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## **Brodhead School District Cost Saving** Measures

### By David Novy, Superintendent **Brodhead School District**

Quality schools and healthy communities go hand in hand. It benefits us all, both locally and as a society, to provide a great education for the next generation. We have a school system to be proud of in Brodhead, but maintaining our level of excellence will continue to be a struggle with our budget constraints. While Brodhead continues to have the lowest mill rate in the area, our community's schools have provided an excellent foundation for education.

The need for a Referendum is a direct result of State-imposed revenue caps, declining enrollment, and reductions in State aid to the schools. School Board members have worked to stay within these constraints while maintaining programs. This hard work is reflected in the District's tax rate, which is the lowest among all area districts. Even with the changes that have been made, the budget shortfalls continue to be a concern.

Since the start of the current Referendum in 2018, the Board has continued to work on reducing expenditures and saving revenues. All debt has been paid off for several years, saving on interest costs. Health benefits were transitioned to a HDHP/HSA plan. Several energy efficiency projects have been completed and the District has received over \$70,000 from Focus on Energy through rebates and incentives. The District has also switched to a self-funded dental plan. Building budgets have been frozen for over 17 years. Professional salaries have been renewed at or below the Consumer Price Index.

Community resources have been used to control costs as well. Numerous organizations have stepped up to donate funds to sustain programs and implement facility upgrades. The Brodhead Sports Boosters funded a completely new concession stand for outdoor activities. Kid Connection has helped upgrade the Elementary School playgrounds with

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### City of **Brodhead Local Offices** for Election **UPDATED:** FRIDAY, MARCH 18

The offices of Mayor and three Alderperson at Large will be up for election in the April 5, 2022 Spring Election. All Terms are for two years. Casey Jones and 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 897-4018 ext 150. City Hall is open Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Deadline to turn in registered write in paperwork is Friday, April 1, 2022, at noon.

### **April 5, 2022 Spring Election Referendum Question**

The Brodhead City Council • Manages day-to-day operations 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?

On July 16, 2021, City Council approved a city administrator job description with an emphasis on economic and community development with a salary of \$75,007.80 to \$90,004.80 (not including benefits). Listed below are the benefits in having a city administrator. In order for the City to fund this position, Council would need ask the residents of the City for a tax levy increase on a future referendum. A tax levy increase would approximately equate to \$60 per \$100,000 assessed value for Green and Rock County residents.

### **Benefits of Professional** Administrator

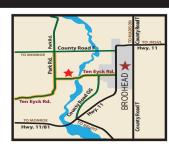
- · Carries out the policies established by elected officials
- Delivers public services efficiently, effectively, and equitably.

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- Evaluated based on their responsiveness to the elected legislative body and community, and on their ability to provide efficient and effective services.
- May be terminated at any time.
- Management expertise
- Dedication to public service
- · Communities with appointed administrators:
  - often have lower tax rates
  - -provide more efficient services
  - have fewer personnel problems
- -relieve elected officials of administrative tasks so they can focus on policy matters and long-range planning.

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

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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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Reverend Darin Wiebe, Interim Pastor, Phone: 608-897-2341 Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.com. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9:00 am. Online worship option via Facebook – Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Lenten Services - Wednesdays at 7:00 pm (in person and on Facebook). Faith Night - in-person every Wednesday (Dinner at 5:30 pm followed by class time 6:00 pm -7:00 pm). Face masks and social distancing are highly encouraged and greatly appreciated, to protect children and others who are unable to be vaccinated.

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.

## **OBITUARY**



## Carrie "Maisie" Condon

Carrie "Maisie" Condon, age 99, Whitewater/Brodhead, Wisconsin, passed away on March 7, 2022 while at her home in Whitewater. Maisie was born on July 27, 1922 in Stoughton, Wisconsin, the daughter of William and Elizabeth (Whaley) Taylor. She married Gurnsey Condon in 1946 in Southern Wisconsin.

Maisie was a member of the United Congregational Church of Whitewater, the Alpha Club, Federation of Womens' Club, Fairhaven Auxiliary, Whitewater Country Club and Women's Golf Association and the Golden Girls (a group of friends of 60 years and older).

Maisie is survived by two sons: Gurnsey (Noele) Condon of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin and John (Terry) Condon of Kissimmee, Florida; three grandchildren: Sean Condon of Minocqua, Wisconsin, Kristin Condon of Woodbury, Minnesota and Andrew Condon of Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin; two great granddaughters: Ryan and Devan Condon; one great grandson, Jude Besl; and many other nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. Maisie was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Gurnsey in 2004 and all of her sib-

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, at D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home, with visitation starting at noon. Burial in Greenwood Cemetery, Brodhead. The Condon Family asks that you kindly consider making a charitable donation to UNICEF, Savethe-Children, or a charity of your choice rather than floral donations. To extend online condolences to the family, please visit: www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

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### **School** referendum

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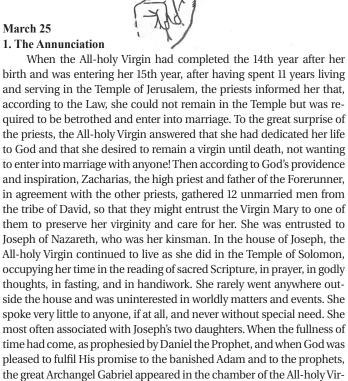
much needed equipment upgrades and rubber mulch for added student safety. FFA Alumni funds one class, field trips, and heat for the High School greenhouse. Several organizations/ people donated funds to build our new press box. Music Boosters continue to provide funds for our music departments. Field trips are no longer offered unless funded by community donations from organizations like the Lions, Kid Connection PTA, or the Optimist Club. The Brodhead Foundation has supplied grants for our High School Fab Lab, our one-to-one laptop program, press box, playgrounds, public pickle ball courts, and our new Industrial Technology Lab. We have utilized many grants to help continue our one-to-one computer initiative and our after-school Community Learning Center (CLC) Program. These are just a few of the many organizations/people, (to many to list them all) that have provided resources for us to sustain the programs and facilities in our schools.

Our District has also explored other avenues to generate revenue/save money. Over the life of the current three-year Referendum, our District has received well over \$400,000 in grants written to supplement funding and maintain programs. Some of these grants are Federal while others are State grants. Inclusive in this amount, our District received over \$100,000 in State grants for school safety improvements, which allowed us to install a buzz-in system for each of our schools, shatter-proof windows at all front entries, and a background check system for all school visitors. We take advantage of grants as they become available and understand how valuable these extra funding sources help our ability to supplement costs and maintain programs. Various school organizations within our District have also written and received other small grants. Student fees, lunch prices, and facility rental costs have increased as well, but we want to be conscious of how these additional fees affect our families and community organizations.

Unfortunately, this has not been enough, and budget challenges remain. Board members have discussed potential options and are not comfortable with the possible consequences. The Board has chosen to present a Referendum question to our community on April 5.

There will be a Public Meeting/ Open House on Monday, March 28 and Wednesday, March 30 at 6 p.m. in the High School Auditeria. Information regarding the Referendum and the financial impact will be shared along with a question-and-answer session with School Board members. Board members are also available to make presentations for individual groups or businesses. Materials can also be found on the Referendum link https:// brodhead.referendumfacts.org/ or by calling David Novy, Brodhead Superintendent, at 608-897-2141.

## March 25



### March 26

### 1. The Holy Archangel Gabriel

great feast but also a joyful feast.

Gabriel is the herald of the Incarnation of the Son of God. He is one of the seven archangels who stand before the throne of God. He appeared to Zacharias to announce the birth of the Forerunner. Gabriel said of himself: I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God (Luke 1:19) His name Gabriel means "man-God." The Holy Fathers, in speaking of the Annunciation, comment that an archangel with such a name was sent to signify Who He was, and what He would be like. Who would be born of the All-pure one. He would be the God-man, the mighty and powerful God. Some of the Fathers understood that this same Gabriel appeared to Joachim and Anna concerning the birth of the Virgin Mary, and that Gabriel instructed Moses in the wilderness to write the Book of Genesis. The Holy Fathers say that Gabriel belongs to the first and greatest order of heavenly powers, that is, the Seraphim, since the Seraphim stand closest to God. He is, therefore, one of the seven Seraphim closest to God. The names of the seven are Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Uriel, Salathiel, Jegudiel and Barachiel. To this number some add Jeremiel. Each one has his own particular service and all are equal in honor. Why did God not send Michael? Because Michael's service is to suppress the enemies of the Faith of God, while Gabriel's is the mission of announcing the salvation of mankind.

gin. This occurred, as some Church writers have related, precisely at the

same moment that she held open the book of the Prophet Isaiah and was

contemplating his great prophecy: Behold, a virgin shall be with child,

and bear a son! (Isaiah 7:14) Gabriel appeared in all of his angelic bright-

ness and saluted her: Rejoice, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is

with thee! (Luke 1:28) and the rest, as it is written in the Gospel of the

blessed Luke. With this angelic annunciation and the decent of the Holy

Spirit upon the Virgin, the salvation of mankind and the restoration of

all creation began. The history of the New Testament was opened by the

words of the Archangel Gabriel: Rejoice, thou that art highly favored.

This shows that the New Testament signified joy to mankind and to

all created things. Therefore the Annunciation is considered not only a

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## **Friends of Brodhead**

### **Bob Olsen**

Bob Olsen has been a thoughtful ambassador for the community of Brodhead through his lifelong commitment to service to the School District of Brodhead and support of Brodhead High School athletics. Bob has volunteered many hours for various activities at Brodhead High School from his own children all the way up to his own grandchildren. Bob also served on the School Board for 12 years and was a volunteer for the Brodhead Fire Department for 51 years. Congratulations Bob and thank you for all you have done for Brodhead High School.

### Jeff and Val Wymer

Jeff and Val have been volunteers for Brodhead athletics for over 20 years and continue to do so today even after their children have graduated. Both Jeff and Val have put countless hours in volunteering for the Sports Boosters and various events. Most of all Val has been a fixture volunteering many hours to keep stats and book for the Brodhead volleyball program. Jeff has also been a volunteer organizer of the football chain crew. We are very grateful for Jeff and Val's continued help and support. Congratulations to Jeff and Val Wymer.

### A LITTLE GOOD NEWS



"Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you." ~ Walt Whitman



### ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### **GREENWOOD CEMETERY NOTICE**

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Monday, April 4th, to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place spring or summer items until May 1st.

### BRODHEAD LIONS AND LEOS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Brodhead Lions Pancake Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 26, from 7 to 11 a.m. at the Albrecht Elementary School, 1400 21st Street, Brodhead. Dine in or drive through. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, applesauce, milk, juice and coffee. No charge for any meal this year. They are asking only for your fee will donation. Money raised will be used to help fund Brodhead School District activities and field trips.

### ATTENTION ADULT SOFTBALL TEAMS

If you are interested in getting a team in the Sunday Night Church Coed League, Tuesday Night Men's Master's League or would like to play on a team, call Wade at the Park and Rec Office at 608-897-2159 ext. 9. Leagues will begin in May.

### **OPTIMIST TRI-STAR BASKETBALL**

The Brodhead Optimist Club will be holding its Annual Tri-Star Basketball Competition on Sunday, March 27, at the Brodhead Middle School. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. for registration, competition will start promptly at 2 p.m.

The competition is open to boys and girls six to 13 and it will be categorized by gender and age: six-seven, eight-nine, 10-11, and 12-13.

Participants will compete on dribbling, passing, and shooting skills. Participation is free of charge, you can register on site, and parents are always welcome!

The winners of each age/gender group will qualify to compete at the District level at a later date.

For any questions contact Wayne Dieckhoff at 608-558-5868.

### HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST APRIL 3

The public is invited to an all-you-can eat pancake breakfast at the Monroe Moose Lodge on Sunday, April 3, Habitat for Humanity is serving and sponsoring the event.

Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. until noon. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$4 for children 6-11. Kids five and under eat free. The Moose Lodge is at 639 3rd Avenue, right near the duplex home Habitat is completing.

All of the proceeds go towards Habitat's mission of making safe, affordable homes in Green County.

### AARP SMART DRIVERS CLASS

An AARP Smart Drivers Class will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at the Brodhead United Methodist Church, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 608-897-2515 to register. The cost is AARP members \$20 and non-AARP members \$25. Come 15 minutes early to fill out paperwork. AARP members please bring your AARP card with your number.

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## Seeking Community Dairy Queen Candidates

The Green County Ag Chest invites area girls to consider being a candidate for their Community Dairy Queen Program. To be eligible, you must be a sophomore, junior or senior for the upcoming school year. You must attend the local school or have the community address or phone number of the community you wish to represent. The Community Dairy Queen is one of 11 queens that represent their community, Green County, and Wisconsin in the promotion of dairy products, resources, industries, tourism and people; especially the youth and youth organizations. The Community Dairy Queens are eligible to complete for the title of Green County Dairy Queen and Green County Dairy Princess.

The community dairy queens are required to attend monthly Green County Ag Chest Meetings, give radio reports, and write newspaper articles. They attend area fairs and festivals and promote dairy products. They support community activities; visit many new places, meet lots of people and make lifetime friends.

If you wish to run for your Community Dairy Queen or have questions, please contact your current Community Dairy Queen and your Community Queen Chairpersons. If you wish to learn more about the Dairy Queens Program or the Green County Ag Chest, please go to http://greencountyagchest.com

Please complete the Dairy Queen Information Sheet found on the Green County Ag Chest website under Queens Program. Email information to Rae Reeson, Green County Queen Chairperson at drreeson@tds.net or Sue Rieder, Green County Ag Chest President at pines\_02@yahoo.com before Sunday, May 8. Community judging is Saturday, May 21. All community candidates must attend.



## 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.

### 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 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.









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## Brodhead Athletic Department Fundraiser Big Success

By Casey Jones

Bridges Bar and Grill was the place to be on Saturday, March 12. It was the location for a fundraiser for the Brodhead Athletic Department. It featured a meat raffle, 50/50 drawings, a basket raffle and a silent auction. It was a full house and a great time was had by all who attended. More importantly, the event raised an astonishing \$11,000 to support the Brodhead Athletic Department. According to Athletic Director Brian Kammerer, these funds will be used to supplement the season to season team costs of uniforms and replacement, equipment, and game/scout software that the normal fiscal budget cannot always cover.

Annie and BJ Bockhop, organizers of the event, said, "The event was so successful because of our incredibly generous community! More than 100 businesses and individuals donated toward the event in addition to the great crowd that came to Bridges to buy raffle tickets, bid on silent auction items, and join in the 50/50 drawing. Thank you to all who participated!"



Just one of the happy winners of the meat raffle.

## CASEY'S CORNER

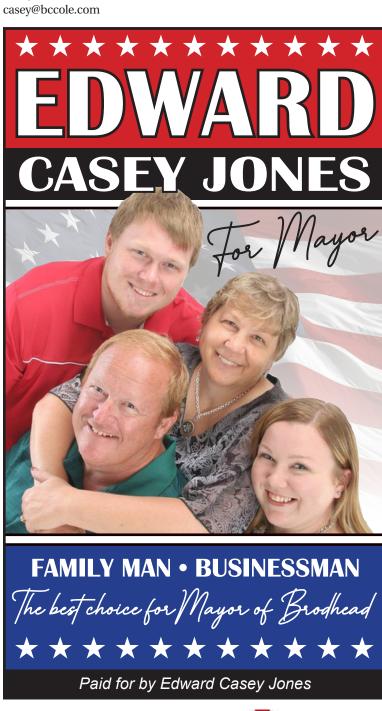
## By Casey Jones

Good morning! I hope your day is going great. This week, I am going to have to keep it short and sweet!

As you may know already, I am running for Mayor of Brodhead. I feel that I am prepared to take on the challenges that smaller cities in Wisconsin are facing today. I am also ready to take the negativity that is already starting, none of which is coming from the people running against me. I believe my record of serving and investing in the community will speak for itself.

If you have any questions, please contact me either by telephone or email. I prefer email to start in order to give your question and my answer all the time you deserve.

In the meantime, please enjoy my first political ad. I will return to Casey's Corner next week.





## **SOFTBALL PLAYERS** NEEDED

The Brodhead Park & Rec Dept. is looking for adult softball players for Tuesday Night Men's and Sunday Night Church Coed. If you are new to the area or are interested in playing softball this summer, call Wade at 897-2159 x9. Leagues will begin May 1st and 3rd.

## **SOFTBALL TEAMS NEEDED**

The Brodhead Park & Rec Dept. is looking for softball teams for Tuesday night Men's 25 and over Softball league. If you would like to get a team in the league or you have questions, please call Wade at 897-

## **ARPA Hoc Committee seeking input**

The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), was signed into law by President Biden on March 11, 2021 to speed up the United States' recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic and ongoing recession. The plan allocates \$350 billion to help state, local, and tribal governments, with the County of Green receiving \$7.17 million in funds.

In November of 2021, the Green County Finance and Accounting Committee authorized the creation of the ARPA Ad Hoc Committee (the committee) as a participatory way for the community to submit ideas for how Green County ARPA funds should be used to address needs and priorities in Green County. The committee is tasked with fact finding and information gathering on countywide needs and priorities. The needs and priorities will then be organized into broad categories and themes. The committee will make a recommendation with suggestions on percentages or dollar amounts to allocate to each category to assist the Finance Committee in making a final recommendation to the County Board on how the funds should be used.

The committee is seeking input from groups and organizations within the county. For this reason, it has created a presentation application process to invite community leaders to share the issues, opportunities, and priorities they see in Green County. This invitation is solely for the purpose of fact finding and information gathering by the committee and is not a grant application. The presentation application form can be found at https:// www.greencountywi.org/DocumentCenter/View/1166/Proposalfor-Use-of-Funds---Fillable-Form. Presentation proposals are due to the County Clerk's Office by March 28, 2022. The committee will review the proposals at its March 31, 2022 meeting and invite selected applicants to present to the committee in the month of April.

For more information on ARPA, please visit https://www.greencountywi.org/423/Green-County-Ad-Hoc-Committee or contact County Clerk Arianna Voegeli at avoegeli@greencountywi.org 608-328-9430.



Green County American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

### Proposal for Use of ARPA Funds

Applications are due by 4:30 pm on March 28, 2022

### Overview

**Proposal Application** 

The Green County ARPA Ad Hoc Committee (the committee) is seeking input from organizations and groups within Green County on how ARPA funds should be used to address needs and priorities in Green County. The committee will analyze the proposed uses of the funds to make recommendations to the Finance and Accounting Committee in June. The intent is to help this committee in making its final ARPA recommendations to the Green County Board of Supervisors. Selected applicants will be invited to present proposals to the committee in April of 2022. Presentations may be up to 10 minutes long, with an additional 5-10 minutes for Q&A. The ARPA Ad-Hoc Committee requests a written summary of the presentation. This invitation is solely for the purpose of fact finding and information gathering by the committee and is not a grant application.

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riefly describe your proposed use of ARPA funds and how it would benefit Green County:	
/hich date(s) would you be available to present? Please select all that you would be available to resent?	
☐ Thursday, April 14 at 7pm via Zoom	
☐ Thursday, April 28 at 7pm in person at the Green County Courthouse	
natureDate	

For more information or to submit your application, email Green County Clerk Arianna Voegeli at avoegeli@greencountywi.org, mail to Green County Clerk's Office at 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, WI 53566, or contact by phone at 608-328-9430.

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# **Election Write-in Candidate** for Brodhead City Mayor **Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022**As mayor, I would support and prioritize the following:

- Making our city government more accountable and transparent.
- ✓ Keeping our city government small and our taxes low.
- Improving and replacing worn out infrastructure i.e., streets & sewer.
- Responsible and only absolutely necessary government spending.
- Enforcement of all city ordinances equally and fairly to all citizens.
- Encouragement of economic growth in the private sector. Foremost, I will be a humble public servant of, by and for all the citizens of Brodhead.

I would appreciate your write-in vote on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Paid for by Thomas Simpson

## **Music in Our Schools**

**By Brodhead Music Boosters** 

This week, Brodhead Music Boosters would like to highlight and send appreciation to the Brodhead Middle School and High School Bands. Husband and wife duo—Jason and Beth Riesterer head these programs.

Beth shared these thoughts:

I am married to the high school band teacher, Mr. Riesterer. We have two wonderful children: Brynn who is an eighth grader and plays French horn and trumpet and Brant is a fifth grader who plays percussion and baritone within the Brodhead Band program. We have an adorable miniature schnauzer named Emmy. Music is a huge part of our lives! We love spending time together, watching our kids participate in sports and we really enjoy traveling!

It's hard to believe that I've been teaching in Brodhead for 15 years. The years have truly flown by.....

I knew that I wanted to be a band acher when I was in middle school. My middle school and high school band teachers have had a huge influence on my life. I really enjoy making music with my students. It's so much fun to hear their improvement and progression throughout the school year. We love marching in parades and putting on concerts for the parents and community. I love building relationships with my students throughout our years together.

I hope that we will continue to have a successful band program and that our students feel as though they are truly part of our "band family". Music is a great outlet for the students to forget about life for a while. Brodhead students can be found in the music department before school, during lunch, after school and throughout the school day. For many of our students, the music department is even more than just a place of learning—it's a place of belonging. I feel so blessed that I get to teach my wonderful students while making a difference in their lives.

I love working with Mr. Riesterer and feel that we have created something very special in the Brodhead School District.

Jason shared this:

I grew up in a small town in northeastern Wisconsin: Valders. My parents still live there and I have a younger sister who lives in Brookfield, Illinois.

I am married to Beth. We have a daughter-Brynn, son-Brant and dog-Emmy.

I have been teaching in Brodhead for 19 years, and 24 years total (five years at River Ridge prior to Brodhead).

My favorite thing about being a music educator is the interaction I can have with the students and music is the tool that helps make that connection. I love it when a performance comes together and watching the pride displayed by our students, parents, and community members. I love the strong connection the music department has within our community. There is a lot of pride there.

I think we (all music teachers) would agree that we are always shooting to get more students involved and make music a bigger part of their lives. I also would like to see our band students continue to find ways to challenge themselves musically, and continue to find ways to make an impact on our school and community in a positive manner.

I feel very blessed to work in a music department where we share the same values and philosophy on what music education is all about. I feel very lucky to work alongside Beth and enjoy that we have the ability to team teach most of our groups.

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Band teachers Jason and Beth Riesterer with their children Brant and Brynn.

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# **ALBANY**

### **LUNCH MENU:**

Thurs., Mar. 24: diced chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, winter blend, roll

Fri., Mar. 25: taco supreme on chips, black beans, salsa, fruit. Mon., Mar. 28: spaghetti, garlic toast, green beans, fruit.

Tues., Mar. 29: hot dogs, baked beans, yogurt, fruit.

Wed., Mar. 30: cheeseburger, French fries, pickles, fruit.

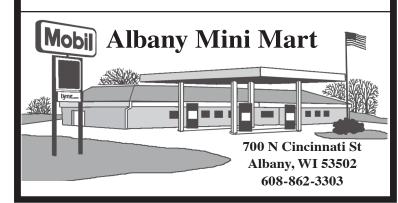
Fri., Mar. 25: virtual Kahoot night (PTO).

Sun., Mar. 27, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 30, end of third quarter.

Wed., Mar. 30, 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.

Infinity Martial Arts at Albany New Commons Area—Six weeks beginner Karate class. \$69 includes six 30-minute classes, uniform, white belt, strips and two week pas to take class at the karate school. Classes will be held Wednesdays, April 6 through May 18, no class April 20, from 3-3:30 p.m. Email evansville@infinityma. com to sign up.



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### Local Severe Weather Safety & Spotter Classes to be Held

By Tanna McKeon, **Director** 

Green County Emergency Management announces that in person severe weather/tornado spotters' classes will be held this year on Thursday, March 31. The first class will be at 1 p.m. at the Monroe Fire Dept. #1 at 601 W. 17th Street (by Badger State Ethanol) and the second class will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Juda Fire Department— Community Room, N2350 County Road S, Juda. Jacki Anderson and Cam Miller meteorologists with the National Weather Service will be instructing the classes.

The classes will be split in two sections; with the first hour covering the essentials of what you need to know to correctly identify and report severe weather to the NWS and the second hour covering safety aspects for spotters and the general public. Anyone can take these free classes and you do not have to become an "official" tornado spotter.

Pre-registration is appreciated by calling Green County Emergency Management at 608-328-9416. One weather radio will be given away at the end of each class! A schedule of other counties that are sponsoring these classes can be found at https://www.weather.gov/ mkx/spotter-schedule. Additional resources to help you get prepared for the storm season can be found at Green County Emergency Management's website at www. greencountyem.com and follow us on Facebook too.

### SSM Health **Monroe Visitor Policy Update**

SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Monroe Clinic Medical Group has updated their visitor policies to allow for two visitors at a time for both hospital and clinic patients. Patients in the Emergency Department, SSM Health Monroe Urgent Care (Freeport) and SSM Health Monroe Express Clinic (Monroe) will continue with one visitor per

Visitors must be over 16 years of age and will be asked to complete a health screening, inclusive of temperature, prior to entry. Visitors are required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering. This is without exception. Anyone with a positive exposure to COVID-19 or elevated temperature will not be allowed entry without approval by an Administrative Supervisor.

SSM Health will continue to adjust policies and make decisions rooted in safeguarding and caring for their patients, visitors, caregivers and the community at large.

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645. High games: G. Johnson 251, Mark Helwig 237, J. Thill 236. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,017 and series 3,014. Standings: Broughton's Bar won 43 lost 6, Fosters Gaming 27-22, Center Tavern 23-26, Deb's Bar 20-29, Albany Lanes 18-31, Beloit Chiropractic 16-33.

### Tuesday Shaningans

3/15—High series: Alexis Sies 512, Barb Brugger 492, Chris Rosheisen 451, Rick Josephson 636, Dan Eaton 586, Bill Hawkinson 538. High games: A. Sies 191, B. Brugger 179, Fran Kubesh 171, R. Josephson 224, D. Eaton 222, B. Hawkinson 199. Sweet Mini HaHa-high team game 732 and series 2,115. Standings: Sweet Mini HaHa won 86 lost 61, Barely Upright 84-63, Albany Lanes 81-66, Greightful Dead 80-67, Clayt's Boomtastic 69-78, Misfits 23-124.

### Badger

3/15—High series: Russell Buetzer 641, Dave Brugger 625, Ryan Brugger 620, Keith Riese 617. High games: K. Riese 257, R. Buetzer 235, Josh Fenwick 228, R. Brugger 227. Renks-high team game 811 and series 2,360 Standings: Renks won 41 lost 8, Counter Attack 30-19, Jim's Mechanic Shop 25-24, Brugger Farms Trucking 25-24, Pearl Decatur Dairy 14-35. City Elevator 12-37

### Wednesday Night Ladies

3/16—High series: Sarah Flood 509, Julie Williams 476, Laurie Thill 473, Darcy Stephenson 462, Jessica Holtsapple 436. High games: S. Flood 180, J. Williams 176, L. Thill 168, Joan Flood 163, Marcie Brugger 160. Albertson's-high team game 653 and series 1,847. Standings: Larson Acres won 46 lost 31, Broughton's Bar 44-33, New Glarus Brewery 42-35, Albertson's 35-42, Glenn-Ann Ladies 34-43, Center Tavern 30-47.

### **Thursday Afternoon Ladies**

3/17—High series: Becky Riese 503, Laurie Thommen 456, Barb Chapman 413, Nancy Salzewedel 408, Sheryl Johnson 403. High games: B. Riese 194, L. Thommen 178, N. Salzwedel 160, B. Chapman 159, Linda Reilly 158. Splits: L. Thommen 3-10, Mike's Flooring-high team game 567 and high team series 1,632. Standings: Knutes won 39 lost 13, Huntington Plumbing 34-18, Mike's Flooring 33-19, Ball's Installations 25-27, Albany Lanes 21-31.

### **Thursday Night Mixed**

3/17—High series: Brandon Bayrhoffer 631, Cory Ritschard 605, Dave Brugger 600, Michael Morton 594. High games: Mitch Kauk 247, R. Kubesh 224, Austin Heath 223, Tyler Briggs 222. Broughton's Corner Bar-high team game 1,015 and series 2,824 Standings: Golz Electric won 31 lost 18, Glenn Ann Holsteins 30-19, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 27-22, Irv's Masonry 22-27, Attica Bar 20-29, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 17-32.

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### Did you know that 1 in 6 teens have used a prescription drug to get high or change their mood?

### By Megan Adams Better Brodhead

Here are several ways to minimize prescription drug misuse and abuse among young people:

- Make sure your medications are out of sight and out of reach from children and guests. Lock boxes work well.
- Teach your children about medication safety. Never tell children medication is candy to get them to take it.
- Make sure the safety cap is locked. Twist until you hear the click or you can't twist anymore.
- Keep track of how much medication you've used and keep a list of all medications in the house.
- Ask houseguests and visitors to keep purses or coats that have medication(s) in them out of sight when they're in your home.

Better Brodhead encourages you to check with your local PD in Green County or the Pinnow Hometown Pharmacy in Brodhead for a free medication lock box to store your medications in a secure place.

# News from Parkview High School

### **ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU:**

Thurs., Mar. 24: cheese pizza, green beans, Caesar side salad. Fri., Mar. 25: macaroni and cheese, chef's choice lunch K-5, steamed broccoli, grape tomato.

Mon., Mar. 28: cheeseburger on bun, hamburger on bun, lettuce green leaf whole fresh, tomato sliced, ranch potato wedges.

Tues., Mar. 29: sweet and spicy beef stir fry, brown rice, sesame breadstick, peas, red pepper strips.

Wed., Mar. 30: scalloped potatoes w/ham, whole grain biscuit, corn.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Fri., Mar. 25: Annie musical performance, 3-11 p.m. Sat., Mar. 26: Annie musical performance, 3-11 p.m. Sun., Mar. 27, Annie musical performance, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tues., Mar. 29: JV1 baseball game at Brodhead, 4:45 p.m.; varsity baseball game vs. Brodhead at Parkview, 5 p.m.; varsity softball

Thurs., Mar. 24: elementary music programs, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

game vs. Williams Bay at Parkview, 5 p.m.

Wow, What a day Parkview Pizazz had at the Janesville Craig Invite on Saturday, March 12. Pizazz walked away with the following awards: Best Band, Best Choreography, Best Vocals,

People's Choice Award, and Grand Champion Prep Division.

American Red Cross Blood Drive, Wednesday, March 30 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. in the high school gym hosted by Parkview National Honor Society. Make an appointment at https://rcblood.org/3MJfTY5.



Awesome job Pizazz!!

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## Panther Hill



### LUNCH MENU—

Thurs., Mar. 24: pulled pork sandwich, sweet potato fries, fruit. Fri., Mar. 25: mac-n-cheese, little smokies, fruit, veggie.

Mon., Mar. 28: French toast sticks, sausage, hash browns, fruit.

Tues., Mar. 29: cheesy chicken rice, broccoli, fruit.

Wed., Mar. 30: JPC Bowl, fruit.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR—

Thur., Mar. 24: middle school boys' basketball at Albany; softball at Johnson Creek.

Mon., Mar. 28: softball home vs. Orangeville, Illinois.

Tues., Mar. 29: baseball at Parkview.

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



## Providing care on and off the court March is National Athletic Training Month

It's a common enough scene—you are attending a high school basket-ball game. A player goes down withering in agony as they clutch their knee and you hear the call for help. You see a medical looking person come onto the court, but who is it? This is your local athletic trainer.

Certified athletic trainers are licensed healthcare professionals who provide medical services for active patient populations. From injury prevention and enhanced wellness to rehabilitation and return to activity, athletic trainers offer care everywhere in work, life and sport. March is National Athletic Training Month—a time to celebrate the role that athletic trainers play in our communities.

The 2022 theme for National Athletic Training Month is "Providing Health Care Everywhere". No matter the team or sport, athletic trainers work diligently to reduce the risk of injury, enhance performance and rehabilitate after injuries to get athletes back to the things they love. They provide care at sporting events and at the hospital to help with injury prevention, examination of injuries, immediate and emergency care and therapeutic intervention.

This March we show our appreciation to the SSM Health Monroe Sports Medicine athletic trainers for the care they provide on and off the court.





Zoey Lyden - Age 6 1st Place



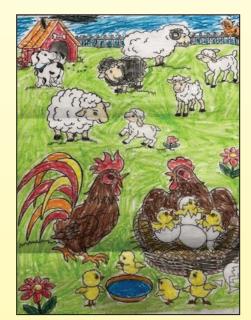
**Bennett Sanchez - Age 5 2nd Place** 



Jaycee Blizard - Age 8 Peter Burchell - Age 7 **1st Place** 



**2nd Place** 



**Izzy Bennett - Age 9** 1st Place



**Lilly Douglas - Age 10 2nd Place** 



Regina Chupp - Age 12 **1st Place** 



**Rachel Hatter - Age 11 2nd Place** 

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