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City Council City Council Reorganizational Meeting Initial Meeting of the 2026-27 Council was Held

By Grace Kufahl

Mayor Simpson opened the final meeting of the 2025-26 council, where they approved the minutes from the prior meeting. Alder Gritzmaker commented on the positive accomplishments of Mayor Simpson and the previous council including reintroducing citizen comments, road projects and moving 911 to the county while maintaining a local presence. He also expressed a desire for the new council to continue or expand upon those initiatives.

Following the adjournment of the previous meeting, Mayor Baxter opened the initial meeting of the 2026-27 council. Newly elected alderpersons Troy Nyman, Mary Bartels, and Tonya Colvin took their seats. Mayor Baxter extended her gratitude to the departing members for their contributions to the city and extended her best wishes to the new members. The council's first order of new business was to elect Zach Woodford as president.

The council approved Chief Raupp's request to switch the Internet provider for City Hall and the Police Department from Charter to Frontier. This change will provide faster speeds and a wireless backup at a reduced cost.

In Other Business:

The council approved the Sewer

Utility Long Range Cash Flow plan.

John Luke Torin Bennett and Emilia Mae Coppelman were approved for operators' licenses.

The VFW Memorial Day Parade and Ride Event were approved including a Class B alcohol permit and a resolution to waive enforcement of the open intoxicant ordinance during the Ride event.

The council voted to advertise for the Wastewater Supervisor Position.

The deadline for submitting items to the Common Council meeting agenda was revised from noon on the Friday preceding the meeting to noon on the Wednesday preceding it

The Pool and Rec Summer Hiring and Staffing Plan, attendance policy and Zero Tolerance Electronic Devices policy were all approved.

The council voted to establish an ad hoc workgroup to review the eight applicants for city engineer and recommend four to the Common Council.

Barb Krattiger was approved for the Economic Development Committee and seven-day notice was given for Rich Vogel for the Board of Appeals.

Clerk Covert read the Arbor Day Declaration on behalf of the mayor.

The Board of Review Commencement was set for Monday, June 8th at 6 pm.



The Junior Class held their prom Saturday night with "Night in the Bayou" as their theme. The court included: Leah Rear, Braylon Strehlow, Abigail Vickers, Chase Bauman, Lillian Sievers, Josiah Blum, Elianna Shank, Jayden Nehls, Ciarrh Condon, Grayson Arn, Brielle Engen, and Manny Bueno. Front row are prom pages: Emma Augustin, Wyatt Warczack, Leilany Becerril, and Asher Arn. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Left: King Chase Bauman and Queen Brielle Engen were announced after the Grand March.

BMS Multicultural Event

Brodhead Middle School is seeking guest speakers for their annual Multicultural Morning event on Wednesday, May 27—and they would love to have you join them!

They invite community members who have traveled for vacation, work, military service, or any other reason to share their experiences with our seventh-grade students. This is a wonderful opportunity to help students explore the world through real stories and personal connections.

Event Details:

Begins at 8:15 a.m.

Presentations are 30 minutes each

Students will rotate in small groups to visit different destinations

Mid-morning break to sample international snacks

Additional sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

Event concludes at 12:10 p.m.

As a guest speaker, you are welcome to bring cultural artifacts, photos, or souvenirs to enhance your (in)formal presentation. Topics to discuss might include local customs, cuisine, holidays, landmarks, daily life elsewhere, and whatever reason allowed you to travel.

They hope you can join them for two or more sessions, but they appreciate any time you can give.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Tresemer, seventh-grade geography teacher (stresemer@brodhead.k12.wi.us) by Friday, May 15. *Please forward this invitation to anyone who might be interested. Thank you for helping us bring the world to our students!

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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship September through May. Sunday school every other Sunday September thru May at 8:45 a.m. 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. Game Day at the UCC—third Tuesday of the month. UCC Spring Fish Boil, Sat., May 9, 4:30-7 p.m. Women's Luncheon Free Community Event, Thurs., May 14, at 11:30 a.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. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pas-

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

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



Dolores Domek

With her family at her side Dolores Domek, age 90, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on April 7, 2026. Dolores was born in June 1935, in Chicago, Illinois. She was the daughter of the late Albert and Emily Cerbin.

Dolores married Donald Domek in 1954, and they made their home in Brodhead. Dolores found great satisfaction in giving back to her community. She was active in the St Rose Catholic Church, she was part of the Alter Society, was a Reader at Mass, and participated in a Bible study group. She served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader to her own children, and other young girls. Dolores enjoyed crocheting and was also an avid reader. She spread that love of reading by volunteering at the local elementary school working with children as part of an after-school reading improvement program. Dolores had several local jobs in the community but may be most remembered for her position at Reis Pharmacy

Family and friends know that Dolores was famous for her handwritten notes. These notes, which accompanied every birthday and Christmas card that she sent you were anticipated, revered, and collected by family members. Those who knew her will remember her smile, her kindness, and her grace when faced with adversity.

She is survived by her three daughters: Susan (Mark) Milks, Laura (Doug) Zettle and Julie (Terry) Hahn, and their families. After raising a household of girls Dolores, and her husband Don, were ecstatic when they welcomed five grandsons (finally boys!) to the family: Grant and Austin Milks, Steven and Cale Zettle, Jared Hahn, and one granddaughter, Jace Hahn. Dolores was blessed with two great grandchildren, Wyatt Zettle and Finley Milks. She is also survived by her brother, Albert (Joyce) Cerbin and sister, Marlene (Gerald) Krakowski. Dolores is also survived by many cousins who were very important to her. They were more than cousins, they were friends.

Dolores was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, Donald; by her brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Helen Domek and her sister who died during childhood, Lorraine.

Visitation for Dolores will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home on Monday, May 4, starting at 10 a.m. to noon, with a Memorial service to start immediately after.

DL Newcomer Funeral home is assisting the family in arrangements. Online condolence can be made at dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

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Clinton Wesley Zettle, Jr.

Clinton Wesley Zettle, Jr., age 92, Brooklyn, Wisconsin, passed away on Friday, April 24, 2026 at the William S. Middleton VA Hospital in Madison after an extended illness. He was born at home on February 8, 1934 in the Town of Clarno, Green County, Wisconsin, the son of Clinton Wesley Zettle, Sr. and Pearl Zettle. Clinton married Pam on July 14, 2000. He served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956 during the Korean War. After his discharge from the Army, Clint returned to Wisconsin and farmed in the Brodhead area until 1998 until moving to Brooklyn in 2000. He was a 4-H leader for 20 years and a member of the American Berkshire Association. Clint would sell breeding stock to many farmers in the hog business and for 4-H projects, along with showing pigs at area county fairs and the Wisconsin State Fair. He had been chosen as an Outstanding Farmer by the Brodhead Jaycees. Clint served on the Brodhead School Board for six years, was president of the Patrons of Decatur Cheese Factory, and Director of the Green Co Ag Chest. He paraded the horse races at the Green County Fair for 30 years, gave wagon rides on the Fourth of July in Monroe for 30 years at Twining Park and at the Green County Dairy Breakfast. He was a life member of the D.A.V. and

the American Legion Post 209 in Orfordville, Wisconsin. As a member of the American Legion, he pulled the caisson in parades for 37 years. He was also a member of the Northern Illinois Draft Horse and Mule Association, where he played a significant role to bring the Wisconsin Farm Technology Days to Albany in 2007. Clint also attended the Richland County wagon train for over 20 years. In addition to farming, he owned and operated a repair shop in Brodhead and drove school bus in Brodhead, Albany, Monroe, and Verona from 1968 to 2017. Some of Clint's most enjoyable times were spent working with his mules.

Clinton is survived by his wife, Pam Zettle; sister, Karen (Frank) Schultz; daughters: Roberta (Thomas) Hoesly and Belinda Pettit; sons: Darrell (Teresa) Zettle and Timothy (Lindi) Zettle; 10 grandchildren: Chris, Todd, Jason and Maci Hoesly, Brandy Makuski, Shari Carpenter, Christi Baptiste, Drew Langer, Katie and Austin Zettle; 14 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and good friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and four brothers: Wayne, Ivan, Delmar, and Dwight Zettle.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 1, at the Zwingli United Church of Christ-Paoli, 1338 County Rd. PB, Belleville, Wisconsin, with Rev. Karla Schmidt officiating. Burial with military honors will follow in the Paoli Cemetery, rural Belleville.

A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 30, at the Becker-Beal Funeral Home, 109 Greenway Cross, Belleville, Wisconsin.

Casual Western attire is appropriate to honor and celebrate Clinton.

Special thanks are given to the staff of the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital and Hospice in Madison for the care given to Clinton.

A memorial fund has been established.

Online condolences may be given at www.bealfuneralhomes.com

There was a man of the Pharisees, name Nicodemus. ~John 3:1
Nicodemus had it all! He was religious—Jesus even called him “the teacher” (literal of Israel. He had power as a member of the Sanhedrin, the Jewish ruling council of the day. He obviously had money. To anoint the dead body of Jesus, he purchased as many spices as would have been used for a king's burial. And talk about heritage! He was born into Abraham's family line, the nation of Israel, God's chosen people. Yet none of these things bought Nicodemus one step closer to Heaven. Listen to the simple invitation Jesus offered him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God” (John 3:3). What are you depending on to get to Heaven? Your resume or God's grace?
—Brian Cretney

Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All could never sin erase, Thou must save, and save by grace. —A. Toplady

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Congregational UCC's Annual Spring Fish Boil

The Brodhead Congregational United Church of Christ will be having their Annual Spring Fish Boil on Saturday, May 9th from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The UCC located at E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, will serve their always delicious menu which includes: boiled cod, potatoes, carrots, onions, coleslaw, rolls and butter, dessert and a variety of beverages. They will also offer take-out meals for adult priced tickets only.

Ticket cost is \$18 for full meal adult ticket. Buy on or before noon on Friday, May 8th and receive \$2 off cost. Tickets on sale now! Available from any church member or by stopping in the church office between 12 noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday. They hope to see you there!

Monroe Balloon and Bands Festival

The ARC-Green County will present the Monroe Balloon and Bands Festival on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20. Admission and parking are \$3. They will have food trucks both days along with hot air balloon flight, bands, balloon glow, craft fair, car show, carnival, pancake breakfast, tractor show, tethered balloon rides, pony rides, petty zoo and more. Artist line up is Blue Steel, Grass Attack, Dylan Doyle, Ivy Ford, and Chris O'Leary. The event will be held at the Green County Fair Grounds.

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

ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

ANNUAL MEETING BRODHEAD AREA EMS

The annual meeting of the Brodhead Area EMS, Inc. will be held Monday, May 4th, at 7 p.m. at the Brodhead Area EMS training center, 1125 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead. All members are encouraged to attend. This meeting will follow the regular monthly crew meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. that evening.

Business and progress over the last year will be covered and three directors will be elected. The directors whose terms expire are: Brandon Riese, as crewmember and Marnie Leifker and Justin Campbell, as non-crew members. The BAEMS Inc. is required to have nine directors, holding three-year terms, of which four directors are non-crew members from the area.

CALLING ALL AREA INSTRUMENTALISTS!!!

For the past 13 years, the Brodhead Community Band has provided the Brodhead area with a summer concert. They are always looking for instrumentalists to be a part of their group.

The Brodhead Community Band rehearses on Tuesday evenings (starting on June 16th) from 6-7:30 p.m. in the BHS Band Room. Their performance this year is on Sunday, August 9th at Veterans Park in Brodhead.

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Jason Ries-terer: jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

BRODHEAD LIONS CLUB ROSE SALE

The Brodhead Lions are selling roses just in time for Mother's Day delivery. They will be selling a dozen roses for \$20. Contact any Lion or Casey Jones at 602-315-9191 or Jim Huffman at 608-558-1507 by Friday, May 1 to ensure you get your dozen. Proceeds will be used to support their many community projects.

2026 Albany Alumni Banquet

The Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 23rd at the Albany Lions Building, 402 N Cincinnati Street. Social time starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., program 7:30 p.m. The program typically consists of an hour with social time after. Different from years past, this year the meal will be served buffet style. If you or your guest has any physical concerns and would like assistance through the line or served at a table, please indicate that on your reservation.

Meal includes baked chicken, pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, and cake. Water and coffee are included. Beer and wine will be available as a donation. Cost of the meal is \$20 per person.

Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 18th. Send reservations to: Carrie Ommodt, 601 S Mill St, Albany, WI 53502 or ommodt@gmail.com or 608-576-6824.

Galaxy VBS at Living Word Church

Galaxy Vacation Bible School will be held at Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. Summer 2026 Weekend VBS for kids 4K to fifth grade.

God loves us, so...love each other! Friday, June 26th, 6-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 27th, 8:30 a.m. Donuts and Juice, 9-11:30 a.m.; and Sunday, June 28th, 10 a.m. Kids sing in church. Potluck luncheon to follow services.

Contact church office at 608-897-8246 to register your kids.

Each session will center on God's love and will include songs, games, Bible lessons and community service projects.

Sunday morning will include music by the kids, a slideshow of the weekend and a recap of the Bible adventures as well as a special message from the pastor, all followed up with a potluck luncheon.

Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

Green County Genealogical Society to present Institutional Cemeteries

The Green County Genealogical Society will present—"Institutional Cemeteries" presented by Steve Seim.

The presentation is Saturday, May 2 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The program is open to the public!

Steve Seim has compiled and cataloged information on hundreds of cemeteries for poor farms, asylums, prisons and similar institutions across the country. He will share the history and reasons for the institutions. When the "inmates" died, their remains were often unclaimed, and the institution buried them. Most institutions had their own burial grounds on site. As institutions were phased out or modernized, their burial grounds were often neglected or forgotten, and burial records became difficult to obtain. Those buried in institutional cemeteries were often forgotten in their own lifetime and are in danger of being forgotten forever.

Mr. Seim serves as the Court Commissioner for Dodge County. He and his wife, Julie, have two grown children.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center, located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library, is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is www.greencogenealogywi.org.

Breakfast Benefit for Badger Honor Flight

The Monroe Moose Lodge 754 and Woman's Chapter 599 will hold a Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight on Sunday, June 7th, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Lodge is located at 639 3rd Avenue, Monroe. Help send our veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorials built in their honor. The cost of the all you can eat breakfast is adults \$11; children five years to 11 \$6 and children four and under are free.

Green County Amateur Radio to meet

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, May 9, at 9 a.m. at the Monroe Public Library, 925 16th Avenue, Monroe. All licensed and interested individuals are invited to attend. For any questions please call 608-558-0629.

Ribbon Cutting for Body Balance by Sara in Orfordville

The Orfordville Economic Development Committee will host a Ribbon Cutting at Body Balance by Sara on Saturday, May 9th at 9:15 a.m. Body Balance by Sara is now located at 211 W. Beloit Street, downtown Orfordville. The Economic Development Committee is excited to host this Ribbon Cutting and to also congratulate Sara on her expansion to 211 W. Beloit Street. The Ribbon Cutting will include light refreshments, goodie bags to the first 20 people, and five-minute chair massages.

Body Balance by Sara offers many forms of massage therapy, red light therapy, skin care, and beauty treatments. Please call 608-879-0059 or email Sara at bodybalance-bysara@gmail.com. You can also check out her Facebook page by searching Body Balance by Sara.

They are looking forward to seeing you at the Ribbon Cutting for Body Balance by Sara on Saturday, May 9th.

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Chase Bauman at home-plate gets the force out, then throws to first baseman, Logan Krupke, to complete a double play. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Baseball Has Tough Week

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead/Juda Cardinals fell 8-1 to Evansville last Tuesday on the road, despite the Cards out-hitting them five to four. Braylon Strehlow led the Cardinals with two hits. Chase Bauman went 1-for-3 at the plate and led the team with one run batted in. Sam Searls took the loss for the Cards. The righty went four innings, surrendering five runs, two earned, on four hits, striking out 10 and walking four. Manny Bueno came in relief.

The two teams met again on Thursday in Brodhead. The Cards had difficulty keeping up with the Blue Devils as they scored three runs by the third inning. Brodhead's lone run came in the bottom of that inning when Strehlow singled on a ground ball to the shortstop. Bauman would single with Strehlow advancing to third. With two outs, Bueno sent one deep to center field allowing Strehlow to score, the only run of the game for the home team. Evansville then ran away with the score, tallying a 13-1 victory. A defensive highlight for the Cards happened, top of the fifth, when third baseman, Beck Benton intercepted the ball, hit by Tyler Butts, throwing to Bauman at home-plate for the forced out who then threw to first baseman Logan Krupke to complete a double play. Offensively, Brodhead had struggles on the mound. In an attempt to turn the game around they utilized three different pitchers. The trio totaled two strikeouts, 14-balls on base, nine hits, 13-runs and 13-errors.

On Friday at Mount Horeb out ran the Cards 14-0 in this shortened, five inning, game. Brodhead struggled garnering 11 errors to none for the Vikings. Cardinals Bauman, Searls and Ross each collected single hits in the game.

Brodhead will regroup this week as they hosted Whitewater on Tuesday, road trip to Delavan Darien on Thursday, and finish the week hosting Monroe on Friday.

UW-Extension Hosts Hands-On Training for New Crop Scouts on May 19

Extension invites new crop scouts, summer ag interns, entry-level agronomists, and crop scouts in need of a refresher course to the Foundational Crop Scouting Training Field Day on Tuesday, May 19, at the Rock County Farm.

Designed specifically for those with limited field experience or those needing a seasonal refresher, this half-day workshop (10 a.m.–2:30 p.m.) bridges the gap between classroom theory and real-world application.

Attendees will move through the fields to master essential skills, including:

- Growth Staging and Stand Assessments: Mastering corn, soybean, wheat, and alfalfa.
- Pest and Weed Identification: Identifying common early-season Wisconsin threats.
- Sampling Techniques: Hands-on practice with sweep nets and soil collection.
- Professional Reporting: How to document findings for data-driven management.

Registration Details: The \$50 registration fee includes lunch, snacks, and a "scout's starter kit" featuring Wisconsin corn, soybean, wheat, and alfalfa growth staging guides and field supplies.

Attendees are also encouraged to view the foundational webinar series on the Extension website prior to the event. Registration is available online.

Space is limited, and pre-registration is required. To secure a spot and watch free on-demand crop scout training content, visit: go.wisc.edu/Crop-ScoutTraining.

For questions, contact Daniel H. Smith at 608-219-5170 or dhsmith@wisc.edu.

To make requests for reasonable accommodations to ensure equal access to educational programs, contact Jordyn Sattler at jordyn.sattler@wisc.edu as early as possible preceding the scheduled program. The University

Brodhead Powers Past Dodgeville

By Teresa Earleywine

With two homeruns in their game against the Dodgers, Cardinal softball powered past with a 5-0 victory last Monday. In the first inning, with Keegan Steinke on first, Mady Henning homered with a long line drive to left field. This gave Brodhead a 2-0 jumpstart. Kinsley Krumwiede scored on a fourth-inning error. In their final at bat, sixth inning, Leah Rear doubled, then would advance to third on a wild pitch. Two outs, Natalie Pierce at bat. She took the first pitch and nailed a line drive to center field and over the fence. This solidified Brodhead's 5-0 final score. Mady Henning pitched a complete shutout; striking out eight, allowed three hits but no runs, no walks and no score.

Brodhead was victorious against Whitewater; 9-6 last Tuesday, out hitting their opponent 11 to seven. The Cards were on the board first with Pierce and Zimmerman each being credited with RBIs. But Whitewater jumped out front when Sydney Schilt homered scoring three in the third. The Cardinals strengthened their lead by adding six runs in the bottom of the fifth. The ladies were bold stealing five bases in this inning, compiling 13 stolen bases in the game. Pierce and Zimmerman led Brodhead, each with 2 RBIs, Elise Rear and Karli Krumwiede were strong at the plate with three hits each. Henning was on the mound striking out six, allowed six runs, seven hits and three balls on base.

The team had a tough time keeping up with Beloit Turner team on Friday, ending with a 10-0 loss. Karlie Krumwiede and Sadie Woelky mustered Brodhead's only two hits in the game. The rematch is scheduled for the 5th of May.

Monday the team played at Edgerton, hosted Monroe on Tuesday and will host East Troy on Friday.

Green County Residents Weigh In on Large-Scale Solar: UW-Madison Extension Releases Community Perspectives Report

Through 2025 and 2026, the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension has partnered with Green County to engage community members in renewable energy conversations. In Green County, the Renewable Energy Siting and Engagement for Tomorrow (RESET) process was aided by a Green County Advisory Team, UW-Madison Division of Extension staff, and a variety of collaborative organizations.

The Green County RESET process gathered community perspectives through focus groups, a mapping workshop, and two community conversations. This process was intentionally initiated and developed before any known large-scale renewable energy projects were proposed for Green County. The facilitated events did not advocate for or against renewable energy, but rather sought to gather perspectives from community members regarding potential benefits, concerns, and questions they had about large-scale solar.

The project report, published in March 2026, covers the process and summarizes and addresses the questions and comments that emerged from the community engagement. The report also lists potential actions local government and individuals can take, suggests resources for learning more, includes all comments recorded as part of the perspective gathering process, and more. The report is available to view on the Extension Green County website, at: green.extension.wisc.edu/renewable-energy/. There are additional resources available for learning more about RESET on a state level at: economicdevelopment.extension.wisc.edu/reset/.

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

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Golf Team Putters Along

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead's golf team participated in a RVC mini meet at Krueger Haskell Golf Course in Beloit. The Cardinals combined for 215 for a team score. Edgerton won the team event with 147 for their score. Aidan Haegele and Wyatt Keyser with 52, each led Brodhead. Josiah Blum had 54, Aidan Arn and Avery Rufer competed in the outing.

Evansville hosted an invitational last Friday with 17 schools participating. Haegele led Brodhead with 107, Keyser had 118 and Rufer, 124, for his score. Arn and Liam Gray were also part of the team.

Golf was at Bass Creek on Monday and at Beloit Memorial on Friday.



Varsity golfers competing last week in Evansville include, left to right: Liam Gray, Aidan Arn, Avery Rufer, Aidan Haegele, and Wyatt Keyser. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Track at Edgerton for Quad Meet

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead, along with Big Foot, Clinton, and Edgerton, participated in a quad meet last week. Brodhead men earned enough points to win out over each of the schools participating. The women were victors over Clinton and Edgerton.

Grayson Arn and Cohen Henze were the fastest two athletes in the 100m with Nolan Bump finishing fourth. These same three were in top four in the 200m: Arn—first, Bump—second and Henze—fourth. Jorge Villalva was third in 400m, Malachi Shank and Lucas Keating finished second and third in the 800m. In the 1600m Mavrick Plummer took top honors. In hurdles TJ Hall was second in both the 110m and the 300m. Field events had Jordan Dix and Xavier Duncan taking second and third, in discus they took the top two positions. Simon Moore vaulted feet above his nearest competitor and was first in the high jump. Long jump Henze was first and Villalva was third.

For the women in sprints had Gracie Hefty taking third, while Montana Restivo was second in the 200m. Ciarrah Condon was third in both the 800m and 1600m. Elliana Shank was first, and Chesney Walker third, in the 100m hurdles. Annelise Bethke threw the discus to a first-place finish. Shank was also first and Kennedi Lerch second, in long jump, with Shank taking third in pole vault. Triple jump had Macy Gretbeck first and Brooke Muel-

ler third. The 4x400 relay team of Brielle Engen, Shank, Lerch and Hayden Lewis-Usher took first.

Next week Tuesday Brodhead track hosted a quad meet on Tuesday and will participate in the Cougar Relays on Friday.

Right: Jordan Dix's throw of 41'3.5" gave him second place in the shot-put. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Pictured left to right: Elliana Shank, Coach Kelli Arn, Emberly Ast, Kennedi Lerch, and Brielle Engen. This 4x400 relay team put together a come from behind, photo finish to take first place at Edgerton last week. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

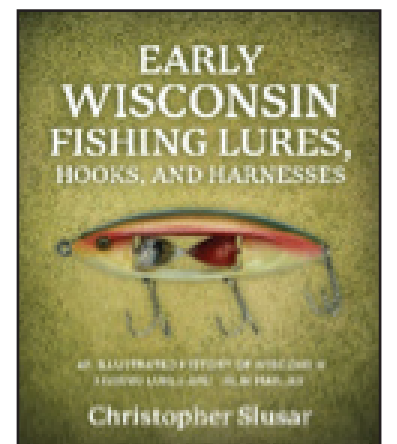
Author to Present Talk on «Early Wisconsin Fishing Lures, Hooks, and Harnesses: An Illustrated History of Wisconsin Fishing Lures and Their Makers.»

Local history and angling enthusiasts are invited to a special author talk exploring the fascinating world of early Wisconsin fishing lures. The event will feature a passionate "Wisconsin-made" fishing tackle collector and historian, Chris Slusar who will share his decades of knowledge in the identification of fishing lures and their makers. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

The event will take place at Orfordville Lutheran Church, 210 N Main Street, on Wednesday, May 6 at 12:15 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public.

Potato and Salad Bar Luncheon will be served before the presentation at 11:30 a.m. If you want to attend the meal, call the Orfordville Public Library to reserve your spot.

For more information and reservations, please contact Orfordville Public Library at 608-879-9229.



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Rotary Botanical Gardens Presents Sounds of Summer: A Live Outdoor Music Series

Experience the beauty of music and nature together at Rotary Botanical Gardens' Sounds of Summer, a live music series featuring classical and acoustic performances in a breathtaking outdoor setting. On select Sundays in May, July, and September, visitors can stroll through the gardens while enjoying the sounds of harp, violin, flute, guitar, clarinet, and more performed by talented musicians from the region. Extended performance hours, concessions, and food trucks make each concert a full afternoon outing. Sounds of Summer is coordinated by Edie Baran, Special Events Coordinator at Rotary Botanical Gardens and owner of ArtSpark Productions.

- 2026 Concert Dates
- Sunday, May 10, 1-4 p.m. (Mother's Day)
 - Sunday, July 12, 1-4 p.m. (in conjunction with the Boots and Bonnets Car Show)
 - Sunday, September 13, 1-4 p.m.
- Location: Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville
 Admission:
 •Free for Rotary Botanical Gardens members
 •Included with general garden admission for non-members
- Featured Artists for May 10 (Mother's Day)

The first concert in the series will showcase a talented lineup of musicians, including:

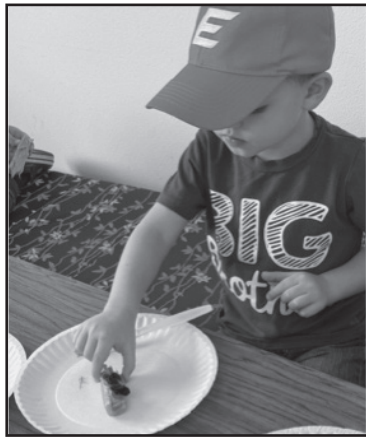
- Nanette Felix, Harpist, English Gardens, 1-3 p.m.
- Rockford Wind Ensemble Clarinet Quartet, Gazebo, 1-3 p.m.
- Silver Morning Duo (Berlinda Lopez, flute and Steven Waugh, guitar), Sunken Gardens, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Memories on Keys and Strings (Martha Morehart and Joan Heinze), North Pointe Garden, 2-3 p.m.
- Martha Morehart, Solo Violin, North Pointe Garden, 3-4 p.m.

Each Sounds of Summer concert will feature a different selection of musicians, ensuring a unique experience at every event.

Sounds of Summer is the perfect opportunity to unwind, appreciate live music, and enjoy the beauty of nature. Enjoy extended performance hours, on-site concessions, and food trucks at each concert. Whether you are a classical music lover or simply looking for a peaceful Sunday afternoon activity, this series is not to be missed.

For more details on upcoming concerts and performers, visit www.rotarygardens.org.

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Summer Flannery, granddaughter of Rhonda, is a regular attendee of Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time. She just became the newest reader to achieve 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. Way to go Summer!



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Bugs! Bugs! Bugs! I love bugs! That was the theme this week's Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library. The stories included I Like Bugs (by Brown), Bugs for Lunch (by Facklam) and The Very Hungry Caterpillar (by Carle). Everyone got to make their own very hungry caterpillar using green strips of paper to make a paper chain with a red head and yellow and green eyes. It was good practice controlling a glue bottle. Finally, celery sticks with peanut butter and raisins became ants on a log, proving that we really do love bugs, though some liked the peanut butter more than the rest. We had a record-breaking youngster visit story time this week. . . just three days old!

Next week, begins the final month of Preschool Story Time. The theme will be Families, specifically moms, just in time for Mother's Day. The books will include Mommy Hugs (by Katz), My Mommy and I (by Hallinan), and What Moms Can't Do (by Wood). Everyone will make another handprint picture for their mom. There will be a game of "Mother Says . . ." an adaptation of "Simon Says . . ."

Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Albertson Memorial Library, before the library is officially open. There's just three weeks left before we take a break for the summer. Come check us out, see what fun we have. We'd love to meet some new friends!

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.

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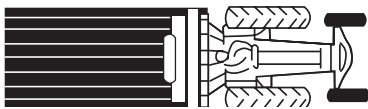
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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department April 20-26, 2025

At 8:47 p.m., Wednesday, deputies were notified by the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Probation and Parole, that a misdemeanor warrant was issued for Jason Flannery, 46, of Brodhead. Deputies made contact with Flannery and he was taken into custody and transported to the Green County Jail.

At 6:07 p.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the W400 block of Red Cedar Lane, Town of Decatur for a domestic disturbance. The investigation resulted in Sandra J. Hasselmann, 58, of Brodhead, being arrested for disorderly conduct and child abuse falling under Wisconsin domestic abuse laws. Hasselmann was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

Town of Albany - Fatal Motor Vehicle Crash - April 23, 2026

On Thursday, April 23, at 6:21 p.m. the Sheriff's Office Communication Center received a 911 call reporting a motor vehicle crash with injuries on County Hwy E at Brooklyn Albany Road in the Town of Albany. The crash location is approximately 4.5 miles north of the Village of Albany. Deputies immediately responded to the scene along with the Albany Fire Department, Albany EMS, Albany Police, Brooklyn Fire Department and a UW Med Flight Helicopter.

Preliminary investigation determined that a sport utility vehicle traveling eastbound on Brooklyn Albany Road proceeded from the stop sign into the path of a motorcycle that was northbound on County Hwy E. The driver of the sport utility vehicle was identified as a 26-year old female from rural Albany. The female and her three juvenile passengers were not injured and all were wearing proper restraints. The sport utility vehicle sustained moderate passenger side damage and was towed from the scene.

The motorcycle was operated by a 29-year old male from Brooklyn. The 29-year old male was pronounced deceased at the scene by the UW Med Flight Doctor. The motorcycle operator was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. The motorcycle sustained severe damage and was towed from the scene. The crash remains under investigation at this time.

Brodhead Police Department

On Friday, April 24, at 7 a.m., the Brodhead Police Department, assisted by the Green County Sheriff's Department, Monroe Police Department, and member(s) of the State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT), executed a search warrant at a residence in the 1000 block of 19th Street, in the City of Brodhead. Drugs, electronics, and drug paraphernalia were located and seized during the search.

As a result of the investigation, the Brodhead Police Department arrested Jacob A. Mills and Tiffani J. Perske, both of Brodhead, for the following:

- Possession of THC (marijuana)
- Possession of cocaine
- Possession of drug paraphernalia
- Maintaining a drug trafficking place

In addition to the above offenses, Jacob A. Mills was arrested for misdemeanor and felony bail jumping and Tiffani J. Perske was arrested for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Also detained during the warrant were Reno D. Thom and Kathryn S. Perske. Both subjects were released further investigation.

SSM Health and Impact Life partner for blood drive on Tues., May 5

Did you know that every two seconds there is someone in the United States who needs to utilize donated blood?

SSM Health and ImpactLife encourage community members to help save a life by participating in an upcoming blood drive. It will take place:

Tuesday, May 5, 11 a.m.—4 p.m., SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group, 515 22nd Avenue, Monroe, St. Clare Room

To be prepared for giving blood, be sure to think ahead:

- Eat a hearty dinner (eggs, meat, leafy greens, fruit, etc.) the night before
- Get eight hours of sleep
- Eat a hearty breakfast and be sure to hydrate all day before you donate

Appointments are recommended for the blood drive. To register, call 1-800-747-5401 or visit www.bloodcenter.org.

First time donors are welcome! Anyone with questions about eligibility or the process can visit <https://www.bloodcenter.org/donate/donor/requirements-faq/eligibility-questions/>.

GCDC Invites Community to Open House for Student-Built Home

The Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) invites the community to attend an open house celebrating the completion of this year's Home Construction Cooperative student-built home.

The event will be held on Monday, May 11th, from 4-6 p.m. at the house, 1502 15th Street, Monroe. Guests are welcome to drop in at any time to tour the home, see the craftsmanship firsthand, and recognize the dedication and hard work of local students who brought the project to life. It's also a great opportunity to thank the many trades professionals, educators, and sponsors who contribute their time, expertise, and resources to make the program possible and help elevate the trades in Green County.

The Home Construction Cooperative program is a hands-on educational initiative that gives high school students real-world experience in the skilled trades. Under the guidance of experienced instructors and local trades professionals, students participate in every phase of residential construction, from framing and electrical to finishing work, gaining valuable skills that prepare them for careers in construction and related industries.

"This project is a testament to the talent and commitment of the students, as well as the strong support from our local trades community," said Olivia Otte, Executive Director of GCDC. "It's an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and high-

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light the importance of workforce development in the skilled trades."

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The Gardens' monthly Garden Speaker Series welcomes knowledgeable presenters covering horticulture, conservation, sustainability, and garden design, perfect for lifelong learners and plant enthusiasts alike.

Creative workshops provide opportunities to explore new artistic techniques in a relaxed, beautiful setting. This year's offerings include:

- Photography workshop
- Lettering workshops
- Watercolor classes
- Resin art experiences
- Wineglass turning workshop

Wellness programming encourages participants to slow down and recharge with yoga classes and restorative sound bath sessions set against the calming backdrop of the Gardens.

Nature lovers can also take part in birdwatching events, guided walks that highlight local species and seasonal migration.

"Our adult education programs offer something for everyone, from art and wellness to gardening knowledge," said Kim Lewis, Education Manager at Rotary Botanical Gardens. "It's about creating meaningful experiences that help people learn, connect, and feel inspired."

For more information or to register, visit rotarybotanicalgardens.org/events.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

Here's a look at what's taking place this May at the Albertson Memorial Library:

Gather with us on Tuesday: May 5th, 12th, and 19th at 10 a.m. for Preschool Storytime led by our Children's Programming Specialist, Miss Laura. We'll explore captivating tales that highlight:

- Mothers
- Dogs and cats
- Elephants

Come and enjoy a delightful mix of stories and crafts. Please make a note that there will be no Preschool Storytime on Tuesday, May 26th as we prepare to switch over to our 2026 Summer Library Program, themed "Unearth a Story." This exciting program kicks off on Tuesday, June 2nd at 1 p.m. with a special visit from the National Mississippi River

Museum and Aquarium. They will present a one-hour program that explores the captivating world of dinosaurs and their connections to modern-day descendants. During this adventure, you'll have the opportunity to meet some live animals, enhancing your understanding of these remarkable, scaly creatures!

The Albany Joint Library Board meeting is scheduled to take place, at the library, on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be available on our website and posted at the library the Friday prior to the meeting. Join us to discover the library's future plans!

Attend Diane's Craft Night on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. to discover the magic of creating your very own 'Garden Mushrooms!' Please note that this craft will only be available for the in-person gathering, so be sure to sign up and secure your spot today! You may register in person at the library, by calling us at 608-862-3491, or via email at albertsonlibrary@gmail.com.

Embark on an extraordinary

journey in our Dungeons and Dragons campaign, "Shadows of the Infinite Staircase," taking place on Saturday, May 9th and 23rd at 4 p.m.! Immerse yourself in a thrilling adventure as you assist the Guildmaster in lifting a shadowy curse from the mystical staircase. Jump in anytime—no need for a magical portal! If you missed the character creation party, give us a shout to arrive early and get your hero ready. This campaign is ideal for adventurers aged 15 and older. On the fence? Curious about the chaos and camaraderie? Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for thrilling recaps of past sessions!

There will be no Creative Capers adult craft night in May. Creative Capers will resume in September.

The Friends of the Albertson Memorial Library, in partnership with the Albertson Memorial Library, invite you to Bingo Night on Friday, May 15th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening filled with games, fun, and prizes, and the best part? It's absolutely free! Registration is required to participate in this event. To secure your spot, please register

by Friday, May 1st. You may register in person at the library, by calling us at 608-862-3491, or via email at albertsonlibrary@gmail.com.

The Albertson Memorial Library will be closed on Monday, May 25th in Observation of Memorial Day.

Join All Booked Up on Monday, May 25th at 6:30 p.m. in a discussion of Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman. Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine is the smart, warm, and uplifting story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes the only way to survive is to open your heart. Although the Albertson Memorial Library will be closed in observance of Memorial Day, the All Booked Up group will still meet as scheduled.

The Albertson Memorial Library is thrilled to present 'Moving It' at the Library on Thursday, May 28th from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Munch on a walking taco meal while getting an up-close look at an impressive array of heavy machinery! To ensure safety and space for these seriously big, brawny machines, Water Street will be closed off in front of the library. Parking will be available at the American Legion Park.

Join the Sugar River Writers on Thursday, May 28th at 6:30 pm. Everyone's invited, from fresh-faced beginners to seasoned authors with shelves full of published works! Please note that this session will be held at 700 Vine Street in Albany.

Please follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary>, Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/albertsonmemoriallibrary> or check out our calendar of events on our website at <https://www.albertsonlibrary.org> for additional information.

UW-Extension Hosts Hands-On Training for New Crop Scouts on Tues., May 19

Extension invites new crop scouts, summer ag interns, entry-level agronomists, and crop scouts in need of a refresher course to the Foundational Crop Scouting Training Field Day on Tuesday, May 19, at the Rock County Farm.

Designed specifically for those with limited field experience or those needing a seasonal refresher, this half-day workshop (10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.) bridges the gap between classroom theory and real-world application.

Attendees will move through the fields to master essential skills, including:

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For questions, contact Daniel H. Smith at 608-219-5170 or dhsmith@wisc.edu.



Goli Ziolek, Executive Director of Rock County Cancer Coalition, and Jason Thomas, Board Chair, accept a \$2,000 grant through The Stataline Community Foundation's Community Impact Grant Program. Photo courtesy of Dayton Bennett Photography

Rock County Cancer Coalition Awarded \$2,000 Grant Through The Stataline Community Foundation's Community Impact Grant Program

Rock County Cancer Coalition has been awarded a \$2,000 grant through The Stataline Community Foundation's Community Impact Grant Program to support the organization's Peer Support Group for cancer patients and survivors in Rock County.

The Rock County Cancer Coalition Peer Support Group provides a welcoming space for individuals impacted by cancer to connect with others who understand their

experience. The group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month and is open to all cancer patients and survivors with no registration required.

Meetings include facilitated peer discussions, wellness activities, educational workshops, and community outings designed to help participants navigate the emotional challenges of cancer while building meaningful connections with others.

"This grant strengthens our ability to provide consistent, meaningful peer support to individuals navigating cancer right here in our community," said Goli Ziolek, Executive Director of Rock County Cancer Coalition. "Cancer affects far more than physical health. It also impacts emotional well-being and a person's sense of connection. Support from The Stataline Community Foundation's Community Impact Grant Program allows us to continue

building a supportive space for patients and survivors."

Many Rock County residents facing cancer experience limited access to mental health resources and added financial strain during and after treatment. The support group helps address these challenges by creating a safe environment where participants can share experiences, learn from one another, and find encouragement.

Rock County Cancer Coalition also provides financial assistance to Rock County residents currently undergoing cancer treatment to help cover essential living expenses such as housing, utilities, insurance, and other household bills.

For more information about Rock County Cancer Coalition and its programs, visit www.rockcountycancercoalition.org.

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