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## School Board

### Elizabeth Kempel Thanked for Six Years of Service

By Grace Kufahl

Superintendent Novy congratulated Carl Hearing for winning the seat being vacated by Elizabeth Kempel. He also expressed gratitude to Kempel for her six years of dedicated service to the school board.

Middle School Principal Adam Ferger and students gave a presentation on the STEM Club started this year. The club was created in answer to requests to get students involved in Robotics Competitions. Since those are expensive with early deadlines and certification requirements, to gauge student interest, they started with a small pilot program of 10 students from grades four through eight. Anne Corbit volunteered her time to run the club this year. Students reported they're enjoying the hands-on learning experiences that enhance their understanding of science and engineering.

Novy reported the district's health plan costs will increase by 7.6% or \$158,011. The district's share will be six-percent with staff bearing the rest of the increased costs. After discussing potentially decreasing the Health Savings Account contributions, the board opted to approve the health plan as is, including continuing the Employee Clinic.

Superintendent Novy presented

the first reading of several policy changes to the board, including guidelines for class sizes, policies addressing Act 57 concerning sexual misconduct and child abuse and neglect, a device usage policy in accordance with Act 42, and the necessity for school support organizations such as boosters and Kid Connection to indemnify the district or be required to maintain a million-dollar insurance policy. The board will discuss the policies further next month.

#### In Other Business:

Principal Matthys reported judges are needed for the Senior Projects being presented Wednesday, May 6th.

The board approved of the district's new vision statement after its initial reading and recommended revisions to the mission statement for the superintendent to take back to the committee.

Following the 4K open house and open enrollment period, the district has determined that, so far, only one additional elementary school teacher is required to accommodate three 4K sections.

The board approved the request to hire a varsity girls wrestling coach to address the challenges posed by one individual attempting to coach two teams that frequently have meets scheduled at the same time at different locations.

### Brodhead Jaycess Dueling Pianos fund-raiser successful

The Brodhead Jaycees are excited to share the success of their recent Dueling Pianos fund-raiser, which raised over \$6,000 in support of the future splash pad. The event brought together community members for an evening filled with music, energy, and a shared commitment to enhancing local recreation opportunities.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the in-

credible generosity of many local businesses, organizations, and individuals.

The Jaycees extend sincere thanks to the event's Presenting Sponsor, The Morse Group, whose leadership support helped make the evening possible. Additional appreciation goes to our Supporting Sponsors The Bank of New Glarus, Turke and Steil, and Jeremy Pinnow and Associates for their continued

## Unofficial Election Results City of Brodhead

### Tues., April 7

Justice of the Supreme Court—Chris Taylor: 463, Maria S. Lazar: 271.

Court of Appeals District 4—Rachel A. Graham: 520.

Green County Supervisor District 18—Thomas Simpson: 17; Paul Hardenstine: 32; Edward "Casey" Jones: 5.

Green County Supervisor District 19—Franz Mussared Varga: 186.

Green County Supervisor District 20—Sam Wilke: 171; Edward "Casey" Jones: 14.

Rock County Supervisor District 10—Brian Knudson: 19.

Municipal-Mayor—Jill Baxter: 471; Troy Nyman: 250.

Municipal Alderperson at Large (vote three)—Mary Bartels: 438; Tonya Hegi Colvin: 401; Ben Gritzmaker: 339; Troy Nyman: 405.

School District Board Member (vote three)—Carl Hearing: 325; Michael Oellerich: 361; Jennifer Flory: 478; Ethan Reed: 232; Dennis Wendt: 179.

commitment to community initiatives.

A special thank you is also extended to the Silent Auction Sponsors, including The Nurturing Tree Early Learning Academy, Jed and Elizabeth Kempel, Bridge's Bar and Grill, and Arn's Auto, whose contributions helped build an exciting and successful auction.

The success of the silent auction was further driven by the generosity of numerous donors. The Jaycees would like to recognize Peder and Kirsten Johansson of Portage Point, A Simple Life Homegoods, Decatur Dairy, Cove's Electric and Jerrica Schwartz of JS Designs for their beautifully curated baskets. Additional thanks go to Campbell's Piggly Wiggly, Melissa P Photogra-



## Brodhead School Board Member Service

Elizabeth Kempel attended her final school board meeting this past Wednesday, concluding six years of dedicated service since first joining the board in 2020. During her tenure, she served as Vice President and was a steady, thoughtful leader for our district.

Elizabeth played an instrumental role in guiding the district through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as in the successful passage of two operational referendums and the 2024 bond referendum that supported our recent facility improvements. In addition to her leadership on the board, she was also a valued member of both the Finance Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee.

They will miss her guidance greatly and appreciate the six years of service on the board. Thank you, Elizabeth!

phy, the Green County YMCA for a gift certificate, Michael and Kristin Oellerich for Brewers tickets, and Albrecht Elementary School Kid Connection for numerous item donations.

Funds raised from the event will directly support the construction of a new splash pad at Jaycee Park—an inclusive and accessible space designed for families and children of all abilities to gather, play, and connect.

The Brodhead Jaycees are deeply grateful for the continued support and look forward to building on this momentum as the project moves forward. They ask that the community continue to support our local businesses that do so much for our community every day!

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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship September through May. Sunday school every other Sunday September thru May at 8:45 a.m. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Game Day at the UCC—third Tuesday of the month. UCC Spring Fish Boil, Sat., May 9, 4:30-7 p.m. Women's Luncheon Free Community Event, Thurs., May 14, at 11:30 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

## OBITUARY



### Christine K. Withrow

Christine K. Withrow "Grandma Rader," age 78, from Brodhead, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2026 at SSM Health Hospital in Monroe. She was born on August 14, 1947 the daughter of Donald and Thelma (Kail) Peters. Christine graduated from Stillman Valley High School in 1965 and went on to earn her Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science in Respiratory Care. In 1992 Christine married the love of her life Sherrell "Pug" Withrow. She dedicated her career to helping others as a Respiratory Therapist, working at hospitals in both Rockford and Beloit. Christine was a devoted member of St. Rose Catholic Church, as well as the ABATE Club and the Red Hats.

Christine is survived by her children: Kenneth (Rebecca) La Fleur of Henderson, Nevada and Donna Rader of Freeport, Illinois; step-son, Michael Schultz of Lake Geneva; 10 grandchildren; and siblings: Connie (Rick) Austin of Brodhead, Sheri Meligan of Juda, and Jeffrey (Stacey) Peters of Kenosha.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Mike Peters; grandson, Cody Rader; and brother-in-law, James Meligan.

A Memorial Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 26, from 2 until 4 p.m. at Everson Funeral Home. Interment will take place in West Virginia at Huse Memorial Park and Mausoleum next to her husband.

### 2026 Gap Church Cemetery Notice

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

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starting Sunday, April 12 for several weeks.

The speakers will be:  
**Brandon Doll & Ben Wenger**

For questions, call Mike Wenger at 608-214-1410 or  
Kent Walton at 608-354-9383. No collections will be taken.  
We look forward to seeing you there.

## Are you an Optimist?

By Heidi Hahlen

For the past 24 years, the members of the Brodhead Optimist Club have been local residents who were dedicated to "bringing out the best in kids". That dedication continues in today's members. Through our fund-raising local activities, our mission is making a difference in the lives of others. Our past fund-raising events have been very successful and we are proud to report that we were recognized for our donation of a total of \$53,664.94 in support of the youth of our southern Wisconsin community. In celebration, our NOW dinner, 'New Optimists Welcome', is scheduled for Thursday, April 16th, at the Village Inn, 251 Depot, Footville, Wisconsin. New members will be introduced and welcomed during the evening's event as well as the current officers. We are always looking for new ideas and energy that come from new members. If you are interested in learning more about our mission and goals, please consider joining us for a nice evening of dinner and friendship; please call Wendy Backes at 785-342-2090.

## Green County Genealogical Society

Friday Fun Day—  
April 24, 2026

"Find a Grave Website and App Using GPS Mapping" by Bill Holland. Learn how you can use the Find a Grave App to GPS a monument in the cemetery. A video, Cemetery vs Graveyard will also be viewed.

On Friday, May 15 the Friday Fun Day will be at a cemetery to use the app to GPS monuments.

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its Friday Fun Day April 24 from 1-3 p.m. in the Research center located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library.

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.

Now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son. —Genesis 22:12  
For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. —John 3:16  
Abraham loved his son but was willing to sacrifice him, and God acknowledged Abraham's love for Him because of it. We are shown God's amazing love for us when we look at Calvary's cross and see the Lord Jesus, God's beloved Son, dying there for our sins. Let us praise and thank Him for such love. —Mary Robins  
*His love is wonderful to me, His love is wonderful to me;  
For Jesus loved me so, He did to Calvary go: His love is wonderful to me.*  
—Paul White

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## Albany Historical Society to hold Show and Tell

The Albany Historical Society Presents "SHOW and TELL" on Tuesday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at the museum. Speakers will be members and visitors presenting stories of items, photographs, etc. of local and/or historical interest. Anyone is welcome to participate. The museum is located at 119 N. Water Street in downtown Albany, Wisconsin. Visitors welcome. No charge for admittance.

The program follows a short business meeting.

Any questions email: jcopus1@frontier.com or call 608-214-8289.

Note that this is the program cancelled on Tuesday, March 17.

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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### ANNUAL MEETING BRODHEAD AREA EMS

The annual meeting of the Brodhead Area EMS, Inc. will be held Monday, May 4th, at 7 p.m. at the Brodhead Area EMS training center, 1125 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead. All members are encouraged to attend. This meeting will follow the regular monthly crew meeting, which will begin at 6 p.m. that evening.

Business and progress over the last year will be covered and three directors will be elected. The directors whose terms expire are: Brandon Riese, as crewmember and Marnie Leifker and Justin Campbell, as non-crew members. The BAEMS Inc. is required to have nine directors, holding three-year terms, of which four directors are non-crew members from the area.

### CALLING ALL AREA INSTRUMENTALISTS!!!

For the past 13 years, the Brodhead Community Band has provided the Brodhead area with a summer concert. They are always looking for instrumentalists to be a part of their group.

The Brodhead Community Band rehearses on Tuesday evenings (starting on June 16th) from 6-7:30 p.m. in the BHS Band Room. Their performance this year is on Sunday, August 9th at Veterans Park in Brodhead.

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Jason Ries-terer: [jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us](mailto:jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us).

### BRODHEAD LIONS CLUB ROSE SALE

The Brodhead Lions are selling roses just in time for Mother's Day delivery. They will be selling a dozen roses for \$20. Contact any Lion or Casey Jones at 602-315-9191 or Jim Huffman at 608-558-1507 by Friday, May 1 to ensure you get your dozen. Proceeds will be used to support their many community projects.

### DLMRA Annual Meeting

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

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

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

### Brodhead Evening Garden Club Scholarship

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

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

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

### GCCCN celebrates Week of the Young Child

It is the 53rd annual National Association for the Education of Young Children's Week of the Young Child April 11th-17th. The Week of the Young Child (WOTYC) is a celebration of young children and their families and educators. It was created to bring awareness to the importance of the early years as the foundation for all future development. The Green County Child Care Network is celebrating by child cares in window displays of artwork created by the children around the Monroe square.

In addition, child care educators will also be inviting elected representatives and candidates from the local level to the Federal level to visit. We ask that you, as community members, do the same and ask them to invest in our children and their educators so parents can have the ability to work and employers can recruit and retain high quality employees. Green County had two group centers and one family child close in 2025, and only one certified family child care open. Our county needs an addition 830 slots and loses \$21 million annually according to [www.childcaregap.org](http://www.childcaregap.org).

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I have broken down and cried,  
I want to tell you something,  
So there won't be any doubt,  
You're so wonderful to think of,  
But so hard to be without.*

*Deeply missed by your loving family ~  
Shirley, Mike & Jen, Wendy,  
Dillon, Dustin, Brendan.*

### Albany High Alumni Basketball Tournament

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

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

### Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

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

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

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### Brodhead Community Gardens

The Brodhead Community Gardens has open plots for the 2026 season. The cost is \$20 per plot. Rental fees include tillage as well as water. Plots are approximately 20x25. If interested you can attend the spring meeting on Thursday, April 23, at 5 p.m. at the Brodhead Public Library. They will also be available on Saturday, April 25, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the gardens, located just north of Gassers Hardware on County Road T. Any questions can be sent to [rneuen@gmail.com](mailto:rneuen@gmail.com).

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## Green County Development Corporation Launches Dairy Planning Transition Program to Support Local Farmers

The Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is pleased to announce the launch of the Green County Dairy Planning Transition Program, a targeted grant initiative designed to support local dairy producers in planning for long-term success.

This program offers up to \$5,000 per farm in professional consulting services to assist with business continuity, transitional planning, succession planning, and operational transitions. Funding is provided through the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Export Expansion Grant.

A limited number of farms, approximately eight to 12, will be selected through a rolling, first-come, first-served application process. Applications opened Friday, April 10, 2026, and will remain available until all funds are committed, so early application is encouraged.

Eligible activities include succession and transition planning, ownership transfer strategies, financial transition modeling, estate planning related to the business, and operational or strategic planning tied to long-term production viability. Funding must be used for qualified consulting services and does not cover capital purchases, debt refinancing, or general operating expenses.

"The long-term strength of Green County's dairy industry depends on proactive planning," said Olivia Otte, Executive Director of GCDC. "This program is designed to give producers the tools and expertise they need to navigate transitions, reduce risk, and remain competitive for generations to come."

Producers begin by submitting a short application. GCDC then reviews and approves the proposed scope of work and consultant. Once approved, the consultant works directly with the producer, and GCDC pays the consultant upon completion of services.

The program aims to support successful farm transitions, strengthen long-term dairy production, reduce the risk of business disruption, and enhance overall supply chain stability and export readiness.

For more information or to apply, contact GCDC at [gcdc@greencounty-development.com](mailto:gcdc@greencounty-development.com) or call 608-328-9452.



## Juda Class of 1966 (The Rebels)

The Juda Class of 1966 (The Rebels) held their 60th class reunion on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at Vince's Pizza in Monroe.

Pictured, front row, left to right: Sharon Thorpe Nafzger, Carol Feldt Davis, Jennifer Fields Wunschel, Yvonne Zimmerman Hady, Shirley Sweeney Leck and Beth Matzke Langer; back row: Dennis Worth, Gary Hartwig, Denny Zimmerman, Greg Williams, Tom Phillipps, and Dave Beutel.

Missing: Kay Bair, Sherri Siedschlag, Woody Keener, Irene Haas, Elaine Keen, Gary Arn, and Keith Newcomer.

The shared memories and honored deceased classmates: Perry Whitaker, Norma Kaderly, Larry Arn, Sue Brecklin and Dale Duckow.

## Lady Cards Clutch Victories

By Teresa Earleywine

Playing at Evansville last Tuesday, it would be the Blue Devils who would score the initial run in the bottom of the first. With two outs, Elise Rear singled to left field, top of the third. Mady Henning at bat, gets hit by a pitch. She takes first base, moving E. Rear to second. Leah Rear at bat, Elsie steals third and Henning second. Leah hits a hard ground ball to shortstop Brooklyn Maves, Elise and Henning both score giving the Cards a 2-1 lead. Brodhead's defense would keep Evansville scoreless. Top of the fifth, again the Cardinals with two outs, Henning is at a full count, when she connects and lands on first base and then steals her way to second base. Leah sends a line drive to center, Henning scores, and Leah is held at second. Stepping to the plate, Karlie Krumwiede takes her first pitch and sends a high fly ball over the head of the Blue Devil center fielder. Leah scores. Two batters later, Evansville will get the third out, but Brodhead has a 4-1 lead. Evansville scores one run bottom of fifth. The Blue Devils rallied in the seventh inning to make it 4-4, tie game, to push another inning. Top of the eighth, Keegan Steinke is first at bat and singles. K. Krumwiede takes a walk, Natalie Pierce singles, to load the bases. Steinke attempts to score is tagged out at home plate. Kennedy Zimmerman draws a walk, reloading the bases. Sadie Woelky flies out to center. Elise draws a walk with all runners advancing including a run by Krumwiede. Henning puts her third pitch into play, Zimmerman, Elise and Pierce all score, Brodhead has a four-run lead, still top of the eighth. Leah at bat, Henning steals second, Leah connects a hard ground ball to center field and Henning will score. The score 9-4 gives the Cards a strong lead when Evansville finally gets the third out. Katie Sendelbach leads off for Big Blue will single. With Henning on the mound for Brodhead, the game closes with her getting two strike-

outs and the Cardinal defense shuts down a potential run.

The Cards tallied 12 hits in the game. Henning went 3-for-4 at the plate and Leah Rear is credited with 4-RBIs. Henning went the distance on the mound striking out eight, accumulated four runs on nine hits. Katelyn Ross led Evansville hitting 2-of-3. Summer Larson pitched, earning five strikeouts, allowed 11 hits and nine runs and walked five.

## Cards Beat Big Foot in Five

In their second game of the week, the Cardinals shutdown the Chiefs in dominant fashion. Bottom of the first, one out, Brodhead has the bases loaded; Henning hit by pitch, Leah and Karli Krumwiede draw walks. Elise up to bat with a full count, she hits a grand slam to center field. Second inning, Cards hold Chiefs in check with 3-up and 3-down. At bat for Brodhead, Steinke and Henning each receive a walk. Mara Meichtry is in as courtesy runner for Henning. Karli draws a walk. Jasmine Nehls goes in for catcher Karli as courtesy runner. Kinsley Krumwiede also draws a walk, Meichtry scores. Pierce at bat singles, Nehls and Elise will score followed by Kinsley scoring an error. Big Foot does finally retire the inning. Third inning the Chiefs are in motion and are poised to score but Henning works her finesse from the mound and Big Foot remains scoreless. Brodhead will score two additional runs in the fourth-inning when Pierce and Zimmerman score on a Woelky double hit. The Cards ride their 12-0 score to victory when the game is called in the fifth inning based on the 10-run rule.

Henning had 8- strikeouts, 1-walk, 4- hits and no runs/ no errors. Pitchers for Big Foot tallied 3-strikeouts, 10-walks, 4-hits, 9-runs and 9 errors.

Next week Brodhead was scheduled to play McFarland Monday, at Edgerton on Tuesday, will be at Beloit Turner on Wednesday, at Clinton on Thursday and Mount Horeb in Brodhead on Friday.

## Rival With the Vikings Results in Cardinal Win

By Teresa Earleywine

Against Beloit Turner on Thursday last week, the two teams came together for cancer awareness supporting "Justice for a Cure." Founder Joan Kamholz, shortly before her retirement from a 30-year career in law enforcement, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She did not let cancer take control of her life but has made it her mission to bring education, support and raise funds to help support others going through their own journey. The Brodhead baseball team were all wearing pink baseball hats with the Cardinal emblem on the front.

On the field, Brodhead Juda had difficulty keeping up with the Trojans. Beloit Turner tallied 12 runs in the first two innings. The Cards got on the board with four runs in the bottom of the second. Bases were loaded; Beck Benton would score on a wild pitch. Jayden Nehls would draw a walk to reload the bases. Seth Coplien takes a walk that would allow Dylan Ross to score. At bat, Braylon Strehlow would connect to send the ball to left field, Logan Krupke would cross Homeplate. Bases remain loaded when Sam Searls receives a walk, Nehls adds another run. Chase Bauman's subsequent hit would result in a double play with the score 12-4. Turner would close out the game in five-innings with a 22-4 final.

When these two teams met earlier, on Tuesday, the score 11-1 had the Trojans beating Brodhead Juda.

On Saturday, the neighboring rivals of Orfordville and Brodhead played each other on the diamond. The Cards dominated at the plate. Parkview's lone score would come in the first inning as Louis Nath would score on a balk by Cardinal pitcher. Brodhead earned five-runs in the first two innings. The fourth and sixth the Cards would score two runs in each to claim a 9-1 victory. Sam Searls was on the mound for the home team and completed six

innings with Strehlow coming in relief at the seventh. No other stats were available at press time.

This week Brodhead hosted Big Foot on Tuesday and travel to play there on Thursday. The team is scheduled to play Columbus on Saturday at UW-Whitewater.

## Cards Finish first and second at Clinton Relays

By Teresa Earleywine

It was near perfect conditions at the Clinton Relays last Friday. Nine teams participated. The Brodhead Juda women took first place honors with 96 points with Big Foot earning 85.5 points for second. The men's team tied for second place with Jefferson, each tallying 67 points. Beloit Turner with 89 points took the top spot. The Clinton Relays is unique as it combines scores that results in number of points earned with each school that participates has three athletes in each event.

The trios earning points for the men included Franco Ramirez—first, TJ Hall and Jameson Lenthe—300 hurdles; 4x100 relay: Grayson Arn, Nolan Bump, Tegan Pinnow, and Cohen Henze; 4x200 relay: Arn, Henze, Bump, Mavrik Plummer; 4x800 relay—Lucas Keating, Ashton Henze, Lenthe and Malachi Shank. Field events: Simon Moore first—pole vault and second—high jump.

The women were strong in the field events with triple jump athletes: Macy Gretebeck, Lillian Severs and Emberly Ast. Long Jump: Elliana Shank, Kennedy Lerch, and Montana Restivo. Discus was lead by Annelise Bethke—first place, and third in shot put Lily Scheidegger. Running events 300 hurdles included: Shank, Ast, and Brielle Engen while the 100 hurdles was the trio of Shank, Chesney Walker and Kaylee Miller. Competing 800m: Macy Gretebeck, Gracie Hefty, Ashlyn Caytenano and Restivo. Relay team for the 4x800: Analynn Plummer Danica Demrow, Ciarrh Condon and Hayden Lewis Usher placed first.

Track was at Jefferson for a tri-meet on Tuesday and will host the Jim Track Invitational on Friday.

## Golf Team Has Season Opener

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead golf team is striving to improve their season, looking to have athletes show consistent improvement and be at or near par indicates Tommy Meier in his second year as coach. Senior Maddox McGinty and juniors: Avery Rufer and Landen Malcook bring the most experience to the team.

The team opened last week at Evansville in a RVC mini-meet. Rufer and McGinty with 53 points each led the Cardinals with Malcook right behind with his score of 54. Josiah Blum and Aiden Arn complete the team. The group finished with a team score of 219, Edgerton, who Meier anticipates will lead the Rock Valley Conference finished with a team score of 153.

This week Brodhead competed at Tuesday at Krueger Haskell Golf Course in Beloit.



Cardinal first baseman Kinsley Krumwiede tags out #13 Grace Nienhause. The Cards had double wins last week against the Blue Devils and the Chiefs of Big Foot. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Jayden Nehls beats the throw that Holden Williams is waiting for at first base. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Lucas Keating competes in a leg of the 4x800 m relay. Brodhead Juda boys earned second place. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Chesney Walker makes the hand off to Lillian Severs in the SMR combined 1600 relay. The Brodhead girls won the nine school event. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

## Saturday Morning at the Durand Library

Understanding Property Taxes

Submitted by Pam Ward, Durand Charm Housing Committee

Property tax bills will be mailed out in May and we encourage property owners to attend a program Saturday, April 18 at 10 a.m. for an overview of the property assessment system in Illinois.

Guest speaker Tom Hodges, Winnebago County Supervisor of Assessments, will cover available homestead exemptions and preferential assessment programs, including farmland assessments, the Conservation Stewardship Program, and the Forestry Management Program.

The session will also detail sales ratio studies and equalization, how assessments relate to a taxpayer's bill, and what factors do or do not influence the final amount owed. Those attending will gain a clearer understanding of the role of local assessment offices in administering assessments and exemptions.

This event is jointly sponsored by the Durand Charm Housing Committee and the Friends of the Durand Library. Please enter at the east end of the school and follow the signs along the wide paved walkway.

For more information about the program contact Durand Charm at DurandCharm@gmail.com. Email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602 for library information. Follow the host organizations on Facebook: Facebook.com/durandcharm and Facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary.

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**The Durand Library to Host a Presentation**  
**This Land is Your Land: The Folk Songs of Woody Guthrie**

Bucky Halker presents a free program "This Land is Your Land: The Folk Songs of Woody Guthrie" Tuesday, April 28. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Durand Library and will be held in the Durand School cafeteria area.



This Land Is Your Land is a program, which combines music performance (guitar and vocal) and spoken commentary. The program features songs by legendary folk-singer and songwriter Woodrow Wilson "Woody" Guthrie (1912-1967), as well as commentary on the time period and each song. This commentary frames the program in a larger historical context and offers specific details on Guthrie's songs and his biography. The program

also includes two singalong songs. "We are delighted to host this event," said Friends President Barbara Flores. "The presentation aligns with the Illinois America 250 Commission's theme "We the People" which invites us to explore ideas of who has been included and who has been left out of the nation's promise.

This program is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar Speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music, politics, and more, at no cost to host organizations. The program enables local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities.

Bucky Halker, holds a Ph.D. in American History and has lectured and published extensively on music in America. He has toured Europe regularly since 1990. Bucky is the author of For Democracy, Workers, and God: Labor Song-Poems and Labor Protest, 1865-1895 (University of Illinois Press) and the scholar-producer for the five-volume Folksongs of Illinois CD series.

The program is slated for Tuesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria area of the Durand School located at 200 W. South Street, Durand, Illinois. Audience members are asked to enter through the west activity entrance. For more information, email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org) or call 815-289-8602.



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

Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library celebrated dads this week. Daddies Do it Different (by Sitomer) showed how dad chooses clothes and prepares meals compared to how mom does it. Time Together (by Catharine) illustrated all the great ways dads spend time with their kids. I Love My Daddy Because . . . (by Gaylord) used animal families to show all the ways dads are important. It was especially fun to have some dads in attendance for this story time. After the stories, the preschoolers used blue paint to make handprints over the letters DAD. When they'd washed their hands, they peeled off the letters to find the words 'I love my . . .' Finally, everyone had fun playing with the puzzles the library has in the Kid's Corner.

Next week, the Animals & Nature theme returns with books about bugs. The Very Hungry Caterpillar (by Carle) inspires a game about what bugs eat. Next, I Like Bugs (by Brown) and I Love Bugs (by Sturges) shows all the different kinds of bugs, where they live and what they look like. The craft for the day will be a reproduction of the very hungry caterpillar, just like Eric Carle made his caterpillar way back in 1969!

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m., and we're always looking for new friends. Please come join us soon. We've only got four more sessions until the summer schedule starts. 0



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**501 E. 5th Avenue, Lori Miller**, Thursday, April 16th 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, April 17th 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturday, April 18th 9 a.m.-noon. Five Family Garage Sale—Yetis, Little Girls Clothes, Women's clothes Size S-XL, Men's Clothes L-XXL, Designer Purses, Ladies Shoes Size 8 (LOTS), Sportswear, JVC DVD Player and DVD's, Lawn Furniture, Kitchen Items, Old Gas Cans and other vintage things, Kids Toys, Dog Toys, Books, and much miscellaneous. Everything in excellent shape with many brand names (North Face, Under Armour, Nike, Michael Kors), jewelry. Don't miss this one—all priced to sell.

# POLICE

## Brodhead Municipal Court

**Finding Date: 04/01/2026 through 04/08/2026**

Donald L. Allen, Jr., Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 02/03/2026, \$98.80.

Sophie Jeanene Barrett, Janesville, possess drug paraphernalia, violation date 01/29/2026, \$124; possession of THC, violation date 01/29/2026, \$124.

Seth David Batker, Brooklyn, WI, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/25/2026, \$98.80.

Kayla Marie Carpenter, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 02/25/2026, \$98.80.

Kameron Charles Cleveland, McFarland, WI, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 02/25/2026, \$98.80.

Melanie Ann Eastwood, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 02/14/2026, \$98.80.

Zion D. Echols, Dekalb, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/07/2026, \$98.80.

Kennidie A. Edmonds, Rockton, IL, speeding in school zones, violation date 01/29/2026, \$124.

Ramon I. Fleming Jr., Dubuque, IA, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/20/2026, \$98.80.

Danielle N. Grasley, Belvidere, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 01/29/2026, \$218.50.

Zachary R. Hoke, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 02/03/2026, \$98.80.

Larry D. Jones, Rockford, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/20/2026, \$98.80.

Gavin James Keller, Janesville, operating after suspension, violation date 02/16/2026, \$124.

Linda Joy Langejans, Brodhead, speed rustic road/45 Mph, violation date 02/12/2026, \$98.80.

Bradyn Patrick Lundgren, Brodhead, operating while intoxicated, violation date 12/27/2025, \$986.

Anna C. Lungo, Freeport, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/07/2026, \$98.80.

Jaida May Meier, Brodhead, non-registration of auto, etc, violation date 02/25/2026, \$98.80.

Mauricio Miranda Ocampo, Chicago, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/04/2026, \$98.80.

William Michael Osbaugh, Brodhead, possess drug paraphernalia, violation date 02/11/2026, \$124; possession of THC, violation date 02/11/2026, \$124; violation of child safety restraint, violation date 02/11/2026, \$73.60.

Michal Rapta, Richmond, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/21/2026, \$98.80

Ame L. Reed, Albany, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/06/2026, \$98.80.

Jennifer Karen Riegert, Janesville, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/07/2026, \$98.80.

Cassie Lynn Rodriguez, Brodhead, probation licensee operate Class D vehicle w/other person vehicle, violation date 02/08/2026, \$86.20.

Karen D. Smith-Stietz, Warren, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/17/2026, \$98.80.

Sarah M. Williams, Davis, IL, zone and posted limits, violation date 02/07/2026, \$98.80.

## Green County Sheriff's Department April 6-12, 2025

At 10:17 a.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the W2600 block of STH IL, in the Town of Jefferson, for a reported alcohol offense. The investigation resulted in Raman-deet Singh, 23, of Brodhead, being placed under arrest for sale of alcohol without license. Singh was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At 4:11 p.m., Tuesday, deputies responded to the N9500 block of CTH CC, in the Town of Exeter, for a one vehicle crash. The investigation found that a vehicle, driven by Kristine M.B. Ellis, 24, of Brodhead, was traveling southbound on CTH CC when she failed to negotiate a curve. Ellis then overcorrected and entered the east ditch, where the vehicle overturned. Ellis reported that she was wearing her seat belt and sustained suspected minor injuries. Ellis was later transported to the hospital by Belleville EMS. The vehicle sustained disabling damage, with airbag deployment, and was towed from the scene.

## RURAL ALBANY MAN ARRESTED AND CHARGED FOR CHILD SEX CRIMES

In February 2026 the Green County Sheriff's Office received information regarding incidents of Child Enticement and Child Sexual Assault reported to have taken place within rural Green County in the Town of Albany years prior. Due to the nature of the alleged crimes, the Green County Sheriff's Office Detective Division was assigned to conduct further investigation. The Green County Sheriff's Office collaborated with the City of Janesville Police Department.

As the investigation continued probable cause was developed to support the arrest of DAVID ANDREW CHRISTOPHER EDMONDSON, 30, of rural Albany for child sex crimes. On Wednesday, April 1, 2026 criminal charges were officially issued against EDMONDSON under Green County Court case number 2026CF53 in which he was charged with:

- One count of 1st Degree Child

## Notice



### REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT District Office Board Room Wednesday, March 11, 2026 Minutes

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting agenda was properly published in the Wednesday, March 4, 2026 edition of the Brodhead Free Press.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

#### ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Krupke, Elizabeth Kempel, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Don Buchanan, Jenny Flory, and Paul Donovan

Absent: None

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Jenny Flory, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda.

Motion carried, 7-0.

#### INFORMATION REPORTS

The Administrative Team presented information reports on their respective buildings and departments.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Kassandra Huffman - parent of 3rd grade and 5th grade students. Ms. Huffman spoke on concerns regarding staffing for 4th grade for the 2026-27 school year.

#### AGENDA ITEMS

#### CONSENT AGENDA

##### 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Regular Board Meeting: February 25, 2026
- b. Building & Grounds Meeting: February 23, 2026

##### 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS

##### 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)

- a. \$250.00 monetary donation from the Mary Hafen Family to be used to help support families with negative lunch account balances.

##### 4. RESIGNATION(S)

- a. Bailey Dorn, ES Special Education Paraprofessional
- b. Jim Matthys, Assistant Varsity Football Coach
- c. Nancy Marchant, 5th Grade Teacher, TOTAL Advisor, MS Track Coach, and Backpack Food Program Coordinator
- d. Emily Schwoerer, MS Science Teacher

##### 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)

- a. Crystal Holtsapple-Guth, High School Teacher; move from Special Education to Social Studies
  - b. Jessica Tuttle, ES Special Education Paraprofessional
  - c. Zachary Kubara, Show Choir Band Director - Retroactive 9-1-25
- Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

#### MID-YEAR GOALS UPDATE

Building Principals and District Administrator Novy presented information and updates regarding their building goals for the year thus far.

#### COLLEGE/TECH CREDIT APPROVALS

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the early college credit application[s] as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

#### APPROVAL OF CONTRACTED & VOLUNTEER COACHES

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Jenny Flory, to approve the lists of contracted and volunteer coaches as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

#### APPROVAL OF SUMMER MAINTENANCE PROJECTS

Motion by Paul Donovan, second by Don Buchanan, to approve the summer maintenance projects as presented.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

#### APPROVAL OF GARBAGE/ RECYCLING CONTRACT

This item has been tabled to the October Board meeting.

#### 2026-27 BUDGET

#### DISCUSSION/CUTS

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the following budget cuts for 2026-27:

- Reduce Building Budgets by 5%
- Increase the sign advertising fee from \$100 to \$200

Motion carried, 7-0.

#### FUTURE AGENDA [April 8, 2026]

- Approval of the Minutes
- Approval of Bills
- Accept Donation(s)
- Resignation(s)
- Employment Recommendation(s)
- Consideration to Approve Request from Brodhead Police Department to Use the Cardinal Graphic on Squad Vehicles
- Middle School Program Presentation
- Report on Election Results
- 1st Reading of New Mission Statement and Vision Statement
- Elementary School Staffing for 2026-27
- Approval of Student Handbooks
- Consideration to Approve the Request to Hire a Varsity Girls Wrestling Coach

#### ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

#### PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e)

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Al Schneider, to go into Closed Session under WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(a)(c)(f) at 8:45 p.m. for the discussion of:

- a. Student Discipline Appeal
- b. Select Scholarship Recipient
- c. Employee on FMLA Leave
- d. Employee Compensation Matter (Credit & Desirable Degree Reimbursement Request)

Roll Call vote: All ayes (7-0)

#### RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Paul Donovan, to return to open session at 9:08 p.m.

Motion carried, 7-0.

#### ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS (if any)

Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Paul Donovan, to approve an Administrator's request for credit reimbursement.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Don Buchanan, second by Michael Oellerich, to adjourn the meeting at 9:09 p.m.  
Motion carried, 7-0.

Date: 03-11-26 \$100 Bill List

Vendor Name	Check Amount
ANDERSON, SCOTT	170.00
ANDERSON, TRENT	120.00
ASSOCIATED BANK	749,350.00
BACKES, DAVID	110.00
CDW GOVERNMENT INC	1,010.61
CESA #3	2,340.00
CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS	409.99
FOLLETT SOFTWARE LLC	3,525.48
RENNING, LEWIS & LACY, S.C.	709.00
SCHOOL SPECIALTY	1,802.91
BRODHEAD WATER & LIGHT COMM	12,446.27
CITY OF BRODHEAD SEWER DEPT	1,682.48
DEPT OF HEALTH SERVICES	104.44
ROLLI WORX	3,097.50
SECURITY ALARM OF ROCKFORD LLC	300.00
SPEICH OIL INC	303.24
SSM HEALTH MEDICAL GROUP	3,818.16
THE COMPREHENSIBLE CLASSROOM	305.00
WASTE MANAGEMENT	952.11
WE ENERGIES	6,173.43
MARSHALL, ROBIN L	4,248.00
MATTHYS, JAMES G	217.50
NOVY, DAVID A	505.21
RANDECKER, JENNA E	250.00
SCHMITT, MATT	120.00
SMITH, ROBIN M	250.00
WALECHKA, THERESA A	250.00
GERBER, AMY L	4,500.00
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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT	1,400.00
FLAHERTY, BRITTANY	463.20
FOLLETT CONTENT SOLUTIONS LLC	339.04
MARTENSON, LAUREL B	169.00
MIDAMERICA	24,964.97
RENNING, LEWIS & LACY, S.C.	1,435.00
SOMMERFELDT, LAURIE A	161.15
BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE	9,071.35
DEERFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	260.00
DEMCO INC	573.73
EVANSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL	150.00
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ORFORDVILLE LUMBER	123.98
U.S. CELLULAR	164.96
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS CORPORATION	105.84
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bond pending the initial appearance in Green County Circuit Court.

On Monday, April 6, 2026 EDMONDSON appeared in Green County Circuit Court for an initial appearance. The Circuit Court imposed a combination cash bond (\$10,000) and signature bond (\$15,000). EDMONDSON posted the required bond on Wednesday, April 8, 2026 and is no longer in the custody of the Green County Sheriff's Office.

This investigation remains active and no further press releases are planned.

Sex Assault-Sexual Contact or Sexual Intercourse w/ Person under Age of 13 contrary to Wisconsin State Statute 948.02(1)(e) (This is a Class B Felony)

- Three counts of Child Enticement-Expose Sex Organ, contrary to Wisconsin State Statute 948.07(3)

(This is a Class D Felony).

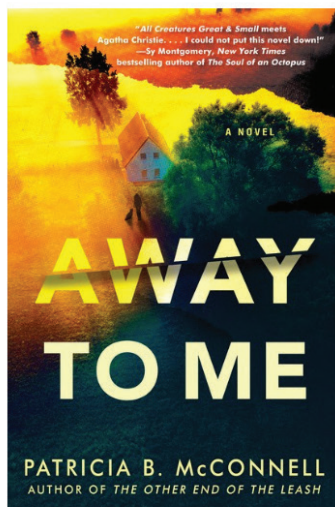
Members of the Green County Sheriff's Office arrested EDMONDSON at his rural Green County residence on Thursday, April 2, 2026. Following his arrest, EDMONDSON was transported to the Green County Jail where he was held without

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Wisconsin author Patricia McConnell.

Patricia will be discussing her new mystery novel, *Away to Me*, on April 25th at 1 p.m. at the Albertson Memorial Library.



*Away to Me* is a novel about Maddie McGowan, an animal behaviorist and sheepdog trainer living on a Wisconsin farm. After Maddie's mentor is killed, she investigates, uncovering a sinister plot while rehabilitating an injured and wary rescued German Shepherd.



Books will be available for purchase. Accepted payment methods will be cash, debit, or credit cards.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

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Patricia McConnell, PhD, CAAB is an internationally renowned animal behaviorist and author whose acclaimed books, including The

Other End of the Leash, For the Love of a Dog, and The Education of Will, have sold more than 1.2 million copies. She saw clients whose dogs had serious behavioral problems for 25 years and spoke around the world about canine training and behavior. A former adjunct professor in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, her nationally syndicated radio show, Calling All Pets, played in more than 110 cities for 14 years and her television show, Petline, aired on Animal Planet for two and a half years. Her new novel, *Away to Me*, is her first venture into fiction, and has received rave reviews. She lives with her husband, Jim Billings, her Border Collies Skip

and Maggie, and a spoiled flock of sheep on a farm in Southern Wisconsin and can be found online at PatriciaMcConnell.com.

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We hope you will join us in welcoming Patricia on Saturday, April 25th!

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When: EARTH DAY Wednesday, April 22nd from 3:30-5 p.m.

Where: OFFICIAL LOCATION- 3 Car Garage located between Albrecht Elementary School and Brodhead Middle School on the corner of 21st Street and W. 7th Avenue. You can also send items to school with your child in a grocery or garbage bag tied shut for a special Earth Day surprise!

These recycled items will not go to a landfill! The unwanted items will be resold, recycled into rags and rugs and shipped to other countries that could reuse them.

AND Kid Connection will receive a reimbursement check per pound of items collected to be put back toward great opportunities for AES students!

Acceptable items: pairs of shoes, adult and children's clothing, coats, curtains, quilts (without stuffing), towels, washcloths, stuffed animals, purses, handbags, totes and belts.

Unacceptable items: no slippers or heels higher than two inches; no wet, dirty, smelly, or severely damaged items; no pillows or comforters; no sleeping bags; no rugs; no plastic or wooden toys; and no luggage.

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