

Brodhead District Administrator Quarterly Report

By David Novy, Brodhead School District Administrator



Each year our School Board sets priorities for the school year. Those priorities are in four specific areas: Teaching and Student Learning; Family and Community Engagement; District Culture, Wellness and Engagement; and Finance and Facilities. We use several data sources including surveys, report card data, and universal assessments to determine our priorities for the school year. I want to highlight some of our initiatives so far this school year.

Teaching and Student Learning: Our Administrative Team has been receiving ongoing training on how to be better "instructional coaches"

for our teachers. There are high-impact methods of instruction that have been proven to make a significant difference in student success. A big part of our professional development this year has been to provide our teaching staff with consistent and research-based instructional practices that we teach and expect in all classrooms. We are proud of the quality instruction our staff provides and always look for ways to improve. A big thank you goes out to our staff for ensuring our students are Learning Today For a Better Tomorrow.

Family and Community Engagement: Improving communication with our families is one of our priorities this school year. Our parent survey this past year showed that our families want more timely information from our schools regarding things like behaviors, grades, and attendance. We are emphasizing training for our office staff members on how to use our Skyward student information system to send automatic notifications on a regular basis to parents regarding these items. We continue to use our District website, District app., and social media platforms to share all the great things going on in our District. Gradually, we are providing more access to our new District policies, School Board meeting agenda and minutes, and program offerings. We feel all of these resources allow us to better communicate with families and provide information to parents and the community in a timely manner. We will be sending out our spring survey to all parents in the first part of May and value the input we receive. The results of those surveys will help us to continue with our improvement efforts.

District Culture, Wellness, and Engagement: A positive culture is an important foundation for a District. A supportive environment and positive relationships between staff and students need to be in place for other aspects of our schools to be successful. We survey our students and staff every year and use that information to help us focus our efforts in areas of need. One important thing our data has shown us is that we need to take more time to help and support our newest staff members. Brodhead received a grant this past spring, allowing us to train in-District mentors to support our newest teaching staff members. This training is through CESA 2 and is a year-long training for new staff and our Brodhead mentors. We will continue utilizing the grant going forward as we build the capacity of our current staff and provide specific and timely support for our newest staff.

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Brodhead Historical Society Genealogy Archives

Submitted by Evelyn Crooks

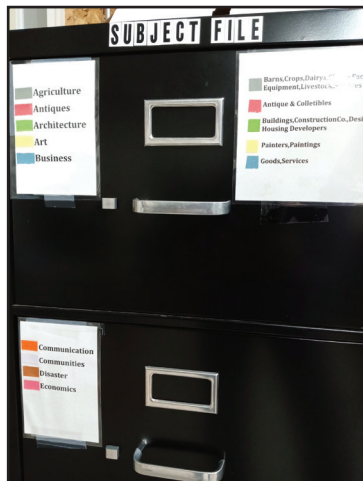
The genealogy archives within the Brodhead Historical Society Depot Museum have a variety of holdings to offer researchers. Whether you are local or from afar, we may have info to share.

The archive room is adjacent to the office area and holds a variety of materials. Are you searching for a relative, a property location, classmate, organization/club, country school or Brodhead Greenwood Cemetery burial?

Newspaper obits are alphabetized in ring notebook binders. Marriages/anniversaries are indexed in binders also. Brodhead High School yearbooks date back to the mid 1900s. A large collection of Brodhead telephone books verify someone once lived in Brodhead. Green and Rock County plat books locate a descendant's property as far back as land patents. Historical documents have been donated to the Society from area military, youth and adult organizations and clubs. A collection of history volumes offers township and family info. Original country school teacher ledgers contain insight into relative's and neighbor's early school days.

The largest collection in the archives room is the surname (family names), subject (businesses, organizations/clubs, etc.) and house addresses in filing cabinets. Special to the archives are original print Brodhead newspaper books, dating back to the 1800s.

If we can assist with your questions, please call the Brodhead Historical Society at 608-897-4150. The website includes many searchable, digital photos and other materials at <https://www.brodheadhistory.org>. The email address is info@brodheadhistory.org.



Chief Master Sergeant Jared Policastro honored

CMSgt Jared Policastro is the Fourth Air Force Fire Chief, March Air Reserve Base, California. As a principal fire manager, he provides oversight to 15 Prime Base Engineer Force Fire and Emergency Service Flights and advocates for more than 850 Airman throughout Air Force Reserve Command. CMSgt Policastro organizes and trains firefighting teams for rapid deployment in support of combat operations worldwide. He validates AFRC career field fire readiness through exercise, staff assistance visits and inspections.

CMSgt Policastro enlisted in the Air Force National Guard in February 2004 with the 115th Civil Engineer Squadron, Truax Field, Wisconsin. He attended Basic Military Training and Fire Technical School in 2004. Then in 2006, he deployed as a firefighter in support of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2008, CMSgt Policastro transferred to the 452nd Civil Engineer Squadron, March ARB, California. In 2009, he deployed as a Driver Operator and Lead Firefighter in support of IRAQI FREEDOM. In 2016, CMSgt Policastro returned to March AFB, California, as a Station Chief and in 2017 was promoted to Assistant Chief of Operations. In 2018, CMSgt Policastro deployed as the Assistant

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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. 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.

Brodhead Church of the Nazarene, 1004 13th Street. Pastor Ken Lawson. Adult worship 10-11 a.m.; children's church 10-11a.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 beginning October 6, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Nursery care is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Cookie Walk/Frosty's Workshop Event on Saturday, December 14, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall. Ecumenical Live Nativity Drive-thru Event, on Saturday, December 14, from 5:30-7 p.m. parking lot.

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

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Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. 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 Doebl. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

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

OBITUARIES



Donna J. Scheidegger

Donna J. Scheidegger, age 80, of Brodhead, passed away on Friday, November 8, 2024 at the Evansville Manor. She was born the daughter of Benart and Elva (Thostenson) Anderson on March 16, 1944. She attended Brodhead High School. Donna was united in marriage to Jerry Stabler on December 2, 1960; she was later married Levi Scheidegger in 1974.

Donna was a homemaker for most of her life. She enjoyed crocheting, her dogs, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Donna is survived by her daughters, Deb Farmer of Belvidere, and Cheryl (Bret Deremo) Buss of Orfordville; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and sister, Carol (Cliff) Goeke of Davis, Illinois.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Levi; sons: Rick Stabler and Shawn Condon; grandson, Cody Buss; and three siblings: Walt Anderson, Jerry Anderson, and Shirley Scheidegger.

A Celebration of Donna's Life will be held on Saturday, November 16, at Everson Funeral Home from 1 until 3 p.m. A private family burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead.



Bonnie Kay Sveom

Bonnie Kay Sveom, age 83, of Waukesha, Wisconsin, loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on Thursday, November 7, 2024. Bonnie, the daughter of Clifford and Fern Hawkins, was born on July 19, 1941 in Beloit, Wisconsin. She graduated from Brodhead High School in 1959.

While in high school, Bonnie met the love of her life, Robert "Dirk" Sveom, at a chance meeting on Halloween night in 1958. Dirk and Bonnie married on November 20, 1960, at the original Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brodhead.

Bonnie had a lifelong devotion to family. Even with five children of her own, she often welcomed others into their home and made them part of the Sveom family. Throughout the years, Dirk and Bonnie's farm in Vernon County became a gathering place for immediate family, extended family, and friends. With steadfast determination, Bonnie was instrumental in making the

farm a place for present and future generations to come together and continue her love of family.

Bonnie loved to travel. When she and Dirk retired, they set off on countless adventures—whether by motorcycle, cruise ship, train, or RV—traveling throughout the 50 states and making many lifelong friends along the way.

She will be dearly missed by her husband, Dirk; their five children: Stacy (Susan) Sveom, Darren Sveom, Heather (Stephen Sinnott) Sveom, Naomi (Glen) Ackley, and Trent (Christine) Sveom; 11 grandchildren: Rachelle (Ryan) Chudada, Coleen (Michael) Chapel, Allen (Nick) Sveom, Amanda (Tim) Ferris, Signe (Raul) Pliego Guadarrama, Lyndsi (Erik) Brown, Sarah Sveom, Macayli Hausmann, Kyle Lopez, Ryan Lopez, and Hannah Sveom; and seven great-grandchildren: Jaxon Chudada, Lennox Chapel, Landon Chudada, Laci Chapel, Millie Ferris, Abella Pliego Guadarrama, and Arturo Pliego Guadarrama.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Clifford and Fern Hawkins.

A visitation and funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 12, at DL Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead. The visitation was from 10-11 a.m. with the funeral service beginning at 11 a.m. Immediately following the service, the interment will be held at Avon Cemetery at 9599 S. Avon Store Road in Brodhead. A luncheon was held at the Congregational United Church of Christ, Brodhead.

Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

Advertising Deadline:
Friday, 5 p.m.



Juda Class of 1958

The Juda class of 1958 celebrated their 66th class reunion on Wednesday, October 31, 2024 at Swiss Alps in Monroe. Those in attendance were seated, left to right: Sharon (Weidman) Roth and Joyce (Ruef) Hosely; standing: Bob L. Wunschel, Wennona (Burkhalter) Reed, Richard Yaun, Beverly (Stark) Strom and Eileen (Haman) Buttk. Absent were Dennis Zimmerman, Anthony Jones and Donna (Rease) George.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

11/3—Standings: Victorious Secret won 12 lost 0, I'd Smack That 11-1, The Goon Squad 10-2, Killer Serves 7-5, The Youngins 6-6, That's What She Set 6-6, One Hit Wonders 5-7, Super Soy 4-8, Net Ninjas 4-8, All Sets Are Off 4-8, Valued Volleyers 3-9, Chewblocka 2-10.

11/10—Standings: Victorious Secret won 14 lost 1, I'd Smack That 14-1, The Goon Squad 13-2, The Youngins 8-7, Killer Serves 7-8, One Hit Wonders 7-8, Valued Volleyers 6-9, That's What She Set 6-9, Net Ninjas 5-10, All Sets Are Off 5-10, Super Soy 4-11, Chewblocka 4-11.

Stateline Women's Connection

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecraft cordially invite you to their "Friendship Builder" luncheon on Wednesday, November 20, at noon. The suggested donation is \$5 for the light lunch. The luncheon will be held at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.

The guest speaker will be Terry Snow. They will make and take Christmas decorated gift bags.

Reservations are due by Friday, November 15, by calling Marcia at 815-821-4270 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomenconnection@gmail.com.


Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Ohio State over Purdue, 45-0. Paul Clark, of Brodhead, won first place with two incorrect games. Second place was a tie with three incorrect and 45 points. The winners were Dennis Schwartz of Brodhead and Curt Elmer of Albany. Others with three incorrect were Lynette VonAllmen—42 points, Eric VonAllmen—49 points and Tom Brewer—52 points, all of Albany; and Ann Schwartz—49 points, Doug Rezner—50 points and Brian Malkow—54 points, all of Brodhead.

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It's wintertime again and the Community Closet is in need of winter items: coats, hats, gloves, boots, etc for all ages. They are also in need of boys jeans sizes. All donations can be made at the Community Closet any Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thank you for your help for our community members in need.

SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Santa uses the Brodhead Optimist Mitten Tree Project to help make Christmas special for all children in our community. This year is no exception. Anyone wishing to help Santa gather gifts for those children in need is asked to pick a set of mittens from the tree in the Bank of Brodhead lobby, or the Bank of New Glarus—Brodhead Branch lobby. As a reminder, the bank lobbies are closed on Saturdays.

Beginning Thursday, November 21, please pick up and fill out the mitten asking for your contact information and leave it in the mailbox nearby. Then take the other mitten containing the child's age, size and wish list with you. After shopping, just wrap your gift and attach the mitten with the child's info on the package and drop it off where you picked up the mitten. The gifts must be returned by Tuesday, December 10.

Happy shopping to all of Santa's helpers and thank you for participating in this great Optimist project. If you have any questions, please call 414-405-6203.

ALBRECHT ELEMENTARY PENNY WAR!

The Albrecht Elementary will hold a Penny War from Monday, November 18 to Friday, November 22. Put your spare change toward a great cause. All proceeds from the penny war fund-raiser will go to support the district's Backpack Food Program.

Thank you for the
outpouring of support

By the McIntosh Family

A year ago on November 5th, 2024, our house burned down on Park Road. This is something we never expected to happen, but it did. The other thing we never expected was the outpouring of support.

First of all, we want to thank all the volunteer Fire Fighters. The volunteer firefighter's included Albany, Brodhead, Evansville, Juda and Monticello departments. We also want to thank the Albany EMTs for their compassion and support.

Secondly, we want to thank our neighbors including Fritz, Jean, John and Laurie for being at our side shortly after it started and helping us get through it. We also want to thank Pastor Tom from Albany United Methodist Church for coming from Edgerton to support us that night. A special thanks to Rosalie Clark and Gene McIntosh for taking us in for a couple of weeks.

We also want to say how much we appreciated the outpouring of compassion from so many people in the Albany and Brodhead area. From donations at the Greenwoods State Bank, numerous gift cards including Kwik Trip, Subway, Piggly Wiggly, Speich Oil and Exxon Mobile. We also got a package from Secret Santa from Brodhead High School, money from the BHS teachers, and even had Brodhead Police Department stop by on Christmas Eve with a package for our son from an anonymous donor. Thank you to Bethlehem Lutheran for supplying us with a Thanksgiving dinner. There were a number of other donations, too numerous to include everyone, but we greatly appreciated every one of them.

And last but not least, we want to thank our congregation at Albany United Methodist Church. From finding places for our outside animals, to assisting us with washing bags of clothes that we got out of the house. Along with donation of money from the church, as well as from the Youth Group.

As of Labor Day, we are happy to say we are back in our new home. We still have a lot of work ahead of us, but it feels great to be back home. Although it was a tragic event, it has shown us that we live in a great community.

Albany Women's League
Empty Stocking project

By Teresa Blumer

The Albany Women's League/Empty Stocking project is gearing up to purchase clothing and winter apparel for kids in our community. Please help us to aid families in need as they prepare for the season and a busy school year. All monetary donations go to the Albany Women's League/Empty Stocking The Greenwoods Bank Albany location is providing this service for monetary drop off.

Coming soon The Giving Tree is an extension of the Empty Stocking with the purpose of making sure Christmas comes to children whose wishes may not be met this season. A Christmas tree will be placed in the lobby of the Greenwoods Bank/Albany with mittens specifying boy or girl and their wishes.

Thank you to all for your generosity and for purchasing gifts for kids in our community. Thank you to the Albany Public School for your dedication to your students and families.

Thank you to the Greenwoods Bank staff for providing us the help we need to continue this annual program for our community of Albany.

Any questions please call 608-558-8685.

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Quarterly
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Finance and Facilities: We are extremely excited that we passed our \$17,485,000 bond referendum last April. We have been very busy working with our contractors as the countdown for breaking ground on the project draws closer. The District improvements approved through the referendum include the following:

- Safe and secure entries in all District buildings.
- Replacement of all exterior windows in the middle school and elementary school.
- A new four year-old kindergarten addition at Albrecht Elementary School.
- Remodeling our current five year-old kindergarten rooms.
- Moving fifth grade to the middle school to help with overcrowding at the elementary school.
- Remodeling all building offices to provide better access to counseling and nursing services.
- Updating all middle school and elementary school bathrooms for ADA compliance.
- Increasing the size of the middle school cafeteria because of overcrowding issues.
- Moving the middle school band room in order to create more classroom spaces.
- Remodeling the current high school office into a designated pupil services area, additional family single bathrooms, and a new concession stand.

We will be breaking ground at both the high school and middle school in March as spring break starts in the District. The elementary school project will begin in June after the students are dismissed for the summer. It is anticipated that all high school and middle school projects will be complete for the start of the 2025-26 school year. All elementary school projects will be complete except for the 4K addition, which should be finished in December 2025. We will be providing regular updates to the community as we get closer to the start of those projects.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. My email is dnovy@brodhead.k12.wi.us. I can also be reached by phone at 608-897-2141. Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

Policastro
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Chief of Operations in support of Operation INHERENT RESOLVE. While deployed, CMSgt Policastro was promoted to Installation Fire Chief. In 2020 CMSgt Policastro was selected as the Deputy Fire Chief at March AFB, California, and later deployed as the Installation Fire Chief and Installation Senior Enlisted Leader in support of Operation ENDURING SENTINEL.

He has received the following major awards and decorations:

Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster; Air Force Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster; Army Commendation Medal; Air Force Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal; Iraqi Freedom Medal with two service stars; and Operation Inherent Resolve with service star.

CMSgt Policastro is the son of Jack and Grace Policastro of Brodhead.

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The Brodhead Fire & ice Festival will be displaying its 9th Annual Memory Tree starting Friday, December 6, 2024 at 8 a.m. at the Brodhead City Hall.

The loved one ornament will be displayed on the City Hall Christmas tree. The person's name will be displayed on the Photograph Memorial Ornament Card, in honor or in memory of that person. Just fill out the form, include \$5.00 (cash or check made out to Brodhead Chamber of Commerce) and take it directly into the Brodhead Free Press. Or you can send it by mail to the address below. Please include a return address envelope so we can return your ornament and original photo after January 2nd or pick it up at the Brodhead Free Press.

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Albany Historical Society

On Tuesday, November 19, at 7 p.m., the Albany Historical Society presents Judge James Beer of Monroe. He will be the guest speaker and his topic will be "Native American Birdstones" ancient artifacts.

Birdstones are carvings in slate or hard stone that resemble a bird. They are considered the highest art form created by prehistoric Americans, and date from approximately 2000 BC to 800 AD.

There will be a brief business meeting prior to the presentation. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the museum at 119 N. Water Street, Albany.

The public is welcome to attend, not charge to attend. Text or call 608-214-8289 for more information.



Everyone knows that what “Mama Says” is a musical number full of wisdom and wit. See if you agree with these fellas when you come see the show November 15, 16 or 17th at Brodhead High School. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

BHS to perform Footloose

Join us for an exciting performance of Footloose at Brodhead high school the third weekend of November! This show follows the story of Ren McCormack, a teenager from Chicago who moves to the small town of Bomont. There, he discovers that dancing and rock music are banned due to a tragic accident in the past. Determined to bring joy and self-expression to the town, Ren rallies his classmates to challenge the oppressive rules. With the help of his friends and the rebellious Ariel, the daughter of the local pastor, Ren fights for the right to dance and live freely. The musical is filled with energetic songs, nine of them choreographed by Madi Brown for her senior project! We would love to see those seats filled!

Performance dates are: Friday, November 15th at 7 p.m., Saturday, November 16th at 7 p.m., and Sunday, November 17th at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for adults, \$7 for students, and ages nine and under can watch for free. Tickets can either be bought ahead in the high school office or at the door the day of the show. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to each performance.

Cast members are: Erik Woodward, Kayla Perry, Simon Moore, Lily Williams, Josie Picard, Madi Brown, Brielle Engen, Peyton Jordan, Lucas Woodward, Hudson Wallin, Aubrie Yoshida, Henry Droessler, Jay Eldred, Kelsey Beward, Skyler Viti, Tyson Kraft, Isabelle Yoshida, Jenna Dougherty, Tyler Picard, Hunter Jorgenson and Matthew Nordeng.



Singing “Holding Out for a Hero” is just one of many songs that will have you singing along at the upcoming performance of Footloose. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Pictured are the 2024 Fire Prevention Contest winners from Albrecht Elementary. The pictures will be sent on to the State of Wisconsin for judging at the state level. Good Luck!

Brodhead Music Boosters Holiday Quilt Raffle

The Brodhead Music Boosters are pleased to announce that they will be raffling off a holiday quilt. The 47x61 inch quilt, ‘Snow Much Fun’, was created by the late Nancy Acker and completed with exquisite custom quilting by Eileen Daniels. Each of the 21 embroidered blocks features a snowman in a winter scene.

The quilt will be displayed at each showing of the high school musical Footloose (November 15, 16, 17), and the middle school (December 9) and high school (December 16) winter concerts. Ticket prices are: one for \$2, three for \$5, and seven for \$10. The drawing will be held Monday, December 16 at the high school winter concert; you need not be present to win.

If you wish to purchase tickets but are unable to attend one of the music events, please contact Jenny Flory, Music Booster President, at 608-558-0116, no later than noon Monday, December 16.



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From 4-H to the Olympics: Lauren O'Connor's Story of Courage and Determination

Through dedication, countless hours of hard work, and unwavering commitment, Lauren O'Connor's journey led her from showing animals in her Green County 4-H Club to earning a spot on the US Women's Olympic Rowing team at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics.

Inspired by her father's experience growing up on a farm, Lauren's parents hoped that raising and showing animals in 4-H would teach Lauren and her brother the value of responsibility. When Lauren looks back on her time in 4-H, she speaks with admiration, crediting the program for boosting her confidence, particularly in situations where she felt out of her element or needed to present herself more professionally.

As Lauren entered high school, her focus shifted toward sports like track and volleyball. She became increasingly curious about how she might continue her athletic pursuits at UW-Madison. A high school friend's encouragement led her to attend a rowing open house, and despite being completely new to the sport, she embraced the challenge. For Lauren, rowing was more than a test of physical endurance; it was a way to connect with new people. Her dedication paid off her junior year when she earned a spot on the varsity boat. Along with many other achievements, Lauren went on to compete in the 2023 US Rowing National Selection, the 2023 and 2024 World Rowing Cup, and ultimately, the 2024 Summer Olympics. She continues to train in New York on an elite rowing team and hopes to qualify again for the 2028 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles.

Lauren encourages younger 4-H members to step outside their comfort zones. She says, "4-H is where you can meet people with different skill sets that might lead you to a new interest." She emphasizes that 4-H is a valuable resource for young people to build connections, discover their passions, and explore new opportunities. Learn more about Lauren: <https://www.teamusa.com/profiles/lauren-o-connor>.

Learn how you can grow with 4-H, as a youth member or adult leader, by going to www.greencounty4h.info or by contacting Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at Extension Green County at 608-328-9440 or ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.



Lauren competed at the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, in the Women's Quadruple Sculls rowing team.

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Senior Pep Band Members
Senior pep band members recognized for their dedication and bringing energy to the halftime shows during home football games include back row, left to right: Max Pinnow, Noah Perry, Josie Picard, Princesa Santiago-Aguilar, Nikoli Stephenson, Parker Vanderpal, Dakota Day, Clayton Elliot and Josh Blum; middle row: Henry Droessler, Hunter Jorgensen, Madi Brown, Bethany Wenger, Makenna Schooff and Kyla Miller; front row: Kylee Wahler, Emily Reyes-Ramirez, Olivia Hartwig and Ava Risum.

Make A Difference

By Stephanie Tresemer
Over 120 volunteers SHOWED UP on Saturday, October 26, from 9-11 a.m.

By Stephanie Tresemer, Make a Difference Day organizer

Seeing so many grown-ups working alongside our youth to lend a hand was extraordinary! Thank you to the Brodhead Fire Department for tuse of the station as our "home base."

After volunteers checked in and enjoyed donated snacks, they helped around our community. The morning's accomplishments included the following:

- Landscaping improved at BMS with fall clean-up and planting of fall perennials
- Six bags of garbage collected from TOOL's mile of adopted highway on Highway 104
- Seven yards raked and tended to for members of our community
- Brush and invasive trees cleaned up at the Brodhead Arboretum alongside Mr. Paul Roemer
- Seven fleece blankets tied for donation to Family Promise of Green County
- A dozen tug toys braided for the Green County Humane Society
- Fall crafts decorated for donation to residents at the Brodhead Senior Village
- Bookmarks crafted for the Brodhead library

A team of two horses and a carriage, along with four tractors and wagons of volunteers, trick-or-treated around town for non-perishable items for the Brodhead Food Pantry.

"I am proud of the generosity and collective efforts of GOOD humans in our community."

Brodhead School Board Hosts Joint Board Meeting With Neighboring Districts

On Wednesday, November 6, the Brodhead School Board hosted a Joint School Board Meeting with the JAM'BS (Juda, Albany, Monticello, Black Hawk, and Brodhead) School Boards. JAM'Bs is a collaborative group of districts that work together in an effort to provide better services and supports for all members of the group.

Since JAM'BS started in 2009-10, these districts have supported each other through shared staffing, coordinating staff professional development, grant writing, co-op sports, and working together to provide college/transcripted credits for students.

Every year or two, the group gathers at one of the participating districts to learn more about the roles and responsibilities of School Board Members. The Wednesday, November 6th meeting, hosted by Brodhead, featured a presentation by Bob Butler, staff counsel from the Wisconsin Association of School Boards.



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SSM Health Makes Diaper Donation to Local Organizations

Over 3,000 diapers collected to help families in need.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group recently collected over 3,000 diapers to benefit community members served by Care Net Pregnancy Center in Monroe and Madonna Renewal Center in Freeport.

Both organizations provide pregnancy support services, family support services, development of child nurturing skills, self-sufficiency life skills and more.

This donation is the result a Community Diaper Drive led by SSM Health Monroe Hospital's Marketing and Communications, Clinic Pharmacy and Mission Action Teams.

According to Pampers, an infant uses an average of 10 diapers per day. As diaper costs have risen, this can be a major source of stress for families in need.

"It is our hope that these diapers can help reduce even a little of the stress for parents who are worried about not having supplies to keep their baby clean and dry," shared Rebecca Bordner, Marketing and Communications Consultant at SSM Health Monroe Hospital. "We are so thankful to such wonderful team and community members here who took time out of their busy days to make a difference for these families."



SSM Health team members with the over 3,000 collected diapers before delivering them to community partners.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Librarian

"Check out" what's new at the Albertson Memorial Library.

Adult Fiction: The waiting by Michael Connelly, Beyond Reasonable Doubt by Robert Dugoni, The Blue Hour by Paula Hawkins, Beach Read by Emily Henry, A Christmas Duet by Debbie Macomber, The Grey Wolf (#19 in the Armand Gamache series) by Louise Penny, Intermezzo by Sally Rooney, and Everyone This Christmas Has A Secret by Benjamin Stevenson.

Large Print: One Big Happy Family by Susan Mallery.

DVDs: Deadpool & Wolverine, Twisters.

Check out the Albertson Memorial Library Facebook page for additional information on each title.



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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

It's KNOWvember and Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library is all about our non-fiction books. Last week we learned about Melville Dewey, who gave us the Dewey Decimal System, and read about a cat named Dewey who lived in a library. Can you guess which book was fiction and which one was non-fiction? The preschoolers found the shelves with the non-fiction books. Then we used those books to learn something new about dogs, deer, and dolphins. Finally, we folded an origami dog and used markers to make spots, eyes, etc.

Next week we're learning about beavers, badgers (Go! Red!) and bison. There might even be some real beaver and badger fur to compare. It will be a story time that can't be missed! We're looking forward to meeting some new friends. We meet every Tuesday at 10 a.m., before the library officially opens, so we have the place to ourselves.

Please join us!

Monday Night Mixed League
11/4—High series: Tyson Foster 790, Ryan Flood 710, Denny Schultz 7007. High games: T. Foster 287, Robert Murray 267, R. Flood 258. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,094 and series 3,090. **Standings:** Beloit Chiropractic won 38 lost 25, Fosters Gaming 36-27, Broughton's Bar 33-30, Center Tavern 31.5-31.5, Bartelt 26-37, Albany Lanes 24.5-38.5.

Wednesday Night Ladies
11/6—High series: Jen Cole 548, Kari Johnson 509, Zoe Krattiger 459, Jessica Holtsapple 443, Darcy Stephenson 441. High games: J. Cole 208, Z. Krattiger 188, K. Johnson 181, J. Holtsapple 170, Alice Patchen 167. Crystal's Team-high team game 598. Albertson's-high team series 1,780. **Standings:** Albertson's won 43 lost 20, Glenn-Ann Ladies 42-21, Stables Bar & Grill 35-28, General Store 27-36, Crystal's Team 23-40, Larson Acres 19-44.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies
11/7—High series: Debbie Williams 424, Betty Helwig 413, Becky Riese 407. High games: B. Helwig 188, Sheryl Johnson 167, D. Williams 163. Nolte's Garage-high team game 574 and series 1,553. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 50 lost 27, Nolte's Garage 47-30, Knutes 44-33, Mike's Flooring 42-35, Ball's Installation 39-38.

Thursday Night Mixed
11/7—High series: Brandon Bayrhofer 708, Robert Murray 703, Boomer Detra 653, Tim Golz 636. High games: R. Murray 279, B. Bayrhofer 273, Austin Heath 266, T. Golz 245. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team game 1,072 and series 2,962. **Standings:** Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 43 lost 27, Albany Lanes 38-32, Attica Bar 37-33, Glenn Ann Holsteins 33-27, Golz Electric 33-37, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 26-44.

Brodhead Juniors
11/9—High series—boys: Ashton Hale 633, Parker VanderPal 587, Casey Johnson 429, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 413, Tristan Modaff 348, Evan Johnson 330. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 236, A. Hale 228, C. Johnson 162, A. Ramirez-Vogel 152, T. Modaff 128, E. Johnson 114. **High series—girls:** Kylee Wahler 477, Taylor Sauer 372, Kelsee Brugger 353, Aubrie Bartelt 340, Lilly Johnson 253, Emma Welbig 211. High games—girls: K. Wahler 178, T. Sauer 134, K. Brugger 122, A. Bartelt 121, E. Welbig 89, L. Johnson 88.

Brodhead Early Rollers
11/9—High games: Abigail Fenwick 78.

Brodhead Youth
11/9—High series: Jack Norris 181, Carter Fenwick 174, Jayse Bennett 133, Jaxson Brewer 74, Thorin Perrin 64, Ayla Brugger 160, Keira Shrader 77, Kinslee Brewer 74, Amelia Fenwick 37, Stella Brugger 35. High games: J. Norris 95, C. Fenwick 94, J. Bennett 86, T. Perrin 45, J. Brewer 39, A. Brugger 85, K. Shrader 49, K. Brewer 40, S. Brugger 23, A. Fenwick 23.

Saturday Night Live Mixed
11/9—High series: Eric Woodruff 549, Cruz Creuzer 538, Jason Shrier 497, Dana Harper 424, Rachel Brown 401, Sara Sandwick 391. High games: E. Woodruff 212, C. Creuzer 187, J. Shrier 180, R. Brown 160, D. Harper 158, S. Sanwick 148. Albany Lanes-high team game 663 and series 1,947. **Standings:** Steel Rain won 19 lost 9, Split Happens 17-11, Center of Attention 14-14, Albany Lanes 6-22.

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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department November 4-10, 2024

At 5:08 p.m., Thursday, deputies along with BHFD and BH EMS, responded to the N500 block of CTH G, Town of Spring Grove, for car vs tree accident. Investigations found that the driver, Cesar Salgado, 22, of Brodhead, was southbound on CTH G, when he swerved to avoid a deer in the roadway. Salgado reported no injuries, reported wearing his seat belt, and there was a combination of airbags. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.



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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Regular School Board Meeting
November 13, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Juda School Den (Old Library)
N2385 Spring St.

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

The policy committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Office Conference Room.

The finance committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order by President Pflingsten

II. Roll Call
Dennis Pflingsten
Pat Daniels Jen Brooks
Laura Powers Courtney Martins
Jessica Matzke Rustin Whitney

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Proof of Notice

V. Acceptance of Agenda

VI. Open Forum

VII. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion; however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on October 9, 2024
2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
5. Donations (Action)

VIII. WASB Honor Roll Recognition: Discussion/Action

IX. Reports
1. School Staff/Student Report
•New staff
•Exchange student
2. School Board President's Report
•State Convention in Milwaukee—January 22-24, 2025
•Review of joint board meeting
•Board candidate timelines
•Board development survey
3. Administrator Report
•Staffing updates
•Special Education audit (Procedural Self-Compliance Audit-PSCA)
•Strategic Plan
•Review of events/Upcoming events
•Other updates as necessary
4. Park and Recreation District Report

X. Referendum updates: Discussion/action
•Review of election results
•Future project planning

XI. Policy Review Update:

XII. Five Minute Recess

XIII. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)

XIV. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary

XV. Meeting Review and Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
•December 11, 2024

XVI. Adjournment

11/13/2024

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Learn about the Center for Learning in Retirement

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

Have you ever thought about writing a novel, getting healthy and fit, mastering a new technology, learning more about American history, or exploring other cultures and religions?

Then please join us Saturday, November 16, at 10 a.m. at the Durand Library to enjoy a 30-minute presentation on the benefits of being a member of the Center for Learning in Retirement (CLR), a program of Rock Valley College. Brad Keyes, a member of the CLR team, will be the speaker.

Maybe you wonder about navigating “the system” as a senior, how to live as a mature single, or finding purpose in retirement. Now that you have more time for yourself, wouldn't you enjoy day trips or overnights to places of interest, information about traveling in other countries, or meeting people with similar interests?

Or maybe you want to discover more about yourself, your future, or your community. Take advantage of the many exciting lifelong learning opportunities CLR has to offer!

Classes are offered on a wide range of topics for a nominal fee: arts and crafts, computer training, finance, fitness, health and wellness, history, humanities, religion, science and nature, social sciences, special interests and hobbies.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and learn about CLR, this is a great opportunity for the student in all of us to keep learning and stay active.

The Library Collection is Growing

Please check last week's Volunteer or the library Facebook page to see a listing of the several titles just added to the library in the past week. And remember that there are several large print books for those who find them easier to read.

About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between Durand School and the Friends of the Durand Library, a 501 (c)(3) organization. Residents of the Durand School District enjoy checkout privileges, and everyone is invited to all library programs.

Library hours are Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon. Entry is at the east or playground end of the school building. Just follow the paved walkway, signs are posted. For more information about library programs or general questions about the library please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or visit [FB.com/durandvillagelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary).



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State Land Judging Contest Held

Blackhawk Technical College was the host of the 2024 Wisconsin State Land Judging Contest held Wednesday, October 9. Those participating were FFA students from Argyle, Bay Port, Beaver Dam, Black Hawk, Cassville, Cochrane-Fountain City, Cuba City, DeForest, Dodgeville, Elkhorn, Fennimore, Hudson, Juda, Lake Mills, Lancaster, Milton, Monticello, Mt. Horeb, Pectonica, Platteville, Potosi, Prairie du Chien, Riverdale, River Ridge, Scales Mound, Seneca, Shullsburg, Spooner, Sun Prairie East, and Sun Prairie West. There was a total of 203 students from 30 schools.

The students traveled to the Roger and Cheri Johnson farm, located west of Juda. The students reviewed four soil pits and determined the position in landscape, slope of the field, determined type and degree of erosion or if there was deposition, evaluated soil properties, such as texture, structure, and drainage, estimated slope, ranked land classes, observed soil limitations, checked for invasive species, and recommended conservation practices.

The senior results are as follows: Top individual was Isaiah Groom of Potosi, second place went to Colton Nyman of Monticello, third was Carter Bierman of Potosi, fourth was Ryan Stoney of Potosi, and fifth went to Emily Retallick of Cassville. In team results, Potosi placed first, Monticello second, Cassville third, Black Hawk fourth, and Prairie du Chien fifth. The top five teams qualified for the national land judging contest, to be held next April in Oklahoma.

The junior results are as follows: Top individual was River Sahr of Potosi, second place went to Aaron Edge of Potosi, third was Reid Stalsberg of Fennimore, fourth was Tegan Griswold of Fennimore, and fifth went to JP Scanlan of Fennimore. In team results, Potosi placed first, Fennimore second, Monticello third, Milton fourth, and Black Hawk fifth.

Thank yous go to Rufer and Son and Brent Wollin for digging the pits for the contest. Jeff Deniger of the Natural Resources Conservation Service was the official judge of the contest. Todd Jenson of Green County Land and Water Conservation was in charge of running the contest. Jason Thomas of the Natural Resources Conservation Service and members of their state office staff were pit bosses during the contest. Insight FS provided a \$2500 sponsorship that covered the cost of awards and travel stipends to the teams going to the national contest. Monson Septic sponsored a porta potty. Diane Morgan and Ken Engelke, state FFA CDE coordinators, managed the scoring room. Green County Land and Water Conservation sponsored lunch for the scorers. Blackhawk Technical College students and staff helped throughout the contest. Dusty Williams of Blackhawk Tech did the introductions at the beginning of the contest and handed out the awards at the end of the contest. Thanks also to the 20 plus retired Agriculture instructors from southern WI and Ag ED students from UW Platteville who helped score the contest. And of course, a big thank you to Roger and Cheri Johnson for agreeing to be the host farm for the contest.

Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival: A Holiday Tradition Returns!

Get ready to kick off the holiday season with a bang at the annual Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival! Presented by Bridges Bar and Grill, this beloved event will take over downtown Brodhead on the first weekend of December, promising fun for the whole family. From stunning ice sculptures to a festive holiday parade, there's something for everyone to enjoy at this magical celebration.

Dates: Friday, December 6th–Saturday, December 7th

Location: Downtown Brodhead

Experience the enchantment of expertly crafted ice sculptures and the fiery glow of mesmerizing fire twirlers. They'll light up the crisp winter night and create a magical atmosphere all around you. Stop by the Business Center for a photo with Santa, where Mitchell Covert Exit

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Sponsored by Bullwinkle's Coffee and More and Mitchell Covert Exit Realty, horse-drawn carriage rides will take you on a festive journey through downtown, where you can enjoy the twinkling lights and the holiday magic.

The highlight of the weekend is the Senz and Redieske Lighted Parade, a spectacular event that will light up the streets with dazzling floats, festive music, and plenty of holiday cheer.

You'll also find unique gifts from local artisans and vendors as you shop in downtown Brodhead. Cozy up by the fire pits and roast marshmallows or hot dogs while taking in the winter evening atmosphere. For those seeking a little adventure,

there's the Frozen T-Shirt Contest, where you can test your skills and patience for a chance to win some cool prizes!

Saturday morning, head to Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Brodhead Jaycees, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Three Water Reserve. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal and snap a photo with Old Saint Nick.

This year's event will also feature live music, delicious food and drinks, and tons of activities for all ages. Don't miss out on the fun—visit BrodheadFireAndIce.com for more details and to register for contests, the memory tree, and the lighted parade.

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