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Brodhead Chamber looks back at Covered Bridge Days

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is thrilled to look back on another fantastic Covered Bridge Days weekend—three days filled with music, laughter, shopping, and good old-fashioned community fun.

They kicked things off Friday night with an unforgettable 80s Night, headlined by Cherry Pie and featuring mechanical bull rides. The square was alive with the smells of delicious food, sweet treats, and the sound of dancing feet.

Saturday marked the debut of the Wildflower Market in the Park, and what a beautiful day it was! Veterans Park proved to be the perfect setting, with shady trees keeping artists and vendors cool as visitors browsed unique creations. Live music filled the air, and the Historic Wagon Rides, Bingo, and Kids Carnival on the square kept families smiling all day long. The DLMRA also enjoyed a successful day offering scenic pontoon rides, giving guests a relaxing way to take in the beauty of the area. Over at the Tractor Pulls and Thresheree, crowds gathered to enjoy the sights, sounds, and skill of these classic events—huge thanks to the Community Antique Tractor Pullers for once again putting on a fantastic show.



Saturday night brought the highly anticipated performance by Bella Cain. The energy was electric and the show was incredible—right up until the rain rolled in. Thankfully, everyone made it out of the square safely. While Sunday's activities were unfortunately rained out, the weekend as a whole was still a roaring success.

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all of their sponsors—your support keeps events like this alive and thriving. They are equally grateful to the City of Brodhead for allowing them to host this celebration and for keeping our community looking its best, and to the Brodhead Police Department for their assistance throughout the weekend.

Events like Covered Bridge Days take months of planning and the dedication of many volunteers. As the saying goes, many hands make light work. If you're interested in being part of future events, they'd love to have you—please contact the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce to get involved.

Despite a little rain, this year's Covered Bridge Days proved once again that our community knows how to come together and celebrate in style. Until next year—thank you, Brodhead!

Thank You

By Nancy Sutherland, supported by Brodhead Improvement District

A thank you to everyone that attended and those who contributed to Twilight in the Park this 2025-summer season. Every week the food vendor was appreciated by the crowds. We averaged over 200 attendance every week and totaled over 2,000 that enjoyed the variety of music provided.

Thank to you Jimmy Carter who provided the sound each week and sends the music out to Brodhead area people on radio 95.1 for those who cannot attend the park and for the city workers for their work of keeping the park in great shape for all these visitors. There are nine concerts every year and several volunteers pass out the attendance tickets and deliver the lucky winners of Tastee Crème, Rock and Rolls, McDonalds, Chucheria La Chipista and KC Lawn Care gift certificates. It was a most successful year.

Brodhead Historical Society monthly meeting

The Brodhead Historical Society invites you to their next monthly meeting, on Monday, August 25. After a short business meeting, the guest speakers will be Jeff Wideman and Mariana Marques de Almeida, partners (along with Shirley Knox) in Ms J and Co, a sheep dairy facility in rural Juda. They will be speaking on the introduction of the Assaf dairy sheep to the USA. Mariana has a Masters Degree in small ruminants from the University of Lisbon, in Portugal. Jeff has been a local cheesemaker for over 50 years, and became a Master Cheesemaker in 2000. The mission of the Brodhead Historical Society is to preserve our history; however, they would also like to showcase history in the making through public awareness.

The event will begin at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum, using the entrance on East 2nd Avenue. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

CONDON-TEN EYCK REUNION DATE CHANGE

Due to the reunion date falling on Labor Day weekend, it has been decided to change the date for this year to Sunday, August 24th at the Putnam Park pavilion. Plan to meet at noon.

CLOSED
Monday, Sept. 1st
in observance of
Labor Day.
DEADLINE for that week is
Thurs., Aug. 28th at 5 p.m.
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School Board Construction Project Open House Planned

By Grace Kufahl

The 2024-2025 surplus was over \$666,000 as of this meeting. To avoid such large variances in the future, future budgets will include a smaller cushion added to salary estimates.

A Wednesday, September 10th, open house is planned for the community to see the completed referendum related construction projects at each school. Details will be announced by press release and social media. The construction crew is working seven days a week to complete all but the 4K space by the start of the school year.

New rugs with the Cardinal logo were approved to replace old worn ones and runners that no longer fit the entryways. Many of the existing rugs had to be taped down and were tripping hazards. Some rugs that were still in good shape will be repurposed. A large rug for the high school has already been purchased at a cost of \$7,900. The approximately \$24,000 for the additional rugs will come from the investment proceeds from the bonds. The new rugs are estimated to last for 20 years.

Including Band Camp and
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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Beth Staniforth-Seamster, Pastor. Sunday worship May 25-August 31—9 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch.com.

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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

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Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor 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. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook.

Donors:
Thank you
from the
Optimists

Every year the Brodhead Optimists holds a Pig Roast and Pie Sale in conjunction with the Twilight in the Park to raise money for childhood cancer research and to help families who have a child suffering from cancer. They couldn't be as successful as they have been without the support of our local businesses as well as those who come to enjoy the dinner and dessert. Thank you so much to those who sponsored this event: Jared Arn, Bank of Brodhead, Wyatt Burchfield, Brodhead Dental Clinic, Kuhn North America, Inc., Senz-Redieske Insurance Agency, Inc., and Stoughton Trailers LLC. Over \$3,000 was raised this year, and around \$31,000 has been donated over the years to the American Family Children's Hospital and Badger Network, both in Madison, to help these special families. There is one last business they couldn't forget to thank—The Piggly Wiggly. The Pig has provided them with continued support and great deals for all their projects involving food!!

Optimist International, of which Brodhead Optimists are outstanding members, is solely about helping the youth of the world to become contributing people of their communities making this a kinder and gentler world.


Lower
Sugar River
Watershed
Association
2025 Annual
Meeting

The LSRWA 2025 Annual Meeting is being held on Saturday August 23rd from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Three Waters Reserve, N3941 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead. Please visit Three Waters Reserve's website at https://threewatersreserve.com/pages/calendar-1 for more information and to purchase lunch tickets.


Living Word
AWANA

God-sized faith meets kid-sized fun in AWANA, where kids aged four to fifth grade find community as they learn Scripture and come to know and love Jesus. Awana meets at Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead, on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. and is open to anyone. Registration for Fall 2025 is open now. Their first session is Wednesday, September 14th. Please contact Living Word at 608-897-8246 or email ptl@livingwordwi.org for registration forms or more information.

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33rd Annual Gap Church
Hymn Sing Fund-raiser

The 33rd Annual Gap Church Hymn Sing Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 17th, 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, Wisconsin.

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 and Cemetery 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.

There was a parsonage and small barn built in 1880. It was located west of the church across the road at the intersection of what is now Decatur/ Sylvester Road and State Highway 59. The buildings were sold and moved in 1890.

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 & Cemetery.

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

St. Peter Lutheran Church
offering first Family
Evening Bible Class

St. Peter Lutheran Church is trying something new! Join them Friday, August 22nd, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. as they offer their very first Family Evening Bible Class! What can you expect from this event? Well, they're always happy to offer their Vacation Bible School program to the children of Brodhead, but wouldn't it be great if the whole family could get in on the fun? That's the idea behind Family Evening Bible Class. Come first for an hour of good food and good company as they offer a free dinner from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Then, split off—kids to one room, grown-ups to another—for a unique Bible class experience! The kids will learn the story of Noah's Ark, make crafts, play games, and learn music. The adults, meanwhile, will learn that same story, but a little more in-depth and involved. Why's this? So families can compare what they learned after the event is over!

If you'd like to be a part of this event, sign up online at stpeterlutheranbrodhead.com/events. Otherwise, call/text us at 612-270-2591, or find us in-person at 1708 W. 6th Avenue in Brodhead—look for the brown A-frame church! They hope to see you there!

Alpha Course coming to
Living Word

You're invited to unpack the basics of the Christian faith together. No pressure. No judgment. Just open conversation over some good food. That's it. Come on in and see what you think. The experience is open to everyone, no matter what your background or beliefs. Alpha is simply a safe place to meet new people, find out the basics, and share your thoughts. The course runs over 11 weeks, each week a different big question about the Christian faith is unpacked and explored together The event will be held at Living Word Church, 3825 County Road T, Brodhead.

This is how it works: meet new people over a meal, watch a video and discuss and share your thoughts. If you are interested, call Amanda Kloeping at 608-897-8246 for details (and so they can have enough food). The discussion starts Sunday, September 7th at 5 p.m.

An outdoor church celebration was held at St. Augustine's Catholic Church, in Footville on Sunday, August 3. It was a very nice day for an outdoor community church event. They call it 'Mass in the Grass'. Almost 200 attended—many came from other churches in the St. Ceatus Pastorate that covers the Catholic churches in Footville, Evansville, Oregon, Stoughton and Edgerton.

Advertising Deadline:
Friday, 5 p.m.

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never be too big to ask questions,
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learn something new."
~ Augustine Og Mandino



ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE

DEADLINE: Friday, September 26th

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will offer the following recreation indoor volleyball League:

SUNDAY NIGHT RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL COED LEAGUE: This league will be played on Sunday evenings at Brodhead Middle School beginning Sunday, October 12th. PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS must be seventh grade and older. Each team must consist of four to six players, with two of them being adults. The cost is \$25 per person.

To register a team, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159 ext. 9.

BRODHEAD CLASS OF 1980 45TH REUNION

Attention Class of 1980! They are planning the class reunion, taking place Saturday, September 20th, at 7p.m. It will be at The Bar, formerly M&J's, in Brodhead.

If you would like to eat prior to the reunion there are restaurants/bars in Brodhead or neighboring cities. They will be serving hors d'oeuvres mid party.

RSVP to: Brodhead, WI Class of 1980 on Facebook or call or text Laura Zettle at 608-558-1151 by Monday, September 8.

Any teachers who had them as students are welcome to join them.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Congregational United Church of Christ will be holding a blood drive on Thursday, September 4, from noon to 5:30 p.m. The church is located at E201 23rd Street, Brodhead.

Spring into action—donate blood and save lives! Walk-ins are welcome.

Josh Meier, RN receives DAISY Award

Josh Meier, RN, SSM Health Monroe Hospital ICU 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.



Josh was nominated by Janet, whose best friend had Josh as her nurse. Janet's nomination shared:

"Recently, my best friend, Elaine, was transferred to SSM Health Monroe Hospital's ICU. Her husband and I were very worried. Josh took it in stride. We could tell immediately that he was a very gentle, caring, and knowledgeable nurse. Josh explained what was happening, what he was doing, and what the plan was. When decisions had to be made about end-of-life, he was able to reassure us that Elaine would not suffer.

As more family came to say their goodbyes, Josh made such compassionate gestures. He took it upon himself to make everyone welcome by bringing in a cart with snacks and drinks. He also ran off a heart monitor strip for each of the family members to have as a memento.

Josh remained at Elaine's bedside and cared for her with such tenderness. We were so lucky to have been given this incredible nurse during Elaine's final days. Thank you for being with Elaine and her family during her last journey."

Josh is one of three million nurses nationwide who represent the largest healthcare profession. SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group employs over 230 nurses serving patients throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

Josh Meier, RN after receiving the DAISY Award on Monday, August 11.

SSM Health at Home Offering Grief Support Group in Monroe

The journey through grief can be difficult. Many people find it comforting to face grief with others experiencing similar challenges. Join SSM Health at Home for "Walking Through Grief," an education and support group providing resources and encouragement for people grieving the death of a loved one.

Walking Through Grief is a six-week grief support group open to those ages 18+ who have experienced the death of someone special. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. from Wednesday, September 10 to Wednesday, October 15 at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th Street in Monroe.

Seating is limited, and registration is requested. Attendance at all sessions is highly recommended. There is no charge to attend.

Those interested can register for the group online at ssmhealth.com/classes.

For more information or to register over the phone, please call SSM Health at Home at 608-324-1143.

School Board

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strength training for sports, 570 students and three non-residents participated in summer school. It was a success despite the challenge of having all classes at the high school this year.

In Other Business:


To go along with the construction, drop offs and traffic flows will be changed to be safer.

More than \$4,500 was recouped by turning in scrap metal from the construction.

The district will begin a partnership with Edgewood College to help teachers in training earn accelerated credentials.

Thanks went out to Building and Grounds, administrators and the janitorial staff among others for rising up to the challenges presented by the work being done this summer.

The agriculture veterinary science course was approved to count as a science credit.



608-897-4797

Please contact us to place a community event, engagement/wedding announcement, an advertisement, or nearly anything else.

Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder.

Did you know that more than half of women over age 50 experience issues with bladder or bowel control? These problems can be slightly bothersome or totally debilitating. For some women, the chance of embarrassment keeps them from enjoying many activities and can take control of their life.

A popular workshop in Rock County can help! Mind Over Matter: Healthy Bowels, Healthy Bladder is a workshop designed to give women, age 60 and older, the tools they need to take control of their bladder and bowel symptoms. The workshop provides information, group activities, simple exercises and dietary changes to practice at home. The workshop consists of three, two-hour sessions over the course of a month. Dedication to the series of three classes is required. This is a workshop for females, taught by a female.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Rock County invite women to join them for a "Mind Over Matter" series at Cargill United Methodist Church located at 2000 Wesley Avenue, Janesville. The series will take place on three Tuesday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on September 2, 16 and 30. Suggested donation is \$10 to cover the cost of materials. Space is limited, so register early to reserve a spot! The registration deadline is Friday, August 22nd.

To learn more, or to register for the series, contact Health Promotion Coordinator, Lisa Messer, of the ADRC of Rock County by calling: 608-757-5309 or email: lisa.messer@co.rock.wi.us.

THANK YOU

I want to thank the EMTs, Brodhead Police Department, lifeguards—Matti and Dakota, and Deanne B. for their quick response and help after my accident.

Thank you,
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2025 Orfordville Youth Ball Program Photos

Photos by Bri Larsen Photography



8U Boys—Orfordville 1
Standing: Nathan Komprood, Kaden Davies, Connor Schwartzlow, Coach Ethan Andre, Leo Andre, Robert Knutson, Cade Cavitt; kneeling: Nolan Ayen, Sawyer Martin, Shane Stuetngen, Jack Schabow, Jaxxon Grunzel. Missing: Gavin Brammerson.



8U Boys—Orfordville 2
Standing: Elijah Finley, Luke Neild, Coach Todd Funk, Gideon Funk, Coach Ashley Funk, Jack Neild, Eli Zrout; kneeling: Greyson Brueggen, Theron Forster, Oliver Hauri, Callen McWilliams; sitting: Reed Arnold, Julien Clark, Mannyh Cruz.



8U Girls—Orfordville 1
Standing: Sarah Howard, Selena Higgs, Liberty Wallisch, Coach Pam Wallisch, Faith Wallisch, Parker Sturdevant, Blakely Freitag; kneeling: Rose Wellnitz, Claire Bunts, Becca Popp, Kennedy Engen; sitting: Lexi Reidle, Abby Popp. Missing: Amelia Schmit, Wynter Johnson.



8U Girls—Orfordville 2
Standing: Goldie Stoltz, Fionna Jones, Abby Olson, Coach Richie Cox, Ida Cox, Nora Satre, EmmaLynn Bolar; kneeling: Ella Atkinson, Everleigh Schwartzlow, Harper Dahl, Brynn Knutson; sitting: Kensley Hackett, Macy Naatz.



10U Boys—Orfordville 1
Standing: Jacob Klade, Coach Todd Funk, Wyatt Funk, Coach Ryan Naatz, Reid Ireland; kneeling: Owen Suiter, Jordan Knutson, August Sankey, Brayden Clossey; sitting: Oscar Mielke, Abram Crane, Owen Naatz. Missing: Layton Nath.



10U Boys—Orfordville 2
Standing: Wyatt Ferraro, Mason Krieg, Coach Rick Krieg, Ryder Akkerman, Coach Ryan Akkerman, Jase Johnson, Caleb Howard; kneeling: Ben Brown, Jacob Wellnitz, Phoenix Pomplun, Casen Cavitt; sitting: Lucas Schwartzlow, Ian Stuetngen.



10U Boys—Orfordville 3
Standing: Ryker Hadley, Tucker Meadearis, Coach Micheal Medearis, Leo James, Coach Aaron Laursen, Kamden Laursen, Corey Disch; kneeling: Weston Graham, Kash Carter, Braxtyn Rummelhofft, Colby Loveridge, Grant Simonson, Gavin Krueger; sitting: Jayt Boogaard, Max Bruggen.



10U Girls—Orfordville 1
Standing: Amelia Carter, Gracie Gokey, Coach Carl Stoltz, Afton Stoltz, Shannon Nagel; kneeling: Aubree Olson, Lainey Laursen, Rylee Huffman, Harper Peterson, Dorthy Tews, Nora Lincoln; sitting: Isla Bunts, Ella Ireland, Delaney Carr. Missing: Coach Fred Carr, Coach Aaron Laursen.



10U Girls—Orfordville 2
Standing: Holly Wollin, Coach Nikki Wollin, Haylee Reitz, Coach Richie Cox, Elsie Cox, Coach Morgan Cox, Frances Cox; kneeling: Hadley Sperry, Brynlee Keck, Miah Suiter, Berkley Jensen; sitting: Charlotte Whitt, Laurel Suiter.



12U Boys—Orfordville 1
Standing: Max Wellnitz, Coach Clayton Treinen, Callen Purkapile, Coach Andy Simonson, Easton Hazeltine, Coach Kyle Daun, Max Wohlfert; kneeling: Jase Sturdevant, Landon Borzyskowski, Myles Allen, Landon Abrahamson; sitting: Garrett Simonson, Davis Treinen. Missing: Wesley Brueggen, Oliver Daun.



12U Boys—Orfordville 2
Standing: Emerson Schmidt, Tatem Constantini, Coach Shawn Constantini, Grant Todd, Coach Kory Wallisch, Colton Wallisch, Abel McWilliams; kneeling: Reid Williams, Mason Williams, Westin Huffman, Henry Hudson, Jonathan Clark, Sam Schwarz.



12U Girls—Orfordville
Standing: Coach Gary Roden, Braylee Loveridge, Bailey Roden, Jocelyn Box, Parker Allen, Coach Lindsay Roden; kneeling: Oriel Friedrich, Lyla Rebman, Kylee Schilb, Riley Anderson; sitting: Reese Knutson, Jayci Houck, Tinlee Huffman, Abi DeLong.



14U Boys—Orfordville
Standing: Coach Josh Wiseley, Oliver Wiseley, Levi Nath, Russell Nagel, Fletcher Daun, Cohen Williams, Coach John Millar; kneeling: Nolen Rebman, Beck Hazeltine, Makael Whitt, Jameson Clark, Camerson Atkinson, Jeremiah Anderson, Camdeyn Carr.



14U Girls—Orfordville 1
Standing: Lorelei Beard, Sophia Robinson, Coach Jerrad Wilke, Marti Klassy, Whitley Coles; kneeling: Riley Shulz, Eva DeLong, Janney Wilke, Jordyn Speich, Lucy Woodman, Sophia Schwarz; sitting: Hailey Smith.



14U Girls—Orfordville 2
Standing: Ava Landis, Morgan Clobes, Coach Matt Vike, Coach Tiffany Miller, Mariah Roden, Adel Zrout; kneeling: Jemma Dorsey, Nora Ray, Rosie Cruz, Tamia Rebout, Mackenzie Lewiston, Mylee Sorg, Braelyn Miller.

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SOFTBALL

Sunday Night Church
Sunday 8/3 results: Living Word defeated Orfordville Lutheran 13-8; Church of God defeated Bethlehem Lutheran 6-0; United Methodist defeated Congregational UCC 12-0.
Sunday 8/17 results: United Methodist defeated Church of God 7-2; Living Word defeated Luther Valley 8-4; Congregational UCC defeated Orfordville Lutheran 6-3.
Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 8-4; Congregational UCC 8-4; United Methodist 9-3; Living Word 6-6; Church of God 6-6; Luther Valley 4-7; Orfordville Lutheran 2-11.

**Brodhead
Juda 2025
Football
Preseason**
By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead Juda football practice kicked off as the team prepares for their season ahead. Tim Cerjak, who has been in an assistant position for several years, will lead the Cardinals as head coach. He has a core group of assistant coaches returning that include; Jared Arn, BJ Bockhop, Jim Matthys, Chris Hoesly, Brandon Riese and Bryce Broughton.

Last year Brodhead had an overall record of 2-7 in the Southwest Conference. The Cardinals graduated 12 seniors including three-year starter Gabe Bockhop at QB, Brody Riese and Eric Woodward as receivers, with Felix Paffel and David Masloske as running backs. Line-man included Hunter Foster, Chase Wilhite, Jacob Keating and Brayden Sweeney.

The 2025 season has returning starters that include seniors; Jordan Dix, Nolan Bump, Jayden Brown, and Lucas Keating. Juniors Grayson Arn, Braylon Strehlow, and Logan Berzinski return bringing significant experience. Battling for quarterback position are juniors Logan Krupke and Maddax McGinty. There are several underclassmen who were in on the action last fall that are anticipated to step in where needed.

Coach Cerjak anticipates Prairie Du Chien, Platteville, and Lancaster to be conference contenders as they continue to produce every year. Brodhead will open their season with a non-conference match at Edgerton this week and will have their season home opener on Friday, August 29th hosting Evansville in their final preseason game. Roll Cardinals!



Seniors leading the Brodhead Juda Cardinal football team this include; Maddux McGinty, Lucas Keating, Jordan Dix, Nolan Bump, Jayden Brown, Jayden Clark. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

BJ Football Schedule 2025	
August 22	at Edgerton (nonconference)
August 29	Evansville (nonconference)
September 5	River Valley
September 12	at Dodgeville
September 19	at New Glarus
September 26	Prairie du Chien
(homecoming)	
October 3	at Lancaster
October 10	Richland Center
October 17	Platteville (Senior Night)

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Mitchell Jay Barradas, Winslow, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/22/2025, \$98.80.

Jacob B. Bielski, Rockford, IL, operate after revocation/suspension of registration, violation date 06/21/2025, \$98.80; operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 06/21/2025, \$124; zone and posted limits, violation date 06/21/2025, \$149.20.

Edwin Bogdanowicz, Brownstown, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 06/19/2025, \$98.80.

Bryce C. Broughton, Brodhead, fail to signal turn, violation date 05/14/2025, \$98.80.

William Russel Cox, Mount Horeb, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/03/2025, \$124.

Maquan Timmothy Duerst, Horicon, WI non-registration of auto, etc., violation date 06/04/2025, \$98.80; possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, violation date 06/04/2025, \$187; operating after suspension, violation date 06/04/2025, \$124.

Nicolai Kristopher Elsner Graves, Monroe, operating while revoked, violation date 06/22/2025, \$124; operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 06/22/2025, \$86.80.

Mario Alex Garcia, Madison, WI, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 06/01/2025, \$10; zone and posted limits, violation date 06/01/2025, \$98.80; operate without valid license, violation date 06/01/2025, \$124.

Ethan Charles Hansing, Janesville, non-registration of auto, etc., violation date 05/30/2025, \$98.80.

Jessie Lee Hanson, Brodhead, operating after suspension, violation date 05/29/2025, \$124.

Wyatt Andrew Keats, Mukwonago, WI, possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, violation date 05/31/2025, \$187.

Bradyn Patrick Lundgren, Brodhead, fail to signal turn, violation date 05/08/2025, \$98.80.

Natasha L. Ommodt, Brodhead, underage drinking-possess, violation date 04/12/2024 \$0.00; possession of THC, violation date 04/12/2024 \$0.00; possess drug paraphernalia, violation date 04/12/2024 \$0.00.

Daniela Pueblita Pacheco, Brodhead, operate without valid license, violation date 06/14/2025, \$124.

Aidan J. Rossetti, Brodhead, disorderly conduct, violation date 06/14/2025, \$142.90.

Adriana Victoria Santana Santiago, Gainesville, FL, zone and posted

limits, violation date 05/04/2025, \$98.80.

Christina Lee Schindler, Monroe, non-registration of auto, etc., violation date 06/06/2025, \$98.80.

Gary B. Spitzmiller, Roscoe, IL, operate without valid license, violation date 06/19/2025, \$67.30.

Wesley J. Steinke, Beloit, operate after revocation/suspension of registration, violation date 06/22/2025, \$98.80; operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 06/22/2025, \$124; operating after suspension, violation date 06/22/2025, \$124.

Arlene Carol Stephan, Brodhead, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 05/03/2025, \$10.

Donald T. Stokes, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/31/2025, \$124.

Eugene Phillip Taylor, Brodhead, unsafe backing of vehicle, violation date 05/07/2025, \$98.80.

Amy M. Walder, Brodhead, possession of THC, violation date 06/23/2025, \$250; operate without carrying license, violation date 06/23/2025, \$124; possession drug paraphernalia, violation date 06/23/2025, \$98.800

19th Annual Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin Carving Show & Sale Returns to Janesville

The Rock River Valley Carvers of Wisconsin are proud to present their 19th Annual Carving Show and Sale on Saturday, September 13, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Craig Center at the Rock County Fairgrounds, located at 1301 Craig Avenue, Janesville. Admission is free, with donations welcome.

This family-friendly event highlights the artistry and skill of local and regional woodcarvers through exhibits, demonstrations, and vendor booths.

Featured Carver: John Raisbeck

This year's featured carver is John Raisbeck, who began his carving journey about ten years ago while in Florida. What started as a way to pass the time with a few carving tools quickly turned into a passion, fueled by the guidance of seasoned carvers at a local senior center. Upon returning home, John joined the Rock River Valley Carvers and found a welcoming and knowledgeable community that helped him grow his skills.

John has explored a variety of carving styles, including birds, caricatures, gnomes, hillbillies, cottonwood bark, and most recently, the human face. "There is always more to learn," John says. "My only regret is not starting earlier in life." Attendees are encouraged to stop by and talk with John and other exhibitors about their work and techniques.

Live Demonstrations

Chainsaw Carving by Jackie Widmar—9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Chip Carving by Bud Cunningham—10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Face Carving by Jim Trumphy—1 to 2 p.m.

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, July 9, 2025 Minutes

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, July 9, 2025 edition of the Brodhead Free Press.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, Jenny Flory, Paul Donovan and Michael Oellerich (virtually)
Absent: None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried, 7-0.
INFORMATION REPORTS
District Administrator Novy presented an information report.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
No one was present to give public comments.

AGENDA ITEMS
CONSENT AGENDA
1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
a. Regular Meeting: June 11, 2025
2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
a. \$200.00 monetary donation from Bethlehem Lutheran Church to the High School Industrial Technology/Fab Lab Activity Account
4. RESIGNATION(S)
• None at this time
5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
a. Emily Schwoerer, MS Science Teacher
b. Kristin Baldwin, PT MS Admin Asst. & LMC Aide to FT Office Admin Asst.
c. Andrea Valentin, MS SpEd Para to MS LMC Aide
d. Kathy Visger, MS Para-Office Aide to MS SpEd Paraprofessional
6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
• None at this time

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.
NEXUS REFERENDUM UPDATE
District Administrator Novy and Kyle from Nexus Solutions presented information and a status update on the ongoing Bond Referendum project.

EMPLOYEE WELLNESS CLINIC PRESENTATION
Deanna Hahn of Monroe Clinic presented information on the first year of the employee Wellness Clinic.

PRESENTATION OF ANNUAL CRIME STATISTICS REPORT
District Administrator Novy presented the annual crime statistics report.

APPROVAL OF WASB BUSINESS HONOR ROLL NOMINATIONS
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the WASB Honor Roll recipients as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.
AUTHORIZATION TO HIRE STAFF
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to allow the District Administrator to hire staff and accept resignations as they occur, pending Board review at a future meeting of the Board.

Motion carried, 7-0.
APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC STANDARDS
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the proposed "NOTICE OF THE STUDENT ACADEMIC STANDARDS THAT ARE IN EFFECT FOR THE 2025-26 SCHOOL YEAR", with a date of July 9, 2025, as presented in the Board's Addendum for this meeting, all pursuant to Section 120.12 (13)(b) and Section 118.30 (1g)(a) of the State Statutes.

AND "I move that the Board direct the administration to provide parents and guardians of District students with notice of the Board-adopted student academic standards that are in effect for the 2025-26 school year in a manner that is consistent with the requirements of section 120.12 (13) of the State Statutes.

Motion carried, 7-0.
ACCEPT BREAD & MILK BIDS FOR 2025-26
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Al Schneider, to accept the Pan-O-Gold bread bid for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.
Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to accept the Prairie Farms [Swiss Valley] milk bid for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.
ACCEPT PRIME FOOD VENDR BID FOR 2025-26
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to accept the Gordon Food Service prime vendor food bid for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion carried, 7-0.
APPROVAL OF HVAC PMA [PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT] FOR 2025-26
Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Paul Donovan, to approve 1901 Inc.'s proposal for the 2025-26 preventative maintenance agreement as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.
APPROVAL OF HIGH SCHOOL & MIDDLE SCHOOL CO-CURRICULAR HANDBOOKS FOR 2025-26
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the 2025-26 High School and Middle School Co-Curricular Handbooks as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.
APPROVAL OF 2024-25 BUDGET REVISIONS
Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the 2024-25 budget revisions as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.
FUTURE AGENDA [July 9, 2025]
• Approval of the Minutes

- Approval of Bills
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Volunteer Recommendation(s)
- Approval of Equivalent Options for Agriculture Courses
- Seclusion & Restraint Report
- 2025 Summer School Overview
- Approval of 2025-26 Staff, Volunteer, & Substitute Teacher Handbooks

• Approval of 2025-26 Emergency Operations Plan Manual
• Approval of 2025-26 School Bus Drivers
• Approval of 2025-26 Priority Areas
• Approval of 2024-25 Budget Revisions
• Referendum Update

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(f)
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 8:10 p.m., for the discussion of:

- a. District Administrator Evaluation
- b. Considering Compensation of an Employee

Roll Call vote: 7-0 (all ayes).
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Don Buchanan, to return to open session at 8:30 p.m.

Motion carried, 6-0.
ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Jenny Flory, to adjourn the meeting at 8:31 p.m.
Motion carried, 6-0.

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The Brodhead High School Class of 1975 recently reunited to commemorate 50 years since their graduation. The event was held at the Kelch Museum on Saturday, August 9, and 51 members of the class celebrated and reminisced together. A surprise guest was one of their teachers, Mike McGoff.



Front row: Jeanne Searles Pinnow, Verena Faessler Vanderlei, Sharon Morgan Newcomer, Wendy Pinnow Heise, Connie Sue Milks Prochnow, Judy Searles Baldwin, Myra VanOstrand Lemons, Ann Flynn Richmond, Melody Becherer Stuessy, Ilena Luby Nipple, Deb Oliver, Julie Yaun Carroll, and Sherri Ulrich Cummings; back row: Gerry Sullivan Johnson, Cathy Homb Burgess, Lana Staggs Larimer, Sheila Johnson, Tara Gerber Sumpter, Mary Jane Ripp, Kim Burandt Schupbach, Colet Markham Cook, George West Stettler, Shirley Gissing Miller, Connie Gadow Showers, Sherri Liptow, Deb Pawlisch Chotlos, Cathy Golombowski Hurst, Sue Davidson Borgmann, Sue Koller, and Cindy Carson Lederman.



Front row: Aaron Walters, Dale Nemitz, Kurt Severson, Randy Peterson, Ken Exum, Jeff Kuhl, Ed Halloran, Everett Fowler, Mark Milks, Ron Cook, Mark Hahn, Matt Douglas, and Mike Coplien; back row: Tom Selchert, Tom Weeden, Bob Riese, Darl Shimko, Bob Higbee, Ron Patterman, Wade Johnson, Lance Lederman, Jeff Nipple, and Joel McNair. Not pictured: Kurt Hurst.



Front row: Becky (Pfisterer) Kurtz, Joan (Olson) Fenrick, Marlene (Pinnow) Frehner, Lyvonne (Fairman) Olin, Karen (Klemm) Nelms; second row: Ron Kubly, Ginger (Schmid) Waddell, Aleta (Schwartzlow) Ties, Vickie (Olson) Caple, Jim Ruef, Stella (Johnson) Wolter, Loren Riemer; back row: Ken Challoner, Ed Roderick, Vince Visger, Gary Sutherland, Bob Olin, Milt Wendler, Dick Olin, and Darrell Clark.

BHS Class of 1961 class reunion

The Brodhead Class of 1961 held their 64th class reunion at Knutes, in Orfordville, on Thursday, August 7th.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Just a Reminder and an invitation
Submitted by Barbara Flores, President Friends of the Durand Library

We are proud and happy to remind everyone that library services are available in the Durand Area. This is a volunteer driven effort by the Friends of the Durand Library. We collaborate with the school, which has been welcoming and supportive of this effort. The Village of Durand, Township of Laona, several local organizations and indi-

viduals have been most supportive. We urge residents of the community to stop by and talk with us, tell us what you'd like to read, what we can add to our programming, how we can provide the services you would like. It is a fact that we cannot offer what publicly funded libraries can, for instance we don't have an eBook program. But we have plenty of good books to read. We also have access to the interlibrary loan service. And soon our well-attended programs will begin with two already planned for October. There are differences in read-

ing interests, that's for sure. We can buy the newest books if we have requests for them. For some, books which have stood the test of time are the most interesting. Humans have not changed much in the recent thousands of years. Books written in the trying times of the early 20th century tell us both the human story and social history of the times. But books written today are equally important—they reflect the social changes that can be exciting for some and frightening for others. So whatever, your tastes, please support your local library. Share



Brodhead Health & Fitness officially moving back

Brodhead Health and Fitness is thrilled to share that they are officially preparing for their big move back to their original location at 804 23rd Street!

In just the first year of ownership, Brodhead Health and Fitness has grown significantly—and that's all thanks to you! With our growing community, it's time for a space that better fits your needs and allows them to provide the improvements you deserve.

They've been hard at work updating the facility, and they can't wait to show it off.

Tentative Closure Dates: To move everything safely and efficiently, they're planning to close the gym Saturday, August 23rd and Sunday, August 24th. They appreciate your patience and understanding during this short transition!

They'll continue to keep you informed with any updates or changes, and ask for a little grace as they work out the final kinks during the move. Your continued support, encouragement, and commitment to health and fitness mean the world to them.

They are very thankful to be a part of this community and can't wait to welcome you into their refreshed space!



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