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2026 Wisconsin Association of School Board Business Honor Roll

The Brodhead School District Board of Education would like to recognize their 2026 Wisconsin Association of School Board Business Honor Roll recipients.

These three local businesses go above and beyond in their support for our schools and community. In a world where collaboration between businesses and educational institutions is crucial, these exceptional businesses have not only recognized the importance of investing in education but have also actively contributed to the betterment of our school district. These businesses, nominated by our School Board, have exemplified the spirit of community engagement by making significant contributions to our schools over the past years. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to these deserving honorees!

First Center Floral and Garden—First Center Floral and Garden is recognized by the Brodhead School District as a valued partner in education and longtime supporter of our schools. They are an important part of district traditions, including preparing floral bouquets for graduation and providing corsages and boutonnieres for homecoming and prom events. In times of need, they have supported staff and families with arrangements for funerals and hospital stays. Their consistent presence reflects a deep commitment to the Brodhead community, demonstrated through quality floral work and ongoing support for our schools.

Ten Eyck Orchard—Ten Eyck Orchard is a long-standing local orchard and valued community partner that has consistently supported the Brodhead School District. Each year, they welcome our second-grade students for an educational field trip and provide apples for all elementary students as part of the annual Great Midwest Apple Crunch. Their commitment reflects a strong tradition of supporting local schools and strengthening community connections, making them a valued partner in education.

Brodhead Free Press—Brodhead Free Press has consistently played an important role in highlighting positive work across the Brodhead School District. From covering athletic achievements and fine arts performances to providing clear communication on referendum initiatives and school board updates, the Free Press keeps the community informed and engaged.







Their commitment to sharing student and staff successes reflects a strong and valued partnership with our district.



City Council

Minor Changes Made to Chicken Ordinance

By Grace Kufahl

Since the current code enforcer will be attending the police academy, the Council approved Administrator DiRe to pursue a contract with Municipal Code Enforcement LLC. Chief Raupp reported there were 80 code violations over the past year and that some take longer than others to resolve. The chief said he's all for the change, "if it makes things better and we're more efficient".

Following a request to keep 10 plus chickens, Chief Raupp reviewed the current ordinance, which restricts citizens from keeping farm animals except for two fowl and two rabbits. The chief suggested Council approve no more than six chickens and to change the wording from "fowl" to "hens". Council approved amending the ordinance to specify two chicken hens, two rabbits, and to allow for exemptions of up to six for 4-H or FFA, by permit, for the duration of the program.

The Council approved Administrator DiRe's request to spend up to $15,000 on expenses related to the ad hoc Economic Development committee and a consultant to review extensive study results dating back to 2015, to make strategic, prioritized recommendations. Funds for this are available in the General Fund. The resulting plan would assist committees in implementing action plans that guide them through transitions in city leadership.

Administrator DiRe followed up on Ehler's recommended rate increases from their Wastewater Rates report last month. DiRe stated they anticipate no growth, but new construction is happening. DiRe also pointed out there was no consideration of operational efficiencies such as purchasing of a used truck. DiRe suggested that a rate increase of eight percent would be more realistic than the 23% proposed by Ehler's.

In Other Business:

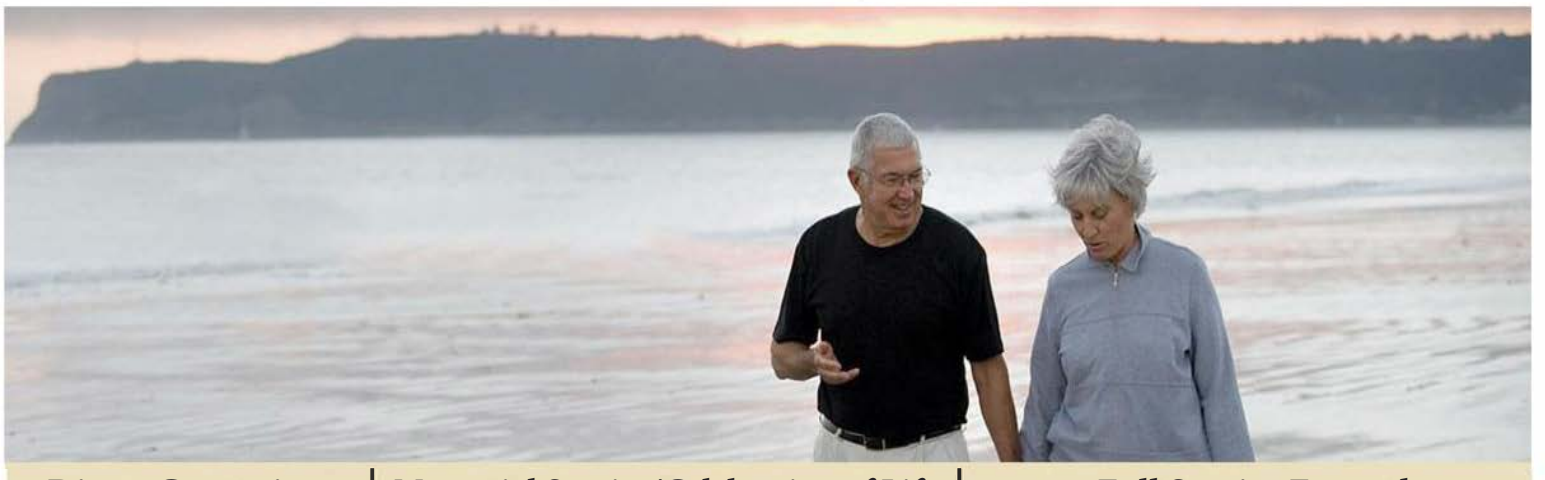
To address the vacancies in over half of the committees, the Council approved allowing members from townships within the 53520-zip code to participate in committees created by the Council.

After a lengthy discussion of what was potentially being added to our wastewater treatment plant and due to payments not being made in a timely manner, the Council voted to cease accepting leachate from the Green County Landfill this month and terminate the contract at the end of the year.

Resolution 2026-013 passed, adopting an updated fee schedule including increased charges for mowing and Weed Notices.

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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currenlty 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.

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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.

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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 through May at 8:45 a.m. Nursery care 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. Community Bible Study, Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. through Saturday, October 17th. Huge rummage sale, Fri., Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. and final sale day Sat., Oct. 3, 8 a.m. to noon. Rain or shine event. "Cups of Comfort" grief cafe support group, begins Wed., Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. and continues weekly on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. thru March 3, 2027.

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

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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. Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend: worship service 9 a.m.; No Sunday school.

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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; Wednesday evening Impact Youth 6 p.m.

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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.

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Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Rev. Dr. Ray Diaz. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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

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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.

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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.

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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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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. In-person worship at 10 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. ~Ezekiel 36:26

No person will be in heaven without agreeing with God's Word about their sinfulness. After listening to Peter's convicting preaching, his listeners said, "What shall we do?" Peter had proven Israel's guilt from Scripture. They must repent and give public evidence of faith in Christ "for the remission of sin." Recognizing their guilt, they gladly received Peter's message and 3,000 souls were saved (Acts 2:22-41). God's Word is clear, "It is written, there is none righteous; all the world (is) guilty before God" (Rom. 3:10, 19). Respecting Jesus and believing about Him is not enough. Guilty, repentant sinners need the crucified, risen Saviour. Gladly they trust Him and are saved.

—David W. Oliver

Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He washed it white as snow. —E. M. Hall

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Greenwood Cemetery notice

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for winter. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Monday, October 5th, to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place fall or winter items until November 1st.

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OBITUARIES



Shirley Ann Hume

Shirley Ann Hume, age 81, of Footville, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 18, 2026, at Cedar Crest. She was born in Janesville, Wisconsin, on December 7, 1944, the daughter of Lawrence and Rosina (Stubbe) Schultz.

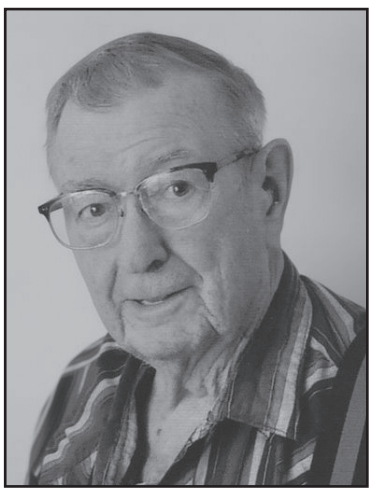
Throughout her life, Shirley worked as a dedicated waitress in Orfordville and Brodhead, serving her community with a warm smile. Shirley enjoyed bowling, testing her luck with scratch tickets and gambling, betting against the Packers, playing cards, and relaxing with her favorite game shows. She was also known for her delicious Mooncake dessert. She treasured her close-knit community of friends at her apartment complex, whom she considered her extended family.

Shirley was a proud mother and grandma whose greatest joy was spending time with her family. Her cherished moments were spent with her grandchildren—playing board games, scouting through the woods or simply watching them when they were little.

Shirley is survived by her three sons: Chet (Jeannie) Hume, Jesse (Amy) Hume, and Casey (Lyn) Hume; her grandchildren: Josh Scott, Jessica Sather, Kattie Sather, Jenna Hume, Casey "CJ" Hume, Tyler Hume, Jocelyn Rufer, and Chesnie Hume; and her great-grandson, Brennan Hume. She is further survived by her sisters: Barbara Moses and Betty Kettle; her sister-in-law, Judy Schultz; along with many extended family members and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Thomas Hume; her son, Luther Hume; and her siblings: Ronnie Schultz, Eugene Schultz, Wallace Schultz, Darlene Jacobson, Doris Schroeder, and John "Jack" Schultz.

A Graveside Service will be held at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, at Bethel Cemetery. Following the service, a Celebration of Life Luncheon will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Town of Center Hall, 9119 County Trunk A, Evansville. Apfel Wolfe Funeral Home, Janesville is assisting the family. Online condolences may be made at www.apfelwolfe.com



Bobby Louis Wunschel

Bobby Louis Wunschel, age 86, of Juda, died at home surrounded by his family on Saturday, September 26, 2026 following a battle with cancer. Bob was born on April 3, 1940 in Freeport, the son of Nellis and Marie (Ostrander) Wunschel. He was a 1958 graduate of Juda High School. Bob and Nancy Campbell were united in marriage on December 5, 1959 at the Monroe United Methodist Church. Bob was very proud to have served in the U.S. Army National Guard for eight years including six months of active duty. He worked as an auto mechanic, plumber, electrician, farmer, and truck driver. Most recently he enjoyed driving school bus for the Juda School District.

Bob volunteered for 27 years with the Juda Fire Department including seven years as chief. He loved spending time with his family and giving his grandchildren Bombardier ATV rides. In retirement, Bob could be found reading, doing word finds, playing cards especially solitaire, hearts, or euchre, tinkering in his shop, or restoring his 1955 John Deere Tractor. He was a member of the Dairyland Motorcycle Club and American Legion.

Bob is survived by his wife of 66 years, Nancy Wunschel of Juda; four daughters: Dawn (Brian) Hanson of Juda, Pamela (Del) Wolter of Brodhead, Suzanne (Eric) Ambler of Monroe, and Roberta (Chad) Stricker of Browntown; six grandchildren: Tyler (Katie) Hanson, Alyssa (Kyle) Cessna, Cheyenne (Trevor) Drain, Bobby (Maddie) Wolter, Emma Stricker, and Ashlyn Stricker; and four great-grandchildren: Annalise and Ellis Cessna, Weston Drain, and Rylee Hanson. He is further survived by his sister, Helen Behring; three brothers: Bill (Astrid), Richard (Marcia), and Donald (Jennifer); brother-in-law, Alton Stuckey; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: Lawrence and Walter; and sister-in-law, Virginia Stuckey.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, October 4, at 3:30 p.m., at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe, with Pastor Kelly Jahn officiating. Visitation will precede the service beginning at 1:30 p.m. Interment with military honors will be in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Juda, followed by a luncheon at Monroe American Legion Post #84. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund will be established in Bob's name. The Newcomer Funeral Home, Monroe, is assisting the family. Condolences may be shared at www.newcomerfuneralhome.net

Huge Multi-Family Church Rumamge Sale—UCC Church-Brodhead. . .Everyone can find a Heavenly Treasure in our Holy Trash!

Please come check out the treasure trove of items they have to offer on Friday, October 2nd from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Final day will be Saturday, October 3rd from 8 a.m. until noon.

Sales will be held at Brodhead Congregational UCC Church located at E201 23rd Street. This is a rain or shine event!

Most items will be Free-Will Offering. Larger items will be priced. All proceeds to benefit future church missions.

Cups of Comfort: A Grief Café

Grief can be a lonely journey, but it doesn't have to be walked alone. Beginning this fall, the Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, will host Cups of Comfort: A Grief Café, a free monthly gathering for anyone who is grieving the death of a loved one. Whether your loss is recent or many years ago, you are invited to join them for coffee (or tea, or cocoa, or cider), conversation, and compassionate support in a welcoming, nonjudgmental setting.

Each gathering will provide an opportunity to share stories, listen to others, and find encouragement among people who understand the challenges of grief. There is no pressure to speak, no expectation to "move on," and no timetable for healing—just a safe place to be yourself.

The café will meet the first Wednesday of every month for approximately 60–90 minutes, beginning at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7, and ending on March 3, 2027. Whether you've attended grief support groups before or this is your first experience, you are warmly welcome.

For more information, please contact the church office at 608-897-2917, or Pastor Shawn directly at pastor@brodheadcucc.com.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BRODHEAD POLICE ASSOC. BI-ANNUAL BRODHEAD IN THE MOONLIGHT

The Brodhead Police Association is hosting its bi-annual Brodhead in the Moonlight...a haunting experience! This historical downtown walking tour includes stories of ghostly happenings in the city. Your tour guide will enlighten you with how our city began and share her first-hand knowledge of our ghostly history as well! To get your tickets, follow the Brodhead Police Association on both Facebook and Instagram. Tours will be every Saturday night in October from 7-10 p.m. and will start at the gazebo on the downtown square at W. 2nd Avenue and W. Exchange Street. For more information or if you have questions, please email us at brodheadpa@gmail.com.

Relay For Life Celebration and Dinner

Relay For Life is a fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Here in Green County, the towns work together to have an event that celebrates our cancer survivors, provides support for families and cancer patients, raises awareness of resources available from the American Cancer Society, and raises money for support services and research for those affected by cancer and to find a cure!

This year they will again have their spaghetti supper fundraiser and it will be paired with their Relay event. The event will include a short program and luminary ceremony. They hope this all-in-one event will allow you to join them for a great night honoring our cancer survivors and remembering those loved ones we've lost.

The Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser and Relay Event will be held on Monday, October 5, at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Hwy 81, Monroe. The dinner will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. with a short ceremony following. Come join them! Cancer Survivors will enjoy a meal for free but you do need to register by calling Evelyn at 608-558-8062. Others may purchase dinner tickets for $15. Please call Evelyn or Jo Ann at 608-728-2980 if you would like to purchase a ticket. You may also send a message to their Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/RFLofGreenCountyWI

Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Lakeside Lutheran over Clinton, 49-0. Eric VonAllmen, Albany, won first place with one incorrect game and 49 points. Second place was won by Doug Rezner, Brodhead, with one incorrect and 51 points.

Paul Clark, Brodhead, also had one incorrect and 46 points.

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Lunch & Learn: Know Your Invasives—Protecting the Sugar River

Our local waterways are home to an incredible variety of plants, insects, and other aquatic life, but they can also be affected by species that don't belong. From plants to arthropods, invasive species can alter aquatic ecosystems and impact the health of our water resources. The Lower Sugar River Watershed Association (LSRWA) invites the community to Three Waters Reserve on October 15 to learn more about the invasive species found in our area and how to identify them.

The Upper Sugar River Watershed Association will share information about invasive species found in local waterways, from plants to arthropods, and how to identify species that may be present in our area. Attendees will learn why the health of our water resources is vital to our communities and to sustaining the vibrant ecosystems found throughout our natural areas.

When: Thursday, October 15, 12–1 p.m.

Where: Three Waters Reserve, N3941 Golf Course Road, Brodhead

Speaker: Upper Sugar River Watershed Association

Lunch: Cornish Pasties

Register by: Sunday, October 11

Community members interested in learning more about invasive species, aquatic ecosystems, and the health of our local waterways are encouraged to attend. Registration is required by Sunday, October 11.

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Data Center Educational Sessions—Wednesday, October 7

On Tuesday, July 14, 2026 the Green County Board passed a moratorium on data centers. In collaboration with Green County, UW-Madison Division of Extension Green County will host two educational sessions for Green County residents on Wednesday, October 7. The educational sessions will include both an informational presentation as well as time for questions. Both sessions will feature the same format and educational information. Topics covered will include an overview of what data centers are, the overall infrastructure for data centers, common topics regarding data centers, and what local government entities can do regarding data center regulations. Attendees can also write down their questions and perspectives to be shared with Green County Board members.

Session information:

The first session will be from 1-3 p.m. at the Albany Lion's Club, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, Albany.

The second session will be from 6-8 p.m. at the Green County Justice Center lower level multipurpose rooms, 2841 6th Street, Monroe.

For more information about this event, contact Victoria Solomon, Community Development Educator with UW-Madison Division of Extension Green County at 608-328-9440 or via email at victoria.solomon@wisc.edu.

Green County Genealogical Society presentation

The Green County Genealogical Society will present the "History of the DAR" By Kathy Comeau. The presentation is Saturday, October 3 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The program is open to the public. The presentation is on the history of the Daughters of the American Revolution, including the history of our local Colonel Benjamin Harrison Chapter.

Kathy's background: she has been a member of DAR for three years, and the Chapter Regent for one year of a three-year term. She has lived in the Monroe area since 2007 with her husband. They lived in the UK prior to that. Kathy has her MA Ed in Educational Management and Leadership. She has worked as a program director for a local non-profit for 14 years before retiring this year.

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.

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National Friends of Libraries Week

National Friends of Libraries Week will take place from October 18–24, 2026. This annual event celebrates the volunteer and fundraising efforts of Friends of Library groups across the United States. The Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library will recognize the week by holding a book sale on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday October 24th. The sale will run from noon to 7 p.m. on Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday in the library's large program room.

Stop in and browse the large selection of adult, children's and large print books. Stock up on reading materials to get you through the inevitable snow days ahead! The coffee cart will be set up so you can enjoy a cup while you shop.

The book sales are the primary source of funding for the Friends of the Library. Funds raised go towards supporting adult and children's library programs. This summer, the Friends of the Library provided funding for the bounce house that launched the summer reading program.

Can't make it to the sale? Check out the book cart at the library. The cart is available any time the library is open and the friendly and helpful library staff can answer any questions you might have. Stay tuned for our spring book sale coming May 21-22, 2027.

The Friends of the Library will be accepting donations of children's, teen's, young adult and graphic novel books from October 12-22. Books should be in good condition and not damaged, stained or tattered. Donations may be left at the library desk with a staff member. They cannot accept other books at this time.

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Brodhead High School's Students of the Month for September

Back row, left to right: Matthew Schupbach, James Jeffers, Brielle Engen, Brooke Mueller, Jemma Huntington; front row: Gabi Wenger, Sawyer Phillips, Miranda Nelson, Isabella Santiago-Aguilar, Hayden Elmer.

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Natalie Pierce sets for her Cardinal teammates in volleyball action, last Thursday, as Brodhead overpowered Beloit Turner in three sets (25-18, 25-21, 25-22). Earlier in the week, the Cards defeated Big Foot, winning 3-1. This week, the team hosted Edgerton on Tuesday and travel to Evansville on Thursday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

Green County Youth Celebrate National 4-H Week

Submitted by Samantha Hougan, Extension Green County

October 4-10 is National 4-H Week and Green County is celebrating all the great opportunities that 4-H offers young people to learn, grow, and lead. Isaac Bochman a member of the Clarence Bridge Pioneers says, "Going to Space camp was awesome. The Gforce and spinning rides were my favorite."

We are kicking off National 4-H Week with our "Explore 4-H Day" open house event on Sunday, October 4th, 1-3 p.m. at the Green County Fairgrounds, 2600 10th Street, Monroe. This is a FREE, drop-in style event open to the public, so please invite your friends and family and stop in anytime. It is a great opportunity for kids and parents to learn about 4-H, try a variety of hands-on activities, and explore what 4-H has to offer!

As part of the National 4-H Week festivities, Green County 4-H families will be showing their 4-H pride on Monday, October 5th by wearing a 4-H t-shirt or a green shirt to school or work. 4-H clubs will also be putting up window displays in local communities throughout the county, showcasing the many opportunities 4-H offers.

A Spring Grove Honest Workers 4-H parent said, "I value that my child can have an opportunity to learn about things beyond what they can learn in the classroom. They can learn more about things that are specific to their desire or passion."

During 4-H Week and beyond, we celebrate the power of 4-H programs to empower young people! Here in Green County, 4-H is a program of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Division of Extension, engaging more than 545 4-H members and 150 adult volunteers.

4-H is a place to be seen, belong and be your best self. No matter your interests or background, 4-H has a place for you! A Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H Club member tell us what they love most about 4-H is "Getting to spend time with my animals and show others what I have learned."

In 4-H, youth can also find what sparks their passion and gives them energy. For some youth, this includes showcasing what they have learned at the County Fair.

Learn how you can grow with 4-H, as a youth member or adult leader, by going to www.greencounty4h.info or by contacting Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at Extension Green County at 608-328-9440 or ellen.andrews@wisc.edu.





On Sunday, September 20th, more than 100 members of the Brodhead High School Band participated in the Cheese Days parade in Monroe.

The students demonstrated the dedication and talent they bring to our school and community.

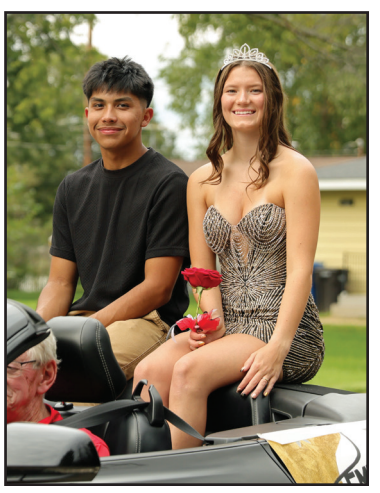
Many wonderful comments were made about how the students carried themselves throughout the day. They represented Brodhead High School and our community with class, pride, and enthusiasm. We couldn't be more proud of them!



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Andrew Hardy #7 for Brodhead Juda had an outstanding night in the game against Lancaster. He scored a TD, had an interception and a fumble recovery. Despite the best efforts of the Cardinals, the Flying Arrows prevailed, 45-6 for the win. This week, our local team travels to Richland Center. Both teams enter the competition, each looking for their first conference win of the season. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)









GCDC to Host "Own Your Future" Lunch & Learn for Green County Business Owners

Free workshop on Thursday, November 5 will help owners build business value and plan for what's next

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) will host Own Your Future: From Successful to Significant, a free Lunch & Learn workshop for business owners, on Thursday, November 5, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will take place in the Bank of New Glarus meeting room, 701 8th Street, Monroe. Lunch will be provided.

The workshop is for business owners who want to protect what they've built and plan for the future. Nikki Austin, CFP®, CEPA®, a Financial Advisor with Thrivent, will show attendees how to:

•Align their business, personal and financial goals

•Strengthen and accelerate business value, whether they're planning to grow or preparing for a future transition

•Explore transition options that fit their goals and vision

"Green County has many successful businesses that owners have spent decades building, and what happens to them next matters for our whole community," said Olivia Otte, Executive Director of GCDC. "Many owners know they should plan ahead but aren't sure where to start. This workshop gives them practical steps they can use right away, whether a transition is ten years out or right around the corner. Keeping these businesses strong and locally rooted is central to our region's economic future."

This is an educational event, and no products will be sold. Space is limited. To RSVP, follow this link: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/7tsmtfv or call the GCDC office at 608-328-9452.



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EVENT DETAILS

When: Every Friday–Sunday in October

Friday and Saturday: 7–11 p.m.

Sunday: 7–10 p.m.

Admission: $20 per person (Recommended for ages 12 and up)

Location: ABC Supply Stadium, 217 Shirland Avenue, Beloit

BONUS DISCOUNT: Want double the scares? Keep your Stadium of Screams ticket stub to score $3 OFF your entry to our partner haunt, Fear Fest in South Beloit!

Ticket link: Schedule | MyProVenue™

Midwest Comedy Tour:

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Joining them is Austin Robertson (founder of the Midwest Comedy Tour, host of "Trippin' with Austin and Angela" also known for his voiceover work and frequent appearances on Blaze TV's "Normal World", performing all across the country, from comedy clubs, breweries, stadiums, and to Carnegie Hall), along with special guest Gary Campell (Akron native, veteran husband and doodle dad, one of Northeast Ohio's favorite stand-up comedians featuring regularly with The Midwest Comedy Tour, and also having been a part of the Cleveland, Rubber City, Flagship and Blue Ridge Comedy Festivals), and host, Becky Thompson (co-founder of the Midwest Comedy Tour, traveling nationwide for stand-up, improv, and storytelling, and featured in the satirical journal the Belladonna).

Ticket link: Public Events

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Brodhead School District

SNOW REMOVAL BIDS

Brodhead School District is accepting bids for snow removal for the 2026-2027 school year. Snow removal is required for the parking lots, driveways, and sidewalks of the High, Middle and Elementary Schools on days when there is more than one (1) inch of snow. School lots, driveways and sidewalks need to be cleared by 7:15 a.m.

Bids will be submitted based on a fixed rate per snow removal. All bidders must show a Certificate of Insurance.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked on the outside "Snow Removal Bid" and mailed or delivered to Facility Supervisor Chad Dix, Brodhead School District, 2501 W. Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520 by 12:00 p.m. Friday, October 2, 2026.

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AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
Policy Committee Meeting
Monday, October 5, 2026
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. REVIEW OF POLICY UPDATE 35.2 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NEOLA
   ° 0.1 35.2 AI Non Discrim policies for Board Approve. (48 items)
II. REVIEW 35.2 TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS
   ° 0.2 35.2 TCs for DA approval Vol. 35 No. 2 - Technical Corrections (27 items)
III. DEVELOP AND FINALIZE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BOARD APPROVAL
IV. ADJOURN

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N4099 County Road E, Thurs., Oct. 1; Fri., Oct. 2 and Sat., Oct. 3. Multi-family garage sale. Come check it out, inside so rain or shine.

E404 23rd Street, Thurs., Oct. 1 and Fri., Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., Oct. 3, 8:30 a.m.-noon. Household, clothing, bedding, rugs, towels, fishing lures, crank baits, corks, hooks, ice fish poles, indoor-outdoor TV antenna—used one season, works great, grill, lots of miscellaneous. All priced to go.

1601 19th Street, in the back shed), Seven family garage sale—Shirley Zuhlke. Fri., Oct. 2, and Sat., Oct. 3, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Lots of added items. Men's Carhart shirts, women and men winter coats, sweatshirts, jeans, baby clothes 12 mo to 24 mo, size 6 clothes, weighted blanket with unicorn cover, toddler socks, high chair, rocking chairs, dolls, antiques and collectible glassware, cement statuary—Packer, Badger, Highland Cow, deer, cardinal solar lights, pots, pans, gift baskets, home decor, scrubbies, dish cloths, metal yard decor, garden goodies, pressure canner, puzzles, Mickey Mouse rocking chair, women's clothes small to 2XL, shoes and much more.

POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department
September 21-26, 2026

At 9:28 p.m., Friday, deputies responded to the 300 block of S. Mill Street, in the Village of Albany, where Jerry A. Pagel, 67, of Albany was placed under arrest for an active arrest warrant through Green County. Pagel was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

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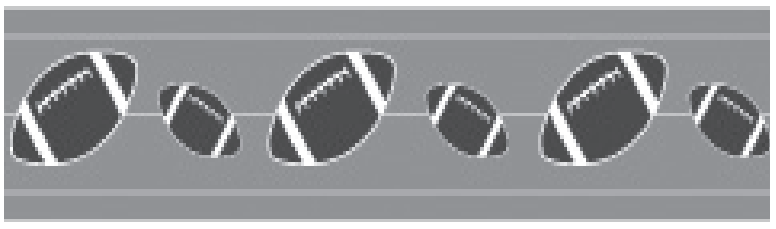
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Imagine Discover Connect — Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

Here's a sneak peek at the events taking place this October at the Albertson Memorial Library:

October 4th–10th is National Banned Books Week. The American Library Association's Freedom to Read Statement is a foundational document that asserts the freedom to read. The freedom to read is vital to a democratic society, affirming the public's right to access a diversity of viewpoints and challenge censorship. It argues that publishers and librarians have a responsibility to make a wide range of materials available and that restrictions on content based on the author's or publisher's views, or the personal history of the author, are contrary to the public's interest. Librarians and publishers do not need to endorse every idea or presentation they provide; their role is to offer materials, not to approve or disapprove of every thought within them. Celebrate the freedom to read by visiting the library and selecting materials that pique your interest.

Preschool Story Time is your 10 a.m. Tuesday morning ticket to fun! Join Miss Laura, our Children's Programming Specialist, for a delightful mix of stories and crafts that'll have the kiddos chirping with joy. October's theme will take you to new heights as we soar into the world of birds!

The Albany Joint Library Board meeting is scheduled to take place, at the library, on Tuesday, October 6th 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 learn more about upcoming plans for the library!

Join Craft Night with Diane on Wednesday, October 7th from 6-8 p.m. to discover the art of crafting your own shower bombs! Sprinkle in some essential oils and a splash of food coloring for a delightful aroma and a visual treat. They make fantastic gifts for your favorite people! Registration is required. You can register at the library or contact us by phone at 608-862-3491 or email us at albertsonlibrary@gmail.com to have your name added to the list. Can't make it? No worries! You can collect a kit from the library anytime during October and enjoy crafting this project whenever it suits you!

The Friends of the Albertson Memorial Library will be hosting their annual Fall Silent Auction fundraiser, taking place from October 9th to October 24th, during library hours. All proceeds will be directed towards acquiring family and adult programming with any remaining funds going toward the purchase of a new patron computer. We invite you to visit the library to explore the items up for auction—you might just find something you'd love to bid on!

Prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey in our Dungeons and Dragons campaign, "Shadows of the Infinite Staircase," taking place on October 10th and 24th at 4 p.m.! Immerse yourself in a thrilling, and often humorous, quest as you assist the Guildmaster in lifting a mysterious curse from the enchanted staircase. Jump in anytime—no need for a magical portal to participate! If you missed the character creation party, give us a shout to arrive early and we'll help you get your hero ready. This campaign is designed for adventurers aged 15 and older. Want to know more? If you're feeling uncertain or curious about the fun and friendships that await, check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for recaps of previous sessions!

The Friends of the Library, in partnership with the Albertson Memorial Library, invite all ages to our Fall Bingo Night on Friday, October 16th, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Enjoy an evening filled with games, fun, and prizes, and the best part? It's absolutely free! Registration is required to participate in this event. To secure your spot, please register by Thursday, October 1st. You may register in person at the library, by calling us at 608-862-3491, or via email at albertsonlibrary@gmail.com. If you want to join in the fun but missed the registration deadline, reach out to the library to find out if spots are still available.

Get ready to soar as you make your way to the Albertson Memorial Library on Saturday, October 17th at 10 a.m. for a Raptor Experience! A raptor educator specialist from Hoo's Woods Raptor Center will be swooping in with three live raptors, plus a flock of visual aids and activities that blend learning with a splash of fun! This program has been made possible thanks to a generous donation from a member of the Friends of the Library group.

National Friends of the Library Week takes place October 18th–24th. This week was established to raise awareness, increase membership, and thank volunteers for securing vital funding and resources for libraries that regular library budgets could not cover. To celebrate, the Friends of the Albertson Memorial Library cordially invite you to our Fall Silent Auction Thank You Reception taking place on Saturday, October 24th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Join us for an enjoyable gathering that will feature refreshments, bidding, and a chance to support the Albertson Memorial Library.

Join All Booked Up in a discussion of Apostle's Cove by William Kent Krueger on Monday, October 26th at 6:30 p.m. Apostle's Cove is a riveting and reflective story that delves into the conflict between institutional closure and genuine moral justice through Cork O'Connor's quest to rectify a 25-year-old error, highlighting how official systems often opt for the simplest narrative over the truth.

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