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First Baby of 2025



James Ray Wescott was born Tuesday, January 14th, 2025 at 1:23 a.m. at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital-Janesville. He was welcomed with love by his parents, Ryan and Erin, and his overjoyed sisters: Jade and Opal.

James received the following prizes: 5x7 area rug from Bob's Carpets, \$50 deposited into a Sammy Savers account and a Piggy Bank from Bank of Brodhead, \$25 gift certificate from Sugar River Loft and \$25 Pig Card from Brodhead Free Press. Congratulations!

Dueling Pianos Splash Pad Fund-raiser Set For March 2025

The Brodhead Jaycees are once again partnering with Piano Fondue of Madison for a dueling pianos show and silent auction on Saturday, March 8th from 7-10 p.m. at Ludlow Mansion in Monroe. All proceeds will benefit the Jaycee Park splash pad. Plan a date night or gather a group of friends for an evening you won't forget! Tickets are \$75 each and include one drink and a hot and cold Hors-d'œuvre buffet, and are available for sale through Jaycee members or by contacting Katie at brodheadjaycees@gmail.com.

They are also seeking donations for the silent auction, and have multiple sponsorship levels available, including:

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Follow the event on facebook.com/BrodheadJaycees for updates!

Brodhead District Administrator Quarterly Report

Update on the Brodhead School District Bond Referendum Projects



Dave Novy, District Administrator

Thursday, January 23 marks the halfway point of the school year in the Brodhead School District. At this time of the year, high school students are starting some new second-semester classes, we assess all District students in both reading and math to determine growth and set academic goals for the rest of the year, and we are already halfway through our winter sports sessions. We also reflect on our growth as a District and review our priorities and goals set at the beginning of the year.

A big part of our overall attention this year has been devoted to planning for our new building projects across the School District. With the passing of our \$17,485,000 bond (building) Referendum last April, we have taken part in a lot of meetings to determine the scope of our projects, when those building projects will start, and how we can continue with the rest of the school year and summer school as we work around the construction areas. All buildings in our School District will have at least one major construction project as a result of this Referendum.

As a reminder, the projects for our District include: safe entries for all District schools, new windows in the middle school and elementary school, ADA updates in our middle school and elementary school bath-

rooms, expansion of the middle school cafeteria and replacement/renovation of the kitchen, updating the middle school band room, a new fifth grade addition to alleviate overcrowding, and a new four year-old kindergarten (4K) addition to Albrecht Elementary.

When our students leave for Spring Break on Monday, March 24, construction will begin on the safe entry at the high school and the new fifth grade addition at the middle school. I will continue to provide updates as that date approaches knowing those projects will affect parking and entry into both of these schools. The overall plan is to complete almost all construction projects prior to the start of the 2025-26 school year, with many of those projects starting after students are dismissed for the summer. The only project not planned for completion is the 4K addition, which should be completed by January of 2026. We will offer our all day 4K starting with the 2026-27 school year.

We will continue to update our community members through newspaper articles, social media posts, and additions to our District webpage.

School Board Decision to Run a Facility Referendum: three-year non-recurring Referendum for \$1,750,000 per year.

At our Wednesday, January 8 School Board Meeting, our School Board passed a resolution to run a three year non-recurring Referendum for \$1,750,000 per year, and will be taking it to our community for a vote in the April 1, 2025 election.

You may be wondering why it seems like there have been so many Referendums in Brodhead lately. In fact, this would be the sixth Referendum our District has run since 2013. It is important to know why there is the need for another "operational" Referendum, and the history

behind the need for Wisconsin Districts like Brodhead to have a consistent schedule set up for regular operational Referendums. In fact, a total of 131 of the State's 421 Districts posed 243 Referendum questions to their taxpayers combined in April of 2024 and November 2024.

If you have been a Brodhead resident for a while, you have seen our School District run a non-recurring operational Referendum, each of them for three years, since 2013. The two most recent operating Referendums were in 2018 and 2022. The 2018 question was for 2018-19, 2019-20, and 2020-21 and expired and ended. The 2022 referendum was for \$1,750,000 per year for three years from 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25 and is expiring. The current question for operating purposes is again for \$1,750,000 and would cover the school years of 2025-26, 2026-27, and 2027-28. It is important to note this Referendum will simply extend the same amount, \$1,750,000, for another three years. In my 20+ years as an Administrator in Brodhead, I know our School Board values keeping our District tax impact at a low level, and very much monitors that tax rate every year. They have worked diligently over the last several months to make strategic budget cuts to ensure this new operational Referendum will have \$0 tax rate impact over the next three years.

Many of you may also wonder why we are asking for yet another Referendum after passing a \$17,485,000 bond (building) Referendum just last April. Please understand that a bond Referendum only allows for funds to be used for expenditures related to approved building projects and for ongoing debt service payments to pay off that debt. An operational Referendum can only be utilized for the District's operations and not for

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. On-line worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem Lutheran Church. Bingo the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 6:30 p.m., doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other Sunday thru May, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. 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.

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St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARIES



Dr. Ray Allen Pawlisch

Dr. Ray Allen Pawlisch, age 69, passed away on January 13, 2025 at his home in Brodhead.

Ray was born on June 2, 1955, in Monroe, Wisconsin, to Dean and Leah (Gaetzke) Pawlisch. He was united in marriage with Carol (Betty) Pawlisch on December 29, 1979, in Madison, Wisconsin. Ray grew up in Brodhead, and graduated from Brodhead High School in 1973. He earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Dairy Science with Dean's honors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. In 1978, he completed his Master of Science degree in Veterinary Medical Microbiology and Virology.

While working as a research assistant in the UW-Madison Veterinary Science Department, Ray participated in an influenza virus surveillance study of Arctic seabirds on St. Paul Island, Alaska. In 1982, he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from Michigan State University, where he served as President of his Veterinary Medicine Class and was honored with the Large Animal Medicine and Surgery Award along with the Clark Memorial Award for Leadership and Scholarship.

Also in 1982, Ray began his career at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center, where he eventually became a partner. Although he started as a mixed animal veterinarian, he later focused on large animal care, motivated by his desire to promote health, educate, and support farm families. His passion and commitment extended beyond the Brodhead area; he served as President of the Rock Valley Veterinary Medical Association and was a committee member of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Additionally,

he was President and a member of the Executive Board for the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association, receiving the Meritorious Service Award, and was honored as Veterinarian of the Year in 2017.

The community held great significance for him, and he consistently worked to make a meaningful impact. He served as a director at the Bank of Brodhead and was the President of the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, he was a member of the Brodhead Area Foundation and received the Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. He took pleasure in coaching baseball teams and leading high adventure trips for Boy Scouts. In Green County, he served as a board member for the Green County Health Coalition and the University of Wisconsin Alumni Association. For many years, he also contributed by presenting at the Food for America program.

Ray was an avid hunter and fisherman and was sharing his love for the outdoors with his grandchildren. Boating, canoeing, and rafting were favorite activities that allowed him and his family to discover the amazing beauty on the water.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church, the church choir, the Adult Bible Study, and the United Methodist Men's group. Together Carol and Ray taught Sunday school for over 30 years.

Ray is survived by two sons: Benjamin (Andrea) Pawlisch and Dean (Joanna) Pawlisch; seven grandchildren: Audrey, Sam, Owen, Everett, Magnus, Truman and Harvey; his brother, Kim Pawlisch; sister, Deb (Paul) Chotlos (children: Anna, Nate, and Matt); and nieces and nephews. Ray was preceded in death by his parents.

Memorials can be made to the Brodhead United Methodist Church or to the Sully Fund at the Brodhead Veterinary Medical Center, which provides financial help toward life-saving surgeries and treatments to animals in need.

A Celebration of Ray's Life will be held at the Brodhead United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 8, at 11 a.m. A visitation will also be held at the church on Friday, March 7, from 2 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of services. A private burial will be held at the Greenwood Cemetery, on a later date.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



Nancy M. Coulthard

Nancy M. Coulthard, 70, of Albany, died on Sunday, January 12, 2025, at St. Mary's Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin. She was born on September 25, 1954, in Paris, Texas to Norman and Annie (Broyles) Tucker.

Nancy was known for her quick wit and sassiness. She loved chatting with the people who came into the Albany Mini-Mart where she worked for many years. She was very caring and would make regular trips to the Bent and Dent Store to stock up on items to send to her kids and her friends with children. Also, she had many dogs over the years that she loved and referred to as her children.

She is survived by her husband, Delvin of Albany; three children: Jackie Brown of Powderly, Texas, Dawn Vickers of Palm Bay, Florida, and John Tucker of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; also grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 25, starting at 1 p.m., at Grace-Bifulk Funeral Home, 203 W. Nichols Street, Albany.

The Grace-Bifulk is honored to serve the Coulthard family.

Pop tabs for a cause

Every year Albrecht Elementary students participate in a Pop Tab Contest in January to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

Last year the students collected 266 pounds of pop tabs and were able to donate \$119.07. This year they would love help from the amazing community to collect as many tabs as possible for this great cause. Start saving those pop tabs now and feel free to drop them off at the elementary office at any time.

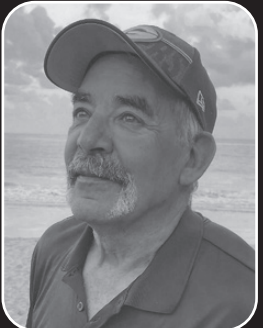
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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BANK OF BRODHEAD SPRING BUS TRIP

The Bank of Brodhead spring bus trip will be to San Antonio, Texas. The dates are from Saturday, March 29-Sunday, April 6, 2025. Highlights of this trip include: guided tour of San Antonio, cruise at San Antonio's famous River Walk District, visit to the famous Alamo and the IMAX theater presentation: Alamo... "The Price of Freedom", a visit to Witte Museum and the San Antonio Mission, and a tour of the LBJ ranch.

Sign up is happening now! To sign up or for more information contact Sue Schmelzer, email is sschmelzer@charter.net, or phone or text is 608 558-8797.

It's Brodhead Optimists Essay Contest Time!

Calling all high school and middle school students! Grab your pen, pencil or keyboard to express yourself and have an opportunity to earn a cash award. Applications for the essay contest will be available at the Brodhead Public Library, and both the middle school and high school offices, or through the Brodhead Optimist Club. The Optimist Club of Brodhead is encouraging all Brodhead and surrounding area youth, including home-schooled scholars, to write an essay 700 to 800 words long on the topic "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success"

The Brodhead Optimist Club will judge the local students' essays, based on the theme of "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success" along with organization, creativity, clarity, structure and adherence to contest rules to determine the top winners. The winning essay at the club level will be sent to the district level where the student will compete for a chance at a \$2500 scholarship.

The Brodhead Optimist Essay Chair Wendy Backes said, "It is our goal to encourage young people to take part in this activity and do what we can to bring out the best in each of them. This experience gives them a wonderful opportunity to tap into their creativity and pursue possible scholarships at the same time."

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

Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can find out more about the contest by contacting the club chair Wendy Backes at wendybackes1966@gmail.com or getting an application from their school counselor at either the middle school or high school, or at the Brodhead Public Library.

Finally, completed applications and essays can be dropped off at the Middle or High School offices, Brodhead Public Library or email them to wendybackes1966@gmail.com before Monday, February 10th, 2025.

BHS Wall of Fame seeks nominations

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

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

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

2024 Tax Assistance Appointments

Appointments are now available for free income tax preparation services for low to moderate income, elderly and disabled persons through the AARP Foundation/Tax-Aide program. Assistance provided includes the preparation of federal and state (including homestead) income taxes. Appointments are available on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, February 3rd through Wednesday, April 9th. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. with the last appointment at 11:30 a.m. at the Green County Government Services Building, N3152 State Rd 81, Monroe. Please call the ADRC at 608-328-9499 to schedule an appointment.

Update

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debt service or the building projects. The bond Referendum passed last April was very much overdue for our District, with the last major bond Referendum passed over 30 years ago to build the "new" High School. This Referendum will support facility needs that could not be covered with our regular budget.

As the next few months pass, we will be sharing additional information regarding why Referendums have become necessary for Wisconsin Districts. We will also share things like tax impact, attendance trends, cost saving budget cuts, and potential cuts if this Referendum were to not pass.

Visit Brodhead.Referendum-Facts.org for more information or contact: David Novy, District Administrator at 608-897-2141 or via email at dnovy@brodhead.k12.wi.us if you have any questions.

Pellitteri Waste Systems Ranks 31st on Largest Haulers List

Pellitteri Waste System, Inc.—Southern Wisconsin's leading independent, family-owned and operated waste and recycling service provider—ranks 31st on Waste Today's list of largest haulers, which is based on companies' 2023 revenues.

Waste Today notes the waste industry continued its strong performance in 2023 thanks to an active mergers and acquisitions (M&A) market as interest in sustainability continues to grow.

"We're proud of our ranking, which is a testament to our ability to compete with larger haulers by providing high-quality customer service," says President David Pellitteri. "We continually hear that our customer service is what sets us apart. We salute our employees for delivering on that tradition of service, which has been central to our company since its founding more than 40 years ago."

The editors of Waste Today compiled the list by combing through public records, surveying companies in the publication's database and soliciting feedback via the publication's website and e-newsletter.

Haulers making it in the top 12 include WM, Republic Services and GFL Environmental. These companies operate in more than half the states in the United States, plus Canada.

The only other Wisconsin-based company to make the Top 50 list at No. 37 is Eagle Disposal Inc. in Franksville, Wisconsin, which serves the Milwaukee area.

The last time the list was published in 2021, Pellitteri Waste Systems ranked No. 30.



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Cullen Walker was the leading scorer with 28 points including a three-point shot that gave him the new school record of 179 career baskets beyond the arc, previously held by Owen Leifker. The Cardinals will travel on Tuesday to Delavan Darien and host Monroe on Friday this week. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Taiya Hawkins scores from the perimeter in last week's game. Brodhead overwhelmed the Cheesemakers, 70-29. Action this week Brodhead will host two non-conference games versus Deerfield on Tuesday and Cambridge on Saturday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Nick Lobeck, under pressure, makes a jump pass to his teammate. Brodhead upended the Whippets 100-68 for the win. The Cards have won five of their last eight games. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Thomas Lohmar—106, lost to Collin Frey, in this photo, last week in Evansville but he did pin his opponent, Levi Dalsing from Cuba City. This week the team will participate in Beloit with Turner and Big Foot on Tuesday and travel to the Monroe Invite on Saturday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



TJ Hall—132, earned points for the Cardinals when he pinned Aiden Wendt of Evanville. Both Cuba City and Evansville defeated Brodhead in the triangular meet. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

ACADEMICS

NICHOLAS MERRELL EARNs DEGREE FROM NIU

Over 1,150 students received their degrees from Northern Illinois University in December. Included among the graduates was Nicholas Merrell, of Durand, Illinois, who earned a Bachelor of Science in History.

UNIVERSITY OF DUBUQUE FALL SEMESTER 2024 ACADEMIC DEAN'S LIST

The University of Dubuque congratulates the following students on being appointed to the Fall Semester 2024 Academic Dean's List.

Full-time students in good academic standing (registered for and having earned 12 or more letter grade credits for the term) who earn a term grade point average of 3.5 or above and who do not have any grades of Incomplete for the term are named to the Dean's List. Once grades have been submitted for any Incompletes, the Office of Academic Affairs will review eligibility again for possible placement on the Dean's List for the given term.

Dean's List is awarded for the fall and spring semesters only and may be awarded retroactively.

Hannah Shickles, of Brodhead, was among those named.

LOCAL STUDENTS NAMED TO FALL 2024 DEAN'S LIST

Northern Illinois University announces its fall 2024 Dean's List students. To earn this distinction, students must meet a minimum semester grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale in the College of Engineering and Engineering Technology or a minimum of 3.75 on a 4.0 scale in the colleges of Business, Education, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Visual and Performing Arts.

Students from your area who achieved this honor include: Alex Schliem, Psychology-B.A., of Albany; Kiley Deschepper, Early Childhood Education, of Davis, Illinois, and Tristan Hendlar, Mechanical Engineering-B.S., of Durand, Illinois.

STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST FOR FALL 2024

The following students from the area have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Among those named were Matthew Collins—BS Mechanical Engineering, BS Plastics Engineering, Lexie Holt Lobeck—BS Early Childhood Education, Bailey Matthys—BS Psychology and Cordell Purdy—BS Computer Science, all of Brodhead; and Noah Flood Elyafi—BS Computer and Electrical Engineering, of Orfordville.

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Alumni Pep Band

Alumni Pep Band took place on Friday, January 10th. Over 45 former Brodhead Band members joined us. A special thanks to all of the alumni band members that participated. It was such a fun night!



The alumni band members joined the HS band members to play during the basketball team’s pre-game warm ups.



High School band teacher Mr. Riesterer with many of the former band members that played in the Alumni Pep Band.



The band performed during halftime of the basketball game.



Alumni Trey Boeck and Cameron Lofy with Mr. Riesterer.



Junior, Alecia Dahl reached a milestone scoring her 1,000th career point in Brodhead’s 85-67 victory over Delavan Darien. At the start of the game, she needed 14 points to accomplish this feat, she finished the game with 36 points. Celebrating with her are family members: Lydia Bakke, Brian, Tyler, Allie, Brianna, and Susan Dahl. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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**By Laura Roth,
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If it's snowy and you know it clap your hands!

This past week the Albertson Memorial Story Time was the best EVER! We had so much fun reading and singing and clapping our hands! Even the littlest one there got into the spirit. We chanted along with the book: We Want Snow!

Then we had a glorious time making a mess with snow play-dough. It was like magic mixing the ingredients until they came together to make a smooth, silky white clay. A few sprinkles of iridescent glitter and we had sparkly snowmen and tiny forts and castles. It was worth the mess and cleanup time! So FUN!

Next week is all about feeding the animals in the snow. We'll read Snowballs by Lois Ehlert (such great pictures!) and In the Snow by Sharon Denslow (more great pictures!) In what order do the birds and animals show up at the bird feeder? We'll practice putting them in order and string Cheerios on pipe cleaners to make a small bird feeder to take home.

You really should come to this good time! We'd love to meet some new friends. Story Time meets at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, before the library opens, when we can be rowdy and messy. Come join us!



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Walking Through Grief is a six-week grief support group open to those ages 18+ who have experienced the death of someone special. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. from February 12 to March 19 at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th Street in Monroe.

Seating is limited, and registration is requested. Attendance at all sessions is highly recommended. There is no charge to attend.

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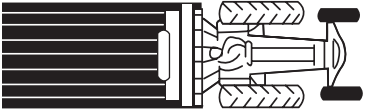
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POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department
January 13-19, 2025

At 6:26 p.m., Friday, deputies, along with Brodhead PD, Brodhead EMS, and Brodhead FD responded to the N600 block of CTH T, in the Town of Spring Grove, for a reported single vehicle crash with injury. The investigation found that Tricia M. Hammermeister, 36, of Brodhead, was traveling northbound, when she failed to negotiate a right curve then entered the north ditch, where she struck an embankment. Hammermeister was wearing her seat belt and was later transported to the hospital with suspected non-life-threatening injury. The vehicle sustained disabling damage to the front end, with airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene.

At 6:34 p.m., Sunday, deputies responded to the N7700 block of STH 104, in the Town of Brooklyn, for a reported two vehicle crash without injuries. The investigation found that Karla K. Wethal, 57, of Evansville, was traveling southbound and began slowing down to turn. Joseph R. Brown, 19, of Brodhead, who was driving behind Wethal, then collided with the rear of her vehicle. Wethal and Brown reported they were wearing their seat belts and were uninjured. Wethal's vehicle sustained functional damage, with no airbag deployment, and was driven from the scene. Brown's vehicle sustained disabling damage, with no airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene. The investigation resulted in Brown being

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1/13—High series: Tyson Foster 675, Ty Powell 644, Rick Reed 642. High games: R. Reed 249, T. Foster 246, T. Powell 242. Fosters Gaming-high team game 1,021 and series 2,967. **Standings:** Bartelt won 44 lost 19, Center Tavern 38-25, Fosters Gaming 33-30, Broughton's Bar 31-32, Beloit Chiropractic 28-35, Albany Lanes 15-48.

Tuesday Shaningans

1/14—High series: Alexis Sies 566, Chris Rosheisen 413, Lisa Josephsen 363, John Thill 598, Eric Woodruff 588, Rick Josephsen 575. High games: A. Sies 200, C. Rosheisen 152, L. Josephsen 135, J. Thill 224, R. Josephsen 221, E. Woodruff 208. Albany Lanes-high team game 827 and series 2,467. **Standings:** The Young & The Restless won 64 lost 34, Albany Lanes 59-39, Clayt's Boomtastic 46-52, Misfits 46-52, Sweet Mini HaHa 44-54, Greightful Dead 35-63.

Badger

1/14—High series: Tony Brewer 659, Dave Sawdey 622, Josh Brugger 607, Brian Purdy 697, Kim Qualley 367, Megan Anderson 284. High games: T. Brewer 257, Don Nieman 257, D. Sawdey 247, J. Brugger 245, M. Anderson 155, K. Qualley 131. Renks-high team game 845 and series 2,449. **Standings:** Jim's Mechanic Shop won 37 lost 17, Renks 36-20, Decatur Dairy 34-22, Counter Attack 25-31, TUGS 17-39, Team 6 17-39.

Wednesday Night Ladies

1/15—High series: Fran Kubesh 470, Tara Blumer 469, Zoe Krattiger 461, Julie Williams 443, Debbie Williams 439. High games: D. Williams 203, T. Blumer 183, F. Kubesh 168, Z. Krattiger 168, Jessica Holtsapple 165, Joan Flood 165. Glenn-Ann Ladies-high team game 570. Albertson's-high team series 1,639. **Standings:** Glenn-Ann Ladies won 18 lost 10, Crystal's Team 16-12, Stables Bar & Grill 15-13, General Store 12-16, Larson Acres 12-16, Albertson's 11-17.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

1/16—High series: Becky Riese 466, Nancy Salzwedel 426, Laurie Thommen 410. High games: N. Salzwedel 181, L. Thommen 172, B. Riese 170. Mike's Flooring-high team game 548 and series 1,490. **Standings:** Mike's Flooring won 25 lost 10, Ball's Installation 22-13, Albany Lanes 22-13, Nolte's Garage 19-16, Knutes 13-22.

Thursday Night Mixed

1/16—High series: Robert Murray 645, Tony Brewer 629, Ryan Flood 625, Brian Behnke 621, Tiffany Repa 487. High games: T. Brewer 246, Brandon Bayrhoffer 246, R. Murray 245, DJ McGowen 244, T. Repa 172. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,005 and series 2,967. **Standings:** Albany Lanes won 46 lost 17, Attica Bar 34-29, Glenn Ann Holsteins 33-30, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 25-38, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 25-38, Golz Electric 24-39.

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Joshua David Bower, Brown-town, zone and posted limits, violation date 11/16/2024, \$98.80.

Kevin Dale Brown, Edgerton, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 11/07/2024, \$98.80.

Michael E. Cavin, Brodhead, allow dog to run at large, violation date 11/01/2024, \$92.50.

Zachary Levar Coleman, Brodhead, fail to signal turn, violation date 11/12/2024, \$98.80.

Juan Condori Colque, Monroe, operate without valid license, violation date 11/11/2024, \$124; zone and posted limits, violation date 11/11/2024, \$149.20.

Caleb Theodore Day, Brooklyn, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 11/16/2024, \$98.80.

Ahna Claire Geiwitz, Evansville,

Saturday Mornings at the
Durand Library

Parlez-vous Francais?

Submitted by Barbara Flores, President,
Friends of the Durand Library

Do you speak French? Perhaps only those who took it in high school remember a few words, but if the French had maintained control of the area, which they occupied in the 16th century, we'd all be speaking French.

Everyone is invited to come to the Durand Library Saturday, January 25 to hear a presentation on the French exploration and settlement of our part of the Midwest. The talk, presented by Mark Peterson, is entitled New France in Illinois and Wisconsin and examines the years 1524 through 1763.

It is hard to imagine that the French were here 500 years ago. They explored and then settled in this part of North America, including Wisconsin (Wis-kon-sa) and Illinois (Il-len-noh-wa). The talk will examine the French relations with the Native Americans as well as what happened to the French and Native Americans in their conflicts with the British.

Mark always has excellent images, maps and other illustrative material We'll learn about French sites such as Portage, Wisconsin and Fort De Chartres, Illinois as well as others. Pictured is the imposing entrance to Fort De Chartres, which has been rebuilt. The site was declared a National Historic Landmark in 1960 and was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1976.

This promises to be a fascinating look at this early history of our state. We encourage everyone to come out and be reminded of this significant part of Illinois history.

See you Saturday, January 25! The talk begins at 10 a.m.

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Matthew T. Hawkins, Rockford, IL, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 11/05/2024, \$98.80; zone and posted limits, violation date 11/05/2024, \$149.20.

Kaden A. Hoff, Brodhead, zone and posted limits, violation date 11/20/2024, \$136.60.

Wade Wesley Kraft, Brodhead, inattentive driving, violation date 11/19/2024, \$111.40.

Thomas L. Latham, Janesville, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 11/12/2024, \$10.

Sir Tyrone David Love, Jr., Lithonia, GA, possession of THC, violation date 11/05/2024, \$155.50.

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Debra A. Schneider, Rock City, IL, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 11/07/2024, \$98.80.

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