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## Albrecht TOTAL team pop tab

The TOTAL team from Albrecht Elementary School held a pop tab contest the weeks of January 13-17. Grade levels competed against each other to see who could bring in the most pop tabs. The school collected a total of \$285.44 worth of pop tabs. The pop tab proceeds will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Madison. The Ronald McDonald House provides lodging and meals to families of those with children admitted to American Family Children's Hospital. The donation will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House by the TOTAL team in the spring. Congratulations to the second graders for winning the contest. Pictured are the winning second grade classrooms. A special thank you to Kid Connection for providing the popcorn for the winning classes.



Mrs. Hearing



Ms. Pickel



Mrs. Scheidegger



Mrs. Wahl



Mrs. Weis



The Brodhead Middle School Band members performed for the middle school students and staff during the early release day Friday, February 7. The performance included Louie Louie, Handclap and The Hey Song.

## The Morse Group Presents a Dueling Pianos Splash Pad Fund-raiser

Together with The Morse Group, the Brodhead Jaycees are once again partnering with Piano Fondue of Madison for a dueling pianos show and silent auction on Saturday, March 8th from 7-10 p.m. at Ludlow Mansion in Monroe. All proceeds will benefit the Jaycee Park splash pad. Plan a date night or gather a group of friends for an evening you won't forget! Tickets are \$75 each and include one drink and a hot and cold Hors-d'œuvre buffet, and are available for sale through Jaycee members or by contacting Katie at [brodheadjaycees@gmail.com](mailto:brodheadjaycees@gmail.com).

They are also seeking donations for the silent auction, and have the following sponsorship levels still available: Supporting Sponsor (max of six): \$750. Half VIP table (five tickets), social media and newspaper recognition, logo on sponsor signage at event. Silent Auction Sponsor (no limit): \$100. Recognition on social media pages and signage on silent auction tables.

Follow the event on facebook. [com/BrodheadJaycees](https://www.facebook.com/BrodheadJaycees) for updates!

## Drainage Commissioners named

Judge Jane Bucher and Judge Faun M. Phillipson have announced that John Dieckhoff, of Brodhead, and Tim Schmidt, of Monroe, have been appointed to a three-year term as Drainage Commissioners effective January 1, 2025.

Other members serving on the committee include Kim Buehl of Monticello.

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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](mailto:office@bethlehembrodhead.org). Website: [www.bethlehembrodhead.org](http://www.bethlehembrodhead.org). Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. On-line worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other Sunday thru May, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

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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 Doebl. Web site: [livingwordwi.org](http://livingwordwi.org). E-mail: [ptl@livingwordwi.org](mailto: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](http://livingwordwi.org/media); Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

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

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

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

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

OBITUARIES



Roberta M. Hartwig

Roberta M. Hartwig, age 86, of Albany/Belleville, passed away on Sunday, February 9, 2025 at SSM Health in Monroe, Wisconsin. She was born on May 4, 1938 in Brooklyn, Wisconsin, the daughter of Jesse and Hazel (Smith) Lloyd. On March 29, 1958 she was united in marriage to John Hartwig in Evansville, Wisconsin. Roberta and John lived in the Dayton/Belleville area until moving to Albany in 1977. She was a mother and homemaker raising her children and taking care of her family. While she was normally very quiet and reserved, Roberta always kept an eye on happenings in the neighborhood.

Roberta is survived by her five children: Ricky Hartwig, Linda (Todd) Noble, Randy Hartwig, Shirley (Brian) Kolden, and Ronald (Erin) Hartwig; seven grandchildren: Kristin (Casey), Tammy (Kris), Todd Michael (Jessica), Marissa (David), Hailey, Olivia, and Zachary, and a great-grandson, Landon. She is further survived by her sister, Ruth Hall; brother, Kenny (Roberta) Lloyd; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband John in 1997, sisters: Joyce Lisser, Joanne Nelson, and Loretta Lisser; and brother, Roger Lloyd.

A visitation was held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Monday, February 17, at the Becker-Beal Funeral Home, Belleville, Wisconsin, with Fr. David Carrano officiating. A private family funeral service will follow with burial in the St. James Catholic Cemetery, Belleville.

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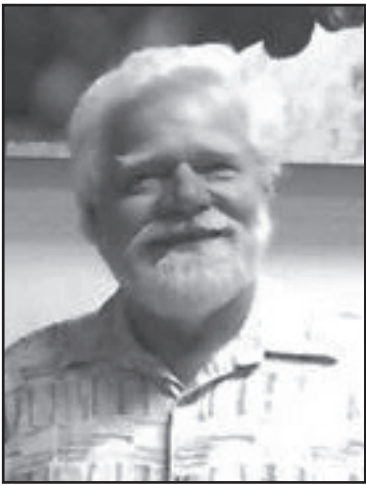
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John "Johnny" H. Nafzger

John "Johnny" H. Nafzger, age 72, Brodhead, passed away on February 6, 2025 while at the Monroe Hospice House in Monroe, Wisconsin.

Johnny was born on May 30, 1952 in Juda, Wisconsin, the son of Fred and Rosie (Lentz) Nafzger. He married Teresa Ann Bettner at the Union Oakley United Methodist Church on June 3, 1979.

Johnny was known as a gentle and caring man, but also a man of God. He was a member of Crossroads Community Church in Monroe. Johnny had many things in his life he enjoyed. He loved going to car shows and worked as a master mechanic for his whole life at his families shop in Juda. Johnny enjoyed a good joke and had his own

witty sense of humor. He enjoyed gardening, sewing, listening and singing his favorite music and cutting wood for his wood stove at home.

Johnny is survived by his wife, Teresa of Brodhead; two children: Valerie Sepp of Fargo, North Dakota and Vinnie Nafzger of Juda; two grandchildren: Renee and Reece Sepp; six siblings: Ralph (Sharon) Nafzger of Monticello, Wisconsin, Caroline (Stan) Hawkinson of Brooklyn, Wisconsin, Jim (Joanne) Nafzger of Albany, Elizabeth (John) Lyons of Roscoe, Illinois, Roy (Karie) Nafzger of Juda and Lorraine (Scott) Blumer of Monroe; and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

Johnny was preceded in death by his parents, Fred in 1970 and Rosie in 2008; one son, Victor in 1988 and two brothers: Stanley in 2008 and Fred in 2019.

A Celebration of Life took place at the Township of Jefferson Juda Community Center in Juda, on Sunday, February 16, at 1 p.m. A gathering also was held at the community center on Sunday from noon until 1 p.m.

Burial of cremated remains were completed that day following services at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Juda.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com).

ACADEMICS

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES FALL 2024 DEANS LIST

More than 11,500 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2024 Dean's List. Students named to the Dean's List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Savannah Peterson, of Davis, Illinois, was among those named.

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 fall 2024 semester.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 grade-point average include: Jada Flannery, Construction Management BS, and Caden Maire, Sustainability and Renewable BS, both of Albany; Kassandra Clint, Environmental Horticulture BS, of Brodhead; and Jenna Kneubuehl, Psychology BS, of Davis, Illinois.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

2/16—Standings: I'd Smack That won 43 lost 2, Victorious Secret 38-7, The Goon Squad 37-8, That's What She Set 28-17, The Youngins 23-22, One Hit Wonders 18-27, Valued Volleyers 17-28, Killer Serves 16-29, Chewblocka 14-31, All Sets Are Off 14-31, Net Ninjas 13-32, Super Soy 12-33.

2024 Tax Assistance Appointments

Appointments are now available for free income tax preparation services for low to moderate income, elderly and disabled persons through the AARP Foundation/Tax-Aide program. Assistance provided includes the preparation of federal and state (including homestead) income taxes. Appointments are available on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, February 3rd through Wednesday, April 9th. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. with the last appointment at 11:30 a.m. at the Green County Government Services Building, N3152 State Rd 81, Monroe. Please call the ADRC at 608-328-9499 to schedule an appointment.

Basketball contest

The highest scoring game was the men's Wisconsin vs. Purdue, 94-84. The girls' game between Edgerton and Brodhead was postponed. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Lynette VonAllmen with three correct and 85 points. The following also had three correct games: Doug Reznor—82 points, and Brian Malkow—80 points, both of Brodhead..

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Brodhead United Methodist Church (UMC) is celebrating Fat Tuesday on Tuesd, March 4 with a Pancake Supper. All are invited to join them for an all-you-can-eat dinner of pancakes, ham, sausage and applesauce from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be a free-willing offering to support the Christian Education programming.

Historically, Fat Tuesday began when Pope St. Gregory prohibited Christians from eating all meat and animal productions during the 40 days before Easter. Christians would then use all the remaining rich ingredients to make pancakes on the night before the fasting season of Lent began.

The dinner is supported by Thrivent Choice Dollars. The Brodhead UMC, 501 1st Center Avenue, is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### BANK OF BRODHEAD FALL BUS TRIPS

The Bank of Brodhead will have two fall bus trips for 2025. The first will be to New Hampshire and the White Mountains. The dates for this trip are September 13-21, 2025. It includes eight nights lodging, 15 meals, Gondola ride to Summit of Loon Peak, train ride to Clark's Trading Post, admission to Wright World War II Museum, live bear show, scenic cruise on Lake Sunapee and a trolley tour of Wolfeboro.

The second trip is to Branson, Missouri, for their Holiday Extravaganza. From November 10-15, 2025 there will be five nights lodging, eight meals and admission to seven shows.

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

### SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5k and up; will take place Friday, February 14th–Friday, March 14th. Please stop down to City Hall between 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, to sign your child up. After 4:30 p.m., registration packet(s) and payment can be placed in the drop box outside of City Hall. Anyone signing up after Friday, March 14th, if spots are still available, will pay a \$20 late fee. Registration forms are also available on the City of Brodhead website at [www.cityofbrodheadwi.us](http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us).

There are several leagues to accommodate the different age groups: girls: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and 14U 7-8 grade (\$50); boys: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and Pony's 7th grade (\$80).

Forms need to be completed and turned in with a fee by Friday, March 14th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call the Pool and Rec. Dept. at 608-897-2159.

Fund-raising Agreement. As an adult registering a child to participate in the BYBP for the coming year, the player fee charged does not cover the full cost of your child's participation in the BYBP. The BYBP requires each child who participates in the BYBP to participate in an annual fund-raiser.

### BRODHEAD JUNIOR CARDINALS YOUTH BASEBALL

The Brodhead Junior Cardinals Youth Baseball registration will be held from Monday, February 10 to Monday, March 10, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the high school office. The leagues are JV Division—eighth/ninth grade and Varsity Division—ninthe/10/11. They will play Monday and Wednesday nights. The cost is \$125.

If you have any questions please call Aaron Guilbault at 920-728-1792.

## Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Calling All Card and Game Players!

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

Do you love playing cards with your friends? Or other games that require some table space? We invite you to plan your get togethers at the library on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon or Tuesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m.

Bring your own cards and games along. There are plenty of tables and chairs available and there is no need to be quiet. Normal conversation is just fine. Ours is a lending library so when patrons come in, they don't pick a book and sit down to read it. They check it out and take it home. The idea that "shush! this is a library" originates from the time when many libraries were "reading rooms," that is when people actually did their reading at the library.

Any kind of game is welcome (legal, of course!); euchre, backgammon, all card games, chess, checkers. In fact, one of our wonderful volunteers purchased several backgammon boards at a thrift shop for use by patrons. If you would like to learn euchre, a great game for socializing since players move from team to team, we have a volunteer to teach you. We can also get you started with backgammon.

Naturally, we hope that while you are here, you'll take a look at the current titles in the collection, some more recent, others classics, which the library has to offer. Residents of the school district need only provide their name and email address or phone number in order to check out a book for three weeks and renewals can be made by email.

So, if you can't get the house in order and the tabletop cleaned off for your playing partners, just come by the library. The more, the merrier. Reservations are not necessary but a heads up is appreciated if you'd like to learn a new game so we can arrange for someone to help.

### About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between Durand School and the Friends of the Durand Library. We are more than happy to deliver books to those who are physically unable to get to the library and volunteers can meet at other times with those who can't make public hours.

Public hours are 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 blue library sign at the sidewalk and follow signs on the building. For more information, email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org), call or text 815-289-8602 or visit [FB.com/durandvillagelibrary](http://FB.com/durandvillagelibrary).

## 2025 Albany Alumni Banquet and Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held March 28th and 29th and the Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 24th. Mitch Trow is in charge of the Alumni Basketball Tournament.

## Brodhead Community Clothes Closet

The Brodhead Community Clothes Closet, is located at 1104 11th Street. They offer free gently used clothes and more. The Clothes Closet is open every Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Juda School District Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- Accepted a donation from Klitzman Seed for \$150 for milk for students and two donations from the Juda Zion Community Church for the Backpack Program at the school.
- Denied a request from Hickory and Erin Daniels to detach their property from the Juda School District.
- Approved the hiring of Janna Marritt at a rate of \$14.55 per hour as Administrative Board Secretary. Janna will attend the meetings to take notes and prepare the minutes. This will allow the Board Secretary to participate more in the board meetings.
- Mrs. Davis updated the board on upcoming events at the school.
- Heard a report from the Juda Recreation District. A Family Fun Night was held, Juda Bash is slated to be held June 20th to the 21st.
- Contracts for projects will be brought to the Board next month to be approved along with the order they will be done. These projects are from the referendum approved in November 2024.
- Approved the 2025-2026 school calendar with proposed changes that will be made.
- Took no action coming out of Executive Session.
- Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

## Green County Amateur Radio to meet

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

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## Albrecht Elementary School 4K Enrollment

Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four (4) by Monday, September 1st of this year, he/she will be eligible to attend school in the fall.

You and your child are invited to participate in a special night set aside for incoming 4K children and their families. This year 4K Enrollment and Information Night will be held on Thursday, March 20th between 4 and 7 p.m. They are asking that you and your child sign up to attend one one-hour session that evening.

The 4K Team will keep your child company while engaging them in a playbased environment in the 4K classrooms. The parent information portion will be for parents to hear about our program and answer any questions you may have.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, or wish to learn more about our program, please call Albrecht Elementary School at 608-897-2146 or you can email Ashley Smith at [ashleysmith@brodhead.k12.wi.us](mailto:ashleysmith@brodhead.k12.wi.us). They are looking forward to hearing from you!

## Parkview FFA Alumni presents Donkey Basketball


The Parkview FFA Alumni will host Donkey Basketball on Thursday, March 6, at the Parkview Jr./Sr. High School. Doors open at 6 p.m. with the event starting at 7 p.m. The cost is \$10 ahead or \$13 at the door. Teams participating are Parkview, Brodhead, Evansville and Albany FFA.

Tickets are available at Bank of Brodhead—Orfordville, Knutes, Stables, Sather's Service and Ace Hardware or emailing FFA Advisor at [tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us](mailto:tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us).




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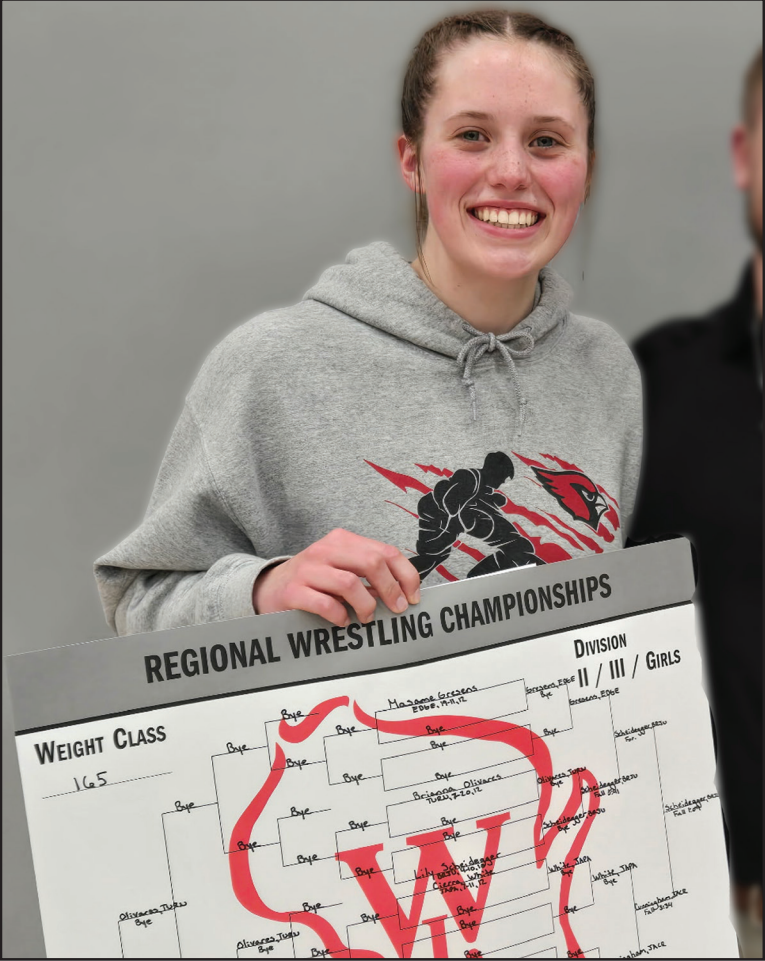
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Lily Scheidegger, 165, competed at the girls regional in Milton last Friday. Scheidegger pinned both of her opponents capturing a first place finish. She will compete at sectionals next Saturday at Wisconsin Dells. (Courtesy photo)

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Thomas Lohmar, wrestling at 106, will be moving on to sectionals, after placing third at the regional competition last Saturday. In his first round of competition he pinned James Kastner of Belmont/Platteville. Next round, he faced Carson Bassett of Fennimore who won out on a 19-2 technical fall. In his final match he pinned Black Foust of Dodgeville. Next Saturday, sectionals will be held at Wisconsin Dells. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



The Brodhead team reacts to their teammates scoring run in this file photo. Boys had close games last week with the first being a non-conference game against Dodgeville. The Cardinals kept pace with the Dodgers who were able to close out with a 78-75 game winning a shot. Game two, vs Beloit Turner, Sam Searls led all players with 26 points, nailing five 3-point shots in the first half. Brodhead put up 62 total points but it was not enough to overtake the 69 points put up by the Trojans. As the season winds down, they will host Clinton on Tuesday, play at Delavan Darien on Wednesday and take on conference powerhouse Edgerton on the road on Friday.



The girls who play varsity basketball for Brodhead prepare for the National Anthem before a game (file photo). At Clinton last week, the Cardinals defeated the Cougars 72-38. No other stats were available by press time. With Mother Nature creating some havoc last week, the girls will have three games this week. They will travel to Big Foot on Monday, host Evansville on Thursday where senior/parent/youth night will be recognized. Friday will be a make-up game against Edgerton. Playoffs begin next week with Brodhead #7, hosting #10 Richland Center. The winner will then travel Friday, February 28th to take on #2 Platteville.

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## Kids for Wish Kids at Brodhead High School

### By Brodhead High School Student Council

Kids for Wish Kids is a fund-raising program that provides schools and youth organizations the opportunity to engage in philanthropy and service activities in partnership with Make-A-Wish. The Make-A-Wish Foundation's goal is to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness.

BHS StuCo raised over \$5,000 in February 2020 for Darcy, a seven-year-old girl from Monroe, who has Rett's Syndrome and had a wish to visit Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

In 2022, we sponsored Aidyn, a 14-year-old from Madison living with a circulatory system disease, whose wish was to travel to Hawaii. In 2023, we raised over \$5,000 for Kaelie, who has a neuroblastoma and had a wish to travel to Hawaii. In 2024, BHS StuCo raised \$3,200 for Robert, a nine-year-old from

Janesville who's living with cystic fibrosis, who wishes to travel to Hawaii.

This year, Brodhead High School Student Council is excited to partner with Make-a-Wish Wisconsin for the fifth time to sponsor a local child to help make his wish come true. Jack is a 14-year old from Stoughton living with a respiratory disorder. He enjoys going to state parks, listening to music, going on road trips, watching sunsets, watching movies, dancing, and delivering coffee to his teachers. He wishes to go to Walt Disney World Resort and Universal Orlando.

Our plans include raising awareness and accepting donations at three high school events during the week of February 17th, donating the proceeds of our annual pie sales, and holding half-time events at two basketball games that week. We will also be holding a penny war at the high school all week and selling

bracelets.

We are hoping you will partner with us in helping to send Jack to Orlando. If you are as excited as we are to help make Jack's wish come true. Donations can be mailed to the address below. Please contact Student Council Crystal Holtsapple-Guth or Cristi Gretebeck with any questions by phone: 608-897-2155 or email: choltsapple@brodhead.k12.wi.us or cgretebeck@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Here's how you can help: Send donations to Brodhead High School Student Council, 2501 W. 5th Ave, Brodhead, WI 53520

Donate or buy bake sale items during the basketball game on Thursday, February 20.

Participate in the 50/50 raffle or half court shot contest during the basketball games!

Send change with BHS students to participate in a grade level Penny War all week.



## Local teen wins Junior Achievement of Wisconsin's Youth Entrepreneur Live Competition and will participate in the State Competition in February

Clayton Elliott—a senior at Brodhead High School and founder of CE Property Services—was crowned this year's winner of the Junior Achievement's Young Entrepreneur Live Competition: Northeast Region.

The event, which was held at the end of January at the Community First Career Exploration and Financial Literacy Center in Appleton, gave student entrepreneurs throughout Northeast Wisconsin the opportunity to showcase their businesses to a panel of "celebrity judges."

Joining Elliott as a finalist were Daniel Schoeller (Wisco W's) and the entrepreneurial team of Evelyn Zarate, Lucy Schumacher and Kimberly Diaz (Puretect).

"The night is all about celebrating entrepreneurship and experiencing a business-minded spirit within the room," Mary Beth Tomsyck, development coordinator for Junior Achievement (JA) of Northeast Wisconsin, said. "Board members, mentors, JA staff, family and friends gather together to watch the live competition. It's inspiring, electric and high energy."

From a multi-purpose and safe insect repellent, to a curated collection of vintage clothing, to lawn care services—the budding entrepreneurs each took a moment in the spotlight in front of judges as they vied for the \$2,500 grand prize and an invitation to the state competition.

Elliott was named both the grand prize winner (\$2,500) and the audience choice winner (\$500).

"The winner also received an automatic bid to the state competition held in Milwaukee on February 21st and a chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship," Tomsyck said.

"Each participant had to have owned their own business for at least one year," she said.

Now in its fourth year, Tomsyck said the regional pitch competition is right in line with JA's pillars for student success.

"One of those (pillars) is financial literacy," she said. "Another is work readiness. And the third pillar of success is entrepreneurship. We know all three of those things are important life skills for young people to know. So, it aligns perfectly with what our mission is."

"Other parameters were given to help (participants) feel prepared and successful coming into the competition," she said. "We try to set them up for success and help them gain confidence in all aspects

of this process."

Tomsyck said the finalists were selected for the pitch contest using a variety of different criteria, including charisma and hustle, business success and financials, growth potential and social involvement.

"The winner is based on those factors," she said. "It is a group effort by the judging panel. They pull their scores together and award the top place winner."

### CE Property Services—Clayton Elliott

Elliott, an 18-year-old senior at Brodhead High School and brains behind CE Property Services, said the entrepreneurial spirit runs in the family.

"I have a sister who is 27 years old, who is also an entrepreneur and business owner," he said.

Elliott said he started CE Property Services in 2017 at just 10 years old.

"I started mowing my disabled, elderly neighbor's lawn every week for \$10," he said. "At that young age, I had found a strong passion to help people out, be my own boss and make money."

Today, Elliott said CE Property Services offers weekly lawn care, blowing, trimming and any other service a customer may inquire about.

"I have grown my business to more than 20 residential clients and a handful of commercial clients," he said. "My business is also fully insured."

As he looks to the future—graduating in just a few months—Elliott said he very much plans to continue being an entrepreneur.

"I am going to Madison College and double majoring in business entrepreneurship and finance," he said. "I plan to grow my business over the years to a point where it is sellable after I graduate college, to start another business or grow this business to the next level."

Junior Achievement's Young Entrepreneur Live Competition, Elliott said, is the first event of its kind he has participated in.

"I think it was a great opportunity to step out of my comfort zone, as I was only used to talking one-on-one with a client to sell my service," he said.

As the winner of the Northeast Region's pitch contest, Elliott will compete with the finalists from other JA regional events Friday, February 21 in a taped television event in Milwaukee.



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## Capitol Update

by Senator Howard Marklein  
February 7, 2025  
Listening Session Summary

Over the past few weeks, I hosted six listening sessions across the 17th Senate District — one in each county I represent. The sessions took place in Barneveld, Belleville, Belmont, Brodhead, Fennimore, and Prairie du Chien. I heard from more than 100 people who shared a wide variety of opinions, ideas, and concerns.

Attendees at each session discussed a wide range of topics. Many of the topics were specific to regional concerns. In Barneveld, Belmont, and Fennimore, I heard a lot about industrial wind turbines and solar farms. In Belleville and Brodhead, we talked about funding of K-12 education and an increase in referendums across Wisconsin. At all six sessions I heard many ideas for the state budget.

I appreciate hearing from everyone who attended and spoke at each session. Investing your time to come to an hour-long listening session during the week is a commitment. I am grateful you came and shared your input with me. We may not all see eye to eye but I want to hear from as many of you as I can. I value the opportunity to hear your comments, criticisms, and questions. They help inform me as a legislator as I consider policy and spending decisions that impact our state.

I wanted to share a brief recap of some of the topics discussed at our series of listening sessions.

Wind and Solar Farms: Attendees were overwhelmingly frustrated by the continued spread of industrial wind and solar farms as well as current wind siting regulations. Speakers were concerned about property values, aesthetics, adverse health effects, and possible environmental impact of wind turbines and solar farms. I received a lot of helpful feedback on Senate Bill (SB) 3, my legislation that would give local officials a voice in the process of approving large wind and solar projects.

Funding for Schools: Attendees asked us to send more funding to school districts. Many people were concerned about referendums in their communities. I share their concerns and remain a strong supporter of our rural school districts. I will continue to work with my colleagues in the legislature to find innovative ways to help our schools.

Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program: Attendees spoke in support of the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, an environmental program that allows the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to purchase land to conserve. The program's future is uncertain after a Supreme Court decision removed the legislature's oversight role in this program. I am supportive of the program and hope to see it continue, but many of my colleagues in the legislature have reservations.

Tax Burden: Attendees, particularly those living on fixed income, expressed concerns about significant increases in their property tax bill over the past year. I also heard from many who wanted to see the state's budget surplus returned to taxpayers. I remain committed to passing a tax cut and lowering the tax burden for all Wisconsinites.

Housing: Attendees shared concerns about a lack of availability and affordability of homes on the market. I heard many creative ideas for increasing home building and I believe this is an topic to address as our state faces population stagnation in the coming years.

I am sincerely thankful for the time and effort of everyone who joined me at a listening session. If you were unable to participate but still have ideas or input you would like to share, please call my team at the State Capitol — 608-266-0703 — or email me — [Sen.Marklein@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto: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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### Child sexual abuse material investigation results in arrest

On Wednesday, February 5, the Green County Sheriff's Office Detective Division assisted by deputies and agents of the WI Department of Justice—Division of Criminal Investigation executed a residential search warrant in the N2800 block of County Highway GG, in the Town of Spring Grove. The search warrant stemmed from an investigation of Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC).

The investigation started with a cyber tip through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC). Investigation into the cyber tip identified additional reports of child sexual abuse material, commonly referred to as child pornography. As a result of the investigation Garrett L. McKnight, 25, of Brodhead, was arrested at his place of employment in Janesville with the assistance of DCI Agents. Further investigation by Detectives resulted in a second residential search warrant being executed in the 1100 block of 17<sup>th</sup> Street, City of Brodhead.

On Monday, February 10, McKnight was formally charge in Green County Circuit court with two counts of possession of child pornography, a Class D felony. He was held on a \$20,000 cash bond. Additionally McKnight had charges filed in Rock County Circuit Court stemming from the investigation of two counts of child sexual exploitation, a Class C felony. At the time of this release McKnight remains in custody at the Green County Jail.

The Green County Sheriff's Office remains aggressive in its effort to investigate and arrest individuals that are involved in these activities. These are serious crimes that deeply impact victims, families and our community.

### Green County Sheriff's Department February 10-16, 2025

At 6:30 a.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to a residence in the N6300 block of Psalms Way, Town of Albany, in an attempt to locate a subject with an outstanding warrant. Deputies subsequently arrested Joseph W. Carow, 34, of rural Albany, for a warrant issued by WI Department of Corrections for a probation violation. Carow was transported to the Green County Jail where he was held.

At 12:40 a.m., Friday, deputies responded to the W3400 block of County Hwy KS, Town of Jefferson, for a disturbance. The investigation resulted in Kelsey T.E. Vavra, 30, of Juda, being arrested for disorderly conduct. Vavra was transported to the Green County Jail where she was held pending court or cash bond.



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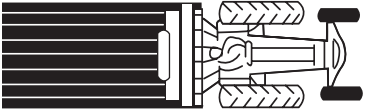
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**By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian**

Trucks! Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library was all about trucks last week. We read I'm a Monster Truck (a little golden book) and Puppy Truck (A boy wants a puppy but gets a truck, which he treats like a puppy . . . so fun!) There were truck puzzles to put together and a paper-folded truck (a simple origami project) that runs on a marble. You simply had to be there!

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**By Cindy Clint, Outreach Librarian**

The Albertson Memorial Library is undergoing significant transformations! Our newly installed front-facing picture book shelves are now in place and looking fantastic.

In order to make selecting books to check out easier for our littlest readers, we've implemented some additional changes.

•The NEW adult fiction, non-fiction, large print , biographies, and New York Times Best Seller books



using a flashlight to see what's inside the train. There might be a debate over who will win in a contest between a shark and a train. We'll make a train using sponge painting.

We've had a few new friends come join our group and we'd love to welcome more. Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at the Albertson Memorial Library. We're looking forward to seeing you!

have been relocated to the adult book section of the library located to the left of the circulation desk.

•All DVDs can now be found in the first section to the right of the circulation desk.

•Young adult materials have been shifted to the shelf next to the public computers.

•Easy reader books and juvenile graphic novels can now be found on the shelving unit opposite the board books.

We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all the community members who supported last fall's silent auction, making these changes possible. Your generosity has had a significant impact!

Heather Vautsmeier, RN receives DAISY Award

Heather Vautsmeier, RN, SSM Health Monroe Hospital Emergency Department nurse, is the newest recipient of the DAISY Award.

The DAISY Award is an international program that celebrates the extraordinary clinical skill and compassionate care delivered by nurses every day. Nurses may be nominated by patients, families and colleagues. The award recipient is chosen based on specific criteria to receive The DAISY Award.

Heather was nominated by fellow nurse, Tami Harding. Tami's nomination highlighted a time when Heather went above and beyond to provide compassionate care for her patient and their family at end-of-life.

"Heather whole-heartedly shared their grief but stayed nearby—a familiar presence. The family entrusted the care of their loved one to Heather; she provided empathetic personal end-of-life care. Heather's selflessness and compassion were a privilege to experience. She is most deserving of the DAISY Award for

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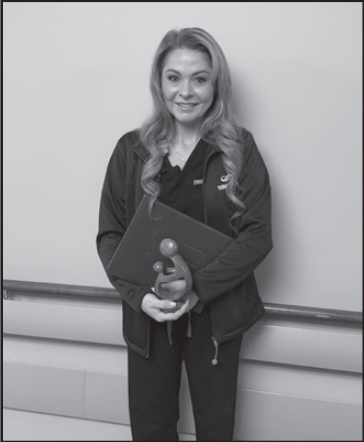
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**Heather Vautsmeier, RN after receiving the DAISY Award on February 5.**



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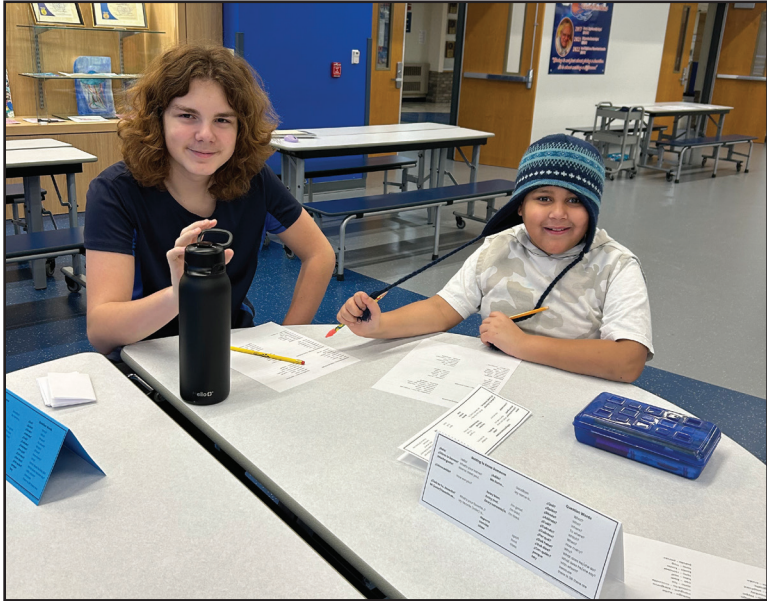
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