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Understanding School Property Taxes in the Brodhead School District

By David Novy,
District Administrator,
Brodhead School District

As property tax bills arrive across the Brodhead School District, residents may notice an increase in the school district portion of their tax bill. This article explains why taxes increased and how the school district's portion of individual tax bills are determined.

What is a Revenue Limit?

In Wisconsin, revenue limits control school spending growth and ensure equity across districts. A revenue limit sets the maximum general fund revenue a district may collect from State aid and local property taxes.

• State funding (general aid) is applied first, reducing the amount a district must raise locally.

• The remaining amount is collected through local property taxes.

Revenue Limit Increase and 2025-26 Budget

This year, Brodhead School District's per-pupil revenue limit increased by \$325, continuing the adjustment from the 2023-25 Wisconsin Biennial Budget. Districts across the State of Wisconsin made the assumption that State aid would increase as in past years when preparing their budgets, guiding plans for staffing and essential programs.

State Aid Shortfall

Instead, the Brodhead School District received \$391,098 less in State aid than in 2024-25 (a 4.46% decrease) than anticipated. Many Wisconsin districts experienced similar reductions: revenue limit increases without the expected State funding. The shortfall was made up through local property taxes, increasing the burden on homeowners.

Effect of Increased Equalized Property Values

In addition to revenue limit and State aid changes, equalized

property values across the District increased 8.96%. Because school taxes are based in part on assessed property values, this increase in total property value was one of the contributing factors to higher taxes across the District.

How Are School Taxes Determined?

The District sets the total levy for each municipality to meet the revenue limit after State aid. Municipalities then collect taxes from property owners based on the assessed value of their property relative to the total assessed value in the municipality.

• Assessors determine market value for each property.

• Municipalities calculate each property owner's share of the levy.

• Differences in assessed values, both within and between municipalities, mean tax bills vary even for similar homes.

• The timing of assessments affects taxes: properties assessed more recently at higher ratios of market value will pay more than similar homes assessed earlier at lower ratios.

Example: How Assessment Timing Affects School Taxes.

The mill (tax) rate in the Brodhead School District is \$7.45 per \$1,000 of assessed value. School taxes are calculated based on assessed value, which may differ from current market value depending on when the property was last assessed.

Property A

- Market value: \$250,000
- Last assessed at 90% of market value—Assessed value = \$225,000
- School Tax = $(225,000 \div 1,000) \times 7.45 = \$1,676.25$

Property B

- Market value: \$250,000
- Last assessed at 100% of market value—Assessed value = \$250,000
- School Tax = $(250,000 \div 1,000) \times 7.45 = \$1,862.50$

Bottom Line:

Even though both homes have the same current market value, Property A pays less because its assessed value is based on an earlier assessment at 90% of market value. This shows how assessment timing

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and ratios, along with the mill rate, determine actual tax bills. Periodic revaluations help ensure taxes remain proportional to current market values across the District.

Why Individual Tax Bills Differ

Even with one total levy per municipality, differences occur because:

• Property values vary across homes.

• Assessments within municipalities are not identical.

• Property value growth differs between municipalities.

These factors explain why home-

owners with similar market values may pay different school taxes.

Looking Ahead

The District continues to operate within its revenue limit, manage spending responsibly, and provide quality education. It will advocate for predictable and equitable State funding, so future revenue limit increases are shared fairly between the State and local taxpayers.

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—Jim Paul

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

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United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. In-person worship at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

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OBITUARIES



Jeannie Manion

September 25, 1941 – January 7, 2026

Jeannie Manion, age 84, passed away peacefully on January 7, 2026. She was born on September 25, 1941, in Madison, Wisconsin, to Shirley and Grace Morrison. Jeannie was raised in Madison and graduated from Central High School.

On November 12, 1960, Jeannie married the love of her life, Darrel Manion. Together they shared 65 wonderful years of marriage, building a life rooted in love, family, and hard work.

Jeannie worked at the Oregon Girl's School and at Rocky's—where she happily combined work with her love of their pizza—but her main calling was helping on the family farm, where her dedication and strong work ethic were evident every day.

Jeannie loved bowling and spent many years coaching her daughter's softball team, sharing her competitive spirit, patience, and encouragement with countless young players. She was also an active and devoted member of Alcoholics Anonymous, where she helped many people through their journeys, turning fellow members into lifelong friends and supporting others as they fought—and won—their battles.

Jeannie was especially known for her incredible cooking. While she tried to pass those talents down to her children, she often joked that her cooking skills skipped a generation. Her meals, however, remain a cherished memory for all who gathered around her table.

She is survived by her loving husband of 65 years, Darrel; her daughter, Shirley (Lyle) Poch; her son, Philip (Sarah) Manion; her grandchildren: Loni (Ryan) Hefner, Ashley Manion, and Katie (Austin) Kinman; her great-grandchildren: Kara, Kaydence, Abby and Raylan; and several great-granddogs who brought her much joy.

Jeannie was preceded in death by her parents, Shirley and Grace Morrison; her father- and mother-in-law, Ray and Orpha Manion; her brother, Don; her sister, Alice; her nephews, Don and Jim; and her beloved grandson, Ray, whom she loved dearly.

Jeannie will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all whose lives she touched with her kindness, strength, humor, and generosity.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.



Mahlon "Mac" Frie

Mahlon "Mac" Edward Frie, age 89, Brodhead, passed away on January 8, 2026, at Monroe Health Services, Monroe, Wisconsin. Mac was born on August 16, 1936, in Argyle, Wisconsin, to Edward and Marjorie Frie.

Mac met the love of his life Verla Wahl in his teens, and they got married at age 16 in 1953. They were married until Verla passed away in 1988. He graduated from Brodhead High School in 1955. After graduation, Mac worked on farms and started his own milk truck business, Mahlon Frie Trucking. He dedicated his life to his business, finally selling the company at age 81. Mac married Enid Taylor in 1996, and they were married for 19 years until she passed away in 2015.

He was known for always having a toothpick in his mouth. Mac enjoyed going to McDonald's with the old timers to get his morning coffee and playing euchre at the senior center with his loving companion Virginia Schliem. He was a proud fire fighter for Brodhead Fire Department for 40+ years. Mac was a lifelong member of the Brodhead United Methodist Church.

Mac is survived by his son, Matthew (Art) Frie; companion, Virginia Schliem and family; stepdaughters: Amy Taylor and Ann (Bob) Brown; grandchildren: Joey and Madi Brown; brother, Milo (Karen) Frie; brothers-in-law: Donald (Brenda) Wahl and Dick Nimz; sisters-in-law: Carol Ann (John) Paulson, Lorraine (Norman) Williams, Karen (Gene) Bass, and Kathy (Ed) Schlappi; special niece, Dani Jo, who watched over Mac; many other nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Mac is preceded in death by his first wife; his second wife; his parents; daughter, Michelle Frie; son, Mahlon Frie II; brothers: Robert Frie and Ernie Frie; sisters: Lucy Nipple, Dee Cory and Marie Reavis. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, January 15, at 11:30 a.m., at Brodhead United Methodist, 501 1st Center Ave, Brodhead. A visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of service. A private family graveside will take place after the service.

A special thank you to Mac's caregivers, Janet Hoff and James Tucker. D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home is assisting the family.

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The Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Tuesday afternoon youth basketball program for boys and girls in second and third grade, from 3-4:15 p.m. in the elementary school gym for six weeks, beginning in February and ending in March—February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and March 3rd, 10th. This program will teach basic skills and fundamentals.

Forms are available at the Elementary School and at the City Hall, or on the City of Brodhead Website <http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>.

The cost is \$30, which includes a T-shirt. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by 8 a.m. on Friday, January 23rd. Gym shoes are required. Checks can be made payable to the Brodhead Pool and Rec Dept. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Graves at 608-897-2159.

Brodhead Optimists Once Again Offer Essay and Oratorical Contests Great Prize Money

Students under the age of 19, are invited to speak their minds through a written essay entitled "How My Acts of Service Help Me Understand What My Community Means to Me" to win cash prizes at the local and district levels of Optimist International for the school year 2026! Just pick up an application from Brodhead middle and high schools, the library, or Wendy Backes (wendybackes1966@gmail.com) and you're on your way! Applications and essays are due back by Monday, January 26th, 2026 to the place where you picked up your application.

Students, the Oratorical Contest has even bigger prize money available. You must be under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2025, and create a speech that lasts between four and five minutes on the topic of "The Moment I Realized I Belonged—My Definition of Community". Pick up your application at the middle school, high school or library as soon as possible and return by Monday, January 5th to secure your space!

The Optimist Club will judge the students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Winners will receive cash awards and the winning speeches will be sent to the Zone Level, and possibly the District Level for the opportunity to win college scholarships. Winners of the District Level will be eligible to compete in a regional contest in St. Louis, Missouri, at St. Louis University. Winners of the regional contests will compete in the World Championship also held at Saint Louis University. Students could possibly win up to \$22,500 in scholarships!

"As they prepare for their future, many of our local students need experience expressing their thoughts and opinions to an audience," Club President Gloria Sutter said. "The Oratorical Contest challenges them to do just that and also offers an opportunity for scholarships. In this way, our club hopes to bring out the best in each of them and help them achieve their goals for the future."

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dieckhoff at christidee@litewire.net or 608-558-5828 and she will help you.

Toy Drive

Spencer Dunlavy is sponsoring a Toy Drive for his senior project. He will donate the toys to UW Health-Kids, American Family Children's Hospital. Donations will be accepted through Monday, January 19. Scan the QR code to view and order from Amazon wishlist or drop off at Brodhead Memorial Public Library. Donation guidelines: all donated items must be new and from a smoke-free environment.



"Sweet Treats" luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecroft cordially invite you to their "Sweet Treats" luncheon on Wednesday, January 21, at noon. The cost is \$15. The luncheon will be held at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Road 81, Monroe.

The guest speaker is Gina Stanley of Neenah, Wisconsin—Tips for Health Living. She is an ICU nurse who will share health tips she has learned from her patients. The Local Spotlight is Chocolate Temptation, Espresso and Chocolate Bar.

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

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Walking Through Grief is an eight-week grief support group open to those ages 18+ who have experienced the death of someone special. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. from February 4 to March 25 at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th Street in Monroe.

Seating is limited, and registration is requested. Attendance at all sessions is highly recommended. There is no charge to attend.

Those interested can register for the group online at ssmhealth.com/classes.

For more information or to register over the phone, please call SSM Health at Home at 608-324-1143.

Basketball contest

The highest scoring game was the girls' Edgerton vs. Columbus, 84-23. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Brian Malow, Brodhead, with all the correct games and 84 points. The following also had all the correct games: Tom Brewer—83 points, Lynette VonAllmen—82 points, Eric VonAllmen—80 points, all of Albany; and Doug Rezner—77 points, Brodhead.

Luther Valley Church to host Comedian Nazareth

On Saturday, January 24, at 6 p.m., Luther Valley will host the award-winning Comedian Nazareth. He is the founder of Laughter for All, author, pod caster and a marathon runner. His ministry brings laughter and encouragement to hundreds of thousands nationwide.

Nazareth's devotion to encouraging people through the art of comedy sets his apart from most comedians. His desire to see his audience forget their stresses and fears propels him to strive to be the best comedian he can be.

The event is FREE, but reservations are encouraged by calling 608-371-7208 and leaving a voicemail or by emailing IVcomedian2026@gmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Plan to join them for an evening of laughter and fun with Comedian Nazareth on Saturday, January 24!



Bicknell Lodge No. 94

Bicknell Lodge No. 94 installed their 2026 officers on Monday, December 8. Front row, from left: District 9 Deputy Patrick J. Garvin, Installing Master; Duane Huber, Junior Deacon; Bob Barnett, Chaplain; Mel Wolter, Secretary/Treasurer; Leroy Huber, Master; Barry Sauer, Steward; Bill Kayser, Tiler. Back row: Brian Duoss, Installing Marshal; Mark Nelson, Installing Junior Warden; Scott Wagner, Junior Warden; Dave Renley, Senior Warden; Mike Nelson, Installing Senior Warden.

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Parkview/ Albany Wrestling

By Joel Steinmann

A lot of miles traveled this week for the wrestlers starting on Tuesday, January 6th, the team traveled to Rio for a conference quad meet with Rio/Cambria-Fresland/Fall River/Randolph, Princeton/Greenlake, and Wayland Academy. On Friday, January 9th, the girls traveled to Mauston for a tournament and on Saturday the 10th the JV boys went to Evansville for the JV state qualifier while the varsity boys and girls headed south of the border to compete at the 62nd annual Polo invite.

Conference quad 2-1 as a team beating Rio 36-30 and Wayland Academy 42-6 and losing to Princeton/Greenlake 29-48. Balin Lacy (150-157), Tavin Bomkamp (150-157), Elijah Gunn (165-175) and Peter Roth (175-190) going 3-0. Rylan Aasen (215) and Jagger Wilke (285) going 2-1. Caleb Flint (120) and Chase Meyers (157-165) finished the night 1-2.

Friday, January 9th, the girls traveled north to the Mauston invite with over 160 girls wrestling made

for a long and tough night. The sister dual of Serenity Pautsch (126) and Avigale Pautsch (132) wrestled tough and both went 2-2 on the night.

Saturday, January 10th, all three groups were on the mat. The JV boys traveled to Evansville for the JV state qualifier to try to earn the right to make it to JV State, which you have to finish in the top three to do so. Rylan Aasen at (215) placed third and was 5-1 on the day. Case Cudney (285) placed fifth and was 3-2. Chase Meyers (157) placed seventh and was 2-2. The varsity boys and girls headed south of the border to Polo to compete against schools from Illinois and Iowa in a 16 team invite; placing 10th with 71 team points. Tavin Bomkamp (150) 4-0 placing first. Peter Roth (175) 3-1 placed third, Elijah Gunn (165) 2-2 and placed fourth. Balin Lacy (144) and Jagger Wilke (285) both wrestled tough matches but did not place. On the girls side Serenity Pautsch (125) 2-1 and placed third and Avigale Pautsch (135) 1-2 and placed fifth.

The wrestlers will be back on the mat for a home quad against Johnson Creek, Dodgeland and Palmyra-Eagle on Thursday, January 15th wrestling to start 6 p.m. We will

have parents' night before the meet and we will also be recognizing Wes Egan for his state championship last season. Then on Saturday the girls will head to Milwaukee and the boys will head to Weston for the Weston-Ithaca invite.



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BHS WALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Brodhead High School is pleased to accept nominations for alumni who have brought honor to our community as one of Brodhead's "Shining Stars". Nominations will be considered for any person who graduated from Brodhead High School. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, January 30, 2026. They are looking for people who have gone on to achieve outstanding academic accomplishments, have served our community or country in truly outstanding ways, have received national or state recognition for excellence in some area, or have gone on to demonstrate excellence within their vocation.

Candidates selected for the "Wall of Fame" will be awarded a plaque at a ceremony on Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. A second plaque with their photo and a profile of their accomplishments will be placed forever on Brodhead High School's Wall of Fame for the students and public to view.

Please send nominations to Wall of Fame Committee, Attn: Mr. James Matthys, Brodhead High School, 2501 W. 5th Ave, Brodhead, WI, 53520.

Name of person nominated

Year of graduation from Brodhead High School

Please list accomplishments of person being nominated or reason for nomination

Name of person submitting this nomination

Phone and address



Annelise Bethke reaches for the opening tip-off in the game against Bellville last Tuesday. The first half saw both teams struggle offensively. Brodhead led 14-10 at the half and the Cards hung on to win 48-35 over the visiting Wildcats. Allie Dahl and Gretchen Kammerer led their team. Their meeting against Jefferson on Thursday resulted in a hiccup as Brodhead got off to a slow start resulting in a 43-37 loss. Making 4-of-18 from the charity stripe contributed to the loss. Dahl led the Cardinals with 10 points. Next week the girls traveled to East Troy on Tuesday and travel to Monroe on Friday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Cards wrestling

Wrestling was home on Tuesday hosting Evansville. Thursday, the team will host a meet at Juda High School with BigFoot/Williams Bay and Blackhawk/Shullsburg. Saturday they will travel to River Valley.



By Sarah Carpenter

The Brodhead Memorial Public Library has plenty happening as we settle into the new year, including exciting updates for book lovers, crafters, and community supporters.

Our book clubs are gearing up for great discussions in the coming months. Books and Brews is currently reading *In Five Years* by Rebecca Serle and will meet on Wednesday, January 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Bridges Bar and Grill. The Brodhead Book Club is reading the classic *Little Women* by Louisa May Alcott and will gather on Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m. at the library—copies are available now for those who want to get a head start.

We're adding a little extra flavor to our book club lineup with a brand-new adult group called The Spice Rack. This 18+ book club is for readers who enjoy stories with a bit more heat and plenty to talk about. The first meeting will take place on Saturday, January 24, at 11 a.m., and we'll kick things off with brunch and a casual discussion on what members want this new club to look like. Come hungry, bring an open mind, and be ready for lively conversation. This group is for adults only—no exceptions.

Creative adults are invited to join Chatty Crafties for their first event of the year on Monday, January 26. Participants will be making decoupage plaques with pressed flow-



Lucas Keating put up the first 3-point shot to get the Cards rolling against BigFoot last Friday. Brodhead had a strong defensive start with steals and rebounding. Leading most of the first half, the score at the break was knotted at 23 for both teams. The Chiefs came out hot in the second to clinch the 54-40 victory. Brodhead shot 69% from the stripe. Searls, scoring 20 points, led the Cards. Brodhead will face East Troy on Thursday at home.

In their game against St Ambrose last Tuesday, Braylon Strehlow scored 14 points in the non-conference game. The halftime score, 26-29, gave the Guardians the edge. The second half was a thriller. In the final seconds, Sam Searls swishes the ball through from long range to tie the game at 48 all. This was a tight game to the bitter end with St Ambrose dropping in the winning bucket to achieve a 55-53 in overtime. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

ers. Registration is required and can be completed by calling the library or signing up through our website.

Finally, the Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library will hold their next meeting on Monday, February 2, at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend and take part in discussions about fund-raising and other ways to support the library and its services.

We look forward to seeing you at the library soon!

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Fridays: Promises Group, Orfordville Lutheran, 210 Main Street, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Any questions call 608-751-5684 or visit www.rockcoaa.net.



By Laura Roth,
Children's Librarian

It was snow globes and snowballs at Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time last week. Snow! Snow! Snow! was the chant led by the book *We Want Snow* (by Swenson). Pretty appropriate now that the snow has all melted. But the best story was *Snow Globe Family* (by O'Connor), about two families wanting to play in the snow, one inside the snow globe, of course! The preschoolers built a snowman inside a clear plastic ball, added some fake snow. Voila! A snow globe of their very own! The day ended with a giant snowball throwing contest, complete with a snowball fight!

Next week the *Toys Meet Snow* (by Jenkins), a story about a buffalo and his friends who desperately want to learn about snow. Other buffalo-related stories will follow, including *There's a Bison Bouncing on My Bed* (by Bright). Everyone will make a buffalo in the snow, and finish the day with a buffalo puzzle to take home. What FUN!

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. for a fun, energetic, creative good time. Won't you join us? We'd love to meet a new friend or two!



Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Jerks in Chicago 1950-2000

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

During the third and final part of the series about "jerks" in Chicago this past Saturday, those in attendance had a lot of grim stories from the not so distant past to take in. There were the mobsters, of course, brutal people who killed seemingly without a second thought. And the city officials responsible for torture and subsequent deaths. Not to overlook the infamous serial killer and the mass murderer who put Chicago in the national news.

There were also a few lawyers in that period who lost whatever morals and integrity they may have once possessed. Most were elected officials who sullied their public service with crimes of bribery and corruption as well as deliberate ignorance of police abuse. Not all were convicted despite the heinous nature of their crimes.

There was also a list of (Dis)Honorable Mentions who all had one thing in common, their crimes involved money in one way or another: mail fraud, bribery, racketeering, extortion, misusing campaign funds. Jokes about license plates being made by governors in prison strike home when we learn that there were actually four of them: Otto Kerner, Dan Walker, George Ryan and Rod Blagojevich.

We should not overlook other highly placed political figures: Jesse Jackson Jr., U.S. Congressman; Barbara Byrd-Bennet, CEO of Chicago Public Schools; Michael Madigan, longtime Speaker of the House. All their crimes had to do with money, misuse of funds, bribery you name it.

Due to the number of jerks and the extent of their criminal behavior, this is but a brief summary of what was covered in this fascinating but disturbing talk by speaker Brad Keyes.

John Wayne Gacy was the child of an abusive, alcoholic father and was responsible for the death of 33 young men over a period of time. His crimes went beyond murder, as there was evidence of sexual exploitation and worse. His trial in 1980 took place in Chicago but jurors were brought there from Rockford as Gacy's attorney argued he could not get a fair trial in the city. Gacy was convicted of murder and died by lethal injection.

Richard Speck, another troubled soul, killed eight young nurses one by one in 1966 with a single knife. One nurse survived by hiding under a bed in their dormitory and she was able to identify him by a tattoo on his arm. He was sentenced to life in prison and died there at the age of 50.

Tony Accardo and Sam Giancana were mobsters, the former who expanded operation to Las Vegas and modified the brothel scheme by creating "call girls." Giancana was actually recruited by the CIA to assassinate Fidel Castro. He was not successful there but did share a mistress or two with John F. Kennedy. They were enterprising mobsters and spread their criminal activity to Louisiana as well as Las Vegas.

The Daley's, father and son, ruled Chicago for decades. The father, Richard J. Daley, ruled the city for 21 years. He was responsible for the police riot during the 1968 Democratic Convention. His control



over the Democratic Party in Cook County gave him enough influence to play a strong role in JFK's election in 1960. He divided black and white communities with interstate highways and created slums and ghettos with the poor housing practices he instituted.

His son, Richard M. Daley, elected in 1989, served as mayor for 22 years. He ordered the carving of large "xes" in Mies Field. His reason for sabotaging the airfield was not clear. Neither son nor father were convicted of any crimes, but they bullied and controlled the city and its employees for their own in-

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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department January 5-11, 2025

At 8:54 p.m., Sunday, deputies responded to the 300 block of E. Highland Avenue, in the Village of Monticello for a report of two male individuals in the street yelling and fighting. Deputies investigation resulted in Zachary E. Henry, 28, of Albany, being cited for having open intoxicants in a vehicle. Timothy L. Rock, 28, of Monticello, was cited for disorderly conduct. Both parties received non-mandatory court dates. Monticello EMS and Green County EMS also assisted on the call.

Durand Library (Continued from page 6)

Ed Burke and Ed Vrdolyak locked arms to create a voting block, which crippled then Mayor Harold Washington's ability to govern. Both were convicted of crimes all related to money, fraud, bribery etc. Burke had people working in his law office who were on the city payroll. Despite their efforts, Mayor Washington was elected to a second term; however he died at his desk of a heart attack in 1987 early in his second term.

Edward Hanrahan, Cook County States attorney, ordered the slaughter of several Blank Panther members in a midnight raid on their apartment. An investigation found that more than 100 shots had been fired and several members killed or wounded. The Blank Panthers were a social welfare organization but were painted by some as violent extremists. Hanrahan was charged with planting false evidence and obstruction of justice. He was acquitted but lost all subsequent elections in which he ran.

Perhaps the worst atrocity in the City's modern history was the routine beatings and torture authorized by Jon Burge, a detective and commander of his precinct, to extract false confessions. This was primarily directed at young black males. Richard J. Daley, who was then Cook County State's Attorney, ignored evidence of and complaints to investigate this abuse of police power. Civil suits finally brought the police brutality to light but the

Brodhead School District Notice of Vacancy Varsity Head Cheer Coach

Brodhead High School has an opening for a Varsity Head Cheer Coach. Position starts August 1, 2026. Please contact Athletic Director Brian Kammerer for questions or inquiries at 608-897-2141 or bkammerer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Job description available upon request and application forms may be picked up in the District Office located at Brodhead High School or are available on the District website at www.brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Application deadline is January 30, 2026.

Brodhead School District is an equal opportunity employer.

Notice



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Regular School Board Meeting
January 14, 2025, 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 considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

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

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order by President Pfingsten
- II. Roll Call

Dennis Pfingsten	Pat Daniels	Jen Brooks
Eric Munz	Kendra Sullivan	Rustin Whitney
Jessica Matzke		
- 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 December 10, 2025
 2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
 3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
 4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
 5. Donations (Action)
- VIII. Reports
 1. School Staff/Student Report
 - First semester review
 2. School Board President's Report
 - School Board Convention January 21, 22, 23, 2026
 - Board Elections
 - School Perceptions Board Survey
 - WASB Resolutions
 - 3. Administrator Report
 - Staffing Updates
 - Human Growth and Development Review
 - Strategic Plan
 - Review of events/Upcoming events
 - Recreation Department Update
 - Other updates as necessary
 - IX. Referendum Updates
 - Discussion of Phase 2 projects and continued work with Upper 90
 - X. 2026-2027 School Calendar: Discussion/Action
 - XI. Open Enrollment Space Determinations: Discussion/Action
 - XII. Website Provider Recommendation: Discussion/Action
 - XIII. Book Challenge Determination: Discussion/Action
 - XIV. Five Minute Recess
 - XV. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
 - a. Discuss Administrator Contract
 - XVI. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
 - XVII. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
 - February 11, 2026
 - XVIII. Adjournment

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Statute of Limitations had run for the police officers involved.

In 2003 this travesty of justice led then Governor George Ryan to temporarily suspend the death penalty and to commute the death sentence of 167 prisoners on death row. The death penalty was later abolished in Illinois. Then State Senator Barack Obama pushed legislation through requiring that all interrogations be video recorded. In 2008 Burge was convicted on charges of obstruction of justice and perjury and sentenced to 4.5 years in prison.

This series of talks was presented by the Friends of the Durand Library. Members of the community are urged to volunteer with the

GCDC Annual Business Awards Open for Nominations

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is now accepting nominations for special awards to honor those who have made an outstanding contribution to our business community. Nominations are due Friday, February 6th.

Award categories include:

•Outstanding Business of the Year, which honors a business that has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to Green County's economic growth. This business will have made a significant improvement to strengthen its market position or have overcome an obstacle affecting the company's ability to grow.

•Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, which honors an entrepreneur with a hunger for opportunity, a growth mindset, a willingness to learn, a willingness to find solutions to challenges and problems, and a strong work ethic.

•Richard B. Schmied Leadership Award, which honors an individual who exemplifies the character of a true leader.

Any individual, group or business may nominate a business or leader, and businesses and individuals may nominate themselves. Businesses and individuals from throughout Green County are eligible.

To nominate a business or individual, visit greencountydevelopment.com/news-events. The button to "Make an Award Nomination" is at the top of the page, and will take you to an online form to complete.

More information and assistance are available by emailing wendy@greencountydevelopment.com or calling 608-328-9452.

The awards will be announced and presented during GCDC's Annual Dinner and Awards, on Thursday, March 19th at Turner Hall in Monroe. Details on this event will be released in the near future.

GCDC, is a non-profit organization building the economic future of Green County communities and businesses through public-private partnerships. For more information, visit GCDC at www.greencountydevelopment.com.

group and to attend and support its efforts to make library services available to the residents of this area.

Library hours are Saturday mornings 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evenings 6 to 8 p.m. Please email villagelibrary@cusde322.org or call 812-289-8602 for information about this volunteer effort. Also visit the Facebook page.

Monday Night Mixed League

1/5—High series: Al Petersen 687, Robert Murray 683, Jason Shrier 682. High games: Kyle Seitz 278, Ryan Flood 269, R. Murray 267. Broughton's Bar-high team game 1,102 and series 3,067. **Standings:** Fosters Gaming won 129 lost 87, Broughton's Bar 122.5-93.5, Center Tavern 114.5-101.5, Beloit Chiropractic 112-104, Albany Lanes 87.5-128.5, Bartelt 82.5-133.5.

Tuesday Shanningans

1/9—High series: Becky Hanneman 403, Tammy Neuenschwander 388, Karrie Laws 340, Rick Clark 621, Dan Eaton 590, Larry Ommodt 528. High games: B. Hanneman 145, T. Neuenschwander 143, K. Laws 122, R. Clark 237, D. Eaton 225, L. Ommodt 192. The Young & The Restless-high team game 851 and series 2,456. **Standings:** The Young & The Restless won 65 lost 26, Perfectly Aged 60-31, Sweet Mini HaHa 55-36, Misfits 52-39, Greightful Dead 32-59.

Badger

1/6—High series: Ryan Brugger 672, Keith Riese 650, Paul Rhyner 629, Don Nieman 616. High games: P. Rhyner 248, Josh Brugger 236, R. Brugger 234, D. Nieman 233. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 822 and series 2,330. **Standings:** Jim's Mechanic Shop won 37 lost 19, Decatur Dairy 37-19, Renks 36-20, Counter Attack 36-20, Team 6 14-42, TUGS 8-48.

Wednesday Night Ladies

1/7—High series: Brittany Flood 455, Sarah Flood 455, Traci Brewer 451, Darcy Stephenson 437, Jessica Holtsapple 433. High games: B. Flood 188, Lindsey Kotte 177, S. Flood 173, Jen Cole 169, Jasmine Evert 167. Albertson's-high team game 598 and series 1,722. **Standings:** Glenn-Ann Ladies won 16 lost 5, General Store 13-8, Stables Bar & Grill 11-10, Albertson's 9-12, Larson Acres 7-14, Crystal's Team 7-14.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

1/8—High series: Nancy Salzwedel 428, Debbie Williams 404, Jessica Fenwick 400. High games: Cindy Sheldon 157, N. Salzwedel 149, Barb Clark 148, J. Fenwick 148. Mike's Flooring-high team game 511. Briggs Heating and AC-high team series 1,443. **Standings:** Briggs Heating and AC won 80 lost 32, Knutes 74-38, Nolte's Garage 68-44, Mike's Flooring 66-46, Albany Lanes 46-66.

Thursday Night Mixed

1/8—High series: Tim Golz 734, John Pluss 704, Ty Anderson 699, Ryan Flood 686. High games: R. Flood 268, J. Pluss 268, T. Golz 266, Tony Brewer 247. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team game 1,092 and series 3,123. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 31 lost 18, Glenn Ann Holsteins 26-23, Golz Electric 26-23, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 25-24, Attica Bar 25-24, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 14-35.

Brodhead Youth

1/10—High series: Braxton Normington 144, Jaxson Brewer 125, Thorin Perrin 87, Wyatt Shoemaker 57, Ayla Brugger 189, Keira Shrader 134, Amelia Fenwick 126, Abigail Fenwick 94, Kinslee Brewer 94. High games: J. Brewer 79, B. Normington 78, T. Perrin 44, W. Shoemaker 30, A. Brugger 109, K. Shrader 77, Amelia Fenwick 73, Abigail Fenwick 57, K. Brewer 57.

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Most of the trees and shrubs are native to the area and the species offered cover a broad range of soil types and moistures. All species are still currently in stock though supplies are limited (our apples trees will likely be out of stock by the time this gets published).

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Jeannie Doeschler, Albany School District with Liz Menz, TDS Associate Manager of Field Marketing

TDS donating \$1K to support Albany elementary school students

TDS Telecommunications LLC (TDS®) is donating \$1,000 to Albany Elementary School to provide healthy snacks for students during the school day for the remainder of the academic year. This initia-

tive ensures children have access to healthy options, helping to bridge the gaps caused by missed meals and supporting their ability to learn and thrive.

"As TDS deepens its commit-

ment to Albany through high-speed internet network upgrades, we're also proud to step up our community giving," said TDS Associate Manager of Field Marketing Liz Menz. "We're excited to make this

donation and help support Albany Elementary School students reach their full potential."

TDS broke ground in mid-2025 on a multi-year network upgrade project to bring at least 100 Mbps and up to one Gig Internet service to addresses in the company's Albany-area footprint. The Madison-headquartered company is using the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model program (E-ACAM) to help fund the work. E-ACAM provides funding to deploy and support 100/20 Mbps or faster broadband service to some of TDS' most rural geographies.

Construction on the new infrastructure includes accessing public utility easements to install conduit and fiber-optic cables, as well as upgrading aerial cables. The faster speeds will become available to customers in phases as construction progresses.

TDS' philanthropic donation in Albany comes on the heels of the company's support of a special Holiday Pop-up Food Pantry in Janesville. By partnering with the YMCA and ECHO, Inc., the program made easy-grab meals available over the school district's winter break so families would not experience food insecurity.

TDS has been Albany's local communications provider for 30 years. For more information about TDS service upgrades visit TDSTelecom.com/support/networkupgrades.html.

America's 250th Anniversary

Two hundred fifty years ago, the American colonies set forth a bold new vision for human freedom, declaring that the rights of individuals do not flow from monarchs but are inherent to all people. From that revolutionary idea emerged the United States, a nation built on enduring ideals of liberty, equality, selfgovernance, and justice. As the country marks this historic anniversary, the Benjamin Harrison Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will host a series of activities throughout the year to honor this milestone and celebrate the spirit of independence that continues to shape our national identity. For more information or to get involved, please message us through our Colonel Benjamin Harrison Chapter DAR Facebook page.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a women's service organization whose members can trace their lineage to an individual who contributed to securing American independence during the Revolutionary War. Today's DAR is dynamic and diverse, with over 185,000 members in 3,000 chapters in the United States and abroad. DAR members annually provide millions of hours of volunteer service to their local communities across the country and world. DAR chapters participate in projects to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Over one million members have joined the organization since its founding in 1890. To learn more about the work of today's DAR, visit www.dar.org.

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By Cindy Clint,
Outreach Coordinator

The Albertson Memorial Library is thrilled to announce an exciting new addition to our collection: VOX Books and Immersive Reality (IR) Books!

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The Albertson Memorial Library has the following titles available, with additional selections coming soon!

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- Mega-Predators of the Past by Melissa Stewart and Howard Gray
- Poultrygeist by Eric Geron and Pete Oswald
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- Jeannie Houdini a Hamster's Tale by Mary-Ann Stouck and Rebecca Evans
- Seree's Story by Irma Gold and Wayne Harris
- Escape Goat by Ann Patchett

VOX Juvenile Fiction Books:

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