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Albrecht Elementary Celebrates Opening of New 4K Classrooms

Albrecht Elementary School celebrated an exciting milestone in early childhood education this week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony to officially open its new 4K (four-year-old kindergarten) classrooms. This event marks a significant step forward in supporting the district's youngest learners and strengthening early learning opportunities for families in the community.

District Administrator David Novy emphasized the importance of early education and the district's commitment to families in Brodhead.

"These new classrooms really highlight our commitment to our kids and the families of the Brodhead community," Novy said. "All Day 4K gives our youngest students an exciting, positive start in our school district and provides families with a high-quality early learning experience right from day one."

Highlights of the New 4K Learning Spaces Include:

Flexible Learning Environments: Classrooms are equipped with innovative, collaborative furniture that replaces traditional desks, encouraging creativity, teamwork, and hands-on learning.

Purpose-Built Play Areas: Updated indoor sensory and play areas are thoughtfully designed to support the developmental needs of four-year-old learners.

Focus on Social-Emotional Growth: The 4K spaces and programming intentionally support social-emotional learning, helping students build confidence, develop positive relationships, and learn essential skills such as communication, cooperation, and self-regulation.

With the completion of these new facilities, the district is proud to announce it is prepared to welcome its first-ever All Day 4K program beginning in the 2026-2027 school year, providing an outstanding start for the newest students entering the Brodhead School District.

many great pieces created by my students. It is so hard to choose just five!" Mrs. Foulker (Middle School art teacher) says.

Students that have artwork on display include: Alexa Contreras Becerril, Rylee Helgestad, Victoria Schneider, Jennifer Drygierczyk, and Will Zimmerman!

The Southwest Regional Art Show will be on display from February 9th-15th at the Commonwealth Gallery in Madison. The gallery is on the third floor of the building and is open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. All are welcome to support the great artwork created by our talented students from Brodhead Middle School. Three pieces from the Southwest Regional show will be selected to move on and put on display for the state show.



Left to right; Will Zimmerman, Rylee Helgestad (sixth grade), Victoria Schneider (seventh grade), Alexa Contreras Becerril (fifth grade), and Jennifer Drygierczyk (eighth grade)

Student Art Exhibit for the Southwest Regional Art Show

Brodhead Middle school students have been busy this year creating beautiful art in a variety of mediums. Several of Brodhead Middle school students will have their artwork on display for the W.A.E.A. Southwest Regional Student Art Exhibit in Madison. This year, teachers helped vote anonymously to help narrow down the top spots. There were several pieces created by each grade level using different mediums. "There are always so



Primary Tuesday, February 17



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Balanced budget for two years as Mayor without cutting services. Made presentations to several State committees which resulted in long term increases to our shared revenue received from the state of at least \$140,000 annually.

Member of the Optimist Club, Lions Club, American Legion and a member of the Living Word Church Men's group. During my last term as Mayor, I participated in many events and festivals in the City of Brodhead as an advocate for our small city lifestyle.

My wife and I are owners of several businesses and spend most of our time and money in Brodhead. I love my hometown and look forward to resuming my duties as Mayor.

Please vote on Tuesday, February 17, to help Brodhead become an even better place to live than it already is!

Paid for by Edward "Casey" Jones for Mayor



Jill Baxter for Mayor Moving Brodhead Forward, Together

- Proven leadership through four years of service on City Council
- Diligently worked to implement sound, responsible financial decisions at City Hall
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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 Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult

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Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Wednesday evening Impact Youth 6 p.m.

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

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

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United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. In-person worship at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARIES



Donald Laverne Newcomer

Mr. Donald Laverne Newcomer, 90, of Brodhead, died on Sunday, January 25, 2026, at home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on April 27, 1935, in Orfordville, Wisconsin to Orville and Alvina (Sellnow) Newcomer.

He was joined in marriage to both Barbara Marsden and to Delores Buchanan. Both preceded him in death.

Mr. Newcomer was employed by Fairbanks-Morse Defense in Beloit.

He is survived by his children: Donna (Roger) Brekken, Ronald (Carol) Newcomer, Julie (Gene) Burger, and Penny (Phalan) Voegli.

Stepchildren: Tina (Joe) Nalbach, Jimmy Buchanan, Vickie (Glenn) Gray, Robin Buchanan, and Tammy Mathis.

Also, many grandchildren, step grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

Preceded in death by his son, John Newcomer.

The funeral service was held on Friday, January 30, at 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Brodhead. Burial took place at Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. Friends visited at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

Grace-Bifulk Funeral Home, Albany, was honored to care for the Newcomer family.

Online condolences may be sent to agracefuneralhome.com.



Catherine Nipple

Catherine Nipple, of Albany, Wisconsin, died on Monday, February 2, 2026 after a three-year journey through pancreatic cancer. She would like to thank the wonderful, kind staff of the Monroe SSM Oncology Department for their love and care during this time.

She was born on St. Patrick's Day, 1948, to Guy and Carol (Broughton) Reasa. She was raised a "farm girl" and was proud of her rural heritage. Growing up on a 200-acre dairy farm between Attica and Dayton provided all the fun and trouble she and her brother, Michael, needed. There were always dogs, cats, calves, bunnies, and numerous other critters to love and care for as well as woods and farm fields to explore to their heart's content!

Catherine graduated from Monticello High School in 1966, Racine Kenosha County Teachers College in 1968, and UW Platteville in 1972 with a BS degree in Elementary Education. She also loved taking craft and cooking classes at Black Hawk Tech. Education was high priority in her lifetime.

While teaching fifth grade in Albany for three years, Catherine met her husband of 54 years, Willis Nipple. Catherine also worked at Swiss

Colony for nine years as a Communication Specialist and most recently was employed at CUNA Mutual Insurance Group as a Pension Technical Specialist. She loved to talk with people, so all these jobs fit her perfectly. She retired in 2008 from CUNA Mutual and loved her retirement.

During retirement, she had time to do all the things that she enjoyed like crafts, cooking, gardening, reading, and traveling. She took many one-day tours with Coach USA to Chicago, Milwaukee, and towns all over Southern Wisconsin and Illinois. She and her husband traveled overseas to Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Scotland, and Ireland.

Catherine is survived by her husband, Willis "Buck" Nipple; brothers and sisters-in-law: Carol Reasa, Nora Nipple, Garey (Connie) Niles, Warren (Penny) Nipple, and Gordon Nelson; aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. William U'Ren; and too many beloved nieces and nephews to list.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reasa, Mr. and Mrs. Cal Broughton; brother, Michael "Mick" Reasa; in-laws, Wayne Nipple; Walter (Lucy) Nipple; Lorraine Nelson, Audrey Nipple; nieces and nephews; and her sweet, dear friend, Kathleen Truethardt Gavigan.

Per Catherine's request there will be no funeral. She will be cremated and inurned with a private family memorial in Hillcrest Cemetery, Albany.

If you would like to remember Catherine, donations are suggested to the Green County Humane Society, Green Cares Food Pantry, or any pancreatic cancer research foundation. The Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe, is assisting the family. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomerfuneralhome.net.

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**Boneless
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The Juda Sports Boosters will be holding a Boneless Wings meal on Friday, February 13 starting at 5:30 p.m. A large meal is \$10 and includes 10 boneless wings; a small meal is \$6 and includes five boneless wings; both include celery, sweet treat and a beverage. The meal will be available at the concession stand plus full concession menu. Carryouts available.

Come cheer on the Juda girls' basketball team against Benton.

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No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.
~John 3:13 NKJV

Some people think there are many ways to heaven, However, the Bible, God's Word, tells us that Jesus is the only way. He is the only One to have come down from heaven and having fulfilled His purpose, to ascend there again. He promised that those who believe in Him will have eternal life. His supreme sacrifice on the cross was accepted by God as payment for our sins. Jesus died so that we might live. Will you trust Him today?
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Oakley Union UMC Soup Day

The Oakley Union UMC Soup Day will be held on Saturday, March 7, at the Juda Community Center. They will be serving from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will offer dine in or carry out.

Choice of soup: chili with beans, chili mac and loaded potato, brick cheese sandwich and choice of dessert.

Sweets for your Sweetie

The Brodhead United Methodist Church United Women in Faith are having a bake sale at the Bank of Brodhead lobby at 8:30 a.m. until all is sold on Friday, February 13. They will have a variety of cookies and candies for sale. The proceeds from this bake sale will go towards a scholarship for a high school senior. Valentine's Day is the next day so please come and buy something for your Sweetie!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

The Brodhead United Methodist Church United Women in Faith are having a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 17, at the Brodhead United Methodist Church from 5 to 7 p.m. It will be all you can eat. A free will offering will be taken which will go toward missions. The menu will be pancakes, sausage, ham, applesauce, cheese tray and coffee/milk/water.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5k and up will take place Monday, February 16th-Friday, March 13th^{13th}. Please stop down to City Hall between 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday, to sign your child up. After 4:30, registration packet(s) and payment can be placed in the drop box outside of City Hall. Anyone signing up after Friday, March 13th, if spots are still available, will pay a \$20 late fee. Registration forms are also available on the City of Brodhead website at www.cityofbrodheadwi.us

There are several leagues to accommodate the different age groups:
Girls: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and 14U 7-8 grade (\$50)

Boys: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and Pony's 7th grade (\$80)

Forms need to be completed and turned in with a fee by Friday, March 13th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call the Pool & Rec Department at 608-897-2159.

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

Brodhead Jaycees Announce Third Annual Dueling Pianos Fundraiser to Support New Splash Pad

The Brodhead Jaycees, in partnership with The Morse Group, are excited to announce their third annual Dueling Pianos and Silent Auction Fundraiser, an event aimed at bringing a brand-new community splash pad to Brodhead!

The fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 7, from 7-10 p.m. at Ludlow Mansion in Monroe, and promises an evening of live entertainment, community connection, and charitable giving. Proceeds from the event will directly support the development of a splash pad designed to be fun, inclusive, and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Community members and local businesses are encouraged to get involved through event sponsorships, silent auction donations, or ticket purchases. All forms of support help ensure the success of the event and the future splash pad project.

Those interested in sponsoring, purchasing tickets, or donating auction items are asked to contact Katie Porterfield at 608-921-1199 or brodheadjaycees@gmail.com, visit their Facebook page, or you can find the links online at brodheadjaycees.com.

The Brodhead Jaycees invite the community to join them for an evening of music, fun, and generosity while helping build a healthier, happier future for Brodhead!

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Albrecht Elementary accepting 4K and 5K applications

Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2026-2027 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four (4) by September 1st of this year, he/she will be eligible to attend school in the fall. New this year—ALL DAY 4K PROGRAM!!

You and your child are invited to participate in a special night set aside for incoming 4K children and their families. This year 4K Enrollment and Information Night will be held on Thursday, March 26th between 4 and 7 p.m. We are asking that you and your child sign up to attend one 1-hour session that evening.

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

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



Five generations

Left to right: Pat Ferguson, Bill Ferguson, Drayton Ferguson and Knox Ferguson; front row: Laurine Klossner.

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The family of

Donald Newcomer

would like to thank everyone for their thoughts and prayers at the time of his passing.

A special thank you to

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2025 Tax Assistance Appointments

Appointments are now available for free income tax preparation services for low to moderate income, elderly and disabled persons through the AARP Foundation/Tax-Aide program. Assistance provided includes the preparation of federal and state (including homestead) income taxes. Appointments are available in Monroe on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning February 4th through April 8th. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. and run until 11:30 a.m. at the Green County Government Services Building, N3152 State Road 81, Monroe. Please call the ADRC at 608-328-9499 to schedule an appointment.

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Parkview FFA Alumni Fund-raiser Dinner

On Saturday, February 28 from 5-9 p.m., head to the Orfordville American Legion Post 209 for a hearty Tri-Tip dinner complete with a baked potato, salad, rolls, and beans—all for just \$25. Enjoy an evening packed with fun and chances to win, including a gift card wall, silent auction items, and raffles throughout the night. Every ticket and bid helps make a difference—funds raised support scholarships for Parkview FFA members, assist students at the Rock County Fair, and help cover registration fees for leadership workshops. Come hungry, bring your friends, and help support the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Contact FFA Advisor Tjark Sattler at tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us to order tickets!

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

Congratulations to the Parkview-Albany wrestling team!! Boys finished fourth and girls finished sixth. Elijah Gunn and Serenity Pautsch placing first. Tavin Bomkamp and Peter Roth placing second. Avigale Pautsch third, Rylan Aasen and Case Cudney fourth. Balin Lacy sixth. The girls will be in Evansville on Friday the 13th and boys will be in Waterloo on Saturday the 14th to start the run to the Kohl Center!



Kennedy Zimmerman fights for a basket against Albany Monticello. She scored Brodhead's only 3-pointer in the game against Edgerton. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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All of the MS band students that participated. Photo by Diana Dougherty.

On Saturday, January 24th, many Brodhead Middle School Band members joined the High School Band to perform with the Pep Band at the Boys' Basketball game. The students energized the crowd with favorites like "Louie Louie," "Crazy Train," and "Eye of the Tiger." It was a fun and exciting night for everyone involved!

Brodhead Boys Go 1-1

In non-conference action Brodhead hosted Dodgeville in their first game of the week. The Dodgers came out loaded and took a commanding 41-10 first half lead. They put up 10-3 point shots, five each half. In the second half Cardinals Sam Searls, Josiah Blum and Logan Krupke combined to put up four from long range. Searls again led the Cards with 12 points. Dodgeville dominated in total rebound, field goals and steals giving them an easy 74-32 win.

Back in action on Thursday, the Cardinals revamped at Delavan Darien. Coming together as a team Brodhead was tied, 27 all with the Comets at the break. The teams kept it close to the very end. Landen Malcook who was scoreless in the first put up 15 points in the second half. Three additional Cardinals would score double digits; Braylon Strehlow 16, Searls 18 and Nolan Bump 20 points. It came down to free throws where Brodhead finished ahead shooting 62% to 48% for DD to seal a 75-69 road victory.

Brodhead traveled to Juda on Tuesday and conference lead Edgerton on Thursday.



Flute players Ayva Perez, Alivia Scheidegger and Amelia Daly

Girls Basketball look to Rebound this Week

As you walked into the gym last Monday when Cardinal girls hosted Albany-Monticello, the atmosphere was that of a playoff game. Both teams had huge fan support. Annalise Bethke and Allie Dahl were back in the line up with Dahl's injured ankle double wrapped. Dahl was limited to five points in the opening half. Rebounding and maintaining possession of the ball were key. At the half the teams were knotted at 27 each. The Space Stallions outpaced the Cards with nine steals but it was Brodhead's 22 turnovers that were so costly. The final score, 59-47 gave Albany the victory. Dahl led her team with 16 points and 10 rebounds, she was also 5 -for -5 from the stripe. Albany's Heidi Olson was outstanding with 11-of-11 from the free throw line and totaled 26 points. She was aided by Emma Thompson's 12 rebounds. With Albany Monticello moved to D4, these two teams have a high probability of a rematch during the playoffs.

In the rematch against Edgerton on Thursday, the Cardinals were overpowered by the Crimson Tide. With a 9-35 score at the break, Edgerton went on to seal a 63-31 win. Kennedy Zimmerman was a highlight scoring the lone 3-point basket of the night for Brodhead, Taiya Hawkins was solid from the stripe and Ella Olson was the high scorer for the team.

This week the team traveled to Big Foot on Tuesday with Evansville coming to town on Friday. Evansville has edged out Brodhead for second place in the conference. Playoff action begins the last week of February.

Cayetano-Pueblita RVC Champ Girls Division

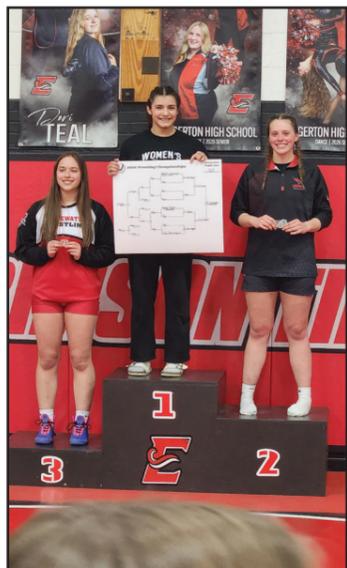
Rock Valley Conference wrestling was held in Edgerton with the girls division on Friday and the boys participating on Saturday.

Thomas Lohmar—120, finished in second place, with Kolten Bollig of Evansville taking the crown. Todd Hall, Jr.—144, finished in fourth place. Logan Berzinski—215, finished in eighth place.

For the girls, Lilly Scheidegger—165 finished in second place, behind Natalia Jesberger of Delavan Darien. HaLinda Lewis—152, earned fifth place after pinning Ava Hunt of Evansville. Serena Santiago—145, finished fourth. Olivia Brooks—138 earned fifth place. Ashlyn Cayetano-Pueblita—132, was crowned RVC Champ by securing pins of her challengers. Hayden Lewis—120, finished second behind Peyton Greiving of Jefferson. Ja'lynn Amundson—107 finished in third place.

The girls participated at the Parkview/Albany girls competition last Monday. All of the Cardinal women saw success on the mat.

Regionals will take place on Saturday at Richland Center for the boys and in Evansville for the girls. Sectionals are on Saturday, February 21st at Richland Center.



Eliza and Lillian Sievers, sisters playing pep band together



Gavin (Brodhead alum) and his nephew Gunnar played sousaphone together.

Roar Into Reading

Albrecht Elementary had their Roar Into Reading closing program Thursday, January 29th. They had fun dancing to Albrecht's version of Walk the Dinosaur dance and watching the winning teachers and students compete in the Jurassic Obstacle Course. Students read 150,799 minutes in four weeks! Great job everyone!



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Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Spring 2026 programs

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

The Friends of the Durand Library is very pleased to offer several talks and events in the coming months. It is gratifying to host these programs for the community. However, the strength of the Friends is being challenged as we strive to provide library services for the community.

How so? The sad fact is that the number of patrons who actually visit the library to check out books is quite low: a few "regulars" and an occasional new patron is the norm. This makes for a very quiet place, and without people walking through the door, it is tough to get and hold volunteers to man the desk.

Nevertheless, several programs are set up for this spring to which everyone is welcome. Below is what we have organized, and we do so with great pleasure. Programs have been well attended and enjoyed.

Here's what we had recently and have planned for spring.

First we would like to mention a recently offered three part series on "jerks" in Chicago history by Brad Keyes. We learned about the rampant corruption of officials, criminal police behavior, mob activity and cavalier businessmen.

The next program, Antiques Q&A, will have taken place by print time Tuesday, February 10. We look forward to having an interested group of people who love old things to bring in some items for Jay Friberg, to discuss. He is a recently retired antiques dealer with 20 years experience.

Bingo for Kids! This event is on Saturday, February 21 at 10 a.m. No charge, of course, and prizes offered. All children through sixth grade are invited, homeschooled as well as Durand School students.

The Stagecoach Trail, a road which most of us have traveled heading west, is an important part of the history of this area. Jon McGinty, who writes for Northwestern magazine, will show us and tell us much more Saturday, February 28 at 10 a.m. about the stagecoach era.

Saturday, March 14 Jack Liston, a Lake Summerset resident, will help us figure out which of the old watches we hang on to have any value.

And we are so pleased to have the following three all expense paid talks through the Illinois Humanities Council.

Mike Matejka, a student of the railroad history in America, will help us understand how railroads influenced the development of the Midwest—altering the economy, society and culture in so many ways. He will speak Tuesday, March 24 at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 28 Bucky Halker, an American academic, music historian, labor activist, singer and songwriter, will entertain and educate us about the iconic Woody Guthrie and the time period in which Woody lived.

And ending the season will be some Cajun music by fiddler Dennis Stroughmatt who will energize us with his snappy melodies and stories of the French connection in Illinois.

Please attend and enjoy all these free events hosted by the Friends of the Durand Library. For more information email villagelibrary@cusd.org or call 815-289-8602. And please consider joining us to continue making programs and library service available to the community.



By Laura Roth,
 Children's Librarian

Grandpas really do lots of great things, like playing hide-and-seek, making sandcastles, looking at photographs and playing games! That's what Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library discovered last week. How to Babysit a Grandpa (by Reagan) and What Grandpas do best (by Numeroff) were favorites this time around. The kiddos worked on putting story events in order and had a grand time talking about grandpas. The craft was a handprint over a cut-out heart. When the heart was removed, there was the word "Grandpa," showing how much love there is for grandpa!

Next week, the books will focus on the theme Animals and Nature with several stories about hippos. Fiona the Hippo (by Cowdrey) is the true story of a hippo born at the Cincinnati Zoo. One Red Sock (by Sattler) inspired the sock sorting game the preschoolers will play and But Not the Hippopotamus (by Boynton), a fun rhyming almost-chant, which invites the preschoolers to join in the reading. Story Time will end with a video of the real Fiona!

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m., before the library officially opens, which allows the preschoolers to have a rowdy good time. (It can get a bit loud!) Participation continues to go up, but there's plenty of room for new friends. Won't you come see us?



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

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

- AGENDA**
- I. Call to Order by President Pflingsten
 - II. Roll Call
 - Dennis Pflingsten
 - Pat Daniels Jen Brooks
 - Eric Munz Kendra Sullivan
 - Jessica Matzke Rustin Whitney
 - III. Pledge of Allegiance
 - IV. Proof of Notice
 - V. Acceptance of Agenda
 - VI. Open Forum
 - VII. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion; however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
 1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on January 14, 2026
 2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
 3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
 4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
 5. Donations (Action)
 - VIII. Reports
 1. School Staff/Student Report
 - Senior seminar review/drones/jumpers
 2. School Board President's Report
 - School Board Convention
 - Board Elections
 - Legislative Updates
 3. Administrator Report
 - Staffing Updates
 - Strategic Plan
 - Review of events/Upcoming events
 - Recreation Department Update
 - Other updates as necessary
 - IX. Referendum Updates
 - Data Wrangler/Energy Savings update
 - X. Policy 25.1 Update: Discussion/Action
 - XI. High School Course Book Review: Discussion/Action
 - XII. Five Minute Recess
 - XIII. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
 - a. Discuss Administrator Contract
 - XIV. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
 - XV. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action) March 11, 2026
 - XVI. Adjournment

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Farmers of the Sugar River Will Hold Annual Meeting in Albany February 18, 2026

Farmers and other interested individuals are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Farmers of the Sugar River, a producer-led watershed protection group. The annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, at the Albany Lions Club. This year's meeting will have a variety of guest speakers. There will be time for networking with other farmers and a hot lunch provided by the Lions Club. The doors open at 9:30 a.m. for registration and the program will start at 10 a.m. The day will conclude by 3:15 p.m. The cost is \$10 at the door.

The day is full of a variety of topics. We'll start out the morning hearing about how high oleic soybeans might fit into a dairy ration, then talk about the movement of nitrate and other contaminants in our groundwater, and learn from two farmers who are using virtual fencing with collars to graze their livestock. And after lunch, we'll learn about living with beavers, the good they might do and what a beaver deceiver is. To wrap up the day, we'll hear about the statewide cover crop data network and their five years of collecting cover crop information from farmers.

Please RSVP with Tonya Gratz at the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department either by email Tonya.Gratz@wi.nacdn.net phone 608-325-4195 ext 2684 or text 608-426-2218 by Friday, February 13 so an accurate lunch count can be provided.

The Farmers of the Sugar River board organizes this annual meeting to create a space for farmers to get together, learn new things to use on their land, or understand more about the world we live in. The group also offers field days, an annual shop talk, opportunities to network with other farmers and incentive payments for conservation practices that promote soil health, which in turn improve our water quality. The group has received annual grants from the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) to support their work.

POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department February 2-8, 2025

At 6:56 p.m., Wednesday, Deputies responded to the W900 block of Mohns Clark Road, in the Town of Spring Grove, for a reported disturbance. The investigation resulted in Nicholas S. Rowley, 30, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, battery, and false imprisonment (falling under Wisconsin's domestic abuse laws). Rowley was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

RESIDENTIAL SEARCH WARRANT RESULTS IN ARREST

On Thursday, February 5, 2026 at approximately 6:30 a.m., the Green County Sheriff's Office assisted by the WI Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation executed a residential search warrant in the 300 block of S. Mill Street, in the Village of Albany, County

of Green. The search warrant stemmed from an investigation into Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) conducted by the Sheriff's Office Detective Division.

The investigation started with three cyber-tips through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) being referred to the Sheriff's Office. The Green County Sheriff's Office is a Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force affiliate agency and commonly receives NCMEC tips for further investigation. The investigation into the cyber-tips identified reported media depicting child sexual abuse material (CSAM), commonly referred to as child pornography. During the execution of the search warrant, Jerry A. Pagel, 67, of Albany, was taken into custody and booked into the Green County Jail on a charge of obstructing/resisting an officer. This is a misdemeanor offense for which Pagel can bond out of custody.

The Green County Sheriff's Office is leading this investigation and was assisted by the Wisconsin Department of Criminal Investigations Digital Forensics Unit. At the time

Brodhead High School honor roll for first semester

Brodhead High School is pleased to announce the students who achieved honor roll for the first semester of the 2025-2026 school year. Students who achieved a 3.00-3.49 grade point average are placed on the "B" honor roll. Students who achieved a 3.50-4.00 grade point average are placed the "A" honor roll.

The following students are "A" honor roll students—seniors: David Bennett, Annelise Bethke, Jayde Blizard, Jayden Clark, Jasmine Collier, Alecia Dahl, Danica Demrow, Jordan Dix, Jenna Dougherty, Gracie Fields, Taiya Hawkins, Gretchen Kammerer, Lucas Keating, Leilah King, Karli Krumwiede, Lily Kuebli, Kara Lohmar, Hannah Masloske, Bryce McIntosh, Mara Meichtry, Jordan Menehan, Hannah Menzel, Riley Meythaler, Kayla Perry, Sophia Riemer, Brynn Riesterer, Aiden Rossetti, Keegan Steinke, Lane Visger, Savannah Walder.

Juniors: Emberly Ast, Divia Benitez Becerril, Logan Berzinski, Josiah Blum, Dakota Carlson, Kylee Cole, Ciarrh Condon, Evelyne Droessler, Brielle Engen, Laney Fraley-Markley, Maddie Hawkins, Bradyn Lundgren, Landen Malcook, Madison Melvin, Brooke Mueller, Leah Rear, Avery Rufer, Lily Scheidegger, Chyenne Schumacher, Elliana Shank, Lillian Sievers, Kane Smital, Braylon Strehlow, Kyra Thompson, Isabela Valentin, Abigail Vickers, Chesney Walker, Izabelle Ware, Rayna Wincell.

Sophomores: Ellie May Allen, Alexandria Andrews, Aiden Arn, Beck Benton, Donovan Bishop, Lucille Buchanan, Abigail Elmer, Hayden Elmer, Madalyn Henning, Gabriyel Jones, Petyon Jordan, Ashton King, Logan Krupke, Thomas Lohmar, Molly McCullough, Kelvin Miller, Matthew Nordeng, Sawyer Phillips, Natalie Pierce, Jenna Pinnow, Brooklynne Ramirez, Liliana Santiago, Kylie Schooff, Wyatt Valentin, Karissa Whitehead, Abigail Withrow, Isabelle Yoshida, Kennedy Zimmerman.

Freshman: Jai'lynn Amundson, Natalia Baldazzi, Elena Boston,

Arnott Buxton, Bella Byrd, Ashley Cayetano Pueblita, Colton Donnelly, Macy Gretebeck, Jessica Guadalupe Mondragon, Derek Hadley, Josie Hatter, Gracie Hefty, Alexa Jansen, Landen Kammerer, Lennon Krattiger, Kinsley Kumwiede, Paola Lemus Hernandez, Jameson Lenthe, Hayden Lewis-Usher, Annah Loss, Cheyenne Melvin, Ella Olson, Keira Owen, Laetin Peterson, Elise Rear, Montana Restivo, Brant Riesterer, Isabella Santiago-Aguilar, Brody Shelly, Emma Shelly, Brycen Spahr, Chesney Speich, Madalyn Stephenson, Noah Tuttle, Jayden Wade, Liam Watts, Elise Williams, Sadie Woelky.

The following students are "B" honor roll students—seniors: Reese Anderson, Taya Anderson, Madilyn Arnold, Emma Elsner, Leila Elsner, Aidan Haegle, Brynn Harris, Hailey Heffernan, Dane Huffman, Addie Leifker, Simon Moore, Marvin Paniagua-Moreno, Megan Pinnow, Franco Ramirez, Serena Santiago, Gauge Smith, Tyler Steiner, Jorge Villalva, Elise Vock, Laney Weis, Aubrie Yoshida.

Juniors: Grayson Arn, Makayla Babel, Chase Bauman, Silas Begay, Khloe Coplien, Lelin Doyle, Mackenzie Harding, Jalynn Jones, Wyatt Keyser, Treyton Leutenegger, Jayden Nehls, Kate Olmedo, Tyler Picard, Dylan Ross, Raya Santiago, Landon Santiago-Aguilar.

Sophomores: Josslyn Anderson, Wyatt Anderson, Tarryn Condon, Jason Doyle, Shane Doyle, Riley Durling, Anya Fritz, Randy Hadley, Penelope Logan, Desiree Mahlkuch, Analeigh Martinez, Isabelle Menzel, Mazilynn Miller, Jasmine Nehls, Miranda Nelson, Lily Raupp, Dakota Schumacher, Matthew Schupbach, William Searls, Ethan Strommen, Gabrielle Wenger.

Freshman: La'niya Babbitt, Bentley Bradt, Steven Carlson, Yankel De La Cruz Becerril, Odin Fowler, Harper Gibbons, Jenna Grosshuesch, Joshua Hasselmann, Eli Mertens, Brooklyn Painter, Zaelynn Pryce, Emily Steele, Conner Tracy, Cooper Updike.

of this release Pagel is no longer in custody. The investigation remains active and no additional releases are planned at this time.

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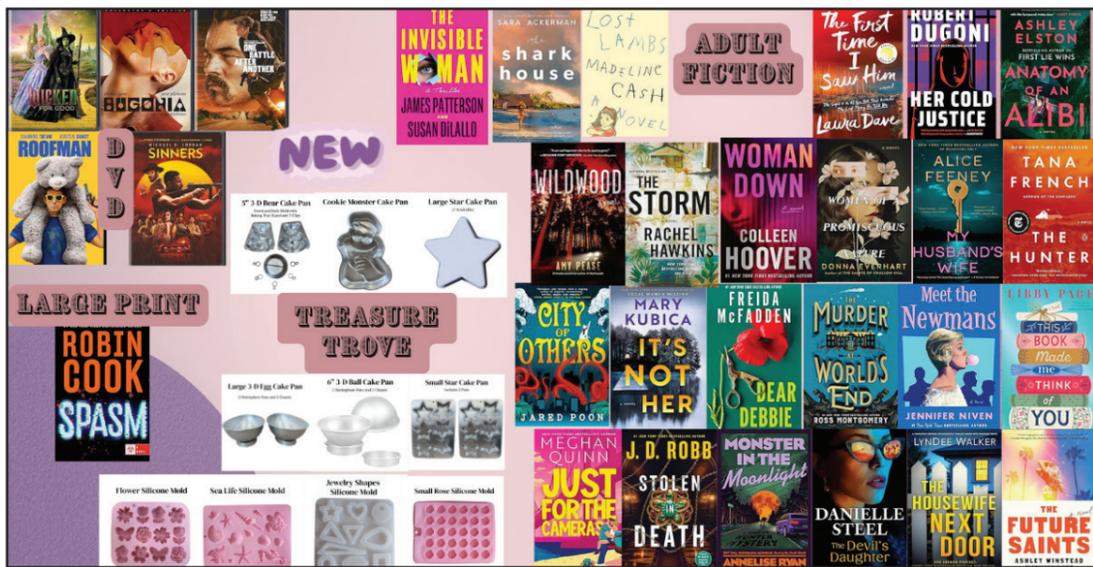
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Dear Debbie by Freida McFadden, The Murder at World’s End (Stockingham & Pike Book 1) by Ross Montgomery, Meet the Newmans by Jennifer Niven, This Book Made Me Think of You by Libby Page, The Invisible Woman by James Patterson and Susan DiLallo, Wildwood (The Stars Beneath Book 2) by Amy Pease, City of Others (The DEUS Files Book 1) by Jared Poon, Just for the Cameras (Bay Area Players Book 1) by Meghan Quinn, Stolen in Death (In Death Book 62) by J.D. Robb, Monster in the Moonlight (Monster Hunter Mysteries Book 4) by Annelise Ryan, The Devil’s Daughter by Danielle Steel, The Housewife Next Door by LynDee Walker, and The Future Saints by Ashley Winstead.

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Local Family Purchases Longstanding Auto Repair Shop, Launches Blizard Auto Repair

A familiar name in the community has a new chapter as a local family steps into ownership of the former Systec Auto Repair and prior to that former Kuby’s Automotive, now operating as Blizard Auto Repair.

Angela and Jamison Blizard, lifetime residents of the area, officially assumed ownership of the business at the start of the year with a commitment to maintaining the shop’s reputation for quality workmanship while strengthening its ties to the community. Angela and Jamison have three children, Dayton Menehan, Addy and Ellie Blizard and a future daughter in law, Kassy Berget, all of whom have been born and raised in Brodhead.

The business, located just outside Brodhead, is a trusted destination for automotive maintenance and repair. Under the Blizards’ leadership, the shop will continue to offer the same services customers have relied on, including routine maintenance, diagnostics, engine repair, and tire services—all performed by the skilled team that has served the community for years. “We have over 75 years of combined automotive experience under our roof,” said Jamison Blizard.

“We were drawn to this business because of its strong foundation and the incredible team already in place,” said Angela Blizard. “Our goal is to build on that legacy—not change it—while bringing our own passion for service, community, and growth.”

Jamison Blizard, who brings extensive mechanical expertise to the business, started as a technician as a youth apprentice. He worked for 16 years in independent repair shops in Brodhead before joining the Kelly Moss team in Fitchburg in 2016. There, he participated in building custom project cars, mostly Porsches, that have been featured at SEMA in Las Vegas, has had projects featured in multiple magazines and has lead teams building race cars for the “Pike’s Peak International Hill Climb” for multiple seasons.

Blizard Auto Repair will continue to operate with the same experienced technicians, ensuring continuity for existing customers. The Blizards also plan to invest in ongoing training and professional development for their staff, reinforcing their commitment to high-quality service.

Beyond automotive work, the couple hopes to make Blizard Auto Repair a community-centered business—one that partners with local organizations, supports youth programs, and creates opportunities for future technicians through education and hands-on learning.

“We believe in small-town values and supporting local,” Angela said. “We want Blizard Auto Repair to be more than just a repair shop—we want it to be a place where people feel welcomed, respected, and confident in the care they receive. We look forward to collaborating with other area shops and creating a community of solid, trustworthy service.”

Blizard Auto Repair operates under the tagline “Experience. Passion. Service.”, a reflection of the Blizards’ approach to both business and community.

For more information or to schedule service, customers can visit Blizard Auto Repair at www.Blizardautorepair.com, on Facebook, give us a call at 608-897-4889 or stop by the shop right outside Brodhead at W896 Ten Eyck Road, during regular business hours—Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.



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Albrecht Elementary pop tab contest

The TOTAL team held a pop tab contest at Albrecht Elementary School the weeks of January 19-23. Grade levels competed against each other to see who could bring in the most pop tabs. The school collected a total of \$139.50 (310 pounds) worth of pop tabs. The pop tab proceeds will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House in Madison. The Ronald McDonald House provides lodging and meals to families of those with children admitted to American Family Children’s Hospital. The donation will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House by the TOTAL team in the spring. Congratulations to the third graders for winning the contest. Pictured are the winning third grade classrooms. A special thank you to Kid Connection for providing the popcorn for the winning classes.



On Wednesday, February 4, readers of all ages joined together to celebrate World Read Aloud Day, which reaches readers in more than 170 countries. The annual event encourages people to read aloud together and celebrate the power of stories.

To extend our audience and impact, some seventh-grade students in Mrs. Tresemmer’s class at Brodhead Middle School read stories to Ms. Zoe Tresemmer’s first-grade classroom at Summit Environmental School in La Crosse, Wisconsin. Two first-grade students also read aloud to our middle school class. Everyone involved enjoyed the read-aloud and looks forward to doing it again soon.

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