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City Council

Council Holds Budget Hearing, Hears About Loss of Funding

By Grace Kufahl

Before the Annual Budget Hearing began, Paul Musser of Musser Appraisals presented his RFP for Assessor Proposal. His annual maintenance fee is \$15,000 with an additional \$10,000 for re-evaluation for which Brodhead isn't due for five years. In response to Alder Sauer's questions, Musser said his relationship with the Green County Treasurer is good and his uploads are very accurate. As a result of the closed session at the end of the meeting, the council voted to accept Paul Musser's proposal.

Joe DeYoung from MSA apologized to the Council for an error on a DNR funding application that caused the city to lose one of three funding options for the street project. He stated he is looking into it though it doesn't appear it will change. DeYoung said there are still other funds available, some of which could come from the Water and Light Department.

Mayor Simpson opened the annual budget hearing at 6:28 p.m. The budget was reviewed by Treasurer Miller. Miller reported next year's expenses are estimated to be \$4,019,779 which is an increase of \$41,800 or 1%, which is less than last year's 8% increase. The city's General Fund balance is \$2,331,043 which is 47% above the recommended amount of \$904,771. The tax levy is decreasing \$28,488 or 1.25%. Tax rates are due to increase .68% for Rock County residents and 1.84% for Green. Factors impacting the 2026 budget include replacing the Sewer Supervisor position with a contractor and adding a city administrator. Other factors include eliminating

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School Board

Tax Levy Question Under Review

By Grace Kufahl

Elementary principal Kelly Knox expressed appreciation to the Fire Department for support during Fire Prevention Week. She also advised \$14,471 was raised for the Kid Connection Walkathon.

Director of Technology Kevin Buxton received one bid for Internet services from Charter. He noted the district can get three times the bandwidth for less money. Al Schneider asked about Frontier and Buxton replied they haven't submitted a bid yet. He further stated he'll be putting in a request for replacement switches at a cost of \$55,000, but noted that the district is eligible for substantial discounts.

High School Principal Jim Mathys thanked the Zimmerman Family for hosting Food for America last month, seniors, Leilah King and Annelise Bethke, who planned it for their senior project, and Mrs. Malkow and FFA alumni.

Middle School Principal Adam Ferger reported the 30th eighth grade Washington, DC, trip went well despite the government shut down. He gave a shout out to Stephanie Tresemer and TOOL for the good turnout for October's Make a Difference Day.

Paul Donovan discussed a conversation with the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) about the tax base potentially being reestablished each year in the case of under-levying. He stated a meeting could possibly be set to change this year's levy. Superintendent Novy will speak to financial advisor Baird to clarify.

The board approved policy updates submitted by the Policy Committee. Most notably, due to safety concerns, the high school will resume their pre-Covid practice requiring students to leave backpacks and other large bags in their lockers.

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City of Brodhead approves year long emergency services contract

The City of Brodhead mayor and common council approved a year long contract for emergency services at their Thursday, November 13th special meeting. This is a contract with the Brodhead Area EMS (BAEMS), paying the full amount of \$97,140/year as budgeted and as requested by the BAEMS. The signed contract was sent to BAEMS for their signature and final execution. This contract not only assures BAEMS of the full funding they requested but also includes the following responsible safeguards of accountability and transparency—liability insurance and indemnification, financial reporting, and non-voting member City representation on the BAEMS governing board. The contract is effective January 1, 2026. On Tuesday, August 19, 2025 the city's attorney contacted BAEMS' registered agent by letter and email to begin contract discussions. There was no reply to that correspondence. Again, on Tuesday, September 23, 2025 the city's attorney contacted BAEMS' registered agent, which was again ignored by BAEMS. The mayor and council are confident the approved contract will end the impasse and assure residents of a continuing level of emergency services is seamless on January 1, 2026. The City and the EMS entered into an initial year long 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.

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.

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. Pastor Russ Doeblner. Web site: livingwordwi.



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

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

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.

OBITUARY



Donald O. Morgan

Donald O. Morgan, 83, of Brodhead, Wisconsin, passed away surrounded by family on November 6, 2025, at SSM Hospital in Monroe, Wisconsin. Don was born on June 8, 1942, in Monroe, to the late Melvin and Bernice (Johnson) Morgan. He graduated from Brodhead High School in 1960. Afterwards, he entered the military and proudly served his country in the Air Force, Army, and Army National Guard for a combined total of 32 years before retiring. In his spare time, Don enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling, and golfing.

Don was preceded in death by his grandson, Adam Morgan. Don is survived by his wife of 52 years, Shirley Morgan; son, Brian Morgan; daughter, Rosemary (Scott) Klemm; daughter, Lisa Morgan; seven grandchildren: Ryan Morgan, Isabella Morgan, Katelyn Klemm, Kaylee Klemm, Kyla Klemm, Kenzie Klemm, and Alex Morgan; two sisters: Delores (Chuck) Alsteen and Judy (Chuck) Keen; along with many nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside services will be held in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead, with Pastor Dan Krahenbuhl officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, Shriners Hospital for Children, or your favorite charity. The Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe, is assisting the family. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomerfuneral-home.net

Juda Craft Fair

The Juda Booster Club will be hosting the Juda Craft Fair on Saturday, December 13, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Juda School, N2385 Spring Street. There will be jewelry, ceramics, handmade signs, home-made soaps, quilts, cross stitch, easy to prepare food, spices, drink mixes, wickless candles, plastic canvas, gourmet food products and much more.

Concessions will be available all day, with breakfast and lunch options as well, sponsored by the junior class.

Santa will be visiting from 10 a.m. to noon.

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SSM Health at Home Invites Community to Celebration of Life Service

SSM Health at Home invites the community to its annual Celebration of Life Service, a heartfelt event honoring the light, love, and legacy of those who have touched our lives. The service will take place on Tuesday, December 2, at 6 p.m. at Monroe United Methodist Church, located at 2227 4th Street in Monroe.

This remembrance gathering offers a meaningful space for reflection and connection. The service is expected to last approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a reception in the church's Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend, and no registration is required.

Ornaments will once again be sold by Monroe Engraving. Please contact them by calling 608-329-4111 to place your order. Monroe Engraving will be donating a portion of the proceeds to the Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation's hospice fund.

For those unable to attend in person, the service will be livestreamed. To join virtually search Monroe United Methodist Church (WI) on YouTube.

SSM Health at Home is honored to host this meaningful event and encourages all community members to attend in remembrance and celebration.

Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Washington over Purdue, 49-13. Lynette VonAllmen, Albany, won first place with all the correct games and 52 points. Second place was a tie with all the correct games and 53 points: Dennis Schwartz and Bob Whalen, both of Brodhead.

Eric VonAllmen, Albany, also had all the correct games and 55 points.



Brodhead
Memorial Public
Library

By Sarah Carpenter

There's still time to get crafty before the holidays! Our Chatty Crafties adult craft night has openings for its next session on Monday, November 24, at 5:30 p.m. This month's project is No-Sew Sock Snowmen—a fun and cozy winter craft perfect for all skill levels. To reserve your spot, call the library or sign up on our website.

We also kicked off our very first Homeschool Connection meet-up last week, and it was a huge success! We explored pH levels through hands-on testing and experiments, making for a lively morning of learning and discovery. If you missed it, we'd love to see you next month. The next Homeschool Connection will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 10:30 a.m., when we'll dive into Pop Art and create artwork inspired by Andy Warhol's bold, colorful style.

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. We will reopen for regular hours on Saturday, November 29. We hope you have a great holiday filled with friends, family, and good food!

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

11/16 standings: I'd Smack That won 17 lost 1, That's What She Set 15-3, Net Ninjas 13-5, Getting Diggy With It 12-6, The Goon Squad 11-7, Super Soy 11-7, Victorious Secret 9-9, One Hit Wonders 8-10, Killer Serves 7-11, All Sets Are Off 7-11, Hit Happens 6-12, Fambam Slammers 5-13, Cactus Squad 4-14, It's A Set Up 1-17.

City Council

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the contingency fund, decreasing insurance and legal expenses and department budgets and increasing wages, assessor costs and spending on culture and development. The public was given a chance to speak regarding the budget, but no one did. The hearing closed at 6:40 p.m.

Scott Kiley from MSA gave a presentation on a new Geographical Information System, which could be used to track the city's assets such as sewer lines, streets and property lines. This would be an update to the current system, which isn't being used because it has become outdated.

School Board

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In Other Business: Building and Grounds Director Chad Dix reported receiving \$13,800 in energy rebates and said he is also working on tax credits.

Business Manager Robin Marshall reported the tax levy was submitted to the DPI.

New high school gym wall mats were approved with \$2,000 coming from the Sports Boosters and \$1,700 from the sign fund.

Mr. Novy reported the high school's new canopy is there and should be put up after Thanksgiving.

The 2026 Washington, DC, Trip was approved and it was noted a new advisor will have to be selected to replace Mr. Rueckert.

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You are invited to their third annual Fall Fun Night at the Albany Lions Club, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, Albany, on Saturday, December 6, 2025. There will be games, bucket raffles, live auction, and a gun raffle table. A delicious meal will be prepared by the Albany Lions Club. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The cost is \$35 per person, which includes your meal and a chance for a main table prize. Payment is due on Friday, November 21. If you would like more information about the event, please contact Linda Faessler at 608-558-4798.

Make checks payable to Brodhead FFA Alumni and mail your reservations no later than Friday, November 21st to Brodhead FFA Alumni, PO Box 82, Brodhead, WI 53520

SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Santa uses the Brodhead Optimist Mitten Tree Project to help make Christmas special for all children in our community. This year is no exception. Anyone wishing to help Santa gather gifts for those children in need is asked to pick a set of mittens from the tree in the Bank of Brodhead lobby, or the Bank of New Glarus—Brodhead Branch lobby. As a reminder, the bank lobbies are closed on Saturdays.

Beginning Friday, November 21, please pick up and fill out the mitten asking for your contact information and leave it in the mailbox nearby. Then take the other mitten containing the child's age, size and wish list with you. After shopping, just wrap your gift and attach the mitten with the child's info on the package and drop it off where you picked up the mitten. The gifts must be returned by Tuesday, December 9.

Happy shopping to all of Santa's helpers and thank you for participating in this great Optimist project. If you have any questions, please call 414-405-6203.

BRODHEAD LIONS CLUB COLLECTING DEER HIDES

The Brodhead Lions will join in with Lions from across the state of Wisconsin in collecting deer hides again this year. Hides are sold, made into gloves, with the tails made into fly fishing lures. Monies made from this sale will go to support the Wisconsin Lions camp for the blind or visually impaired. Hides may be dropped off any time, look for the area at Gassers Hardware.

BMS HOLIDAY SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Brodhead Middle School TOOL team is proud to collaborate with BMS staff and students to host our annual holiday luncheon on Friday, December 12. The Team of Outstanding Leaders will organize a program of musical performances, trivia, readings, crafts, and door prizes. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch service at noon, and wrap up around 1 p.m. This luncheon is an opportunity for senior citizens in our community to gather for good cheer and festivities before the holidays. Contact the Brodhead Middle School office at 897-2184 by Wednesday, December 10, if you plan to attend.

Free-will donations are accepted at the luncheon to support this holiday tradition, as are donations from area businesses to be added to our door prize table. Contact stresemer@brodhead.k12.wi.us for donations.

Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival: A Holiday Tradition Returns!

Get ready to kick off the holiday season at the annual Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival, presented by Bridges Bar and Grill, on Friday, December 5th, from 4 to 9 p.m. in downtown Brodhead. This beloved community tradition promises an evening full of festive fun, sparkling lights, and holiday cheer for the entire family.

Visitors can enjoy beautifully crafted ice sculptures and the fiery excitement of mesmerizing fire twirlers lighting up the crisp winter night. Families are invited to stop by Brodhead Family Chiropractic with Santa, where Exit Professional Realty will be handing out a sweet treat for everyone who visits.

Thanks to sponsors Body Crafters and Kuhn, horse-drawn carriage rides will take guests on a festive journey through downtown, offering the perfect way to experience the twinkling lights and seasonal atmosphere.

The highlight of the evening is the Brodhead Water and Light Holiday Parade kicking off at 7 p.m. featuring dazzling floats, festive music, and plenty of holiday spirit. After the parade, warm up by the fire pits, roast marshmallows or hot dogs, and enjoy the friendly fun of the Frozen T-Shirt Contest, where participants can compete for some "cool" prizes.

On Saturday morning, the holiday celebration continues with Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Brodhead Jaycees, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Three Waters Reserve. Families can enjoy a delicious breakfast and take a photo with Santa to capture a special holiday memory. For more information and to register for contests, the memory tree, or the lighted parade, visit Brodhead-FireAndIce.com. Join the fun as downtown Brodhead transforms into a holiday wonderland during this year's Fire and Ice Festival!

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Saturday, November 15
talk: Chicago Jerks in the
1800's

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

An array of shady characters in Chicago history were presented in the recent program at the library and, while learning about them, those present also learned a rich amount of Chicago history.

Chicago's recorded history began with the arrival of French explorers, missionaries and fur traders in the late 17th century and their interaction with the local Potawatomi Native Americans. The French realized the importance of the area's location on a river, which joins the Mississippi River, and the flow of that river was famously reversed to join the river system in the area.

Jean Baptiste Point du Sable, a black Haitian freeman, was the first permanent non-indigenous settler in the area. After its completion in 1804, Fort Dearborn provided defense for the small settlement. It was not until 1837 that the city was incorporated.

Brad Keyes introduced 12 characters, the names of some were familiar while others not as well known. Some named were definitely more despicable than others and two of the most familiar names played a significant, albeit dishonorable, role in the young city's development.

To begin, John Kinzie, for whom a major street is named, was elevated in stature by a description riddled with falsehoods written by his daughter-in-law. Richard Harper and John Stone were what might be called "common criminals," the former white man was sold at auction and the latter was hung for his crimes.

The talk deepened with the gruesome tale of Martin Quinlan, a former medical student, who had the position of cemetery manager. He saw a gold mine in the bodies of the deceased and set up a lucrative business selling these cadavers to medical schools. When this criminal activity was discovered, he was convicted and fined \$500, a hefty fine for those days, and set free.

Wilbur F. Storey, a newspaper publisher, used that position to propagate lies galore. He was a "copperhead," someone who supported the Confederacy during the Civil War but lived in the north. He deliberately tarnished the Irish by reporting that it was Mrs. O'Leary's cow who started the Chicago fire in 1871, a theory we all heard in school. One could argue that his legacy of printing stories, regardless of facts, lives on today.

An enterprising young sympathizer of the Confederacy, Thomas Hines, made plans to free Confederate soldiers who were held prisoner in Camp Douglas located in the near south side of the city. His first plan and a second one failed and he fled to Canada. It is said that only one third of the 15,000 prisoners held in Camp Douglas survived. It has been compared to the notorious Andersonville prison in the south.

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By Laura Roth,
Children's Librarian

Puppies! Puppies! Puppies! The Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library concentrated on puppies this last week. Each preschooler made a footprint in brown paint, added ears, a tail, and a collar to make a personalized puppy. The stories included *Hardworking Puppies* (Reiser), *I'll Always Love You* (Wilhelm) and *Puppies! Puppies! Puppies!* (Meyers). Of course, the clapping song B! I! N! G! O! was a favorite, and a special worksheet matching the hardworking puppies with their job: water-rescue dogs, guard dogs, and sled dogs, etc. At the very end, the youngsters had a grand time in the corn-bin/sensory bin, making a huge mess of shelled corn all over the floor. (Thanks to the parents who helped clean up!)

Next week, the theme, *Things That Go*, will feature tractors, in-



cluding the books *Stanley the Farmer* (Bee), *Tractor Mac Learns to Fly* (Steers), and *One Tractor* (Sly). There will be a counting game/scavenger hunt as well as a geometric tractor puzzle. And maybe even a song or two: 'The tires on the tractor go round and round...'

Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. at Albertson Memorial Library in Albany. New friends are very wel-

come. You won't regret joining the fun!

On another note, the elves at Albertson Memorial Library are busy getting ready for *Snack With Santa*. Santa arrives on Saturday, December 6th at 9:30 a.m. sharp and will listen to the Christmas wishes of all the good little girls and boys of Albany. Three different crafts will be presented and a gift bag from Santa. At the end of the visit, participants are invited to sample the tasty treats in the Community Room. If you're looking for a volunteer opportunity, Albertson Memorial Library would love to put you to work. Stop by or call to get involved!

Green County Amateur Radio to meet

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, November 22, 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.



Chris Searles, on behalf of the Brodhead Area EMS, accepted a donation from WPPI Energy through Brodhead Water and Light. They would like to thank them for the generous donation and the support of their community. Pictured is Chris Searles, representing the Brodhead Area EMS, and Matt Meichtry, representing Brodhead Water and Light.

AES Veterans Day Program

On Tuesday, November 11th, Albrecht Elementary School held a heartfelt Veterans Day assembly to pay tribute to our nation's service members, both past and present. The day began with a warm welcome for the veterans, who were invited to enjoy donuts and coffee. The assembly that followed was a carefully planned program featuring a musical performance, readings, and a special recognition of each branch of the military. Through these activities, the school community came together to honor the bravery and sacrifices of our veterans. We extend our deepest thanks to these heroes, not only on Veterans Day but every day, for their unwavering service.



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Battle of the Businesses Food Drive

By Teresa Earleywine

The first ever Battle of the Businesses Food Drive is in the books. With more than 24 businesses and organizations participating, our Brodhead community showed up in big ways with donations of non-perishable food and paper products. The Piggly Wiggly parking lot hosted the event with people dropping off many items. First place—Jeremy Pinnow and Associates filled nine carts for the food drive, second place—Exit Realty, third lace was a tie with Schlittler Construction and First Center Floral and Garden taking the honors. Enough food was collected to fill the trailer of KC Lawn Care, a van and four pickup trucks. The food will be used by our local organizations: White Gift, Family Promise, and Brodhead School District’s Backpack Program where 85 children/28 families are assisted on a weekly basis and 300 snacks/month are utilized by staff to assist hungry students. Forty percent of families in our district take free/reduced lunch.

This event was spearheaded by Angie Arn, owner of First Center Floral. She was inspired when one of the local food pantries had to close as they had no food to give to those in need. Once the word was out, businesses were eager to participate.



Seniors: Aubrie Yoshida, Elise Vock, Hayden Stewart, Kayla Perry, Simon Moore, and Jenna Dougherty, were recognized at the final performance of Big Fish, the musical performed at Brodhead High School. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



POLICE

Green County Sheriff’s Department November 10-16, 2025

At 6:11 a.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash in the intersection of STH 92 and CTH E, Town of Brooklyn. Beau York, 33, Albany was northbound on CTH E when he lost control attempting to slow down for the stop sign at the intersection with STH 92. York entered the intersection where he was struck by an eastbound dump truck, operated by Stephen Schuch, 59, Fitchburg. The dump truck crossed the centerline and slid off the roadway, striking a road sign before coming to rest in a field. York reported wearing his seat belt and was uninjured. York’s vehicle sustained disabling damage with airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene. Schuch reported wearing his seat belt and was uninjured. The dump truck sustained functional damage with no airbag

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Durand Library (Continued from page 3)

A beloved department store, Marshall Fields, was the extremely successful venture of a cruel and selfish man. Despite his harsh treatment of employees and meager wages, the department store remained a beloved institution in the city until 2006 when it was acquired by Macy’s. Few may know that its owner had funded armories around the city to crush worker protests. However, Field did fund the world famous Field Museum of Natural History when told it could bear his name.

The famous Pullman Car Company is remembered now for a brutal suppression of labor demands for fair compensation, but it had a period of both praise and demand for its product. A Pullman car was used to bring the body of Abraham Lincoln back to Illinois and this gave the company a big boost. George Pullman, who grew up in New York along the banks of the Erie Canal, observed the packets, or tourist boats, which plied the canal and were outfitted with sleeping compartments. Thus, the Pullman Sleeping Car was born.

Pullman created an entire village for his workers with handsome brick houses, which had running water, lighting and other amenities. But when his business declined, he expected the same rental from his workers even though their pay was drastically cut. Worker protests led to the federal government sending in troops when delivery of the mail by train was compromised. An economic panic in 1894 spelled the end for the village, which was taken over by the city. Pullman died a hated man.

There were other scoundrels of mention. Kitty Adams ran a successful brothel and managed to “lift” quite a lot of valuables from gentlemen’s pants as they visited there. She operated her business in an area of the city, which was a scene of much revelry and debauchery. Hell’s Half Acre is found near the intersection of State Street and Polk Street. It has been estimated that there were around 500 opium dens throughout the city.

Sausage factory owner Adolph Luetgert was successful at making sausage but along the way his wife disappeared under suspicious circumstances. He was eventually convicted of her murder when small human bones were found in a large vat in the basement. The new five story brick sausage factory he had built was eventually converted to apartments.

And that beautiful open park along the shore of Lake Michigan exists because of the dumping of all the debris following the 1871 fire, which had destroyed virtually the entire city. A man who marshaled this effort, George Streeter, sold deeds to this property, which he did not own. The area was called Streeterville and there is a statue in the city of this scoundrel!

There is one more jerk to mention but this story is a bit long for this article. It is H. H. Holmes who operated a hotel near the Columbian Exhibition in 1893. Suffice it to say that not every person who checked in at his hotel actually checked out. His story is told in a book by Erik Larson

which is available at the library. It is entitled The Devil In the White City.

In addition to the jerks listed above, we learned this fascinating fact: most of the buildings in the city were raised up by several feet. This was in response to the frequent flooding of the once swampy area. George Pullman and several hundred men, using jacks and encircling a building, they would all crank their jack a small amount each time a bell rang. Because of this careful work, the buildings survived with little or no damage.

Please plan on attending the second part of this series on Chicago jerks. It will cover the period from 1900-1945 and be presented on Saturday, December 13 at 10 a.m. The program is 90 minutes long and coffee and delicious baked treats will be served!

About the Library

The Friends of the Durand Library collaborate with the school to offer library services to the public. We urge everyone to support his local effort.

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Monday Night Mixed League

11/10—High series: Robert Murray 731, Jason Shrier 684, Ty Powell 682, Tyson Foster 671. High games: R. Murray 280, J. Shrier 255, T. Foster 254, T. Powell 245. Bartelt-high team game 1,021 and series 2,831. **Standings:** Center Tavern won 145 lost 125, Albany Lanes 137-133, Fosters Gaming 136.5-133.5, Bartelt 131-139, Beloit Chiropractic 131-139, Broughton’s Bar 129.5-140.5.

Tuesday Shanigans

11/11—High series: Karrie Laws 391, Becky Hanneman 361, Tammy Neuenschwander 326, Scott 697, Larry Ommodt 552, Rick Josephsen 525. High games: Lisa Josephsen 147, K. Laws 142, B. Hanneman 135, Scott 244, L. Ommodt 210, Rick Clark 194. The Young & The Restless-high team game 924 and series 2,555. **Standings:** Misfits won 30 lost 12, Sweet Mini HaHa 29-13, Perfectly Aged 26-16, The Young & The Restless 25-17, Greightful Dead 9-33.

Badger

11/11—High series: Tony Brewer 700, Ryan Brugger 673, Keith Riese 6621, John Elmer 605, Megan Anderson 443. High games: R. Brugger 277, T. Brewer 258, Don Nieman 234, Ethan Pfueti 224, J. Elmer 224, Guy Stamm 224, M. Anderson 187. Renks-high team game 852 and series 2,342. **Standings:** Renks won 42 lost 28, Counter Attack 39-31, Decatur Dairy 39-31, Jim’s Mechanic Shop 36-34, Team 6 31-39, TUGS 23-47.

Wednesday Night Ladies

11/12—High series: Kari Johnson 533, Megan O’Brien 473, Barb Larson 458, Sarah Flood 452, Marcie Brugger 446. High games: K. Johnson 197, M. Brugger 197, Carrie Ommodt 186, Tami Behnke 184, M. O’Brien 173. General Store-high team game 636 and series 1,751. **Standings:** Larson Acres won 49 lost 21, General Store 47-23, Glenn-Ann Ladies 39-31, Stables Bar & Grill 28-42, Albertson’s 26-44, Crystal’s Team 21-49.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

11/13—High series: Becky Riese 442, Tana Klitzman 432, Sheryl Johnson 411. High games: Betty Helwig 166, T. Klitzman 160, S. Johnson 159. Mikes’ Flooring-high team game 547 and series 1,549. **Standings:** Knutes won 55 lost 22, Briggs Heating and AC 53-24, Mike’s Flooring 46-31, Nolte’s Garage 45-32, Albany Lanes 30-47.

Thursday Night Mixed

11/13—High series: TJ Golz 691, Jason Shrier 677, Brandon Bayrholder 659, Michael Morton 642. High games: Erich Brandenburg 255, M. Morton 253, T. Golz 245, James Laughlin 237. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,092 and series 3,097. **Standings:** Golz Electric won 7 lost 0, Albany Lanes 5-2, Glenn Ann Holsteins 5-2, Broughton’s Corner Bar 1 2-5, Broughton’s Corner Bar 2 2-5, Attica Bar 0-7.

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POLICE

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deployment, and was driven from the scene.

At 12:39 a.m., Tuesday, deputies located a single vehicle crash in the N4300 block of State Highway 59, Town of Sylvester. Rosie A. Martin, 19, Albany, was traveling eastbound when Martin failed to negotiate a curve. The vehicle then exited the roadway and entered the east ditch, where the vehicle collided with a road sign. The vehicle re-entered the roadway and was parked along the east shoulder. Martin reported wearing her seat belt and was uninjured. The vehicle sustained disabling damage with airbag deployment. It was towed from the scene. Martin was cited for failure to control vehicle, operate without a valid license-expired, operate motor vehicle without insurance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Martin was released pending a court date.

At 3:54 p.m., Tuesday, deputies, along with Albany Fire Dept and Albany EMS responded to a single vehicle crash with injuries in the W1200 block of CTH C, Town of Brooklyn. Friedrich W. Noreik, 74, Albany, was traveling west when he reported that he fell asleep. Noreik's vehicle entered the south ditch where it came to rest. Noreik reported wearing his seat belt and sustained injuries. He was transported to a hospital via ambulance. The vehicle sustained disabling damage with airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene.

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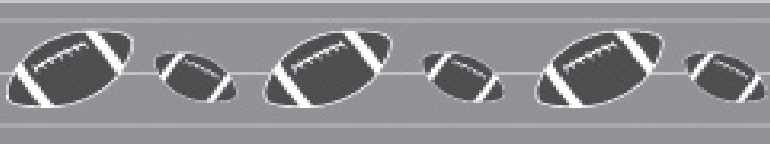
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Notice



Motion carried, 7-0.

SELECT BOARD DELEGATE FOR STATE SCHOOL BOARD CONVENTION

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to appoint School Board Member Mike Krupke as representative to the State School Board Convention Delegate Assembly held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026.

Motion carried, 7-0.

UPDATE ANNUAL BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

ACTION ITEM

No update needed. No action taken.

REFERENDUM UPDATE

DISCUSSION ITEM

District Administrator Novy presented an update on the ongoing Referendum projects. **FUTURE AGENDA [October 27, 2025]**

- Certify Tax Levy
- Resolution to Approve Short-Term Borrowing

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

ACTION ITEM

PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85(1)(c)(e)

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to go into closed session, under WI STS. 19.85 (1)(c)(e) at 8:10 p.m., for the discussion of:

- a. Teacher Leave Request
- b. Bus Contract

Roll Call Vote: All ayes (7-0).

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to return to open session at 8:27 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to approve a teacher leave request.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
CLOSED SESSION

District Office Board Room
Wednesday, October 8, 2025

Board President Mike Krupke called the Closed Session meeting to order at 8:10 p.m.

Discussions were held on the following:

- a. Teacher Leave Request
- b. Bus Contract
- a. Teacher Leave Request
 - Discussed a teacher short-term leave request that exceeded the allowable days for the District Administrator to approve. The Board reviewed the leave request and it was approved.
- b. Bus Contract
 - The Board discussed options for contracted busing services. The Board will continue to review busing contract options at the closed session meeting in November.

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to return to open session at 8:27 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

Applicant Name	Submitting School	Date Submitted
Ackley, Brittini	ES	9/25/25
Anderson, Kim	ES	9/10/25
Babel, Elizabeth	ES	9/25/25
Baertschi, Kristin	ES	9/25/25
Brandes, Kenda	ES	9/17/25
Buchanan, Donald	ES	9/17/25
Buchanan, MaKenzie	ES	9/17/25
Burton, Brianne	ES	9/24/25
Campbell, Alicia	ES	9/24/25
Carpenter, Kayla	ES	9/22/25
Chasteen Blair	ES	9/25/25
Cox, Jennifer	ES	9/11/25
Crum, Erin	ES	9/22/25
Downer, Shyanne	ES	9/22/25
Drasch, Michael	ES	9/17/25
Drossler, Travis	ES	10/3/25
Elmer, Danielle	ES	9/30/25
Elmer, Nicholas	ES	9/29/25
Fenwick, Jessica	ES	9/24/25
Frisch, Staci	ES	9/22/25
Fulton, Amanda	ES	9/16/25
Grenawalt, Magnolia	ES	9/18/25
Griffiths, Sue Ellen	ES	9/22/25
Gubanski, Courtney	ES	9/15/25
Hackl, Stephanie	ES	9/24/25
Halvorson, Steven	ES	9/19/25
Hanson, Brianna	ES	9/17/25
Heffy, Zackary	ES	9/22/25
Hicks, Amanda	ES	9/22/25
Huntington, Lisa	MS	9/8/25
Johnson, Susan	ES	9/24/25
Jordan, Lea	ES	9/24/25
Kaderly, Gregory	ES	9/18/25
Keyser, Tom	ES	9/18/25
Leutenegger, Reece	ES	9/17/25
Matzke, Jordan	ES	9/25/25
Mitchell Gonzalez, Leah	ES	9/24/25
Miyagaua, Jill	ES	9/17/25
Moldenhauer, Shelby	ES	9/25/25
Naber, Matthew	ES	9/30/25
Nelson, Teresa	ES	9/25/25
Nissen, Rachel	ES	9/19/25
Pipkorn, Samantha	ES	9/30/25
Porterfield, Karrissa	ES	9/17/25
Pratt, Andrea	ES	9/18/25
Pryce, Bambi	ES	9/22/25
Quass, Jana	ES	9/17/25
Rackow, Ashley	ES	9/16/25
Rackow, Ashley	ES	9/24/25
Restivo, Alexis	ES	9/24/25
Rowin, Sandra	ES	9/18/25
Ruehle, Jenna	ES	9/24/25
Schenk, Tara	ES	9/17/25
Schliem, Kelsey	ES	9/26/25
Schneider, Paula	ES	9/28/25
Schneider, Steven	ES	9/24/25
Schupbach, Courtney	ES	9/17/25
Shear, Tanner	ES	9/19/25
Sissons, Amber	ES	9/16/25
Sterken, Laura	ES	9/26/25
Swedlund, Leah	ES	9/25/25
Thingbold, Fionna	ES	9/22/25
Tracy, Amy	ES	9/22/25
Ubersox, Joshua	ES	9/22/25
Valentin, Jose	ES	9/22/25
Walker, Melissa	ES	9/27/25
Wand, Robert	ES	9/22/25
Weis, Cory	ES	9/25/25
Williams, Jarod	ES	9/12/25
Winchester, Krystal	ES	9/16/25
Workman, Benjamin	ES	10/3/25

NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
(WI. STAT. §120.06)(b)1
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 7, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the Brodhead School District on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members is three (3) years beginning on Monday, April 27, 2026.

“Office—Incumbent”

School Board Member—Jennifer Flory
School Board Member—Elizabeth Kempel
School Board Member—Michael Oellerich

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 6, 2026 in the office of the school district clerk at Brodhead School District, 2501 West Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520. [If nomination papers are required, the first ay to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2025, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, in the office of the school district clerk.]

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Done in the City of Brodhead
on November 12, 2025
Michael Oellerich,
School Board Clerk
11/19/25

BUDGET HEARING/ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
High school Auditoria
Monday, October 27, 2025
Minutes

The Budget Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditoria. District Administrator David Novy will present the 2025-26 budget.

ANNUAL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

The annual meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by School Board President Mike Krupke.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to nominate Mike Krupke as Chairperson.

Motion passed, 6-0-1 [M. Krupke abstained].

TREASURER’S REPORT

REPORT ITEM

District Administrator David Novy presented the Treasurer’s report for Al Schneider.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

REPORT ITEM

Board President Mike Krupke gave the President’s report.

Resident audience members in addition to the Board of Education and District Administrator:

Chad Dix, Jim Matthys, Kevin Buxton, Eric Thompson, Jim Wahl, and Grace Kufahl. The resolutions necessary for the operation of the School District for the 2025-26 school year were considered as follows:

RESOLUTION A - ADOPTION OF TAX LEVY ACTION ITEM

Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to levy a tax to meet the proposed budget for 2025-26. Motion may be as follows: I move there be levied a school tax assessed against all taxable property within the District in the sum of \$6,361,375 (General Fund \$5,229,539, Debt Service Fund 39 - \$1,115,633, and Community Service Fund 80 - \$16,203), necessary to operate and maintain the District School System and to finance the recommended budget for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion Failed [2-12]

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to levy a tax to meet the proposed budget for 2025-26. Motion may be as follows: I move there be levied a school tax assessed against all taxable property within the District in the sum of \$6,533,291 (General Fund \$5,401,455, Debt Service Fund 39 - \$1,115,633, and Community Service Fund 80 - \$16,203), necessary to operate and maintain the District School System and to finance the recommended budget for the 2025-26 school year.

Motion Passed [12-2; P. Donovan and J. Wahl opposed].

RESOLUTION B - BOARD SALARIES ACTION ITEM

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Al Schneider, that the Board members of the Brodhead School District be paid a salary as follows (current levels set in October 2023): President: \$1,232.03; Clerk: \$1,232.03; All others: \$1,175.91.

Motion carried, 14-0.

RESOLUTION C - BOARD REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL EXPENSES ACTION ITEM

Motion by Al Schneider, second by Jim Wahl, that the Board members of the Brodhead School be reimbursed for expenses incurred on District business when traveling outside the District.

Motion carried, 14-0.

RESOLUTION D - NEXT ANNUAL MEETING DATE ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, that the Board of Education of the Brodhead School District be authorized to set the date and hour for the 2026 Annual Meeting within the guidelines established by Wisconsin Statutes.

Motion carried, 14-0.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS AS AUTHORIZED UNDER STATE STATUTES ACTION ITEM

No other business as authorized under State Statute was conducted.

ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM

Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Don Buchanan, to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Office Board Room
Monday, October 27, 2025
Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 6:46 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, October 22, 2025 edition of the Brodhead Free Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, Jenny Flory, and Paul Donovan

Absent: None

AGENDA ITEMS

CERTIFY TAX LEVY ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the General Fund 10 Levy of \$5,401,455, the Debt Service Fund 39 Levy of \$1,115,633, and the Community Service Fund 80 of \$16,203 for the 2025-26 school year, and direct the Board Clerk to certify the Levy to the Municipal Clerks.

Motion passed, 6-1 [P. Donovan opposed].

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE FOR SHORT-TERM BORROWING ACTION ITEM

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Al Schneider, to approve the resolution authorizing short-term borrowing for cash flow purposes as presented.

Motion carried, 7-0.

EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S) ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the hiring of Matt Rear as the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, at the extra-curricular salary rate of \$1,333 [0-3 years], beginning October 27, 2025.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)

ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c) at 6:51 p.m., for the discussion of:

- a. Considering Compensation of an Employee

Roll Call vote: All ayes 7-0.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION ACTION ITEM

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Do Buchanan, to return to open session at 6:54 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ACTION ITEM

Clerk reports out a change in compensation and benefits of an employee was approved in closed session.

FUTURE AGENDA [November 12, 2025]

- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Purchase of Blinds and Room Signage for New Referendum Spaces
- Approval of CESA 5 School Business Services Contract
- Approval of the 2026 Middle School Washington D.C. Trip
- Referendum Update

ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Michael Oellerich, to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

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