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## School Board

### Brodhead School Board approves details for non-recurring referendum

By Gloria Sutter

The Board approved the details for a non-recurring referendum, to be held on April 5, that will allow the School District of Brodhead to exceed revenue limits by \$1,750,000 for the next three years. The funds are needed to maintain current programs and facilities. This will create mill rates that are still lower than the \$7.99 of 2020-21. They are estimated to be \$7.52 in 2022-23, \$7.47 in 2023-24, and \$7.28 in 2024-25.

The Administrative Team presented the results of the District's state report card. The District Goal was to exceed expectations. This was achieved in two of the three buildings, giving the District a score of 67.3, which meets expectations. It is important to remember that much of the curriculum was presented virtually, especially at the High School level, which had a score of 50. The Middle School had a score of 74.1 and the Elementary School scored 88.4.

Principals from each building explained reasons for the scores

and how their curriculums and interventions are being implemented to increase student achievement.

Because of the difficulty to enforce the required mask policy at extra-curricular events, the Board voted to "highly recommend" masks during these after school activities.

The wearing of masks at school has been a controversial issue this school year. Depending on COVID levels, masks have been required to protect student health and keep students in school. Beginning January 3, masks will be highly recommended, but not required. This gives parents time to have their students vaccinated before returning from winter break. A test and stay and a mask and stay policy will also be used after possible COVID exposure.

The District is in the process of hiring a new chorus director. The Show Choir will become a co-curricular entity and a coordinator will be hired.

#### In other business:

The State has announced that

the District will receive \$133 per student in aid this year.

The District has received over \$100,000 worth of computers and other technology from the Middleton VA Hospital through a government program.

The Building and Grounds Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on Thursday, January 13.

The High School Program of Studies for 2022-23 was approved.

The second reading of Board Policy BEAA, regarding remote participation at Board meetings, was approved.

The following donations were accepted: \$200 from an anonymous donor for the backpack program. \$100 from the Brodhead Optimist Club for the backpack program. \$2,000 from Brodhead Water and Light for the District field trip fund. \$500 from Jarod and Tania Williams of Newcomer Funeral Home to the backpack program.

The following resignations were accepted: Shawn Buckwalter, Middle School Custodian; Teri LaBorde,

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### Interested in being on City Council?

They are taking resumes for Alderperson to fill a vacancy. Please stop into City Hall, call, or e-mail if interested. Resume deadline will be Thursday, December 16th. They can be reached at: Nikolai Wahl—City Clerk, 1111 W. 2nd Ave.; 608-897-4018 ext. 150 or [cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us)



A big thank you goes out to Amy Wanek and Ed Hoff for helping the Brodhead School District secure a \$2,000 grant from Brodhead Water and Light to help fund our District field trips. The Brodhead School District sincerely appreciates your ongoing support of our schools and our programs.

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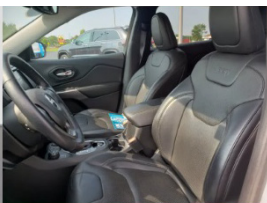
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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor Rick Gleason. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship 10 a.m. Holy Communion first and third Sundays of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2341. www.bethlembrodhead.org. Web site and Live Stream information at www.bethlembrodhead.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@bethlembrodhead.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. 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.

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.

21 Snows  
To Go!

OBITUARIES



Janet Ardyth Turkelson

Janet Ardyth Turkelson, 80, of Brodhead, left this earth to join her heavenly Father on December 5, 2021. She was born on October 18, 1941 to Carlyle and Dorothy (Hulbert) Porterfield of Brodhead. She had two younger siblings, Philip and Kathleen. She spent her childhood on the family dairy farm in Brodhead.

She graduated from Albany High School in 1959 then attended UW-Madison, then graduated from Madison Business College in 1963. She married Leslie C. Turkelson on June 6, 1964 in Albany.

Janet's jobs included stenographer for the DMV, co-owner of Cardinal Communications, and her longest employment, administrative staff at American Family Insurance. She also helped in countless ways with her son and daughter-in-law's farm.

Janet was a charter member of Calvary Bible Fellowship in Madison, where she was active for over 20 years. Over the years she taught

Sunday school and backyard Bible clubs. She was a church pianist for over 30 years, and regularly sang in trios and quartets. She was part of Sugar River Quartet. She loved traveling, camping, taking pictures, gardening—especially flower gardens, bird-watching, and crafts. She especially loved her family. She had a large family: some of them through birth or marriage, but many more became her family through her relationship with them.

Janet and Les had four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Leslie; daughter, Suzanne (Eric) Teigen; and sons: Steven Turkelson and Scott (Jenny) Turkelson; brother, Philip (Renee) Porterfield and sister, Kathleen (Kim) Markham; brothers-in-law: Ed (Yvonne) Turkelson and Donald (Gabbi) Turkelson; sister-in-law, Beverly Larson, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Jeff Turkelson; brother-in-law, Richard Turkelson; sisters-in-law: Betty Harwood and Barbara (Fred) Emshoff; granddaughter, Morgan Turkelson, and nephew, Tomas Porterfield.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Calvary Bible Fellowship (in 7th Day Adventist Church building), 910 Femrite Drive, Monona, Wisconsin, on Sunday, December 19, at 3 p.m. with her Pastor Bruce Cournoyer officiating. A family graveside burial of her ashes will be held in spring of 2022 at Albany Hillcrest Cemetery.

Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home is assisting the family. Condolences may be sent to the family at: shriner111.com.

and was very active in her churches she belonged to. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Swanson; two sons: Chadwick (Amy) Swanson and Matthew (Penny) Swanson; two grandsons: Evan and Kaden; and a sister, Betty Ostic.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Jean; and a brother, Danny.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Saturday, December 11 at Long Lake Lutheran Church in Sarona, Wisconsin. Rev. Rodger Prois officiated, with internment in the church cemetery. Visitation was held for one hour prior to the funeral services at the church.

Appleyard's Home for Funerals in Rice Lake assisted the family in arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials would be appreciated to the Long Lake Lutheran Church.

Patricia Swanson

Patricia "Pat" Susie Swanson, age 75, of Birchwood, Wisconsin, died Saturday, December 4, 2021 at her home.

She was born on January 14, 1946 in Rockford, Illinois to Wilford and Irene (Peterson) Picchioni.

Pat graduated from Rockford East High School, graduated with a degree in Social Work at Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois, and then received her Masters Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She worked as a social worker for Winnebago County in Rockford, Green County in Monroe, Wisconsin and then Beloit Memorial Hospital. They retired to Birchwood in 2007 to enjoy life in the woods and nature. Pat enjoyed gardening, sewing, going camping

DEATH NOTICE  
Judith "Judy"  
Ainsworth-Gilmore

Judith "Judy" Ainsworth-Gilmore, age 83, Brodhead, passed away on December 12, 2021 while at her home surrounded by her family. Memorial services are pending at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead.

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Christy Dianne Barnes

Christy Dianne Barnes, age 52, of Jefferson/Brodhead, passed away on December 6, 2021 at the Fort Atkinson Hospital in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin.

Christy was born on February 18, 1969 in Monroe, Wisconsin, the daughter of Richard and Kathryn (Schoeper) Olin. She was a Brodhead High School graduate in 1987.

Christy enjoyed taking trips and traveling, watching sports including the Packers, Brewers and Bucks,



Barbara K. Whitehead

Barbara K. Whitehead, age 80, of Monroe, passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Pleasant View Nursing Home. She was born March 15, 1941 the daughter of Henry and Alice (Crooks) Leuzinger. She attended Monticello High School.

Barbara married Milo Whitehead on January 17, 1960 in Monticello. She worked at Swiss Colony for 18 years where she retired in 2002. She was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ and Women of the Moose. She enjoyed crafts, scrapbooking, camping, and bowling.

and her black lab, Benelli. Christy was always known as a loving, caring and unselfish person who always put family and friends ahead of herself and loved spending time with her family and friends.

Christy is survived by her son, Chase Barnes (Natalie Rice); her soul mate, Todd Kraus; her father, Richard Olin; two sisters: Michelle (Glenn) Marquette and Dawn (Chad) Dix; four nieces and nephews: Malachi and Samantha Marquette and Abbie and Jordan Dix; and many other cousins, aunts, uncles and other relatives and friends.

Christy was preceded in death by both maternal and paternal grandparents and her mother, Kathryn Olin on September 19, 2010.

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

Funeral services were held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on Saturday, December 11, at 11 a.m. A visitation was held at the funeral home on Friday, December 10, from 4 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. Burial concluded at the Greenwood Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at [www.dl-newcomerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dl-newcomerfuneralhome.com).

Barbara is survived by her daughters: Marcy (Steve Kubly) Hunt of Monroe and Jolene (Jim Teach) Whitehead of Monroe; four grandchildren: Kira Cowan, Christina (Casey Butitta) Strait, Kari (Rick) Cook and Melissa (Joel Faith) Leu; six great grandchildren; brothers: Richard (Sue) Leuzinger, Curtis (Kathy) Leuzinger, and Tom (Laurie) Leuzinger, all from Monroe; and sisters: Margaret O'Kane of Madison, Susan Jacobson of Onalaska, and Mary (Dennis) Kennedy of Evansville. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Milo Whitehead; brother, Victor in infancy; sister, Ruth; and brothers-in-law: Bob O'Kane, Mark Jacobson, and Jack Kennedy.

Funeral services will be held at 12 p.m. Friday, December 17, at St. John's United Church of Christ with Reverend Tiff Bates officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery. A visitation will be held Friday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the church. Memorials may be given in Barbara's name to either Moose Heart or Moose Haven.

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Reservations for the park shelters will be accepted at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 5th, at the Brodhead Park and Recreation Dept. Reservations are based upon first-come, first served basis only, with no one allowed to register before that time. Registering may be done over the phone, by calling 608-897-2159 or by stopping down to the Park and Rec office located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. Once you have registered, a payment of \$30 for a Resident of the City of Brodhead and \$40 for a Non-Resident; along with Park Reservation Agreement must be turned in within five business days or your name will be removed from the calendar.

### BRODHEAD PARK & REC SECOND AND THIRD GRADE YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Wednesday afternoon youth basketball program for boys and girls in second and third grades from 3–4 p.m. Third grade will meet in January, beginning January 5th and ending January 26th. Second grade will meet in February beginning February 2nd and ending February 23rd. This program will teach basic skills and fundamentals.

Third grade: January 5, 12, 19 & 26  
Second grade: February 2, 9, 16 & 23  
\*Early Release — Wednesday, February 2nd, second grade will meet from 2–3 p.m.\*

Forms are available at the Elementary School and at the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>). The cost is \$25, which includes a T-shirt. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by Tuesday, January 4th. Masks and gym shoes are required. Checks make payable to the Brodhead Park and Rec Dept. If you have any questions, please call the Parks and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159.

# Holiday Decoration Contest

With the holidays just around the corner, the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce that the holiday decoration contest, complete with online map and voting, is back by popular demand!

The 2021 Holiday Decoration Contest is open to all Brodhead area businesses and residents. If you will be decorating your home or business for the holidays and want an opportunity to win great prizes, you can enter your address at [BrodheadChamber.com](http://BrodheadChamber.com). Voting for your favorites will take place from Friday, November 26 through Saturday, December 25 also at [BrodheadChamber.com](http://BrodheadChamber.com). The top three home entries will win Brodhead Bucks and the top business will receive a traveling trophy to display for a year.

This event takes place over an extended period of time which allows families to #VisitBrodhead to enjoy the holiday decorations and check out some of our great shops, restaurants and attractions.

They hope you all have a Happy Holiday Season and a safe, healthy New Year!

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# VOLLEYBALL

## Winter Sunday Night Volleyball

Season standings: I'd Smack That won 18 lost 0; Killer Serves 12-6; The Bumpsters 10-8; One Hit Wonders 9-9; Nirvana 9-9; Super Soy 8-10; The Blockheads 5-13; Net Ninjas 1-17.

# Optimist Communication Contests Offering Big Money Scholarships

Submitted by  
**Christine Dieckhoff,**  
Brodhead Optimist  
President

Calling all middle school and high school students! Do you want to earn personal satisfaction and cold hard cash in 2022? The Brodhead Optimist Club offers students these benefits every year, but so few take advantage of the Essay and Oratorical contests held. Each local contest provides \$125 to the top winners, \$75 to the second place winners and \$50 to the third placers. The top winners go on to the District contests where a \$2,500 scholarship is awarded in to the winner in each contest. But wait! That's not all! The winner of the Oratorical contest can go on and possibly win a \$5,000 scholarship at the Regional level and another \$15,000 scholarship at the international level! We optimists, however, think the greatest benefit is being able to speak your mind and share your thoughts on matters that are so prevalent today. Applications for both contests can be picked up at the middle and high school offices or by contacting the club president, Christine Dieckhoff at [christidee@litewire.net](mailto:christidee@litewire.net) 608-558-5828.

This year's topic for the essay contest is "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?" We know that our students may have trouble staying within the 700 to 800 word limit, but sharing your ideas may help all of us improve our future. These essays will be due by Thursday, February 10th to our es-

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# School Board

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High School Student Services Assistant; Anastasia Tomanek, High School and Middle School Vocal Music Teacher and Show Choir Director; and Jenifer Wichita, High School Spanish Teacher.

Employment approvals included Carol Greiner, a decrease in hours as Middle School Food Service Worker; Evelynne Harris, a decrease in hours as High School Food Service Worker; and Keri Mertens, an increase in hours as High School Food Service Worker.

# Basketball contest

The winner of this week's basketball contest was Lynette VonAllmen, Albany, with 86 points. The highest scoring game was the boys' Monona Grove vs. Jefferson, 87-48.

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**LUNCH MENU—**  
Thurs., Dec. 16: cheeseburger mac bake, fruit/veggie.  
Fri., Dec. 17: sack lunch.  
Mon., Dec. 20: taco, corn, fruit.  
Tues., Dec. 21: Soup Day.  
Wed., Dec. 22: pizza, breadsticks, fruit/veggie.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR—**  
Thurs., Dec. 16: boys’ basketball vs. Black Hawk.  
Fri., Dec. 17: girls’ basketball at Argyle.  
Sat., Dec. 18: wrestling at Mount Horeb Invite; youth basketball both gyms.  
Mon., Dec. 20: girls’ basketball at Orangeville.  
Tues., Dec. 21: boys’ basketball vs. Barneveld.  
Wed., Dec. 14: High School Holiday Music Concert.

Bring the World to Your Living Room! Juda Schools will welcome students from Buenos Aires, Argentina, this winter, and they need Host Families! Students are 16-18 years old, currently attend a Catholic school, and are eager to experience American culture and improve their English. Host Families provide room, board, and transportation to and from Juda Schools during their five-week stay, from (approximate dates) January 10 - February 13, 2022. A stipend is provided to the family to offset the cost of hosting expenses. This is a great opportunity to expand your world and be an ambassador for America! If interested in becoming a Host Family, contact Mrs. Davis at 608-934-5251 or davis@judaschool.com .

The Juda FFA giving tree is ready for the season. Stop by the school to pick up a stocking to make some little girl or boy’s Christmas magical! The gifts can be wrapped or unwrapped and are due by Monday, December 20. Any questions ask Mr. Lyne at 608-934-5251 or lyne@judaschool.com

Senior Citizen Holiday Luncheon—They traditionally have had a holiday luncheon for the community members in December. The past two years have taught us that they need to be flexible and creative. Instead of having their traditional Christmas Holiday Luncheon, they are going to have a Valentine Luncheon! The event will be on February 11, 2022 at the school. It will be at 1 p.m. and will have a meal and entertainment. They hope you can join them at this event!



## AROUND THE TOWN IN ....

By Casey Jones

A big thank you to all the readers of the Wisconsin War Bride Diary 1. It was great to hear that you enjoyed it!

While in Arizona, I happened to find on Marketplace a grouping of newspaper articles assembled in 10 very large scrapbooks. I haven’t had time to look at all of them but they start in the 60s and I find them fascinating as blasts from the past. I hope you will enjoy the news events in our hometown Brodhead. Here is an entry from December 1962 according to the album cover.

It was written by Mrs. Augusta Ryall, 1202 W, 6th Avenue, phone TWining 7-2004, a Brodhead news correspondent. Agent is Roy St. John, 306 First Center Avenue., phone TWining 7-2461.

BRODHEAD — Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Reimer, Wheeling, W. Va. are guests his mother, Mrs. A. P. Reimer and other relatives here.Mr. and Mrs. John Plichta, West Allis, are guests at the home of Mrs. Arnold and Gregg.

Donald Rostad spent the Christmas holiday at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeLyle Rostad. He is employed by General Mills, Minneapolis.

Pct. and Mrs. Gerald Reigle and son, Augusta, Ga., are guests at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Reigle, and Mrs. Reigle’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Elliot, Orfordville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson and family, Detroit, Mi. are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Lehnherr.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Earlywine are spending the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Voys, Horicon, Wi.

Lila Stencel, Riverside, Calif., was a recent guest at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stencel. Also guests were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gusho and family of Wauwatosa, John Stencel of Madison, and Mrs. Lila Lawton of Brodhead.

Among those from area traveling to the Rose Bowl are Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clark and family who left Wednesday for three weeks in California.

## News from Parkview High School

# W O O D S T O W N S

**ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU:**  
Thurs., Dec. 16: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, dinner roll, holiday treat.  
Fri., Dec. 17: chicken noodle soup, cheesy bosco stick, mixed vegetables, baby carrots, or apple and cheese cup.  
Mon., Dec. 20: cheese quesadilla, seasoned black beans, lettuce, tomato, salsa, sour cream.  
Tues., Dec. 21: popcorn chicken, potato smiles, corn, dinner roll.  
Wed., Dec. 22: pizza, green beans, Caesar salad.

**JUNIOR HIGH/HIGH SCHOOL LUNCH MENU:**  
Thurs., Dec. 16: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, dinner roll, holiday treat.  
Fri., Dec. 17: turkey noodle soup, cheesy bosco stick, mixed vegetables, or chef’s choice.  
Mon., Dec. 20: cheese quesadilla, seasoned black beans, lettuce, tomato, salsa, sour cream.  
Tues., Dec. 21: popcorn chicken, potato smiles, corn, dinner roll.  
Wed., Dec. 22: pizza, green beans, Caesar salad.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
Thurs., Dec. 16: girls’ JV basketball game vs. Palmyra-Eagle at home, 6 p.m.; varsity wrestling meet at Hustisford, 7 p.m.; girls’ varsity basketball game vs. Palmyra-Eagle at home, 7:15 p.m.  
Fri., Dec. 17: boys’ JV basketball game vs. Deerfield at home, 6 p.m.; boys’ varsity basketball game vs. Deerfield at home, 7:15 p.m.  
Sat., Dec. 18: girls’ varsity ice hockey vs. Onalaska at Omni Center, 1 p.m.  
Mon, Dec. 20: girls’ varsity basketball game at Madison Country Day, 7 p.m.  
Tues., Dec. 21: boys’ JV basketball game at Poynette, 6 p.m.; girls’ varsity ice hockey at Baraboo High School, 7 p.m.; boys’ varsity basketball game at Poynette, 7:30 p.m.

Recently the Criminal Law class paid a visit to the Village Court Room to set the scene for their mock trial. This class really took their roles seriously and did a great job making this trial seem real! The prosecution and the defense went back and forth until the defendant was finally found not guilty! All of the students did a fantastic job!

More coding fun! MeeperBots can be drove like a remote controlled car OR coded with block coding. The fourth graders took time to explore how the MeeperBots move when controlling them. They then took what they have been learning about block coding and applied it to their MeeperBots! They coded them to move in straight lines, turn and do spins.



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## Brenda Siegenthaler Elected to The Bank of New Glarus Board of Directors



Brenda built strong relationships in the community, but she expanded her business as well. In 2013, Brenda opened the Kinderladen Toy Store, also in New Glarus, and in 2017 she opened the Railroad St. Boutique right next to the Blumenladen, selling top-quality apparel and accessories. “Brenda’s drive and passion for making her local business successful are just the type of energy we were looking for when selecting candidates for our Board,” said Ron Schaaf, President and CEO of The Bank of New Glarus, as well as a Board Member himself.

Ron continued to say, “We wish the very best to Faun in her role as Judge Phillipson and thank her for all her years of service to our organization. We are also very excited to have Brenda join us as she has been a key member of our community and will be a great addition to our Board of Directors.”

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## Albany Women’s League/ Empty Stocking 2021

The Albany Women’s League/ Empty stocking 2021 is so grateful for the generosity shown through monetary donations given to this Albany community project. Because of the outpouring and kindness shown families have been and continue to be provided for with clothing, coats and boots.

A warm thank you to those who took and mitten from the “Giving-Tree” and purchased from each child’s wish list. The efforts are noted and we know the children and families appreciate your giving spirit.

Thank you to Green wood Bank/ Albany branch for all of their help in collection donations and recording them for us. Also for providing the Giving Tree in the lobby of the bank area.

Those who donated are as follows: The Albany Thrift Store; The Albany Lions; The Albany United Methodist Church; Bud and Carol Bump; Robert and Pricilla Bump; John and Charlotte Briggs; Rose and Tom Durtschi; Barb Gacic (memory of Carol Laughridge); Robert Haigler and Roald Henderson; Stanley and Jeanne Henson; Sherry and John Hlavachek; Sheila and Keith Hobson; Glen Holtsapple; Sandra and Dick Horn; Deb and Dean Houlberg; Kathy Lobeck; Mary Macke; Cindy Mauerman; Albert and Karen Pfeuti; Alfred and Rhonda Roenneburg; Marlene Schmalbach; Robert and Judy Schaller; and Danielle and Brian Venden.

Those who shopped for Christmas presents were: Sherri Blumer; Liz Briggs; Dam Near Home; Linda Carolan and Karla Myhre. Again thank you.

## Sounds of the Holiday

The Monroe City Band will conclude its 2021 season with a traditional holiday concert on Sunday, December 19 at 3 p.m. in the Monroe United Methodist Church sanctuary. The band will perform a collection of traditional and contemporary holiday music, classic band literature, and a sing-a-long. This concert is free to attend and there will be a Green County Food Pantry collection to help those in need during this holiday season.

Are you a musician? Have you thought about all the fun you had playing music when you were younger? If you’ve been thinking about dusting that old instrument off, now is the time! The Monroe City Band is always open to new members. Rehearsals for the 2022 summer season will begin in April

Questions should be directed to Monroe City Band Director Brian Bruggeman at citybandmonroe@gmail.com or 608-328-7447. Be sure to “like” the Monroe City Band on facebook to follow all the happenings throughout the year!





By Carolyn Seaver, Director

“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.” Edith Sitwell

I'd say winter is finally upon us! Time for hot chocolate, warm mittens, snow, and holiday lights. We were so excited to see all the kids that showed up for Snack with Santa. We hope your kids had a blast and are enjoying their new book. If you were unable to make it, you can still come by the library to drop off a letter for Santa and receive a treat bag and new book.

For adults we have tables set up with free books to take home for a cozy reading winter.

We want to thank Friends of the Library members David Bristow, Melissa Everson and Roald Henderson as well as Melissa's husband for some behind the scenes help, for making Snack with Santa a great success.

In other exciting news, The Albertson Memorial Library has received grants from the Only In Wisconsin Foundation and Focus On Energy Wisconsin totaling \$2,625.00 to install LED lighting in the main section of the library.

Twenty-one fluorescent lighting fixtures have been replaced with 42 LED lamps to improve lighting and significantly lower the cost of lighting the library. LED bulbs last up to 10x longer than traditional fluorescent bulbs and use up to 75% less energy.

We expect there to be a significant energy savings as well as reduced maintenance by using LED bulbs.

The library received some books I would like to highlight this past month. The first was co-written by our very own Laura Roth's brother. Laura has been part of the library staff for the past 6 months but I only recently found out that she had an author in the family! The book The Handy Wisconsin Answer Book by Terri Schlichenmeyer and Mark Meyer, is a great addition to our collection. We received a donation of 5 novellas written by Pastor Emeritus Lawrence Balleine, of Zwingli UCC in Monticello. These short stories featuring angels are just the thing for this time of year. Lastly Carl Blumer donated a set of 39 Time Life books chronicling World War II. These replace a similar set that had become very worn.

Check out these and other new books and movies this week.

ACADEMICS

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee will hold commencement ceremony December 19

Shelby Bartels, Albany, was among more than 1,900 prospective candidates for degree attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee virtual commencement exercises that will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2021 in Milwaukee. Shelby will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in School of Information Studies.

# ALBANY COMETS

**LUNCH MENU:**  
Thurs., Dec. 16: grilled cheese, soup, crackers.  
Fri., Dec. 17: chicken patty, seasoned rice.  
Mon., Dec. 20: taco supreme on tostada chips, rice, salsa, cheese.  
Tues., Dec. 21: diced chicken, mashed potatoes, veggie blend.  
Wed., Dec. 22: Santa sack lunch.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**  
Thurs., Dec. 16, high school boys' basketball at Barneveld, 6 p.m.; high school wrestling at Hustisford, 7 p.m.  
Fri., Dec. 17, high school girls' basketball vs. Pecatonica, 6 p.m.  
Sun., Dec. 19, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.  
Tues., Dec. 21, high school boys' basketball at Pecatonica, 6 p.m.  
Wed., Dec. 22, Zumba in cafeteria, 6 p.m.; adult open gym, 7 p.m.

Pep Band—rehearsal during FLEX: Thursday, January 6. Games: Monday, January 10, arrive by 6:30 p.m.; Friday, January 14, arrive by 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, January 22, arrive by 1:30 p.m.; and Tuesday, January 25, arrive by 6:30 p.m.

The weight room is open and supervised for high school students to workout during the listed times below. These weight room hours will only be available during FULL SCHOOL DAYS. Days of early release or non-school days won't be open for use. Monday 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Tuesday 3:30-4:30 p.m.; Wednesday 3-4 p.m.; and Thursday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

They need input on the spending of the third allocation of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief program (ESSER III). The School District of Albany received \$345,432 for funds to be designated for one-time or short-term expenditures to address the ongoing impact of the pandemic. This program will last for three years, and it is intended to help safely reopen and sustain safe operation of schools. They are seeking feedback from all district and community stakeholders to help determine how the district should best utilize these resources to address the impact of COVID 19 on student learning and ongoing COVID-19 recovery. Please take time to let them know your opinion by completing the brief survey. <https://forms.gle/FC2MLTC9skk7hZfV6>

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**Monday Night Mixed League**  
12/6—High series: Robert Murray 738, John Thill 703, Denny Schultz 683. High games: D. Schultz 278, R. Murray 259, J. Thill 257. Beloit Chiropractic-high team game 1,046. Fosters Gaming-high team series 2,958. Standings: Fosters Gaming won 15 lost 6, Beloit Chiropractic 14-7, Broughton's Bar 12-9, Center Tavern 11-10, Deb's Bar 9-12, Albany Lanes 2-19.

**Tuesday Shaningans**  
12/7—High series: Alexis Sies 618, Phyllis Shrier 478, Karen Brugger 407, Bill Shrier 514, Dennis Atkinson 509, Larry Ommodt 472. High games: A. Sies 232, P. Shrier 194, K. Brugger 180, D. Atkinson 201, B. Shrier 186, Gary Koeberl 179. Barely Upright-high team game 662 and series 1,849. Standings: Barely Upright won 37 lost 26, Albany Lanes 35-28, Greightful Dead 34-29, Clayt's Boomtastic 27-36, Sweet Mini HaHa 25-38, Misfits 23-40.

**Badger**  
12/7—High series: Ryan Brugger 689, Dave Brugger 634, Josh Brugger 613, LeRoy Blumer 603, Megan Anderson 379. High games: Mark Helwig 257, R. Brugger 253, Randall Anderson 246, D. Brugger 237, M. Anderson 143. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 885 and series 2,448. Standings: Jim's Mechanic Shop won 16.5 lost 4.5, Decatur Dairy 12-9, Renks 11.5-9.5, Brugger Farms Trucking 10-11, Counter Attack 7-14, Pearl City Elevator 6-15.

**Wednesday Night Ladies**  
12/8—High series: Laurie Thill 445, Joan Flood 442, Tara Blumer 440, Kari Johnson 434, Darcy Stephenson 433. High games: T. Blumer 182, Chris Rosheisen 172, Brenda Jacobson 168, Alice Patchen 165, K. Johnson 163. New Glarus Brewery-high team game 578. Albertson's-high team series 1,680. Standings: New Glarus Brewery won 57 lost 27, Albertson's 48-36, Glenn-Ann Ladies 45-39, Broughton's Bar 38-46, Center Tavern 34-50, Larson Acres 30-54.

**Thursday Afternoon Ladies**  
12/2—High series: Becky Riese 494, Barb Chapman 455, Barb Clark 439, Debbie Williams 435, Laurie Thommen 417. High games: B. Riese 178-172, B. Clark 164, B. Chapman 156-150-149, L. Thommen 149, D. Williams 149-148, Betty Blum 147. Splits: B. Riese 5-10, B. Clark 4-5, Nancy Salzwedel 3-10, Virginia Schliem 5-6. Ball's Installation-high team game 567. Mike's Flooring-high team series 1,562. Standings: Knutes won 33.5 lost 18.5, Mike's Flooring 32-20, Ball's Installations 30-22, Huntington Plumbing 29.5-22.5, Albany Lanes 26-26.

**Thursday Night Mixed**  
12/9—High series: John Pluss 673, LeRoy Blumer 656, Dave Brugger 646, Tim Golz 637, Anna Laughlin 365. High games: Andrew Elmer 254, Brandon Bayrhofer 246, Rick Josephson 244, Brian Behnke 237, Anna Laughlin 135. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team game 1,000. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team series 2,885. Standings: Glenn Ann Holsteins won 14 lost 7, Attica Bar 12-9, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 10-11, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 9-12, Golz Electric 9-12, Irv's Masonry 9-12.

**Saturday Morning Juniors—Cardinals**  
12/11—High series—boys: Brittan Paulson 568, Dawson Blum 488, Parker VanderPal 452, Tyrin Foster 433, Avery Rufer 335, David Laughlin 284. High games—boys: B. Paulson 236, D. Blum 179, T. Foster 169, P. VanderPal 162, A. Rufer 122, D. Laughlin 105. High series—girls: Zoe Krattiger 523, Seaira Foster 521, Taylor Sauer 401, Kylee Wahler 370, Grace Gold 361, Harper Krattiger 347. High games—girls: Z. Krattiger 193, S. Foster 192, G. Gold 152, K. Wahler 145, T. Sauer 145, H. Krattiger 128.

**Early Rollers—Cardinals**  
12/11—High games: Henry Johnson 71, Amelia Fenwick 59.

**Saturday Morning Youth—Cardinals**  
12/11—High series: Rowan Krattiger 180, Carter Fenwick 152, Lilly Johnson 63. High games: R. Krattiger 102, C. Fenwick 88, L. Johnson 40.

**Saturday Night Live Mixed**  
11/20—High series: Tim Huffman 739, Robert Murray 686, Tyson Foster 655, Amber Foster 507, Dana Harper 459, Sue Rosheisen 439. High games: T. Huffman 268, Ryan Flood 255, R. Murray 244, A. Foster 182, E. Tucker 166, D. Harper 164. Fosters Gaming-high team game 878 and series 2,423.  
12/4—High series: Cruz Creuzer 710, Robert Murray 694, Brian VanderPal 622, Kerri Brandenburg 532, Sue Rosheisen 498, Amber Foster 458. High games: R. Murray 256, C. Creuzer 255, B. VanderPal 247, K. Brandenburg 217, S. Rosheisen 176, Emily Tucker 165. Buschlight Bange-high team game 856 and series 2,431. Standings: Here 4 Beer won 33 lost 16, Buschlight Bange 31-18, Fosters Gaming 31-18, Fearsome Foursome 25-24, Rosheisen Wrapping 16-33, Split Happens 11-38.

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### 100% Club

The Brodhead Middle School seventh grade team of teachers looks for students who go above and beyond, lend a helping hand, are positive role models, and encourage others to do the same. Congratulations to Kaden Riese, Avery Rufer, and Divia Becerril for being recognized as our newest members of the 100% Club.



### First Annual Corvette Cut-Out Competition

The following students submitted entries to the first annual Corvette Cut-Out Competition. Brooklynne was the “Best in Show”, Sawyer was Runner-Up, and I bet you can guess who won “Funniest Entry”. Masks were only removed to snap the picture. Back row, left to right: Sawyer Phillips, Brooklynne Ramirez, Peyton Jordan, Logan Krupke, and Landyn Hewitt; second row: Aiden Arn, Will Searles, Blake Samelstad, and Kelvin Miller; kneeling: Hayden Elmer. Not pictured: Jasmine Nehls.

### Albrecht Elementary fifth graders participate in Colonial Days

Albrecht Elementary fifth graders had fun participating in Colonial Days on Friday, November 19, 2021. As an extension activity to tie in with their Social Studies unit, the students spent their afternoon going through centers to learn more about life in Colonial America. They had a colonial time snack, made a potpourri satchel, a colonial fidget, practiced calligraphy with ink and a quill, played a game of Jacks, made a craft/game, sang music, and learned a dance. The fifth grade team: Mrs. Flannery, Mrs. Rear, Mrs. Marchant, and Mrs. Ubersox would like to give a huge thank you to our volunteers who helped with this event: AES principal Mrs. Knox, special education teacher Mrs. Kirch, and Mr. and Mrs. Bates (Mrs. Rear’s parents).



### Brodhead Chamber of Commerce helps Wisconsin Bundle Up

Local organizations collect warm winter clothing for Wisconsin Department of Tourism’s annual charity drive. The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is teaming up with the Brodhead High School Student Council to invite residents to drop off new or gently used coats, sweaters, hats, mittens, socks and other warm clothing items as part of the Wisconsin Big Bundle Up campaign; a statewide collection program running now through Friday, January 7, 2022. This is the 11th year of the Wisconsin Big Bundle Up and, to date, the program has collected nearly 200,000 warm winter items to help families in need. Donating warm winter items is the perfect way to give to local families in need as the holiday giving season approaches. Collection boxes will be located at all Brodhead Schools, as well as the Bank of Brodhead and Bank of New Glarus, for donors to drop off warm clothing items. All items donated at these locations will be given to the Brodhead Community Closet, 1108 11th Street, which is open to the public on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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## Brodhead High School Student of the Month—November

Front, row, left to right: Colton Steiner, Madisyn Kail, Vanessa Allen, and Lexus Sandlin; second row: Landon King, Addison Olson, Blake Senobe, Sabian Blang, Ruthann Buehl, and Kaila Wolline. Not pictured: Caleb Rossetti, Margaret Smital, and Devan Green.



Albrecht Elementary School's TOTAL team organized a Penny War in November to raise funds for the White Gift Food Pantry in Brodhead. Pictured from left to right are TOTAL members Laetin Pinnow and Bella Santiago-Aguilar presenting Vicki Krattiger of the White Gift Food Pantry with a check for \$3,311.14.



## BHS December Staff Spotlight Nominees

Congratulations to the Brodhead High School December Staff Spotlight Nominees! Here is what their nominations said about them:

Mr. Zittlow helps me understand precalc and I have a good grade right now. He has been helpful and he is funny in class. Mr. Zittlow has done a great job with his Math II course this semester. He is thorough and patient when explaining difficult content. I have enjoyed working with Mr. Zittlow this year!

Mr. Knuth always makes class fun. I admire the way he ran class during Covid—always positive and worked hard to engage all the kids in the class. My children have always spoken fondly of his sense of humor and I appreciated the connection he has with students as a teacher and as a coach. It is something to be admired. Mr. Knuth is a super fun teacher. Mr. Knuth never gives up on students. He is willing to work with all abilities. He doesn't complain and he is always willing to help out with other activities like Homecoming or tickets or concessions.

Ms. Evans is amazing, she shares her mints and allows me to come to mentorship during study hall. She is kind and understanding. I love Ms. Evans, she's my favorite, she's nice to all her kids. Ms. Evans makes the day better! She's nice and understanding. She always has her door open if you need somewhere to go or someone to talk to. I nominate Ms. Evans because she works hard and she's a really great teacher.



## BHS Student Council participated in Rock Valley Conference Leadership Meeting

BHS Student Council sent four junior representatives to the Rock Valley Conference Leadership Meeting at Beloit Turner High School on Wednesday, December 8th. The students learned about other schools and their leadership activities and shared the awesome activities organized by Brodhead High School Stu Co. Students also participated in community service projects organized by Beloit Turner Student Council members.

From left to right: Abby Mills, Abbie Dix, Kirsten Fish, Skylar Gretebeck

## Christmas Fire Hazards

**Submitted by:  
Tanna McKeon**

Tanna McKeon, Green County Emergency Management Director reminds everyone to make fire safety a priority when you are decorating your home this holiday season.

Christmas trees and fresh greenery are beautiful holiday decorations but they also pose a major fire hazard if they are not properly maintained. Nationally, there is an average of 160 home fires that were started by Christmas trees. These resulted in deaths, injuries and millions of dollars in property damage. It only takes a matter of seconds for a fire involving a dry live tree to grow into a large blaze. Live trees should be kept at least three feet away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or heater. Heat will dry out a real tree, causing it to more easily ignite when exposed to heat, flame or sparks. Live trees should be watered daily. Almost half of all Christmas tree fires start from electrical distribution problems or lighting equipment. Inspect holiday lights each year and replace strands that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. If the wires are warm to the touch, unplug them and properly dispose them. Be sure to turn off all lights on trees and other decorations when going to bed or leaving the

house and unplug extension cords when they are not in use.

Christmas is a peak time for candle fires and never leave a burning candle unattended. Place them where they can't be accidentally knocked over and at least 12 inches away from flammable materials. Consider using consider using battery-operated flameless candles.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are among the top days of the year for cooking fires. Avoid distractions in your kitchen when you are cooking, keep cooking areas clear of decorations or other items that could catch fire.

Check your smoke alarms to make sure they are working properly and test them monthly. Alarms should be located on every level of your home. If you haven't created an escape plan with your family do it now! Be sure practice it so everyone knows two ways to get out of the house in the event of a fire.

Need some gift ideas? Think about giving fire extinguishers, smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors, battery jump cables, compact tire inflators, first aid kits, weather radios, flashlights, waterproof/fireproof safe etc. All of these are relatively inexpensive and really do make great gifts.

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# CASEY'S CORNER

By Casey Jones

Good morning, readers! It's time to grab your favorite beverage and enjoy your favorite newspaper!

Downtown Brodhead really has been jumping lately. If you haven't visited downtown during this holiday season you are missing out. Various clubs, under the direction of past Mayor Doug Pinnow, have decorated the downtown to celebrate a small-town Christmas. It seems that people are moving about, looking in the stores and visiting the businesses. This year, there are more storefronts with businesses in them than in recent years past. The BID (Brodhead Improvement District) Board and Retail Revitalization Committee has really made a difference in turning the downtown around. Their use of advertising and planning combined with grants to help landlords restore their buildings has truly made the downtown area a great place to visit!

Another factor in the improvement in the downtown area is a renewed level of commitment by the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce to help their members get a leg up when competing with the large advertising budget of their out of town competitors. One of the special ways that the Chamber has helped is by the promotion of local business through their Facebook page. An important component of the local advertising is their monthly "spotlight" video series on local businesses. A three-minute video is produced and distributed as far as the Internet can reach. A business could easily spend two-three thousand dollars for the video and still not get the exposure that being featured in the "spotlight" gets them.

Yes, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas in downtown Brodhead. All we are missing is the weatherman's cooperation. A nice layer of white for Christmas would make for the best postcards.

Have a great week!  
casey@bccole.com



(Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

## Brodhead wrestling team takes third place at Johnson Creek Invite

The Brodhead wrestling team took third place on Saturday, December 4th at the Johnson Creek Invite. It was a very good day for the team. Everyone helped in the success of the day. Something to be proud of and a good start to something possibly special.

Front row, left to right: Mario Reyes, Jacob Lohmar, Marcus McIntyre, Seth Mansfield; middle row: Jameson Wallin, Joe Lohmar, Emmitt Allen, Charlie Wiess; and back row: Clayton Elliott, C.J Struely, Cole Hoesly, and Karson Miller. Not pictured: Isiah Bishop, Landon King and Jacob Roth.

First place finishers were: Jacob Lohmar, Marcus McIntyre and Cole Hoesly. Emmitt Allen finished in third place.

## Cards defeated East Troy in OT

Well if beating McFarland, two weeks ago, wasn't an exciting enough game for fans, taking on and beating #4 state ranked East Troy in OT with a score of 47-46 with the Trojans having home court advantage, was near heart-attack, nail biting, get-up-off-you-seat stunner of a game!

Brodhead knocked out 10-three point buckets. Josiah Engen and Owen Leifker lead the Cardinals with 13 points each. Our home team is currently undefeated and will host Whitewater on Tuesday and Clinton on Friday.



Jacob Lohmar, 113, won by decision against Jefferson. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Mario Reyes, wrestling at 152, pinned his opponent last week. This week, on Tuesday, the team will travel to Beloit Turner and Mount Horeb on Saturday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Onni Oliver puts up a clutch 3-points from the arc. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Cardinal Madisyn Kail battles with Spartan player Brynn Kirch last Tuesday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

The Cardinal bench celebrates as they anticipate the Cardinal win of a 58-55 win last Tuesday. Last Friday, the Cardinals traveled to Big Foot and earned another victory, 55-23, final score. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



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Brodhead Middle School Holiday Luncheon

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One hundred and twenty-seven seniors were in attendance at the Brodhead Middle School Holiday Luncheon. They were entertained by band and chorus and several readings.



All Brodhead third graders received dictionaries from the Brodhead Optimist Club

(Free Press photos by Gloria Sutter)



BMS Winter Band Concert

The Brodhead Middle School Winter Band Concert was held on Monday, December 6th. The sixth grade band performed three songs including “Diary of a Grumpy Elf”. The seventh and eighth grade band also played three songs, which included “The Angels Mix”. The students did a great job and the concert was enjoyed by all in attendance.



Sixth Grade Band



Seventh and Eighth Grade band



Left—A few members of the seventh and eighth grade-band.

Right—Mr. Wetzel—BMS student teacher conducting the sixth grade band.

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## Monroe Public Library Introduces New Story Stroll for the Holidays

Twenty Businesses throughout the Main Street Monroe Historic District will tell a story

Following many successes with outdoor activities and collaborative efforts, Monroe Public Library and Main Street Monroe unveiled another Story Stroll. Viewers read the story by following signs placed along the perimeter of the library's lawn. This free and outdoor activity became a big hit with families. Two were organized in 2020. As a result, the staff at Monroe Public Library decided to create another one and expand off of it this year for the holidays.

Originally suggested by Andrea Schmitz, the Library's youth services coordinator, Laura Schmiedicke, who is in charge of adult services, brought the idea to Main Street Monroe's Events and Promotions Committee. Shop owners in atten-

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Stroll for the Holidays

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dance were very receptive to being a stop for the stroll. Chairperson, Tracy Hamilton, owner of Heartland Graphics, helped coordinate which stores would participate.  
The story stroll for this December will be based on The Button Book written by Sally Nicholls, illustrated by Bethan Woollvin. It has 20 pages which each page being displayed at a different business. Merchants range from JoAnne's Dress Shop, Busy Bee Floral and Gift, and Luecke's Diamond Center to eateries like Garden Deli and service spots. Schmitz emphasized the collaborative nature of the project.

Main Street's executive director, Jordan Nordby, highlighted how creative the library has been throughout the pandemic with its planning and was thankful to give people another reason to safely explore the district during the holidays. "We are all about family fun activities and we're proud to have another reason to showcase our businesses," he stated. Main Street, which just concluded another round of LIVE! shopping nights, is recognized by American Express as an official Neighborhood Champion during Shop Small Saturday, and oversees all downtown decorations. Monroe Public Library is currently providing curbside services.

The Story Stroll will be up through the end of the year. Complete details may be found at monroepubliclibrary.org

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Healthful Hint  
“Reaching out, Managing your mental health”

Millions of people in the United States are affected by mental illness each year. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on the mental health of people of all ages. One in five adults experience mental illness each year. One in six youth aged six-17 experience a mental health disorder each year. Now, more than ever, it is critical to reduce the stigma around mental health struggles that often prevents individuals from seeking help.

Each mental illness is different but common warning signs include:

- Confusion or problems concentrating and learning
- Extreme mood changes, including uncontrollable “highs”
- Inability to carry out daily activities or handle daily problems and stress
- Avoiding friends and social activities
- Changes in sleeping or eating habits

Youth can also develop mental health issues and can show behavioral symptoms, such as:

- Changes in school performance
- Excessive worry or anxiety
- Hyperactive behavior
- Frequent nightmares
- Frequent disobedience or aggression

Many face stressful situations that are overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and chil-

dren. Here are some good coping skills to help one become more resilient:

- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including those on social media.
- Practice relaxation exercises, prayer or meditation.
- Take vacations away from home and work.
- Get enough quality sleep and regular exercise.

It is important to remember that even the most resilient person can face a difficult time and to know when to ask for professional help. Don't be afraid to reach out if you or someone you know needs help. Learning more about resources, support and treatment is an important first step. Contact your health insurance provider about your coverage, and your primary care doctor or local mental health providers about resources and treatment options.

Erin Yenser is a Public Health Strategist for the Rock County Public Health Department. If you would like to ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email [RCHHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:RCHHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us) with Healthful Hint in the subject. The Rock County Public Health Department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable. For more information, follow us on social media @rockcountyPHD.

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## Mrs. Gerlach's first grade, Albrecht elementary

Dear Santa,  
How are you and your reindeer doing? How is Buddy doing? I have been very good. On my list I want a lego set and a RC car and a elf on the shelf.  
I love you, Mayson Menehan  
Dear Santa,  
How are you with the reindeer? Why do you work in the North Pole? I have been good thi syaer. I would like a tablet and cars for my brother. You are good.  
Love, Breana Ramierz Rodriguez  
Dear Santa,  
How are you and your reindeer? What do your reindeer eat? I have been very happy. Please bring me a Sonic toy and Minecraft legos please.  
Love, Prezley Bremer  
Dear Santa,  
How are your elfs? How do you eat that much cookies? I have been good this year. I wonb like a breathing baby and Barbie stuff. I love your elfs.  
Love, Ellie Blizard  
Dear Santa,  
How are the reindeer? How are the elves? I have been good. Please get me a makeup set and nail polish. I like you.  
Love, Zola Van Wyhe  
Dear Santa,  
How are you Santa and your elvss? Wot are you doing at the North Pole? I have been good and bad this year. I would like a remote control car and a glow in dark race-car. I hope you are good. See you at Christmas.  
Love, Nash O'Connor  
Dear Santa,  
How are yoe doing? What do you do at the North Pole? I have been nice this year. Please bring me make up and rings. Love you Santa.  
Love, Quetzaly Rodriguez Valdivia  
Dear Santa,  
How are you and your elfs? How do you survive in the north pole? I have been good and bad. I would like a Nintendo Switch and a Bey-blade set.  
Take care, Silas Harnack  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Is it snowing? I have been happy this year. Please bring me Mario golf cart and a Mario Nintendo Swtich. I love you.  
Love, Carter Fenwick  
Dear Santa,  
H are your reindeer doing? Hav you ate ate cookies lately? I have bene good. I want a Nintendo Swich and Technic lego set. Thank you for everything.

From, Jayse Bennett  
Dear Santa,  
How is your reindeer doing? How are your elves doing? I have been happy this year. Please bring me a Barbie house and a LOL doll. You are a rock star!  
Love, Lucy Strehlow  
Dear Santa,  
How are you today? How old are you? I have been good. Please bring me a Xbox, robot, controller. I like you very much.  
Love, Kamren  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? How do you know me? I have been good this year. I would like a kitty cat and Barbie cars. I like your elves.  
From, Kaylea Condon  
Dear Santa,  
How are you feeling? How do you ride the sleigh? I have been good this year. I would like a make up set and a Barbie dream house. You are a star!  
Love, Ariel Shea  
Dear Santa,  
How are you feeling? How do to a ride the sleigh? I have been good this year. Please bring me a peek a roo and a Barbie dream house. You are the best.  
Love, Bayle Houghton  
Dear Santa,  
How a you doing today? I would like a VR headset, a 3D printer and an army set. I like your red hat.  
Love, Tysen Boss  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Is your food cookies? I have been good? I would like a LOL house and LOL dolls. I love you.  
From, Kami Petts

## Mrs. Kranig's

Dear Santa,  
Du ud hva a f on tahs n t f? Du yre rendere et carets? I av ben gud. I help mom fod kos. I help momy osh de shrer thei iey qwan fed r. 1. Ritiguom 2. Honushlf 3. Sufamunl. I luv u.  
Love, Izabella Aguilar  
Dear Santa,  
How aer yor rardeer? How aer yoo? I hav ben good. I cledup mi room. I cled up the dishs. Theee things on mi wish list are: 1. Tac 2. Lagoz 3. stuftaml pagwin. The de-crashine aer the best. The crismtree aer the best.  
Love, Joaquin Casco  
Dear Santa,  
How ds rodoth hev a red nose? How the els make toy? I hav ben good. I listin to my tablit win I wus in kindrgaredin. I ben nis to my threne. Three thins I wish for are: 1. Dushrt vates wdooin prthit 2. A Jrone 3. Thone. I am gunu laev coocodes.  
Love, Leo Copenhefer  
Dear Santa,  
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dere? I hav den guid. I hav ben howding my friend. I hav ben howging my bruthr. Three things I wish for are: 1. Trans formrs 2. Ras car 3. Dc-shin figyr. Wut are yoo dooing in the noth piul.

Love, Charles Ends  
Dear Santa,  
Can we open prezins? Can we have crismis? I have ben good. I fod the wundring. I pikd up the toys. Thee thans I whish for are: 1. Candy 2. Cubes 3 games. I hope your reindeer are ready for Christmas.

Love, Nicholas Francis  
Dear Santa,  
Is rudedof the first reidder? Why is the north pole awlass so cold? I have been good I have been helping clean the house. I have been helping Henry unbukle his seat belt. Three things I wish for are: 1. A stuffe cat 2. An adeobook with some books 3. A toy gingerbread girl.

Love, Owen Huffman  
Dear Santa,  
Haw do rander fli? Haw do you fli to kidz hawsis? I hav bin gud. I helpt a frind last sumr go down the slid win thay wr scard. I help mom str the spgede. Thre thegs I wish for ar: 1. Borde dol 2. Splushe elf on the shelf 3. A dog. Hav a gud crismis.

Love, Grace Liendo  
Dear Santa,  
Haw bo you have som rander? How mane ifof? I have deb god. I have Gary and me we luge. I help do the disis. Three ting no my wis list er: 1. Slie 2. Gato, 3 basit make. I like putit uot mis no tree. I like decaisian because fame.

Love, Katie McAdory  
Dear Santa,  
How or yow do weing? Haw or yow rodie doi or? I hav din god. I hep mom with domunic. I hep my mom with the dith. Fre things I wish for or: 1. Elf on the shelf 2. Ef hat 3. Hors. Marekrism

Love, Mia Ostenson  
Dear Santa,  
Wuite is or favrit food? Wute is Mrs. Clas favrit food? I have ben good. I gade in the gool wihe my sister. I bin helping my mom. My wihe logre. Thee this I wish four ar: 1. A sowuman glusher 2. A fd at frads 3. Ohhky Monkey.

Love, William Ritter  
Dear Santa,  
Wer are you? Wy do you liv in the north pol? I have ben good. I have bin good to my mom. I have alsoe bin good at school. Three things on my wish list are: 1. Goo jitsoo 2. Bunny 3. Babladse. I like your elvs the most uv ol.

Love, Mayson Reynolds  
Dear Santa,  
Wiy bo e hav climis? Wat is uoy farit faber? I hav den goog. I hlp my mom clen my bed. I hlp my bad wilt my cats. Fle ltnig I wish foy are: 1. A hachml 2. A stufe 3. A uoce tococe. I

lik a lfr onashf.

Love, Paisley Runaas  
Dear Santa,  
Wi is yr salt reds wi dud ur elfs war has? I hav ben gd. I wuse clen-ing the tle rulmu. I hlp mu stepmom cic. Free figs I wish for ae: 1. Mn-tendo swich 2. Ds gamu 3. Mario plushe. I nvrd sen the nlr pl.

Love, Isaac Steele  
Dear Santa,  
Wat ar you bisee whith? How bo you go down chimnes? I have ben good. I helpd my littil brother find his toys. I also helpd my famale clene the hwos. Three thinks I wish for aer: 1. Nerf bo and aro 2. Huver brd 3. Pangwin stofe. Yor jod is cole.

Love, Cohen Wurster  
Dear Santa,  
What are you getting me for Christmas? Is it going to be big? I have ben good. I helping my mom-my and daddy do the awna. I some-times do my cors whithout some one teling me. Threye things I whise fore are: 1. The varry big elffint 2. Elf-fint and piggy stuff anumls 3. Popit. I am being good in school.

Love, Emma Yoshida  
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Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How do you go down the chimney? I habe bin good this year. Plas bing me some legos and stoftees. Thank you for brining my presins.

Love, Owen Johanson  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing with your raindeer? How do you get down the chimney? I have been good this year. Please bring me a Barbie house and window marker. Your the best!

Love, Lola Buchanan  
Dear Santa,  
Are you having a good day? Are elfs rel? I have been good this year. Please bring me a rel bune. Thank you!

Love, Ella Clark  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? How is Rudolf? I have ben god this year. Please bring mey an RC car and an electric skuder. You r the best!

Love, Efrain Perez  
Dear Santa,  
What are you doing? How do you get elvs? I have been good this year. Please bring me a wotr botl and makup. You are the best!

Love, Avari Moore  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How do you get down the chimne without getting drde? I have been good this year. Please bring me window mor-crs. I love you so much!

Love, Juniper Carvalho  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doig? How duz yor rander fly? I have been swet this year. Please bring me ipad and hovr

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bord. I love you!  
Love, Alexo Becerril  
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How is yoru day gowin? How mene elvs do you hav? I hav been priddty good this year. Please bring me a mirmad doll and a Elsa doll

hous. I bet you are doing grat at Christmas!  
Love, Natalie Grosshuesch  
Dear Santa,  
How are yoo doing? What due the north pol look like? I hav been kind uv good this year. Please bring

me a randeer. You are the best.  
Love, Dustin Moe  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? How do you get in my house? How have you been this year? I have been good. Please bring me Legos Ninjago. You are the best!

Love, Kyler Krumwiede  
Dear Santa,  
How are you? I have been good. Please bring me a Barbie purse and new Adams Family Barbie dolls and blankie.

Love, Emma Grosshuesch  
Dear Santa,  
I love you. I have been good. Please bring me a drone. Merry Christmas.

Love, Skyler Nehls  
Dear Santa,

Wut aer you doing? How aer the elfs doing? I hav been good this year. Please bring me pokemon cards. You aer so nise!

Love, Liam Holmes  
Dear Santa,

How are you dooeing? How is Merry dooeng? I have been good this year. Please bring me a Merry decarashin. You are the best!

Love, Fallon Spradlin  
Dear Santa,

How are you dooen? How meny randeer do you have? I have been good this year. Please bring me surprises. Have a good day!

Love, Cambria Elmer  
Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How do you survive in the winter? I have been good this year. Please bring me a bunch uv RC cars. You are the niseest Santa ever!

Love, Kaby Leu

Mrs. Blumer’s

Dear Santa,  
Is it snowing at the North Pole? I am so happy it is almost Christmas. I would like a weiner dog please. I love my dogs. Do you like cookies?

Love, Jayda Oellerich  
Dear Santa,

I hope you are doing good. How many reindeer do you have? Do you like cookies? I would like some LOL surprise dolls for Christmas please.

Love, Charleigh Broughton  
Dear Santa,

I do not want much this year but I think I am getting some ideas. I would like a shiny crystal ball. What are your elves like? My brother and I have been good.

Love, Lucy Curless  
Dear Santa,

I am excited for you to come to my house. I live in Brodhead and I will be at my mom’s. Be sure to go to Mrs. Blumer’s house too. I love you Santa.

Owen Leighty  
Dear Santa,

How are you? How are your elves? Do you like snow? My favorite color is green. What is your favorite color? I would like a race track for Christmas. Love you Santa!

Cooper Hall  
Dear Santa,

I am happy it is almost Christmas. How is Mrs. Clause? Is she having a good day? I would like a Barbie doll for Christmas please. I love you Santa.

Kaylin Falk  
Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How is Mrs. Clause? Does the North Pole always have snow? I would like a PS5 for Christmas please. I have been good.

Love, Jack Norris  
Dear Santa,

I wish you a Merry Christmas. I wish it would snow here. My family

is moving so can you come to Tennessee? Can you bring me a new pair of shoes please?

Love, Dayno Mansfield

Dear Santa,

I would like a fuzzy stuffed cat for Christmas. What do your reindeer do? Do you have snow? How are your elves and Mrs. Clause? I am happy it is almost Christmas.

Love, Kaylee Marass  
Dear Santa,

Can I please have an LOL doll? I like it when you give presents to everyone. How many elves do you have? I have a special name that begins with A.

Love, Alaina Baumgartner  
Dear Santa,

How do you fly with your reindeer? You are the best Santa and I

love you. I would like a Mario game for my Switch. Have a good trip!

Love, Harper Campbell

Dear Santa,

I hope the reindeer are doing good. Can I have a JoJo toy please. My family and I are good and I am doing really good in school. I hope you are doing good too.

Love, Rory Freeland  
Dear Santa,

Do you have a dog? I have a dog named Bella. What do your elves do? I like to play Roblox on my dad’s phone. I am excited for you to come to my house.

Love, Jackson Klenz  
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good. I love how you give presents.  
Love, Lylah Carter  
Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? My family is good. What are your reindeer like? I would like a pet deer. Do you know what the snowflakes are shaped like? Are there polar bears at the North Pole? I love you Santa.  
Love, Charlize Hopwood  
Dear Santa,  
How are things at the North Pole? How are your reindeer? I am in first grade and I am six. I would really like a tablet for Christmas please. Thank you Santa Clause.  
Love, Blaine Gadow

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Dear Santa,  
I really like Santas slae. How tall is roodf? How tall is yor factory? I want to get a huge spinasaurus.  
Love, Gannon Harris  
Dear Santa,  
I really like chrismis. What do you feed roodof? I would love to get a play staishon 4.  
Love, Cedric Kraemer  
Dear Santa,  
I relly like Santa rander. How many rander are in the polth north. How meny elths in the polr north. I would love to get a teddy roodof the rander.  
Love Leyla Cayetano Pueblita  
Dear Santa,  
I really like your raneders and I like crinsis. I really like Misis Clos! How do you get a rownd in your slay? I would love to get a dog stu-fanaml.  
Love, Leah Foster  
Dear Santa,  
I really like your riandeer because they help you fly. Can the elfs reely fly? Do the raindeer like candy canes? How do you go around the world in one night? I would love to get a pet fish. And a tank for the fish.  
Love, Helen Logan  
Dear Santa,  
I really like your boots and I really like your raindears shining nose. I really like your majic hat. Dear Santa how are the elves? Do elves make the toys? How is your hat hav majic? How duse the raindeer fly? Would love to get a squishmallows.  
Love, Jocelyn Guadalupe Mon-dragon  
Dear Santa,  
I really like your rander. Is roodof rel? I would love to get more uv wooden train truck.  
Love, Hudson Menehan  
Dear Santa,  
I really like the rednoes raindir. How meny elves do you hav? How meny elves go to work? How meny elves go to sleep? I would love to get lites for my room that gos on my sealing.  
Love, Adalynn Seichter  
Dear Santa,  
I really like snowman. How much is at the north pole? How you draw the toys? I would love to get a big car toy.  
Love, Alex Mendoza Garcia  
Dear Santa,  
I really like rootofs red nose. How do rander fly? How do you fit all those tis in one bag? I would love to get a electric scooter.  
Love, Jack Elmer  
Dear Santa,  
I really like you. How do you make a big list of who's bad our good? How do you do it? How many lists do you have? I would love to get a stuff animal chuckie and Ninten-do switch games. How do you have any time in the snow.  
Love, Zach Hartwig  
Dear Santa,  
I really like how rodoff red nos glos. How small are ya elfs. Are they small or big? I wood love to get jet sce.  
Love, Rowan Krattiger  
Dear Santa,  
I like or wife Mrs. Clos and I like you to. Does Roodaf fly yes or no? I world love to get a inteno switch so me and Nolan can share.  
Love, Gabby Thingvold  
Dear Santa,  
I like yore winter coat. Where did you get it? I would love to get a hov-erbord. Merry Christmas.  
Love, Easton Henning

Dear Santa,  
I really like yor cowl. What do you like? Do you like yor raindeer? Do you like to collar? I would love to get a popit pors.  
Love, Fayorah Menuey  
Dear Santa,  
I really like yor raindeer. Ware did you get yor rainer? How do they fly? I would love to get legos.  
Love, Henry Eckelberg  
Dear Santa,  
I really like bis on sed. Do elves eat? To get popets.  
Love, Abigail Franklin Blackburn  
Dear Santa,  
I really like your job. How meny elves do you hav? How do you dliver all thos prades hi one nite? I would love to get a spes figit.  
Love, Rylee Helgestad

Mrs. Hearing's  
Dear Santa,  
I am sorry for hurting Declan. I held the door for Uzziyah and his dad and his sister. I would love a amongus plushx.  
Love, Noah  
Dear Santa,  
How does your magic work? I was kind to Mrs. Blumer. I would love 10 dollars.  
Love, Taliya  
Dear Santa,  
How do toys get made. I helped a friend up. I would like a ciricle popit.  
Love, Declan  
Dear Santa,  
How do the elves fly? I was kind because I helped a friend. I love makeup and Barbies.  
Love, Ava  
Dear Santa,  
Are you real? I helped my friend open the door. I would love an Xbox series S.  
Love, Jaxon  
Dear Santa,  
How old are you? I am kind because I help others. I would love a phone.  
Love, Zane  
Dear Santa,  
How does your raindeer fly? I was kind to my friends at recess. I would love a stuffed animal cat.  
Love, Emilia  
Dear Santa,  
I help people get up. I would love an Xbox.  
Love, Carter  
Dear Santa,  
Have I been good? One thing I have done good is helping others. I would love my own elf.  
Love, Desi  
Dear Santa,  
I was kind by helping my friend up. I would love a gumhastisbar.  
Love, Chesnie  
Dear Santa,  
I have a question. Are there snow cats in the north pole? I was kind by giving good words to other people. Santa I would love a ninentdo switch.  
Love, Emma  
Dear Santa,  
How many reindeer do you have I helped my mom do dishes. I would love a computer.  
Love, Quentin  
Dear Santa,  
How do you your magic? When I help someone I was kind. I would love a tractor.  
Love, Ryder  
Dear Santa,  
I was kind when I was in music listening. Can you make a phone? I would love a kid phone.  
Love, Brantley  
Dear Santa,  
How do you survive at the north pole? I have been good. I was kind

when I made a thing for my cat. I would love a mansion.  
Love, Eliza  
Dear Santa,  
Whe don't know about you. I help people fix the recess stuff. I would love a PS5.  
Love, Uzziyah  
Dear Santa,  
Have I been good? One thing I have done is helping others. I would love my own OMG set.  
Love, Kamryn

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