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## Kelch Aviation Museum Annual Vintage Holiday Open House

On Sunday, December 14th, the Kelch Aviation Museum will host its annual Vintage Holiday Open House, featuring hands-on activities for kids of all ages, crafts, snacks, live music, a bake sale, and free museum tours!

"After such a busy successful year, we want to celebrate with our home community," says Pat Weeden, Executive Director. "The museum isn't just about airplanes—it's about the local story, it's about creating a community space for everyone."

The free event, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, December 14th, at the museum's facilities at N2463 Airport Road in Brodhead. With so much on offer, there's something for every age and interest level:

-Local musician Johnny Rocket will play live, family-friendly music—requests taken! Funded thanks to The Youth Unite nonprofit organization of Beloit, WI.

-Stock up on Christmas cookies at the bake sale, all handmade goodies.

-Build an airplane holiday orna-

ment, and enjoy other free crafts

-Try our science activities, including a wind tunnel and other hands-on experiments

-Shop for gifts at the museum gift shop—books, games, clothing, and toys for all ages

-Snacks and hot drinks will be served all afternoon!

-Free museum tours

In addition, a new exhibit about model airplanes and the Golden Age of Aviation was unveiled last week, featuring unique handmade models built by a Wisconsin native. The Open House is a great time to check out this addition to the Atrium displays!

That's just the beginning of some major updates: The museum's chief curator, Hannah Shickles, is currently designing two new exhibits in the Atrium, which will be unveiled in the spring. "We want there to be something new for people to discover, no matter how many times they visit," says Shickles, a Brodhead native who discovered her love for aviation right here at the Kelch Aviation Museum, five years

ago. "Aviation history is packed full of amazing stories, the hardest part is just narrowing down which ones to highlight!"

This year the museum welcomed over 9,000 visitors from all over the USA and more than a dozen other countries; hosted 10 free movie nights sponsored by local Brodhead businesses; and operated eight vintage automobiles and airplanes for demonstration. The museum also expanded educational programming in 2025: Thanks to donors and sponsors, the educational team reached hundreds of students in

multiple counties by visiting classrooms to share science activities, thanks in part to volunteer Mike Flory, a retired teacher. For grown-up learners, volunteer historian Michael John Jaeger took historic presentations to a dozen counties in Wisconsin and Illinois, sharing local aviation history about airmail.

"It's been a banner year for us in so many ways, but that's thanks to our community," says Weeden, "I hope local people will come enjoy the museum this season, and think, 'Hey, this makes me proud to live in Brodhead!'"



## Green County Piano Teachers sponsor Piano Play-A-Thon

The Green County Piano Teachers will be sponsoring a Piano Play-A-Thon on Saturday, December 13th at the Monticello Fire Station at from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will feature piano students from the Green County area playing a variety of holiday music. Thyme Savor Cuisine by Laura Eyler will be providing baked goods and lunch. Melissa Anders will also be providing beverages during the event.

The teachers participating are: Genia Allard, Carolyn Hilliard, Dawn Jordan, Megan Leitner, Gwen Shaker and Julie Zimmerman.

The public is cordially invited to enjoy the music of the season!

## City of Brodhead invites Brodhead Area EMS to regular meeting

The City of Brodhead mayor and common council have invited the Brodhead Area EMS (BAEMS) executive board to their Monday, December 15th regular meeting to discuss the terms of a service contract to be effective in the new year. This is an open meeting beginning at 6 p.m. in City Hall, located at 1111 West 2nd Avenue, with public comment allowed.

For several months the City and BAEMS have exchanged documents, each representing specific interests, but have not been able to come to terms on a mutually acceptable agreement. The mayor and council are seeking an agreement that will provide accountability and assure residents of a continuing level of emergency services coverage is seamless on January 1, 2026. The City and the EMS entered into an initial yearlong agreement effective on January 1, 2022. The agreement allows for automatic renewal unless either party provides 60-day written notice to not renew the agreement and has functioned well since then until the recent communications breakdown.

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

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

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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. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

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Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jady 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.

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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 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARY



David A. (Albert) Elmer

David A. (Albert) Elmer, 83, of Brodhead, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, November 5th, 2025, at the William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison.

He was born on Wednesday, December 17th, 1941 (10 days after the attack on Pearl Harbor), at St. Clare Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin. David was the only child born to the parents of Albert (Albrecht) and Phyllis Louise (Zimmerman) Elmer, Jr. In 1959, he graduated from Brodhead High School and continued to help his parents on the farm.

In January of 1960, he joined the Army National Guard of Wisconsin. His Active-Duty responsibility was serving during the Berlin Crisis. Then he returned to the family farming and custom harvesting operations.

David was well-known for having a special interest in Pontiac GTOs. The GTO was often credited as one of the first muscle car manufactured. It was based on the Pontiac Tempest model and featured a powerful V8 engine option. 1964 was the first model manufactured and the car quickly gained popularity in performance and style. David actually purchased a 1964 sight unseen. His second GTO was a 1966.

Roller skating, dancing, sitting on the square in Monroe and checking out the vehicles as they went by, learning to play the electric guitar, playing with his big Lionel train set, playing euchre or other card games, reading books and collecting coins were on the top of his entertainment list. Recreational activities were both bow and rod fishing, bow and rifle deer hunting.

On August 17, 1968 David (age 27) married Barbara Marie Hauri at Luther Valley Lutheran Church (a countryside church in Newark Township, Beloit). This year they celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary.

While David and Barbara Marie continued to operate a dairy cow, hog, beef cattle farming operation and custom harvesting operation David also was employed off the farm at Blackhawk Technical College (BTC) Central Campus for a

few years as a third shift custodian. When it was discovered that David could also drive a larger truck, his winter duties were expanded to snow plowing the campus parking lot.

Dave's dad was well-known for being one of the first in the area to do custom harvesting: corn picking, silage chopping, corn shelling and drying. Running the UNI chopper and combine system was Albert's forte. David became a Gleaner Combine owner as he took over the custom harvesting business. Once David fulfilled his longtime dream to own his own semi-tractor (Freightliner) and step-deck trailer, he incorporated hay hauling into the scheme of things. People were amazed on how he could maneuver in and out of tight places no one else could. His CB Radio handle was Hayman.

In the quest to further his education he took welding courses and some woodworking classes at BTC. He also attended several AGC (Associated General Contractors) Construction Supervisory Training Program courses at BTC with a dear friend in the construction business.

October 20, 1985 David became a member of the United Methodist Church in Brodhead. He was also involved in various types of volunteer work.

Very early on Saturday mornings, he would drive to Milwaukee to pick up produce for the Share Food Program to be distributed that Saturday morning. He also assisted with a number of Green County and Decatur 4-H events. The main one was helping decorate and driving a flatbed trailer every other year in the Cheese Days Parade. Because he resembled Abe Lincoln so much, one time he was Abe Lincoln in the Cheese Days Parade and children would come up to him, tug on his trench coat, and tell him that they go to his school (Lincoln School in Monroe). David would get quite a chuckle out of that.

As David eased back from actively running the farms, he spent his time transplanting trees, growing tulips, planting a quarter acre raspberry and vegetable garden, attracting birds other than sparrows to the property and watching others operate the cropland. He also took great pride in maintaining the lawn and roadside by regularly pulling and controlling the yellow rocket, weeds and picking up roadside trash. He mowed the lawn with a John Deere Garden tractor and removed the snow away from the buildings for easier access with his favorite toy the Bobcat Toolcat with both AC and heat.

In later years after a grandson (Max) was born, David enjoyed playing mini golf and different types of card games with him. He also enjoyed watching Harry Potter movies with his family, listening to country music on WJVL 99.9 radio station, and watching TV programs such as the Wheel of Fortune and many other game shows, Dancing with the Stars, Tracker and crime shows

such as Blue Bloods, FBI and NCIS. Most of all, recently he very much enjoyed attending and watching his grandson's figure skating performances and hockey events.

David had three special memorable family and friends travel events in the very recent last few years. One was a Fourth of July holiday trip to La Crosse, Wisconsin, for a stay and a houseboat ride up and down the Mississippi River looking for eagles with some special far away friends. Another was a few days stay at the Wisconsin Dells to have some quality time with family. And the third was a Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, mail boat ride, also a fun time experience with family.

David is survived by his spouse, Barbara Marie (Hauri) Elmer of Brodhead; his children: Brian David (Laura Kaye Jerney Franzen-Elmer) Elmer of Madison and DeAnn Marie Elmer of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is also survived by one grandson, Maxwell Brian Jerney Elmer and one granddaughter, Zoey Rose Jerney Franzen.

He was preceded in death by his mother (1995); father (2010); mother-in-law, Barbara Fyetta (Hoffman) Hauri (2011); and father-in-law, Cecil Hauri (2014); other extended family members and many dear friends.

A special thank you to all the amazing VA and UW healthcare providers who cared for David over the past 10 years of facing multiple aggressive cancers back-to-back, giving him more time with those he loved and those who loved him.

Visitation will be at the United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, on Wednesday, December 17th from 10 a.m.-noon. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service will be held at noon.

Holiday Cookie Walk and Frosty Workshop

The UCC's Annual Cookie Walk and Frosty Workshop Event will be held on Saturday, December 13th in the Fellowship Hall of the UCC located at E201 23rd Street from 8 a.m. to noon, or until treats are sold out!! Lots of gift items available for last minute Christmas Shopping in our Frosty Workshop! Please come show your support. Come early—we sell out fast! Thanks!

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United Methodist Choir Presents Concert

Won't you join them on Sunday, December 14, at 1 p.m.? The Methodist choir will present several seasonal pieces along with other special music. The concert will be held in the church sanctuary and a fellowship time will follow. They wish you a Merry Christmas. PS—The Packer game scheduled kickoff is at 3:25 p.m.; so there is plenty of time to do both.

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**Brodhead High School football awards**

Left to right: Nolan Bump—All Conference Honorable Mention; Grayson Arn—All Conference 2nd Team Punter; Jayden Brown—All Conference 2nd Team LB; Jordan Dix—All Conference Honorable Mention.



Left to right: Aiden Walker—Most Improved; Logan Berzinski—Whole Hog Lineman; Grayson Arn—Special Teams Player Of The Year; Jayden Brown—.Most Valuable Player



Sam Searls led the Cardinal boys with 13 points last week hosting New Glarus. The boys lost 85-44 against the Knights. The boys host Evansville on Thursday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

## Brodhead Board of Education urges residents to consider serving by seeking position

Recently School Board Member Elizabeth Kempel announced that she would not seek re-election for the Brodhead Board of Education in the spring election. This guarantees there will be at a minimum one (1) vacancy on the Board of Education in which the incumbent will not seek reelection. Two (2) other positions will also be on the spring ballot; presently those positions are filled by Michael Oellerich and Jennifer Flory.

Residents are urged to consider serving the children and Brodhead School District by seeking a position on the Board of Education. The filing date for those interested in becoming a candidate is: 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Interested residents may obtain paperwork at the District Office located in the High School, 2501 West Fifth Avenue.

As a member of a School Board you are entrusted with one of the most important responsibilities that can be assigned to any citizen—that of helping to direct the education of the youth.

One of the most frequently asked questions about being a School Board Member is, what kind of qualifications must a candidate have? Experienced Board Members have included the following as preferred qualifications:

- A commitment to the belief that all children of the School District are entitled to have available to them a beneficial educational program
- An open mindedness and readiness to learn
- A vision and an ability to understand changes in our society
- Freedom from conflict with any other interest

The Board of Education encourages each citizen to give serious consideration to become a School Board candidate. It is important for qualified and interested citizens to become actively involved in the educational process so that we all can work together and continue the tradition of providing the best education possible to our young people.



## 71-Day Canoe Trip Down the Mississippi

Students in Mr. Knuth's Adventure Education class were recently treated to an inspiring presentation from local adventurer Troy Knudson, who shared the story of his remarkable 71-day canoe trip down the Mississippi River. Troy began his journey at the river's headwaters in Minnesota and paddled all the way to "Ground Zero" in the Gulf of Mexico, where the great river empties into the sea.

During his visit, Troy brought the class into his world on the water, sharing stories of early mornings, long days of paddling, unpredictable weather, and unforgettable encounters. But what stood out most to students was the people he met along the way. Troy spoke warmly about a community known as Paddle Angels, a Facebook group made up of volunteers who help paddlers traveling the Mississippi. These individuals, many of whom he had never met before, offered him rides to gather supplies, provided meals and places to sleep, and shared local knowledge about the river's most challenging and rewarding stretches.

For students preparing for their own three-day backpacking trip, Troy's message was especially meaningful. He emphasized the importance of resilience, planning, and maintaining a positive mindset during difficult days. But above all, he reminded them that there are countless kind people in the world willing to help you on your journey, whether that journey is on the river, on a trail, or through everyday life.



Thomas Lohmar, file photo, was second in wrestling at Johnson Creek. Lily Scheidegger took third place at Jefferson in the girls division. This week the team hosts a triangular meet on Tuesday with Big Foot/Williams Bay and Shullsburg/Black Hawk. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

## Brodhead High School girls' basketball

Gretchen Kammerer and Allie Dahl led the Cardinal players, scoring double digits, in their win, 71-51, against Big Foot last week. This week the girls will play at Evansville on Tuesday and at Beloit Turner on Friday.

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# The International Economic Development Council Proudly Awards Olivia Otte the Certified Economic Developer Designation

Olivia Otte, Executive Director of Green County Development Corporation, has earned the nationally recognized designation of Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) from the International Economic Development Council (IEDC), denoting a mastery of skills in economic development and a dedication to personal and professional growth. This milestone marks a significant achievement and underscores Olivia's commitment to excellence in the field of economic development.

"Becoming a Certified Economic Developer isn't just a credential, it's a career-defining milestone that demonstrates a professional's dedication to elevating their expertise and their community impact," said IEDC President and CEO Nathan Ohle. "Certified Economic Developers possess deep technical knowledge and bring trust and credibility to stakeholders, investors, and peers. We are thrilled to celebrate Olivia Otte on achieving this accomplishment and joining our network of professionals driving economic progress around the world."

The CEcD designation is a prestigious acknowledgement of skilled and committed professionals in the field of economic development, establishing a benchmark of excellence within the industry. To attain this designation, candidates must successfully complete a rigorous and comprehensive examination, consisting of three parts and spanning two days. This examination assesses a practitioner's knowledge, proficiency, judgement, and critical thinking abilities in the following areas of economic development:

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Olivia states on the designation, "I'm grateful for this milestone. The CEcD process pushed me to grow, think sharper, and deepen the way I serve my community. This work matters, and I'm proud to bring this level of professionalism back to the



Representatives from SSM Health Monroe Hospital presented a \$40,000 donation to Family Promise of Green County to support programs that help families experiencing homelessness achieve stability and independence.

## SSM Health Monroe Hospital Donates \$40,000 to Support Family Promise of Green County

SSM Health Monroe Hospital has announced a \$40,000 donation to Family Promise of Green County in support of its A Place to Call Home campaign, an initiative expanding emergency and transitional housing for families in need across Green County.

Family Promise recently purchased the former Graceland Manor senior residential facility, which will be transformed into a multi-use housing campus offering emergency shelter, transitional units, and community spaces for families experiencing homelessness. The project will more than double Family Promise's capacity, allowing more families and youth to access safe, stable housing and the support services they need to rebuild their lives.

"Access to safe, stable housing is one of the most critical factors affecting a person's overall health and well-being," said Jane Curran-Meuli, President of SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Clinics. "At SSM Health, we know that housing is health care, and supporting Family Promise's expansion is a powerful way to help address housing in Green County. We are proud to invest in this project and in the families whose lives it will change."

The \$40,000 donation from SSM Health Monroe Hospital will directly sponsor the development of two outdoor playground spaces at the new residential campus. Special attention is being given to create spaces designed to support emotional development, physical activity, and social connection for families. Family Promise and Green County Leaders are collaborating to build a nature-based discovery play area featuring an outdoor block zone, mud kitchen, mini gardens, sand, and climbing elements. A second play zone will include ADA swings, spring toys, balance beams, and seating areas to encourage family interaction and inclusive play for children of all abilities.

"Family Promise of Green County sincerely appreciates the substantial \$40,000 contribution from SSM Health," shared Wendy Currie, Executive Director of Family Promise of Green County.

The donation comes at a time when housing remains one of the county's most urgent challenges. Each month, Family Promise receives four to eight help requests from families in crisis. Since 2011, the organization has served more than 700 families to offer not only shelter but pathways to long-term stability and hope.

"Family Promise's mission aligns closely with our commitment to improving community health and addressing the social determinants that influence well-being," Curran-Meuli added. "This project represents both a tangible and lasting investment in the health of Green County."

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Olivia is now one of over 1,250 active CEcDs worldwide.

Olivia Otte has served as Executive Director of the Green County Development Corporation for the past three and a half years, leading work in housing development, entrepreneurship, workforce initiatives, and community investment

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# Parkview/Albany wrestling team first weekend tournament

By Joel Steinmann

On Saturday, December 6th, the Parkview/Albany wrestling team headed in three different directions for the first weekend tournament of the season. The girls went to Jefferson, JV boys to Big Foot and varsity boys to Lake Country Lutheran.

Girls Coaches: Al Stark, Heather Clarke and Seth Pautsch took Serenity Pautsch, Avigale Pautsch, Ayda Klein and Nora Ray to Jefferson High School for a 35-team tournament. They finished 30th as a team with S. Pautsch at 126 (3-2) 10th, A. Pautsch 132 (2-2) 12th, Klein 132 (2-2) 13th, and Ray 185 (2-3) 11th.

JV boys Coach Jasper Meeker took Rylan Aasen and Case Cudney to Big Foot to compete in the JV tournament. No team score was kept. Aasen 215 (2-0) finished in first and Cudney 285 (4-1) finished in second.

Varsity boys Coach Steinmann took Caleb Frint, Tavin Bomkamp, Balin Lacy, Elijah Gunn, Peter Roth, and Jagger Wilke to Lake Country Lutheran for a 15-team tournament—placing second as a team. Frint 113 (4-1) finished in second, Bomkamp 150 (4-0) in first, Lacy 150 (3-2) in sixth, Gunn 165 (3-1) in second, Roth 175 (3-1) in second, and Wilke 285 (1-3) in 10th.

The team stepped up and wrestled hard and showed their hard work they have been putting in is paying off. Thank you to everyone who came out to support the team.

Upcoming dates: Thursday, December 11th—JV boys will be at Edgerton, Friday, December 12th—girls will be at Wisconsin Dells, and Saturday, December 13th—JV boys at Evansville and varsity boys at Belleville.





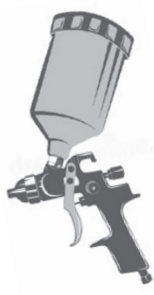
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mourning associated with caring for  
someone with dementia.

Join for Moving Forward: Grief and Ambiguous Loss Associated with Dementia Caregiving

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers of Rock and Marquette Counties are offering the 16-week grief and bereavement educational support group on Friday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. beginning January 16 and running through May 1, 2026. This is a virtual group. There is no cost to attend. Registration and screening are required.

Who is this group for? The group is for anyone who is or has cared for someone with dementia. Caring for someone with dementia presents a constant series of losses and not just those related to death. Each session will cover a grief, loss and mourning topic followed by about 60 minutes of conventional support group discussion.

For more information or to register, please contact Rock County Dementia Care Specialist, Karen Tennyson at 608-921-7165 or [karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us)

Marquette County Dementia Care Specialist, Janet Wiegel at 608-297-3148 or [jwiegel@co.marquette.wi.us](mailto:jwiegel@co.marquette.wi.us).

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By Laura Roth,  
Children's Librarian

NEVER let a Princess Paint With Her Unicorn! (by Alber) started Preschool Story Time off with a blast! Other stories included The Paper Bag Princess (by Munsch), a story about a princess who defeats the dragon and then does NOT marry the prince, and The Princesses Lucky Day (by Redmond) a story about catching fairies! The youngsters chased all over the room looking for Cinderella's glass slippers. But the last of the princess theme proved to be a challenging one during the craft time. Since there are no unicorns at the Albertson Memorial Library (They are way too messy!), the preschoolers were forced to make their unicorn-tail paintbrush using yarn tied to a stick. Even the youngest preschoolers had a blast painting with their 'unicorn tail!' The results were so colorful and interesting!

Next week, Story Time will continue with the theme Animals and Nature especially celebrating Christmas. The stories will include Bear Stays Up (by Wilson) and A Christmas for Bear (by Becker). The preschoolers will create a quilt, just like Bear's friends do for him. A Gummi Bear hopscotch is also planned. (Hopefully no one will slip ... or get stuck!)

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets most Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m., and ALWAYS welcomes new friends. If you're looking for a fun, creative, energetic good time, come join us! We'd love to meet you!



District  
8 AA  
locations

Tuesdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Thursdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Fridays: Promises Group, Orfordville Lutheran, 210 Main Street, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Any questions call 608-751-5684 or visit [www.rockcoaa.net](http://www.rockcoaa.net).

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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department  
December 1-7, 2025

At 8:20 a.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the W1100 block of CTH F, Town of Decatur, for a single vehicle crash. Max P. McCloud, 18, Brodhead, was traveling westbound when he lost control due the snowy road conditions. The vehicle collided with the north ditch and came to rest. McCloud reported wearing his seatbelt and was uninjured. The vehicle sustained functional damage with airbag deployment. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

At 4:17 a.m., Sunday, deputies responded to the 700 block of S. Mechanic Street, in the Village of Albany, for a one vehicle crash. The vehicle was later located unoccupied. The investigation found that the driver, Tanner G. Keppers, 32, of Brodhead, was traveling south when he swerved to avoid a deer in the roadway. Tanner advised that he then lost control of the vehicle and entered the east ditch, where the vehicle overturned and then came to a rest. Keppers advised that he was wearing his seat belt at the time of incident and was uninjured. The vehicle sustained disabling damage, without airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene.

Notice



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA  
Regular School Board Meeting  
December 10, 2025, 7:00 p.m.  
Juda School Den (Old Library)  
N2385 Spring St.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

The finance committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order by President Pfingsten

II. Roll Call  
Dennis Pfingsten  
Pat Daniels Jen Brooks  
Eric Munz Kendra Sullivan  
Jessica Matzke Rustin Whitney

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Proof of Notice

V. Acceptance of Agenda

VI. Open Forum

VII. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion: however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.  
1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on November 12, 2025  
2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)  
3. Approval of Contracts (Action)  
4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)  
5. Donations (Action)

VIII. Reports  
1. School Staff/Student Report  
•Business Honor Roll  
•Public Relations  
2. School Board President's Report  
•School Board Convention January 21, 22, 23, 2026  
•Board Elections  
•School Perceptions Board Survey  
•WASB Resolutions  
•Staff Christmas Gifts  
3. Administrator Report  
•Staffing Updates  
•Website review  
•Human Growth and Development Review  
•EIE Grant  
•Strategic Plan  
•Review of events/Upcoming events  
•Other updates as necessary

IX. Referendum Updates

X. Recreation District Update: Discussion/Action

XI. Resolution Authorizing the Partial Redemption of the School District of Juda \$4,000,000 General Obligation School Improvement Bonds Dated August 1, 2016: Discussion/Action

XII. Book Challenge Process: Discussion/Action

XIII. Five Minute Recess

XIV. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)

XV. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary

XVI. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)  
•January 14, 2026

XVII. Adjournment

12/10/2025

# Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

## More Jerks in Chicago—1900-1945 Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

Please join us on Saturday, December 13 for part two of the story of Jerks in Chicago. The first part covered the 1800's when the city was a small settlement dealing with growing pains as it organized itself in the "wild west" mentality of the time. Eventually the city was incorporated in 1837. The second talk, More Jerks in Chicago, details the type of ills and kinds of characters the city continued to face.

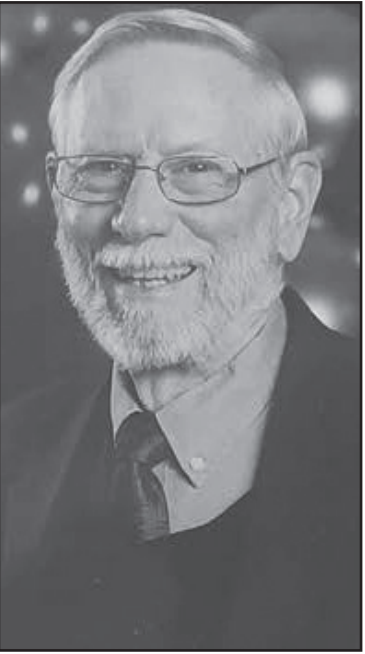
Speaker Brad Keyes will tell us the stories of the scoundrels who were involved as the city moved into the first half of the 20th century. Chicago managed to prosper despite the criminals, corrupt leaders and mobsters. The Columbian Exposition of 1893 had given it a boost as well as worldwide attention. The city was well placed with access to the Great Lakes and the Mississippi River and soon became the rail hub for the nation. Population grew rapidly due to immigration from abroad and the South and industry grew accordingly. Soon the city was the center of meatpacking and steel and other manufacturing.

Along with this prosperity and groundbreaking advancements e.g. the use of iron, which led to the erection of skyscrapers, came the jerks about which we will learn. A certain mayor deserves the title of the most corrupt official in Chicago history while a certain man married and dispensed with multiple wives and at least one woman did the same with husbands.

It was quite a place—brothels galore, bootlegging, gangsters, and, of course, corruption. The talk begins at 10 a.m. and is 90 minutes long. Coffee and tasty little pastries will be offered so come by, get comfortable and enjoy the presentation.

Entry to the library is at the east end of the building. Just follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. Public library hours are 9 a.m.—noon Saturdays and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

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Brad Keyes

# 37th Annual Holiday Fantasy in Lights at Olin Park

NECA and IBEW Local 159, along with many sponsors, bring you the 37th Annual Holiday Fantasy in Lights at Olin Park. This gift to the community would not be possible without the support of sponsors, volunteer groups, and many individuals and organizations that all support the event along the way. 6 weeks of holiday lights at Olin Park for all to visit and enjoy at no charge. NECA and IBEW's goal has always been to give this gift to the community to enrich their holiday season with a tradition they can continue year after year with their loved ones. A free fun memory making Drive Through event!

- Lights will be on at dusk through Wednesday, December 31
  - Booths are open (think candy canes!) from 4:30–10 p.m. each evening.
  - Earlier in December less traffic than later in December.
  - Weeknights less traffic than weekends.
- NECA = National Electrical Contractors Association  
IBEW = International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers
- Please note construction on John Nolen Drive—If the city informs them of any night closures at East Lakeside Street they will post to FACEBOOK. Last update from the city said there are only three nights anticipated but no dates yet. The show WILL remain open every single evening—the intersection at East Olin Avenue will always be open.

Monday Night Mixed League

12/1—High series: Ryan Flood 672, Robert Murray 669, Denny Schultz 655. High games: Trevor Wahler 255, Josh Fenwick 255, R. Flood 246. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,088. Broughton's Bar-high team series 2,966. **Standings:** Beloit Chiropractic won 51 lost 30, Broughton's Bar 48.5-32.5, Fosters Gaming 40.5-40.5, Center Tavern 40-41, Albany Lanes 32-49, Bartelt 31-50.

Tuesday Shaningans

12/2—High series: Karrie Laws 413, Lisa Josephsen 395, Becky Hanneman 387, Dan Eaton 641, Dennis Atkinson 591, Rick Clark 528. High games: K. Laws 192, L. Josephsen 139, Tammy Neuenschwander 138, D. Eaton 234, D. Atkinson 225, Doug Hawkins 204. The Young & The Restless-high team game 865 and series 2,515. **Standings:** Sweet Mini HaHa won 48 lost 15, The Young & The Restless 44-19, Perfectly Aged 38-25, Misfits 34-29, Greightful Dead 18-45.

Badger

11/25—High series: Ethan Pfueti 720, Keith Riese 713, Ryan Brugger 654, John Elmer 640, Megan Anderson 387. High games: E. Pfueti 288, K. Riese 280, R. Brugger 226, J. Elmer 224, M. Anderson 177. Renks-high team game 812. Counter Attack-high team series 2,334. 12/2—High series: LeRoy Blumer 615, Josh Brugger 599, Brock Peters 580, John Elmer 560, Megan Anderson 360. High games: L. Blumer 223, Ethan Pfueti 221, B. Peters 215, Paul Rhyner 210, M. Anderson 135. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 813 and series 2,265. **Standings:** Counter Attack won 19 lost 2, Renks 14-7, Decatur Dairy 10-11, Jim's Mechanic Shop 9-12, Team 6 7-14, TUGS 4-17.

Wednesday Night Ladies

12/3—High series: Alice Patchen 470, Tara Blumer 448, Darcy Stephenson 438, Jessica Holtsapple 434, Sarah Flood 414. High games: A. Patchen 207, T. Blumer 200, J. Holtsapple 170, Jolene Adcock 169, S. Flood 157. Larson Acres-high team game 562. Albertson's-high team series 1,643. **Standings:** Larson Acres won 56 lost 32, General Store 57-34, Glenn-Ann Ladies 48-43, Stables Bar & Grill 42-49, Albertson's 41-50, Crystal's Team 26-65.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

12/4—High series: Nancy Salzwedel 450, Debbie Williams 446, Becky Riese 437. High games: N. Salzwedel 190, D. Williams 177, B. Riese 162. Notle's Garage-high team game 540 and series 1,516. **Standings:** Briggs Heating and AC won 63 lost 28, Knutes 62-29, Nolte's Garage 57-34, Mike's Flooring 55-36, Albany Lanes 34-57.

Thursday Night Mixed

12/4—High series: John Pluss 724, Cory Ritschard 683, Rob Kubesh 673, James Laughlin 641. High games: R. Kubesh 299, J. Pluss 267, C. Ritschard 264, Tim Golz 256. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,080 and series 3,015. **Standings:** Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 14 lost 7, Glenn Ann Holsteins 14-7, Golz Electric 14-7, Attica Bar 8-13, Albany Lanes 7-14, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 6-15.

Brodhead Juniors

12/6—High series—boys: Evan Johnson 517, Casey Johnson 433, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 402, Tristan Modaff 363, Henry Johnson 329, Carter Fenwick 319. High games—boys: E. Johnson 215, C. Johnson 163, A. Ramirez-Vogel 147, T. Modaff 139, H. Johnson 125, Jack Norris 119, C. Fenwick 119. **High series—girls:** Taylor Sauer 519, Kelsee Brugger 389, Aubrie Bartelt 341, Emma Welbig 307, Lilly Johnson 258. High games—girls: T. Sauer 201, K. Brugger 148, A. Bartelt 126, L. Johnson 119, E. Welbig 111.

Brodhead Youth

12/6—High series: Braxton Normington 92, Thorin Perrin 83, Ayla Brugger 175, Amelia Fenwick 139, Kinslee Brewer 89, Keira Shrader 38. High games: B. Normington 54, T. Perrin 50, A. Brugger 99, A. Fenwick 74, K. Brewer 59, K. Shrader 21.

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