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POSTAL PATRON

School Board Elementary School Construction Bid Package Approved

By Grace Kufahl

The board approved the Elementary School Construction Bid Package presented by Kyle Robers from Nexus Solutions. Because the bids came in under budget, they were able to add some alternate projects in such as replacing window trim boards, updating bathrooms and installing roller shades. Including the alternates, the elementary construction is still coming in around \$93,000 under budget. This doesn't completely offset the high school overage, but it gets close.

Superintendent David Novy reported sitting on a joint review board for a new Tax Incremental District near the new dollar store. The TID was approved by that board. It comprises 23 acres, a commercial unit, five houses by the end of this year, and an apartment building by the end of next year.

Novy and board members relayed the most frequent question they're being asked about the up-

coming referendum is why can't the district use the \$17 million approved last year for operational needs. They are sharing the explanation at public meetings, through mailings and on social media.

In Other Business:

Fifteen eighth graders involved in the WEB (Where Everyone Belongs) program at the middle school spoke to the board about their work to welcome and support sixth graders.

Pupil Services Director Deanne Larson reported school counselors are reviewing the Social Emotional Learning curriculum.

Middle School Principal Adam Ferger reported three middle school students were selected to move to the state art show at East Towne Mall.

Ferger gave a shout out to Stephanie Tresemer for taking 120 middle school students to perform in a recent forensics competition.

Board President Mike Krupke,

Clerk Michael Oellerich and Novy will be the canvassers for the upcoming election.

A new math curriculum was approved to be phased in over the next three years.

It was approved for High School Principal Jim Matthys to use his discretion to potentially admit another exchange student from Belleville to finish out the year here.

Policy 2264 Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education was rescinded per the Trump Administration and will be replaced by the previous policy.

College and Technical School credit courses were approved for next year.

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Brodhead School District ceremonial ground-breaking

By Kirsten Novy, District Communication Specialist

On Friday, March 14th, the Brodhead School District conducted a ceremonial ground-breaking ceremony in the front of our high school. The weather was wonderful and we had a great crowd as we celebrated the start of our construction projects, which will begin on Monday, March 24, the first day of our Spring Break.

Taking part in this event included all members of our School Board, School District Administration, representatives from Nexus Solutions and a group of our students from across the District. Also in attendance were Mayor Tom Simpson and Representative Jenna Jacobson from Assembly District 50.

It is a very exciting time for the Brodhead School District, knowing these additions and improvements to our schools will provide updated facilities and more educational opportunities for our Brodhead students for years to come.

As the start of the new school year approaches, we plan on hosting ribbon cutting events for our safe and secure entries for all District Schools, the new 5th grade addition to our middle school, and a four year-old addition for Albrecht Elementary School, with completion planned for January of 2026.

A huge thank you goes out to our community for the continued support of our schools. We look forward to updating our community on the progress of these projects.



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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other Sunday thru May, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. 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. Ash Wednesday service, “Trauma Talk” dealing with anxiety and grief presentation Sunday, April 6, at 5 p.m. hosted by Rev. Dr. Shawn Stapleton, UCC Pastor. Open to community. Ecumenical Lenten mid-week services noon, through Wed., Apr. 9. Location rotating weekly between three Brodhead churches.

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.

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Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

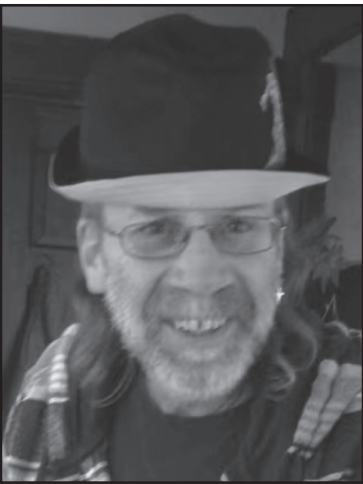
Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5551. Pastor Jady N Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children’s Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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



Robert Lisser

The man who was born on August 7th, 1964, Robert Lisser, passed away surrounded by family on March 10, 2025, knew how lucky this world was to have him. He was a stubborn but proud man who loved his family dearly. Who married his high school sweetheart on May 8, 1987, Cheryl Lisser (Drye). Together they had two children: Jimmie Lisser (Kortney), and grandkids: Noah and Isaac; and Christine Lisser and grandkids: Jesse, Sebastian, and Axayl.


All those who knew him well had many interesting stories and thoughts that will be shared for many years to come. He will always be with us in our hearts and memories. From our everyday laughs and smiles, to the hard days when we could barely make it out of bed. We know that he will be here for us all and that his family is happy that he blessed their lives with his presence. He was someone who had things the way he wanted to the very end. No matter where he was, he was always surrounded by friends and family because of his great personality. He brought life to those around him and made it shine bright with how unique and joking he was. He was preceded in death by his dad, Elmer, and mom, Joyce, and brother, Matt. His five living sisters. His memory will also be remembered through Cheryl Lisser’s sister, Georgia, and her son, Jeffery. A small celebration will be on Friday, March 21st at 1 p.m. to share your stories and memories with the family at the Grace-Bifulk Funeral Service and Crematory.

Condolences can be sent to agracefuneralservice.com.

Greenwood Cemetery notice

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Tuesday, April 1st, to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place spring or summer items until Thursday, May 1st.

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Leonard “Len” A. Walmer

Leonard “Len” A. Walmer, age 92, of Brodhead, died Wednesday March 12, 2025 at SSM Hopice Home in Monroe. He was born on September 5, 1932 in Pecatonica, Illinois, the son of Harland and Florence (Denekas) Walmer. He graduated from Brodhead High School in 1949. Len farmed his entire life, both raising dairy cows and hogs, he retired in 1977. He married Bonnie Noltz in 1949 in Dubuque, Iowa; he later married Linda Flesher in 1974 in Brodhead, she passed away in 2011. Len was a member of United Methodist Church of Brodhead; he enjoyed welding and metal fabricating.

He is survived by his children: Roger (Kenlyn) Walmer of Willis, Texas, Carol (Dennis) Thompson of Janesville, Fred Walmer of Janesville, Kathy (Dennis) Goecks of Juda, Raymond Walmer of Juda and Marcia Walmer of Tinley Park, Illinois; step-children: Russell Howard of Wisconsin Rapids and Roger Howard of Marathon, Wisconsin; 10 grandchildren; many great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren and a sister, Bonnie Jean Bauer of Milwaukee. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, brother, Rowland; sister, Merna Jensen; and daughter-in-law, Julie Walmer.

A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 20, at Brodhead United Methodist Church with Pastor Francois Makosa officiating. A visitation will be held Thursday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will take place at Hillcrest Cemetery, Albany. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

The family would like to thank SSM Hospice Home in Monroe for their loving care and support of their father.



Catherine J. Donahue

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Catherine J. Donahue (Hernandez), age 85, of Albany, Wisconsin (formerly Grayslake, Illinois) on March 13th, 2025.

Catherine was born on April 1st, 1939 (in a box car), in Mundelein, Illinois, to the late Nicholas and Sabina Hernandez (Maestre).

She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend.

Catherine was an exceptional seamstress, an avid crafter and an ambitious learner of many things. She was also a volunteer that continued to give back to her community.


Catherine was preceded in death by her son, Stephen Donahue, and eight brothers and sisters.

She is survived by her four children: Kevin (Sherri) Donahue, Julie (Bill) Cullen, Sheryl Slager, and Cassandra (Patrick) Ryan; 14 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and five brothers and sisters.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 22nd at St. Gilbert’s Church, Grayslake, Illinois, at 11 a.m. with visitation from 10:30-11 a.m.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

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For more information or to sign up for these trips, contact Sue Schmelzer, email is sschmelzer@charter.net, phone or text 608-558-8797.

BRODHEAD PARK & REC THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE DODGEBALL PROGRAM

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in third-fourth grades. The program will be on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. at the Albrecht Elementary School meeting April 1, 8, 15 and 22. They'll form new teams each week and learn how to play the original version as well as some variations of this awesome game.

Registration forms are available at the schools and at the Brodhead Park & Rec Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>) the cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by Thursday, March 27th to the office or Rec Department. Checks made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, please call Tom at 608-897-2159.

SPRING INTO ACTION—DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

The Brodhead Blood Drive will be held Tuesday, April 15, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Use sponsor code: BrodheadWI to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome!



The DeMus family, from the left Brooks, dad Tyler, Wade and Avery assembled sticker farm animals in their books at the Durand Library and then signed their work with sticky letters!

Dealing with Trauma

Rev. Dr. Shawn Stapleton will present Dealing with Trauma—understanding grief, anxiety and your brain, on Sunday, April 6 at 5 p.m. at the UCC Church, Brodhead. During this hour-long presentation he will share the ways in which our brains cope with loss and trauma and introduce strategies that help alleviate these conditions. Based on research presented by such authors as Mary-Frances O'Connor—The Grieving Brain and Bessel van der Kolk—The Body Keeps the Score, this information will help those struggling with grief, anxiety and other emotionally paralyzing conditions better understand why they feel the way they feel and how to cope when strong emotions strike.

There will be a question and answer session after the presentation. Beverages and light refreshments will be served.

Everyone in the community is invited to attend, so stop by and bring a friend.



Green County Amateur Radio to meet

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, March 22, at 9 a.m. at Fire Station Number One, 601 W. 17th Street, Monroe. All licensed and interested individuals are invited to attend. Please use the side door. For any questions please call 608-558-0629.

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- Brodhead location: Brodhead Public Library from Wednesdays: April 23—June 4. Time 1-3 p.m. Register by Friday, April 11th . Green Co residents call: 608-328-9499. Rock County residents call 608-757-5309.
- Janesville location: Mercyhealth Mall,1010 N. Washington Street, Janesville. Wednesdays: April 30—June 11. Time: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Register by Friday, April 18th . Call 608-757-5309.

A suggested donation of \$15 is asked to cover the cost of class materials. Space is limited to 14 participants. Advanced registration is required to reserve a seat.

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Orfordville Public Library

Trivia Night at Orfordville Library

Friday, March 28, 6-8:30 p.m.

Join in on a night of trivia, door prizes, and fun. Get a team together and enjoy this free event for all ages. Call or stop into the library to register your team. Registration is not required.

Trivia Night at your library is a program in which teams compete against each other in answering questions from various topics. This family event is formatted so that all ages will enjoy participating and will actually assist their older or younger team members with their unique knowledge of all things trivia. Community members choose their own teams of up to 8 people, who can range from family members to coworkers to singles groups. From working together on tough questions to joking with other teams, team members bond with each other and other teams to create a fun, stimulating environment filled with friendly competition. Everyone has fun at Trivia Night!

Thursday 11 a.m. Story Time—Join Ms. Sarah for stories and activities.

Teen Tuesdays 3:30—5:30 p.m. Tweens and teens are invited to gather, play games, use computers, connect to WIFI, talk, and snack.

Board Game Afternoons—1 p.m.: Wednesday, April 9, Wednesday, May 14 and Wednesday, June 11

Spring Fling Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 12, 9-11 a.m.

Albany Alumni Banquet and Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament is Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th. Mitch Trow is in charge of the tournament. The Albany Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 24th at the Albany Lions Building, 402 N Cincinnati Street. Social starts at 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., program 8 p.m. and is over at 9 p.m.. The roast beef dinner is served family style and the cost is \$20. Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Send to Dan Weber, N5926 Marie Ct, Albany WI 53502. For information call 608-862-3260.


Next Generation 4-H Club Spring Craft Fair

The Next Generation 4-H Club will host a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Road S, Juda. The snow date is Sunday, March 30. Admission is free.


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Guys and Dolls

Brodhead-Juda-Parkview Guys and Dolls directed by Niteal Pinnow, will have their last performance and open mic scheduled at Brodhead High School Saturday, April 12th at 2 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

The show choir competed Saturday, February 15th at Monona Grove High Schools Silver Stage Invitational. The group won grand champion for mix prep division. Several students also competed in the individual solo competition. Senior Josie Picard placed first for her solo that day. The next competition of the year was on Saturday, March 8th at Craig High School's Silver Stage Spectacular. The group won second place for Prep Division. Competing that day for solo competition were students from Wisconsin and Illinois. Brodhead senior Josie Picard took home first place for her solo “For Better or Worse” from the musical The Great Gatsby. Incoming freshman and current high school students can sign up for next year’s 25-26 show choir season in their school offices till Thursday, May 1.

Members are: Milo Jackson, Hunter Jorgensen, Noah Perry, Lani Keehn, Laetin Pinnow, Lexi Dean, Sheri Montgomery, Kayla Perry, Kelsey Bedward, Aubrie Yoshida, Jayde Blizard, Jenna Dougherty, Ava Flodeen-Schroeder, Emma Elsner, Josie Picard, Olivia Huber, Bell Yoshida, Alexxis Metz, Simon Moore, and Tyler Picard



Brodhead High School senior Josie Picard



Sixth grade band



Seventh grade band



Eighth grade band

The fifth through eighth grade Brodhead Band members traveled to the Overture Center to see the UW Varsity Band perform. It was a great concert and a wonderful experience for all involved! (Pictures courtesy of Beth Riesterer)



Fifth grade band



Eighth grade students were learning about force and motion while applying Newton’s laws. Students were asked to design and construct a bobsled track for a marble. When racing, they calculated speeds for each race to determine the average speed for placement and ribbons.

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Music In Our Schools Month

By Jenny Flory, President, Brodhead Music Boosters

March is Music In Our Schools Month, a time to celebrate and acknowledge music education. Let's meet those who teach and inspire our students by getting answers to a few questions.

Jason Riesterer is Brodhead High School's Band Teacher, along with team teaching 5th Grade Band with his wife, Beth. When asked about his proudest teaching moments, Jason replied, 'Watching a student "get it" after working extremely hard. I really admire the students who work hard to achieve success. This to me is so rewarding to watch as an educator, and a wonderful thing for our students to learn....hard work, determination and tenacity lead to success.' Those who inspire Jason to teach include his parents, college band director (Mike Leckrone), and Beth. 'She is super organized, one of the hardest workers I know, driven, and can wear about 1,000 hats all at one time. She inspires me to be the best version of myself that I can; we are super lucky to have her in the district.' While the Dave Matthews Band may be at the top of his playlist, he will also open YouTube and listen to NPR Tiny Desk Concerts.'It's fun to see musicians on a small and personal level.'

Jennifer Perry teaches General Music at Albrecht Elementary School; she sees every student. When asked about her proudest teaching moments, she replied, 'I am proudest when I get to witness "lightbulb moments"—times when I can see students transform from confusion to true understanding. It's awesome celebrating the excitement, self-confidence, and pride that comes when they grasp new concepts.' While inspired by former teachers and directors, she feels more inspired by some of her students. While she listens to all kinds of music, at the top of her playlist are the songs her students are learning!

Sara Carr is Brodhead's Choir Teacher, teaching at both the middle and high schools. One of her proudest teaching moments happened last March during the combined choir concert. 'For the first time, all my students stood together on stage, singing as one. Seeing them unite through music was incredibly moving and reminded me why I love teaching. It was a powerful reminder that music has the ability to bring people together, regardless of age.'

Sara commented that her students inspire her everyday. 'I see firsthand how music transforms them. I get to help them develop their vocal skills, build their confidence, and watch them find a sense of community they may not have had outside my classroom. It is incredibly moving to nurture their love for music, just as my own teachers did for me. That sense of growth and connection is what drives me to continue doing what I love.' At the top of her playlist is Megan Moroney.

Niteal Pinnow is the Brodhead Show Choir Coach, along with Studio Manager and Dance Teacher at the Brodhead Dance Academy. Niteal stated, 'I think every year the proudest moment is always when I finally see the light bulb click for kids. It's such a neat experience.' Niteal continued 'It's the next generation that keeps me inspired and keeps me wanting to create for the future.' Who's at the top of her playlist? 'I enjoy all types of music, and my mood plays a big part when it comes to my playlist, but so does my 13 year old daughter! If we're together, she is picking our playlist out.'

Beth Riesterer is Brodhead Middle School's Band Teacher and team teaches fifth grade band with her husband, Jason. She said her proudest teaching moments come from student performances. 'The way the students work hard and prepare for concerts, parades, etc is just wonderful. The students that participate in Solo and Ensemble walk away learning a ton and becoming even better musicians and performers. The Development of Band's Concert each year is definitely at the top of the list, as well.' Beth commented that her students inspire her. Whether it's their kindness when offering to help out with jobs around the band room or practicing to improve as musicians. They're energetic, inquisitive and make my job lots of fun. I'm also inspired by Mr. Riesterer as we work together to build a Band program the Brodhead School District and community can be proud of.' Beth's playlist includes Jim Brinkman, The Piano Guys, and Broadway musical soundtracks.

If you are interested in supporting our Brodhead Music Programs, please log onto www.brodheadmusicboosters.com and click on events for remaining spring music performances.

March is Youth Art Month

March is a month to celebrate the arts! We celebrate by showcasing student artwork throughout the state of Wisconsin. Youth Art Month has been observed nationally since 1961. It is a time to acknowledge a different part of a child's education. Art gives children the opportunity to express themselves, use their creative imaginations, experiment with a wide variety of materials through multi-sensory experiences, and gain a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment. It teaches children to become critical thinkers, make connections with their heritage, history, and other cultures, and expand their minds.

During the month of March, the Brodhead Public Library will be showcasing artwork created by students from Albrecht Elementary School, taught by Tiffany Shelton; Brodhead Middle School, taught by Erica Foulker; and Brodhead High School taught by Erika Raess. This is a wonderful opportunity to view student artwork in another setting.

Albrecht Elementary School Student Artists are showcasing a wide variety of projects from the start of the school year. Our display presents artwork created with paint, printmaking, pastel, colored pencil, marker, fiber, jewelry, and paper collage.

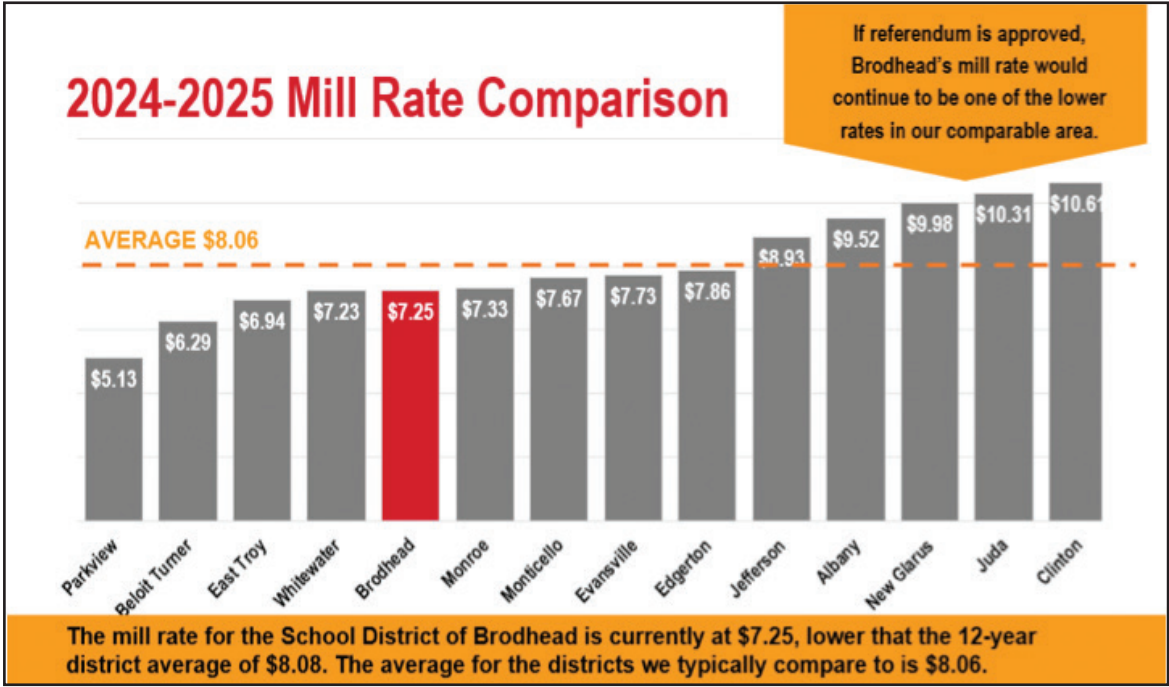
Brodhead Middle School students have been creating artwork in many

What Is the Tax Impact of the School District Referendum?

By David Novy, District Administrator, School District of Brodhead

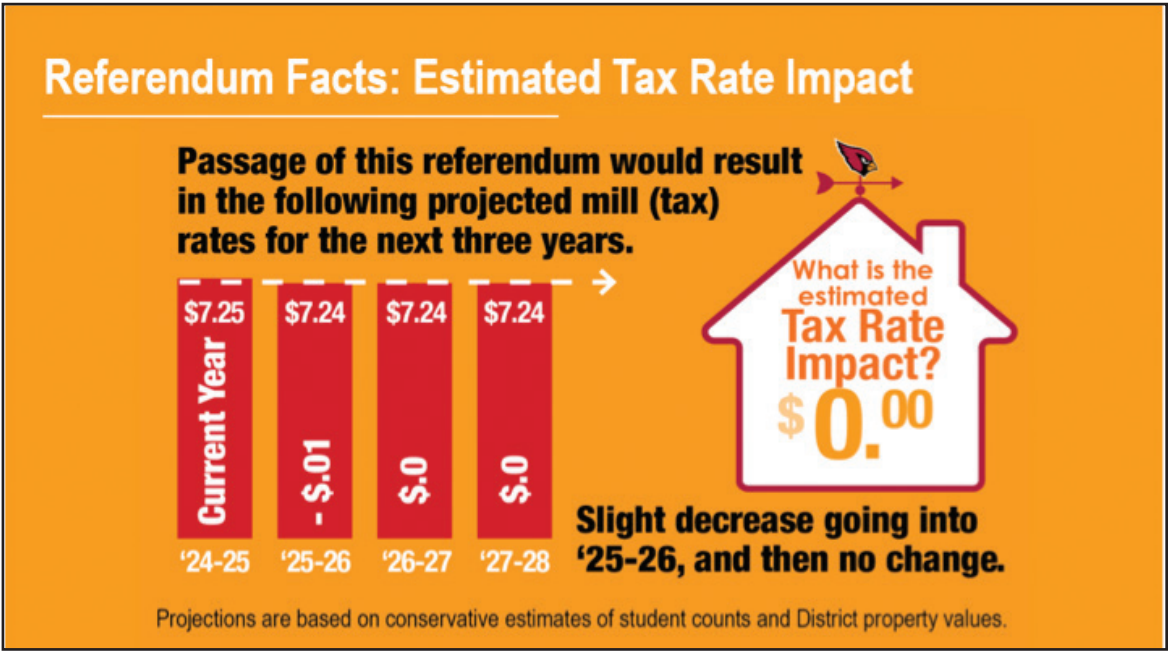


The school mill (tax) rate in Brodhead is currently one the lowest among all school districts in our region, at \$7.25 per thousand dollars of property value, and is expected to drop slightly to \$7.24 and then stay at that same rate over the next three years. There will be no tax rate increase with the passage of this Referendum. The following chart compares rates for other Green County and Rock Valley Conference districts:



This Referendum has been timed to coincide with the 2022 Referendum ending. The 2022 Referendum was for \$1,750,000 per year for three years, 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025. The current question for operating purposes is again for \$1,750,000 and would cover the school years of 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028. It simply extends the same amount for another three years with no additional tax impact.

Community members attending our public Referendum meeting agreed that this made sense; however, the Board cannot do this without community approval through a Referendum.



Even with passage of the Referendum, Brodhead would still have one of the lowest school tax rates in the comparable area. These projections are presented using conservative assumptions of student counts and estimated property values.

Our goal is to provide a competitive education for our students while maintaining a level of consistent tax rates. This Referendum has been timed and structured to accomplish both of those goals. It is being presented because we feel other options will reduce the educational opportunities of our students.

We believe we are offering a great program for one of the lowest costs in the area. It comes down to a simple question to be answered by the community at the Tuesday, April 1 election: Does the community believe this is a reasonable cost to maintain the current level of programs for students and maintain our facilities?

Additional information is available on the Referendum link <https://brodhead.referendumfacts.org/> on the District website, www.brodhead.k12.wi.us. Contact a School Board member or the District Office at 608-897-2141 if you have questions, and please remember to vote on Tuesday, April 1.

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Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Laura Roth,
Children's Librarian

Last week the Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time was literally JUMPING! The kids started out trying to jump toy frogs into a fishbowl. Eventually, they all had success, but some of them were better than others! One young person was victorious on his first try! WAY TO GO! Then they played leap frog using the Velcro dots on the carpet. It was quickly apparent that the very young simply liked running through the dots. Story time continued the theme "Let's Go to the Library" with the book "I Took My Frog to the Library" and songs about the frog in a hole in the log on



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the bottom of the lake. Finally everyone made a jumping frog using two paper cups and a rubber band.

Next week, the final week of "Let's Go to the Library" is all about "Book! Book! Book!" All the animals want is a great new book but the librarian just can't seem to understand. The preschoolers will sing "Old MacDonald" and have a rowdy time making farm animal sounds and chant with the animals 'down on the farm.' What happens when the dog starts to MOOOOOO? There might even be some hand-print cow art.

Preschool Story Time meets every Wednesday at 10 a.m., before the library officially opens and that's good because it gets a little boisterous and unruly. But definitely fun. Every week gets more and more fun. We'd love to have some more new friends! See you on Tuesday!



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Youth Art

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mediums. They have been experimenting with different techniques in the art room. Sixth grade students will be showcasing their coil pots and contour shoe drawings. The seventh graders will have clay gnomes and fruit mixed media drawings, and the eighth graders will showcase their monochromatic self portraits along with their clay whistles.

Brodhead High School students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of different art courses and mediums during their time at BHS. Featured in this year's art show are students from: Fundamentals, Drawing, Painting, and Ceramics.

The Brodhead Memorial Public Library is located at 1207 25th Street and is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Please stop by to view the work created by our local and spectacular artists!

Business Legal Clinic Services for Entrepreneurs in Green County

The Rural Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Initiative will deliver a business law basics legal clinic for entrepreneurs in Green County on Friday, April 11 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at The Bank of New Glarus in Monroe.

The clinic will be led by Attorney Jeff Glazer from the University of Wisconsin Law School Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic and will cover questions put forward by local entrepreneurs, as well as business law basics that any entrepreneur should consider when starting a business. Attorney Glazer will also provide one-on-one consultations with entrepreneurs to address legal questions specific to their businesses. The clinic will be bilingual in English and Spanish.

This clinic is made possible by the Rural Wisconsin Entrepreneurship Initiative (RWEI), a program funded by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation within the University of Wisconsin Division of Extension. RWEI makes business support resources like this clinic available to rural communities throughout the state of Wisconsin through 2026. This clinic in Green County is possible due to partnerships between UW-Madison Division of Extension, Fuerza Hispana De Monroe (Emprendedores), The Bank of New Glarus, Green County Development Corporation, Dando una Mano Together We Rise, and the UW Law School Law and Entrepreneurship Clinic. This event is being delivered in tandem with another Extension entrepreneurship support program in Green County, the Wisconsin Rural Entrepreneurial Venture (REV), which is leading the county through a long-term economic development planning process to support and grow businesses led by local Latino entrepreneurs.

For further information, or to learn more about the Business Legal Clinic in Green County, please contact Victoria Solomon at the Green County Extension Office at 608-328-9440 or victoria.solomon@wisc.edu.

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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department March 9-15, 2025

At approximately 9:12 a.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the 2800 block of 6th Street, City of Monroe to take Adrian M Heydn, 32, of Brodhead, into custody for a probation hold. Heydn was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN ARREST FOR PUBLIC MISCONDUCT

In July 2024 the Green County Sheriff's Office began conducting an investigation into Misconduct in Public Office and Forgery. The investigation stemmed from fraudulent certificates being created and issued to the Village of Albany by a member of the Albany Fire Department. This investigation spanned seven months and a series of forged documents were identified during the course of the investigation. Through the investigation it was determined there was evidence to support arrests.

On Friday, March 7, 2025 deputies arrested Karl E. Schoenhard 24, of Albany. Schoenhard was transported and booked into the Green County Jail awaiting a court appearance. Schoenhard was subsequently charged with Forgery-Writings (Party to a Crime), Forgery-Uttering (Party to a Crime) and Misconduct in Office. Schoenhard appeared in Green County Circuit court where he received a \$5,000 bond and was released.

On Monday, March 10, 2025 deputies arrested Angela L. Welchel 52, of Albany. Welchel was transported and booked into the Green County Jail. Welchel was booked for Forgery and was held pending court.


The investigation is ongoing at this time.



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Albrecht Elementary Driven to Read

At the end of January, Albrecht Elementary had their closing reading program, Driven To Read, where we celebrated the end of a fantastic month of reading successes! The top readers and top class in each grade were awarded trophies donated by Sugar River Raceway. Students and teachers got to participate in a fun obstacle course at our closing while being cheered on. Some classes also participated in a STEM competition by creating racecars with recyclable materials. They raced their cars and students got awards for the cars that went the farthest, most unique and also people's choice. We'd like to thank Sugar River Raceway for donating the fabulous trophies and

shirts for us to hand out as prizes for our event. At Albrecht Elementary we are Driven to Read!! Total Minutes Read: 222,758

Top Readers:

Maddie Carter, Rose Ends, Aubrey Condon, Louis Ends, Lylah Carter, Kenzi Clark

Top Classrooms:

Mrs. Oellerich, Mrs. Blumer, Mrs. Scheidegger, Mrs. Elmer, Mrs. Drasch and Mrs. Rear

Obstacle Course Competitors:

Jackson Swedlund, Vanessa Riemer, Elissa Quass, Bailee Hendrickson, Nash O'Connor and Rylee Helgestad

4K Results:



Top Readers

Monday Night Mixed League

3/10—High series: Erich Brandenburg 736, Ryan Flood 703, Rick Reed 651. High games: R. Flood 267, E. Brandenburg 266, Garrett Johnson 246. Broughton's Bar-high team game 1,040 and series 3,018. **Standings:** Broughton's Bar won 31 lost 18, Center Tavern 31-18, Bartelt 24-25, Beloit Chiropractic 21-28, Albany Lanes 21-28, Fosters Gaming 19-30.

Tuesday Shanigans

3/11—High series: Chris Rosheisen 328, Karrie Laws 279, Linda Neuenschwander 260, Rick Josephsen 551, Rick Clark 546, Bill Hawkinson 526. High games: Lisa Josephsen 136, C. Rosheisen 122, K. Laws 101, R. Josephsen 210, R. Clark 198, B. Hawkinson 191. The Young and The Restless-high team game 835 and series 2,392. **Standings:** The Young & The Restless won 103 lost 44, Albany Lanes 91-56, Sweet Mini HaHa 72-75, Clayt's Boomtastic 61-87, Misfits 59-81, Greightful Dead 52-95.

Badger

3/11—High series: Brian Purdy 680, Ryan Brugger 661, Ethan Pfueti 644, LeRoy Blumer 605, Megan Anderson 384, Kim Qualley 373. High games: B. Purdy 680, R. Brugger 246, L. Blumer 237, John Elmer 236, K. Qualley 147, M. Anderson 139. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 802 and series 2,304. **Standings:** Decatur Dairy won 22 lost 13, Jim's Mechanic Shop 19-16, Renks 18-17, Team 6 18-17, Counter Attack 15-20, TUGS 13-22.

Wednesday Night Ladies

3/12—High series: Tara Blumer 524, Kari Johnson 490, Zoe Krattiger 435, Fran Kubesh 425, Megan O'Brien 419. High games: T. Blumer 202, Z. Krattiger 184, K. Johnson 175, F. Kubesh 171, Jessica Holtsapple 156. Larson Acres-high team game 586 and series 1,646. **Standings:** Glenn-Ann Ladies won 48 lost 22, Crystal's Team 41-29, General Store 32-38, Stables Bar & Grill 31-39, Larson Acres 30-40, Albertson's 28-42.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

3/13—High series: Betty Helwig 431, Becky Riese 418, Nancy Salzwedel 411. High games: N. Salzwedel 171, B. Riese 158, Barb Chapman 154. Nolte's Garage-high team game 535 and series 1,467. **Standings:** Nolte's Garage won 61 lost 23, Albany Lanes 56-28, Mike's Flooring 47-37, Ball's Installation 47-37, Knutes 33-51.

Thursday Night Mixed

3/13—High series: Scott Wahler 723, Robert Murray 677, Brandon Bayrholder 670, John Pluss 666. High games: B. Bayrholder 255, S. Wahler 252, Ty Anderson 248, R. Murray 246. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,099 and series 3,253. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 34 lost 15, Glenn Ann Holsteins 29-20, Attica Bar 25-24, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 22-27, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 19-30, Golz Electric 18-31.

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People's Choice: Eliza Oellerich and Hunter Neumann
Most Unique: Wyatt Schupbach and Ginevra Francis
Fourth Grade—Mrs. Drasch's Class:
Farthest: Owen Johanson and Jayse Bennett

People's Choice: Lylah Carter, Charleigh Broughton and Ellie Blizard
Most Unique: Fallon Spradlin, Lucy Curless and Lola Buchanan
Fifth Grade—Ms. Pinnow's Class:
Farthest: Annabelle Schaefer
People's Choice: Leah Foster
Most Unique: Colvin Diedrick



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The Recital was such a wonderful way to display the musical talent within the Brodhead School district. It was a great way to end the day. Thanks to everyone that attended the festival and recital. We appreciate your support of music in our schools.



Honor Recital Students



The Green County Child Care Network received a donation from Only In Wisconsin Giving, Inc. The donation will be used to support professional development for those who care for and educate children from six weeks-12 years so they can better meet the children's developmental needs.



Robert Elmer, of Brodhead, was a \$500 gift card winner at Gasser Hardware, Brodhead, on Friday, March 14, during their 48th Annual Farm Fair.

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