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Brodhead Schools welcomed students back to school on Tuesday, September 1st. Please be mindful of children and busses at intersections and pickup or dropoff areas as you're out and about. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



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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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month—Gluten Free Options. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Community Blood Drive, Thursday, September 3, noon to 5:30 p.m. in UCC Fellowship Hall. Community Bible Study, Saturday mornings at 9 a.m. beginning September 12th through Saturday, October 17th.

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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. Pastor Jadyn Meyer. 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.

Arise, O God, judge the earth; for thou shalt inherit all nations.
~Psalm 82:8

There is coming a day when God is going to judge the world. All those who have refused Him will stand before Him and hear these dreadful words, "I do not know you. . .depart from Me" (Luke 13:27). Let us make sure that we are ready to meet Him. If we have trusted in His Son for the forgiveness of our sins we need not fear (1 John 1:9). We will be ready to meet Him with confidence and joyful anticipation.

—Gwenyth Frear

And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save,"
My lips shall still repeat. —Elvina M. Hall

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SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

Tuesday's 9/1 results: Bridges Bar & Gill 2 defeated The Bar 1 16-3.

Season standings: Bridges Bar & Gill 2 won 9 lost 3; Beef and the Boys 7-5; The Bar 2 6-6; Bridges Bar & Grill 1 6-6; The Bar 1 5-7.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.

OBITUARIES



Bonnie Sansom

Bonnie Sansom passed away on Monday, August 31, 2026 at the Pleasant View Nursing home in Monroe, Wisconsin, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on March 25, 1940 in Rockford, Illinois, to parents Gerald and Elva Houdeshell.

She loved to have Sunday drives with Bob, spending time with family and friends and spending countless happy hours gardening. She showed her love by cooking and baking for her family and she cherished animals and made pets of them all.

Bonnie is survived by her longtime partner, Bob Schrieber; daughters: Lorie (Romulo) Brinkmeier and Jennifer (Kykham) Khamphouy; grandchildren: Erica (Thom), Matt (Melina), Jessie, Collin, Noah (Allison), Eva (Big Ma); and great grandchildren: Alexander, Clara , Zachary, Olivia, Willow.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Elva Houdeshell; brother, Terry Houdeshell; and her beloved albino raccoon, Willard.

Services for Bonnie were already held at the D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home. D.L. Newcomer Funeral Home assisted the family in making arrangements. Online condolence can be made at Dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

The Albany Historical Society presents

On Tuesday, September 15, at 7 p.m., the Albany Historical Society will present Uncovering the Croake Colony. It will be presented by Robert Bier from Rock County's Historic Breweries, Bars, and Saloons and Jim Winter. They will present the program covering the history of the colony and artifacts that Jim recovered using a metal detector. The colony was established in the early 1840s and was located two miles northeast of Albany, near Magnolia Bluff Park.

The program will be at the Albertson Memorial Public Library located at 200 North Water Street, Albany. Questions, call or text 608-214-8289.

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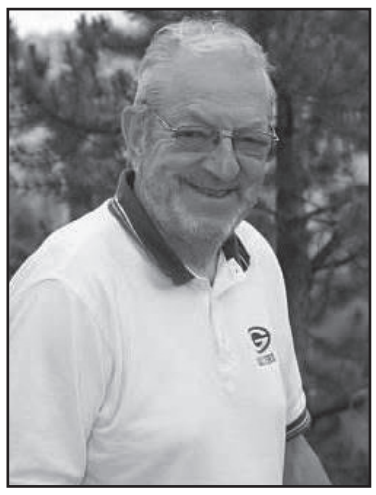


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William LeRoy Bates

December 12, 1934 - August 30, 2026

William L. "Bill" Bates, age 91, of Stoughton, passed away on Sunday, August 30, 2026, at Skaalen Nursing and Rehabilitation. He was born on December 12, 1934, in Madison, the son of Art and Irma Bates

Bill graduated from Madison East High School in 1952. He met the love of his life, Jo Anne Dahlman, on a blind date through mutual friends, and they were married in 1954 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Monona. Bill completed a five-year electrical apprenticeship with Local 159 and spent his entire 40-year career with H&H Electric. He was a member of International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for 65 years.

Bill and Jo were blessed with six children and eight grandchildren. They enjoyed playing cards, camping with family and traveling on many vacations together. After retiring in 1996, Bill and Jo moved to Brodhead where they built a home on two acres of wooded land.

Bill was a devoted Packers, Brewers, Bucks and Badgers sports fan. He enjoyed Old Fashioneds, Bloody Marys and Friday fish fries, working in his yard and especially taking fishing trips. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus for over 40 years. In 2021, Bill moved to Stoughton.

Bill is survived by his six children: Lynn (Wendell) Egeness, Diane (Kurt) Miller, Terry (Jim Ludwig) Brundish, Joy (Jeff) Gunderson, Mike (Bev) Bates and Dan (Emily) Bates; and grandchildren: Rachael Lawry, Zander and Skyler Gunderson, Katie, Matthew, Connor, Kiley and Addison Bates. He was preceded in death by his parents, Art and Irma; wife, Jo; and sister, Elaine Tomlinson.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Ann Catholic Church, 323 N. Van Buren St., Stoughton, at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 10, with Father Randy Budnar presiding. A private family burial will take place at Roselawn Memorial Park. Visitation will be held at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Thursday.

We miss you dad, we hope they have pie in Heaven.

Bill's family would like to extend a special thank you to Agrace HospiceCare and Skaalen Heritage Center 3 for their compassionate care.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

Congregational United Church of Christ Community Bible Study

Their Community Bible Study is BACK!! On Saturdays beginning September 12 thru October 17th, at the Congregational UCC, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead will begin a six-week study entitled "Foundations of Our Faith." Pastor Shawn Stapleton will facilitate conversation about six foundations of the Christian faith: God the Father, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church, Forgiveness of Sins, and Resurrection. Each session will set a biblical foundation for the topic, followed by guided conversation. No matter what you believe, or you're just interested in what others believe—you're welcome to participate. Each session starts at 9 a.m. and lasts about an hour. And it's free! Just bring a Bible and a curious spirit!

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~ Marcus Aurelius


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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.

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.

BHS HoCo Fest Powder Puff game

BHS HoCo Fest Powder Puff 2026! Monday September 21, 7p.m., open to the public, no charge. Homecoming Court Coronation of King and Queen will follow the games.

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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Green County Genealogical Society to meet

The Green County Genealogical Society will present "Using AI Responsibly to Recover and Restore Old Photos" by Bob Bertolasi. The presentation is Saturday, September 12 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The program is open to the public.

With rapid developments in artificial intelligence, it's more important than ever to talk about responsible use of Al in genealogy, especially when restoring or recovering historic photographs. New tools appear constantly, and while many are heavily promoted by genealogy and heritage platforms, much of that attention is driven by marketing rather than accuracy.

Over the past year, ongoing discussion within the genealogy community and emerging ethics committees have highlighted the need for transparency, faithfulness, and care when using Al with historical images. Some platforms are gaining recognition for producing restorations that many genealogists consider more accurate and respectful of the original photograph. Come learn which ones plus important questions about standards, expectations and where the performance bar should be set going forward.

This seminar explores how to use Al thoughtfully and ethically, ensuring that restored images support honest genealogical research rather than unintentionally rewriting history.

Bob currently is an instructor for Rock Valley College's Center for Learning. Bob has had a lifelong interest/hobby in Photography and currently is involved in several projects involving analog and digital photography. He served in the Air Force from 1958-1962. He traveled extensively for work and has worked in 31 countries while logging over 1.8 million air miles. He has a 1950 Ford, which he has customized to resemble the 1950 Ford he had as a teenager. Bob is married to Lois and they have three children, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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.

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 Activities September 21-26 Dress Up Days

Monday: Class Color Day—Color Fest. Seniors: light pink; juniors: yellow; sophomore: green; freshmen: light blue. Activity hour: fourth hour water balloon volleyball; Powder Puff game.

Tuesday: Western Day—Wild West Fest. Activity hour: first hour relays.

Wednesday: Hippie Day—Hippie Fest. Activity hour: fifth hour blindfold partner dodgeball.

Thursday: Concert Outfit/Concert Merch Day—Music Fest. Activity hour: second hour pool noodle knockout.

Friday: Spirit Day—Cardinal Fest. Activity hour: sixth-ninth hour boys' volleyball. Tailgate!

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Due to the Labor Day Holiday, City of Brodhead residents normally serviced on Friday, September 11th, will be serviced instead on Saturday, September 12th.
HAPPY LABOR DAY



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8U Boys-Orfordville 1

Standing: Lincoln McCannon, Malakai Cudney, Leo Andre, Coach Ethan Andre, Palmer Wichser, Reid Akkerman, Nolan Ayen; kneeling: Brock Pakes, Brayden Corcoran, Cashton Purkapile, Connor Schwartzlow, Braxton Smith.



8U Boys—Orfordville 2

Standing: Caleb Peterson, Coach Josh Peterson, Cashton Peterson, Coach Richie Cox, William Cox, Coach Al Stark, Cohen Stark; kneeling: Lincoln Niman, Greyson Bruegger, Colton Keck, Emmett Miller, Axel Knutson.



8U Boys-Orfordville 3

Standing: Gideon Funk, Coach Todd Funk, Eli Dean, Coach Jake Dean, Easton Argue, Coach Ashley Funk, Jack Schabow; kneeling: Reed Arnold, Nathan Komprood, Gatlin Jensen; sitting: Brantley Pedersen, Cole Seffrood.



8U Girls—Orfordville 1

Standing: Lexi Reidle, Fatih Wallisch, Coach Pam Wallisch, Liberty Wallisch, Mila Wellnitz; kneeling: Jolene Titus, Claire Bunts, Macy Naatz, Rose Wellnitz; sitting: Abby Popp, Payton Eley. Missing: Michelle Popp.



8U Girls—Orfordville 2

Standing: Coach Richard Wellnitz, Harper Dahl, Selena Higgs, Goldie Stoltz, Coach Sam Wellnitz; kneeling: Makenna Bolar, Abigail Olson, Riana Granberg, Josie Martin; sitting: Reece Wellnitz, Norah Schmit. Missing: Jocelyn Purdy.



10U Boys—Orfordville 1

Standing: Kash Carter, Oliver Huari, Coach Arthur Hauri, Ezra Flodeen-Jackson, Coach Tyler Zavadsty, Jack Neild, Luke Neild; kneeling: Oscar Mielke, Jackson Allen, Lucas Schwartzlow, Ian Stuettgen; sitting: Owen Suiter, Jordan Knutson, Theron Foerster, Max Brueggen.



10U Boys—Orfordville 2

Standing: Phoenix Pomplun, Jacob Wellnitz, Coach Dan Wellnitz, Casen Cavitt, Coach Steve Cavitt, Cade Cavitt, Coach Kerry Lindroth, Wyatt Lindroth, Layton Nath; kneeling: Levi Allen, Ryder Akkerman, Robert Knutson; sitting: Sawyer Martin, Callen McWilliams.



10U Girls—Orfordville 1

Standing: Amelia Schmit, Elsie Cox, Coach Anna Engen, Kennedi Engen, Coach Tyler Engen, Fiona Jones, Emmalynn Bolar; kneeling: Emma Burtness, Parker Sturdevant, Blakely Freitag, Brynn Knutson; sitting: Ida Cox.



10U Girls—Orfordville 2

Standing: Rylee Huffman, Becca Popp, Coach Adam Popp, Brynlee Keck, Jessica Lincoln, Ella Ireland, Hadley Spoerry; kneeling: Holly Wollin, Isla Bunts; sitting: Sarah Howard, Nora Satre.



All Star League—Orfordville

Standing: Coach Gary Henning, Grant Simonson, Coach Eric Henning, Declan Hatlevig, Coach Jeromy Hatlevig, Owen Naatz, Coach Aaron Laursen, Kamden Laursen; kneeling: Reid Ireland, Gavin Krueger, Leo Jones, Austin Kline; sitting: Jayt Boogaard, Benjamin Oscarson, Dominic Ochoa. Missing: Tucker Medearis.



12U Boys—Orfordville 1

Standing: Braxtyn, Jase Johnson, Coach Todd Funk, Wyatt Funk, Corey Disch; kneeling: August Sankey, Ryker Hadley, Caleb Howard, Jacob Klade. Missing: Coach Dustin Wohlfert, Max Wohlfert, Wyatt Ferraro, Easton Hazeltine.



12U Boys—Orfordville 2

Standing: Abel McWilliams, Tatem Constantini, Coach Shawn Contantini, Henry Hudson, Coach Kory Wallisch, Colton Wallisch, Landon Borzyskowski; kneeling: Sam Schwarz, Jaxon Letheby, Sawyer Allen, Emerson Schmidt, Mayson Menehan, Braxtyn Menehan, Reid Williams.

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14U Girls—Orfordville

Standing: Marti Klassy, Jancy Wilke, Coach Jerrad Wilke, Bailey Roden, Coach Lindsay Roden, Braylee Loveridge, Lorelei Beard; kneeling: Jocelyn Box, Whitley Coles, Riley Schulz, Lucy Woodman; sitting: Riley Anderson, Miah Suiter, Kylee Schilb. Missing: Jordan Speich.



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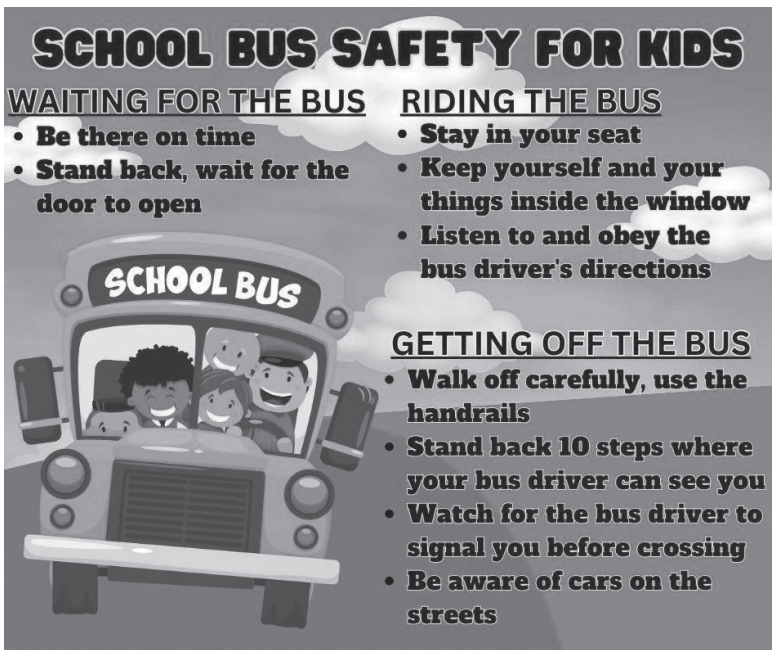
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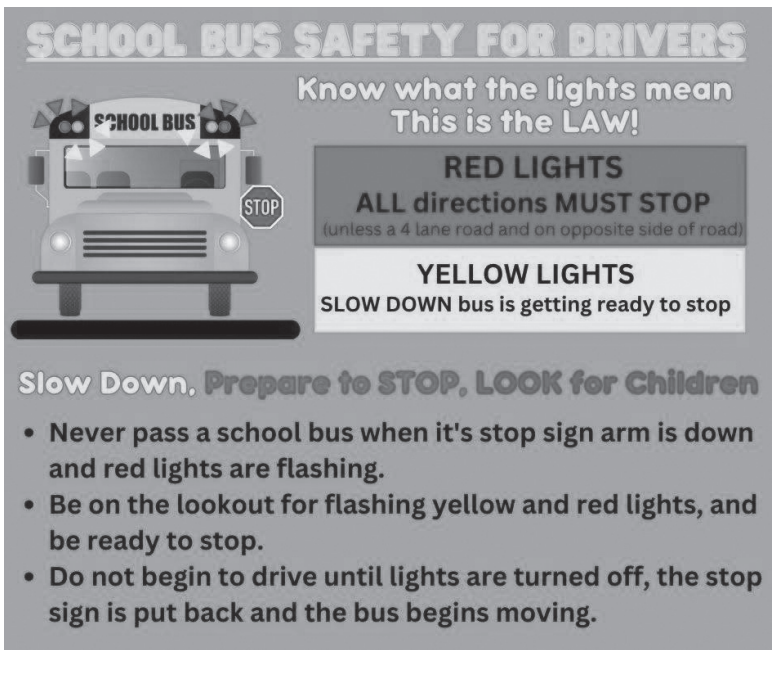
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Master Yodeler Kerry Christensen will be appearing exclusively at the Turner Hall of Monroe, Wisconsin on Friday, September 18 and Saturday, September 19, during the community's biennial Cheese Days Festival.

Turner Hall of Monroe's Swiss Heritage Series announce Master Yodeler Kerry Christensen to perform

The Turner Hall of Monroe's Swiss Heritage Series is excited to announce that Master Yodeler Kerry Christensen will be performing two concerts in Turner Hall's Grand Hall during Cheese Days Festival weekend. He will be taking the stage on Friday, September 18 at 7 p.m., and Saturday, September 19 at 6 p.m. Both performances are free, but donations will be accepted for the Swiss Heritage Series. Additionally, Kerry will do a presentation on world yodeling styles on Saturday, September 19 at noon, also in Turner Hall's Grand Hall. Located at 1217 17th Avenue, Monroe, the historic landmark is two blocks south of Monroe's downtown Square, near the Middle School.

From Utah, Kerry first appeared in Monroe at Turner Hall over 20 years ago, which launched him into the role of featured performer for the Cheese Days Festival through 2024. Raised on a potato farm in Idaho, Kerry developed a passion for yodeling in the mid-1970s while in Austria, then continued practicing 14-15 hours a day as he drove the family tractor around the potato fields. His career as a professional yodeler took off when Disney World in Orlando hired him in 1984 to work in the German Pavilion at Epcot Center, where he was the Disney World Yodeler until 1990. After his experience at Disney, Kerry headed out on his own and has had great success as one of only two or three professional full-time yodelers in the United States. His yodeling has taken him to various festivals and events all over the United States and Canada, as well as being an honored guest and performer in 2013 and 2018 at World Yodel Day in South Korea.

Honoring the culture and traditions Green County, Wisconsin's earliest cheesemakers brought with them from Switzerland, Turner Hall's Grand Hall will also be the site for other Swiss-related performances on the Saturday of Cheese Days. The Monroe Swiss Singers will start with a half hour performance at 11 a.m., followed by Kerry's world yodeling presentation at noon. Other performances include the Green County Alphorns at 1 p.m.; die Musikfreunde, with traditional Swiss folk tunes, at 2 p.m.; a PowerPoint presentation on Swiss Immigration to Green County at 3 p.m.; and the New Glarus Yodel Club at 4 p.m., followed at 5 p.m. by another mini-concert by the Monroe Swiss Singers before Kerry's 6 p.m. performance.

Established in 1868 by Swiss and German immigrants as a place to carry on homeland traditions, including gymnastics (a gymnast is a Turner), the Turner Hall of Monroe is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, and believed to be the only Turner Hall of Swiss origin left in the United States. The present building, a Swiss Emmental-style chalet designed by German architect Max Hanisch, opened in 1938 following the destruction of the original building by fire in 1936. It is listed on the National and State Registers of Historic Places.

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group RN earns DAISY Award

'Erin consistently followed through on every promise'

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group Registered Nurse (RN) Erin Kettle was recently surprised with a DAISY Award for providing exceptional patient care.

Kettle was nominated for the award by Michele Schiess, who described her as a real-life superhero who always protects and advocates for others after guiding her husband Brian through a difficult and uncertain medical journey. She wrote:

"I want to take a moment to express just how grateful we are for Erin and the incredible impact she had during a challenging time for our family. When my loved one was faced with persistent abdominal pain, Erin truly became our guiding light. From the very first message I sent about an upcoming procedure, Erin took charge with remarkable professionalism and compassion.

Erin communicated the plan for referral, advocated for timely care by calling to expedite the final MRI/MRCP interpretation, seamlessly coordinated care between both the local and Madison specialists, and made sure our primary provider was kept informed. Erin consistently followed through on every promise, always keeping us updated in a timely manner. The clear communication let us know exactly what to expect at each step.

I realize Erin was likely balancing care for many patients over the course of several days, but to us, it felt as though we were the only ones under her care. She not only inquired about my husband's well-being but also took the time to ask how I was doing, recognizing the importance of caring for the whole family and acknowledging the emotional toll of navigating healthcare."

The DAISY Foundation was established by family members of J. Patrick Barnes, a young man who died from an auto-immune disease. Compassionate care and clinical excellence are at the heart of the DAISY Award and SSM Health's mission.

Congratulations, Erin!


Erin Kettle after receiving the BEE Award on Wed., Sept. 2.

Community Wide Garage Sales

Sept. 11-12-13, 2026

Footville

435 S. Gilbert Street—Friday, Saturday, Sunday 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Antiques, thousands of collectible cards—more than 50 graded cards, 2 wood ironing tables, baby stroller, baby buggy, sled, 4 wood chairs, porcelain dolls, wood crates, wicker antique stroller, Pepsi telephone, unopened Wheatie boxes, steins, collectible plates, assortment of tools, watches and jewelry, 3 Transformers, much much more.

Orfordville

502 N Maple Street—7:30-4 p.m. Multi family sale, Games, toys, tools, woman motorcycle coat-helmet-pants, suitcases, coolers, crafts, drill pres, chop saw, seasonal decor, dishes, decor, furniture.

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505 1st Center Avenue—Saturday 8 a.m. until ? Utility trailer, household items, cleaning products, antique lamps, clothing, decorations, Jeff Gordon hood, Dale Sr. & Jr. items, Jeff Gordon blanket, miscellaneous items.

401 E. 2nd Avenue—9 a.m.-5 p.m. Clothes, jewelry, doll clothes, tools, sanders, old chairs, antique double wash tubs, collector plates, Avon, figurines, puzzles, movies, shoes, books, college computer book, college accounting book.

501 4th Street—8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Cloth bowls, shopping bags, table runners, quilts, Tupperware, odds and ends.

403 9th Street—Thursday, September 10-Saturday, September 12, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Homecoming dresses size small, clothes 4T to adult 2X, paper crafting supplies, costume jewelry, houseplants, holiday deocrations, lots of miscellaneous vintage and antique including 1800s English rocking chair, cherry drop leaf gate-leg table and jars/zinc lids. Watkins products available.

407 10th Street—Huge shed sale. Friday, September 11, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday, September 12, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. A pickers paradise! The place for all things vintage and salvaged. Recently unpacked treasures that have been stored for 30+ years. Wood doors, lathe, Avon collectibles, ceramics, precious moments plates, baskets, road signs, luggage hitch rack, new countertop dishwasher, wash stand, bench seat, power tools, routers, John Deere cardboard parts boxes, metal cabinets, Pabst and Coke collectibles, ashtrays, vintage vacuums, knife set, lamps, games, original Howe sewing machine in cabinet, wooden chairs, table, bookcases, desk, coffee table, TV stand, dressers, file cabinets, metal parts washer, tires on rims, dart board, trailer jacks, skis, vintage books by the box, cameras, marvel trading cards, stereo equipment. Come and check it out. Everything must go!!

1105 W. 2nd Avenue, Spring Grove office—Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Boys clothes 10/12, women's and junior clothes size S-L, women's shoes and fashion boots, office furniture, home decor, antique, Norwex products, homemade dog bandanas, wooden armoire, hunting gear.

1601 19th Street, in the back shed—September 11-12-13, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. men's Carhart shirts, mens, womens, kids, baby clothes, LuLuLemon and Nike clothes, high chair, rocking chairs, V-Tech rocking horse, stroller, dolls, bench, antiques and collectibles, cement Packer, Badger, deer and cardinal, Highland cows statuary, solar lights, chair planters, pots, pans, silverware, gift baskets, home decor, scrubbies, potholders, metal yard decor, garden goodies, bedding, puzzles, tools, roof rake, shovels, coats, sweatshirts, pressure cooker and much more.

2604 W. 5th Avenue—Saturday, September 12, 8 a.m.-noon. Queen/full headboard, daybed frame, picture frames, vinyl LP records, vintage crochet blankets, women's clothing—many new, women's shoes, coats, king mattress topper, home decor, seasonal decor, kitchen knife set, beer glasses, CDs, DVDs.

194 Cedar Avenue—8 a.m.-4 p.m. Scrolled wood animals, Christmas decorations, word art and more. Handmade quilted cozies, pot holders and more.

W655 County Road E—Friday and Saturday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Inflatable pool toys, plant pots and saucers, canoe paddles, stools and folding chairs, tomato cages, hunting bows and arrows, handheld tools, lumber boards, doors, windows and screens, nails, nuts, bolts and screws, chairs, sewer snakes, hanging meat scales, cabinets, Jamaican beaded jewelry, pool table and cues, bar and 4 matching stools, bar height kitchen set and 2 chairs, picnic tables, buffet, many other garage and household items!

N4039 Pine Court—Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Craft supplies A to Z, decorations for cabin, Christmas trees, bridal, baby shower party ware, wall decor, full size headboard and frame, billiards light, tools, kid clothes and toys. Vintage: Blue Ridge Mountain plates, wood desk.

N4075 Golf Course Road—9 a.m.-5 p.m. Treadmill, stationary bike, blue jars, antique record player, pet cages, kitchen items, XX-large men's shirts, hats, honey extractor, fishing poles, tools, metal wheels, kayaks, walker, game table, antique sewing machine, truck tire, fencing, table saw, drill press.

N4228 Country Club Drive—Friday and Saturday only, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Trailer, aquarium/stand, snow thrower, spreader, grass/fertilizer, card table/chairs, VHS/DVDs movies, Christmas items, kitchen items, bowling balls, DVD player, Fisher stereo system, recipe cards, cast iron tree stand, metal vet. flag, paintings, pocket watch, watch bands, belt buckle, collectable plates, Shark steamer.

N2426 County Road GG—Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Estate rummage sale. Clothing, household items, tools, antiques, little bit of everything for everyone.

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W570 Theresa Court—Thursday, September 10 thru Saturday, September 12, 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Living room set—couch with 2 wing-back chairs and ottoman, flip top bar cabinet, lamps, assorted pictures, Thanksgiving decor, Christmas decor, outdoor Christmas lights and wreaths, women's name brand clothing large to 1XL, women's winter coats, men's clothing, antique collectables: Avon, Marigold Carnival glass, vintage glassware, Coca Cola items, kitchen dishes—Corelle Abundance pattern, bedding, DVDs, Blu-Ray movies, tools, and miscellaneous items too many to list.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Regular School Board Meeting
September 9, 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 Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order by President Pfingsten
II. Roll Call
Dennis Pfingsten Jen Brooks
Eric Munz Kendra Sullivan
Courtney Martins Rustin Whitney
Amber Scheidegger
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 August 10, 2026
2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
5. Donations (Action)
VIII. Reports
1. School Staff/Student Report
•Early Graduation Requests
•Music Department
2. School Board President's Report
•School Funding Meeting in Monroe—August 18th at 6 p.m.
•Wednesday, October 28, 2026—Sun Prairie Regional Meeting
•Joint School Board Meeting—November 4, 2026 in Juda
3. Administrator Report
•Staffing Updates
•Strategic Plan/Continuous Improvement
•Review of events/Upcoming events
•Recreation Department Update
•Other updates as necessary
IX. Referendum Updates
X. Field Trip Approval: Discussion/Action
•Art Trip to Galena, IL—October 22
•National FFA Convention to Indianapolis—October 21-24
XI. Dual Credit Update: Discussion/Action
XII. Five Minute Recess
XIII. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
•Discuss Administrator Contract
XIV. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
XV. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
•October 14, 2026
•October 21, 2026—Annual Meeting
•November 4, 2026—Joint School Board meeting
XVI. Adjournment

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Brodhead National Night Out August 11, 2026











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Senior, Chesney Walker #9 and Sophomore, Gracie Hefty #3 with a double block vs Craig at the Janesville Craig Invite. (Photo courtesy of Amber Rear)



The team celebrating Freshman, Paige Bauman #4 serving an Ace vs Craig. The underclassmen that lend their talents to varsity volleyball include five sophomores and one freshman. The team begins conference play next week Thursday at Edgerton and on Saturday will host their Brodhead Invite. (Photo courtesy of Amber Rear)

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Brodhead Juda football takes to the field (file photo). The team travelled to Dodgeville last Friday with both teams coming at 0-2 for the season. No stats were available at press time due to the early deadline. This week, the team returns to Gary Larson Field in a conference matchup against Prairie du Chien. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Brodhead Rec 2026 Tuesday Night Wood & Limited Aluminum Bat League Champs Bridge's Bar & Grill 2

Top left standing: Evan Schrader, Payton Woker, Jordee Watkins, Kyle Woodworth, Aaron Hatlevig, Aaron Guilbault; bottom left kneeling: Skyler Stuckey, Blake Burns, Austin Pax, Raice Kampmeier. Not Pictured: Domanic Wiegel, Kyle Nyman, Corey Foster, Tyson Foster, Matt Vike, Cody Sulzer, Larry Winterland, Lucas Reed.