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Brodhead Fire District secures Community Grant from New Glarus Brewing Company

The Brodhead Fire District announced that it has been awarded a generous grant from the New Glarus Brewing Company. The funding is provided through the brewery's "Only in Wisconsin Giving" philanthropic fund, an initiative dedicated to supporting local organizations and community safety.

The grant will directly fund criti-

cal upgrades for the department, specifically targeting ice and water rescue operations.

"We are thrilled and incredibly grateful," E. McGuire Brodhead Fire District shared in a statement. "A massive thank you to the entire team at New Glarus Brewing Company for investing in our department and keeping our community safe."

The New Glarus Brewing Company, widely known for its "Only in Wisconsin" distribution philosophy, has a long history of reinvesting in regional emergency services and civic organizations. This latest grant reinforces their ongoing commitment to public safety and community resilience across southern Wisconsin.

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Clarification

In the Brodhead City Council story published last week it was stated the estimated tax on a \$200,000 home would be \$15,000 over the 20-year term. The correct information is the total taxes paid on a \$200,000 home is estimated to total \$3,200 over the 20-year term.



50 Years of Service: Celebrating a Brodhead Legend

Please join us in extending a massive, heartfelt congratulations to Chris Searles, who was recently recognized by the Brodhead Area EMS for an astonishing 50 years of dedicated service!

Chris didn't just help run the BAEMS program; he helped build it from the very beginning. For a half-century, he has been an active, foundational pillar of our emergency services, working tirelessly to grow the program, mentor new generations, and keep our community safe.

Brodhead is incredibly lucky to have his passion, leadership, and selflessness in our corner. Thank you, Chris, for 50 years of being there for us when we needed it most. Your legacy of service is an inspiration to us all!



Marcy and the Highlights entertained a large crowd at Sunday's Twilight in the Park with her variety of music and interactions with those in attendance. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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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 Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. Online 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—Gluten Free Options. 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 Labor Day Sunday.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.



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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 JadyN Meyer. 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.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, 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.

St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on Monday 6:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m., Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506. Fully accessible for people with disabilities.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. In-person worship at 10 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARIES



Dylan Lee Ross

Dylan Lee Ross, age 17, unexpectedly passed away on July 8, 2026. He was born on November 24, 2008 to parents Lanny Ross and Traci Klemm in Janesville, Wisconsin.

He loved sports, specifically baseball, basketball, bowling, fishing and pool. He loved every sports team from collegiate to pro and would watch them all. He loved playing his guitar and going to the gym to lift.

Dylan loved to be around his friends, girlfriend and family, and everyone loved to be around him.

Dylan touched the hearts of so many and will be greatly missed by all.

He is survived in death by his dad, Lanny Ross (Tonya Buttke, Kayla, Clare, Kiara and Colton); mom, Traci Klemm (Jason Rufer, Jocelyn, Lavinia and Allena); brother, Joey Ross; girlfriend, Gretchen Kammerer; grandma, Gloria Klemm; uncles: Kevin (Cindy) Klemm, Scott (Rose) Klemm and Keith Ross; aunts: Dawn Ross and Linette Britt; along with many loving cousins and friends.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandpa, Gary Klemm; and his paternal grandparents, Lanny Ross Sr. and Diane Winchell.

The family will be having a visitation for Dylan on Friday, July 17th, at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead, starting at 3 to 7 p.m. A service will then be held the next day, Saturday, July 18th, at the Bethlehem Church in Brodhead, starting from 9 to 11 a.m. with service to immediately follow.

The family will be having a celebration of life at a later date, for all of Dylan’s Friends and Family.

DL Newcomer Funeral Home is assisting the family in funeral arrangements. Online condolences can be made at dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



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Gail Leslie Heissner

Gail Leslie Heissner was born on December 2, 1943, in Belvidere, Illinois, and fell asleep in death on July 3, 2026.

After losing four brothers and sisters during childbirth, Gail was the first to survive. She also lost her mother as a baby and was lovingly raised by her grandparents with the support of her aunts and uncles. Those early experiences shaped the strength and resilience that defined her life.

In the summer of 1958, while visiting her grandparents’ farm near Orfordville, Wisconsin, she met Bob. She said, “I knew he would be mine always.” They were married on January 10, 1959, and shared nearly 65 years together.



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Together they raised four children and built a home filled with family, laughter, animals and lasting memories. Gail and Bob loved traveling, motorcycle rides through the Ozarks, Florida sunsets and simple afternoon drives that usually included Goodwill and Kwik Trip.

Gail was witty, stubborn and wonderfully sarcastic. She spoke her mind, loved fiercely and had a tender heart for those who were hurting or overlooked. She also rescued and spoiled many cats over the years.

Her faith in Jehovah was the foundation of her life, and after Bob’s passing, she faithfully held on to the hope of seeing him again.

Gail was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Robert “Bob” Heissner; and her daughter, Theresa.

She is survived by her brother, Steve (Patrice) Heuer; her sister, Sandra Hartman; her children: Mark (Tammy) Heissner, Sheb Heissner, and Cheryl Northcutt; 12 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild on the way.

Though her family grieves her loss, they find comfort in the Bible’s promise of the resurrection and look forward to the day when Gail will awaken in Paradise, reunited with Bob and surrounded by those she loves.

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, at The Kingdom Hall of Jehovah’s Witnesses, Evansville. A visitation will take place from 10:30 a.m. until the time of service at the Kingdom Hall. Ward—Hurtley Funeral Home, Evansville is assisting the family. For online condolences please visit www.wardhurtley.com

The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the staff at The Evansville Heights and Agrace Hospice for the compassionate care, kindness and support they provided to Gail and her family.

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Oakley-Union UMC Ice Cream Social

Get ready for the Oakley-Union UMC Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 23rd, from 4 to 7 p.m. Join them in celebrating the summer with friends, food and more. The menu features barbeque, hot dogs, potato salad, beans, fresh fruit, cheese, ice cream and dessert. Free will offering.

The church is located at W2388 Gerber Road, Juda.

For more information call 608-214-0584.

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BRODHEAD OPTIMIST PIG ROAST

The Brodhead Optimist Pig Road and Pies in the Park is Sunday, July 26, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Brodhead Veterans Park. Menu includes pork loin, beans, coleslaw, soda or water. Large selection of pies sold separately by the slice. All monies raised go to fighting childhood cancer. Then at 6 p.m. enjoy music by State Line Play Boys. All at Veterans Park on Sunday, July 26th.

SAVE THE DATE

During Brodhead Covered Bridge Days plan to attend the Car—Truck Show on Sunday, August 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kelsch Machine, 1805 E. 9th Avenue.

They will also be celebrating the community's heritage with music, food and fun on Friday, August 7 through Sunday, August 9, on County T and 19th Street. They will be featuring vintage Massey Harris tractors!

BHS CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

The Brodhead High School class of 1976 will hold their 50th class reunion on Saturday, October 3, at Kelch Museum (Brodhead Airport) from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. RSVP by Friday, September 4.

Prior to the reunion they will be touring the old high school, current middle school, starting at 4 p.m. You are also welcome to tour the Kelch Museum.

Watch your mailbox or inbox for your invitation. To verify your information or provide your current contact information (in case we don't have it) or for more information, email Chris Searles at 425emt5000@gmail.com.

BHS CLASS OF 1996 REUNION

A 30-year reunion will be held at the Ford Shed on East Exchange Street on Saturday, July 25 at 6 p.m. Any questions reach out to Jeremy Pinnow at 608-295-2596.

United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social

The United Methodist Church of Brodhead is hosting their annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 16th 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) may be purchased at the church office or by calling 608-728-2980. Prices will increase by \$2 at the door.

The United Methodist Church is located at 501 1st Center Avenue in Brodhead. All are welcome!

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held on Thursday, August 20, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Luther Valley Lutheran Church. The church is located at 7107 S. Luther Valley Road, Beloit. Contact Patty at plwilliams1392@yahoo.com or call RRVBC at 815-965-8751 to schedule your appointment.

Donors will receive a certificate for a pint of Culver's custard. Let us fuel your summer. All donors will be entered to win a \$1,000 gas card.

34th Annual Gap Church Hymn Sing

The 34th Annual Gap Church Hymn Sing Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 16, at 1 p.m. Music will be by Ernie Saunders and the group “In Bed By Nine”. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. A free-will offering is appreciated. The church and cemetery are located at W2401 State Hwy 59, Albany.

The Gap Church and Cemetery was established in 1853 and built in 1856 under the name of “Monticello Prairie Baptist Church and Cemetery”. The name Gap Church was given by the local people that lived in the area because of its location between two hills. Eventually the name just faded away and became the Gap Church and Cemetery.

This event is sponsored by the Gap Church Museum, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Gap Church and Cemetery. They recently completed the refurbishing of the six large windows in the church and the two partial windows in the church entryway. Next comes the windows in the community hall.

Contacts are Craig Roth at 608-558-5280, Laurie Exum at 608-897-6990 and Jane Copus at 608-214-8289.

Early Bird Registration Open for Master Gardener “Foundations in Gardening” Course

University of Wisconsin Extension has announced that early bird registration for the 2026 Master Gardener class “Foundations in Gardening” will be open from Monday, July 13-Sunday, August 9, 2026. The early bird rate is \$299 and regular registration rate is \$349. Please note that registration may close early if the course reaches capacity before Friday, August 24, 2026.

The course runs from Sunday, September 6-Saturday, December 12, 2026, and is self-study and flexible to meet your schedule. Participants will also have access to online course materials through Monday, August 31, 2027. This is an introductory course where you learn key concepts for selecting, growing, and maintaining plants—from trees to houseplants to vegetables (and everything in between!)

By successfully completing the introductory courses and the onboarding program, you can join your county's Master Gardener association. Green County Master Gardener Association welcomes new members and encourages everyone with an interest in horticulture and volunteering in their community to take this course.

Several scholarship opportunities are available to qualified participants. UW Extension offers scholarships to qualifying individuals enrolling in Foundations in Gardening 2026 who intend to register for Onboarding 2027 to enter the Wisconsin Extension Master Gardener Program. \$100 scholarships for Foundations in Gardening (bringing the course fee down to \$199 + optional add ons) and FREE REGISTRATION for Onboarding 2027 (Step 2 of becoming a Wisconsin Master Gardener, \$100 value).

For those only taking the Foundations in Gardening, \$100.00 scholarships are offered (bringing the course fee down to \$199 + optional add ons)

Green County Master Gardener Association also offers up to five scholarships to new members taking the Level 1 Master Gardener Onboarding lite course. Reimbursement will be given to the individuals upon proof of completion of the course by passing the written exam.

For more information, please visit UW Extension's foundations in gardening website at <https://hort.extension.wisc.edu/foundations-in-gardening/> or call Extension Green County at 608-328-9440.



Brodhead United Methodist Church

501 1st Center Avenue

Thursday, July 16 ~ 4:30-7 p.m.

All you can eat: barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, baked beans, fruit salad, pies, brownies, ice cream & beverages

Advance tickets are Adults \$12; Children ages four to 10 \$6. Prices increase by \$2 at the door

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Twilight in the Park

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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 19th

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH ANNOUNCES SPRING 2026 GRADUATES

The University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh's 152nd spring commencement celebrated the achievements of 1,100 students in two ceremonies Saturday, May 16 inside Kolf Sports Center. Recognized for earning doctoral, masters, bachelors or associate degrees, the new graduates joined the ranks of more than 100,000 UW O alumni.

Among those graduating was Kamela M. Strobl, Master of Science, of Albany; and Cally H. Burrell, Bachelor of Science, of Orfordville.

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SSM Health Monroe Hospital Celebrates Residency and Fellowship Graduates

SSM Health Monroe Hospital is celebrating the Class of 2026 graduates from its Family Medicine Residency, Pharmacy Residency and Emergency Medicine Fellowship programs.

These 11 physicians and pharmacists have successfully completed advanced training and are now beginning the next chapter of their professional careers. Several graduates will continue serving patients within SSM Health, while others will bring their expertise to communities across Wisconsin and the nation.

“Programs like ours are vital to the strengthening of the future of health-care, especially in rural communities,” said Dr. Eli Burks, Family Medicine Residency Program Director at SSM Health Monroe Hospital. “Many of these graduates will continue serving patients in Wisconsin and throughout the Midwest to help address growing healthcare needs in our communities. We are confident they will make a meaningful impact to those they serve.”

Family Medicine Residency Graduates
Five physicians completed the Monroe Hospital Family Medicine Residency Program:

- Sara Kaczmarek, DO, will remain at SSM Health, joining the Verona outpatient center as a primary care provider when the building opens to the public in Fall 2026.
- John Manuel, DO, will begin his family medicine career in Columbus, Ohio, while his fiancée completes an anesthesiology fellowship at Ohio State University.
- Shane Nebeck, DO, is joining Oak Leaf–Pine Grove Family Medicine in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, where he will provide outpatient care for pediatric and adult patients.
- Dick Nye, DO, will continue with SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group as a primary care provider, serving the rural community where his family has deep roots.
- Carmen Urso, MD, is also staying with SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group as a primary care provider and looks forward to building her practice in the community she now calls home.

Pharmacy Residency Graduates
Four pharmacists were recognized for completing their residency training:

- Diego Benavides, PharmD, will continue his education through a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency at Northwestern University in Chicago.
- Cole Bertrand, PharmD, will continue his training through a PGY2 Ambulatory Care Residency with SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group.
- Jaiden King, PharmD, is joining SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group as a diabetes educator, helping patients manage chronic conditions and improve health outcomes.
- Alison DeVore, PharmD, a second-year pharmacy resident, will become an assistant professor at the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy while maintaining a primary care pharmacy practice with an affiliated clinic.

Emergency Medicine Fellowship Graduates
Three physicians completed the Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program:

- Elizabeth Baumgartner, MD, is relocating to west-central Wyoming to serve as a full-time emergency department physician with RiverPeak Health, a new community hospital affiliated with Billings Clinic.
- Kimberly Cachero, MD, plans to pursue a career in rural emergency medicine while continuing her passion for travel.
- AJ Schmalfuhs, MD, is returning to Iowa for a full-time emergency medicine position while continuing to provide occasional care across hospital systems in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

The Class of 2026 reflects SSM Health Monroe Hospital’s ongoing commitment to educating and developing highly skilled, compassionate health care professionals prepared to meet the evolving needs of patients and communities.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital congratulates these graduates on their accomplishments and wishes them continued success in serving patients wherever their paths may lead.



Graduates from the Family Medicine Residency, Pharmacy Residency and Emergency Medicine Fellowship programs were recognized during a ceremony and reception on June 26.



Family Medicine Residency Graduates (left to right): Dr. John Mauel, Dr. Dick Nye, Dr. Carmen Urso, Dr. Sara Kaczmarek, Dr. Shane Nebeck



Pharmacy Residency Graduates (left to right): Diego Benavides, Jaiden King, Alison DeVore, Cole Bertrand



Emergency Medicine Fellowship Graduates (left to right): Dr. Elizabeth Baumgartner, Dr. AJ Schmalfuhs, Dr. Kimberly Cachero



Mrs. Calhoon’s summer school class created some fun crafts for the fourth of July.

Juda School District Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 8th, 2026

- Approved the hiring of Barry Schliem as Middle School and High School PE and Athletic Director
- Accepted the resignation of Ashley Henderson as Middle School Social Studies Teacher and High School Special Education
- Mrs. Davis reported that Kurtis Mansfield and Amber Williams have been doing well at getting set up and preparing for the new school year
- Dennis Pfungsten gave a summary of the School Finance Meeting held in Monroe on Tuesday, June 16th. Several local districts along with districts from Rock and Walworth County were in attendance. There were will future meetings planned to continue the discussion.
- The district is still searching for High School Special Education and Middle School Social Studies staff
- Amber Williams, Kurtis Mansfield and Traci Davis met with CESA 2 to discuss more on the continuous improvement process
- Back to school breakfast for the staff will be held on Tuesday, August 25th.
- The Recreation District reported that swimming lessons and summer baseball and softball will continue through the end of July. The WI-FI/Internet should be completed by fall. The new well is up and running and the old well will be abandoned once the new shed is up. A new piece was ordered for the slide at the park and will coming soon; once this is in place the playground equipment will receive a third party inspection
- The sound system in the big gym is the original system installed when the gym was constructed and needs to be replaced. Traci has been in contact with other area districts to get names of possible vendors.
- Approved the Seclusion and Restraint report from the 2025/2026 school year
- Approved the Academic Standards for the district
- Approved a preliminary budget for the 2026/2027 school year
- Approved Policy-Act 89-Staff/Student Communications
- No Executive Session was needed
- Next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 12th, 2026, at 7 p.m.

Congratulations to Keegan Steinke

She is the State Winner for her proficiency in Agricultural Sales Entrepreneurship for the Wisconsin FFA and received a ribbon for Best of Show Display. We are proud of her achievements and excited to see where she places at National FFA. She also received Section 5 Winner in her Sheep Production Entrepreneurship.

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Town of Decatur - Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash
On Wednesday, July 8, at 10:34 p.m. the Sheriff's Office Communication Center received an emergency call alerting to a crash in the W700 block of Ten Eyck Road in the Town of Decatur. The crash location is approximately three-quarters of a mile west of the City of Brodhead. Deputies along with Brodhead Fire Department and Brodhead EMS responded to the scene.
Preliminary investigation determined that a car driving east-bound on Ten Eyck Road left the roadway and collided with a tree. The vehicle came to a rest in the south ditch. The driver was identified as a 17-year old male from rural Brodhead and was trapped in the vehicle. Brodhead Fire Department extricated the driver. The 17 year old driver was pronounced deceased at the scene by Green County Coroner's Office. The driver was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash and airbags did deploy. The vehicle sustained severe overall damage and was towed from the scene.
The crash remains under investigation and there will be no further information released. This is Green County's fifth traffic fatality for 2026.

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Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Laura Roth,
Children's Librarian

Albertson Memorial Library spotlighted the megalodon this week for the Summer Library Program. The megalodon was the largest predator in the ocean, more than twice the size of the great white shark. The youngsters were surprised when the measuring tape showed them how big a great white is, but amazed when TWO tape measures weren't long enough to measure the length of the megalodon! Great White Shark vs Megalodon (by Hofer) really pointed out the differences between these two predators. Never Touch a Shark (by Greening) is a fun rhyming book with textured pictures the kiddos all wanted to feel. Megalodon (by Moening) is one of the library's new VOX books with a recording of the story, this time all about the details of the megalodon. Both the morning and the afternoon classes used the heat of pancake griddles to melt crayons while coloring an outline of a megalodon. The result was a glowing ocean of blues and greens that looked wonderful when placed in a sunny window.

The Summer Library Program at Albertson Memorial Library is finished for 2026. What a fun time! Soon everyone will begin thinking about regular school-year programs at the library. The first Preschool Story Time will be Tuesday, September 8th at 10 a.m. The books in September will focus on bears. Look for updates in mid-August.



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At 6:39 a.m., Monday, deputies, Brodhead Fire, and Brodhead EMS, responded to the roundabout intersection of STH 81 and CTH T, Town of Spring Grove, for a two-vehicle crash. Investigation determined Skylar R. Klitzman, 24, of Brodhead, was negotiating the roundabout south on CTH T when her vehicle was struck by an eastbound semi, operated by John J. Nelson, 51, of Granville, IA, on STH 81 that was entering the roundabout. Skylar and her passenger were both wearing their seat belts and sustained no injuries. Skylar's vehicle sustained functional damage to the rear, passenger side door with no airbag deployment and was driven from the scene. John reported wearing his seat belt and not being injured. John's semi sustained cosmetic damage to the front, driver side bumper and was driven from the scene. John was issued a citation for failure to yield right of way from a yield sign.

At 1:33 p.m., Tuesday, deputies, along with Monticello Police Department, Green County EMS, Albany EMS, and Albany Fire, responded to the N5100 block of County Highway F, Town of Albany for a single rollover crash with injuries. The vehicle driven by Haide Martinez Merino, 19, of Albany, was traveling southbound when it left the roadway and overturned. The vehicle sustained disabling damage with airbag deployment. Merino and a juvenile passenger were reported wearing their seat belts and sustained non-life threatening injuries. They were transported to the local hospital. Merino was cited for operating without a valid license, having no insurance, and failure to maintain control of vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the scene.



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Reports To: Administrative City Clerk
About the Position

The City of Brodhead is seeking a highly organized, proactive, and detail-oriented individual to join our team as a **Part-Time Customer Service Specialist**. This vital role serves as the welcoming frontline presence at the public service window of Brodhead City Hall. Working in a supportive assistant capacity, you will provide comprehensive clerical and administrative assistance to the City Clerk, Treasurer, and city staff to ensure smooth, accurate, and efficient daily municipal operations.

If you thrive in a community-facing environment, possess excellent multitasking skills, and take pride in accuracy, we encourage you to apply!

Key Responsibilities Include:

•Front Window & Financial Operations: Manage the customer service window by securely receiving and accurately entering daily payments into city software for utilities, citations, taxes, and general fees. Professional handling of incoming phone lines and citizen inquiries.

•Licensing & Permit Intake: Assist the public with city permit and license applications (liquor, operator, dog, and building applications). Verify forms for completeness, collect the exact municipal fees, and learn local ordinances to confidently answer basic public questions.

•General Administrative Support: Execute routine clerical tasks including copying, scanning, document filing, and mail handling. Execute variable organizational projects as assigned by the Clerk or Treasurer.

•Elections Support: Work directly under the guidance of the City Clerk to assist with election administration, including voter registration support, absentee ballot processing, and election-cycle preparation.

•Scheduling Flexibility: Must be willing and open to working a flexible schedule to provide mandatory front-window coverage when the Clerk/ Treasurer are out of the office, during peak tax/election seasons, or for Friday afternoon operational coverage.

Qualifications & Requirements:

•Education: High school diploma or equivalent required; Associate's or Bachelor's degree preferred.

•Experience: Previous experience in a similar industry or a frontline customer service/administrative role. Working knowledge of modern office practices and computers (Google Workspace, Microsoft Office, and municipal software like Caselle/Civic Systems is a plus).

•Core Skills: Excellent oral/written communication skills; strong organizational skills with an attention to detail; ability to remain calm and professional during difficult public conversations; and a willingness to self-start on filing or projects during quiet window periods.

•Credentials: Ability to obtain a notary commission from the State of Wisconsin and meet city bonding requirements, if any.

•Physical Demands: Ability to sit, stand, or walk for extended periods, and occasionally lift/move office supplies up to 50 pounds.

Full Job Description & Applications:

To view the full, comprehensive job description and responsibilities, please visit the City of Brodhead website at www.cityofbrodheadwi.gov.

To Apply:

Interested candidates should submit resume, and cover letter directly to the City Clerk's Office at Brodhead City Hall.

The City of Brodhead is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the City will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities.

**Green County Leaders
Currently Accepting
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Does your organization or group have a need or issue that may benefit from the time, talents, and expertise of a Green County Leaders project team? Green County Leaders is currently accepting community project proposals for the upcoming program year!

Community projects link participants with community groups and provide hands-on leadership experience, complete with all the challenges and opportunities that exist in the community. Community projects assist participants in developing their leadership skills and provide a deliverable that would not have been accomplished without the GCL project team assistance. Descriptions of past projects and the proposal form can be found online at <https://green.extension.wisc.edu/community-development/green-county-leaders/community-projects/>. Projects must be completed by the project teams by mid-May.

To submit a project proposal, complete the project proposal form and send it to Victoria Solomon at victoria.solomon@wisc.edu by Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Your proposal will be reviewed by the GCL curriculum committee, which will be looking for feasibility, concreteness, and timeline.

For more information about Green County Leaders or community projects, contact Victoria Solomon, Community Development Educator with UW-Madison Division of Extension Green County at 608-328-9440 or via email at victoria.solomon@wisc.edu.

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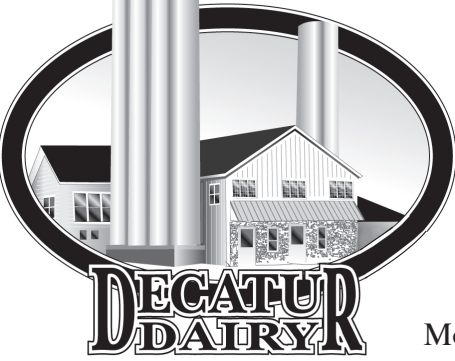
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Left to right: TDS Account Manager Mike McWilliams, TDS Associate Manager of Field Marketing Anna Jensen, Albertson Memorial Library Director Melissa Everson.

TDS donates two years of internet service to Albertson Memorial Library in Albany

TDS Telecommunications LLC (TDS®) is donating two years of high-speed internet service to Albertson Memorial Library in Albany, Wisconsin, helping the library expand reliable online access to residents who depend on it.

"We're pleased to help play a part in supporting Albertson Memorial Library and its role in connecting residents to the online resources," said Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs Drew Petersen. "Reliable internet access is essential for education, employment, health care, and everyday life, and efforts like this help close the digital divide in the communities we serve."

TDS broke ground in mid-2025 on a multi-year network upgrade project to bring at least 100 Mbps and up to 1 Gig internet service to addresses in the company's Albany-area footprint. The Madison-headquartered company is using support from the Federal Communications Commission's Enhanced Alternative Connect America Cost Model program, known as E-ACAM, to help fund the work. E-ACAM provides funding to deploy and support



Mueller attends WLC in Washington, DC

Brooke Mueller attended the Washington Leadership Conference (WLC) at Washington, DC. This conference inspires FFA members to become changemakers in their communities. Each day of the conference focuses on a different principle taught through the context of our nation's capital. These principles include exploration, encouragement, advocacy and service. By the end of the week, members leave with a Living to Serve Plan they can implement in their communities. She had a wonderful time and experience along with representing Brodhead FFA! She highly recommends other members in the future to attend this conference!

100/20 Mbps or faster broadband service to some of TDS' most rural geographies. The company is also investing private dollars to bring faster speeds to additional area addresses.

"The Albertson Memorial Library is grateful for this generous donation," said Melissa Everson, Albertson Memorial Library director. "We have patrons at the library every day who are using our public computers and the internet, including patrons who don't have access to the internet in their homes. This donation will go a long way in providing services to people who live in the Albany community."

The donation is part of TDS' continued commitment to Albany. Earlier this year, the company donated \$1,000 to Albany Elementary School to provide healthy snacks for students during the school day.

TDS offers internet, phone, and mobile services to local customers, including a low-cost, high-speed product called TDS Connect for qualifying residential customers.

For more information about TDS' network upgrade projects, visit tds.com/networkupgrades.