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# Stuart Bisbee new Brodhead **Memorial Public Library** director

My name is Stuart Bisbee and I am excited to be the new library director for the Brodhead Memorial Public Library! I have seven years of experience working in public libraries, which includes my recent position as the library director in Blanchardville, Wisconsin, the adult services librarian in Richland Center, Wisconsin, and an internship at Milwaukee Public Library while I was getting my master's in library science from UW-Milwaukee. Prior to my work in public libraries, I worked both as an elementary school teacher and seasonally as an

outdoor education teacher at Camp Tiber-lee in East Troy, Wisconsin.

Outside of working, I live in Monroe with my wife and two-year-old daughter. We are also expecting another baby early march of this year. In my free time I enjoy running, reading, and language learning.

I am excited to meet and learn from community members here in Brodhead! I want the library to be more than just a space for books but also a community center that is welcoming and engaging. Please feel free to stop in and introduce yourself.



# First Baby of 2024 Contest

These fine area business are pleased to welcome the first baby in the Brodhead area of 2024 with the following gifts:

\$25 gift certificate from Keeping Up With The Jones, \$25 gift certificate from Firebolt Stone Oven Pizza and Coffee, 5x7 area rug from Bob's Carpets, \$50 deposited into a Sammy Savers account and a Piggy Bank from Bank of Brodhead, \$25 gift certificate from Sugar River Loft and \$25 Pig Card from Brodhead Free Press.

First Baby Contest

The rules are:

- 1. The parents of the baby must reside in the Brodhead School Dis-
- 2. Parents wishing to be considered in the Firstborn Contest must contact the Brodhead Free Press within one week of the birth.
- 3. The contest will continue until a winner is declared.

One family will win all prizes listed.

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Left-Juda's Rianna Sullivan #45 looks to the ref for a foul against Cardinal player Taiya Hawkins, and gets the call.

#### Right-

Gretchen Kammerer saw action as point guard for Brodhead. All the Cardinal players participated in the game against Juda. Brodhead is 3-2 in the Rock Valley-Rock division and 8-5 overall. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)

GOOD YEAR



Brodhead Optimist members Nancy Sutherland and Doug Pinnow present a check to TOOL adviser Stephanie Tresemer.

# **Donations given for Senior** Citizen Holiday Luncheon

Brodhead Middle School hosted the Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon in December. The Brodhead Optimists and the Bank of Brodhead Bus Group made generous monetary contributions to support the event. Area businesses, including Caked by Paige, First Center Floral, Piggly Wiggly, and Decatur Dairy, as well as community members, Brodhead students, and staff donated items as door prizes. The guests are also welcome to make monetary donations to offset luncheon expenses each year. The outpouring of support for this annual event makes it possible for BMS and the TOOL team to host again next December!





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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Rev. Tom Moe, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch.com.

Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor Rick Gleason. 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. Online worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Brodhead Church of the Nazarene, 1004 13th Street. Pastor Ken Lawson. Adult worship 10-11 a.m.; children's church 10-11a.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other Sunday at 8:45 a.m. Nursery care 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. Online Critical Thinking Course Tuesday at 7 p.m. via ZOOM, in-person Wednesday at 11:30 a.m. at church through January 2024.

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.

#### **ACADEMICS**

#### TAWNEY SEVERSON NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST AT UW-SUPERIOR

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Tawney Severson of Albany to the Dean's List for academic achievement during the fall 2023 semester.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

#### ALEXIS ROTE NAMED TO COLUMBIA COLLEGE FALL 2023 SEMESTER DEAN'S LIST

Columbia College recently announced its dean's list for the Fall 2023 Semester (August-December 2023). To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed 12 credit hours in a 16-week period and achieved a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0-point scale.

Among those named to the dean's list is Alexis Rote, of Davis, Illinois, who attended Freeport—Illinois

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evening service. Wednesday 6 p.m. service.

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, 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 Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jadyn Manjrekar. 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. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

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.

# 36 Snows To Go!

# **VOLLEYBALL**

#### Sunday Night Volleyball

Season standings: I'd Smack That won 30 lost 0, The Goon Squad 23-7, That's What She Set 22-8, One Hit Wonders 21-9, Victorious Secret 21-9, Net Ninjas 17-13, All Sets are Off 12-18, Nirvana 10-20, Chewblocka 7-23, Killer Serves 7-23, Super Soy 6-24, Valued Volleyers 4-26.

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## **OBITUARIES**



# Christine Marie Elmer

With sad regret, we announce the passing of Christine Marie Elmer, 39, of Loveland, Colorado. Christine was born in Oklahoma City on April 21, 1984.

Christine spent her early child-hood in Half Moon Bay, California before her family relocated to Monticello, Wisconsin, where she spent the majority of her grade school years. Though she attended high school in Cape Coral, Florida, she completed her final semester in Brodhead, becoming a 2002 graduate of Brodhead High School in Brodhead. A natural beauty with a vibrant, adventurous attitude,

Christine created a life that she was proud of and thoroughly enjoyed. As a young adult she lived in various locations including Girdwood Alaska, where she discovered her love of travel and adventure. She earned her associate degree in environmental engineering at Colorado Mountain College in Steamboat Springs, paying her own tuition and working full time as she attended classes. The yearning to be a homeowner and further establish her life and career brought her back to Janesville, where she bought a small house with a big, fenced yard for her dog. She later realized she missed the mountains and their promise of adventure, so she sold her house and purchased her own Rocky Mountain getaway. Throughout Christine's exceptional life, her travels, either solo or with family, took her to Thailand, Costa Rica, Italy, Switzerland, France, the Netherlands, England, Barcelona, Mexico, South America, Peru, Belize, Greece, Columbia and Africa. Christine was employed by the City of Loveland Power Department as an Electrical Designer and thrived in her position. She thoroughly loved her job and her work family, many who went above and beyond to offer their assistance in her time of need. Upon learning she had little time left, she immediately chose to spend it with family. She and her dog, Max, came back to Wisconsin where they were enveloped in

the love and comfort of a large and boisterous family. The many precious moments, raucous laughs, jeep rides and dirt bike lessons provided by Christine will forever be cherished.

Christine is survived by her father and stepmother, Jerry and Ann-Marie Elmer of Magnolia, Wisconsin; her mother, Cindy Elmer of Three Rivers, Michigan; her siblings: Christi Rusch (Jason Cleasby), Courtney Elmer, Cassie Elmer Gonwa (Ryan Gonwa), Nick (Danielle) Elmer, Kiah (Neil) Rashke, and Derek Tulla; her nieces and nephews: Roman Gonwa, Jack, Ali, Brielle and Scott Elmer, Oliver, Evelyn and Gerald Rashke; her grandmother, Jackie Elmer; step grandparents, Frank and Carol Gombar; several aunts and uncles; an honorary brother, Christopher (Andrew) Renehan-Hoster; a beloved dog Max and many other friends and relatives.

She was preceded in death by her grandfathers: Earl Elmer and Tad Lenczycki and grandmother Doris Lenczycki.

Private family services will take place at a later date. Burial of her cremated remains will also take place at a later date at the Maple Hill Cemetery in Evansville, Wisconsin.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting with the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



# Gladys Mae Williams

Gladys Mae Williams, age 90, of Brodhead, passed away Saturday, January 6, 2024 at Aster Assisted Living in Monroe, Wisconsin.

Gladys was born June 19, 1933 to William and Ada (Legler) Buehl. She grew up on a farm in Monticello, Wisconsin, was her High School Prom Queen and graduated from Monticello High School in 1951 as the class Salutatorian.

She married the love of her life, Walter Williams, at St John's Evangelical Church in Monroe on September 19, 1954.

They farmed and she worked at Voegeli Chevrolet in Monticello, and after her and Walter rented a farm in 1961 in Juda, , she then worked for Helland's Food and Locker.

Besides helping on the farm with the dairy and assisting Wal-

ter with the fieldwork, she enjoyed gardening, maintaining her flowers and just being outside. When inside, she loved to cook and bake for Walt while also keeping up with five children—four boys and one girl. While farming in Juda the family attended the United Methodist Church of Juda where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school. Gladys loved all kinds of dancing with Walter from the polka and the waltz to even ballroom dancing.

Gladys and Walter purchased a farm south of Brodhead, where they raised their five children. During the time they farmed in Brodhead, she worked for the FSA Farm Services Agency in Monroe for over 10 years assisting local farmers. After retiring and moving from the farm, Gladys enjoyed traveling with Walt and going camping to places all over Wisconsin, as well as wintertime camping to Florida and Arizona. She loved her family deeply, including grandchildren and great grandchildren and was always happy when they visited and were around or when she could go and enjoy seeing them in sports, dance, racing or whatever they may have been involved in.

After her husband's death in 2019, she was blessed to have so many friends where she lived, at the Brodhead Senior Village. She enjoyed the group's many social events as well as sitting outside in the afternoon and evening to enjoy visits from her many neighbors and friends.

Gladys is survived by five chil-

dren: Jeffrey (Karen) Williams of Brodhead, Jennifer (Guy) Dion of Brodhead, Douglas (Terri) Williams of Evansville, Bradley (Marci) Williams of Brodhead and Joel (Suzonne) Williams of Keithville, Louisiana; 11 grandchildren: Ashley Williams (Chris Zimbroski), Danyelle (Tyler) Bollig, Kyle Hudnall (Fonda Sanyaolu), Andy Smith, Alex Smith (Stephanie Wolfe), Aleah (Brody) Kidd, Parker (Violet) Williams, Jayden Williams, Onnika Williams, Elise Williams and Jake (Kristen) Williams; and great grandchildren: Sawyer, Ashlynn, Paxley, Oaklynn, Stetson, Jack, Ezra, Maiken, Zadie, Presleigh, Noah, Chandler and Luca.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, William and Ada Buehl, spouse, Walter Williams, sister, Bertha Miller, brother, William Buehl, Jr. and a daughter-in-law, Jan Wil-

A visitation will take place at the United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue on Saturday, January 13, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Funeral services will begin immediately following at the United Methodist Church at 12 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded at a later date

Memorials can be directed to United Methodist Church in Brodhead.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneral-home.com.

# A LITTLE GOOD NEWS



"Few things can help an individual more than to place responsibility on him, and to let him know that you trust him." 
~Booker T. Washington



#### **ACTIVITIES** AROUND TOWN

#### BANK OF BRODHEAD BUS TRIPS

The Bank of Brodhead is sponsoring two upcoming trips. The first trip is to Virginia Beach, Colonial Williamsburg and Norfolk. The trip dates are April 6-14, 2024. It includes Virginia Beach Boardwalk, visit to Colonial Williamsburg, narrated Norfolk Naval Base Harbor Cruise, admission to the Nauticus and Battleship Wisconsin, visit to Mariners' Museum and Park and Virginia Beach Aquarium and Marine Science Center. The price for the trip is \$1,219 per person double occupancy.

The second trip is to Mount Rushmore, Badlands and Black Hills. The dates for this trip are September 8-14, 2024. Features include Mount Rushmore National Museum, Tour of Wildlife Loop Road at Custer State Park, admission to the Unique Journey Museum, tour of Deadwood, visit to the Crazy Horse Memorial and a visit to the Badlands National Park. The price for this trip is \$939 per person double

To signup or for more information call Sue Schmelzer at 608-897-2676 or 608-558-8797 or email sschmelzer@charter.net.

#### PARK AND REC SUMMER APPLICATIONS

Applications will be available at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department beginning Wednesday, January 3rd, for summer 2024 em-

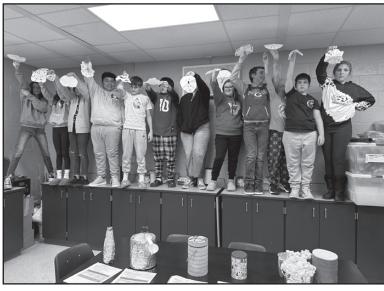
14 years old and a freshman in high school: basket window attendant, concessions cashier, playground instructor and umpiring;

15 years old: lifeguarding;

16 years old: park maintenance

Applicants must qualify for a work permit (14 years of age and in high school) to be considered. Applications are available at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (http:// www.citvofbrodheadwi.us) and are due to the Parks and Recreation Director by Thursday, February 29th. If you have any questions, please call the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159





# Adult coloring event at **Orfordville Public Library**

Spend the afternoon of Thursday, January 11, at the Orfordville Public Library relaxing with other adult coloring enthusiasts. There will be coloring supplies provided or feel free to bring your own. All are welcome to participate. Registration is not necessary. This event sponsored by the Friends of Greater Orfordville Area Library begins at 1 p.m.

# **Brodhead Community** Blood Drive

The Brodhead Community Blood Drive will be held Monday, February 5, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead. More donors are need for blood this winter. February can be a challenging time to collect enough blood to meet patient needs due to weather and illness. Will you help out? Sign up to give with the Red Cross!

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcrossblood.org. Use sponsor code: BrodheadWI. Walk-ins welcome! You can save up to 15-minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

Donating blood only takes about an hour. Can you spare one?

# **Basketball** contest

The highest scoring game was the boys' Delavan-Darien at Clinton, 75-61. The winner of this week's basketball contest was a three way tie with two incorrect games. The winners were Doug Rezner—70 points, Brodhead; and Eric Von Allmen --- 80 points and Curt Elmer—80 points, both of Albany. The following also had two incorrect: Paul Clark-83 points and Brian Malkow-83 points, both of Brodhead.

Left-Students in Brodhead Middle School sixth grade science class recently competed see who could create the fastest falling snowflake and the slowest falling snowflake out of a sheet paper. Pictured here are the competitors from fourth and fifth hour science classes.



#### Free Electronic Waste Recycling Event

Green County Residents Only — No Businesses Monday, January 15 - Friday, January 19, 2024 from 7 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Green County Landfill, W2002 CTH SS, Brodhead 608-897-8605

No need to pre-register, proof of Green County residency required.

# RINGO!!

# **BIG CASH PAYOUTS!!**

(Running Progressive Pot)

Thursday, January 11 Continuing 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month!

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m. Food stand open at 5:30 p.m.

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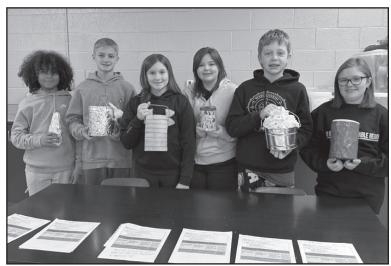
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# **Homemade Thermal Insulating** Containers Challenge

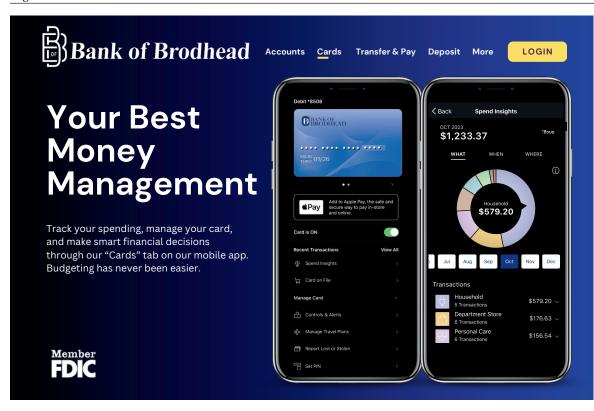
The following students won the Homemade Thermal Insulating Container Challenge: Jaiden Cephas, Cullen Risum, Katie Crum, Wren Oswald, Callum Buchanan, and Molly Arn.

Cullen's container only lost 6.5 degrees Centigrade/Celcius and earned him first place. Katie Crum's container was close behind with 6.6 degrees lost in 30 minutes time. Watch out Yeti Brands you may have some competi-

# Thank you Brodhead **Health and Fitness**

Thank you Brodhead Health and Fitness Center for letting 11 Middle School students workout at your facility for their minicourse morning. They had a lot of fun doing a cardio circuit workout in the big room, as well as pumping some iron on the free weights and machines. They appreciate you sharing your space with us!

Back row, left to right: Jaiden Rosheisen, Carson Seichter aka "Big Man", Tyson Kraft, Wyatt Anderson, Arnott Buxton, Abner Paniagua-Moreno; front row: Paige Swan, Isabelle Yoshida, Cheyenne Marass, Brooklyn Painter, and Ava Gibbons.



# P.Z.ES ARTHERI C.Z.ES ARTHERI ARTHERI

Katie Brooks #31 for Juda feels the pressure of Onni Williams #34 of Brodhead. Brooks was the high scorer for the Panthers but it was not enough as the Cardinals won 76-18. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Taiya Hawkins for Brodhead scored nine points in the contest. This week Brodhead, in nonconference action, will host JohnsonCreekonThursday, and Friday, Monroe, now part of the Rock Valley Conference, will come to BHS. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



At Polo, lef to right: Slater Valley, Sam Schwengels, Danny Finley, Wes Egan, and Jayden Anderson.



# Parkview/Albany's Wes Egan gets 100 Wins

By Joel Steinmann

On Saturday, January 6th, Parkview/Albany wrestling parted ways to three different tournaments. Varsity boys went south of the border to Polo, Illinois, JV boys went to Whitewater for the (WI challenge series) tournament and the girls headed north to Kickapoo for the Lee Griffin invite.

At the Polo Invite, Parkview/Albany finished seventh out of 17 teams with Wes Egan getting his 100th win in the quarter finals with a pin. At 113 Slater Valley, Sam Schwengels at 190, and Egan at 215 finished first. At 126, Danny Finley finished third. At 165, Jayden Anderson finished sixth.

At Kickapoo (Lee Clements invite), Parkview/Albany girls had two compete and finished 14th out of 17 teams, with 235# Sydney Coyne finishing third and 114# Autumn Hill finishing sixth.

At Whitewater (WI challenge series), Parkview/Albany had six wrestlers compete and the top three in each weight class qualify for JV State in Wausau on Saturday, January 20th. Placing second and qualifying at 144 is Peter Roth. Trevor Haugen finished fourth. Casey Hume at 132, Balin Lacy at 138, and Jagger Wilke at 190 did not place.

Parkview/Albany will be back on the mat at home on Thursday, January 11th for a triple dual with Princeton/Green Lake and Rio/Cam-Fr/Fall River/Rand. Wrestling to start at 5 p.m.



Peter Roth placed second and qualified at Whitewater WI Challange Series and will advance to state.



Autumn Hill, left, finished sixth at Kickapoo Lee Clements Invite.



Sydney Coyne, right, finished third at Kickapoo Lee Clements Invite.



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In Mrs. Matthy's Personal Finance class, the students played an online stock market game to experience how buying and selling stocks work. The top three leaders in the stock market game were: first—Braydan Sweeney making \$23,532, second—David Masloske making \$19,389 and third—Hunter Jorgensen making \$15,133. They all received a gift card for winning.

# BMS Holiday Luncheon On Friday, December 15, the Team of Outstanding Leaders collaborated

On Friday, December 15, the Team of Outstanding Leaders collaborated with other GOOD humans to host the annual Holiday Senior Luncheon at Brodhead Middle School. Over 160 guests enjoyed a program of trivia, jokes, readings, food service, and the distribution of door prizes by TOOL members. Additionally, pianists played a few selections, some physical education students danced, seventh and eighth-grade choir members sang, and eighth-grade musicians performed. Generous donations from last year's guests covered food expenses. Community members, area businesses, staff, and students donated all door prizes, so guests left with extra holiday cheer in a decorated grocery bag. TOOL adviser and luncheon coordinator Stephanie Tresemer would like to thank everyone involved in this year's luncheon, including the 125 TOOL members who embraced the opportunities to lead, follow, and make a difference.





# SSM Health Hosts Blood Drive in Monroe

To help meet the continued national blood supply need, please consider participating in SSM Health's Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, January 30. The Blood Drive will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Clare Conference Center at their main clinic located at 515 22nd Avenue in Monroe.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. To schedule, please visit Bloodcenter.org or call SSM Health Monroe Hospital Volunteer Services Coordinator, Mary Berger, at 608-324-1569.

Please eat before donating and bring a photo ID. If you are unable to donate, you can help by encouraging others to donate.



Wednesday, January 3rd, Albrecht students started their Mission Impossible month-long motivational reading program. Here the 4K students watched Mr. Novy give them their secret mission to solve and then watched the first Mystery Reader book. Students have fun dress up days and activities all month long. Friday, January 26th is the closing program with fun reveals and activities and Monday, January 29th every student in the elementary will get to pick out a new book to take home and keep. These books are funded by the book fairs the school hosts twice a year.







# Looking Forward to a Livelier

Landscape
Native Plant Landscapes,
The Best is Yet to Come
with Alan Branhagen

The Wild Ones Rock River Valley Chapter will host a meeting on Thursday, January 18, starting at 6 p.m. at Cherry Valley Library, 755 East State Street, Cherry Valley, Illinois.

Having nature close by enriches our lives This program provides ideas on how to bring more nature into our landscapes while capturing the spirit of your place. Insects run the world after plants: discover some keystone plants to nurture more insects and create a more sustainable landscape. Learn about maintenance that embraces nature to create a flourishing ecosystem: what does it take to have a diversity of bees, butterflies, and moths in your yard? Lastly, have faith in a seed, understand that plants migrate, and know if you plant it, they

About the speaker: Alan Branhagen is the new (since July 15, 2023) Executive Director of the Natural Land Institute in Rockford, Illinois, one of the nation's first land trusts and whose founder, George Fell, started the concept of legally protected nature preserves 60 years ago. NLI has been responsible for protecting more than 18,000 acres of natural land, mainly in Northern Illinois. Alan was Director of Operations at the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum in suburban Minneapolis-St. Paul (America's 15th largest public botanical garden) from 2017-2023 where he managed Horticulture, Plant Curation, and Natural Resource Management of the 1,200-acre site. From 1996-2017 Alan was Director of Horticulture at Powell Gardens, Kansas City's botanical garden where he was in charge of all horticulture and site planning as well as resource management of the 915-acre site. Alan's career began at the Forest Preserves of Winnebago County in Rockford, Illinois, where for almost a decade he was in charge of all forest preserve planning, development, and management. He was part of the beginning of the Klehm Arboretum which launched his public horticulture career. Alan's career has come full circle back to Rockford. Alan has a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Iowa State University and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Louisiana State University. He is the author of three books: The Gardeners Butterfly Book, Native Plants of the Midwest, and The Midwest Native Plant Primer. Alan will be available to sign copies of his books before the program. The program is free and open to the public. For more information contact Jerry Paulson, at 815-222-4414.

To view the program via Zoom, please register at http://wildonesr-rvc.org/

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#### By Sarah Carpemter, **Outreach Specialist**

Here are the latest materials that were added during the month of December.

Adult Non-fiction—The Bald Eagle: The Improbable Journey of America's Bird by Jack E. Davis, Know Whata Matters: Lessons in Building Transformative Companies and Creating a Life You Can Respect by Ron Shaich

Adult Fiction—The Little Liar by Mitch Albom, We Must Not Think of Ourselves by Lauren Grodstein, The Housemaid's Secret by Freida Mc-Fadden, Death in the Dark Woods

by Annelise Ryan

Large Print-Manner of Death by Robin Cook, Inheritance by Nora

DVDs—Five Nights at Freddy's, Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny, What Happens Later

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#### **Going Out of Business**



#### **BRODHEAD**

Going out of business! Last day! The Sugar River Mall Antiques and Collectibles is closing their doors for good. The last day will be Saturday, January 13, open from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. W1111 Hwy. 11 and 81, next to the Brodhead Vet Clinic. Fenton, Vaseline Glass and Dragon statues are 30% off. EVERYTHING ELSE is 60% off! Everything must go! CASH ONLY! We want to thank the community for their patronage over the past 20 years!







Three way tie— **Doug Rezner Brodhead Eric VonAllmen and Curt Elmer, both Albany** 





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#### **Notice**



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA Regular School Board Meeting January 10, 2024, 7:00 p.m. Juda School Den (Old Library) N2385 Spring St.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be 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**

Call to Order by President Pfingsten

Roll Call Dennis Pfingsten Pat Daniels Laura Powers

Sue Trotter Janna Merritt Joel Wallace

Jessica Matzke Pledge of Allegiance

Proof of Notice Acceptance of Agenda

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 December 13, 2023.

2. Treasurer and Financial reports

3. Approval of Contracts (Action) 4. Resignations/Retirements (Action)

Donations (Action)

Reports

1. School Staff/Student Report Food service

2. School Board President's Report Board election update

•Discussion on WASB Resolutions School Board Convention-January 16, 17, 18, 19, 2024

3. Administrator Report ·Staffing updates •Review of events/Upcoming events

•JAMB-Joint School Board meeting ·Other updates as necessary

Easement Request: Discussion/ Action

Resolution to Exceed Revenue Cap Commencing with the 2024-2025 School Year: Discussion/Action

Resolution Providing for a Referendum Election on the Question of the Approval of a Resolution to Exceed the District's Revenue Cap Commencing with 2024-2025 School Year: Discussion/ Action

Policy Committee: Human Growth and Development Review Discussion/Action

XII. Open enrollment limitations: Discussion/Action Regular Education Special Education

Calendar: Discussion/Action

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

Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary

XVII. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action) •February 14, 2024

XVIII. Adjournment

01/10/2023

#### **Green County** Sheriff's Department **January 2-7, 2024**

At 4:01 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the 2800 block of 6th Street, in the City of Monroe, to assist Department of Corrections Agents. Investigation resulted in Kenneth E. Tillman, 63, of Brodhead, being arrested for a Probation Violation. Tillman was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending

At approximately 2:03 a.m., Saturday, deputies responded to N2471 Vanmatre Lane, in the Town of Clarno, for a reported assault. The investigation resulted in Carson L. Sangermano, 18, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for substantial battery and disorderly conduct. Sangermano was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending an initial court appearance. MNPD and BHPD assisted deputies throughout the investigation.

#### **Tuesday Shaningans**

1/2—High series: Alexis Sies 642, Barb Brugger 472, Phyllis Shrier 415, John Thill 626, Larry Ommodt 520, Dennis Atkinson 514. High games: A. Sies 248, B. Brugger 166, Betty Helwig 159, J. Thill 235, Bill Shrier 201, Rick Clark 189. Barely Upright-high team game 823 and series 2,356. Standings: Albany Lanes won 53 lost 31, Barely Upright 45-39, Boomtastic 4 44-40, Greightful Dead 39-45, Misfits 39-45, Sweet Mini HaHa 32-52.

1/2—High series: Ryan Brugger 698, Brian Behnke 691, Josh Brugger 627, Ethan Pfueti 626, Megan Anderson 480, Kim Qualley 355, Jen Parrish 270. High games: R. Brugger 257, B. Behnke 255, E. Pfueti 246, J. Brugger 240, M. Anderson 176, K. Qualley 143, J. Parrish 105. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 850. Renks-high team series 2,475. **Standings**: Renks won 42 lost 7, Jim's Mechanic Shop 31-18, Counter Attack 26-23, Pearl City Elevator 20-29, Decatur Dairy 18-31, Team 3 10-39.

#### Wednesday Night Ladies

1/3—High series: Zoe Krattiger 548, Kari Johnson 501, Sandy Larson 468, Nicole Brewer 447, Lindsey Kotte 416. High games: Z. Krattiger 244, K. Johnson 196, N. Brewer 171, S. Larson 168, Tami Behnke 168. Crystal's Team-high team game 629 and series 1,717. **Standings**: Larson Acres won 12 lost 2, Crystal's Team 11-3, Broughton's Bar 5-9, Glenn-Ann Ladies 5-9, Albertson's 5-9, New Glarus Brewery 4-10.

#### **Thursday Afternoon Ladies**

12/28—High series: Tana Klitzman 455, Sheryl Johnson 452, Becky Riese 444. High games: T. Klitzman 179, Barb Chapman 167, S. Johnson 165. Mike's Flooring-high team game 610 and series 1,651. 1/4—High series: Barb Chapman 421, Tana Klitzman 420, Becky Riese 420. High games: Cindy Sheldon 172, B. Chapman 169, Nancy Salzwedel 168. Mike's Flooring-high team game 590 and series 1,560. Standings: Mike's Flooring won 19 lost 2, Albany Lanes 10-11, Ball's Installation 11-10, Knutes 9-12, Nolte's Garage 12-9.

#### **Thursday Night Mixed**

1/4—High series: Tyler Briggs 665, Chad Malcook 664, Tony Brewer 662, Josh Brugger 637. High games: T. Brewer 265, C. Malcook 265, Tim Golz 244, T. Briggs 236. Broughton's Corner Bar 2-high team game 993. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team game 2,931. Standings: Attica Bar won 33 lost 16, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 29-20, Rosheisen Rapper 28-21, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 28-21, Glenn Ann Holsteins 16-33, Golz Electric 13-36.

#### **Brodhead Juniors**

1/6—High series—boys: Ashton Hale 562, Parker VanderPal 453, Rowan Krattiger 400, Casey Johnson 376, Brittian Paulson 357, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 306. High games—boys: A. Hale 209, P. VanderPal 205, R. Krattiger 152, Tristan Modaff 142, C. Johnson 138, B. Paulson 136. High series—girls: Taylor Sauer 463, Harper Krattiger 434, Grace Gold 432, Kylee Wahler 432, Lilly Schwartzlow 290, Grace Welbig 273. High games—girls: H. Krattiger 188, K. Wahler 169, T. Sauer 163, G. Gold 156, L. Schwartzlow 127, Aubree Brugger 119.

#### **Brodhead Early Rollers**

1/6—High games: Kinslee Brewer 97, Abigail Fenwick 90, Stella Brugger 60.

#### **Brodhead Youth**

1/6—High series: Carter Fenwick 173, Jayse Bennett 156, Henry Johnson 126, Jack Norris 90, Kole Dillard 66, Lily Johnson 166, Kelsee Brugger 158, Ryan Stevens 104, Brynlee Brugger 70, Ayla Brugger 70. High games: C. Fenwick 90, J. Bennett 86, H. Johnson 74, J. Norris 46, K. Dillard 35, K. Brugger 93, L. Johnson 89, R. Stevens 55, A. Brugger 48, Keira Shrader 39.

#### Saturday Night Live Mixed

1/6—High series: Robert Murray 769, Jason Shrier 640, Glayden Wahler 639, Lynsey Stevens 497, Amber Foster 485, Emily Tucker 448. High games: R. Murray 267, Trevor Wahler 247, G. Wahler 245, L. Stevens 193, A. Foster 192, Sara Sanwick 168. Broughton's Bar-high team game 806 and series 2,401. Standings: Payne's Pub won 47 lost 16, Rosheisen Baling 40-23, Brodhead Free Press 30-33, Fearsome Foursome 28-35, Up N Smoke 23-40, Broughton's

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# Family Promise of Green County partnered with Second Harvest of Southern Wisconsin

#### **By Rick Gleason**

In the spring of 2022, Family Promise of Green County partnered with Second Harvest of Southern Wisconsin to address a food insecurity concern identified in the communities of Brodhead, Juda, and Albany. The three school districts had recognized the needs and are involved in the "Backpack Buddy Program" but it became apparent

that more needed to be done.

Living in a rural county without public transportation presents additional struggles for families who need the assistance of local food pantries but do not have the means to access them. After discussions around what sort of program could best meet the needs of families, finding a location to house the pantry, and bringing together a team

of volunteers, the Family Promise Community Food Pantry began operation in August 2023.

Through the generosity of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, the pantry found a home and began serving local families. Many of our Family Promise volunteers as well as new volunteers, found the pantry to be a new way to serve their communities and did not hesitate to step up and become a part of the solution to the food insecurity concern. Soon we began to see interest from local retailers (Kwik Trip and Dollar General) who began to support the pantry through food dona-

From August 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, the Family Promise Community Food Pantry has provided 331 boxes of groceries to local families and has distributed more than eight and one-half tons of food. On average we are serving 40 to 50 families on pantry day.

The Family Promise Community Food Pantry is located in the Beth-

Avenue, Brodhead, and serves families in the 53520, 53550, and 53502 area codes. We are open on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month from 4 to 6 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome and can contact Rick Gleason at 608-328-2600. We do accept donations of nonperishable foods as well as financial

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