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Brodhead's Prom is Saturday, April 26th. The Grand March is at 8 p.m.; doors open to the public at 7:30 p.m.

Falls are a leading cause of injury for aging adults.

To help provide falls prevention education, SSM Health is partnering with Aging and Disability Resource Centers in Rock County and Green County.

"Stepping On" will take place at Brodhead Public Library from 1-3 p.m., April 23-June 4. The seven-week class series teaches about fall hazards in and outside the home, and how to safely recover from a fall. It also offers strength and balance exercises, as well as additional information about how vision, hearing, and medication can impact fall risk.

A donation of \$15 is suggested for the class series. Pre-registration is not required, but it is suggested by calling 608-328-9499 for Green County residents, or 608-757-5309 for Rock County residents. Residents from other counties may call either number.

The deadline to register is Friday, April 11.

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Dear School District of Brodhead Residents:

By David Novy, District Administrator, School District of Brodhead

We are grateful to announce that the Operational Referendum question that was on the ballot on Tuesday, April 1 has passed, allowing us to avoid substantial cuts to programs, services, and staffing across our schools. The three-year non-recurring Operational Referendum passed by a vote of 1,223 yes to 1,197 no. The District appreciates the continued support of the high-quality educational programming Brodhead has put into place.

Thank you for supporting this Referendum! The successful passage of the Referendum is a testament to the strong community spirit and commitment to our students. As we stated in our Referendum listening sessions, even with the passage of this Referendum, the District's mill rate is anticipated to stay at the same \$7.24 level. This will be a \$0 tax rate increase from the previous year, and is expected to stay at that approximate rate through the three-year duration of this Referendum.

With the Referendum's approval, the School Board will be authorized to exceed the District's State-imposed revenue limit by up to \$1.75 million annually for the next three years. While you do not directly see the impact of an Operational Referendum as you did with the improvements made with the support of the 2024 Capital Referendum, this additional funding will ensure that we can continue to provide the high-quality education our students deserve.

We sincerely appreciate the engagement we have seen from our community throughout this process. We had three public listening sessions, two "Coffee with the Superintendent" dates, and several presentations to civic organizations about the future of our schools and will continue these conversations as we move forward with our budgeting process. It is important to note that due to the State funding formula in Wisconsin, community support through Referendums continues to be necessary to maintain the quality of education our students receive. Your ongoing support is extremely important as we strive for excellence in education.

Thank you once again for your support of the School District of Brodhead and for helping us empower the futures of the students we serve!

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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. 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. Two Bible study sessions on “Christianity by Contract,” Saturday, April 12 and Saturday, April 19, at noon at UCC. Everyone in community is welcome. Final Ecumenical Lenten Mid-Week service at noon on Wed., Apr. 9, at UCC. Special Palm Sunday service, Sun., Apr. 13, at 10 a.m. followed by Annual Easter Egg Hunt. All kids in community are welcome. Maundy Service on Thurs., Apr. 17, at 6 p.m. followed by “Silent Soup Supper.” Women’s Guild Bake Sale in lobby of Bank of Brodhead on Fri., Apr. 18, 8 a.m. to noon.

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

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblor. 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 Jadyne 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.

Brodhead Community Gardens meeting Wednesday, April 23

Interested in growing your own food? Do you have limited space for a garden where you live? Then you are a candidate to join the Brodhead Community Gardens. There is an acre of land available behind Gasser True Value for community residents to have their own garden plot to grow what they wish. The spaces are approximately 20x25 or roughly 500 square feet, you can keep your plot year after year. Participants are asked to use limited fertilizer, insecticides, and herbicides, and to have your plot cleaned up by November 1. All vegetables are the property of the grower and gardens will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., during the summer months for planting, weeding and harvesting. There will be water available on site. They ask that you try limiting the weed growth in your plot. Experienced gardeners are always available to answer any questions.

They will hold an in-person meeting on Wednesday, April 23, at 5 p.m. at the Brodhead Public Library. You can also sign up on Saturday morning, April 26, at 10 a.m. at the Community Garden site. Both meetings are open to existing Community Garden members and those wishing to get a garden plot for the first time. The cost of each plot is \$20, they will be receiving payments and assigning plots at this time.

Tilling is based on temperature and ground conditions but is usually done by the first weekend in May. Please do not plant anything until the tilling is done. For more information you may call either Dave Schupbach at 608-214-5950 or Kelly Badertscher at 608-447-2106. Please do not call Gasser Hardware.

Community Garden members who had plots from last year may sign up by sending a check to Rick Neuenschwander, N2546 Oakridge Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520. Please make your check payable to the Brodhead Community Gardens. Please reserve your plots by Thursday, May 1. If you are planning not to garden this year please contact Dave, Kelly or Rick..

2025 Gap Church 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 Sunday, April 13th to allow adequate time to clean up.

Do not place spring or summer items until May 1st.

Gap Church Cemetery, W2401 State Road 59, Albany.

Brodhead Evening Garden Club to meet

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club will meet on Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. Please join them to find out what 2025 has in store for them. They have lots of exciting programs for this year. You do not have to have a green thumb to join them.



Lily Williams & Mark Woodward

Juda Zion Community Church presents Easter musical

For the past 30 years, since 1995, the Juda Zion Community Church adult choir has presented an Easter musical. This year’s production, titled “The Choice,” will be given on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m., and on Good Friday, April 18 at 1:30 p.m. Directed by Shelly Jordan, The Choice is the story of a Roman soldier who loves a Jewish maiden, and the choice they must make. This powerful drama includes many scene changes, captivating lyrics, authentic costuming, and thoughtful dialogue. Taking part in the program are: Cast: Steve Anderson, Heidi Bolton, Kathy Broger, Jean Busker, Sara Carr, Kay Carter, Irv Case, Sharon Creuzer, Pat Daniels, Dakota Davis, Julie Davis, Tommy Davis, JoAnn Eberle, Jake Hoesly, Joyce Hoesly, Luke Jordan, Judy Kaderly, Joe Kaderly, Rudy Kaderly, Laurie Martenson, Debbie Mason, Mark Mason, Tom Moore, Nicole Ramirez, Ryan Schmitt, Kim Shields, Carrie Soddy, Justin Soddy, Carrie Schwartz, Lily Williams, Eric Woodward, Lucas Woodward, and Mark Woodward. Director: Shelly Jordan, Sound and Tech Crew: Bill Jahn, Kalvin Kaderly, and Caleb Woodward. Lights: Brian Matzke. Costume Design: Nancy Coplien. Set Decoration: Entire Cast and Crew. Prompter: Judy Kaderly. Construction: JR Jordan, Kurt Jordan, and Rudy Kaderly. Publicity: Hazel Matzke, and Peggy Matzke. Kitchen: Kay Carter. Both presentations are free and open to the public, but a free-will offering will be received. Following the program a time of refreshments and fellowship will be held in the church fellowship hall. Juda Zion Community Church is located at N2350 Church Street, Juda.

Stateline Women’s Connection “Friendship Builder” luncheon

The Stateline Women’s Connection cordially invite you to their “Friendship Builder” luncheon on Wednesday, April 16, at noon. The suggested donation is \$5 for the light lunch. The luncheon will be held at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.

The guest speaker will be Carrie Hunter. The Listen and Learn will be Shannon Kaszuba from Big Brother Big Sister of Green County.

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



Representatives from different faiths joined in lighting a Peace Candle to close the worship service.

Ecumenical Service for World Peace held

Members of the community joined together for an Ecumenical Service for World Peace on Saturday, March 29 at 1 p.m. at the Brodhead United Methodist Church. In this time of war and suffering—in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, attendees representing area churches united in prayer, music and reflection to seek God’s peace for our world. The service included music from an ecumenical choir and the Praise Band Bethesda from Appleton. Speakers provided prayers and a story of missionary work at a Ukrainian orphan home prior to the war.

The Brodhead United Methodist Church is located at 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. The building is handicap accessible and is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m.

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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!

BRODHEAD COMMUNITY BAND

The Brodhead Community Band will perform on Saturday, June 28 at 1 p.m. at Family Fest and Sunday, August 10, at 6 p.m. at Twilight In The Park.

Rehearsals will be held at the Brodhead High School from 6-7:30 pm. on Tuesdays: May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, July 29 and August 5.

For more information call 608-897-2155 ext. 253 or email jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

POST PROM DONATIONS

Parents of the Brodhead High School junior class are asking for donations to help sponsor this year's post prom event. The donations will help pay for games, food and door prizes for the students.

Post Prom will be held at Bass Creek Golf Course and will feature virtual golf, darts, bags, pool, hunting game, photo booth, cards/games and a jukebox.

They are hoping to have all donations by Friday, April 11. Please contact Angie Fields at 608-897-2184.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

A softball organizational meeting for Sunday Night Church league has been set for Thursday, April 17th at 6 p.m. at City Hall. All managers must be there or at least a team representative must be present to guarantee a spot in the league. If you are interested in entering a team or have any questions regarding the league, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 608-897-2159.

MENS SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

A softball organizational meeting for Tuesday Night Men's League, (25 years and over) has been set for Thursday, April 17th at 7 p.m. at City Hall. All managers must be there or at least a team representative must be present to guarantee a spot in the league. If you are interested in entering a team or have any questions regarding the league, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 608-897-2159.

ATTENTION ADULT SOFTBALL TEAMS

If you are interested in getting a team in the Sunday Night Church Coed League, Tuesday Night Men's Master's League or would like to play on a team, call the Park and Rec Office at 608-897-2159. Leagues will begin in May.

ANNUAL LOT OWNER'S MEETING

The Annual Lot Owner's meeting will be held at John's Barber Shop, at 911 Exchange Street, Brodhead, on Wednesday April 16th, at 5:30 p.m. The Trustee's meeting will be held at the same location, following the Lot Owner's meeting.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

How the States Got Their Shapes Part 4—The Southwest and Pacific Coast States

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

Please join us Saturday, April 12 for the final presentation on how our 50 states came to be shaped the way they are. Avid historian Brad Keyes has distilled and summarized for us this complex story and his excellent presentations and commentary bring history to life.

Brad is going to wrap up our look at “How the States got their Shapes” by explaining how the American people were not done with expansion. The concept of Manifest Destiny was the common belief in the 19th century and some people felt it gave them the right to expand the United States clear across North America from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Discover why our border with present day Canada is at the 49th parallel and not the 50th or 48th. Learn why we went to war with Mexico and what we gained from it, and why we used thievery to take land away from Spain and Hawaii. Understand what the Gadsden Purchase and Seward's Folly added to the country.

The program is Saturday, April 12 at 10 a.m. Please join us and hear the rest of the story!

About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between Durand School and the Friends of the Durand Library. Everyone is cordially invited to all events at the library. Durand School District residents can check out books during public hours Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.

Entry is at the east or playground end of the school building. Look for the familiar blue library sign at the sidewalk and follow signs on the building. For more information, email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or visit [FB.com/durandvillagelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary).

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Brodhead Evening Garden Club Scholarship

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club invites seniors who have an interest Horticulture, Plant Science, Landscaping, Turf Science or Natural Resources to submit an application and a one-page essay detailing their school achievements, grade point average, extra-curricular activities, future goals and career objectives. All applications must be submitted by Friday, April 25. Students may be attending a two-year, four-year or technical college. The scholarship awarded may be up to \$500. Please send your application to Julie Neeley at brodheadgardenclub32@gmail.com, put Scholarship in the subject line.

Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

The Footville Fire and EMS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26, from 6:30-11 a.m. at the fire station located at 252 N. Gilbert Street. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is adults \$10, children \$5 and two and under are free. Dine in, carry out and delivery available in Footville Fire District. Call 608-876-6118.

There will be 50/50 and basket raffle tickets for purchase. Winner will be drawn at the end of the event. You do not need to be present to win! There will be some silent auction items as well.

Albany Historical Society presents

The Tuesday, April 15th Albany Historical Society meeting will feature a slide presentation by John Ochsner describing the first efforts in April 1975 at conducting prescribed burn management at the 64-acre Muralt Prairie in Mt. Pleasant Township.

The Muralt Prairie is the largest prairie remnant in Green County. The presentation will describe the issues encountered by local volunteers as they reintroduced fire to this small fire-dependent plant community.

The meeting will take place at 7 p.m. at the Albany Historical Society museum at 119 N. Water Street, Albany. A brief business meeting will proceed the program. There is no charge for admittance.

For more information text or phone 608-214-8289.

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The ARC-Green County will present the Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14. Admission and parking are \$3. They will have food trucks both days along with hot air balloon flight, bands, balloon glow, craft fair, car show, carnival, pancake breakfast more. The event will be held at the Green County Fair Grounds.

For times and updates follow them in Facebook or their web site www.monroeballoonandblues.com.

2025 Albany Alumni Banquet

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 \$20 roast beef dinner is served family style.

Send money and reservations to Dan Weber, N5926 Marie Ct, Albany WI 53502. Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Any questions call Dan at 608-862-3260.


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Brodhead Music Dept. traveled to NYC

The Brodhead Music Department traveled to New York City over Spring Break. They were able to be on the Today Show, take a boat to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, visit the 9/11 Museum and Memorial, Chinatown, ride the Subway, tour the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum and have lunch at Grand Central Station. They enjoyed dinner at Gayle's Broadway Rose, went up the Empire State Building, had a workshop with Broadway stars, visited Times Square, Rockefeller Center, Central Park, Rise NY and saw Wicked on Broadway. The group enjoyed the Museum of Broadway, touring Radio City Music Hall and that they ended their trip with a Dinner Cruise. A huge thank you to Mr. Riesterer for everything he did to make this incredible trip happen and to all of the students and parents for making this truly the trip of a lifetime. Many special memories were made.



During the trip the group had dinner in Chinatown.



The Brodhead Music Department made signs hoping to get on the today show- and they did! Such a cool experience!

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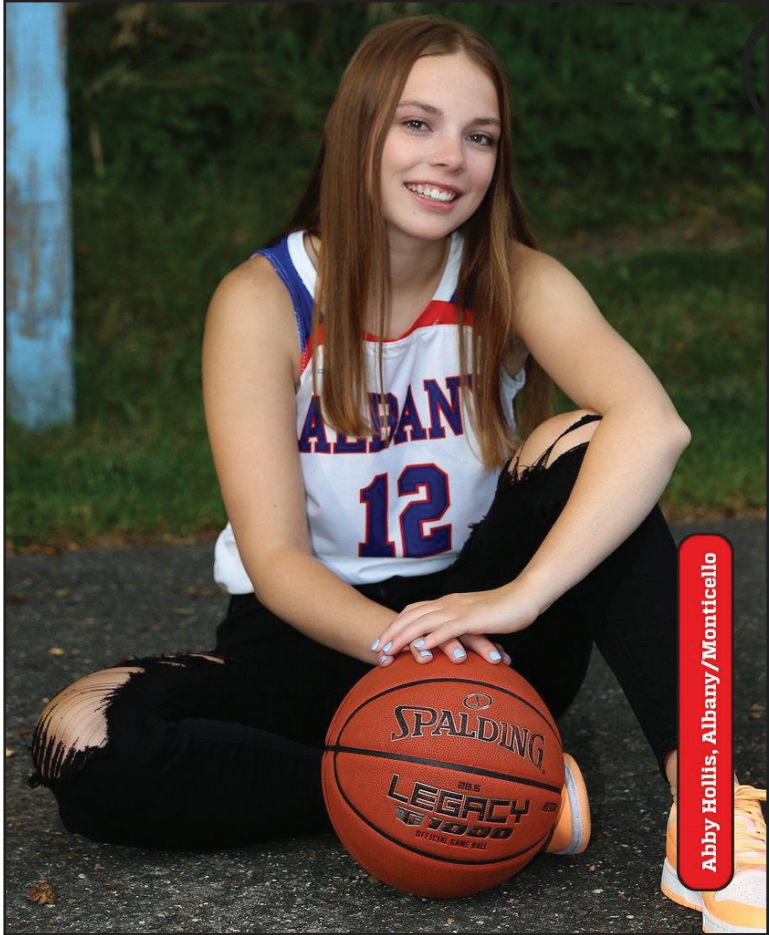
The group members were able to participate in a workshop with two Broadway stars. One has performed as Glinda in Wicked and the other as the genie in Aladdin.

Albany's Abby Hollis recipient of WBCA Jim Nedelcoff Award

Abby Hollis, Albany High School senior and starting shooting guard for the Albany-Monticello Space Stallions was selected as the recipient of the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Jim Nedelcoff Award. The award recognizes athletes who demonstrate passion, discipline, humbleness, selflessness, and perspective on and off the court.

Abby was a player with the Wisconsin Elite Girls Basketball Club for eight years before transitioning into the coach role for of their fifth and sixth grade team. As a high school player, Abby was her team's leader and, even though she holds four school records and hit a couple big shots in the 2024 D5 championship game, she sacrificed her own stats for her team's success. Off the court, Abby runs the Comet Classic 3-on-3 basketball tournament each fall in Albany to raise funds for youth programs in her community. She has raised and donated over \$11,000 in the first three years of her tournament.

The Jim Nedelcoff 'Catalyst' Award is presented annually to one girl and one boy player who exemplify the "Start-



Abby Hollis

ing Five" qualities stressed by Jim Nedelcoff in his Hall of Fame career. The criteria, stated below, is what a student athlete has consistently demonstrated and/or developed into on and off the court. The Catalyst of Success Award—The Starting Five in honor of Jim Nedelcoff. The Starting Five Reasons why: Passion, Discipline, Humbleness, Selflessness, and Perspective.

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Brodhead Baseball Reloaded for 2025 Season

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead High School baseball head coach Aaron Guilbault begins his 10th year leading the team. Trent Gerber, Blake Burns, Dave Mullen, Skylar Stuckey, Dan Senobe, and Aaron Duecker combine for 30 years of assisting with the Cardinals. Last year the team had a 13–11 record overall, 10 -5 in the Rock Valley Conference and captured the conference title.

Graduating in 2024 were Evan Senobe who is now pitching at UW River Falls, Ryan Searls, 2024 team MVP, who played short stop and Kohen Sawle who was described as a “utility” player being able to handle second or third base, or pitching duties. Each was a four-year starter.

The upcoming season appears to be promising with nine seniors returning, eight of them as starters along with junior Sam Searls, a 2024 Second Team All-Conference, will be leading from the mound. Seniors Clay Elliott, Parker Vanderpal and Brody Riese will add depth to the pitching crew while Tyrin Foster and Dave Masloske return to the outfield and Max Pinnow will again patrol first base and Brooks Malkow will be infield. Gabe Bockhop, a four-year starter as catcher and a First Team All-Conference and Position Player of the Year in 2024, with plans to attend UW Lacrosse to continue his academics and baseball career will take charge behind the plate. Bockhop and Masloske are awarded captains of this talented team.

Beloit Turner, Jefferson, and Delavan Darien are anticipated to be contenders this season. With last year’s championship and this much experience returning the Cardinals know they are a target in the Rock Vally Division. The team has room for growth to fill the positions from last year’s graduates. Guilbault stated a large amount of time has been focusing on the “Culture” with the expectation to stay hungry and compete day in and day out. “What has been created here is special and we need to fight for it.” He believes the underclassmen are ready to step-up and contribute along with the off-season work put in with the seniors leading the way, will lead to a fun season.



K. Hazeltine awaits the throw as Brody Riese makes a dive safely back to first base. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Seniors leading Brodhead softball include Kylee Wahler, Ava Risum, and Tatum Ceslok. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Tatum Ceslok connected for a home run earning three scores for the Cardinals to help seal a Brodhead victory over Delavan Darien. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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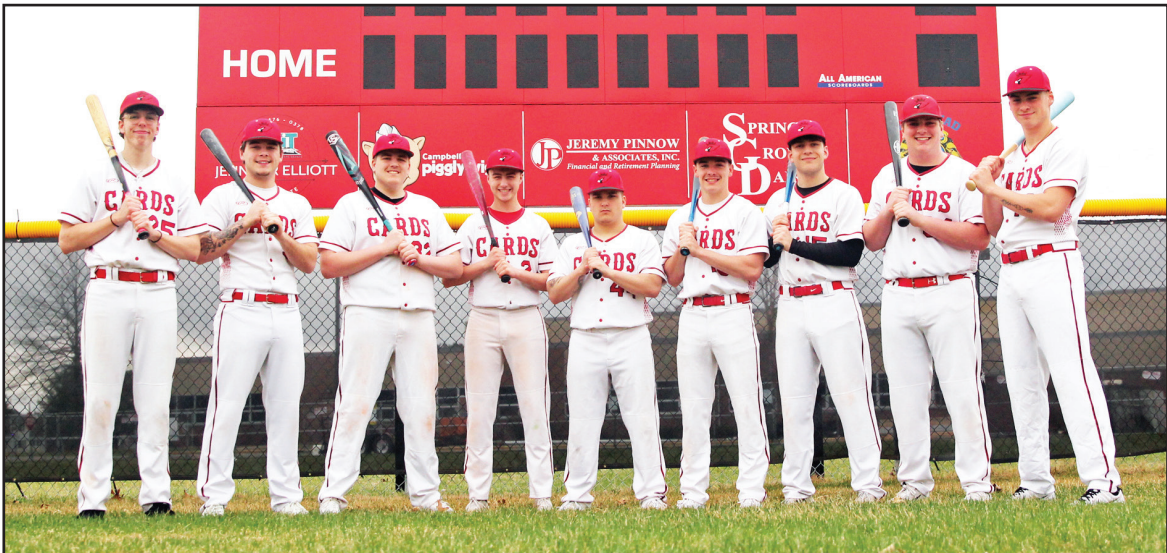
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Returning for their senior season to Brodhead Juda Baseball are left to right: Parker Vanderpal, Clayton Elliott, Brooks Malkow, Tyrin Foster, Felix Paffel, Gabe Bockhop, David Masloske, Max Pinnow, and Brody Riese. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Baseball Season Begins

By Teresa Earleywine

Cardinal baseball traveled to McFarland last week for the opener. By the third inning, the Spartans scored the first five runs but Brodhead rallied in the fifth putting five scores on four hits on the board. Braylon Strehlow and Clayton Elliott each singled to bring home their teammates, followed by a double for Gabe Bockhop to earn two more scores. Sam Searls completed the run with a sacrifice fly to tie the game. In the bottom of the seventh, with two outs, McFarland has the bases loaded, B. Bernhardt singles to bring home B. Maly to end the game in a walk-off. Before Friday’s home game against the Dakota Indians, senior Max Pinnow recognized the various sponsors that helped contribute to the new scoreboard that became his senior project. Brodhead took a 2–1 lead in the first inning. The Indians chalked four runs top of the fourth for a 5–2 lead that would hold to the end. Saturday, Coach Guilbault’s team renewed their friendly rivalry at Parkview. The Cards had 12 hits with Brooks Malkow going 2 for 3, Dave Masloske 2 for 4 and Sam Searls 2 for 5. Searls, Strehlow and Chase Bauman combined for six RBIs, winning 14–6 against the Vikings. Parker Vanderpahl earned the win and Easton Hess collected the save for Brodhead. M Treinen led Parkview 3-for hits while Louis Nath took the loss for Parkview.

Baseball travels on Monday to Dodgeville, Tuesday to Whitewater and will host Delavan-Darien on Thursday.

Track Team Making Strides

By Teresa Earleywine

At the Wisconsin State Indoor Championships track meet at UW Whitewater last Saturday with more than 100 schools competing, the Cardinal women saw Stella Arn finish in second place in the 60m sprint and Madi Brown placed ninth in the high jump. Eric Woodward earned third while Mavrick Plummer was 13th in the 800m run and 14th in the 400m sprint with over 50 athletes competing in the events.

At the Monroe Invite last week Brodhead girls placed second with Elliana Shank earning first place in the 100m run, pole vault and long jump, Madi Brown-high jump and the 4x100 women’s. The boys finished in fourth place. Cohen Henze-100m, and Teagan Pinnow each earned first place,

Track will travel to Clinton on Tuesday for a dual meet participate in the Clinton Relays on Friday

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Softball Enters New Era

By Teresa Earleywine

It is a new era for Brodhead High School softball with new Head Coach Chad Risum who takes over with the retirement of Steve Krupke. He will be joined by assistants Matt Rear and Keith Meier. This year, Brodhead moves to Division 2 based on the WIAA ruling of competitive equity. Based in part on the past two years of post season play. Brodhead is one of nine schools that reached this threshold. https://www.fastpitchchronicle.net/news_article/show/1315246

Ava Risum returns for her senior year. Last year she was named First Team All-State, First Team All-Conference and RVC Pitcher of the Year. Risum has signed a letter of intent to continue her athletic career at Lindenwood University. Tatum Ceslok—first base and Kylee Wahler—OF, makeup the remaining seniors on the team with Leah Rear—SS/3rd base, Keegan Steinke—second base, and Karli Krumwiede—catcher, contributing as juniors. Sophomore, Emberly Ast saw varsity action last year late in the season. Freshmen players expected to make an impact to the team include Natalie Pierce—OF and Madi Henning—pitcher. With 20 girls, one currently injured, participating in practice, Risum states the intent is to operate with a “floating” varsity/JV roster with the underclassmen.

While the team may have graduated several key players from last year, Coach Risum has high expectations for the upcoming season. They started Friday, March 28th against Fall Creek and won 7–4. Risum achieved a milestone during the game by getting her 500th strikeout. Adding to the fun was Henning hitting a grand slam. Last week Tuesday, against Whitewater, Risum was on the mound and struck out 17 and walked none. As a team they had 10 hits. Their conference home opener Thursday against Delavan Darien, the Cardinals tallied a 13–0 victory in five innings. Coach Risum gave Henning the nod to start from the mound. The hurler struck out 14, allowed zero hits and zero runs for the shut-out. Ceslok had two hits including a home run over the center field fence, scoring three runs.

This week the team will be on the road to play Mt. Horeb on Monday and travel to Monroe on Tuesday.

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Cole Christopher Hoesly, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/06/2025, \$174.40.

Joseph A. Igleski, West Chicago, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/02/2025, \$98.80.

Tina Louise Janssen, Janesville, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 02/11/2025, \$10.

Mary Alice Kennedy, Evansville, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/11/2025, \$98.80.

Kristin Lynn Krebs, Evansville, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/05/2025, \$98.80.

Maddax Arthur Mcginty, Brodhead, improper signal for stop/turn, violation date 02/11/2025, \$98.80.

Bridget M. Paffel, Brodhead, issue worthless checks, violation date 07/25/2024, \$313.

Michael James Pankhurst, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/09/2025, \$98.80.

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Dakota Brooke Thompson, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/25/2025, \$98.80.

Makaela Deadriaun Jamee Tyler, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/25/2025, \$98.80.

Jesus W. Vega, Freeport, IL, operate without valid license, violation date 02/26/2025, \$124; zone and posted limits, violation date 02/26/2025, \$98.80.

Friends of the Badger and Sugar River State Trails Spring into Action!

By Christine Belle

The Friends of the Badger and Sugar River State Trails invite you to help maintain our beautiful trails by joining us for our Earth Day Trail Cleanup on Saturday, April 26 starting at 9 a.m. Winter has come and gone...and revealed a lot of trash and debris in its wake!

We can use your help to pick up trash, move branches and clear brush from the trails. Join one of our board members for a morning clean-up walk on April 26, or choose a portion of the trail near you or one that you've never walked before! We will supply garbage bags and send a Friends decal as a thank you to any volunteer who spends at least an hour doing trail maintenance as part of the Earth Day Trail Cleanup event.

Meeting sites for Earth Day Trail Cleanup include:

Fitchburg—Trailhead at Purcell Road and Sayles Trail
Belleville—Library Park
New Glarus—Train Depot —
Sugar River Trailhead
Monticello—Badger Trail Parking Lot

Albany—Trail Parking Lot
We appreciate any help, so if April 26 does not work, but you would still like to help, let us know what day you are planning work.

Contact membership@friendsofbadgerstatetrail.org with any questions.

Notice



**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Regular School Board Meeting
April 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

- Call to Order by President Pfingsten
- Roll Call
Dennis Pfingsten
Pat Daniels Jen Brooks
Laura Powers Courtney Martins
Jessica Matzke Rustin Whitney
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Proof of Notice
- Acceptance of Agenda
- Open Forum
- 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.
 - Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 12, 2025
 - Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
 - Approval of Contracts (Action)
 - CESA 2 Contract
 - 2025-2026 Teacher Contracts
 - Resignations/Retirement (Action)
 - HS/MS Counselor
 - Donations (Action)
- Referendum Updates: Discussion/ Action
 - Project Updates
- Reports
 - School Staff/Student Report
 - End of year events and activities
- School Board President's Report
 - Election update
 - Scholarship Committee
 - Scheduling of end of the year meeting with staff
- Administrator Report
 - Staffing updates
 - Strategic Plan
 - Handbooks
 - Review of events/Upcoming events
 - Other updates as necessary
- Park and Recreation District Report
- Field Trip Requests: Discussion/ Action
 - Senior Class Trip to Wisconsin Dells: May 18 and 19, 2025 (overnight)
- Salary and Benefits: Insurance Updates
- Five Minute Recess
- Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
- Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
- Meeting Review and Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
 - May 14, 2025
- Adjournment

04/09/2025

Spring into Connections: Connect Green County Hosts Opportunity to Connect with Nature and Community Scenic Hike and Winery Fun at Cadiz Springs and Hawk's Mill Winery

Shake off winter and hike into spring at the "Hike & Hawk's Mill" event happening Saturday, April 26, at 11 a.m. Presented by Connect Green County (CGC), this event promises a lively mix of outdoor meandering, networking, and refreshments at Hawk's Mill Winery.

Kick-start your springtime by joining fellow Green County residents and colleagues at Ca-

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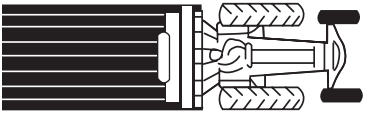
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Spring into Connections:

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diz Springs State Recreation Area. They'll meet at 11 a.m. for an energizing hike filled with lake-side trails, budding trees, and the sweet melody of spring birds—perfect for friendly conversation and connecting with nature.

The fun doesn't end there! After the hike, CGC will continue the festivities at the Hawk's Mill Winery around noon. Indulge in delicious appetizers generously provided by CGC. Sip local wines, savor tasty bites, and enjoy the great company of your neighbors and fellow community members in a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere.

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- Appetizers provided by Connect Green County (CGC)

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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.



Monday Night Mixed League

3/31—High series: Corey Foster 691, Tyson Foster 675, Rick Reed 673. High games: T. Foster 279, Jason Shrier 266, James Laughlin 256. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,134 and series 3,257. **Standings:** Broughton's Bar won 45 lost 25, Center Tavern 40-30, Fosters Gaming 38-32, Bartelt 34-36, Albany Lanes 27-43, Beloit Chiropractic 26-44.

Tuesday Shanigans

4/01—High series: Alexis Sies 527, Chris Rosheisen 340, Lisa Josephsen 302, Dan Eaton 611, John Thill 581, Dennis Atkinson 553. High games: A. Sies 180, C. Rosheisen 157, Becky Hanneman 127, J. Thill 219, D. Eaton 215, Dennis Atkinson 204. The Young & The Restless-high team game 891 and series 2,504. **Standings:** The Young & The Restless won 116 lost 52, Albany Lanes 105-63, Sweet Mini HaHa 87-81, Misfits 72-96, Clayt's Boomtastic 66-102, Greightful Dead 58-110.

Badger

4/01—High series: Ryan Brugger 620, Josh Brugger 603, Keith Riese 601, Jim Laughlin 593, Megan Anderson 433, Kim Qualley 338. High games: J. Brugger 247, R. Brugger 246, K. Riese 237, Ethan Koss 223, M. Anderson 167, K. Qualley 136. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 779. Renks-high team series 2,194. **Standings:** Jim's Mechanic Shop won 35 lost 21, Decatur Dairy 31-25, Team 6 31-25, Renks 30-26, TUGS 22-34, Counter Attack 19-37.

Wednesday Night Ladies

4/02—High series: Zoe Krattiger 548, Tara Blumer 489, Joan Flood 466, Lindsey Kotte 464, Fran Kubesh 435. High games: Z. Krattiger 199, T. Blumer 190, J. Flood 182, L. Kotte 176, Sue Armitage 176. Crystal's Team-high team game 621 and series 1,816. **Standings:** Crystal's Team won 57 lost 34, Glenn-Ann Ladies 54-37, Larson Acres 46-45, General Store 45-46, Albertson's 38-53, Stables Bar & Grill 33-58.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

4/03—High series: Becky Riese 507, Sheryl Johnson 441, Debbie Williams 414. High games: B. Riese 213, S. Johnson 160, D. Williams 157. Mike's Flooring-high team game 596 and series 1,670. **Standings:** Nolte's Garage won 73 lost 32, Albany Lanes 65-40, Mike's Flooring 64-41, Ball's Installation 56-49, Knutes 47-58.

Thursday Night Mixed

4/03—High series: Robert Murray 626, Michael Morton 617, Scott Wahler 614, Ryan Flood 613. High games: S. Wahler 255, M. Morton 248, R. Murray 247, R. Flood 237. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,027 and series 2,938. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 46 lost 24, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 38-32, Glenn Ann Holsteins 36-34, Attica Bar 35-35, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 33-37, Goltz Electric 22-48.

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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

It was April Fools Day at Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time last week, so everything happened backwards! The craft was first . . . making brownies with paper and brown paint. (Get is? Brown E's) The story Silly Sally, who went to town walking backwards and upside down inspired the preschoolers to walk on their hands. There was LOTS of giggles! Then the youngsters chanted along with "Rain Makes Applesauce." Finally, because they were so great about

April Fools, there was a pan or real brownie treats for the preschoolers to sample.

Next week is all about clouds, continuing the theme April Showers Bring May Flowers, this time focusing on rain clouds. The preschoolers will make rain clouds using watercolors and a white crayon. There may even be some puddle jumping going on! The stories will include "Cloulette" and "Little Cloud." ("I'll bet there are other big and important things a little one can do.")

The Albertson Memorial Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m., which is before the library opens, so there's no trouble if things get a bit loud and rowdy. There's tons of fun at the library . . . won't you join us?







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By Cindy Clint, Outreach Librarian

“Check out” the latest offerings at the Albertson Memorial Library.

Adult Non-Fiction: Albany United Methodist Church Cookbook (2018)

Adult Fiction: Blood Moon by Sandra Brown, Welcome to the Honey B&B by Melody Carlson, Nobody’s Fool (Detective Sami Kierce Book 2) by Harlan Coben, A Harvest of Hearts by Andrea Eames, The Summer Guests (The Martini Club Book 2) by Tess Gerritsen, The Boxcar Librarian by Brianna Labuskes, The Path that Turns Toward Spring (Mailbox Mysteries Book 4) by Melanie Lageschulte, Beach Vibes by Susan Mallery, The Writer by James Patterson and J.D. Barker, Kills Well with Others (Killers of a Certain Age Book 2) by Deanna Raybourn,

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Large Print: Battle Mountain (Joe Pickett Book 25) by CJ Box, Beach Vibes by Susan Mallery, and Lethal Prey (Prey Book 35) by John Sandford.

Young Adult Fiction: Sunrise on the Reaping (Hunger Games Book 0.5) by Suzanne Collins

DVD: Conclave (PG), Gladiator II (R)

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