinal Volleyball Holds #2 **Spot in RVC**

By Teresa Earleywine

Halfway through the regular season, Cardinal volleyball had a solid performance this past week winning against Beloit Turner, 3-1 and sweeping Evansville 3-0 at home. Brodhead's only conference loss came against Edgerton who currently holds the lead in the Rock Valley.

At Beloit Turner, the Cardinals lost their opening set 15-25 but the scores for subsequent sets; 25-21, 25-10 and 25-17, shut down the Trojans. At the net Brynn Riesterer had 13 kills and Ella Olson contributed eight. In digs, Addie Liefker and Alicia Dahl combined for 41 with Gretchen Kammerer credited with 27 assists. Offensively, Karli Krumwiede and Sadie Woelky had five

Hosting Evansville on Thursday, Coach Erin Kammerer's team took care of business sending the Blue Devils packing after three sets; 25-19, 25-11 and 25–12. Krumweide and Woelky tallied four aces each at the serve line. Riesterer had seven kills and three blocks at the front with Kammerer setting up 21 assists.

You can catch the team in action on Tuesday at home against Clinton or travel on Thursday to Edgerton, which should prove to be an exciting showdown.

PDC Cast Shadow Over Homecoming Game

By Teresa Earleywine

The first quarter of Brodhead Juda's homecoming game against Prairie du Chien was a draw as teams went toe-to-toe with possessions, first downs, getting into the redzone but not able to punch the ball in for a score. But on the first play of second quarter, PDC Drake Chesebro would catch a pass and return it 78 yards for a touchdown. Moments later, after a successful 2-point conversion, the Blackhawks had a lead of eight points. Cardinal Grayson Arn would return the kickoff, following his blockers, and darting through openings before being taken down on the 20-yard line in PDC territory. QB Logan Krupke would complete handoffs to Jordan Dix for gains of eight yards, six yards and four yards before the final push from the two-yard line for BJ touchdown and ignite the team and the fans in the stands. Twopoint conversion attempt would fall short. The excitement exhibited by the team and fans is quieted after the punt return. Cayden Sutter QB for PDC, completes a 53-yard pass to Chesebro and a TD. Brodhead Juda would turn over on downs with their next play action. Brodhead sustained drives getting them deep into PDC territory but an interception results in a score for PDC. Blackhawks would score 24 unanswered points before the half to take a 32-6 lead. Prairie du Chien has the ball at the start of the third and will have another pass completion to the endzone. They score one more time with a minute to go in the third to make it a 46-6 score that will remain until the end of the

Krupke would complete fourof-13 passes and have two interceptions. Arn would accumulate 238 yards on offense. Wyatt Anderson, Jayden Brown and Nolan Bump would lead the Cards in tackles.

The team travels to Lancaster on Friday.



Brodhead/Juda cross country results from Duck Pond Invitational

The Cardinal boys finished sixth. Mavrik Plummer finished in second place with a time of 17:30.30.

The Cardinal girls finished first. Medalists were Rachel Hatter—10th with a time of 22:31.90; Ryleigh Brown—eighth in 22:00.30 and Olivia Brooks—second in 21:14.30.

JV boys were third and JV girls were first. Medalists were Ava Plummer first with a time of 25:20.80; Tarryn Condon—second in 25:22.10 and Serana Santiago—third in 26:02.70.

Cross country will participate at the Jefferson invite on Tuesday and at UW Platteville on Saturday.







In celebration of National Food Service Employee Day, students at Brodhead Middle School collaborated to create "food." Each advisory group, grades fifth-eighth, designed a poster to show appreciation for all the cooks in the kitchen. Thank you, Miss Tracy, and everyone else who provides breakfast and lunch service every day. We appreciate you!

a field trip to Ten Eyck's Orchard. They learned about how apples are grown, picked, sorted and stored. They picked their own apple and had some tasty apple cider.

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Monroe Theatre Guild Announces The Haunting of Hill House for October

Those seeking a good scare this Halloween season will love The Haunting of Hill House

Monroe Theatre Guild invites audiences to step inside one of literature's most chilling houses with its fall production of The Haunting of Hill House, the classic stage adaptation by F. Andrew Leslie, from the novel by Shirley Jackson as part of the Colony Brand's performance series. Directed for MTG by veteran director Andrew Rocheleau, with Assisitant Director Dale Finley.

The Haunting of Hill House appears at Monroe Theatre Guild, 910 16th Avenue, Monroe, on the Colony Brand's Stage October 10, 11, 17 and 18 at 7 p.m., and October 12 and 19 at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now online at monroetheatre. com, or at the MTG ticket window on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or call 608-325-1111.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

The Albertson Memorial Library is hosting a special Creative Capers Crochet Workshop on Friday, October 17th from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Come and learn how to crochet a charming pumpkin with us! Instructions and poly-fil will be provided. Please bring two colors of your favorite yarn, a crochet hook in your preferred size, and a tapestry needle.

If you would rather work on your own creative endeavor, bring the project of your choice, and join us for snacks and socialization.

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Juda School District

Board Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2025

 Accepted the resignation of Gavin Baade as Physical Education Teacher.

•Approved the hiring of Luke Skoumal as Physical Education Teacher.

•Accepted donations from the Juda Zion Community Church, Brian and Peggy Matzke, Green County Sheriff's Department, Sugar River Bank of Juda and EJ and Joyce Hoesly.

•Mrs. Davis updated the board on several projects from the referendum. Parking lot and pumps are completed. Phil Trotter will be trained on the regulation of the HVAC System. Projects that will be worked on include the replacement of two to three doors and computer lab flooring.

•Several new staff members were in attendance at the meeting to introduce themselves. Ariel Foesch who is working part time pre-k and elementary assistant reading teacher. Alexis Schennkel is working as an elementary aide and Tegan Shelton who is the new High School English Instructor.

•Dennis Pfingsten reminded

board members of the WASB Fall Regional Meeting in Sun Prairie on Tuesday, September 30th and online taking place on Thursday, November 6th. School Board Convention will be held in Milwaukee January 21st to the 23rd.

•Mrs. Davis informed the board that Mrs. Grimm was nominated for teacher of the year through the Rural Schools Alliance. Although she did not win, her efforts and dedication are much appreciated by the students and staff.

•Learned Skylar Stuckey will be the coach of the Varsity Girls Basketball Team, still looking for a JV Coach.

•Traci Davis updated the board on upcoming events including homecoming week activities.

•Kurtis Mansfield updated the board on the current status of projects at the park. The board approved a bid from Chad Goecks for the installation of playground equipment.

•Approved out of state trips for the FFA National Convention in Indianapolis and the Art Department to take a trip to Galena.

•Took no action coming out of Executive Session.

•Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at 7 p.m.

•Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025.

Monday Night Mixed League

9/22—High series: Robert Murray 722, Ty Powell 680, Jason Shrier 636. High games: R. Murray 259, Maddie Kuhlow 258, T. Powell 247. Bartelt-high team game 1,009. Broughton's Bar-high team series 2,906. **Standings**: Broughton's Bar won 53 lost 28, Albany Lanes 53-28, Fosters Gaming 36-45, Center Tavern 36-45, Bartelt 35-46, Beloit Chiropractic 30-51.

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9/23—High series: Rob Kubesh 633, John Elmer 602, Josh Brugger 594, LeRoy Blumer 551, Kim Qualley 386. High games: R. Kubesh 249, J. Elmer 225, J. Brugger 221, Kollin Klitzke 207, K. Qualley 154. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 803 and series 2,193. **Standings**: Renks won 14 lost 7, Decatur Dairy 12-9, Counter Attack 12-9, Team 6 11-10, TUGS 10-11, Jim's Mechanic Shop 4-17.

Wednesday Night Ladies

9/24—High series: Nicole Brewer 517, Darcy Stephenson 434, Rikki Thomas-Martin 424, Betty Helwig 423, Tara Blumer 415. High games: N. Brewer 174, R. Thomas-Martin 174, B. Helwig 169, Marcie Brugger 168, Julie Williams 160. Glenn-Ann Ladieshigh team game 617 and series 1,728. **Standings**: Larson Acres won 19 lost 2, Glenn-Ann Ladies 16-5, General Store 11-10, Crystal's Team 10-11, Albertson's 7-14, Stables Bar & Grill 0-21.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

9/25—High series: Laurie Thommen 489, Becky Riese 432, Nancy Salzwedel 411, Barb Clark 411. High games: L. Thommen 187, B. Riese 152, Tana Klitzman 149. Brigs Heating and AC-high team game 537 and series 1,586. **Standings**: Nolte's Garage won 22 lost 6, Briggs Heating and AC 21-7, Mike's Flooring 18-10, Knutes 16-12, Albany Lanes 5-23.

Thursday Night Mixed

9/25—High series: Scott Wahler 712, Brandon Bayrhoffer 671, Tony Brewer 611, DJ McGowen 605, Tiffany Repa 507. High games: S. Wahler 267, B. Bayrhoffer 245, T. Brewer 237, LeRoy Blumer 221, Tiffany Repa 181. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,007 and series 2,872. **Standings**: Attica Bar won 19 lost 9, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 17-11, Golz Electric 16-12, Glenn Ann Holsteins 14-14, Albany Lanes 13-15, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 5-23.

Brodhead Juniors

9/27—High series—boys: Casey Johnson 401, Evan Johnson 391, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 384, Carter Fenwick 319, Tristan Modaff 318, Jayse Bennett 290. High games—boys: C. Johnson 149, E. Johnson 136, A. Ramirez-Vogel 130, C. Fenwick 127, T. Modaff 127, J. Bennett 112. **High series—girls**: Kelsee Brugger 325, Lily Johnson 266. High games—girls: K. Brugger 129, L. Johnson 106.

Brodhead Youth

9/27—High series: Jaxson Brewer 152, Braxton Normington 98, Thorin Perrin 61, Ayla Brugger 196, Amelia Fenwick 146, Keira Shrader 122, Abigail Fenwick 68, Kinslee Brewer 46. High games: J. Brewer 90, B. Normington 56, T. Perrin 33, A. Brugger 101, Amelia Fenwick 80, K. Shrader 65, Abigail Fenwick 34, K. Brewer 30.

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abling damage and was towed from the scene. Heitke and his passenger reported wearing their seatbelts and sustained injuries. They were transported to an area hospital via EMS. There was no airbag deployment in the Heitke vehicle, but it sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. Johnson was cited for failure to yield right of way from a stop sign, and was released pending a court appearance. Green County Highway Department also assisted at the scene.



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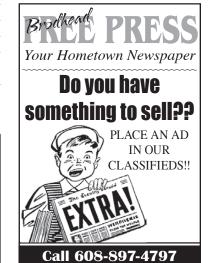
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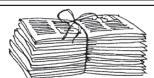
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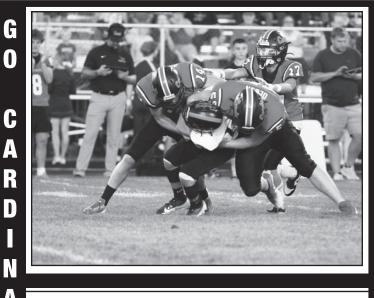
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Daughter of Brodhead pastor remembered 100 years after state victory

Special for the Brodhead Free Press

"Well, I'd like to tell you that she made an altar out of it, but that is not the case. She had it packed away in a safe place," was the comment that Juliana (Julie) Hoiseth had when asked if she and members of her family were aware that her mother had a prized loving cup for co-winning the 1925 Wisconsin State Spelling Bee.

Moments later, Julie presented the actual 1925 state study guide book of spelling bee words, a tattered state fair blue ribbon, and the prized near-six-inch silver loving cup which has this inscription...."Awarded by the American Legion, Department of Wisconsin, to Signe Ramseth for the highest scholastic standing among the girls in the state fair educational contest, September 2, 1925."



This is the prized loving cup that was awarded to Signe at the conclusion of the 1925 Wisconsin State Spelling Bee in West Allis on Sept. 2, 1925.

As soon as Signe, a blue-eyed dark brunette, held the coveted awards on stage under the warm late summer sun on the state fairgrounds, newspapers around the state featured Signe's name along with the identity of the young man from St. Croix County who was the co-winner of the annual spelling bee and education competition.

However, there was one exception that was found when a group of history research friends, who were working on a totally different project, came across a very small news brief in the Stevens Point Journal.

The September 5, 1925 news brief, titled "Rock and St. Croix in tie for first," said "Rock and St. Croix counties tied for first honors among Wisconsin counties at the state fair this week in spelling, reading, and writing contests." No names or hometowns were provided in the Stevens Point news write-up.

But who were they, and what became of their lives?

Sparked by a bit of curiosity, the group set out to find answers to those questions and learn who were those unnamed spelling bee champions from opposite sides of the state that collectively won the spelling contest back in 1925.

The first Wisconsin spelling bee can be traced as far back as 1911; and starting in the late 1940s, the state winner would advance to the national spelling bee held in Washington, DC, each spring. Wisconsin has had only one National Spelling Bee champion, Joanne Marie Lagatta of Clintonville in 1991, who also won the state spelldown in 1989.

A singular spelling bee winner

was named at the state fair each year until 1923 when the organizers announced two champions of the annual contest, a boys division winner and a girls champion. The awarding of two medalists continued until 1927, and then they reverted back to a sole titlist format in 1928 which continues to the present day, with exception of the rare tied state spelling bee titleholders.

As it turned out from extensive research, other newspapers around the state announced that a then-Brodhead area pastor's daughter named Signe Ramseth was the Rock County representative who won the girls portion of the annual Wisconsin State Spelling Bee event held in West Allis, on September 2, 1925, exactly one hundred years ago.

Born on March 19, 1912 in Merrill, Wis., Signe Mildred Ramseth was 13 when she earned state spelling bee title while living in Luther Valley, a rural community that was "formerly known as Rock Prairie before it was re-named Luther Valley by Rev. Claus Lauritz Clausen," said Wanda Curry, of the Luther Valley Historical Society.

"He was a pioneer in 19th century Norwegian settlement in Rock County, and I would have to guess he gravitated to the Luther Valley name as he and many of the settlers were Lutheran," Ms. Curry explained.

The boys division winner at the 1925 Wisconsin State Spelling Bee was Harold Kenneth Klanderman, also 13, the seventh child of eight for Garrett and Jennie "Jane" Westendorf Klanderman. He grew-up on a farm about three miles north of Baldwin, located in eastern St. Croix County. The studious pupil later married a Baldwin native on May 31, 1941 in Dakota County, Minnesota, and they lost a newborn daughter in March 1942 just before he served in World War II.

Sadly, Sgt. Harold Klanderman, a six-foot member of the 14th Armored Division, was killed in action on December 3, 1944 (though some records recognize his death as December 6, 1944). He was crushed when his tank rolled over onto him during combat in Wimmenau, in far eastern France. Harold was honorably interred at Epinal American Cemetery in eastern France, and was bestowed with the Purple Heart in tribute to his service.

Placing as runners-up after Rock and St. Croix counties in the 1925 state spelling bee, were entrants representing Walworth, Douglas, and Green Lake counties. Nearly all counties in Wisconsin sent a contestant to the state finals.

As for Signe, though she and Harold were of the same age, both were born in northern Wisconsin, they won the state spelling honors together, and coincidentally each got married a week apart in Minnesota in 1941, she had a far different life

Signe's parents were Pastor Ivar Poulsen Ramseth (December 28, 1876-January 12, 1959) and Bertha Amelia Mason Ramseth (October 31, 1884-March 30, 1968). She was the third of five children: Barbo Marguerite, George Paul, Signe Mildred, and future Rev. Rudolph Alfred Ramseth. The fourth child was an unnamed stillborn baby daughter born in 1914 and is buried at an unmarked grave in Luther Valley Church Cemetery.

Just one year after being born in Merrill, Signe immediately moved with her family to Luther Valley in 1913 where Pastor Ivar Ramseth served as the seventh leader of the Luther Valley Church while also conducting church services at West Luther Valley Church in rural Brodhead (now known as Bethany Lutheran Church). He also served at the Brodhead church until August 1925

The two congregations were affiliated and later separated in the 1960s. In the early morning hours of January 3, 1951, the Luther Valley Church, 7107 South Luther Valley Road in north central Newark Township, suffered a devastating fire which damaged the entire building, and was later rebuilt at the same location. Only the church safe, that contained church history paperwork, was salvaged.

During his time as pastor, Ivar saw the church gain admittance into the Norwegian Evangelical Church of America, an ornamental fence was erected around the cemetery, and many repairs at the church and at the home of the pastor, known as the parsonage.

One perk about having her dad as the church pastor was living in the stately Luther Valley Church parsonage, 6511 South Luther Valley Road, located over a mile south from the Fisher School. The parsonage, about five miles north of the church, was later heavily remodeled and now serves as a private home, while another church parsonage was built in 1952 to be closer to the church that remains today.

Between 1913 and 1925, under the direction of Pastor Ivar, the house experienced many upgrades including new siding and painting, and a hot water heater and a bathroom were installed, and the construction of a garage.

Signe's younger brother, Rudolph who later lived in Sacramento, Calif., wrote this in January 1998 about the pastor's family residence: "I have great memories of that huge house. There were 13 rooms plus an attic and a basement located on a 40-acre farm which our dad supervised, however the men of the parish put in the crops and harvested them. The farmyard included a barn, garage, and a machinery shed along with a chicken coop and a wooden windmill."

At the time of her victory, Signe was a student at the one-room Fischer School, 5618 South Luther Valley Road in southern Plymouth Township. It was built in 1854 and was named after early Luther Valley pioneer Nicholas Fischer. The school, now a private residence, closed in 1965 and was remodeled, but it still resembles an old-time schoolhouse.

Prior to returning home from her triumph, her father got a job in Waseca, Minnesota to continue as a pastor there, and also in Northfield, Minn. where she would later attend St. Olaf College.

Pastor Ivar's farewell church service was on Sunday, August 23, 1925, just ten days before Signe would have earned the state spelling bee honors on September 2. Upon moving to Minnesota, Signe completed grade school studies and then in 1929 she graduated from Waseca High School, where she excelled in chorus, glee club, hockey, was class valedictorian and president, and took part in school plays "Minstrel Chuckles" and "The Lucky Break," and if that was not enough, she served as the assistant editor of the school newspaper.

Signe attended post high school education at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota, a private liberal arts college founded in 1874, and graduated from there in 1933. She then went on to teach high school vocal studies, choir, and music appreciation in Worthington and Spring Grove, Minnesota, as well as at Mason City Junior College in Mason City, Iowa.

On May 24,1941, she became Mrs. Solomon Lyle Johnson, who was a native of Iowa, during a wedding service held at Grace Lutheran Church in Waseca that was officiated by Pastor Ivar Ramseth.

The couple had two daughters, Ingrid Adam who currently lives in Tailly, France, and the youngest Julie Hoiseth of Wayzata, Minnesota. In later years of life, after she retired in 1975, Signe enjoyed building and painting wood toy boxes and decorating wood spoons, while also dabbling in poetry.

Additionally, Signe participated in a music club and several book clubs, sewed for her grandchildren, and she directed the church choir at Trinity Lutheran Church in Mason City, Iowa, according to her daughter Julie, 77, who taught viola and violin lesson to students in the public schools and at a private studio. Signe spent the last eight years of her life near her daughter in central Minnesota.

After having a stroke on December 6, 2008, Signe died on March 13, 2009 in Wayzata, six days before her 97th birthday. She and Solomon, who passed away in 1994 and was an educator at some of the schools where Signe was employed, are interred at Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City, Iowa.

To this day, only three students from Rock County have won the Wisconsin Spelling Bee competition—Signe in 1925, followed by Eunice Mary Biggar Anders of Edgerton (1918-2003) who won in 1931; and lastly, Mary Caroline Lindmark of Milton Junction, the 1953 state champion later known as Mary Bauer (1939-2009).

While there are not many residents in the south central Wisconsin area today who were alive to have met Signe during her life, however, she surely was not forgotten this month on the centennial year anniversary of when she was the most famous girl in all of Wisconsin and surely in Luther Valley and Rock County.



Signe poses for a 90th birthday picture in 2002.

Make A Difference Day

Make A Difference Day, National Day of Doing Good, will be held on Saturday, October 25, from 9 to 11 a.m., meet at the Brodhead Fire Department. Transportation will be provided to "work sites" from the "headquarters" downtown.

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

- •Rake and clean up neighborhood yards for elderly residents
- •"Trick or Treat" around town to collect items for our local Brodhead Food Pantry
- •Tie fleece blankets for Family Promise of Green County
- •Craft bookmarks for the Brodhead Memorial Library
- •Pick up sticks and trash around area parks in Brodhead
- •Collect trash along their mile of Adopt-a-Highway
- •Write/craft notes for Veterans Day delivery
- •Braid fabric scraps into tug toys to donate to the Green County Humane Society
- •Assist with fall clean-up on school grounds, arboretum and Pearl Island
- •Sort and organize donations at the Brodhead Community Closet
- •Additional projects will be added as they come to be

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