



## Seven BHS seniors sign letters of intent

Seven seniors of Brodhead High School signed letters of intent to continue their athletic career after graduation. They include: Sophia Leitzen—Moorehead State, Minnesota: softball, parents: Elizabeth Harris and Corey Leitzen; Evan Senobe—UW River Falls: baseball, parents: Becky and Dan Senobe; Isaac Saunders—Carthage College: football, parents: Brad and Sally Saunders; Marcus McIntyre—UW LaCrosse: wrestling, parents: Jodi and Mike McIntyre; Blake Matthys—UW LaCrosse: football, parents: Kim and Jim Matthys; Gunner Boegli—UW LaCrosse: football, parents: Sally Guilden and Wade Boegli; and Kalena Riemer—Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri: track and field, parents: Bryce and Jen Riemer. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

## February tornado

On Thursday, February 8 at approximately 5:30 p.m. the Green County Sheriff's Office—Communication Center received several 911 calls reporting damage from the storm in the Town of Decatur. Albany Fire Department was in the area for storm watch and observed a funnel cloud and possible tornado touch down approximately one and one-half miles south of the Village of Albany.

Deputies along with Albany Fire Department, Brodhead Fire Department, Alliant Energy and Green County Highway Department responded to the area. At this time five residences have been damaged, two mobile homes and several other structures. Alliant Energy was working to restore power. There are no injuries reported within Green County.

Green County Emergency Management has been monitoring the damage and will conduct necessarily follow up with property owners. Property owners that were affected can contact Green County Emergency Management at 608-328-9416 or email gziegler@greensheriff.com.



Photos courtesy of Pat Welsh

## Valentines at the Depot

By Diane Rabe,  
Brodhead Historical Society

A little Valentine's Day trivia: Valentine's Day became popular around the 1840s even though it had been around since the 14th century. William Shakespeare helped romanticize the day. Three symbols that remind us of the day are hearts, arrows and roses. Red is the most common color for Valentine's Day. The most famous candy is conversation hearts with flowers and chocolates being the most popular gifts. Men spend the most money on Valentine's Day but women buy 85% of the cards that are sold. Teachers receive the most cards on that day. Valentine's Day is the second most popular day for sending cards, second only to Christmas.

So come to the Depot Museum and see the old fashioned Valentine's Day cards on display located in the former telegraph/ticket office. The museum opens Memorial weekend and is open Saturdays/Sundays/Wednesdays from 1 to 4 p.m. through the end of September.

## Thank you

By Lisa and Joe Cihlar,  
on Trail Road

It was dark by the time we emerged from our houses after Thursday night's tornadoes. There was very little sleep that night thinking about the massive cleanup ahead of us.

Imagine our surprise and joy on Friday morning when we came out to a hive of activity. So many people dropped their own plans for the next few days and came to help with equipment and muscles and even food. Trailers and trucks hauled away so much wood and debris. By Sunday, burn piles were taking care of the branches and smaller stuff.

There is certainly going to be a lot more to do to get back to normal, but these people who just showed up and worked for hours bring tears to our eyes!

There is nothing left to say but thank you! We are so grateful!





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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. 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.

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.

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.

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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 Doeblor. 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 Jady N 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.

OBITUARIES



Carmen  
“Cam”  
Evalyn Hale

Carmen “Cam” Evalyn Hale, age 28, Monroe, passed away after a tragic and unexpected accident in Monroe, Wisconsin, on February 2, 2024.

Cam was born on June 20, 1995 at the Monroe Hospital in Monroe, the daughter of Kyle and Julie (Andrews) Hale and was raised on the family dairy farm in Juda, Wisconsin.

Cam has worked on the family farm in Juda, and Charlie's Bark Park (both Monroe and Belleville) locations. Most recently, she worked at Swiss Colony in Monroe and her self run dog sitting business, Cam's Canine Care.

Cam loved live music, especially K-Pop and theater. She was willing to travel long distances including Madison, Chicago, Minneapolis and Texas to enjoy them. Cam also went on a sightseeing trip to London with friends.

Cam was a great supporter and fierce rights advocate for the LGBT+ community.

Cam loved to travel with family on camping trips, which included lots of hiking in the Rocky Mountains, Northern Wisconsin, Black Hills, Badlands and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Going on hikes and walks brought her great peace of mind.

Cam loved to read and always had a book with her.

Finally, Cam loved animals, especially dogs, cats and horses. Especially the family dog, Copper, who she did dog obedience and agility classes with through 4-H. Because of her love of animals, she took advantage of going horseback riding every opportunity she could.

Cam is survived by her parents, Kyle and Julie Hale; two siblings: Crista and Clayton Hale; her maternal grandmother, Shirley Andrews; many aunts and uncles: Terri Munz (Phillip Welton), Dusty Munz, Mike (Judy) Hale, Grace (Ed) Gassen, Steve (Betty) Andrews, Barb (Harlan) Jordan, Jim (Michelle) Andrews, Dan Andrews (Brenda Phillips), Theresa Klitzke Andrews, David Andrews and Diane (David) Dodd; and many other cousins, family members and friends.

Cam was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Richard and Evalyn Hale; a maternal grandfather, Donald Andrews; and a step paternal grandmother, Nancy Hale.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in her memory.

A memorial visitation was held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Saturday, February 10, from 2 to 6 p.m. Another visitation was held at the Juda Community Center, Juda, on Sunday, February 11, from 1 to 2 p.m. with a brief memorial service at 2 p.m. A celebration of life will be held for Cam after the memorial services at the Juda Community Center. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

The Albany  
Historical  
Society  
Presents  
“Show  
& Tell”  
Rescheduled

On Tuesday, February 20, at 7 p.m. the Albany Historical Society presents a “Show and Tell” Program. Note that this program was originally scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, but was canceled due to the bad weather.

Do you have an item that has an interesting story?

Do you have an item that you don't know what it is? Bring your item or items to this program. Come see what items others have brought.

All are welcome and there is no charge. The program follows a brief General Meeting.

The address is 119 N. Water Street, Albany. Any question, text or call 608-214-8289.

Basketball  
contest

The highest scoring game was the boys' Racine Park at Delavan-Darien, 80-35. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Paul Clark, Brodhead, with all the correct games and 80 points. The following also had all the correct games: Brian Malkow—77 points, Brodhead; and Lynette VonAllmen—87 points and Tom Brewer—82 points, both of Albany.



Norma B.  
Slaback

Norma B. Slaback, age 76, formerly of Monroe, passed away on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at Skaalen Heights in Stoughton. She was born on October 3, 1947 the daughter of Norman and Mescal (Walter) Nemec in Richland Center. Norma's early years were shaped by the love and guidance of her maternal grandmother, Lillian Walter, who raised her and her siblings after the tragic loss of their parents in 1957. She graduated from Kickapoo High School in Viola and then went on to attend UW Whitewater where she received a degree in Business Education. Norma married Raymond Slaback on August 9, 1969 in Viola.

Norma was a high school teacher at Black Hawk High School and

Brodhead High School, from which she retired in 2005. Her passion for teaching extended into the evenings, where she also instructed night classes at Blackhawk Technical College. Norma was also an executive secretary at Swiss Colony. She was deeply involved in her community, volunteering her time and energy at Family Promise in Monroe and Stoughton Public Schools. Her greatest joy, however, was found in the laughter and love shared with her children and grandchildren, who were the center of her world.

Norma is survived by her husband, Ray; children: Dale (Kami) Slaback of Friendswood, Texas, Kevin (Joy) Slaback of Cypress, Texas, Ryan (Wendy) Slaback of Menomonie, and Carla (Sam) Simon of Stoughton; 10 grandchildren; sister, Carolyn (Bob) Behrens of Whitewater; and brother, Ken Nemec of Benson, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandma, Lillian Walter; and daughter, Traci in 1994.

A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, February 16, at 11 a.m. at Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, February 15, from 4 to 7 p.m. and Friday at 10 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at shriner111.com.

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Lent in Brodhead

This year, several Brodhead churches are inviting the public to join them for Midweek Lenten worship and fellowship. Sponsored by the Brodhead Ministers' Fellowship, this special series of gatherings will celebrate the unity of our Christian witness while sharing in prayer and proclamation, as well as introspection. Each gathering will take place Wednesdays at noon at the locations indicated. Participants are invited to bring their own lunches. Beverages and dessert will be provided.

Wednesday, February 21—Brodhead United Methodist Church, 501 1st Center Avenue: Preacher: Rev. Shawn Stapleton, Congregational United Church of Christ;

Wednesday, February 28—Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street. Preacher: Rev. Callie Arendt, Bethlehem Lutheran Church;

Wednesday, March 6—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue. Preacher: Rev. Shawn Stapleton, Congregational United Church of Christ;

Wednesday, March 13—Brodhead United Methodist Church, 501 1st Center Avenue: Preacher: Rev. Callie Arendt, Bethlehem Lutheran Church;

Wednesday, March 20—Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street. Preacher: Rev. Francois Mukosa, Brodhead United Methodist Church;


Wednesday, March 27—Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue. Preacher: Rev. Shawn Stapleton, Congregational United Church of Christ.

Winter Soup  
Fund-raiser

The Oakley-Union UMC will have their Winter Soup Fund-raiser on Saturday, March 2 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Juda, Community Center, N2350 County S. This is an eat-in or carry-out meal. Soup choices are chili mac, chili with beans or loaded potato, plus a brick cheese sandwich. The three dessert choices are: Texas sheet cake, apple slab or cherry slab. Meal price is \$8.


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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### BRODHEAD PARK AND REC SECOND GRADE YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Wednesday afternoon youth basketball program for boys and girls in second grade. The group will meet from 3–4 p.m. in the elementary school gym, beginning Wednesday, February 21st and ending Wednesday, March 27th. This program will teach basic skills and fundamentals.

Dates: February 21, 28 and March 6, 20, 27

Forms are available at the elementary school and at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>). The cost is \$30, which includes a T-shirt. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by 8 a.m. on Monday, February 19th. Gym shoes are required. Checks made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159.

### PARK AND REC SUMMER APPLICATIONS

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

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.cityofbrodheadwi.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.

### BRODHEAD PARK AND REC FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE DODGEBALL PROGRAM

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in fifth and sixth grades. The program will be on Tuesday afternoons from 3:15-4:30 p.m. at the Brodhead Middle School meeting February 27, March 5, March 19 and March 26. They will NOT meet Tuesday, March 12th due to Spring Break. They'll form new teams each week and learn how to play the original version as well as some variations of this awesome game.

Registration forms are available at the schools and at the Brodhead Park and Rec Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>). The cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by Friday, February 23rd to the office or Rec Department. Checks made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, please call Domanic at 608-897-2159.

### JUNIOR CARDINAL BOYS YOUTH BASEBALL

The Junior Cardinal Boys Youth Baseball Program Sign Ups will begin Monday, February 12th and continue until Friday, March 11th. This is for eighth-12th grade (\$125). Please stop down to the Brodhead High School office or Brodhead Middle School office anytime between 8 a.m.–3 p.m. Monday-Friday to sign up. Forms can be returned to the high school office, c/o High School Baseball Coach or via email [brodheadjrcardinalsbaseball@gmail.com](mailto:brodheadjrcardinalsbaseball@gmail.com)

Registration forms and the ability to sign up through the JCB website are also available. Jr. Cardinals Baseball ([jrcardinalsbaseball.com](http://jrcardinalsbaseball.com))

Games are generally played between June and July. Non-high school age may begin sooner in May.

Any questions please contact the Junior Cardinal Baseball Program or Coach Aaron Guilbault at 920-728-1792.

No additional fund-raising is required. Fees go directly towards uniforms, hats, umpires, and field maintenance for the Junior Cardinal Baseball Youth Program (JCB Inc.).

### SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5K and up, will take place Thursday, February 15th–Friday, March 15th. Please stop down to City Hall between 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, to sign your child up. After 4:30 p.m., registration packet(s) and payment can be placed in the drop box outside of City Hall. Anyone signing up after Friday, March 15th, 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](http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us)

There are several leagues to accommodate the different age groups:

Girls: 8U—5K-first-second grades (\$35); 10U—third-fourth grade (\$50); 12U—fifth-sixth grade (\$50); and 14U—seventh-eighth grade (\$50).

Boys: 8U—5K-first-second grades (\$35); 10U—third-fourth grade (\$50); 12U—fifth-sixth grade (\$50); and Pony seventh grade (\$80).

Forms need to be completed and turned in with a fee by Wednesday, March 15th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call Domanic at the Park and Rec Department 608-897-2159.

Fund-raising 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 fund-raiser.

## Fund-raiser for Karen Buck

A fund-raising event for Karen Buck, best known as Nan, will be held Sunday, February 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the American Legion Post 84, 1627 12th Avenue, Monroe. There will be a soup and sandwich bar, silent auction and bake sale.

They are accepting donations of baked goods, silent auction items, Visa gift cards and gas cards. All proceeds will go to Karen. For baskets and silent auction item donations contact Angel at 608-558-9974, Amanda at 608-295-9331, Ariel at 608-897-5408 or Alyssa at [alysaaglbailey@gmail.com](mailto:alysaaglbailey@gmail.com). For baked goods, Visa gift cards or gas cards contact Debbie Myers at 608-934-5460 or [april18@tds.net](mailto:april18@tds.net).

Please held Karen in her fight against cancer.

## Say Yes to a Free Prom Dress

Say Yes to a Free Prom Dress! Living Word Church in partnership with Better Brodhead is hosting a free Prom Dress shop on Saturday, February 24th from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and Sunday, February 25th from 1 to 3 p.m. at Living Word Church, County Road T, Brodhead. High schoolers can shop from their large selection of dresses, shoes, purses, jewelry and accessories. There is no cost!

Donations of gently-used dresses and accessories are welcome at the church. Please call 608-897-8246 if you have questions or need your items picked up! Huge thank you to all who have already donated!



## Colton Buttke Enlists in U.S. Navy

Colton Buttke, 2022 Brodhead High School graduate, completed his Recruit Training and graduated from Navy Boot Camp at Great Lakes, Illinois on Thursday, January 4. Colton is currently training at the Naval Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, South Carolina. Congratulations Colton we are so proud of you!

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Please contact us to place a community event, engagement/wedding announcement, an advertisement, or nearly anything else.

### Midweek Lenten Worship and Fellowship

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*Wednesday, February 14—noon*

*Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue*

*Preacher: Rev. Francois Mukosa, Brodhead UMC*

*Wednesday, February 21—noon*

*Brodhead United Methodist Church, 501 1st Center Avenue*

*Preacher: Rev. Shawn Stapleton, Congregational UCC*

Participants are invited to bring your own lunch, beverages and dessert will be provided.

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## Albrecht Elementary accepting four- and five- year old kindergarten applicaitons

Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four- and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2024-2025 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four by Sunday, September 1st of this year, he/she will be eligible to attend school in the fall.

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 21st between 4 and 7 p.m. They 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 the program and answer any questions you may have.

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



Stoughton Trailers employees, Ron Jake and Ted LeRoy giving blood at the blood drive.

## Stoughton Trailers holds blood drive

Stoughton Trailers, a leading manufacturer in the transportation industry, demonstrated their commitment to community health by hosting a blood drive at their facility in Brodhead on Wednesday, February 7th. Employees eagerly participated, recognizing the critical importance of blood donation in saving lives. Thank you to ImpactLife Blood Center for coming to Stoughton Trailers for this impactful blood drive.



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## Parkview/ Albany advance four to Sectionals

By Joel Steinmann

On Saturday, February 10th, Parkview/Albany wrestlers traveled to Mineral Point for the Division III Regionals with the top four wrestlers in each weight class advancing to sectionals at Mineral Point on Saturday, February 17th. Parkview/Albany had eight wrestlers competing: Slater Valley at 113, Danny Finley at 126, Balin Lacy at 132, Peter Roth at 138, Jayden Anderson at 157, Sam Schwengels at 190, Wes Egan at 215, and Sam Vogt at 285. Finley and Egan placed second, and Valley and Schwengels placed third. As a team, the top two advance to team sectionals, which was hosted by Fennimore on Tuesday, February 13th. Fennimore (with 292 points) and Iowa/Grant Highland (with 268 points) will compete for the team title and the right to go to team state Saturday, March 2nd. Parkview/Albany finished in fifth place out of 13 teams.

113—Slater Valley (41-7) placed third; 126—Danny Finley (45-3) placed second; 132—Balin Lacy (9-22) place is unknown; 138—Peter Roth (21-18) placed sixth; 157—Jayden Anderson (23-26) placed sixth; 190—Sam Schwengels (46-2) placed third; 215—Wesley Egan (46-2) placed second; 285—Sam Vogt (6-11) place is unknown.

The four boys and the girls will be wrestling Saturday, February 17th in Mineral Point for the chance to wrestle at the Kohl Center in Madison.



113 Slater Valley vs. Pec/Argyle



138 Peter Roth vs. Fennimore



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Marcus McIntyre (file photo) was regional champ at 138 at the WIAA regional wrestling competition last Saturday, Emmitt Allen and Landon King finished in fourth in their respective weight classes. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Joe Lohmar—150 was regional runner-up (file photo). Both Lohmar and McIntyre advance to sectional competition this week in Wisconsin Dells. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Gunner Boegli goes up strong in the paint for two in the thriller of a game against Beloit Turner. The boys will be at Clinton on Tuesday and Edgerton comes to town on Friday night. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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# It's Brodhead Optimists Essay Contest Time!

Calling all high school and middle school students! Grab your pen, pencil or keyboard to express yourself and have the opportunity to pick up some scholarship money. Applications will be available at the Public Library, and both the middle school and high school offices. The Optimist Club of Brodhead is encouraging all Brodhead and surrounding area youth, including the home-schooled scholars, to write an essay 700 to 800 words long on the topic "Optimism: How it Connects Us".

The Optimist Club will judge the local students' essays based on content and writing skills to determine the top winners. The contest is open to students under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2024. The local winners will win CASH AWARDS and the winning essay will be sent to the district to compete for a \$2,500 scholarship.

“As they prepare for their future, many of our local students need experience expressing their thoughts and opinions,” Club Co-Chair Christine Dieckhoff said, “The Essay Contest challenges them to do just that and also offers an opportunity for scholarships.”

The deadline to hand in essays with their applications is Friday, February 16. Just drop them off at the Middle or High School offices, the Brodhead Memorial Public Library or directly to me, Christine Dieckhoff, W2202 Pinnow Rd, Brodhead WI 53520, or [christidee@litewire.net](mailto:christidee@litewire.net). Essays will be judged and sent off to district by Thursday, February 22nd, to make the Wednesday, February 28th deadline.

The Optimist Club of Brodhead has been participating in this contest for a dozen years or more and has been active in the community since May of 2002. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in include Christmas gifts for families in need The Mitten Tree Project, Tri-Star Basketball competition, a fishing derby, pumpkin decorating, and an art contest. The Club also makes donations to numerous school departments, the public library, childhood cancer patients and pediatric cancer research.



**With three games last week, the team lost 73-59 in a non-conference against Cambridge. Hosting Beloit Turner on Thursday it was a packed house and the gym was rocking as the two teams went head to head. The final score 78-68 gave the Trojans the win. Cullen Walker and Gabe Bockhop, featured in this photo, combined for 11-of-13 buckets from long range. In their final game on Saturday, taking on Dodgeville, Brodhead eeked out a 67-65 win with a buzzer beating bucket by Bockhop. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)**



**Brodhead girls bounced back from their loss last week to pounce on the Clinton Cougars winning 80-47. Ally Dahl and Addison Yates, shown here as the center at the tip off, led the Cardinals with 33 and 27 points respectively. The Cardinals in Edgerton on Friday and were sunk 69-32 by the Tide who lead the conference. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)**



## BHS Wall of Fame seeks nominations

Do you know someone that has achieved great accomplishments? Brodhead High School is seeking nominations for its "Wall of Fame." The Wall of Fame was started about 12 years ago to recognize the graduates of Brodhead High school that have gone on to accomplish great things. Not only does the wall recognize great people, it also demonstrates to the students at BHS what can be achieved with hard work. The people that are selected for this award get honored at the BHS National Honor Society banquet. The honoree gets to speak to future graduates about what it took to become a success.

Many past graduates have been nominated over the years. This number has decreased substantially over the last couple of years though. Although there is still a great list of possible choices, BHS is hoping to receive more nominees. Even if the person is not chosen, it is still an honor to be nominated. After the NHS ceremony, an article is placed in the newspaper about the year's choices.

There are some people that have graduated from BHS that are deserving of this honor. Please take the time to nominate them. Nomination forms are located at the High School or in the Brodhead Free Press. Any former graduate up to the year of 1995 can be nominated.

# BHS WALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Brodhead High School is pleased to accept nominations for alumni who have brought honor to our community as one of Brodhead's "Shining Stars.. Nominations will be considered for any person who graduated from Brodhead High School. Nominations will be accepted until Thursday, February 15. They are looking for people who have gone on to achieve outstanding academic accomplishments, have served our community or country in truly outstanding ways, have received national or state recognition for excellence in some area, or have gone on to demonstrate excellence within their vocation.

Candidates selected for the “Wall of Fame” will be awarded a plaque at a ceremony on Monday, March 4, at 6 p.m. A second plaque with their photo and a profile of their accomplishments will be placed forever on Brodhead High School’s Wall of Fame for the students and public to view.

Please send nominations to: Wall of Fame Committee, Attn: Mr. James Matthys, Brodhead High School, 2501 W. 5th Ave, Brodhead, WI, 53520.

Name of person nominated\_\_\_\_\_

Year of graduation from Brodhead High School\_\_\_\_\_

Please list accomplishments of person being nominated or reason for nomination.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slight shadow on its right side, suggesting it's resting on a surface.

Name of person submitting this nomination\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number and address \_\_\_\_\_



**Sydney Wunschel #24, feels the pressure of Makenna Schooff #23 and Brenley Jones #21, in a crossover game against Monroe on Saturday. Brodhead finished with a commanding 69 -27 victory. This is the last week of regular season play with senior and parent night on Monday when Brodhead hosts Big Foot while Thursday they will travel to Evansville. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)**

# 2023 Tax Assistance Appointments

**A**ppointments 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 through April 10th. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. with the last appointment at 11:30 a.m. at the Green County Government Services Building, N3152 State Rd 81, Monroe. Please call the ADRC at 608-328-9499 to schedule an appointment. Enter at the ADRC entrance at the lower level parking lot.

This year taxes will be prepared in person and only one appointment is required. However, taxpayers will be required to obtain a packet of information from the ADRC prior to the appointment and must complete the forms in the packet before your appointment. The packet also includes a list of items to bring with you to your appointment. The ADRC can also email you the contents of the packet for you to print out and prepare at home if that's more convenient.

They will not be preparing returns in Brodhead this year due to a shortage in staffing.





By Sarah Carpentier,  
Adult Services and  
Outreach Librarian

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We’ve got puppy love here, too! Children are invited to sign up for a 15-minute session to read with one of our visiting local therapy dogs. “Paw”some Adventures with Abi and Daisy occurs weekly on Mon-

days from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Pre-registration is required, so please call or stop-in to secure your spot.

Preschool Storytime is always offered on Fridays at 10 a.m., but new to the schedule is Sensory Storytime. This special storytime is open to all, but especially tailored to neurodivergent families. You can join us next on Saturday, February 24th at 10 a.m. Keep an eye on our website and Facebook for more dates in the future!

Exciting changes are in store for adults, as well! We’re expanding our Take-Home options starting in March. You’ll still be able to find Craft Kits, but you’ll also begin to see Spice Samples, Tea Samples, and Self-Care Kits! We’re so excited to bring these new offerings to you and hope you enjoy!

Also in March is National Con-

sumer Protection Week, which is observed the first full week of the month. We have a special presentation scheduled for Tuesday, March 5 at 4:30 p.m., where we’ll be joined by National Security Research Strategist, Dave Schroeder. This special BadgerTalk, ‘Cybersecurity Today’, will cover how to spot threats (such as scams, frauds, and other malicious acts), safeguards for protection, and what to do in the event of an attack. There will be time for Q&A, so come with your questions! This event is free and open to the public.

Keep in mind our book club meetings: Books and Brews (held at Bridges Bar & Grill)—The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper by Phaedra Patrick, Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m.; Teen Book Club (open to teens in grades ninth-12)—The

Outsiders by S. E. Hinton, Thursday, March 7 at 4 p.m.’ Brodhead Book Club—The Lager Queen of Minnesota by Ryan J. Stradal, Thursday, March 21 at 7 p.m.

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All About Honeybees

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Raines Honey Farm tell us about the  
business of beekeeping Saturday,  
February 17. Phil has been keeping  
bees for nearly three decades at his  
place on Best Road in Laona Town-  
ship just a short distance south of  
the Illinois-Wisconsin State Line.

His hives have been placed in  
both Northwest Illinois and South-  
west Wisconsin in places where the  
bees have a healthy variety of flow-  
ers from which to draw nectar and  
pollen. They also take the long trek  
to California's almond orchards at  
this time of year.

Honeybees are not native to  
North America but were brought  
here by European settlers in the  
17th century. There are many spec-  
ies of native bees which are im-  
portant pollinators but they do not  
make honey. Nearly all species of  
native bees are solitary, live in wood  
or underground tunnels and col-  
lect nectar for themselves and pol-  
len to feed their young. In contrast,  
the European honeybee is social  
and lives in hives with other bees.  
They collaborate in protecting and  
supporting the hive and young and  
they make honey to sustain them-  
selves through the winter.

Phil will discuss the health ben-  
efits of honey as well as discuss the  
delicate nature of honeybees and  
how they should be cared for. The  
talk will begin at 10 a.m. and ev-  
eryone is cordially invited to attend  
and learn about these interesting

Monday Night Mixed League

2/5—High series: Robert Murray 685, Jason Schoen 674, Ryan Flood 646. High games: Ty Powell 256, Jason Shrier 255, J. Schoen 247. Center Tavern-high team game 1,051 and series 2,840.

Standings: Center Tavern won 7 lost 0, Deb's Bar 5-2, Broughton's Bar 4-3, Beloit Chiropractic 3-4, Fosters Gaming 2-5, Albany Lanes 0-7.

Tuesday Shaningans

2/6—High series: Alexis Sies 528, Barb Brugger 492, Becky Riese 480, John Thill 701, Rick Clark 567, Mike Hanneman 524. High games: A. Sies 203, B. Riese 181, B. Brugger 171, J. Thill 280, R. Clark 223, M. Hanneman 199. Barely Upright-high team game 844 and series 2,382.

Standings: Albany Lanes won 77 lost 35, Boomtastic 4 65-47, Barely Upright 62-50, Greightful Dead 46-66, Misfits 45-67, Sweet Mini HaHa 41-71.

Badger

2/6—High series: Josh Brugger 616, Keith Riese 571, Jim Laughlin 571, Don Nieman 562, Megan Anderson 421, Jen Parrish 308, Kim Qualley 270. High games: J. Laughlin 241, J. Brugger 235, LeRoy Blumer 213, K. Riese 212, M. Anderson 159, K. Qualley 128, J. Parrish 117. Renks-high team game 840. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team series 2,140.

Standings: Counter Attack won 5 lost 2, Pearl City Elevator 5-2, Decatur Dairy 5-2, Renks 2-5, Jim's Mechanic Shop 2-5, Team 3 2-5.

Wednesday Night Ladies

2/7—High series: Kari Johnson 494, Zoe Krattiger 491, Rikki Thomas-Martin 460, Marcie Brugger 455, Lindsey Kotte 448. High games: M. Brugger 198, K. Johnson 193, Z. Krattiger 188, R. Thomas-Martin 177, L. Kotte 166. Crystal's Team-high team game 597 and series 1,726.

Standings: Crystal's Team won 35 lost 14, Larson Acres 29-20, Glenn-Ann Ladies 24-25, Broughton's Bar 24-25, New Glarus Brewery 20-29, Albertson's 15-34.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

2/8—High series: Nancy Salzwedel 485, Tana Klitzman 424, Sheryl Johnson 422. High games: N. Salzwedel 205, T. Klitzman 182, Priscilla Kaderly 149. Knutes-high team game 571 and series 1,599.

Standings: Nolte's Garage won 40 lost 16, Knutes 34-22, Ball's Installation 34-22, Mike's Flooring 31-25, Albany Lanes 23-33.

Thursday Night Mixed

2/8—High series: Chad Malcook 693, Timothy Schwartzlow 665, Erich Brandenburg 617, Austin Heath 603. High games: C. Malcook 257, Tony Brewer 246, T. Schwartzlow 237, Brian Behnke 228, A. Heath 228. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team game 975 and game 2,874.

Standings: Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 11 lost 3, Rosheisen Rapper 9-5, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 8-6, Attica Bar 7-7, Glenn Ann Holsteins 5-9, Golz Electric 2-12.

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