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Brodhead Fire and Ice: Prepare to be amazed!

Nothing kicks off the holiday season better than taking time to enjoy the annual Fire and Ice Festival in downtown Brodhead! This year's festival, presented by Bridges Bar and Grill, promises holiday fun for all ages including favorites like horse-drawn carriage rides, pictures with Santa, lighted parade sponsored by Senz Insurance, memory tree, arts and craft fair, food, drink and more. The first full weekend of December will be full of holiday cheer in downtown Brodhead as Brodhead Fire and Ice kicks off on Friday, December 1st.

Beautiful lights and seasonal music will greet you as you find bargains and that special something for the people on your shopping list. Fire pits on the square will keep you warm and roast hot dogs, or marshmallows for s'mores. Fire twirlers and dancers will amaze and ice will provide great entertainment as it is transformed into glistening, incredible ice sculptures! The night concludes with our phenomenal lighted parade sponsored by Senz Insurance and the event is topped off with Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Brodhead Jaycees, on Saturday morning.

Check out BrodheadFireAndIce.com for complete details and to register for the craft fair, contests, memory tree and great-lighted parade! Prepare to be amazed!

Thank you to all the Fire and Ice sponsors!



North Pole mailbox ready for letters to Santa

This is the time of year when children start thinking about that special gift they would like for Christmas. A special North Pole mailbox has been delivered to the Brodhead Post Office. Children can address their letters to Santa and put them in the mailbox for a sure delivery to the North Pole. The North Pole staff has guaranteed that Santa will be answering each of the letters.

The box will be available until Saturday, December 16. Santa's schedule gets a little busy after the 16th.



Albrecht Elementary would like to thank the American Legion Post 197 for their generous donation to Albrecht Elementary's backpack food program. Pictured are, left to right: Nancy Marchant, Amber Rear and Bruce Sutherland, Commander of the American Legion.

The Community Closet

Thank you to the City of Brodhead and the surrounding communities for your support of the Community Closet. The Community Closet provides gently used clothes and shoes for free to women, men and children. They are located at 1108 11th Street, Brodhead, and open Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

They have six participating churches in the Brodhead area. They are Bethany Lutheran, Bethlehem Lutheran, LivingWord, St. Rose, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist. Each church volunteers two months of Saturdays a year.

They are currently needing winter donations of all sizes for the upcoming cold weather. Please bring them to the Closet any Saturday or if you have any questions call Sandy Condon at 608-558-3390.





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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 7 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

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Grace Independent Baptist Church, Hwy. 81, three-quarter of a mile east of junction with 11, Brodhead. Donald Adams, Pastor. 608-897-8484. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. Wednesday 6 p.m. service.

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398.

ACADEMICS

UW-STOUT SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS, FALL 2023

Scholarships valued at more than \$1.2 million was awarded to 540 of students University of Wisconsin-Stout students this year through the Stout University Foundation.

The students were recognized at an awards ceremony held on Thursday, September 14, in the Memorial Student Center, by Chancellor Katherine Frank, donors, alumni and recipients.

Among the recipients was Matthew Collins, Pre Mechanical Engineering, Dwight and Linda Nyhus Davis Scholarship, of Brodhead.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Volleyball
Season standings: I'd Smack That won 18 lost 0, One Hit Wonders 15-3, Victorious Secret 14-4, The Goon Squad 12-6, That's What She Set 11-7, Net Ninjas 10-8, All Sets are Off 8-10, Nirvana 7-11, Killer Serves 5-13, Chewblocka 3-15, Super Soy 3-15, Valued Volleyers 2-16.



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Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor JadyN Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m. Monthly church Council and Ladies Aid meetings are held the second Sunday of the month at 10 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.

EPAC presents Christmas Wizards

Christmas Wizards, a Classic Rock Holiday Experience, is coming to the Edgerton Performing Arts Center at 200 Elm High Drive, Edgerton, Wisconsin, on Saturday, December 16, at 7:30 p.m. Featuring the music of Trans-Siberian Orchestra and telling the story of Christmas around the world, Christmas Wizards is a musical ensemble second to none, an angelic choir, and a light show that is state of the art. Performing many holiday favorites and more. This is an experience for everyone young and old at heart. By the show's end, no one will be in their seats. Everyone will be standing and singing to songs along with the entire cast. Christmas Wizards has sold out theaters everywhere they have performed. You can't help but feel joyful and inspired after the show. Bringing the holiday spirit and joy to all who come; a show not to be missed.

All individual tickets are \$35. Tickets can be purchased online at www.edgertonpac.com or by phone at 608-561-6093.

OBITUARIES



Gary Robert Davis

Gary Robert Davis, age 70, of Brodhead, passed away on November 15, 2023, at Mercy Hospital in Janesville.

Gary was born on October 30, 1953, in Beloit, WI, the son of Robert Davis and Esther Gile.

Gary graduated from Albany High School in 1972 and later received his Associate's Degree in Marketing from Blackhawk Technical College. For many years, Gary worked as a real estate agent, a machinist for Besly Products in Beloit, a bartender at Flynn's Supper Club, and later retired from Colony Brands in Monroe in their food division's quality assurance department. Gary was a patriot and served his country as a U.S. Marine and was honorably discharged in 1975. Gary was always the fun guy in the room and everyone enjoyed his company. He enjoyed dancing, eating out with his family and friends, and spending time with his loved ones. His friends called him Little Britches.

Gary is survived by his two daughters: Corrie (Gary) Hollingsworth and Erin Davis; two stepchildren: Bob Geyer and Cindy (Bob) Wyborn; five grandchildren: Elliot Loveland, Kelsie Loveland, Kayla (Zack) Basara, Kelly Geyer, and Nehemiah Schroeder; five great grandchildren: Noah, Isaiah, Bentlei, Cade, and Gunner; three siblings: Jim Davis, John Alderman and Tammy (Matt) Alderman-Miller; three step-siblings: Gary Alderman, Sherry Coleman (Paul) and Crystal Alderman; and many other nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends.

Gary was preceded in death by his father, Robert Davis; his mother, Esther Davis-Alderman and his stepfather, Michael Alderman.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family in Gary's memory.

A visitation will be held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Friday, December 8, from 5 to 7 p.m. A visitation will also be held on Saturday, December 9, from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Cremation rites have been accorded and a burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date at Hillcrest Cemetery in Albany. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

This concert is partially funded by the William and Joyce Wartmann Endowment for the Performing Arts.

FIRE & ICE MEMORY TREE

The Brodhead Fire & Ice Festival will be displaying its 9th Annual Memory Tree starting Friday, December 1, 2023 at 8 a.m. at the Brodhead City Hall.

The loved one ornament will be displayed on the City Hall Christmas tree. The person's name will be displayed on the Photograph Memorial Ornament Card, in honor or in memory of that person. Just fill out the form, include \$5.00 (cash or check made out to Brodhead Chamber of Commerce) and take it directly into the Brodhead Free Press. Or you can send it by mail to the address below. Please include a return address envelope so we can return your ornament and original photo after January 2nd or pick it up at the Brodhead Free Press.

MEMORY TREE FORM

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Gene Arnold Pinnow

Gene Arnold Pinnow, age 89, passed away surrounded by family on November 19th at Albany Oaks Assisted Living. He was born December 21, 1933, in Monroe, Wisconsin, to William and Annie Ida Pinnow (Roenneburg).

Gene was raised on a dairy farm in Spring Grove Township and often spoke of awakening in the wee hours of the morning to do daily chores starting when he was six years old. He entered the Wisconsin Army National Guard at the age of 16, and upon graduation from Brodhead High School, joined the Active Army along with his best friend Mike Zimmerman. After basic training in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, Gene received orders for Germany while Mike was sent to Korea. Mike was killed during the Korean War, and Gene spoke of that sad memory throughout his life. Gene was very proud to have served in the military as a Forward Observer, and also being a lifelong member of VFW and the American Legion.

While Gene was on leave with friends in Amsterdam, Netherlands, he met his future wife Anna. They married after their fourth date and spent the next 65 years together.

While home on leave in 1956, Gene contracted Guillain-barre syndrome. Within days he was

completely paralyzed and fighting for his life at Great Lakes Naval Hospital. He was in the iron lung and given last rights before turning the corner and recovering over a lengthy period of intense physical therapy. After being medically discharged, he and Annie made their home in Brodhead.

Together with Howard and Ann Wallace, they owned and operated the Brodhead Hotel for over seven years. After selling the business to Clyde Harris, Gene started up Pinnow Construction, building and remodeling houses for 10 years. He then worked for Warner Brake and Clutch for 17 years as a machinist before retiring in 1995.

In retirement, Gene and Annie enjoyed traveling the world, mainly through flights to vacation destinations, cruises, and bus trips.

In recent years with the speed of technology quickly changing today's world, Gene often voiced how thankful he was to have grown up when he did.

Gene is survived by three sons: Richard (Jeanne) and Henry (Laurie) of Brodhead, and James (Sharon) of Albany; eight grandchildren: Skyler, Derrick (Niteal), Brynn, Cody, Chase, Becca, Tess, and Paige (Kyle) Olson; five great grandchildren: Laetin, Peterson, Carter Peterson, Alijah, Malakai, and Olivia Olson; a brother Charles; and sister Eileen Campion.

He was preceded in death by his wife Anna in 2020, his parents, brothers: Roy, Earl, Leslie, and Alfred, and sisters: Rosie, Ann, and Ruth.

Per Gene's wishes, there will be no visitation or funeral. Private burial will occur at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead. Donations in his memory can be made to ALZ.org, or the Veterans Administration.

The family would like to thank Albany Oaks Assisted Living, St. Elizabeth Manor, VA Hospital and Clinics, and SSM Hospice for caring for their father. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family.



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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

WANTED CRAFTERS FOR FIRE AND ICE

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce's Fire and Ice Craft Show will be held on Friday, December 1st, at Bank of Brodhead Community Room. The deadline for registration is Monday, November 27. The booth space is 5x8. Very limited space. Please contact Kelly at Admin@brodheadchamber.com

DEER HIDES FOR LIONS CAMP COLLECTION

It's deer hunting season! If you are a deer hunter and want to put your deer hide to good use, the Brodhead Lions Club is sponsoring a Deer Hide. All proceeds from the deer hides will be used for the Wisconsin Lions Camp to help serve the needs of others.

Please note that the collection site has changed to: Gasser True Value, 105 23rd Street, Brodhead. Signs will be posted for drop off.

Please help by donating your hides. For more information, call Lion Dennis Miller at 608-558-1318.

BANK OF BRODHEAD BUS TRIPS

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

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

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

SANTA NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Santa uses the Brodhead Optimist Mitten Tree Project to help make Christmas special for all children in our community. This year is no exception. Anyone wishing to help Santa gather gifts for those children in need is asked to pick a set of mittens from the tree in the Bank of Brodhead lobby, the Bank of New Glarus-Brodhead Branch lobby, or at Trey Carpenter's Madison Partners office at 1103 1st Center Avenue.

Beginning Friday, November 17, please pick up and fill out the mitten asking for your contact information and leave it in the mailbox nearby. Then take the other mitten containing the child's age, size and wish list with you. After shopping, just wrap your gift and attach the mitten with the child's info on the package and drop it off where you picked up the mitten. The gifts must be returned by Friday, December 8.

Happy shopping to all of Santa's helpers and thank you for participating in this great Optimist project. If you have any questions, please call 608-558-5868.

BMS HOLIDAY SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Brodhead Middle School TOOL team and additional staff and students will host the annual holiday luncheon on Friday, December 15. The Team of Outstanding Leaders will organize a program of musical performances, trivia, readings, crafts, and door prizes. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon, and conclude around 1 p.m. This annual luncheon is an opportunity for senior citizens in our community to gather before the holidays. If you would like to attend, contact the Brodhead Middle School office at 608-897-2184. Reservations must be made by Wednesday, December 13.

Free-will donations are welcome to maintain this holiday tradition.

PENNY WAR

The Albrecht Elementary Penny War will be held from Monday, November 27 to Friday, December 1. Put your spare change toward a great cause. All proceeds from the penny war fund-raiser will go to support the district's Backpack Food Program.

Pennies are "positive." Here's how it works:

- Containers are located by the office for each grade level
- Each penny counts as one positive point for the grade level
- Each silver coin counts as negative points for other grade levels, in other words, dropping a quarter in another grade level's bucket takes 25 points from their total
- At the end of the day on Friday, December 1, all change/points will be tallied and the grade level with the most points will win a prize

Start saving your change—it can make a big difference.

Bruce and Jennifer McIntosh House Fire

The McIntosh family located at W1525 Park Road, Brodhead, lost their home to a fire on Sunday, November 5th. The Albany United Methodist Church has set up an account at the Greenwoods State Bank, in Albany, for donations to help with their cost. If you would like to donate to the McIntosh family, you can donate either by dropping the donation off at the Greenwoods State Bank at 102 W. State Street, Albany, or you can send a check by mail to the Greenwoods State Bank, PO Box 69, Albany, WI 53502. Please label your checks: Albany United Methodist Church or Albany UMC and in the Memo please put McIntosh Family Fund. Thank you for your donations.

Prom 4 Pennies

The Monroe High School Jr. Optimists are hosting their annual Prom 4 Pennies event on January 14th, at the Monroe High School, 1600 26th Street, Monroe, from 1-4 p.m.

At this event, gently used and new prom dresses and tuxedos are available for no more than \$40. All proceeds go to Jacob SWAG Foundation, which advocates for suicide and mental health awareness.

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Second annual Comet Classic 3-on-3

The second annual Comet Classic 3 on 3 tournament was held Sunday, November 12th in Albany, raising \$3,866.25.

Albany senior Alana Durtschi (left) and Albany junior Abby Hollis (right)) host this tournament as a fund-raiser for their local youth basketball program, Albany Junior Comet League. Both girls are high honor roll students, starters on the Albany-Monticello basketball team, started on the 2023 state tournament basketball team, and were All-State players in 2023.

In the two years of the event, they have raised over \$5,000 for Junior Comet League which is a youth basketball program for students in grades fourth-eighth. The funds raised help purchase equipment, keep athlete costs low, and provide scholarships for graduating seniors.

The 2023 Comet Classic consisted of 35 teams and 170 athletes. This is impressive given the enrollment for the Albany School District is 300 students who attend school in a K-12 building. The girls' tournament was held in the morning followed by free throw and three point contests. The boys' tournament was held in the afternoon. Players came from Albany, Brodhead, Monticello, Monroe, Juda, Waunakee, DeForest, Orfordville, Evansville, Belleville, and Madison.



2023 4-H Awards Ceremony—youth: Youth recognized during the awards ceremony for their efforts in completing a record book.



2023 4-H Awards Ceremony—adults: Front row, left to right: Tyler Sievers, Meghan Sievers, Eric Zilliox, Serena McCoy, and Sarah Johanson. Back row: Stacy Leitner, Ben Swedlund, Marie Swedlund, and DarLyne Schneider.

Green County 4-H Youth, Adults Recognized

Green County 4-H held its annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, November 11 where numerous youth and adults of the 4-H program were recognized and thanked for their efforts in promoting and supporting positive youth development.

4-H record books are a means of tracking and reflecting on the progress a youth has made on a project over the 4-H year. Accumulating points during record book reviews earns youth a bronze, silver, gold, or emerald pin. This year's bronze pin winners were Aubrie Blum (Washington Center), Elena Boss (Cheese Country Clovers), Emily Boss (Cheese Country Clovers), Georgia Christen (Washington Center), Olivia Christen (Washington Center), Alexys Crooks (Washington Center), Emily Goers (Washington Center), Emily Kruse (Next Generation), Benson Miller (Browntown Busy Beavers), Adelynn Monson (Jolly Mixers), Isabelle Rolli (Dayton Dairylanders), Aliyah Shelton (Young Americans), and Remington Zilliox (Washington Center). The silver pin was awarded to Micki Andrews (Washington Center), and the gold pins to Lillian Sievers (Clarence Bridge Pioneers), and Megan Leitner (Clarno).

Adult volunteers were also recognized for their years of service to Green County 4-H youth. Adults serving 20 or more years at this time are Julie Nimtz (20 years), Marie Swedlund (20 years), and DarLyne Schneider (35 years).

Other awards and recognition given were for First Year Record Books, Cloverbuds, Cloverbud Graduates, Project Awards, Project Category Awards, Outstanding Record Books, Club Historian, Leadership, and National 4-H Week Window Displays.

For more information about the 2023 Green County 4-H Awards & Recognition Ceremony, please contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608-328-9440.

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A Storied Past, A Greener Future: Brodhead Ecological Restoration Site Stands as a Testament to Nature’s Resilience

Submitted by Emma Dischler, Marketing Manager

Tucked along the banks of the Sugar River near Brodhead, WI, lies a hidden gem. A place where the echoes of history reverberate through flowing waters and rustling leaves of century-old oaks. Three Waters Reserve, with its picturesque landscapes, is not just an event venue, but a living testament to centuries of human stories and the resilient spirit of nature.

A Walk Through Time

Strolling the trails that wind through the 70-acres of restored oak savanna, prairie and wetland ecosystems that form Three Waters Reserve feels like stepping back in time. Millennia ago, the first people left their mark on the land, shaping its history for generations to come. The Ho-Chunk once called this valley home, and archaeological remnants in the area tell tales of an enduring connection between humans and nature.

The mid-nineteenth century brought about a major change with the construction of a dam and mill race on the Sugar River, powering a hydroelectric operation that illuminated the nearby City of Brodhead. The dam also gave rise to Decatur Lake, a scenic backdrop that still abuts the Reserve today.

From Pearl Rush to Conservation Haven

In the early twentieth century, a freshwater pearl rush briefly turned the Sugar River into a global sensation, supporting a button industry that capitalized on the abundant mussel shell resource. The boom was short-lived however, coming to a halt once the river’s mussel popu-

lation had been depleted. But the land’s agricultural legacy endured.

In 1905, the property that now forms Three Waters Reserve was purchased by Henry C. Putnam, a Wisconsin pioneer who would serve as Brodhead’s village president, and eventually, a Wisconsin State Senator. With business ties to the railroad company, Putnman intended on capitalizing on the forested areas of the property for lumber production.

Over the years, the property changed hands, becoming the Decatur Lake Golf Course in 1926. For nearly a century, the property was enjoyed for its picturesque river bluff scenery and rolling hills until the golfing landscape shifted in the twenty-first century.

A New Chapter Unfolds

In 2018, Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy took stewardship of the land using in a new chapter in the Reserve’s story. Their vision was clear—to restore the natural beauty of oak savanna, prairie, and wetlands while creating a space for community gathering, celebration and education.

Since then, partnerships have blossomed, bringing science, education, and local regenerative farmers and chefs into the fold. Public events programming thus far has included foraging workshops, a “Lunch and Learn” series exploring local and regional history, chef’s tables featuring local and regionally sourced ingredients, and a “Plants as Medicine” series highlighting the critical connection between nature and human health. The former fairways now stand as a testament to the power of conservation and community collaboration.

A Taste of What’s to Come

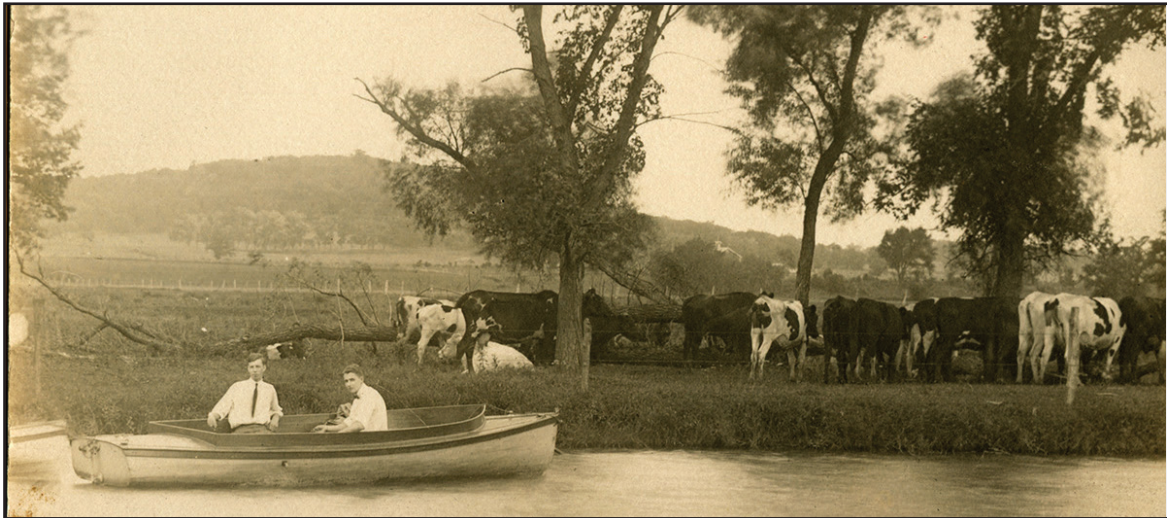
In 2024, Three Waters Reserve will enhance its public events programming by expanding accessibility for mobility-impaired and elderly audiences. The Reserve plans to expand its nature-based educational initiatives and foster culinary collaborations with local breweries and distilleries. Additionally, the Reserve will continue to welcome both businesses and the community to utilize the facility for private events like meetings, retreats and celebrations.

TWR’s Director of Culinary Services, Chef John Marks, and a developing team of servers, bartenders and kitchen staff are getting ready to open up the food service for more than just catering events. Watch the website (www.threewatersreserve.com) for more information about opening dates and hours—the menu will feature weekly specials alongside Chef Mark’s award-winning BBQ.

Merging the Past and Present

You’re invited to become part of Three Waters Reserve’s historical journey Sunday, December 3rd (1-3 p.m.) by attending Three Waters Reserve’s Annual Holiday Open House. Learn about ongoing restoration efforts, enjoy complimentary hor d’oeuvres and refreshments, and explore the transformed landscapes that have stood the test of time.

As you wander through the Reserve, envision the stories embedded in its soil, and celebrate the spirit of the season surrounded by nature. It’s not just a holiday party; it’s an invitation to be a part of a living narrative, where every step is a connection to the past and a stride toward a sustainable future.



Decatur Lake, photo courtesy of Brodhead Historical Society



Bridge adjoining TWR with Pearl Island Corridor



Led by Addison Yates, Brodhead girls basketball came from behind to win, 52 - 50, over Blackhawk in OT. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)




Blackhawk’s #4 felt the defensive pressure of Aly Dahl, Onni Williams and Addison Yates as Brodhead played tough to come from behind in the final seconds to send the game into OT. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Onni Williams maintained possession of the ball in this battle between the two teams. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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POLICE

Armed Robbery Suspect Deceased in City of Monroe

By Jeff Skatrud, Green
County Sheriff

On Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at approximately 2:09 p.m., Green County Law Enforcement agencies were notified of an armed robbery that had just occurred at a business along STH 11 in the Rock County Village of Orfordville. Law Enforcement was given a description and license plate number of the suspect vehicle that reportedly had one male occupant.

At approximately 2:38 p.m., a Monroe Police Officer located the suspect vehicle in the vicinity of STH 69 and STH 11 in the City of Monroe. When the officer attempted to stop the suspect vehicle, it fled southbound in the City of Monroe and officers pursued the vehicle to a business parking lot located along 17th Street and 12th Avenue. Upon stopping, the driver reportedly exited the vehicle, pointed a handgun in the direction of Monroe Police Officers and then turned the handgun on himself. The suspect then reportedly shot himself and despite the efforts of law enforcement and EMS, was pronounced dead at the scene. During the brief confrontation with the suspect, no Law Enforcement Officers discharged their firearms and none reportedly any injuries.

Monroe Police requested that the Green County Sheriff's Office conduct the death investigation, which is ongoing as of the time of this release. Additional information is expected to be available in the coming days.

Suspect in Monroe Death Investigation Identified

Green County Sheriff's Detectives continue to investigate the death of an adult male that occurred in a parking lot along 12th Avenue in the City of Monroe, that occurred during the afternoon of Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

The deceased male has been identified as Casey J. Austin, age 49, who has a last known address of Janesville. Mr. Austin's vehicle was positively identified as the suspect vehicle in an armed robbery in Orfordville, earlier Tuesday afternoon and he matches the physical description of the suspect involved in the armed robbery.

Brodhead Municipal Court Finding Date: 11/01/2023 through 11/08/2023

Joseph Matthew Brown, Janesville, possess drug paraphernalia, violation date 09/07/2023, \$124; improper signal for stop/turn, violation date 09/07/2023 \$98.80.

Austin Wayne Goode, Janesville, speeding on city highway, violation date 09/09/2023, \$98.80.

Imer Uzal Gosselin-Hernandez, Janesville, operate without valid license, violation date 09/20/2023, \$124.

Cameron Harland Hay, Monroe, disorderly conduct with a motor vehicle, violation date 09/15/2023, \$98.80; failure to keep vehicle under control, violation date 09/15/2023, \$136.60.

Alexander Hurtado, Brodhead, operate without valid license, violation date 09/03/2023, \$124.

Dylan Roger Wayne Nichols, Janesville, operate without valid license, violation date 08/28/2023, \$124.

Lochlin Thomas Pearce, Janesville, speeding on city highway, violation date 09/22/2023, \$98.80.

Michael W. Purcell, Monroe, hit and run-unattended vehicle, violation date 09/03/2023, \$187.

David Michael Roberts, Oconomowoc, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/07/2023, \$98.80.

Jonathan Soto Olivares, Bartlett, IL zone and posted limits, violation date 09/22/2023, \$124.

Jacob E. Tenley, Janesville, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/08/2023, \$98.80.

Lilyanne R. Thompson, Janesville, loitering prowling and soliciting, violation date 10/22/2022, \$174.40.

Rylie W.A. Waeffler, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 09/21/2023, \$98.

Chunting Wan, Madison, operate without carrying license, violation date 09/07/2023, \$124.

Elifelet Zeledon Blandon, Beloit, operate without valid license, violation date 09/26/2023, \$124.



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YMCA Unlocks \$20 Million Gift Colony Brands Foundation Challenge is Achieved

The Green County Family YMCA is excited to announce they have surpassed \$25 million in donations and pledges for their capital campaign. In January, a challenge was presented to the Green County Family YMCA by the Colony Brands Foundation: If the YMCA raised \$10 million for their building campaign, the Colony Brands Foundation would donate \$15 million toward the building campaign and an additional \$5 million to the Green County Family YMCA Foundation.

"We are very excited that the YMCA capital campaign has now reached the \$25 million level in donations and pledges," said John Baumann, President of the Colony Brands Foundation. "The \$25 million is an important milestone in the fundraising campaign, as it will trigger a \$20 million donation from the Colony Brands Foundation once 100% of the funds are donated or pledged to cover the full cost of the building project."

"As of now the YMCA still needs more pledges and donations to cover the full cost of the proposed project. Therefore, we strongly encourage potential donors to consider a gift to the campaign" stated Baumann.

The Green County Family YMCA's Executive Director, Trent Henning stated, "The overwhelming support from the Green County community has been incredibly humbling. Many individuals and businesses have gone the extra mile in stretching their support for this project, which will have an immense impact on the next generation."

This project will enable the YMCA to create a true community hub for Green County residents, while also providing space for other non-profits to collaborate on addressing real community needs, and helping spur economic development in Green County.

If you'd like to contribute to the Building A Stronger Community Capital Campaign or to learn more about the project, visit www.greencountyymca.org/stronger. The Green County Family YMCA is a 501(c)3 qualifying non-profit organization.

Juda School District

Regular Board Meeting November 8th, 2023

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

- Accepted donations from The Campion Charitable Fund for an Art Trip and Greg and Lisa Sutherland for a donation to the library.

- Recognized three local businesses for their support to the Juda School District through the WASB Business Honor Roll. Businesses recognized were Monroe Engraving, Up N Smoke BBQ and Brooks-White Parks Farm.

- Heard a presentation from Upper 90 on their recent facilities study. The study evaluated the building and the mechanical items located throughout the school and detailed estimated life span remaining and anticipated cost of replacement. This will help the board plan for replacement and spending in future years.

- Board members were reminded of the State School Board Convention to be held January 17th to the 19th, 2024 in Milwaukee.

- Timelines for board candidates wishing to run in the spring election were reviewed. A workshop for residents wishing to run for the board will be held on December 13th, 2023 at 6 p.m. at the school. Current board members up for reelection are Joel Wallace, Sue Trotter and Dennis Pfingsten.

- Gave the Music Department authorization to plan for a trip to Disney World in March of 2025. Talks are going on with Albany, Pecatonica and Argyle to see if they would like to collaborate.

- Approved updates to Policy 32.2

- Approved the districts Wellness Policy.

- Accepted the districts portion of a nationwide settlement from Juul, the makers of vaping products. The district will use the funds received will be used to purchase vape detection sensors in the school.

- Took no action coming out of executive session.

Next regular board meeting will be held Wednesday, December 13th, 2023.

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Notice



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTION
(SEC. 120.06(6)(B))
Tuesday, April 2, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Juda on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board members is three years beginning on Monday, April 22, 2024.

“Office—Incumbent”

Township of Jefferson—Dennis Pflingsten
Township of Jefferson—Suzanne Trotter
Township of Jefferson—Joel Wallace

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 in the office of the School District Clerk at N2385 Spring Street, Juda, WI 53550.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024.

Notification is hereby given that for the purpose of filing such declarations, the School District Clerk has established her office at the Office of the District Administrator in the Juda School building at N2385 Spring Street, Juda, WI.

11/22/23

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WorldChampionCheese.org. Also making its debut at the 2024 event is a specific class for pasteurized process cheese products, which expands the opportunity for manufacturers worldwide to submit these products for competition. “The World Championship Cheese Contest is always evolving, thanks to the leadership of our dedicated Contest Committee. These new classes reflect the ever-changing trends and innovations of the dairy processing industry,” said

Monday Night Mixed League

11/13—High series: Ty Powell 721, Tyson Foster 689, Robert Murray 667. High games: R. Murray 268, T. Powell 255, Jason Shrier 237. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,056 and series 3,017. **Standings:** Deb's Bar won 45 lost 25, Beloit Chiropractic 40-30, Center Tavern 35-35, Fosters Gaming 34-36, Broughton's Bar 33-37, Albany Lanes 23-47.

Tuesday Shaningans

11/14—High series: Alexis Sies 595, Phyllis Shrier 509, Barb Brugger 423, John Thill 731, Rick Josephsen 637, Ted Yaun 610. High games: A. Sies 243, P. Shrier 179, Chris Rosheisen 167, J. Thill 255, R. Josephsen 243, Larry Ommodt 210. Boomtastic 4-high team game 933 and series 2,513. **Standings:** Barely Upright won 26 lost 16, Albany Lanes 26-16, Boomtastic 4 24-18, Misfits 19-23, Sweet Mini HaHa 18-24, Greightful Dead 13-29.

Badger

11/14—High series: Tony Brewer 683, Craig Krueger 648, Ryan Brugger 631, Jim Laughlin 599, Megan Anderson 430, Jen Parrish 264. High games: C. Krueger 255, T. Brewer 254, R. Brugger 238, Rob Kubesh 225, M. Anderson 163, J. Parrish 123. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 929 and series 2,465. **Standings:** Jim's Mechanic Shop won 41 lost 29, Renks 39-31, Decatur Dairy 39-31, Counter Attack 37-33, Pearl City Elevator 37-33, Team 3 17-53.

Wednesday Night Ladies

11/15—High series: Anna Laughlin 471, Brenda Jacobson 454, Kari Johnson 452, Julie Williams 449, Alice Patchen 449. High games: A. Laughlin 179, B. Jacobson 178, J. Williams 167, A. Patchen 167, Traci Brewer 161, Amy Golz 161. Albertson's-high team game 594. Broughton's Bar-high team series 1,645. **Standings:** New Glarus Brewery won 50 lost 20, Crystal's Team 41-29, Glenn-Ann Ladies 34-36, Larson Acres 32-38, Broughton's Bar 28-42, Albertson's 25-45.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

11/9—High series: Chris Rosheisen 504, Priscilla Kaderly 475, Barb Chapman 450. High games: C. Rosheisen 202, Tina Klitzman 197, P. Kaderly 164. Knutes-high team game 576 and series 1,634. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 50 lost 27, Ball's Installation 49-28, Knutes 42-35, Mike's Flooring 42-35, Nolte's Garage 35-42.

Thursday Night Mixed

11/16—High series: Chad Malcook 693, Erich Brandenburg 675, Brandon Bayrthoffer 664, James Laughlin 654. High games: C. Malcook 256, DJ McGowen 252, LeRoy Blumer 246, Ty Anderson 245. Rosheisen Rapper-high team game 1,023 and series 2,882. **Standings:** Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 7 lost 0, Rosheisen Rappers 5-2, Golz Electric 4-3, Attica Bar 3-4, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 2-5, Glenn Ann Holsteins 0-7.

Brodhead Juniors

11/18—High series—boys: Parker VanderPal 551, Brittan Paulson 447, Trenton Murray 441, Rowan Krattiger 332, Cody Winchester 327, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 310. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 217, T. Murray 160, B. Paulson 158, R. Krattiger 129, C. Winchester 115, Merrick Vozka 115. **High series—girls:** Harper Krattiger 454, Kylee Wahler 386, Aubrie Bartelt 305, Aubree Brugger 274, Grace Welbig 268, Lily Schwartzlow 225. High games—girls: H. Krattiger 188, K. Wahler 143, A. Bartelt 116, A. Brugger 116, G. Welbig 93, L. Schwartzlow 88.

Brodhead Early Rollers

11/18—High games: Abigail Fenwick 79, Kinslee Brewer 71, Stella Brugger 64.

Brodhead Youth

11/18—High series: Carter Fenwick 115, Jayse Bennett 69, Jaxson Brewer 66, Kole Dillard 60, Kelsee Brugger 196, Ayla Brugger 118, Ryan Stevens 103, Keira Shrader 85, Brynlee Brugger 79. High games: C. Fenwick 59, J. Brewer 38, J. Bennett 37, K. Dillard 34, K. Brugger 126, A. Brugger 68, R. Stevens 58, K. Shrader 43, B. Brugger 41.

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Judging will occur March 5-7 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin. Entries will be evaluated by an elite team of world-renowned judges. Starting from a maximum possible 100 points, judges will make deduc-

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Josh Brownell

Open Cockpit Flight— Beats a Tie

By Teresa Earlywine

Josh Brownell and Kerryann DiLoreto co-own a vintage 1930 Waco ATO Taperwing biplane. This beauty of a plane can carry up to two passengers in the front cockpit, depending on weight, and Josh is the pilot in the rear seat. Brownell grew up in California. His neighbor, Ron Price was an airline pilot and traveled internationally. His son, Chris, was a good friend of Josh's. The Prices were into antique airplanes. Josh was drawn to mechanics like cars and motorcycles so it did not take too long for him to become interested in the antique airplanes. There is an element of craftsmanship and learning the idiosyncrasies of the crafts that was intriguing to Josh. Combined with his desire to "see the world" it was a natural transition to become a professional pilot. As a pilot he states he has flown the DC-3 and the 747, two of the most iconic airliners built. His friend, Chris, eventually moved to Brodhead for the airport that is established here. Josh arrived a few years later living in the Madison area with Kerryann and together they purchased the WACO Taperwing as they had the reputation for being agile along with maneuverability of golden-age aircraft. They spent the next three years over hauling it so it would fly the way they wanted it to. They found themselves spending so much time driving back and forth from Madison to the Brodhead air-

port, they decided to build a home and move here saying it was one of their best decisions.

With owning a vintage aircraft, there are definite challenges to the near nonstop maintenance needed to keep it flying that include acquiring the specialized parts, tools, and machinery to keep their plane soaring. He states he has had many people through the years who have mentored Kerryann and himself. The people that have guided them have been valuable resources of knowledge in addition to hands on assistance. The costs of fuel, insurance, hangar costs and prepping for the next engine overhaul can be daunting. They now share what they have learned to the upcoming generations of vintage plane interested people. They also offer biplane flights in Brodhead and undergo routine audits and maintain the certifications to be approved by the FAA. It is a pretty cool feeling to be in the open-cockpit.

Fred Kloepping, formerly of Juda, was gifted a flight in the Taperwing for Father's Day and made his flight in August. He described it as one of the highlights of his life with the ability to fly over and look down on the farm he once operated and the surrounding area. "Sure beats a tie" he proclaimed. If someone wants more information, Josh and Kerryann can be reached at <http://www.gypsyairtours.com/> or 608-215-7896.



Ariel view of the Brodhead schools



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GCDC AI Workshop Prompts Ideas

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) held a workshop on artificial intelligence (AI) on Wednesday, November 15th and opened eyes on the opportunities AI can provide, and the cautions to take when using it.

Heather Ferguson, program manager for Wisconsin Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at the UW-Madison School showed participants how AI thinks, demonstrated prompts and the responses for AI. In addition, various tools were presented to demonstrate the difference of each, including ChatGPT, Otter.ai, Perplexity.ai, to name a few. For more of the details and handouts provided at the workshop, individuals can access the materials at <http://gettalk.at/beginnerai>.

Participants were able to ask questions and share personal insights in relation to their business needs and goals. The Small Business Development Center is free resource to entrepreneurs and small business owners to help with startups and maintaining successful businesses.

This workshop was held in connection with participant input from the GCDC Small Business Series held last spring in partnership with The Bank of New Glarus and Southwest Wisconsin SBDC. The series included educational components and culminated in a pitch contest with cash prizes. GCDC will be holding the Small Business Series

A Thanksgiving appreciation card from Bank of Brodhead. The card features a warm, autumn-themed background with blurred orange and yellow leaves. The Bank of Brodhead logo is in the top left corner. The main text, "Happy Thanksgiving", is written in a large, elegant red serif font. Below it is a decorative horizontal line with a central diamond shape. The bottom section contains a message of appreciation in a bold, black sans-serif font. The bottom right corner features the "Member FDIC" logo.

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