

Why Does the School District Need a Referendum?

By David Novy,
Superintendent,
Brodhead School District

The Brodhead School District will present a Referendum on Tuesday, April 5, seeking permission to exceed revenue caps for the purpose of maintaining current programs and facilities. The Referendum is being presented as an alternative to program and maintenance cuts that will otherwise be necessary to help balance the budget.

Revenue caps were put in place by the State Legislature in 1993, intended as a temporary tool for controlling property taxes. The State mandates what districts can spend, limiting increases to a level less than the rate of inflation. Unfortunately, they do nothing to help limit our expenses, and often worsen our problem by mandating new programs without providing funding for them. Thus, over time, expenses outpace revenues, and local school boards are left with the challenge of tighter and tighter budgets each year.

Budget shortfalls are an issue

that schools all over the State have been dealing with for years, and Brodhead is not immune to that problem. Three years ago, the District asked for and received \$950,000 a year for three years to maintain facilities and programs. During the last three years the District has been able to maintain programs, reduce class sizes, institute a one-to-one Chromebook program for students in grades third-12, and address some of our facility needs. While the Referendum put the District in good financial position for the last three years, that Referendum will conclude at the end of the 2021-22 school year.

The cumulative effects of revenue caps, reduced State aid, and decreasing enrollment have challenged the Board's ability to balance the budget. While revenue has decreased, expenses have continued to grow. Using conservative assumptions, the District is facing estimated deficit projections of \$1,765,294 for 2022-23, \$2,171,475 for 2023-24, and \$2,553,020 for 2024-25.

The previous Referendum, in-

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April 5, 2022 Spring Election Referendum Question

The Brodhead City Council is gauging resident interest in the creation of a City Administrator position at the April 5, 2022, Spring Election. The question being brought forth in this referendum is:

Do you favor creation of the position of City Administrator for the City of Brodhead and an increase in the levy limit to fund the position?

In 2017 the City completed their 20-year Comprehensive Plan that is required by state statute. One of the goals of the plan was to create a City Administrator position with an emphasis on economic development. This referendum is non-binding and is seeking residents' input on

whether this is still desired. If the referendum passes the City will hold another referendum in the future that is binding to approve a tax levy increase to create the position. Below are some FAQs about City Administrators.

Professional Management Myths (This information was given to the City Council by Edward Madere, a WCMA Senior Advisor.)

• **Hiring an administrator means giving up your right to elect your leader.**

False—Elected council members are the policy makers and the administrator reports to them. The

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School Board First reading of Board Policy IKF approved

By Gloria Sutter

The Board approved the first reading of Board Policy IKF dealing with graduation requirements. Some of the changes involve more detailed descriptions of vocational courses, more general descriptions of social studies courses and a Civics examination requirement.

The Wednesday, April 13 regular meeting will begin at 6 p.m. to enable presentations from long-term facility planning companies. A long-range plan is needed for eligibility for certain government funds. In other business:

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City of Brodhead Local Offices for Election UPDATED: FRIDAY, MARCH 11

The offices of Mayor and three Alderperson at Large will be up for election in the Tuesday, April 5, Spring Election. All Terms are for two years. Casey Jones and two registered write-ins Tom Simpson and Roni Anderson are running for Mayor. Paul Naramore, Benjamin Gritzmaker, Jill Baxter, Roni Anderson and Kyle Johnson are registered write in candidates for Alderperson at Large. If you are interested in running for any of these offices, please stop into City Hall for more information or call 608-897-4018 ext. 150. City Hall is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Deadline to turn in registered write in paperwork is Friday, April 1, 2022, at noon.

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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 10 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2341. www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Web site and Live Stream information at www.bethlehembrodhead.org. In-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. every Sunday. Masks and social distancing are required at this time. Contact church leadership at office@bethlehembrodhead.com.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. 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 United Methodist Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m. for all ages, worship service 10:45 a.m. Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5398. Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday worship and children's Sunday school 9 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.

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. Monthly church Council and Ladies Aid meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 10 a.m. Lenten services 7 p.m., Wednesdays—Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 and April 6, 13 and 15. Sun., Apr. 17 9 and 11 a.m.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. Pastor Kook Ho Kim. 608-897-2515. Services air on Channel 988 at 11 a.m. Communion is the first Sunday of each month. Sunday in person worship, live streamed on Facebook.

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OBITUARIES



Maurice D. Bonaunet

Maurice D. Bonaunet, age 92, passed away at Mercy Hospital, Janesville on March 5, 2022. He was born on November 19, 1929, the son of Ollie and Sophie Bonaunet. Morrey served honorably in the US Military and worked for much of his life as an automobile mechanic and a U.S. Postal Service driver, maintain-



John Albert Ashbacher

John Albert Ashbacher, age 91, Orfordville, formerly of Waukon, Iowa, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, March 11, 2022.

John was born December 9, 1930, in the French Creek area of rural Lansing Iowa, the son of Harold and Louise (Scharping) Ashbacher. He attended a one-room country school through eighth grade. He played football, basketball, and baseball, for Waukon High School before graduating in 1948.

He farmed with his father Harold until he was drafted and served in the U.S. Army from January 7, 1954 to January 6, 1956. He resumed farming until he retired at age 81. In retirement, John enjoyed traveling with family to Japan, Israel and Turkey. John loved hunting, fishing, playing baseball and cards. John



Evonne M. Montefelt

Evonne M. Montefelt, age 85, of Juda, died Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Pleasant View Nursing Home.

ing several Orfordville area routes dutifully. He loved spending time twice per day at Kay's Outback Café where he read the newspaper and got caught up with current events and local gossip. Morrey's family extends a special gratitude to the caring and kindness shared to him by several customers and the owners of Kay's.

Morrey is survived by his grandsons: Timothy and Zachary Knutson. He was preceded in death by his only daughter and pride and joy, Teri Bonaunet Knutson, in 2004. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his sisters: Dorris Damman and Bernice Runaas.

Upon the likely wishes of Morrey, there will not be a formal funeral service, however, we encourage everyone who knew and helped him to please have breakfast at Kay's in his honor and remember him fondly. Memorial contributions can be made to United Way Blackhawk Region in Morrey's name.

Thank you again to all who helped in Morrey's care, to the extent he would allow, and to Mercy Hospital staff's compassion.

was very proud to be a member of the Iowa Whitetail Hall of Fame. John said he had two good wives and was proud of his four children. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandsons.

He married Marian Blegan at the Glenwood Lutheran Church in Decorah, Iowa on September 26, 1959, and had five children. Following Marian's death in 1992, John married Darlain Muenchow of Orfordville, on October 9, 1994, at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Evansville, Wisconsin.

He is survived by: his wife, Darlain; four children: Andrea, Rhessa, Daryl (Julie) and Ross Ashbacher; two grandchildren: Dylan and Drew; three stepchildren: David Muenchow, Bruce (Sabrine) Muenchow and Becky (David) Sierzega, and other stepfamily members. Also surviving are a sister, Dorothy Lincoln-Smith, and two brothers: Richard (Carol) and Ronald Ashbacher.




He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Marian, an infant son, his sister, Arlene Ritchey, and two step-grandchildren.

Funeral service were held at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Evansville, on Wednesday, March 16, at 1 p.m. A visitation was held one hour prior to funeral service. A graveside service will be held at Oakland Cemetery, Waukon, Iowa on Thursday, March 17, at 1 p.m. Online condolences can be made at www.newcomerfh.com.

Evonne was born on April 24, 1936 in Lafayette County, the daughter of Sanford and Mary Peterson. She graduated from Argyle High School in 1954. She was united in marriage to Jerry Montefelt on June 9, 1973 at the East Wiota Lutheran Church. Evonne and Jerry farmed on the Montefelt home farm in Spring Grove Township until 2019. She enjoyed taking trips with Jerry, farmwork, gardening, raising her flowers, and watching after her cats.

Evonne is survived by her husband of 48 years, Jerry Montefelt of Juda; two sons: Allan Montefelt of Romeo, Michigan and Brian (Angie) Montefelt of Orfordville; two granddaughters: Hannah and Nicole; great grandson, Luke; her brother,

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Bonnie Joyce Lewis

Bonnie Joyce Lewis, age 91, of Brodhead, passed away on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Agrace Hospice in Janesville. She was born the daughter of Albert and Harriet (Keller) Nolt on February 5, 1931. She attended Oakley School. She married Chester Lewis on May 3, 1975 in Senneca, Wisconsin; he preceded her in death in 2008.

Bonnie is survived by her six children: Roger (Kenlyn) Walmer of Monticello, Carole (Dennis) Thompson of Janesville, Fred Walmer of Janesville, Raymond Walmer of Juda, and Kathy (Dennis) Goecks of Juda, and Marcia Walmer of Almogordo, New Mexico; eight grandchildren: Tara Daly, Chris Parmer, Michael Walmer, Teagan Gumbel, Jessica Robichaud, Brad Goecks, Chad Goecks, Adam Walmer Reddy, and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Chester

Lewis; her eldest sister, Eva Arlene Hawkins; brother, Myron Albert "Bud" Nolt, sister, Vivian Lois Krause, and sister, Betty Jean Nolt, in infancy; son-in-law, Richard Parmer, and daughter-in-law, Julie Walmer.

A lifelong resident of Green County, Wisconsin, Bonnie was a true "Farmer's daughter" who loved being outdoors gardening, bird watching, or playing with her beloved cats... her companions until her admission to assisted living. She was a hard-working woman who demonstrated a devout work ethic in all she did. Whether working on the farm throughout her childhood and early married years, working as a factory worker at Swiss Colony in Monroe or Prent in Janesville, or with husband Chester in their HVAC business. Bonnie's hard work and commitment to whatever she did was commendable.

Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday March 17, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brodhead with Pastors Darin Wiebe and Tom Kreis officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood cemetery, Brodhead. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service, at the church. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Bonnies' family wants to thank the following organizations for making her last days and moments on this earth both peaceful and meaningful: Azura Assisted Living in Beloit, where Bonnie spent her last days, and Agrace Hospice of Janesville, who provided exceptional measures to ensure comfort during her last days.

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Larry (Carmen) Peterson of El Paso, Texas; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; and a sister, Jeannette Davis.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 17, at 11 a.m., at the Newcomer Funeral, Monroe, with Cal Schaver officiating. Interment will follow in Oakley Union Church Cemetery. Visitation will be at the funeral home on Wednesday, March 16, from 5 until 7 p.m. Memorials are suggested to Oakley Union Church Cemetery in Evonne's name. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomerfuneralhome.net.

The family would like to thank the staff of Pleasant View for their wonderful care of Evonne.

UCC Spring Christian Women's Luncheon

The annual Spring Christian Women's Luncheon at Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, will be held Thursday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m.

All area women are welcome to the free luncheon of soups, salads and desserts. Entertainment will be provided by singers Karissa and Julia Carlson.

If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the church office at 608-897-2917 or 608-214-4191 by Monday, March 21. Leave a message with name and number of guests. Soups, salads and desserts will be offered.

City referendum

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administrator is responsible for carrying out the policies on a day-to-day basis. The administrator can be fired at any time by the council.

•**Hiring an administrator takes power away from the council.**

False—It strengthens the position of the governing body to make key decisions. It will, however, result in adjustments as to who is responsible for what.

•**Administrators cost too much.**

False—Most administrators in Wisconsin receive between \$75,000 to \$100,000 (not including benefits) well under comparable private sector positions. By efficient man-

agement, they are likely to pay for themselves within a short period of time.

•**Administrators don't stay very long in one community.**

Mostly False—the average is about seven years and experience of over fifteen years are not uncommon.

•**Full-time mayors are the same as administrators.**

False—Mayors are elected for their political leadership, not their experience and education in running the day-to-day business of the municipality. Some mayors may have administrative skills; other mayors may not.

For a copy of the City Administrator job description or questions regarding the referendum, please contact City Hall at cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us or 608-897-4018 ext. 150.

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creased property values, higher than expected enrollment numbers, changes in staff benefits, and debt retirement have allowed the District to stay in a sound financial position and maintain a healthy fund balance over the last three years. Much like a business or home budget, the District cannot operate on a deficit budget, (spending down fund balance) over the long term. Deficit spending and using some fund balance can be part of the equation, but this cannot be considered a long-term solution. Deficit spending as the lone solution would completely deplete our fund balance in less than three years.

Thus, the District/Board is left with the choice of reducing programs, raising revenues through a Referendum, or some reasonable combination of both. The School Board can, under its own authority, make cuts and eliminate programs; however, it cannot raise revenues without permission of the community, through the Referendum process. It is time for the community to decide, through a Referendum, whether these programs for our children merit the extra financial support necessary to keep them. The Board proposes a solution that combines a revenue cap override, for less than the anticipated deficit amounts, combined with some limited cost saving measures and/or strategic use of fund balance to bridge the gap.

The idea of a Referendum was discussed with community members at a public meeting held on November 17 and there was agreement that the District needed these additional funds to maintain our facilities and programs. The amount of the Referendum was discussed as well and the Board chose \$1,750,000 for each year of a three (3) year non-recurring Referendum to help maintain a consistent level of taxes, which will remain significantly lower than all other area districts for the next three years. It is anticipated that the school tax level will be much lower in each of the three years of the Referendum (7.38 for 2022-23, 7.47 for 2023-24, and 7.28 for 2024-25) than the average mill rate over the last ten years (8.58).

Next week, I will summarize some of the cost saving measures that have already been made in the District. There will be a Public Meeting/Open House on Monday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 30 at 6 p.m. in the Brodhead High School Auditoria. Board members are also available to make presentations to any community groups or businesses wishing to learn more about the Referendum. Materials can also be found on the Referendum link <https://brodhead.renendumfacts.org> on the District website, www.brodhead.k12.wi.us or by calling 608-897-2141.

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE FOR

Brodhead City Mayor

Greetings Brodhead Voters,

My name is Thomas Simpson and I'm running for your city of Brodhead mayor; as a write in Candidate, on the Tuesday, April 5th election. I grew up and lived in Brodhead my entire adult life. I practiced veterinary medicine in Brodhead since 1990 and owned and operated my own practice for over 20 years. I have served many of you over the years as your veterinarian. I will bring the same work ethic and devotion to the City of Brodhead as I did to my personal business and the families that put their trust in me. I believe I have the leadership skills and the knowledge to lead and keep Brodhead headed in the right direction. I want to work for you so that we all can continue to be proud to call Brodhead our hometown.

As your mayor, I will seize the opportunity to address the challenges that face Brodhead. I don't have all the answers but I'm willing to listen to all sides, ask the hard questions and help the council make the best decisions possible. I've heard people say, "my opinion doesn't matter, they will do what they want anyway". I want to assure the voters and residents of Brodhead their opinions do matter and I will be a mayor who will listen to your concerns. This is your city, where you work, live and play; you should feel heard. I want to be a full-time mayor; available to all Brodhead citizens. You will be encouraged to call, email or visit me at city hall. I want the residents of Brodhead, young and old, to know they can approach me anytime, with their concerns.

I believe the problems we are experiencing here in Brodhead are no different than the issues occurring across this great country of ours. In order to fix these issues, we need to start locally. It takes people willing to get involved in all areas of our community. We need people willing to step up and volunteer. Our EMS and Fire District are hurting badly for volunteers. If they don't get the volunteers, they will be faced with hiring full-time EMS and Fire Fighters. This will require the city of Brodhead to pay a large portion of that cost. As an alderman we just voted to partially fund the Brodhead EMS for the first time ever, so they could fund a mentoring program. If they can't find volunteers to mentor, they may need to hire staff. The Brodhead Fire District is already doing the same thing. As mayor I want to work to find an effective solution to this problem. I want to encourage private sector growth and work to bring more small manufacturing companies to Brodhead and help retain the ones we already have. I believe this is what will truly strengthen our local economy.


As mayor I will strive to make our city government more accountable and transparent to everyone. I will do everything in my ability to maintain and improve the services and the infrastructure, we have come to need and depend on.

I would appreciate your write in vote

on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022!

If you would like to contact me, I can be reached at

608-897-5994 or docsimpson@sugarrivervet.com.



Thank you - Thomas Simpson

Write in Candidate for Brodhead City Mayor

Paid for by Thomas Simpson

School Board

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Forward testing will take place after spring break.

Property insurance coverage is being increased to bring coverage closer to the value of the property.

A second meeting in April will take place on Monday, April 25.

Referendum informational meetings will take place Monday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 30.

Don Buchanan, Michael Oellerich and Dave Novy were appointed as canvassers for the Spring Election.

Early college credit applications

were approved as required by State Statute.

The 2022-2023 Student Handbooks were approved.

Contracted and volunteer coaches were approved.

The 2023 High School Music trip to Nashville and Memphis was approved for spring break.

The resignation of Paul Ritschard, junior varsity 2 softball coach, was approved.

Mariah Douglad was approved as junior varsity 2 softball coach.

Wednesday Lenten Luncheons

return

After two years of pandemic chaos, isolation, and division, the Congregational United Church of Christ is partnering with area churches and pastors and resurrecting a once-popular Brodhead tradition—the Lenten Luncheon series. This series has been a popular way for attendees of different churches (and those who don't attend a church) to come together in unity and fellowship for an enjoyable break in the middle of the day. Each 40-minute weekly gathering (12:10–12:50 p.m.) is free and open to everyone, and will include prayer and a time of reflection led by pastors of varying backgrounds and denominational connections. The gatherings will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. The schedule of speakers is as follows:

March 16—Mary Frederick

March 23—Tiff Bates

March 30—Rick Gleason

April 6—Darren Wiebe

April 13—Shawn Stapleton

Attendees are asked to bring their own lunches this year. Coffee, lemonade, and dessert items will be provided. Masks and sanitizer will be available for use at the attendee's discretion. Those with questions can contact the Rev. Dr. Shawn Stapleton at 608-897-2917.

Albany High Alumni

Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held on Friday, March 25th and Saturday, March 26th. It will start at approximately 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 25th.

This is their only fund-raiser of the year and all proceeds go to scholarships for deserving seniors. Please come out and support this worthwhile cause.

CASEY'S CORNER

By Casey Jones

Good morning! Grab your favorite beverage! It's time to relax with your favorite newspaper!

Has spring sprung or is it Fool's Spring? Either way, it is still "shorts" weather and I am happy for that. The glow of white legs will soon be rampant everywhere you look.

When I as a kid, I would look forward to the first hint of spring. It meant I could go outside and play without a heavy winter coat. I could ride my bicycle anywhere I wanted including lots of shortcuts that were no longer deep with snow.

One of my favorite things was to find a quiet spot where I could lay in the sun. It was usually along the banks of a river. With or without a fishing pole, I could lay there without a care in the world. The sounds of the flowing water were magical. The warmth of the sun on my young face along with the soft glow of the sun I could see through my eyelids were definitely a piece of heaven. The sounds of the birds chirping their arrival from the places they have been inspired thoughts of far away places. Exotic places, warm places, mysterious places were all destinations in this young boy's dreams and imagination. The smells that had been locked away for the winter months were returning. Every sense in this young person's body was re-ignited. It was definitely a time for dreaming of the possibilities that were still to come.

As I grew older, dreaming changed. The most significant change occurred when I met the girl who later became my wife. Dreaming is great when you are young but becomes even more enjoyable when you have someone to share your dreams. Lori and I spent lots of time on the hood of our car looking at the stars wondering what adventures lay before us. Some of our dreams became reality. Some were set aside for new dreams. The dreams changed over time from dreams for us to dreams for our children.

The days of lying on the hood of the car and dreaming are gone but we still take time to share hopes and dreams usually on the couch or lying in bed.

I hope you had your place to go where you could dream. In fact, I hope you still have your place to go to dream and you have found someone with whom you can share dreams.

Enjoy spring!
casey@bccole.com

Juda School Board meeting

Juda School District Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, March 9th, 2022

At the board meeting on Wednesday night the Juda School Board:

- Accepted a donation of \$98 from Klitzman Seed for milk for students and the FFA.
- Accepted a donation from Dennis Pfingsten of \$300 for the High School Field Trip.
- Approved the hiring of Ashley Henderson as long-term sub for Middle School Social Studies and High School Support.
- Approved the hiring of Kristine Cozzens for Music.
- Accepted the resignation of Conrad Schnell as Middle School Social Studies Teacher and High School Special Education.
- Viewed a presentation from Kurtis Mansfield on plans for upgrading the park. The Board authorized the Recreation Department to move ahead with phase 1 of the plan. Funds will come from Fund 80, which was approved at the annual meeting in October of 2021.

- Heard from Mary Larson on the spending of funds received from grants. New textbooks have been ordered for various subjects and some curriculum is being updated with these funds. She also spoke of the various state testing that will take place between now and the end of the school year.
- Traci Davis spoke to the board regarding updated school operations pertaining to Covid. At this time there are no positive cases and no one is out for close contacts. Masks are not being worn in either the school or on busses. Testing is still being offered.
- Traci Davis informed the board that she and Pam Green attended a meeting regarding the district's health insurance. She will have more information for the board to review at the next meeting.
- Traci Davis mentioned that after spring break next week things will be getting busy with many spring sports starting up, field trips and various end of the school year events.
- The Board approved updates to policy 5215 Missing and Absent Children.
- Coming out of Executive Session the Board approved minor re-



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Front row, left to right: Onnikah Oliver, Cora Hafen, Gabby McCarty, Kyleigh Raupp, Madisyn Kail, Ellie Yates, Amanda Visger, Kiarra Moe; middle row: Emaleigh McNeece, Jersey Medenwaldt, Taylor Midthun, Kaila Wolline, Lindsey Dodd, Tori Urness; back row: Alexis Cook, Josiah Engen, Cooper Woelky, Gage Boegli, Colten Steiner, Brady Bruns. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



NEW MEMBERS BHS NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
Front row, left to right: Breleigh Gierhart, Skylar Gretebeck, Lexie Lobeck, Emily Welsh, Kirsten Fish, Payton Demrow, Noah Martinez-Bochman; middle row: Hannah Withrow, Abbie Dix, Leon Saunders, Colton Buttke, Ruthann Buehl, Abigail Mills; back row: Alexis Kammerer, Sean Huffman, Ephraim Corbit, Kaidynce Bevars, Mckenna Young, Kaiden Chojnacki.

visions to the hourly wage rates for support staff.

Next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13th, 2022.

Oakley-Union UMC Chili Fund-raiser

The Oakley-Union United Methodist Church will have a Drive-Thru Meal for their Winter Chili Fund-raiser on Saturday, March 19th at the Juda Community Center from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. Chili choices: chili with macaroni OR chili with beans; plus Brick cheese sandwich and corn muffin and choice of dessert: cherry slab pie, angel food cake or chocolate brownie. All for \$8.



Friends of Brodhead inductees
Jeff and Val Wymer



Friends of Brodhead inductee
Bob Olsen



Wall of Fame inductee
Jack Melvin III

At the Wall of Fame presentation Jack spoke about the fact that he has lived in many places all over the world including three deployments to the Middle East. When he had to decide what city would be on his law degree certificate, he chose Brodhead, WI. He even brought his framed law degree to show those in attendance that Brodhead was indeed on the parchment. He emphasized the special place that Brodhead holds in his heart. Where he spent his most formative years, where he learned values and a sense of community. No matter where we go in life, Brodhead will be a part of you.

A summary of career include Waukesha County Circuit Court Judge, WI Army National Guard Judge Advocate, three Middle East deployments, State of Wisconsin Labor and Industry Review Commission Staff Attorney, State of Wisconsin Division of Gaming Administrator, QBE America's Staff Counsel, Milwaukee County Election Commission Chair and Baxter and O'Meara Associate Attorney.

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Wrestling end of season awards

Coach Chris Hoesly recapped the wrestling season last Wednesday. In addition to thanking assistant coach Al Oliver, he also thanked managers Kyla Miller, Anjelika Belmontes, Elly Harding and Nolan Oliver.

Each wrestler was recognized for their contribution to the season. Coach Hoesly specifically noted how the wrestlers supported and encouraged each other particularly when the team was participating in an invitational and there were five wrestlers all on mats in multiple gyms and individual wrestlers helped out by coaching their team mate as the two coaches could not be everywhere.

End of season awards, left to right: Joe Lohmar—First Team All Conference, Charlie Weiss—Most Improved, Marcus McIntyre—Most Valuable and RVC Wrestler of the Year, Seth Mansfield—Honorable Mention All Conference, Cole Hoesly—Captain and Honorable Mention All Conference, and Landon King—Most Improved. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Emcees, Jennifer and Mike Flory were assisted by Makenna and Keaton Jarvis drawing names for the various baskets. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Durand FFA Alumni and Supporters Metals Drive

The Durand FFA Alumni and Supporters will hold a metals drive on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Durand School's west parking lot, 200 W. South Street. Proceeds collected will benefit the Durand FFA and the Alumni and Supporters Scholarship Fund.

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Monday Night Mixed League

3/7—High series: Robert Murray 768, Tyson Foster 722, Denny Schultz 711. High games: R. Murray 267, D. Schultz 266, T. Foster 264. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,103 and series 3,232. Standings: Broughton's Bar won 36 lost 6, Fosters Gaming 22-20, Deb's Bar 20-22, Center Tavern 16-26, Beloit Chiropractic 16-26, Albany Lanes 16-26.

Tuesday Shanigans

3/8—High series: Alexis Sies 627, Fran Kubesh 438, Barb Brugger 421, Brandon Bong 618, Dan Eaton 574, Rick Josephson 565. High games: A. Sies 235, Betty Helwig 175, B. Brugger 152, F. Kubesh 152, B. Bong 238, D. Eaton 214, R. Josephson 206. Sweet Mini HaHa-high team game 694 and series 1,999. Standings: Barely Upright won 79 lost 61, Sweet Mini HaHa 79-61, Albany Lanes 79-61, Greightful Dead 73-67, Clayt's Boomtastic 69-71, Misfits 23-117.

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3/8—High series: Brian Behnke 647, Russell Buetzer 627, Keith Riese 605, Rob Kubesh 605. High games: B. Behnke 263, Ethan Pfueti 254, Jim Laughlin 226, R. Buetzer 223. Renks-high team game 849 and series 2,379. Standings: Renks won 34 lost 8, Counter Attack 28-14, Jim's Mechanic Shop 25-17, Brugger Farms Trucking 18-24, Pearl City Elevator 12-30, Decatur Dairy 9-33.

Wednesday Night Ladies

3/9—High series: Laurie Thill 458, Sarah Flood 447, Julie Williams 438, Traci Brewer 431, Sandy Larson 424. High games: S. Flood 207, Jen Hlavachek 167, J. Williams 164, L. Thill 160, Fran Kubesh 159. Albertson's-high team game 557 and series 1,642. Standings: Larson Acres won 46 lost 24, New Glarus Brewery 42-28, Broughton's Bar 39-31, Glenn-Ann Ladies 32-38, Albertson's 28-42, Center Tavern 23-47.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

3/10—High series: Becky Riese 485, Laurie Thommen 456, Barb Chapman 445, Virginia Schliem 431, Debbie Williams 424. High games: L. Thommen 181, Nancy Salzwedel 175, B. Riese 167, 162, 156, Chris Rosheins 158, B. Chopmann 154. Splits: Linda Reilly 2-7, Sheryl Johnson 5-7, 2-7, Shirley Sutherland 3-7. Knutes-high team game 550 and series 1537. Standings: Knutes won 36 lost 12, Huntington Plumbing 34-14, Mike's Flooring 29-19, Ball's Installations 24-24, Albany Lanes 17-31.

Thursday Night Mixed

3/10—High series: Ethan Pfueti 673, Tony Brewer 670, Brandon Bayrhofer 651, Tim Golz 648. High games: Rob Kubesh 268, T. Brewer 253, E. Pfueti 250, B. Bayrhofer 248. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,047 and series 3,044. Standings: Golz Electric won 29 lost 13, Glenn Ann Holsteins 27-15, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 23-19, Irv's Masonry 18-24, Attica Bar 15-27, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 14-28.

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Green County Sheriff's Department

February 28-March 6, 2022

At 2:30 a.m., Wednesday, deputies stopped a vehicle for speeding in the W5200 block of STH 11, Town of Monroe. Investigation resulted in Daniel L. Devoe, 26, of Brodhead, being arrested for operating while under the influence (drug) first

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Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Sarah Carpenter, Outreach Librarian

Let's talk about kids, shall we? As a child, I loved reading (shocking to find out, I know!). You might know a young person who enjoys reading, conversely you may know someone you WISH enjoyed reading. Either way, we're here to help. This month we're working on introducing new material to our children and middle grade sections.

For the littlest ones, we have new kits that can be checked out that include fun things such as puppets and games in addition to books. Keep in mind that you can sign your kiddo up for our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten program, which encourages good reading habits as they complete a fun sticker book that tracks their progress. Don't let the name of the program spook you though, you can count that Paw Patrol book you read ten times a day each time you read it.

Children that are a little older will be excited to hear we've added some new books about sea animals to our collection. These will help get them ready and excited for our 2022 Summer Reading Program 'Ocean Adventures'. We also have the new series 'Emma Every Day' that follows young Emma Carter, who is Deaf. Simple sign language is also included in each book.

Middle school age kids won't even realize they're reading when they get sucked into the world of Berrybrook Middle. Awkward, Brave, and Crush are three new Graphic Novels by Svetlana Chmakova that tackle real issues that teens can relate to in their daily lives. We're excited for all our new additions, and hope to see you and your young ones soon!

Just a quick reminder that you have one last chance to sign-up for Let's Spark Joy, Green County! The tidying program featuring the KonMari Method will go live Friday, March 18th at 6 p.m. and be available through Sunday, March 20th at 6 p.m. To sign-up and receive access, visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/iFAIpQLScV-vcaRDPcOD-2dJtdRdXXhpH-bgk7VXNyNxEvnrZLxL-NvacA/viewform> you can also access the registration link via our website or our Facebook page. Let's get tidy, once and for all!

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offense. Devoe was also cited for speeding, possession of drug paraphernalia, and operating with no insurance. He was released pending court.

Green County Sheriff's Department March 7-13, 2022

At approximately 7:55 a.m., Monday, deputies responded to the intersection of Country Club Drive and Golf Course Road, Town of Decatur, for a two vehicle crash. Investigation determined that a northbound operator on Golf Course Road, Alexis S. Restivo, 27, of Brodhead, attempted to slow to take a right turn onto Country Club Drive. Alexis was unable to control her vehicle on the snow covered roadway and continued sliding northbound. Alexis' vehicle then collided with a vehicle facing southbound at a stop sign on Golf Course Road. The stopped vehicle was being operated by Ersan Erol, 50, of Brodhead. Alexis sustained no injuries and reported wearing her seat belt. There was no airbag deployment in her vehicle, which sustained moderate front-end damage, and it was driven from the scene. Ersan also reported not being injured and wearing his seat belt. Ersan's vehicle had no airbag deployment, sustained minor damage and was driven from the scene.

At approximately 4:14 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the W2900 block of Walnut Street, Juda, for a report of a male striking and yelling at an adult female. Investigation resulted in the offender, Harley A. Boeck, 29, of Juda, being arrested for disorderly conduct, falling under the Wisconsin Domestic Abuse laws. Harley was transported to the Green County Jail where he was held pending his initial court appearance or posting of his bond.

At approximately 6:49 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the N2800 block of County Highway GG, Town of Decatur, for a report of a verbal altercation between an adult male and an adult female. Investigation resulted in the offender, Michael E. Cavin, 31, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for disorderly conduct, falling under the Wisconsin Domestic Abuse laws. Michael was transported to the Green County Jail where he will be held pending his initial appearance or posting of his bond.

At approximately 4:10 p.m., Friday, deputies responded to the Green County Probation and Parole Office in the City of Monroe and arrested Matthew W. Schmid, 41, of Albany, who had a proba-

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LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Mar. 17: no school.
Fri., Mar. 18: no school.
Mon., Mar. 21: chicken strips, potato wedges, fruit, milk.
Tues., Mar. 22: French toast, sausage links, orange juice, milk.
Wed., Mar. 23: grilled cheese, soup, crackers, fruit, milk.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun., Mar. 20, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 21, WI Forward Testing grades third-eighth and 10th; DLM (Special Education) Testing; Donkey Basketball, 7 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 23, early release 2:37 p.m.; Board of Education meeting, 6 p.m.; Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.; adult open gym, 7 p.m.; adult volleyball, 7 p.m. elementary school gym.
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News from Parkview High School

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ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU:

Thurs., Mar. 17: shepherd's pie, whole grain biscuit, green beans.
Fri., Mar. 18: pizza dippers, chef's choice lunch K-5, marinara cup, roasted broccoli.
Mon., Mar. 21: chicken patty on bun, EZ Jammer w/soy butter, sweet potato fries, peas and carrots.
Tues., Mar. 22: tater tot nachos, corn chips, seasoned pinto beans, mild salsa cup.
Wed., Mar. 23: chicken pot pie w/whole grain biscuit.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thurs., Mar. 17: musical rehearsal, 3-8 p.m.; high school track and field, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 18: musical rehearsal, 3-8 p.m.; high school track and field, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 19: Pizazz competition at Decatur, Illinois; track invitational at UW Platteville, 9 a.m.
Mon., Mar. 21: high school track and field, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 22: elementary music programs 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; high school track and field, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Wed., Mar. 23: high school track and field, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 9, Parkview High School hosted a Trades Career Exhibition. All high school students had the opportunity to learn about various facets of the skilled trades. In small groups, representatives shared information regarding job outlook and opportunities, working conditions and job duties, career path and advancement, Youth Apprenticeship and job shadow, high school course alignment and steps to employment and Registered Apprenticeships. Representation of the event included the following businesses and organizations; JP Cullen, KUHN North America, IBEW Local 890, Rock Energy, Matt Schwarz, Plumbers Union Local 75, Jeremy Case, Blackhawk Technical College, Wellnitz Brothers General Contracting, LiUNA Local 464, and Scot Forge. The speakers provided exposure to over 13 skilled trade professions; including, Electrical, Plumbing, Lineman, Masonry, Welding, HVAC, Laboring, General Contracting, Carpentry, Construction, Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technician, Electro-Mechanical Technology, and various avenues of Manufacturing. Parkview School District strives to provide experiences for students to be career, life and college ready and this event is an example of exploration that leads to confident students when making post-secondary decisions.

Parkview Elementary resumed Destination Imagination competition after having to scrap the last two years due to COVID-19. Both of the Parkview Destination Imagination teams placed first at Regionals in Milwaukee and are heading to STATE competition on April 9.

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LUNCH MENU—

Thurs., Mar. 17: no school.
Fri., Mar. 18: no school.
Mon., Mar. 21: beef stew, fresh bread, fruit, veggie.
Tues., Mar. 22: nachos, fruit, veggie.
Wed., Mar. 23: chicken wrap, fruit, veggie.

SCHOOL CALENDAR—

Thur., Mar. 17: middle school boys' basketball at Barneveld; no school.
Fri., Mar. 18: no school, track at UW Platteville.
Mon., Mar. 21: first baseball practice.
Tues., Mar. 22: blood drive, middle school boys' basketball home vs. Monticello; softball at Lena-Winslow.
Wed., Mar. 23: last Blast concert.

The fourth grade class is participating in the USPS Pen Pal Project. They were partnered with a fourth grade class from Burnsville, North Carolina. They were so excited to receive and share their first letters. They can't wait to write back to them!

Congrats to Briley Swedlund and Jackie Nusbaum for being inducted into the National Honor Society.

The 10th Annual Juda Hill Climb will be on Saturday, May 21st. Join them for the Kids Run Fun, 2k Walk or 5k Race. The fun starts at 9 a.m. from the Juda School District. Award ceremony with medals for the top three runners in different age groups and door prizes to follow. Contact Amber Williams with any questions, williams@judaschool.com. Link to register: <https://bit.ly/2022JudaHillClimb>

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Music in Our Schools

By Brodhead Music Boosters

Sarah Jordan is the new Choir Teacher for the Brodhead Middle and High School. Welcome Sarah! We are glad you are here.

Hello! My name is Sara Jordan, and I was born and raised in Juda. I recently graduated from UW-Platteville where I received B.S. degrees in Choral, Vocal Performance, and General Music education. My parents are J.R. and Shelly Jordan. I have two siblings, Lucas and Libby. Outside of school, I like to play softball in the summer, sing in various choirs, and play with my puppy, Bourbon. I am so thrilled to be back in the area teaching.

From a young age, I knew I wanted to be a music teacher. In the third grade, I even dressed up as a music teacher for professional career dress up day! Music has always been a strong passion of mine. I was involved in band, choir, and piano all through middle and high school. Once I got to college, I knew for sure that I was in the right profession. I could see the love and passion my professors had for music every day. I wanted exactly what they had, and I wanted to be able to positively impact my future students as they have done for me.

My hopes and dreams for the choir program here at Brodhead is growth and success. Right now, the numbers are pretty low, so I'm hoping to bring more students in through the door. I also want success for the program. In order to do that, I have to make sure that I teach them the fundamentals of choral singing as well as vocal technique. My other hope is for all my students to want to be involved in the choir program and to find the love for music in their own lives. I am the most excited about getting to know and work with the students while watching their voices take off.



Photo by Michelle Kaderly Welsh

Brodhead Historical Society plans spring clean up

The Brodhead Historical Society is preparing the museum for opening on Saturday, May 28. They have 600 square feet of exhibits and they work to “bring the museum alive” each spring by undraping items and getting things sparkly for their summer season guests. They need volunteers! They are planning a coupe cleaning days, so call to be included in the fun. While many hands make it easy work, you also get a behind the scenes view of the museum. There's a lot of Brodhead history there and they want to keep it alive.

Call Holly at 608-558-9441 or Jane at 608-214-8289 to volunteer.

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Snows To Go!



Ahead of the concert many attendees participated in the basket raffle. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Symphonic band



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