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Brodhead Foundation funds paved parking area at Kelch Aviation Museum, increasing accessibility and functionality

The Brodhead Area Foundation donated a total of \$53,662 to the Kelch Aviation Museum to create a permanent paved parking area for its new museum building. "It sounds like no big deal, but having a nice parking lot makes the museum so much more accessible for visitors," says Patrick Weeden, Executive Director. "We have walkers and wheelchairs for our visitors to use, and everything is stroller-friendly. But the gravel parking lot was always the biggest concern, for both access and drainage." Not anymore: after the Brodhead Area Foundation approved funding the project in late 2024, the pavement was installed by local company DP Concrete in the first week of June and is now in use.

The museum, which focuses on interwar aviation in the USA, often attracts seniors and veterans who grew up with or flew these types of aircraft nearly 80 years ago. "We have had WWII and Korean War veterans come in here, bringing stories and even photos of themselves as young men learning to fly in these airplanes," says Weeden. "It is an honor to welcome them, and making their visits easier is the very least we can do." The museum hosts multiple large public and private events throughout the year, so adequate drainage and

easy snow removal are other major benefits of the new parking area.

The price of pavement initially made the project a challenge for the nonprofit museum, which is supported entirely through charitable donations and does not have an additional endowment to draw from. That's when the Brodhead Area Foundation stepped in, providing the funds to pave the previously gravel area in a simple but powerful action that makes

the museum more accessible and functional for everyone. "Funding a parking lot might not sound glamorous, but it makes a world of difference for the museum, our visitors, and our community," says Weeden. The Brodhead Area Foundation is committed to supporting and improving our hometown community and the surrounding area through projects like this.



Open house for Luella Bell's 97th birthday

Please come and join us as we celebrate the remarkable journey of Luella's 97 years of life with laughter, memories and heartfelt moments.

This is not just an event—it's a celebration of a life lived with Jesus Christ, her Lord and years of grace, love and boundless joy. It's a time to reflect on the countless lives Luella has touched and the remarkable legacy she has built. From her kindness and wisdom to her unforgettable smile and her presence has been a beacon of inspiration.

An opportunity to honor Luella's incredible life story, surrounded by friends and family, will be at an open house event from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, at the New Glarus Home, 600 2nd Avenue, New Glarus, WI. Cards may be sent to her at the New Glarus Home, Room 618.

Watch for signs and save the date. Please R.S.V.P. to Beverly at 608-632-0938 by Friday, July 18.

Gabe Bockhop WIAA All Star game

Gabe Bockhop participated in the WIAA All Star game June 28-29th, in Oshkosh. There are four teams, with 15 players on each roster from all divisions across the state. Bockhop played on the South squad; the team went 2-1 on the weekend. Game one, South shutout North 2-0 then beat West 3-0. Bockhop, whose position is catcher, also played right field, saw lots of action during the event. He was 3-for-6 at the plate. East went the distance taking three wins during the celebration weekend of All-Star athletes.



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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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Worship service 9 a.m. No Sunday school until fall.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblner. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult

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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. Patrick Catholic Church, 410 E. State Street, Albany, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

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St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

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.

OBITUARY



Georgina (Ina) Kneubuehl

Georgina (Ina) Kneubuehl, 87, of Platteville, Wisconsin, passed from this life to be forever with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, July 2, 2025.

Georgina was born on December 5, 1937, in Methil, a coastal town in Fife, Scotland, to Edward and Georgina (Campbell) O'Donnell, along with her twin brother, Dugald O'Donnell. She was one of 14 children, but lost four siblings in infancy. Life during WWII impacted her childhood: food rationing, running to bomb shelters during air raids, and mandated blackouts. Searching for a better life, her parents decided to immigrate to America. Georgina's older three siblings traveled to America first, followed later by her father who obtained employment in Boston, Massachusetts. They eventually were able to provide passage for the remainder of the family (her mother and six siblings), who docked in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts, in 1951. The family then made their way to Beloit, Wisconsin, where her father worked at Fairbanks Morse.

Georgina attended Beloit Memorial High School and waitressed while working towards her diploma in 1956. After graduation, she began working as a typist at Barber-Coleman in Rockford, Illinois, and in that same year she met the love of her life in Beloit, Chris Kneubuehl. Chris

introduced her to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ and how one may know that they have eternal life (1 John 5:13). Shortly after meeting, Chris went on to serve in the U.S. Army based in Stuttgart, Germany. During that time of separation, they corresponded via letters for 18 months. After Chris's return to the U.S., Georgina came to know Jesus as her personal Savior reading John 3:16 on September 2, 1958. She referred to this event as the most important moment of her life. Georgina's faith was proven throughout the years, being in happy fellowship at the Brodhead Gospel Hall. She was a servant to the Lord and the Gospel. She prayed for her family and friends daily and was a student of the Bible. Her desire was that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of knowing the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. On November 21, 1958, Georgina married the only love of her life, Chris Kneubuehl, at the West Side Presbyterian Church, Beloit, and started their marital life in Brodhead, Wisconsin.

Chris and Georgina raised five wonderful children (Tina, Christ, Thomas, Heidi and Paul). Georgina spent most of her life as a homemaker, a faithful helpmeet to her husband. She also worked for many years at Swiss Colony in the Mailing Department, Monroe, Wisconsin, during the Christmas seasons. Georgina loved the USA and became a naturalized citizen on December 8, 1972. Georgina also had a love of history and enjoyed researching genealogy. During most summers, the family would travel around the U.S. and Canada in their station wagon. Georgina was a loving, supportive and encouraging mother. She attended her children's events and never discouraged their ambitions and had a genuine concern for her children's spiritual welfare. Beyond her immediate family she also loved her extended family dearly and always wanted the best for them. Throughout her life she and her husband helped all the children and relatives through their life journeys and prayed for them daily.

Georgina and Chris eventually retired, traveling to Europe and, of course, her native Scotland. They

mostly enjoyed being at home, taking care of flowers, taking time for tea and talking on the phone to family and friends. They read the Bible together regularly and were content to go through daily life as long as they had each other. When Chris passed away in 2023, Georgina moved to Platteville to be close to family and the daily support that family provides.

Georgina was preceded in death by her grandparents: Patrick and Catherine (Swift) O'Donnell and Dugald and Isabella (Jackson) Campbell; her parents: Edward and Georgina (Campbell) O'Donnell; her siblings: Edward O'Donnell, Catherine (Rena) McMillan, Isabella (Ella) Larson; her four siblings in infancy: Doreen, James I, James II, Alice; brothers-in-law: John McMillan, Norman Larson, Richard Kneubuehl; sisters-in-law: June (Brown) O'Donnell, Laurette (Kelly) O'Donnell, Betty (Kneubuehl) Vetterli; her husband, Chris; a son, Christ; and a son-in-law, Allan Burr.

Georgina is survived by four children: Tina Burr of Platteville, Thomas (Kristen) Kneubuehl of Madison, Wisconsin, Heidi Fry of Waterford, Wisconsin and Paul (Julie) Kneubuehl of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin; grandchildren: Kristy, Joshua, Phillip, Brooke, Jazmyne, Jason, Jordan, Christian, Gianna, Luke, Wyatt, Cole, Chandler, Kaylee, Mackenzie, Logan, Madeleine and Lydia; great-grandchildren: Abigail, Sophia, Madeline, Cecilia, Benjamin, Elliana, Jackson, Ze'Niyah, Caden and Azalea; brothers: Patrick O'Donnell and Dugald O'Donnell; sisters: Maureen Lamb, Carol Perkins, Jean McOtis and Norma Miller; and sisters-in-law: Lorraine Larsen and Julie McAllister.

DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead, is assisting the family with arrangements with the visitation being held on Thursday July 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. and funeral services on Friday, July 11, at 11 a.m. A visitation will also be held at 10 a.m. until the time of service on Friday. Burial will follow at the Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead, across the road from the DL Newcomer Funeral Home. Mike Wenger and Zachary Wenger will officiate.


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For more information call 608-214-0584.

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I would like to sincerely thank the committee members who chose me as a recipient of the following scholarships: the Jim Church Athletic Scholarship, the Ray C., Maude M. and Genevieve Lyons Scholarship, the Barbara Garwig Pautz academic scholarship, the Knights of Pythias scholarship, the Rock Energy Cooperative scholarship and the Colony Brand career expo scholarship.

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~ Madi Brown

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BRODHEAD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The Brodhead Athletic Department will be hosting their annual golf outing, Saturday July 26th, at 10 a.m. Cost is \$90 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, food, raffle prizes, and a gift bag. Registration is due by Friday, July 11, and they are limiting it to the first 32 foursomes. Proceeds from this event benefit the Brodhead Athletic Department.

Stop by the office or email Brian Kammerer for a registration form, or sponsorship letter.

SCHWARTZLOW FAMILY REUNION

Schwartzlow descendants are having their family reunion on Saturday, July 12, at Putnam Park, 6th Street and W. 3rd Avenue, in Brodhead, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., eating at noon.

Bring a dish to pass. Chicken, ham, table service and bottled water will be provided. Spread the word to other members of your family.

If questions, contact Rita (Ringhand) Vickers at 608-897-2082.

BRODHEAD CLASS OF 1985 40TH REUNION

The Brodhead class of 1985 is planning a 40th class reunion and invites all classmates to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the milestone together. The current date set for the event is Saturday, August 9th. Anyone interested in helping plan and look to help reach as many classmates as possible, please contact Debbie Bruns (Olin) at 608-201-9433. A Facebook post has been sent out, but if you know someone that may not be on Facebook, please let them know so they can contact Debbie and she can get them information.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Library Services, Fundamental to any Community Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

The development of writing and ways to conserve information have been vital in order for civil society to develop. The ideas of one person could be saved for literally all time. And libraries are the place where written material is stored, organized and made available to others.

Libraries have been important for centuries going back to the famous library at Alexandria in Egypt. In the third and second centuries BC. it was papyrus scrolls, rather than books which filled the shelves.

Earlier still the Babylonians established the first archives for storing and organizing clay tablets with cuneiform script, the earliest form of writing. Found in Syria, these earliest tablets primarily recorded commercial activity. This early history reminds us of the importance of the written word and the necessity to conserve written material.

The Durand Library, like every library big and small, is a repository for the thoughts and ideas of others. For example, Agatha Christie isn't around to share her stories with us so it is a good thing the mysteries were printed out and preserved. So too we can read the words of authors from centuries and even millennia gone by.

And there is another way in which libraries are important to a community. Libraries are often the first place people go to while seeking information.. For instance, we have received several calls in the past two years from folks who live out of town and are seeking information about Durand, or relatives they believe live, or have lived here. We can provide answers to some of those callers and direct others to the appropriate place for assistance.

The Village of Durand is one of only two incorporated entities in Winnebago County, which does not have publicly funded library services. The other is New Milford with a population of 700.

So, please support your local library. Community interest and use is vital to ensure the continuation of this collaboration between the school district and the Friends of the Durand Library. And it is an extremely efficient way to offer library services.

Residents of the Durand School District have check out privileges, and, of course, everyone is welcome to all library programs and activities. In addition, through the school's membership, patrons of the library can check books out through the Interlibrary Loan System. This opens the door for our patrons to the nearly 140 libraries in Northern Illinois.

Please know that volunteers are happy to deliver books to the home of anyone who is physically unable to get to the library. For those for whom hours are not convenient, just let us know and someone will meet you, at your convenience, during off school hours.

Library hours are Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evenings 6-8 p.m. For more information, please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or check our Facebook page.

Runaas Family Reunion

The Runaas Family Reunion will be held Sunday, July 13th at the Albany Village Park, 201 Sugar River Parkway. It starts at 1 p.m. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Coffee and water will be furnished.

Kindly spread the word with your immediate family. Any questions please call Jim Runaas at 608-862-2220.

United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social

The United Methodist Church of Brodhead (BUMC) is hosting their annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 17 from 4:30-7 p.m. The "all you can eat dinner" includes barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, fruit salad, baked beans, pie, brownies and ice cream. Deliveries are available in the immediate Brodhead area by calling 608-897-2515 to place your order. Carryouts are also available. Advance sale tickets, adults \$12/ children \$6 ages four-10, are available at the church or from a board member. Prices will increase by \$2 at the door.

The BUMC is located at 501 1st Center Avenue in Brodhead and is open for worship on Sunday at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

Friendship Builder Luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection cordially invites you to their "Friendship Builder" luncheon on Wednesday, July 16, at noon. The cost is \$15. A light luncheon will be served and will be held at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Road 81, Monroe.

The guest speaker is Beth Roidt. The Listen and Learn will be presented by Samantha Kubly, FHN Backpack Buddies.

Reservations are due by Friday, July 11, by calling Marcia at 815-821-4270 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.

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Saturday, July 12, 2025 Renewal of Vows 1 p.m. Open House Luncheon to follow

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Celebration of Life for Greg Bagley

Saturday, July 19 from noon to 2:30 p.m. at the Juda Community Center N2350 County Road S • Juda WI Light luncheon served.

Twilight in the Park

6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. • Veterans Park
All concerts will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m.
Bring your lawn chairs/blankets—Reminder: dogs are not allowed in city parks. Concerts are FREE to the public - come and enjoy!

Sunday, July 13th Reunion Band

(taking the audience down memory lane)
Cub Scouts—Hot dogs, chili dogs,
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ACADEMICS

AREA STUDENTS RECEIVE DEGREES FROM UW-RIVER FALLS

The following local residents were among the nearly 650 students receiving degrees from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls during spring commencement in May 2025. Bachelor's degrees were awarded to 546 undergraduates, while 84 students received graduate degrees. Area students are listed below by name, hometown, degree, major and honors (if any).

At graduation, four types of merit awards are recognized:

Senior Merit—Graduating seniors who have maintained a 3.500 grade point for their last 60 credits at UWRF.

Cum Laude—Graduating seniors with a minimum cumulative 3.700 grade point average for their entire college career at all institutions.

Magna Cum Laude—Graduating seniors with a minimum cumulative 3.800 grade point average for their entire college career at all institutions.

Summa Cum Laude—Graduating seniors with a minimum cumulative 3.900 grade point average for their entire college career at all institutions.

Those receiving degrees included Rachel Hammes, BS, Animal Science, Senior Merit, of Orfordville.

AREA STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT UW-RIVER FALLS

The spring semester Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls has been released by Registrar Kelly Browning. It honors 1,491 students.

To be named to the Dean's List, a full-time undergraduate must earn a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a scale of 4.0, or midway between an "A" and "B" average.

Rachel Hammes, Animal Science, of Orfordville, was among those named to the Dean's List.

UW-PLATTEVILLE ANNOUNCES CHANCELLOR'S LIST

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for the Spring 2025 semester.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 grade-point average include: Jada Flannery, Construction Management BS, of Albany; Cora Hafen, Engineering Tech Mgt BS, of Brodhead; and Jenna Kneubuehl, Psychology BS, of Davis, Illinois.

UW-PLATTEVILLE ANNOUNCES DEAN'S LIST

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned a grade-point average of 3.75 and above in the spring 2025 semester.

Students from this area on the Dean's List include: Jada Flannery, Construction Management BS and Caden Maire, Sustainability and Renewable BS, both of Albany; Kassandra Clint, Environmental Horticulture BS, Cora Hafen, Engineering Tech Mgt BS, and Gage Roth, Mechanical Engineering BS, all of Brodhead; Jenna Kneubuehl, Psychology BS and Angela Meiners, Civil Engineering BS, both of Davis, Illinois; and Caden Cleasby, Engineering Tech Mgt BS, of Orfordville.

AREA STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

The following individuals from your area have been named to the Dean's List at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee for the Spring 2025 semester. UWM is the second largest university in the State of Wisconsin, with more than 22,800 undergraduate and graduate students.

Among those named were Sarah Thompson, Biomed Science and HCA Undergraduate, of Davis, Illinois; Raina Johnson, Biomed Science and HCA Undergraduate, of Durand, Illinois; and Gabby Zomok, Biomed Science and HCA Undergraduate, of Orfordville.

AREA STUDENTS NAMED TO THE PRESIDENT'S LIST AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The following students were named to the President's List at Iowa State University. Students achieving this prestigious designation have maintained a 4.0 GPA for two consecutive semesters.

Named to the list was Savannah Nicole Peterson, Animal Science, B.S., of Davis, Illinois.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Librarian

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Vacation by Laura Lippman, River Gold (John Cabrelli Northern Lakes Mysteries Book 5) by Jeff Nania, The Doorman by Chris Pavone, Sounds Like Love by Ashley Poston, Till Summer Do Us Part by Meghan Quinn, Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid, The Grimoire Grammar School Parent Teacher Association by Caitlin Rozakis, With A Vengeance by Riley Sager, A Mother's Love by Danielle Steel, and Stuart Woods' Finders Keepers (Stone Barrington Book 66) by Brett Battles.

Large Print: A Happier Life by Kristy Woodson Harvey, Every Time We Say Goodbye by Natalie Jenner, Never Flinch by Stephen King, Going Home in The Dark by Dean Koontz, The Stellar Debut of Galactica Macfee (The Scotland

Street Book 17) by Alexander McCall Smith, Hidden Nature by Nora Roberts, All The Glimmering Stars by Mark Sullivan, The Summer We Started Over by Nancy Thayer, and Finders Keepers (Stone Barrington Book 66) by Stuart Woods.

DVD: A Minecraft Movie (PG)

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Green County Development Corporation Awarded State Grant to Boost Local Dairy Exports

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) has been awarded \$62,770 in grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to strengthen the region's dairy export capabilities and position Wisconsin dairy producers for greater global success.

The funding, part of DATCP's strategic initiative to expand Wisconsin's agricultural exports, will support GCDC in conducting a cold chain and export logistics feasibility study, addressing supply chain gaps, and enhancing research and development efforts in export readiness.

The dairy industry in Wisconsin contributes \$52.8 billion to our economy. The 5,300 dairy farms in the state produce 25% of the nation's cheese. In Green County there are 12 cheese plants utilizing milk from over 260 dairy farms.

"Wisconsin's dairy industry is one of the strongest in the world, and Green County plays a vital role in that legacy," said Olivia Otte, Executive Director of GCDC. "This grant allows us to explore how we can better support local producers and processors by improving export infrastructure and identifying new international market opportunities."

The project will focus on three key areas:

- Feasibility Study: An in-depth

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Dave Masloske—
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Grant

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analysis of cold chain logistics and export infrastructure needs in southern Wisconsin to ensure high-quality dairy products can reach global markets efficiently.

•Supply Chain Assistance: Identification and support for addressing gaps in transportation, packaging, and distribution systems that hinder dairy exports.

Export Readiness R&D: De•velopment of tools, resources, and training to prepare producers and processors to meet international demand and regulatory standards.

The initiative aligns with Wisconsin's broader effort to grow its agricultural export footprint and enhances the competitiveness



All Conference Awards, left to right: Max Pinnow—Honorable Mention, Sam Searls—Honorable Mention, Gabe Bockhop—Second Team All-Conference, Dave Masloske—First Team All-Conference.



JV Team, left to right: Beck Benton, Logan Krupke, Jayden Nehls, Max Bennett, Will Searls, Manny Bueno, Aiden Walker.



All Seniors: Brooks Malkow, Clay Elliott, Gabe Bockhop, Brody Riese, Dave Masloske, Parker Vanderpal, Max Pinnow, and Tyrin Foster.

of small and medium-sized agribusinesses.

“We’re grateful to DATCP for recognizing the importance of regional leadership in strengthening our state’s agricultural economy,” said Otte. “With this support, we’re not just investing in exports — we’re investing in the future of Wisconsin dairy.”

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Capitol Update

By Senator
Howard Marklein
June 27, 2025

Session Day Recap: Keeping Kids Safe, Supporting Nurses, and Helping EMS

On June 18, the State Senate was in session. We voted to pass meaningful legislation that will have a big impact on Wisconsinites. I want to dedicate this column to highlighting some of the key bills we passed on the floor.

SB 41—School Safety Grants—This legislation reauthorizes grants for schools to purchase infrastructure that protects students and teachers, such as reinforced doors, cameras, shatter resistant glass, and staff training. These grants will help schools upgrade their security and help create a safer learning environment for our students.

SB 182—Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Grants—I authored this legislation to lower barriers for new EMS volunteers. This bill creates a program to reimburse volunteers for the cost of EMS classes taken at Wisconsin Technical Colleges. It also provides support to our Technical Colleges to help cover the cost of putting on EMS classes, even when the tuition does not cover their expenses. Finally, it launches a new “Live 911” pilot program, which enables dispatchers to send a link via text message to a caller that would allow the dispatcher to see a live video of the scene, provide better instructions, and share information with first responders.

SB 232—Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Grants—This legislation gives Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) more flexibility to receive state grant funding. These centers are a great asset to Wisconsin, supporting children who are victims

of alleged abuse, neglect, and endangerment. My district is home to the Green County Child Advocacy Center, which does phenomenal work. While I wish crimes like this did not exist in our society, as long as they do, our entire community benefits from the critical work CACs do. They work closely with district attorneys and law enforcement to secure convictions in child abuse cases and offer important, ongoing services to the victims. I was very proud to vote for this important bill!

SB 258—Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRN) Licensing—This legislation creates a separate license for Registered Nurses (RN) who meet the criteria to practice as APRNs. Wisconsin faces a critical shortage of healthcare workers, especially in rural areas. This is in part because we place artificial and unnecessary barriers in the way of APRNs practicing within their full scope of practice. This legislation allows APRNs to work independently, while still ensuring they meet high standards of training and qualification. I am proud to cosponsor this bill, which helps ease the provider shortage we feel all across our state and make Wisconsin a more attractive place for these professionals to practice.

These are just a few of the impactful bills the State Senate passed during an eventful session day. I will continue working hard on your behalf, voting for legislation that makes a meaningful difference in the lives of my constituents and the communities I serve.

If you need assistance with any state-related matters, please call my team at the State Capitol—608-266-0703—or email me—Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov. My team is ready and willing to help navigate your state government, clear obstacles, and receive your input.


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Neonicotinoids Cause Trouble for Insects and other Wildlife

By Sally Leong

Declines in populations of bees, mayflies, butterflies and birds have been reported in the recent years and environmental quality is a primary cause. Loss of habitat is also contributing to reductions of grassland birds but the quality of habitat including availability of food and clean water are also causal. Sixty-three years ago, Rachel Carson wrote about a similar phenomenon regarding DDT in her seminal book Silent Spring.

What is causing these changes today? One reason is the use of neonicotinoid pesticides, often shortened to “neonics,” both in agriculture on field crops, vegetables, fruit, and trees, but also in urban settings on lawns, and in homes and garden centers. Neonicotinoid use has become widespread over the last 25 years and is exacerbated by their ready solubility in surface and ground water systems. Five neonicotinoid pesticides are registered for use in Wisconsin: Clothianidin, Dinotefuran, Acetamiprid, Imidacloprid, and Thiamethoxam. Clothianidin, Imidacloprid, and Thiamethoxam are used in production agriculture while Dinotefuran and Acetamiprid are used primarily on turf, in greenhouse operations and homes.

Many seeds and most corn seed today are coated with these compounds as a prophylactic measure to protect seed from insect damage. One corn seed can carry about a milligram of neonicotinoids and the lethal dose for one bee is ~5 nanograms. The coating on one seed can potentially kill as many as 100,000 bees and a typical corn field is planted with 30,000 corn seeds. In 2024, four million acres of corn were grown in Wisconsin of the 91.5 million acres cultivated in corn in the US. In addition, corn production has nearly doubled in the US in the last 20 years to meet the demands of the Renewable Fuel Standard to produce ethanol. The North Central region, which includes Wisconsin, is the primary locus of corn production in the US.

Neonic effects permeate all biota. Water washes off the neonic seed coating into soil and water systems, negatively affecting the soil organisms, insects, wildlife, and plants that make use of this water to live. The chemicals can also be sprayed on plants or added in granular form to soil. These compounds travel systemically in the plant and can be present in the flowers and nectar and pollen that insects like bees and butterflies seek. The tainted water ends up in streams and rivers and lakes, ground water systems, and in some wells. Recent surveys by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources identified neonicotinoids in our water across the state where agricultural activity is found. Five percent of wells tested were also found to contain these chemicals.

The presence of neonicotinoids

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AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, July 9, 2025
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1207 25th Street, Brodhead, WI

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- AGENDA**
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 - 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
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 - XII. AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE STAFF
 - XIII. APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS
 - XIV. ACCEPT BREAD & MLK BIDS FOR 2025-26
 - XV. ACCEPT PRIME FOOD VENDOR BID FOR 2025-26
 - XVI. APPROVAL OF HVAC PMA (PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT) FOR 2025-26
 - XVII. APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR HANDBOOKS FOR 2025-26
 - XVIII. APPROVAL OF 2024-25 BUDGET REVISIONS
 - XIX. FUTURE AGENDA
 - XX. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)
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on seed and in our water systems is impacting wildlife both directly and indirectly. Birds such as cranes readily eat the coated corn seed. The Mississippi River Watershed encompasses much of Wisconsin with the Wisconsin River as a major tributary. Studies on mayfly tissues in the Upper Mississippi River have demonstrated the widespread presence of neonicotinoids. Mayfly emergence has also declined in recent years all pointing to neonicotinoids as the cause. Mayfly larvae are an important food source for fish and other wildlife, spreading the impact of neonics.

Impacts on human health are still under study but existing findings are worrisome. Neonicotinoids target the nervous system of many organisms including humans. The WI Department of Human Health Services has issued a health advisory that recommends a limit in drinking water of 0.2 parts per billion (ug/L). Imidacloprid with higher thresholds for other neonics. Nine percent of WI ground water samples tested exceed this limit for Imidacloprid.

Where do we go from here? Several states have imposed regulations to limit neonicotinoid use mostly at the residential level. New York and Vermont recently enacted the most stringent laws in

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Regular School Board Meeting
July 9, 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. 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
 - Eric Munz
 - 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 June 11, 2025
 - 2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
 - 3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
 - 4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
 - 5. Donations (Action)
 - VIII. Referendum Updates: Discussion/Action
 - Update of Projects
 - IX. Reports
 - 1. School Staff/Student Report
 - 2. School Board President's Report
 - 3. Administrator Report
 - Staffing Updates
 - Review of events/Upcoming events
 - Other updates as necessary
 - X. Seclusion and Restraint: Discussion/Action
 - XI. Academic Standards: Discussion/Action
 - XII. Preliminary Budget: Discussion/Action
 - XIII. Five Minute Recess
 - XIV. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
 - XV. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
 - XVI. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
 - August 20, 2025 (change in meeting from August 13, 2025)
 - XVII. Adjournment
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the United States to ban most uses of these pesticides unless the need is justified. In 2018 the European Union banned outdoor uses of the three primary neonicotinoids Clothianidin, Imidacloprid, and Thiamethoxam. Acetamiprid can still be used until 2033, but recent studies have brought new concerns about its safety. Despite acknowledging many environmental impacts such as the decline of bees and birds, the EPA has yet to issue comprehensive final rules for neonic use. Elected officials in Wisconsin recently attempted to limit use of neonicotinoids on DNR lands and to pass a set of bills to protect pollinators in Wisconsin without success.

Studies on corn and soybean production have shown that neonicotinoid use has little benefit to growers. The provinces of Ontario and Quebec, Canada limit use on these crops to certain situations and requires proof of need in a growing season. Growers in Quebec went from 100% to a few percent use of the coated corn seed without negative impacts on production. The Practical Farmers of Iowa as well as many academic researchers in the United States have made similar conclusions. Despite these findings, the percentage of coated corn seed continues to increase and is now estimated at over 90%, while soybean is over 50% in the United States. Seed companies can be owned by the same company that produces the neonicotinoids, so promoting their use is good for

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By Laura Roth,
Children's Librarian

Who knew you can paint with crepe paper and a spray bottle? The youngsters at Albertson Memorial Library's Summer Library Program did just that, producing some very creative rainbows! The water combined with the crepe paper to leave a water-color-like stain on the paper. Very beautiful!

The children learned about all the different kinds of green (pine green, faded green, and slow green, etc.) from the book *Green* by Laura Seger and *A Green, Green Garden* by Mercer Mayer.

Next, they used green soybean leaves to add green to the on-going t-shirt project. A banging rubber mallet makes a horrific noise but leaves a really nice impression behind (think grass stain) using the chlorophyll in the leaves. The t-shirts are turning into a colorful masterpiece, almost a scrapbook of the entire Summer Library Program!

Sadly, Albertson Memorial Library's Summer Library Program is finished for this year, but there are children's programs throughout the rest of the summer. Check out Albertson Memorial Library's website for more information.

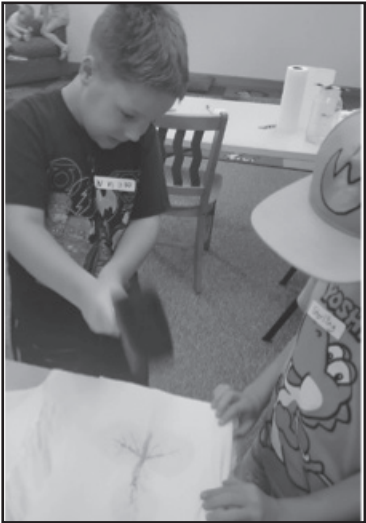
Don't forget to keep reading. The Summer Reading Challenge goes through the end of August. It offers prizes for all ages, including adults.

July 1st started green week for Albertson Memorial Library's Summer Library Program and all the activities revolved around green leaves. Storytime included *Green* by Laura Seeger and *A Green, Green Garden* by Mercer Mayer.

Using a chromatography experiment, participants could watch green marker 'climb' a strip of paper towel, separating into blue and yellow. In an extra bonus, the experiment was replicated with two different kinds of maple leaves, ground up in a blender. The red maple leaves turned out to be mostly green after all.

Finally, rubber mallets pounded chlorophyll from leaves onto the t-shirts (think grass stain). It was loud and rowdy, but the t-shirts are getting more and more colorful.

Sadly, the Summer Library Program has come to an end. However, there will be more children's programs through August. Be sure to check out Albertson Memorial's website for more information. And don't forget to keep reading. The summer reading challenge runs to the end of August, as well.



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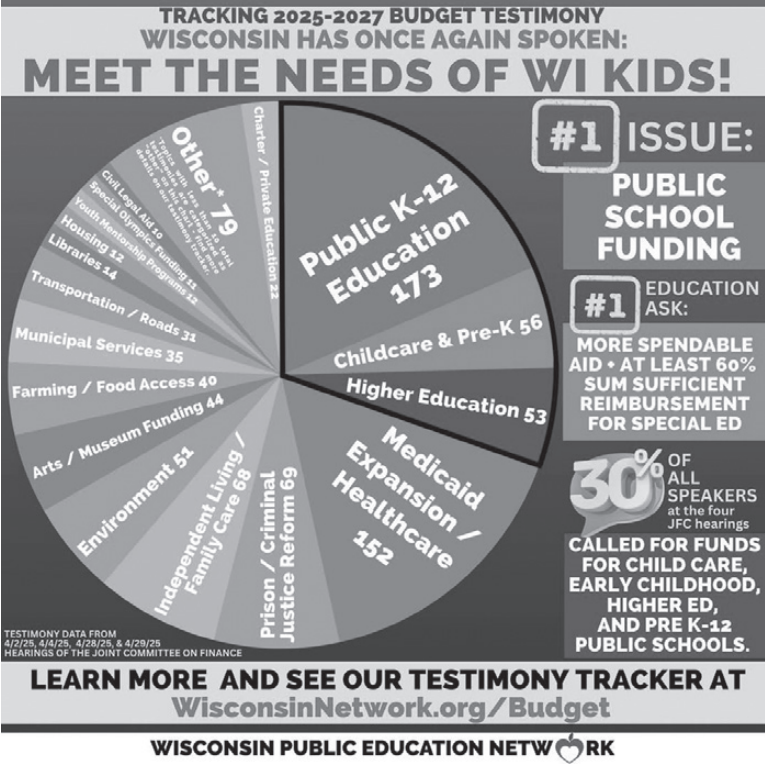


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Community members gather to learn more about state budget

On Monday, June 30 community members from Green County and surrounding areas came together to learn more about the state budget process and its impact on the property taxes and our communities affordability.

The discussion started with Dr. Thayer from New Glarus School District talking about the current state of school district funding and how chronic underfunding from the state has resulted in increased property taxes. She emphasized that the system is unfair in how public schools are funded and held accountable in comparison to private and voucher schools. For example, private and voucher schools do not have to have DPI licensed teachers and are not required to participate in the Forward Exams, nor pay for and require the ACT exam is taken by every student. These exams are how schools are “graded” and are easy for the general public to look at and compare. Furthermore, the



proposed special ed reimbursement is woefully below what it was in the 1990s as it hovers around 30% right now with the budget (now passed at 42% for 25-26 and 45% in 26-27), but for private schools it is at 90%.

State Superintended Jill Underly and Deputy Undersecretary provided more context about the historical funding of schools and special education as questions were asked. The state budget also passed and provided zero additional dollars per student for the next two years for public schools, but voucher schools did get an increase. Presenters also explained that the property taxpayers you pay do not go into the budget for the state funding, your property taxes are completely separate, but are impacted by the lack of fair investment at the state level. Therefore, communities with more people, more large corporations, and wealthier households are able to provide more for their public schools in comparison to smaller more rural communities with fewer taxable households/businesses. This unfairness results in our communities being hollowed out as people who have the flexibility either enroll their children in neighboring districts or they move to more vibrant communities leaving the remaining property taxpayers paying even more for fewer services.

After the public education question and answer wrapped up, Corrine Hendrickson, family child care provider spoke about the necessity to increase supports for special education as the schools are responsible for children once they turn three. Prior to three, the county has birth-3 services. However, three year olds are best served in the community, including in child care programs and when there isn't adequate funding, the ability to meet our youngest children's needs when they are most impactful isn't appropriately handled. For example, this causes children with easier to support speech needs to be unsupported until it impacts their ability to play and learn with their peers and siblings. The inability to fully meet young children's needs causes secondary diagnosis and is more expensive for the district and negatively impacts the child's growth and development.

Next, she spoke about the lack of funding for child care and the inability for parents to afford the cost of care. Yes, child care is extremely expensive, but the teachers and family child care providers earn poverty level wages. The reason for this is the low number of children to adults required to ensure children thrive and the teachers can meet their needs without burning out. The average wage is \$13 an hour for group centers and about 25,000 annually for a 50 hour work week for family child care. The budget did allocate the interest earned on the American Rescue Plan funds for 11 more months, but this amount is smaller and tuition will continue to rise and teachers will continue to quit as they can't earn a living in this field. This impacts the ability of the early childhood educators to identify and refer children to special ed services as they are less likely to understand the process, successfully navigate the difficult conversation with a parent about the possibility their child needs support, and advocate for that child to receive the appropriate services needed in the child care program with their peers. This impacts parents of children under 12 to consistently work and earn

Insects

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business. The cost to the farmer may be as much as \$20 an acre for the coating. Some companies coat their GMO (Genetically Modified Organism) seed to provide traits such as herbicide resistance that can interest growers. Flea and tick treatments for pets can contain neonicotinoids and may also be marketed by the same company that produces the chemicals.

As an informed public, we all need to question the value of these pesticides that are increasing in our water systems and contributing to the decline of insects and wildlife, in some cases for use in a prophylactic manner. We need to consider alternatives to situations where there may be a real need and consider stringent laws to protect the environment and human health for the long term.

Sally Leong is a retired biochemist and emeritus faculty member of the University of Wisconsin, Madison. As a new grandmother, Sally wants to ensure that safe and healthy soil and water are available to all life for generations to come.

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union is a member-driven chapter committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement in Rock, Green, and Lafayette Counties.

enough income to afford to live. Fewer parents working means more people qualify for Medicaid (Badgercare), food stamps, and other forms of public assistance. Lower income means fewer people spending money in our community and our businesses then suffer. CGreen County economy loses between 14-22 million annually due to the lack of child care due to household losses, business impacts, and tax revenue. Furthermore, as child care becomes more scarce and prohibitively expensive schools have had to turn to all day 4k programs and some are even going to 3k. The state does not provide any money for 3k and only partially provides for 4k; meaning local property taxpayers are making up the difference.

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