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Edward “Casey” Jones write-in for District 20 Supervisor

Edward “Casey” Jones, former Mayor of Brodhead, is running as a write-in choice for District 20 Supervisor. He feels he can work well with all the contacts he made while Mayor working with many state reps and residents to move the district in a forward direction. In order to get your vote to count, you need to fill in the circle before the line and write the name Edward “Casey” Jones on the line afterwards. District 20 covers Wards 1 and 2 in the City plus the area south of the Norwegian Creek. His number is 602-315-9191 and is available to answer questions residents may have. Vote Tuesday, April 7th to make sure you have someone who solves challenges with common sense answers.

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Vote for **Jill Baxter**
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A Voice of Experience for Green County: Paul Hardenstine Announces Write-In Campaign for District 18

As the Spring Election approaches, residents of Brodhead’s Wards 5 and 6 have a vital choice to make for the Green County Board of Supervisors. Paul Hardenstine has officially registered as a write-in candidate for District 18, bringing a platform centered on common-sense fiscal oversight, rural infrastructure preservation, and a commitment to keeping Green County an affordable, safe place to live and work. With the county currently managing major capital projects—including the multi-million dollar Law Enforcement Center—Hardenstine believes the board needs leaders who will scrutinize every tax dollar. His campaign focuses on ensuring that Brodhead receives its fair share of county resources for road repairs and public safety, while maintaining the steady, non-partisan governance that District 18 residents expect.

For many in Brodhead, this seat has long been synonymous with the diligent and professional service of Barbara Krattiger. Hardenstine’s candidacy is rooted in deep respect for that legacy. “Barb Krattiger has set a high bar for what it means to be a public servant,” Hardenstine noted. “She has been a steady hand for our district, particularly in her oversight of county properties and parks. My goal is to follow in those professional footsteps, providing the same level of accessibility and integrity that our neighbors have come to rely on. I believe that by listening to our citizens and working collabora-

tively with county departments, we can continue the progress Barb has made while meeting the new challenges of the 2026 budget cycle with transparency and care.”

How to Cast Your Vote

To ensure your vote for Paul Hardenstine is counted on April 7:

Find the County Board Supervisor - District 18 section on your ballot.

Locate the blank line for «Write-in.»

Fill in the oval next to that blank line.

Clearly print Paul Hardenstine on the line. Note: Both filling the oval AND writing the name are required for the vote to be valid!

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. Holy Communion first Sunday of each month.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. Online 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 September through May. Sunday school every other Sunday September thru May at 8:45 a.m. Nursery is available for those who desire. 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. Game Day at the UCC—third Tuesday of the month. Maundy Thursday service, April 2 at 5:30 p.m. Bake sale in lobby Bank of Brodhead Friday, April 3, from 8 a.m. to noon.

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

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pas-

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

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

St. Peter Lutheran Church (WELS), corner of West 5th Avenue and 17th Street. www.stpeterlutheranbrodhead.org. Pastor Tyler Swiderski. Cell 612-270-2591, church 608-618-6090. Schedule—Sundays: worship 9 a.m.; Bible class and Sunday school 10:15 a.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 410 E. State Street, Albany, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 a.m. www.ctk-p.org. 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. www.ctk-p.org. 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on Monday 6:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m., Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. www.ctk-p.org. 608-325-9506. Fully accessible for people with disabilities.

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OBITUARY



Patricia Ann Wenger

Patricia Ann Wenger, 76 of Brodhead, Wisconsin passed away peacefully at Collinwood Assisted Living on March 21, 2026. Patricia was born on February 26, 1950 in Avon Township, the eldest of four children, to La Vern and Betty (Nafzger) Wenger.

Patricia grew up on the Wenger family farm, where she helped out in many ways, including gathering eggs, weeding in the garden and helping her Dad by carrying pails of milk during milking, morning and night. Being responsible for chores during her youth instilled in her a life long interest in the activities of

the farm. Patricia developed a love and deep interest in poultry; she acquired and loved to share with others her vast knowledge of many breeds of chickens.

At age 16 Patricia was diagnosed with a large brain tumor. Subsequent extensive surgery resulted in paralysis of the left side of her body and the necessary anti-convulsive medications caused a continual increase in loss of eyesight and hearing. Though her handicaps caused many physical limitations, Patricia continued to enjoy hearing news of family members and the seasonal work on the Wenger Farm.

By Patricia's own admission, a most important event in her life occurred on June 29, 1970 when, realizing she was a sinner and needed a Savior, she rested completely on the truth in John 3:16. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Patricia never ceased to remember this moment in her life, when Heaven became her final destiny because the Lord Jesus took the punishment demanded for her sin to be forgiven. Throughout her life she loved to sing Sunday school songs and hymns; she also wanted for others to have the peace she had found.

Patricia graduated from Monroe

Public School and then, because of her handicaps in sight, hearing and mobility, she took special training, including Braille and skills for independent living, at a secondary school in Wausau. When schooling was completed, Patricia moved to Fort Atkinson, where she lived independently and worked for many years in a sheltered workshop. Patricia loved working, and earned several employee awards for her ambitious and conscientious work ethic.

Patricia is survived by a sister, Jacqueline (John) Schmaedick; and two brothers: Michael (Lois) Wenger and Mark (Kelly) Wenger; many nieces and nephews and cousins. Preceding her in death were her parents, La Vern and Betty Wenger; grandparents, aunts, uncles and several cousins.

Patricia's family expresses huge thanks to the caregivers at Collinwood, who provided so much love and quality care to our sister for many years. They also appreciated the Agrace Hospice team who also added to the quality of Patricia's life.

Services for Patricia were held on Thursday, March 26, at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery, Monroe.

DL Newcomer Funeral home assisted the family in arrangements. Online condolences can be made at dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



Richard Clarence Badertscher

Richard Clarence "Dick" Badertscher was born March 21, 1937, to Harry and Jennie (McDonald) Badertscher, in Beloit, WI and passed away at the age of 88 on March 14, 2026, at Cedar Crest in Janesville, WI after a long illness. Richard was known by his many nicknames, Dick, Diamond Dick, Moose, and of course to his family, as Dad and Grandpa.

Dick attended Decatur Country School from K – 8th grade and after 8th grade he attended Brodhead High School where he was a star athlete participating in three sports. Dick was proud of being a U.S. Marine where he enlisted in 1955 and was stationed in Okinawa Japan. While there he got his first and only tattoo with the U.S.M.C.

logo and Semper Fi put on his upper right arm, which he wore with pride. Richard married the love of his life, Carole Peterson, on May 10, 1958, at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brodhead and together they had two (2) daughters, Lori and Tracy.

Dick was a great bartender and worked at Bluffview Park, Wish's Bar, and the Harris House for many years. Dick was employed at General Motors in Janesville for 30 years, where he was a hard worker and dedicated to his career at GM. Dick loved golfing at the Decatur Lake Golf Course where he was in numerous leagues. He was also an avid bowler and participated in leagues at Brodhead Lanes/Cardinal Lanes in Brodhead for many years. Dick enjoyed traveling with Carole to numerous places, including Las Vegas, NV, Laughlin, NV and Destin, FL where they were "snowbirds" for many years. During these trips they made many friends and created numerous friendships that have lasted for years. You would see Dick riding his Schwinn (no speed) bike on country roads in Brodhead. He loved playing cards, spending time with his family and friends, and drinking an Old Fashioned now and then.

Dick is survived by his wife, Carole, his daughters Lori (Rob Erfurth) Miller and Tracy (Jack) Petersen, his grandchildren, Amanda (Nicci) Miller, Marissa (Jeff) Worzella, Ryan (Andy) Miller, Brett Heitzman, Courtney (Nick) Kalwitz, Jaimee (Matt) Fargo, Jake

(Jess) Erfurth and 9 great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, John (Jake) Badertscher and sister, Sandra (Bob) Marion, his brothers-in-law Bob (Jean) Peterson, Terry Peterson, Paul (Debbie) Peterson and sisters-in-law, Anna Lea Duchow and Pat Peterson, and numerous nieces and nephews. Dick was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Jennie Badertscher, his in-laws, Raymond and Florence Peterson, brother-in-law, Bruce Peterson, sisters-in-law, Brenda Badertscher and Helen Peterson. A visitation will be held on Thursday, March 19, 2026, at Newcomer Funeral Home, Brodhead, WI from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM with a short service at Noon. Lunch will be served at Kelch Aviation Museum in Brodhead immediately following the service. A private family burial will be held at Greenwood Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Croix Hospice. Dick's family would like to thank the wonderful staff at the memory care unit and the skilled nursing unit at Cedar Crest for their compassionate and loving care. Many of the memory staff came and told us that he was one of their favorite patients and how they could usually bribe him with ice cream. We also want to extend our thank you to the St. Croix Hospice Team as they were there for our family the last 4 months and took wonderful care of him the last week.

St. Peter Lutheran Church Holy Week

You're invited to join St. Peter Lutheran Church for Holy Week worship in person and through their livestream. Thursday, April 2: Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.; Friday, April 3: Good Friday, 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday Breakfast, 8 a.m., Worship, 9 a.m. Find them on Facebook or in person at 1708 W. 6th Avenue, Brodhead.

Then [they] took Jesus.

~John 18:12

It is hard to fathom these words. His created being "took Jesus" and bound Him (John 18:12); Pilate "took Jesus" and scourged Him (19:1); the chief priests "took Jesus" to be crucified (19:16). Then, in tender tones, we read that Joseph of Arimathea "took the body of Jesus" from the cross (19:38), then with Nicodemus, they "took the body of Jesus" to prepare it for burial (19:40). It may seem that Jesus appears passive in this whole process. But this was all done "that the scripture might be fulfilled" (John 19:24, 28, 36). Make no mistake, Jesus was in total control. His purpose? That He, Himself, might "take" something: "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world" (John 1:29).

—Brian Cretney

He took my sins and my sorrows, He made them His very own; He bore the burden to Calvary, and suffered, and died alone. —C. Gabriel

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2026 Gap Church Cemetery Notice

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Wednesday, April 15th to allow adequate time to clean up.

Do not place spring or summer items until Friday, May 1st.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

GREENWOOD CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The regular annual meeting of the Greenwood Cemetery Association will be held on Wednesday, April 1, at John's Barber Shop, 911 W. Exchange Street, Brodhead.

Notice of Annual Lot Owner's Meeting: 5:30 p.m.
Notice of Annual Trustee's Meeting: following.

DLMRA Annual Meeting

The Decatur Lake and Mill Race Association (DLMRA) would like to announce their upcoming annual meeting on Saturday, April 25, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Kelch Aviation Museum. The public is invited to attend as well as all members. Directors will be updating members on recent activities, electing new board members and presenting a minor change to the bylaws to provide more flexibility in when the annual meeting dates will occur (members must be present to vote on these items). The guest speaker will be Tonya Gratz of Green County Land and Water Conservation District and Farmers of the Sugar River.

DLMRA is an active organization in the Brodhead area dedicated to preserving, protecting and enhancing the experience of interaction with the area's natural resources. DLMRA has installed docks on Decatur Lake and the Mill Race. DLMRA also works with the Pearl Island committee for improvements, stocked our local waters with thousands of fish and provided opportunities for youth to experience fishing among many other endeavors. New ideas and programs are in the works—join them!

To join DLMRA by mail: send a check for \$30 and your contact information to DLMRA, N4177 Golf Course Rd, Brodhead WI 53520 or email info@DLMRA.org for an application form. More information may be found at DLMRA.org or DLMRA on Facebook. Venmo is accepted via the website.

Green County Genealogical Society to meet

The Green County Genealogical Society will present—"A Visit to WHS: Genealogy Collections and Services" by Rebecca Hopman. The presentation is Saturday, April 4 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The program is open to the public!

Ready to take a trip to the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS)? WHS holds one of the top five genealogical collections in the country, with materials from across the United States and Canada. Discover more about our extensive newspaper and family history collections, learn how to search our catalog and website to find materials on your family, and get details on how to plan for your visit. Even if you can't make it to Wisconsin, you'll find out how to get access to our collections so you can keep researching your ancestry!

Rebecca Hopman is the Genealogy Services Librarian at the Wisconsin Historical Society, where she helps people discover their family stories. She lectures on a variety of topics, including genealogy, oral history, and historical research. She has a BA in History, English, and German from Augustana College (IL), an MLIS in Archives and Records Management from the University of Maryland, College Park, and an MA in Women's History from Sarah Lawrence College. She currently serves as a board member for the Augustana Historical Society.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is www.greencogenealogywi.org

Green County Amateur Radio to meet

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, April 11, at 9 a.m. at the Monroe Public Library, 925 16th Avenue, Monroe. All licensed and interested individuals are invited to attend. For any questions please call 608-558-0629.

South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union to Host Regenerative Agriculture and Earth Day Celebration Event

Please join the South Central Wisconsin Farmers Union Chapter for their upcoming chapter meeting and regenerative ag educational event in celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, April 25 from 2-5 p.m.! The day will be filled with great information, hands-on experiences, and chapter business. All are welcome to attend! The event will be held at Doudlah Farms, 10339 N. Wilder Road, Evansville WI.

Doudlah Farms Organics will showcase their regenerative operation from field to finished products, including popcorn, beans, sunflower seeds, flour, and cornmeal. In addition, Brian Wickert will be on hand to discuss the benefits of Biodynamic Preps for your gardens and farms. Our chapter meeting segment will focus on WFU's updates and signing up for our upcoming offering of homesteading classes, including Making Beeswax Food Wraps, Felting, and more.

Doudlah White Bean Chili and Popcorn will be served. Please bring a potluck salad or dessert to share.

For more information or questions, please contact penny@stillpoint.farm.

SOFTBALL PLAYERS NEEDED

The Brodhead Park and Rec Department is looking for adult softball teams for Tuesday Night Men's and Sunday Night Church Coed. If you are new to the area or are interested in playing softball this summer, call Ashley at City Hall at 608-897-2159 ext. 9.

Albany High Alumni Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament will be held at the Albany High School gym on Saturday, April 11th. Games will start at approximately 9 a.m. that day and will continue till around 6 p.m. with the final championship game. Food will be available to purchase.

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

Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

The Footville Fire and EMS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 25, from 6:30-11 a.m. at the fire station located at 252 N. Gilbert Street. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is adults \$10, children \$5 and two and under are free. Dine in, carry out and delivery available in Footville Fire District. Call 608-876-6118.

There will be 50/50 and basket raffle tickets for purchase. Winner will be drawn at the end of the event. You do not need to be present to win! There will be some silent auction items as well.

Monroe Balloon and Bands Festival

The ARC-Green County will present the Monroe Balloon and Bands Festival on Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20. Admission and parking are \$3. They will have food trucks both days along with hot air balloon flight, bands, balloon glow, craft fair, car show, carnival, pancake breakfast, tractor show, tethered balloon rides, pony rides, petty zoo and more. Artist line up is Blue Steel, Grass Attack, Dylan Doyle, Ivy Ford, and Chris O'Leary. The event will be held at the Green County Fair Grounds.

For times and updates follow them in Facebook or their web site www.monroeballoonandblues.com.



Happy Easter on Sunday, April 5th!

Holy Week and Easter Services



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MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE & SIMPLE SUPPER
Thursday, April 2, at 5:30 p.m., join us for this brief service. We will be hosting a brief Maundy Thursday Service at the UCC followed by a Simple Supper of Soup & Bread.
UCC WOMEN'S GUILD SPRING BAKE SALE FUND-RAISER
Good Friday, April 3rd from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Bank of Brodhead lobby the Women of the UCC will be hosting their Annual Spring Bake Sale. Lots of goodies to choose from— Let us help with your Easter Baking this year!
EASTER DAY SERVICES & SONRISE BREAKFAST
Sunday, April 5 at 8 a.m.—Easter Son-Rise Service
Sunday, April 5 at 8:45 a.m.—Son-Rise Breakfast
Sunday, April 5 at 10 a.m.—Easter Sunday Regular Service

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Thank you all for your positive leadership! You demonstrated that you care about your grades, and you care about your classmates and teachers.



Brodhead Evening Garden Club Scholarship

By Sarah Carpenter

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club (Est 1932) has been offering a scholarship to a graduating high school senior since 2006. The scholarship is open to current seniors of Brodhead, Juda, Albany, Orfordville and Evansville. This includes qualified home school applicants who are pursuing a degree in Agriculture, with a preference to Horticulture, Plant Science, Landscaping or Turf Science.

A new version of LINKcat will be launching soon for South Central Library System users. The transition to the new software will begin at 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, and continue through Thursday, April 16. During this time, LINKcat and the LINKcat mobile app will be unavailable. The updated version will be available starting Friday, April 17. Additional information about the planned downtime and new features can be found in printed materials at the library or online at <https://help.linkcat.info>.

Students may attend a 4-year, 2-year or technical school. The amount of \$500 will be awarded upon completion of the first semester. Applicants are asked to submit an application plus a 2 page essay detailing their high school achievements, grade point averages, extracurricular activities, future goals and career objectives. If your school has a scholarship application online, a copy of that application will also be considered.

We're excited to introduce a brand-new quarterly book club, The Recipe Roundtable, kicking off this month. Participants will check out the same cookbook—Half Baked Harvest: Quick and Cozy by Tieghan Gerard—choose a recipe, and bring their dish to share at the first gathering on Saturday, April 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. To help avoid duplicate dishes, patrons are asked to call the library in advance to sign up for a recipe.

Application must be submitted to Marion Taylor, 15426 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 by April 30-2026.

For families and young learners, Homeschool Connection will meet on Thursday, April 9, from 10:30–11:30 a.m. This month's program will focus on local pollinators, featuring a hands-on activity in which participants will create their own pollinator hotels.

Looking ahead, the library is honored to welcome Wisconsin author Claire Swinarski on Tuesday, April 21, at 6 p.m. for a special joint meeting of Books and Brews and the Brodhead Book Club. The group will discuss her novel The Funeral Ladies of Ellerie County. You do not need to be a book club member to attend, and dinner will be served. Copies of the book are available for checkout at the library.



District Forensics meet at Lake Mills H.S. on Monday, March 23. Eight of 12 entries advanced to the state level competition in April. Pictured here: (top row) Treyton Leuteneger, Kayla Perry, Bella Byrd, Emma Elsner, Tyler Picard, Lillian Sievers, Isa Valentin, Makayla Babel; (middle row) Isabelle Yoshida, Kylee Cole, Maddie Hawkins, Madalyn Stephenson, Elena Boston, Annah Loss, Emily Steele; (bottom row) Kelsey Bedward, Hayden Lewis-Usher.

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TACO TUESDAY

OPEN SEW 4:00PM - 8:00PM

The 2nd Tuesday of every month is Taco Tuesday Open Sew. Come enjoy good food, make new friends, and have a great time!

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Brodhead Lions Pancake Breakfast Helps with Field Trips



Students of the T.O.O.L. team with assistance from some High Schoolers helped serve at the pancake breakfast last Saturday.



The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce recently voted to donate the funds collected over the years from the community can drive to the Brodhead Jaycees who have agreed to administer the finances of the fireworks.

The Chamber has great respect for the Jaycees and their long history of community involvement. We are confident the organization will manage the funds responsibly and continue to support the traditions that make Brodhead such a special place to live and celebrate.

We are grateful to the Jaycees for stepping forward and taking this on. We look forward to enjoying the fireworks and parade with the community and assisting wherever we can.

The Chamber would also like to extend a sincere thank you to Justin and Campbell's Piggly Wiggly for their many years of support in hosting the can drive and contributing funds toward the fireworks. Their partnership has played an important role in helping these community celebrations continue.

As we look ahead, we encourage everyone to remember and support the local organizations and businesses that step up to make community events possible.



A few members of the Brodhead Lions organization working their annual spring breakfast event. Proceeds from this event help Fund field trips for students at Albrecht Elementary School.



Independence Day Celebration slated for July 3rd and 4th

America is turning 250—and we're celebrating the Brodhead way thanks to Kody Menehan, Cody Gadow, Casey Jones, and the Brodhead Jaycees! Fabulous fireworks at dusk on Friday, July 3rd and patriotic parade by Brodhead Chamber of Commerce at noon on Saturday, July 4, to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States of America. This once-in-a-generation parade and fireworks celebration will be **100% funded by our community—local residents and businesses coming together to light up the sky.** No outside funding. Just local, hometown pride. If you'd like to help fund this historic event and be part of something truly special, donations can be dropped off at the **Bank of Brodhead.** Checks should be made payable to **Brodhead Jaycees** with the designation of "Fireworks" in the memo line. Funds will remain in this separate account, and any excess funds in the account will be held over to the next Independence Day show. You can donate as little or as much as you want, and donations of \$500 or more will be included on a banner that will be displayed at the show. Let's make history together, Brodhead! Any questions can be directed to Kody Menehan, Cody Gadow or Casey Jones.



Families and people from the community came out to the Lions pancake breakfast on Saturday.

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By Laura Roth,
 Children's Librarian

The books at this week's Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library focused on diggers: Dazzling Diggers (by Mitton), Phoebe and Digger (Springstuff), I am a Backhoe (by Hines) and Diggerman (by Zimmerman). The youngsters had a great time pretending to be dirt-movers, practicing their scooping and pushing. Some of the stories even worked through issues related to having newborn siblings! The kiddos each picked out a toy digger and first ran their machinery over the lines forming the first letter of their name. Add some brown paint inside the Ziploc and presto! Dirt to move around (with no mess!). Then everyone went to the big table, covered with paper and ran their digger through paint puddles. Around and around the table pushing 'dirt!' In the end, everyone took their equipment to the 'car wash' to get cleaned up. What a fun time!

March has an extra Tuesday this year, so next week, Story Time isn't following any specific theme, but will feature books about monsters: Where the wild things are (by Sendak), The Great Monster Hunt (by Landa), There's an Alligator Under My Bed (by Mayer) and Stars Beneath Your Bed (by Sayer). The craft for the day will be a folded paint print that will become a (friendly!) monster, complete with googly eyes.

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets Tuesdays during the school year at 10 a.m. There's plenty of room for more new friends and we'd love to meet you. Won't you join us?



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Consent Agenda of Board Regular School Board Meeting April 8, 2026, 7:00 p.m. Juda School Den (Old Library) N2385 Spring St.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

The curriculum committee will meet at 6 p.m. in the Den, and the finance committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order by President Pflugsten
- II. Roll Call
 - Dennis Pflugsten
 - Pat Daniels Jen Brooks
 - Eric Munz Kendra Sullivan
 - Jessica Matzke Rustin Whitney
- III. Pledge of Allegiance
- IV. Proof of Notice
- V. Acceptance of Agenda
- VI. Open Forum
- VII. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion; however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
 1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on March 11, 2026 and special board meeting minutes held on March 9, 2026
 2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
 3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
 - Teacher Contracts
 4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
 5. Donations (Action)
- VIII. Reports
 1. School Staff/Student Report
 - 4K and Advanced Learners
 2. School Board President's Report
 - Board Elections
 - Legislative Updates
 - Board member recognition
 - Scholarship Committee
 3. Administrator Report
 - Staffing Updates
 - Strategic Plan
 - Review of events/Upcoming events
 - Recreation Department Update
 - Other updates as necessary
- IX. Referendum Updates
- X. Curriculum: Discussion/Action
 - Science curriculum—5th-8th grade
 - Review of High School Curriculum
- XI. Salary and Benefits/Handbooks: Discussion/Action
- XII. Out of State/Overnight Field Trips: Discussion/Action
- XIII. Five Minute Recess
- XIV. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
 - a. Review Administrator Contract
- XV. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
- XVI. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action) May 13, 2026
- XVII. Adjournment

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Moore's Cemetery Annual Meeting

The Moore's Cemetery annual meeting will be held Monday, April 13, 7:00 pm, at the home of George Crooks, County Road F in Brodhead WI.

Notice



AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 8, 2026 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. REVIEW BILLS
- II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE
- III. ADJOURN

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AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, April 8, 2026 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 7:00 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. INFORMATION REPORTS
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

AGENDA

- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
 4. RESIGNATION(S)
 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
- VIII. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE REQUEST FROM BRODHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT TO USE THE CARDINAL GRAPHIC ON SQUAD VEHICLES
- IX. MIDDLE SCHOOL PROGRAM PRESENTATION
- X. CONSIDERATION OF CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT HEALTH PLAN
- XI. 1ST READING OF NEW MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION STATEMENT
- XII. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STAFFING FOR 2026-27
- XIII. APPROVAL OF STUDENT HANDBOOKS
- XIV. APPROVAL OF POLICY UPDATE <https://go.boarddocs.com/wi/brodhead/Board.nsf/gotto?open&id=D2NHQ49005B>
- XV. CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO HIRE A VARSITY GIRLS WRESTLING COACH
- XVI. FUTURE AGENDA
- XVII. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e)
 - a. Consideration of Staff Resignation and Potential Waiver of Contractual Obligations
 - b. Teacher Negotiations
- XVIII. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
- XIX. ADJOURNMENT

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Rotary Botanical Gardens Announces Exciting Year of Nature, Art, and Family Learning Experiences

Families are invited to explore, create, and discover together at Rotary Botanical Gardens as the Education Department unveils a full calendar of engaging children and family programs designed to spark curiosity and connection through nature, art, and hands-on learning.

New this year is Once Upon a Garden, an imaginative early-learning series for children and their grown-ups that blends storytelling, movement, and creative activities inspired by the natural world. Young participants will listen to engaging stories and bring them to life through play and art in the Gardens.

Families can also enjoy the return of Story n' Stroll, combining literacy and outdoor exploration, and Me and My Big Classes, a special intergenerational series where children and their adults create side-by-side. Offerings include a butterfly tagging demonstration, ceramics projects with both large and small pieces, and collaborative paint-and-pour art experiences.

Seasonal highlights include:

- Earth Day Celebration—Sunday, April 26: A day of hands-on environmental learning, crafts, and community partners focused on caring for our planet.

- Story Walk Kickoff—Wednesday, June 24: Featuring this year's garden story, Millie Fleur's Poison Garden, families can stroll the paths while reading together in a beautiful outdoor setting.

- Summer Art Camp (Ages six–12): Multi-day creative camps filled with art, nature inspiration, and garden exploration.

- Summer Water Adventure Day (Ages nine–12): A science-focused adventure exploring water ecosystems and outdoor discovery.

- Garden Explorers Program for Community Organizations: Field trip experiences designed for youth groups and agencies, blending science, nature, and creativity.

- Curiosity Camp: A Hands-On STEAM Summer Series: Interactive sessions for various ages exploring bubbles, plants, light and shadow, butterflies, and more through fun experiments and projects.

"These programs are designed to bring families together while encouraging kids to explore the world around them," said Kim Lewis, Education Specialist at Rotary Botanical Gardens. "We want every child to leave feeling creative, confident, and connected to nature."

For more information or to register, visit rotarybotanicalgardens.org/events.

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Darrel A. Schultz, 33, Arcadia, forfeited \$20 bond for inattentive driving.

Leon J. Burriss, Rte. 2, Evansville, operating vehicle without sufficient lights, \$10 and costs.

Norman Dammen, 52, Brodhead, \$10 and costs for disorderly conduct.

Eddie O. St. John, 58, Madison, former Brodhead resident, died this week. Burial was in Roselawn Memorial Park, Madison, Thursday.

Fourteen members of the Decatur Lake Country Club Auxiliary played golf at Lena, Illinois. Tuesday. Selma Knight, Vivian Bjork, Pauline Fjelstad, Joanne Saunders, Fannie Ties, Gerry Dedrick and Daisy Parker were winners. Bridge winners were Fern Stephens and Vi Bernstein; Mattie Earlywine and Nellie Roderick were winners in "500."

Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Ringen returned from a vacation at Chetek Lake, at the Dorothy Sveom cottage. Also guests were Messrs. And Meses. Clifford Hawkins, Dirk Sveom and family. The Ringens also visited Mr. and Mrs. Roland Rockwell, former Brodhead residents, at Barron.

D. L. White attended the annual convention and seminar of the international Chiropractors Association at Davenport, Iowa, the past week. He is a member of the board of directors.

Dicky Wraight, Speedway City, Indiana, and Claude Lardinois, Janesville are spending two weeks at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wraight.

Messrs. And Meses. Edward Sova, Oswego, New York, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sova, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lederman and Mrs. Vernis Pierce have returned from a visit to the Donald Utzig and Ray Kinzinger homes at Appleton.

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By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

Here's a look at what's taking place this April at the Albertson Memorial Library:

Hop on over for an egg-citing Easter crafting opportunity where we will create stylish 'Decoupage Eggs' at Diane's Craft Night on Wednesday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m. Please note that this craft may only be available for the in-person gathering.

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., gather with us for Preschool Storytime led by our Children's Programming Specialist, Miss Laura. Each week, we'll explore captivating tales that highlight:

- Princesses and family
- Canines and felines
- Animals and nature
- Things that go

Additionally, on months with a fifth Tuesday, we'll introduce a special bonus theme! Come and enjoy a delightful mix of stories and crafts.

The Albany Joint Library Board meeting is scheduled to take place, at the library, on Tuesday, April 7th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be available on our website and posted at the library the Friday prior to the

meeting. Join us to discover the library's future plans!

It's back and "bread-er" than ever! The Albertson Memorial Library proudly presents the return of the Sourdough Bread Workshop on Saturday, April 11th at 10 a.m. We will provide instruction, sourdough starter, a list of terminology, recipes, and recipe samples. You should bring your curiosity, questions, and a jar to take home some starter. SPECIAL BONUS ALERT! All attendees have a shot at snagging a fabulous door prize!

Embark on an extraordinary journey in our Dungeons and Dragons campaign, "Shadows of the Infinite Staircase," taking place on Saturdays: April 11th and 25th at 4 p.m.! Immerse yourself in a thrilling adventure as you assist the Guildmaster in lifting a shadowy curse from the mystical staircase. Jump in anytime—no need for a magical portal! If you missed the character creation party, give us a shout to arrive early and get your hero ready. This campaign is ideal for adventurers aged 15 and older. On the fence? Curious about the chaos and camaraderie? Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for thrilling recaps of past sessions!

Be a part of the artistic mayhem with the Creative Capers on Friday, April 17th at 6 p.m. Bring along your favorite craft and connect with fellow community members.

Local Entrepreneur Reveals Secrets to making money from Home (continued on page 9)

Juda Zion Community Church Cantata

The choir of the Juda Zion Community Church will present the cantata "The Borrowed Tomb" on Palm Sunday, March 29 and on Good Friday, April 3. Both performances are at 1:30 p.m. This cantata was created by Steve Moore and David T. Clydesdale. It tells the story of Christ's death and resurrection from the perspective of two members of the Sanhedrin, Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea. We witness their struggle of faith and belief as they interact with each other, members of the Sanhedrin, Mary Magdalene, and Jesus. The cantata is directed by Shelly Jordan.

Those participating in the performances are:

Cast members: Steve Anderson, Kathy Broger, Sara Carr, Irv Case, Sharon Kreuzer, Julie Davis, JoAnn Eberle, Jake Hoesly, Joyce Hoesly, Peg Jordan, Judy Kaderly, Rudy Kaderly, Jaelyn Kainz, Laurie Martenson, Debbie Mason, Jason McQueary, Kristi Meck, Grace Peterson, Brooklynnne Ramirez, Nicole Ramirez, Graelyn Ruter, Jordon Ruter, Stacy Ruter, Carrie Schwartz, Bob Severson, Ryan Schmitt, Kim Shields, Carrie Soddy, Cashtin Soddy, Cullin Soddy, Justin Soddy, Koltin Soddy, Lily Williams, Caleb Woodward, Lucas Woodward, and Pastor Mark Woodward.

Crew: Eileen Daniels, Bill Jahn, Joe Kaderly, Calvin Kaderly, Brian Matzke, Hazel Matzke, Peggy Matzke, Monica Ramirez.

Following the performances a time of refreshment and fellowship will be held in the church Fellowship Hall. Both performances are free and open to the public.

Zion Church is located at N2350 Church Street, Juda.
Pictured: Jason McQueary and Jaelyn Kainz

Join the Sugar River Writers on Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30 p.m. Write and draw inspiration from fellow members of the community! All skill levels are welcome.

The Friends of the Albertson Memorial Library proudly present: Wisconsin author Patricia McConnell. Patricia will be discussing her new mystery novel, *Away to Me*, on Saturday, April 25th at 1 p.m. *Away to Me* is a novel about Maddie McGowan, an animal behaviorist and sheepdog trainer living on a Wisconsin farm. After Maddie's mentor is killed, she investigates, uncovering a sinister plot while rehabilitating an injured and wary rescued German Shepherd. Books will be available for purchase and autograph. Accepted payment methods will be debit or credit cards.

Join All Booked Up in a discussion of *Nothing to See Here* by Kevin Wilson on Monday, April 27th at 6:30 p.m. *Nothing to See Here* is a moving and hilarious novel about a woman who finds meaning in her life when she begins caring for two children with a remarkable ability.

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Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Railroad Talk to be Rescheduled
Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

We are very sorry we had to cancel the railroad presentation scheduled for March 24. The speaker lives in Bloomington, a nearly three hour drive from Durand. His daughter had been hospitalized and he did not want to leave her. This program will be rescheduled sometime in the future and we hope that no one was inconvenienced by this change.

Book Give Away Week of March 30

Normally a lending library like the volunteer driven Durand Library lends books to patrons. But after three fun years of "running" the library, the Friends of the Durand Library have accumulated many books that we need to give away.

How does this happen? When the school library weeded their nonfiction shelves a year or so ago book lovers like us picked up many of those books for which we had no space. The original Village Library collection also was weeded and this added to the mix. And generous folks donated boxes of books to the library. Some of those were duplicates, or craft books and how to books which don't fit our fiction collection. Many of the donated nonfiction books are beautiful books and as good as new.

The books will be spread out on tables, easy to view during the spring school break during our regular hours – Tuesdays 6-8pm and Saturdays 9am-Noon. We also plan to be open Thursday, April 2, from 1-3 pm.

These are all adult level reading but bring the kids along as they can enjoy reading books from the elementary collection while you shop.

So, please come by and take a look. We promise there will be something that catches your eye!

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Rotary Botanical Gardens Hosts Earth Day Celebration on April 26

Family-Friendly Event Features Zoozort Live Animal Program, Local Conservation Groups, Hands-On Activities, Food Trucks, and Artisan Vendors

Rotary Botanical Gardens invites the community to celebrate Earth Day with a family-friendly event on Sunday, April 26, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This free event will take place throughout the Gardens and will feature interactive exhibits, local environmental organizations, food trucks, artisan vendors, and educational activities focused on sustainability and conservation.

Admission to Earth Day at the Gardens is free, with regular garden admission waived for all attendees. Guests may also choose to purchase advance tickets for the Zoozort Live Animal Program, an engaging indoor experience that introduces audiences to exotic wildlife through up-close, educational presentations.

Zoozort tickets are \$5 per person, with children under two admitted free. Tickets must be purchased online in advance; no tickets will be sold at the door. Seating is limited to 200 people per show, and tickets are expected to sell out.

Zoozort showtimes include: 11 a.m.; 12:30 p.m.; 2 p.m.

Event Highlights Include:

- Interactive booths and activities hosted by local environmental organizations
- Hands-on crafts and educational experiences for children and families
- Zoozort Live Animal Program (ticketed add-on)
- Food trucks offering a variety of options
- Artisan and small business vendors

"Our Earth Day celebration is designed to be engaging and accessible for everyone," said Laura Kenyon, Marketing and Public Relations Manager at Rotary Botanical Gardens. "By bringing together local partners, hands-on activities, and educational experiences, we hope to inspire people to take meaningful steps toward sustainability."

Participating Organizations and Vendors

Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with local environmental groups, sustainability advocates, and community organizations, including:

Organizations and Exhibitors—Bartlett Tree Experts, Citizens Climate Lobby, Rock County Health Department, Protecting Wisconsin Waterways, Rock County Beekeepers, City of Janesville Recreation Department, Rock Prairie Master Gardeners Association, Basics Co-op, Rock County Ice Age Alliance, Welty Environmental Center, Janesville Urban Forest Alliance, Greenlight E Recycling, Rock County Conservationists, All Energy Solar, Dawn Harvest Solar Energy, DNR, City of Janesville Recycling Program, Salvation Army, Kiwanis, Lions Club, Office Pro, URTE

Food Trucks—RMN Donuts (Chris Anich), The Wok This Way (Alissa Lange), Taqueria Don Regino (Mireya Valadez), JD's Lunch Box (John Toles), Buzz Moment (Dalton Campbell), Boba House (Hannah Jane Kellogg)

Artisan and Small Business Vendors—Restoration Candle Company (Chloe Oestrich), The Teacher Truck (Megan Austin), Judy's Art Company (Judy Hatlen)

Sponsors Making a Difference

This year's Earth Day celebration is proudly supported by Bartlett Tree Experts, whose support helps make this free community event possible. Rotary Botanical Gardens is grateful for their commitment to environmental stewardship and community investment.

This event is open to all ages. Visitors are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles and eco-friendly shopping bags to support sustainability efforts.