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## Brodhead Historical Society to meet

The next meeting of the Brodhead Historical Society will be held on Monday, September 28. After a brief business meeting, John Oschner, of Albany, will be giving a presentation about the 1986-1987 archeological dig at the site of the Jules DeMun trading post. The site was located on the Sugar River between Brodhead and Albany in 1832. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum. Please enter through the East Second Avenue entrance. The public is welcome to attend.



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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. beginning September 12th through Saturday, October 17th. Huge rummage sale, Fri., Sept. 25; Sat., Sept. 26, and 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.

**He said unto Him, Lord, thou knowest all things. ~John 21:17**

Our Lord knew that Judas would betray Him. He knew Peter would deny Him three times and His disciples would forsake Him and flee. He knew there would be agony of the garden of Gethsemane and the awful anguish of the cross. Knowing all this He went to the place called Calvary for you and me. Hallelujah, what a Saviour!

—John M. Clegg

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# OBITUARY



## Helen E. Sedgwick

Helen E. Sedgwick, age 95, passed away peacefully on Thursday, September 10, 2026. She was born on June 2, 1931 in Monroe, Wisconsin, to parents Carl and Sadie Hafen.

Helen was an active member of the Bethany Church for many years. She enjoyed bowling, bird watching, cooking, baking and attending the grandchildren's activities.

Helen is survived by her daughters: Debra Hofmeister, Sandra (Paul) Hofmeister Reavis, and Lori (David) Neitzel; grandchildren: Rachael (Sam) McClure, and David Evan Neitzel and a special friend, Yvonne Bennett.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husbands and her siblings: Jim, Nancy and Betty.

Funeral Services have already been held for Helen.

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

## Apple Festival Bazaar

The United Women in Faith will hold their annual Apple Festival Bazaar on Saturday, September 26th from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the Brodhead United Methodist Church. A large variety of baked goods and homemade candy will be available for purchase. Crafts, holiday decorations, jewelry and books will also be available. Lunch will be served throughout the day and the menu will include barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, creamy wild rice soup, salads, homemade desserts and beverages.

The church is located at 501 1st Center Avenue and the entire community is invited to attend. All proceeds from the event will be used to support local and regional missions.

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## 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, September 25th, Saturday, September 26th, and 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.

## 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.

**Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.**

## Alpha Course coming to Living Word

You're invited to unpack the basics of the Christian faith together. No pressure. No judgment. Just open conversation over some good food. That's it. Come on in and see what you think. The experience is open to everyone, no matter what your background or beliefs are. Alpha is simply a safe place to meet new people, find out the basics and share your thoughts. The course runs over 11 weeks, each week a different big question about the Christian faith is unpacked and explored together. The event will be held at Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhad.

This is how it works—each week they'll gather together, enjoy a good meal, watch a video and discuss and share our thoughts. If you're interested, call Amanda Kloepping at 608-897-8246 for details (and so they can plan for food). The discussion starts Sunday, September 13th.

## Awana resumes at Living Word Church

Awana, a midweek child discipleship program will be held once again this year at Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. The program begins at 6 p.m. each Wednesday evening and closes promptly at 7:30 p.m. They have Bible lessons, games, snacks, small groups and great music! The program is for 4k-fifth grade but they also host Impact youth group for sixth-ninth graders at the same time. They also host a group for parents at the same time! There's something for the whole family! Call the church office to register today at 608-897-8246. The fun begins Wednesday, September 16th. Registration opens at 5 p.m. and Awana begins at 6 p.m.

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# ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### WINTER VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE
**DEADLINE: Friday, September 25th**

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will offer the following recreation indoor volleyball League:

SUNDAY NIGHT RECREATIONAL VOLLEYBALL COED LEAGUE: This league will be played on Sunday evenings at Brodhead Middle School beginning Sunday, October 11th. PLAYERS AND SPECTATORS must be seventh grade and older. Each team must consist of four to six players, with two of them being adults. The cost is $30 per person.

To register a team, contact the Pool and Recreation Department at 608-897-2159 ext. 9.

### 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.

## Green County Genealogical Society Friday Fun Day

The Green County Genealogical Society Friday Fun Day on September 25, is "Cemetery Stone Cleaning" by Tamea Morrison. It will be from 1-3 p.m. at the Greenwood Cemetery. Meet towards the mid-back on the east side of the cemetery. Parking and the stone cleaning will be along the side of the road. Tamae will be there by 12:30 p.m.

Tamea's tips regarding stone cleaning:

—Always ask permission from the family before cleaning a headstone.

—Do not use chemicals, soap, or anything that could damage the surface, such as metal scrapers or hard-bristle brushes.

Tamea recently developed a strong interest in genealogy, inspired by her mother, Donna Kjendlie. Watching her excitement as she discovered our ancestors intrigued Tamea, and her mom has been a wonderful mentor as she learns the process.

Since starting this journey, she has joined the Green County Genealogy Society and learned how to clean headstones. Tamea finds the cleaning process very relaxing—a clean stone means I did something special for the family.

Outside of genealogy, Tamea enjoys camping, crafting, and spending time with her family and her dog, Winston, who often joins her visiting cemeteries that allow pets.

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its Friday Fun Day September 25 from 1-3 p.m. at the Greenwood Cemetery.

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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A Stepping On workshop will be held Friday, October 9-Friday, November 20, on seven Friday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at SSM Health St Mary's Hospital, located at 3400 E. Racine Street, Janesville. Facilitators are Anne Wierich, RN, and Wendy Bianchetti, the Community Health Worker, at SSM Health.

Space is limited to 14-15 participants. Advanced registration is required to reserve a seat. A suggested contribution of $15 is asked to cover the cost of class materials. For questions, or to register by Thursday, October 1, call the Health Promotion Coordinator for ADRC of Rock County/ Aging Unit at: 608-757-5309.

The program was developed by Dr. Lindy Clemson of Sydney, Australia, to help older adults learn ways to prevent falls. It was brought to the United States by Dr. Jane Mahoney, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging.

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## Clean hands can help keep classrooms and the community healthy

**Families encouraged to review hand hygiene with kids back at school**

With students back to school, SSM Health experts are encouraging families to make hand hygiene a priority.

"Regular hand-washing remains one of the easiest and most effective ways to help prevent the spread of germs in classrooms and at home," said SSM Health Monroe Hospital Certified Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Christina Hendrickson.

Studies have shown that people unknowingly touch their faces dozens of times each hour. Because the eyes, nose and mouth are common entry points for germs, hand hygiene plays an important role in reducing the spread of illness.

"Busy school environments where students share common spaces make it easy for illnesses to spread," Hendrickson said. "It isn't possible to avoid germs completely, but proper hand-washing can significantly reduce the spread of bacteria and viruses."

Washing hands with soap and clean, running water is an effective way to remove germs. The complete process takes about 40 to 60 seconds and should be a routine part of daily life.

There are five steps to effective hand-washing.

Wet your hands with clean, running water, turn off the faucet and apply soap.

Lather your hands by rubbing them together with soap, making sure to clean between your fingers and under your nails.

Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds.

Rinse thoroughly under clean, running water.

Dry your hands with a clean towel or allow them to air-dry.

When soap and water are not available, a hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol can be used as an alternative.

"Hand sanitizer is a good option on the go, but hand-washing remains the best defense because it removes many germs as well as dirt and grime," Hendrickson said.

If viruses and germs do make their appearance after school begins, be sure to be prepared. Learn more today about the convenient virtual and in-person care options that SSM Health offers near you.

## Football contest

The highest scoring football game of the week was Platteville over Brodhead-Juda, 56-16. Tom Brewer, Albany, won first place with one incorrect game and 52 points. Second place was a three way tie with one incorrect and 49 points. The winners were Reggie Peach and Eric VonAllmen, both of Albany; and Brian Malkow of Brodhead.

Others with one incorrect and 46 points were Paul Clark and Bob Whalen, both of Brodhead.

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## Brodhead High School 2026 Homecoming Court

Back row, left to right: Emberly Ast, Leah Rear, Brielle Engen, Abigail Vickers, Chesney Walker; front row: Braylon Strehlow, Aiden Walker, Emmanuel Bueno, Chase Bauman, Grayson Arn.



**Brodhead Juda football takes the field. Last Friday the team travelled to Platteville. The Cards were able to complete the 2-point conversion after each of their TDs. The Hillmen went on to win 56-16. The Cardinals are preparing for their Homecoming game on Friday against Lancaster. (file photo) (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)**




**Chesney Walker #9 led the Cardinals in kills when they hosted the Blue Devils last Tuesday. Brodhead hung on for the win in game one with a 26 - 24 score. The home team dominated 25 - 8 and 25- 18 in games two and three. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)**

## District 8 AA locations

Tuesdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Thursdays: Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Fridays: Promises Group, Orfordville Lutheran, 210 Main Street, 7 p.m.; handicap access, closed meeting.

Any questions call 608-751-5684 or visit www.rockcoaa.net.

## BHS HoCo Fest Dance

BHS HoCo Fest Dance Saturday, September 26, 8-11 p.m. Admission fee at the door, $5. Students are not allowed to return to the dance if they leave early. Guests who do not attend BHS must have prior permission to attend. Contact BHS office for a permission slip.

## BHS HoCo Fest Student Tailgate! Friday September 25

Any community businesses or organizations interested in participating in the BHS Student Tailgate on Friday afternoon, please reach out to cgretebeck@brodhead.k12.wi.uw or by phone 608-897-2155.

## BHS HoCo Fest 2026!

On Friday, September 25th, area clubs, BHS athletics, and local businesses/organizations will be showing their Cardinal Pride at the annual homecoming parade. If you are interested in being included in the parade line-up, contact BHS Student Council advisor, Cristi Gretebeck, at cgretebeck@brodhead.k12.wi.us or at BHS 608-897-2155. Parade participants will line up between the Football Concession Stand and the Middle School at 1:45 p.m. The parade begins promptly at 2 p.m. The parade route ends in the north high school parking lot.

They are in need of convertibles and drivers for members of the Homecoming Court, please contact BHS at 608-897-2155 if you can help them out!

They hope you consider joining Brodhead's Homecoming Parade!

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## Rock County Cancer Coalition Awarded Grant from Green Bay Packers Foundation

**Funding will support financial assistance for Rock County residents undergoing cancer treatment**

Rock County Cancer Coalition (RCCC) is proud to announce that it has been selected as a recipient of a 2026 Green Bay Packers Foundation grant, joining nonprofit organizations across Wisconsin receiving support through the Foundation's annual grant program.

The Green Bay Packers Foundation awarded $1.6 million in annual grants to 402 civic and charitable organizations throughout Wisconsin this year. Rock County Cancer Coalition was among 10 organizations selected from Rock County.

RCCC was awarded $4,000 to support its Financial Relief Grant Program, furthering the organization's work to reduce the financial burden experienced by individuals and families during cancer treatment.

"This grant is an incredible honor and an investment directly into the people of Rock County," said Goli Ziolek, Executive Director of Rock County Cancer Coalition. "A cancer diagnosis affects so much more than a person's health. Bills continue to arrive, families still need housing and transportation, and everyday expenses don't stop because someone is undergoing treatment. Support from the Green Bay Packers Foundation helps us continue standing beside our neighbors during one of the most difficult times of their lives."

Rock County Cancer Coalition provides direct financial assistance to Rock County residents undergoing active cancer treatment. Assistance can help cover essential living expenses such as rent or mortgage payments, utilities, insurance, phone bills and car payments, help-

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## Brodhead High School Class of 1960 reunion

The Brodhead High School class of 1960 held their reunion on Thursday, September 10, at the Senior Apartments Clubhouse.

Front row, left to right: Bill Pfisterer, George Abrams, Jan Ten Eyck Garske, Darlene Cramblett Schwartzlow, Ron Applemann, Don Wolter; back row: Bill Scobie, Calyle Erickson, Gary Saunders, Ron Schwartzlow, Shelby Maurermann Knezel, Charles Sanderlin, Jeff Knezel, Ron Wolter.

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**Brodhead High School marching band can be heard this week at the homecoming parade at 1 p.m. on Friday and present their halftime show at the football game. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)**

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## GCDC Fall Breakfast to Tackle Aging Population and Wealth Transfer Shaping Green County's Future

Panel featuring the Community Foundation (CFSW) and Forward Analytics will explore how local communities can prepare for two major demographic and economic shifts happening at once

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) will host its Fall Breakfast on Thursday, October 15, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Edelweiss Chalet Country Club in New Glarus, bringing together regional experts for a fast-paced panel discussion on two forces already reshaping Green County: an aging population and a historic transfer of generational wealth.

The panel will feature a representative from the Community Foundation (CFSW) and a representative from Forward Analytics, the research arm of the Wisconsin Counties Association, moderated by GCDC Executive Director Olivia Otte. Rather than revisiting well-known demographic trends, the conversation is designed to move past the headlines—examining where wealth is headed as it changes hands, which local sectors will feel the age shift first, and what communities that are already adapting well are doing differently.

"Most people in this room already know our population is aging, we're not here to repeat that," said Otte. "We're here because that shift and a massive transfer of wealth are happening on the same timeline, and our community needs a plan for both. This breakfast is about leaving with real ideas and tangible steps forward."

Following the panel discussion, attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions directly, with the event closing by 9:30 a.m.

The GCDC Fall Breakfast will take place Thursday, October 15, from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at Edelweiss Chalet Country Club, W4764 Edelweiss Rd, New Glarus, WI 53574. The event is open to the public. Those interested in attending can RSVP by going to this link—https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/fvkg5he—or by calling the office at 608-328-9452.

## THE ODD COUPLE

Get ready for an evening of unmatched comedic timing and relatable domestic chaos as the Monroe Theatre Guild proudly presents Neil Simon's timeless masterpiece, The Odd Couple. The highly anticipated production kicks off Friday, October 2nd and runs through Sunday, October 11th, offering area theatergoers two consecutive weekends of laughs. Winner of multiple Tony Awards, The Odd Couple follows the hilarious and strained relationship of two recently divorced men forced to share an apartment: the fastidious, high-strung neat freak Felix Ungar and the carefree, slovenly sportswriter Oscar Madison. As their wildly conflicting lifestyles collide under one roof, the duo discovers that even the best of friends can make the worst of roommates.

The show takes place at the Monroe Theatre Guild located at 910 16th Avenue, Monroe. Tickets are on sale now and are expected to move quickly for this laugh-out-loud American classic. The Monroe Theatre Guild offers three easy ways to secure your seats. Purchase anytime directly at monroetheatre.com/tickets. Tickets are also available for purchase by phone at 608-325-1111, or in person during MTG's office hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Don't miss the chance to support local performing arts and experience one of the most celebrated comedies in theater history right here in Monroe!

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Albertson Memorial Public Library

**By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian**

The Bear Theme for Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time continued with musical bears. Bears in a Band (byParenteau) tells of four bears who just couldn't make a good sound, until Big Bear wakes up from his nap (who can sleep through THAT racket?) and uses a soup ladle to direct them. Berlioz the Bear (by Brett) proves that even the smallest of us can make a big difference, when the bee gets the mule to move the wagon full of musical bears. In The Bear and the Piano (by Litchfield) the bear becomes a famous pianist but decides his long-time friends are his best fans. The kiddos used a folded piece of paper and brown paint to do an ink blot bear that turned out so amazing, complete with eyes and a black paper nose!

Next week, Story Time will feature bears at bedtime: Bear Can't Sleep (by McGee), Those Pesky Rabbits (by Flood) and Kisses for Daddy (by Watts). The preschoolers will make a paper plate sleeping bag for their teddy bear puppet, with a quilt and a pillow! Fun, right?

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and there's always time to play with our preschool friends! (Last week, one little girl asked another if she wanted to be best friends!) We meet before regular library hours and have the run of the place. It's always fun! Sometimes one parent or another continues story time by reading another book to whomever wants to listen. You should join the fun. You won't regret it!





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## Garage Sales




**BRODHEAD**

**HUGE CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE. UCC Church, E201 23rd Street.** Fri., Sept. 25, Sat., Sept. 26 and Fri., Oct. 2, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sat., Oct. 3, 8 a.m. to noon.

**N4198 Oak Hill Circle,** Thursday 4-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. 50 pairs of boots, 20 pairs of sandals, shoes, sized 9 1/2-10 women's, over 100 pairs of pants, capris size 14W-20W, women's shirts, skirts, dresses size 1X, 2X, 3X, mystery novels, animated Christmas dolls, porcelain roses and figurines, glass slippers, handmade Indian jewelry, Indian collector dolls, Indian pictures, collector plates, vintage lady ceramic masks, doilies.

**N2243 Hayden Court,** Help us clear out the garage! More items have been added for the final sale of the year!! Friday, Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Antique twin bed frame w/vanity dresser, buffet, china hutch, shower surround, glasses vases for crafts or wedding, air brush for cake decorating, holiday treat bags/boxes, candy molds, motorcycle helmets, women's Harley pants, cat items, pool pump, sand filter, chemicals, wintercover, lots of household miscellaneous items, tents, bikes, holiday miscellaneous and a ton of clothes. Junior girls L (11/12) to XXXL (21), women's small-plus size 4 (24), men's M-XXL. women's shoes 9-11, prom and homecoming dresses (16-22). And way more that we probably forgot to list! ****If you bought the vibration plate at the last sale please stop out to get the remote****

**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.

## Help Wanted



**Help wanted**

**Part-time Custodian**
**Flexible schedule up to 10 hours per week**
**Albany United Methodist Church**
**500 Park Street, Albany, WI**

**Call Church office at 608-862-3206 to inquire about position and request application.**

**Application deadline is Thursday, October 1, 2026**

**Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.**

# POLICE

**Brodhead Municipal Court**
**Finding Date: 09/02/2026 through 09/02/2026**

Alyssa June Ackland, Janesville, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/23/2026, $108.80.

Antonia Min Berenbaum, Madison, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/07/2026, $134.

James L. Bettenhausen, Albany, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 08/02/2026, $108.80.

Treyton Lloyd Buh, Evansville, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/06/2026, $108.80.

Raul F. Carcamo Lopez, Waukegan, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/10/2026, $108.80.

Humberto Casales, Bull Valley, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/31/2026, $108.80.

Deborah K. Clark, Durand, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/23/2026, $108.80.

Darren Howard Clarke, Monroe, operating after suspension, violation date 05/09/2026, $134.

Jimmy D. Coggins, Brodhead, vehicle operator fail/wear seat belt, violation date 07/28/2026, $10.

Roxana Maria Colin, Madison, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/11/2026, $134.

Jackie A. Covert, Brodhead, operator fail/have passenger/seat belted, violation date 07/23/2026, $10.

Annika J. Cronin, Minneapolis, MN, zone and posted limits, violation date 05/21/2026, $134.

Christen T. Cupp, Clarksville, IN, zone and posted limits, violation date 08/02/2026, $159.20.

Mohamed Ali Dahir, Madison, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/22/2026, $108.80.

Jesus Alberto Duran Martinez, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/27/2026, $159.20; zone and posted limits, violation date 07/30/2026, $108.80.

Rena Mae Elliott, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/11/2026, $108.80.

Peggy Lea Enloe, Beloit, vehicle operator fail/wear seat belt, violation date 07/28/2026, $10.

David A. Flodeen, Footville, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/27/2026, $108.80.

Jose Arturo Fortin, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 08/02/2026, $134.

Austin Allen Gillham, Footville, operating after suspension, violation date 08/02/2026, $134.

Richard Joseph Hanley, Jr., Janesville, operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 07/28/2026, $134; non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/28/2026, $108.80.

Michelle Deanna Holmes, Oregon, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/31/2026, $108.80.

Nathaniel Tyrone Ingram, Rockford, IL, possess open intoxicants in motor vehicle, violation date 06/10/2026, $197; possess drug paraphernalia, violation date 06/10/2026, $124; zone and posted limits, violation date 06/10/2026, $108.80.

Titus L. Ingram, Rockford, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/28/2026, $159.20.

Mason Thomas Jarosinski, Watertown, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/23/2026, $108.80.

Steven David Jennings, Englewood, CO, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/31/2026, $108.80.

Lila Levion King, Monroe, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/23/2026, $108.80.

Ashley Marie Kreeger, Shannon, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/22/2026, $134.

Michael John Krupke, Freeport, IL, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 08/02/2026, $108.80.

Andrea Marie Marcellis, Brodhead, operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 07/31/2026, $134.

Sean James Mawhinney, Beloit, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/11/2026, $108.80.

Dawn Lea McMichael, Rockford, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/27/2026, $108.80.

Jessica Marie Moran, Monroe, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/23/2026, $108.80.

Vicki Lynn Neumueller, Janesville, operate motor vehicle without proof of insurance, violation date 08/20/2026, $10.

Daymein Mathias Nuber, Beloit, display unauthorized vehicle registration plate, violation date 07/08/2026, $171.80.

Misael Olmos Garcia, Beloit, operating while revoked, violation date 07/04/2026, $134.

Breanna Grace Pearson, Madison, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/27/2026, $108.80.

Kenneth James Pedreira, Jr., Brodhead, operating while intoxicated, violation date 07/17/2026, $996.

Anna Marie Pember, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/15/2026, $108.80.

Chad J. Pergande, Deforest, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/29/2026, $108.80.

Tiffani Jane Perske, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 08/02/2026, $108.80; operate motor vehicle without insurance, violation date 08/02/2026, $134.

Rykiel A. Reeser, Sterling, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/28/2026, $108.80.

Earl Franklin Rogers, Beloit, operating while revoked, violation date 07/17/2026, $134.

Carlos Anthony Rubio, Jr., Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 08/02/2026, $134.

Colleen Ann Ryan, Palmyra, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/28/2026, $108.

Laura Elizabeth Scudiere, Fitchburg, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/06/2026, $134.

Daniel M. Swiggum, Bellflower, CA, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/31/2026, $108.80.

Seth Lee Tracy, Orfordville, failure to transfer vehicle title, violation date 07/30/2026, $108.80; operating after suspension, violation date 07/30/2026, $134.

Omar Trujillo Alpizar, Rockford, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 07/30/2026, $159.20.

Robert Dl West, Monroe, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 07/04/2026, $108.80; zone and posted limits, violation date 07/04/2026, $159.20.

Joseph Carl Yablonski, Brodhead, vehicle operator fail/wear seat belt, violation date 07/31/2026, $10.

## 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.*

*Awarding of the bids will be made as soon as possible after the opening of the bids. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid.* *9/23/26 and 09/30/26*

**FREE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING EVENT**
Green County Residents Only
No Businesses

Monday, October 12-Friday, October 16
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
W2002 CTH SS, Brodhead, WI 53520
608-897-8605
Visit the Landfill webpage at greencountywi.org for a list of eligible devices.

**EVENTO GRATUITO DE RECICLAJE DE RESIDUOS ELECTRÓNICOS**
Solo para residentes del condado de Green
No se permiten negocios

Lunes, 12 de octubre-Viernes, 16 de octubre
8 a.m. a 2 p.m.
W2002 CTH SS, Brodhead, WI 53520
608-897-8605
Visite la página web del vertedero en greencountywi.org para obtener una lista de dispositivos elegibles.

## Awarded

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ing alleviate some of the financial stress that can accompany a cancer diagnosis.

For RCCC, the recognition from one of Wisconsin's most iconic organizations represents more than financial support.

"We are incredibly proud to be a local organization serving local people, and being selected by the Packers Foundation validates the importance of that work," Ziolek added. "Every dollar RCCC raises stays right here in Rock County. This partnership helps us continue making sure our neighbors facing cancer know they don't have to face the financial burden alone."

The Green Bay Packers Foundation's 2026 annual grant cycle focused on organizations addressing human services, homelessness and animal welfare. RCCC was selected within the human services focus area.

The Packers Foundation distributed $1.6 million through its annual grant program this year. Combined with impact grants and other grantmaking, more than $3.5 million has been awarded through Packers Foundation grants in 2026.

"We're pleased to award $1.6 million through our annual Packers Foundation grants," Packers President and CEO Ed Policy said in announcing the grants. "It is a privilege for the Packers to be in a position to support the critical work these organizations do in our communities and throughout the state. We are proud to support their causes and shine a light on them."

The Green Bay Packers Foundation was established in 1986 and has since distributed more than $33 million for charitable purposes.

About Rock County Cancer Coalition

Rock County Cancer Coalition is a community-based nonprofit organization providing financial and emotional support to individuals in active cancer treatment, helping reduce everyday burdens and strengthen our community during difficult times. RCCC provides direct financial assistance for essential living expenses and offers opportunities for connection and support for individuals and families facing cancer.

To learn more about Rock County Cancer Coalition, apply for assistance, volunteer or support its mission, visit the Rock County Cancer Coalition website www.rockcountycancercoalition.org.




# Collective Ownership Project Announced

## Partnerships plans for "farmhood" to address housing and farm access issues in Green County, WI

Marbleseed today announced a partnership with the Green County Development Corporation focused on collective ownership and farmland access.

This one-year planning project will result in a solution to two intertwining issues: the housing crisis faced by many rural communities and the struggle of the next generation of organic farmers to find and afford land.

The Collective Ownership Project has the following goals:

•Initiation of the planning of a "farmhood" community in south central Wisconsin with a focus on census tracks that lack adequate food and housing access.

•Identification of suitable land for farming as well as 20 residential units in a clustered conservation development.

•Preservation of both farmland and open spaces that provide wildlife habitat and ecosystem services.

The area of focus covers 58 square miles and has a population of just over 6,000. Green County has a higher low-income population than the state average. Environmental concerns include impaired waterways, particulate matter, and nitrogen dioxide. Cancer and disability rates are also higher than the state average. Typical of many rural communities, there is a housing shortage, and the area is designated as a food desert.

The project will foster community connection and belonging by serving as a housing hub. It will provide land for a minimum of five early career farmers, who in turn will grow affordable and healthy food. By using organic practices, the farms will improve the area's soil and water quality, reducing its current risk for flooding.

Olivia Otte, the executive director of Green County Development Corporation, says her organization will assist with partnership development with local municipalities and land searches. They will also contract with a site engineer and architect for construction budget development and planning.

"As an economic development organization, we know a community can't thrive without housing, without a path forward for the next generation, and without stewardship of the land that sustains it," says Otte. "This project lets us address all three together, and we're proud to lead the local groundwork, partnering with municipalities, landowners, and design professionals, to make it real."

Other organizations that will be involved in the project include The Farmers Land Trust, bringing expertise with easements and collective farmland access; Farm Commons, providing legal advice; and the University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives, which will create the initial cooperative formation process.

Healthy housing, farmland access, and environmental stewardship are often siloed efforts. Lori Stern, Marbleseed's executive director, notes that collective farming communities will require the expertise of numerous sectors and a varied capital stack to make it affordable for under-resourced farmers.

"As the leader of a Midwest regional farmer organization," says Stern, "I am excited to be working on this collective farmland access strategy close to home. It feels like we are harkening back to the grouping of small farms that surrounded cheese factories across Green County in shared economic effort. In this moment, the next generation of farmers needs solutions like this to afford land and provide healthy food for our community."

Stern, Otte, and other partners intend to create a replicable model that other communities in the Midwest can put into action. A major part of the work plan is creation and dissemination of a usable planning guide and a live web resource that includes case studies and potential approaches to zoning and financing.

As the team seeks suitable land for the project, project leaders encourage interested parties to reach out to Stern at lori.stern@marbleseed.org with questions.



# The Brodhead Class of 1961 celebrated their 65th class reunion in August

Those in attendance were front row, left to right: Marlene (Pinnow) Frehner, Karen (Klemm) Nelms, Ron Kubly, Loren Riemer, Lyvonne (Fairman) Olin; second row: Vickie (Olson) Caple, Joan (Olson) Fenrick, Stellan (Johnson) Wolter, Vince Visger, Ginger (Schmid) Visger; back row: Jim Ruef, Aleta (Schwartzlow) Ties, Milton Wendler, Ken Challoner, Dick Willis, Dick Olin, Gary Sutherland, Bob Olin, Darrell Clark.



**Brodhead High School Class of 1996 held its 30th class reunion on Saturday, July 25 in Brodhead. Those in attendance were front row: Jodi (Pinnow) Kail, Kerry Johnson, Teacher Mr. Mueller, Lisa (Gonzalez) Huntington, Angie (Gretebeck) Woelky, Sally (Jubie) Gulden; second row: Jeremy Pinnow, Nicole (Wahl) Feltes, Bri (Cowan) McNeal, Stephanie (Krattiger) Pinnow, Miranda Baldwin, Ben Riemer, James Cassidy, Jeremiah McNeal; third row: Curt Woelky, Erik Simonson, Todd Slack, Garrett Keefe.**

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**This picture is taken in front of the Canadian falls of 49 people who boarded the Bank of Brodhead bus trip on Sunday, September 6 and ventured to Niagara Falls, Canada. For three fun filled days they had a guided tour. Highlights included a cruise around the falls, the floral clock, seeing ships on the Welland Canal, and traveling through wine country and the "fruit belt". They tasted ice wine, maple syrup, and delicious fruit. One day they traveled to Toronto to see the sights and visit the Casa Loma Castle.**