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Brodhead School District seeking School Board Member candidate

Recently School Board Member Jodi Kail announced that she would not seek re-election for the Brodhead Board of Education in the spring election. This guarantees there will be at a minimum one (1) vacancy on the Board of Education in which the incumbent will not seek reelection. One (1) other position will also be on the spring ballot; presently that position is filled by Al Schneider.

Residents are urged to consider serving the children and Brodhead School District by seeking a position on the Board of Education. The filing date for those interested in becoming a candidate is: 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2025. Interested residents may obtain paperwork at the District Office located in the High School, 2501 West Fifth Avenue.

As a member of a School Board you are entrusted with one of the most important responsibilities that can be assigned to any citizenthat of helping to direct the education of the youth.

One of the most frequently asked questions about being a School Board Member is, what kind of qualifications must a candidate have? Experienced Board Members have included the following as preferred qualifications:

•A commitment to the belief that all children of the School District are entitled to have available to them a beneficial educational program

•An open mindedness and readiness to learn

•A vision and an ability to understand changes in our society

•Freedom from conflict with any other interest

The Board of Education encourages each citizen to give serious consideration to become a School Board candidate. It is important for qualified and interested citizens to become actively involved in the educational process so that we all can work together and continue the tradition of providing the best education possible to our young people.

City of Brodhdead held a Christmas party Sat., Dec. 14

The City of Brodhead held a Christmas party for the city employees and committee members on Saturday, December 14th at the Kelch Aviation Museum. The evening began with mingling and appetizers, followed by a dinner that was catered by Knute's Bar and Grill. There was a white elephant gift exchange held for those interested and able to participate. Mayor Simpson then presented some of the city staff and city committee members with a plaque to recognize them for their many years of service. These city staff and committee members have left a lasting impact and their dedication is valued. One of the employees being recognized was Public Works Director, Rich Vogel. Vogel, who announced he would be retiring in 2025 after 34 years of loyal service, has made a lasting impression that will not be forgotten. We wish Vogel joy, peace, and fulfillment in the years to come.



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City of **Brodhead** Local Offices for Re-election

The offices of three Alderperson at Large will be up for re-election in the Tuesday, April 1, 2025 Spring Election. All terms are for two years. If you are interested in running for Alderperson, please stop into City Hall for more information or call 608-897-4018 ext 150. City Hall is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wahlin **Foundation** Grant awarded to Jaycee **Splash Pad Project**

Thanks to a generous donation from the Wahlin Foundation, the Brodhead Jaycees' splash pad fund-raising has reached \$250,000! The splash pad is phase one of the Jaycee Park renovation plans, with a total fund raising goal of \$400,000. The Jaycees are incredibly grateful for the support the Wahlin Foundation has provided, and the incredible benefit it will have to our community! Follow the Jaycees' progress on facebook.com/friendsofthejayceepark. For information on donating, email Katie at brodheadjaycees@gmail.com.





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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.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. 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. Sunday school every other Sunday thru May, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 n 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.

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398.

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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; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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, 608-934-5551. Pastor Jadyn Manjrekar. 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. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Pastorate 11, Madison Diocese. 608-325-9506. Father David, Paochial Administrator. Mass at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday and on the first Sunday of the month at noon.

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 lst Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. Handicapped accessible. In-person worship at 9 a.m. Sundays. Services live streamed on Face-

OBITUARIES



Ronald James Nenneman

Ronald James Nenneman passed away Monday, December 16, 2024 at Evansville Manor. He was born May 25, 1938 in Monroe, Wisconsin to Jay and Wilma (Haman) Nenneman.

Ron graduated from Juda High School class in 1956. He enlisted in the United States Army and served for three years. He married Janet Gadow June 14, 1958. They spent 66 happy years together. Ron was a member of Brodhead United Methodist Church and enjoyed his church family, adult Sunday school and ushering. He worked at Newman Feed and Seed. He retired from General Motors after 30 years. He then worked for Monte McClaren part time at McClaren machine. Ron loved spending time with his family. He also enjoyed fishing with them and with his other fishing friends. He also loved his big garden and sharing with neighbors, friends and family.

Ron is survived by his wife, Janet; son, Matthew; daughter-in-law, Michelle; grandchildren: Danielle (Ryan), Cramer, Jessica (Justin) Kovash, Dr. Amanda (Tyler) Whitledge, and Chad (Angie Darby) Nenneman; great grandchildren: Matilda, Eloise Cramer, Gage and Elsie Nenneman, Owen, Evelyn and Beckett Whitledge; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Predeceased by brother, Daniel Nenneman in infancy; son, Mark Daniel; brother, Merlyn Nenneman; parents and grandparents.

We want to thank everyone at Evansville Manor for helping Ron and being so kind to him and his family and also to Agrace Hospice for keeping him comfortable. Thank you for everything you do.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

12/15—Standings: I'd Smack That won 29 lost 1, Victorious Secret 26-4, The Goon Squad 25-5, That's What She Set 17-13, The Youngins 14-16, Valued Volleyers 13-17, Killer Serves 11-19, Net Ninjas 11-19, One Hit Wonders 11-19, Chewblocka 11-19, All Sets Are Off 11-19, Super Soy 4-26.

Vicky Hennager

Vicky J. Hennager, age 72, passed away on December 17, 2024 at Baptist Health in Paducah, Kentucky.

Vicky was born in Flandreau, South Dakota on August 6, 1952 to Francis "Fritz" and Jean LaMae (Miller) Hennager. She moved to Rockford, Illinois, in 1953, and moved to Brodhead, in 1965. Graduated from Brodhead High School. Owned The Grooming Room until her retirement in 2001, then moved to southern Illinois, (her forever home) where she lived to ride and rode to live. Vicky was an animal lover and an avid mule rider.

Vicky is survived by her partner of almost 25 years, John Ehman; sister, Tammy Hennager; and brotherin-law, Jim Hunkins.

Preceded in death by parents, brother Gerald in infancy, brother Francis, and fur child, Hannah.

Per her request no service will be held. Visit alyfh.com to leave an online condolence.

Are you struggling through the holidays as a caregiver?

Understand the grief, loss and mourning associated with caring for someone with dementia.

Join us for Moving Forward: Grief and Ambiguous Loss Associated with Dementia Caregiving

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers of Rock and Marquette Counties are offering the 16-week grief and bereavement educational support group on Monday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. beginning January 13 and running through April 28. This is a virtual group. There is no cost to attend. Registration and screening are required

Who is this group for? The group is for anyone who is or has cared for someone with dementia. Caring for someone with dementia presents a constant series of losses and not just those related to death. Each session will cover a grief, loss and mourning topic followed by about 60 minutes of conventional support group discussion.

For more information or to register, please contact Rock County Dementia Care Specialist, Karen Tennyson at 608-921-7165 or karen. tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

32 Snows To Go!

TRIPLE YOUR GIFT: Brodhead Memorial Public Library Endowment Fund Benefits from Holiday Gift Match!

In the spirit of the holiday season, Brodhead Memorial Public Library Endowment Fund of The Community Foundation of Southern Wisconsin (CFSW) has been selected by the CFSW Board of Directors and the Schlecht Family Foundation to match gifts \$2 for every \$1 donated up to \$3,750 total prior to June 30, 2025. CFSW invites you to honor a friend or family member this year by bearing a gift of comfort and joy, supporting your local library! Every dollar is invested directly into the endowment fund, to provide annual support for operations, maintenance and programming.

About your Library Fund: The Brodhead Memorial Public Library Endowment Fund was established in 2024 as a permanent financial resource for the Brodhead Memorial Public Library, creating a pathway for residents to match their philanthropy with support for their local library and its services. Each year a portion of the Fund's earnings is given back to support the library's mission.

To make a TRIPLE YOUR SUP-PORT year-end holiday gift...

Send checks to: CFSW, PO Box 8125, Janesville, WI 53547-8125. For online donations: tinyurl.com/librarymatch OR



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Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Lafayette, Rock, Sauk, Vernon, and Walworth. The Foundation holds over 900 funds, benefitting southern Wisconsin in perpetuity. To learn more about CFSW or how your investment can directly impact your local community, call our office at 608-758-0883 or visit us online: www.cfsw.org.

Basketball contest

The highest scoring game was the boys' Brodhead vs. Big Foot, 81-64. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Brian Malkow, Brodhead, with three correct games.

A LITTLE GOOD NEWS



"Somewhere inside all of us is the power to change the world." ~ Roald Dahl, Matilda



Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can find out more about the contest by contacting the club chair Wendy Backes at wendy-backes1966@gmail.com or getting an application from their school counselor at either the middle school or high school, or at the Brodhead Public Library.

It's Brodhead Optimists Essay

Contest Time!

pencil or keyboard to express yourself and have an opportunity to earn a

cash award. Applications for the essay contest will be available at the Brod-

head Public Library, and both the middle school and high school offices,

or through the Brodhead Optimist Club. The Optimist Club of Brodhead is

encouraging all Brodhead and surrounding area youth, including home-

schooled scholars, to write an essay 700 to 800 words long on the topic "How

The Brodhead Optimist Club will judge the local students' essays, based

on the theme of "How Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success" along with

organization, creativity, clarity, structure and adherence to contest rules to

determine the top winners. The winning essay at the club level will be sent

to the district level where the student will compete for a chance at a \$2500

encourage young people to take part in this activity and do what we can to

bring out the best in each of them. This experience gives them a wonderful

opportunity to tap into their creativity and pursue possible scholarships at

Essay Contest for many years and has been active in the community since

2002. Other programs and service projects that the Club is involved in in-

clude Christmas gifts for families in need The Mitten Tree Project, Tri-Star

Basketball competition, a fishing derby, pumpkin decorating, and an art

contest, just to name a few. The Club also makes donations to numerous

school departments, the public library, childhood cancer patients and pe-

The Optimist Club of Brodhead has been participating in the Optimist

The Brodhead Optimist Essay Chair Wendy Backes said, "It is our goal to

Calling all high school and middle school students! Grab your pen,

Finally, completed applications and essays can be dropped off at the Middle or High School offices, Brodhead Public Library or email them to wendybackes1966@gmail.com before Monday, February 10th, 2025.

ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

GIVE BLOOD—HELP SAVE LIVES

The Brodhead Blood Drive will be held Monday, January 6, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead.

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org. Use sponsor code: BrodheadWI to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome! You can save up to 15-minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass. Visit redcrossblood.org/RapidPass for more information.

A New Year brings new opportunities to make a difference, and donating blood is one of the simplest, most impactful ways to help others. Start 2025 by giving the gift of life. Make it your resolution to save lives this year!

Come give January 1-26 to automatically be entered for a chance to win an exciting trip for you and a guest to Super Bowl LIX in New Orleans. Includes travel, hotel, \$1,000 gift card, pre-game activities and more. Terms apply: visit RedCrossBlood.org/SuperBowl.

2025 PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS Beginning Friday, January 3rd—10 a.m.

Reservations for the park shelters will be accepted at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 3rd, at the City Hall. Reservations are based upon first-come, first served basis only, with no one allowed to register before that time. Registering may be done over the phone, by calling 608-897-2159 or by stopping down to the City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. Once you have registered, a payment of \$50 for a resident of the City of Brodhead and \$75 for a non-resident; along with Park Reservation Agreement must be turned in within five business days or your name will be removed from the calendar.



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

The Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library went back to the stable last week, reading stories about the stable and the animals that surrounded the Baby Jesus. The Donkey's Song by Jacki Kellum was a particular favorite. Then we constructed a popsicle stick stables and some farm animals to go with it.

Finally, we gathered around the

Christmas tree to take a group photo, wishing everyone a very merry Christmas!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 7: the Secrets of Winter. We'll use flashlights to practice making shadow animals and read a book with pictures that can only be seen using a flashlight. FUN!

Announcing a reading challenge for adults only! During the month of January, read 31 minutes every day . . . yep, all 31 days . . . for a chance to win the grand prize! Library director, Melissa Everson is eager to bake cupcakes for the winner. Stop in at Albertson Memorial Library for more details and pick up your entry form.





Prom for Pennies

Prom for Pennies event will be held on Saturday, January 12th at the Monroe High School from 1-3 p.m. This community event provides affordable prom attire by selling donated formal dresses at discounted rates, making prom accessible for local students. Students can find beautiful, gently-used or brand new prom dresses with the highest price being only \$40.

SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services Scholarship Applications Now Available

SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services is once again offering scholarships for students seeking a career in the healthcare field. The deadline for application submission is Friday, February 28.

The first scholarship is for high school seniors. SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services awards two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors each year. One scholarship will be awarded to a Monroe High School senior, and one scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior from a community with SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group sites—Albany, Brodhead, New Glarus, Durand, Freeport and Lena—or who live within an area serviced by a branch site.

The second scholarship is for continued education students. Four \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to area college students. Applicants must have completed at least one year of advanced study (beyond high school) in a health-related field and be a resident of a community with a SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group location or who live within an area serviced by a clinic or child of a SSM Health employee.

Requirements for both types of scholarships are the individual must be pursuing a degree or certificate in a healthcare related field, have a GPA of 3.25 or higher with an emphasis on science and math, and all applications must be typed. In no specific order, recipients will be selected based on citizenship, need and school and outside activities.

Students who have received a high school scholarship in the past are eligible to apply for the advance study scholarship. However, an individual may only receive each scholarship once.

Applications are available at givetossmhealth.org. For more information, please contact SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services at 608-324-1569. The Pook Peddlek
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Small town Big Hearts

The Albany Women's League Empty Stocking program extends a heartfelt thank you to the Albany community for your monetary donations and for gifts for children from the mittens on the Giving Tree. All monetary gifts go toward providing clothing, coats, boots mittens and gloves to families in need of little help at Christmas time. Winter in Wisconsin requires lots more layers, so we definitely are grateful to all contributions aiding in this endeavor.

The Albany Women's League also commits to a Scholarship in the spring for community minded seniors in High School. This funding is supported by those donations given to us annually. Thank you for making this possible.

Thank you to the Albany Public Schools for distributing the forms, enabling families to receive additional clothing and Gift items they need for their children. We could not fulfill this without their assistance.

A big thank you to the Greenwoods Bank/Albany branch for not only providing the space for the Giving Tree, but for being the collection point for all monetary donations and gifts. We cannot thank the staff enough for their continuous work as we conclude this project Empty Stocking.

Thank you to the Albany Lions club as they have presented generously year after year to this project. We are so fortunate to have this organization in our community. Again thank you for being there for us.

Our community is small but it has big hearts as shown through The Albany Thrift Store whose volunteers offer their service throughout the year. Its just another wonderful example of the blessings we have in Albany.

Thank you to the following for all monetary donations: the Albany Lions, the Albany United Methodist, the Albany Thrift Store, Stephen and Melody Bakken, Sherry Blumer, Char and John Briggs, Broughton Corner Bar, Bob and Pricilla Bump, Cathy Cole, Barb Gacic, Glenn Holtsapple, Kathy Lobeck, Mary Macke, Richard and Susan Oliver, Al and Rhonda Roenneburg, Abe and Phyllis, Elaine Trow, Bonnie Zee, and Albany United Methodist Church/missions.

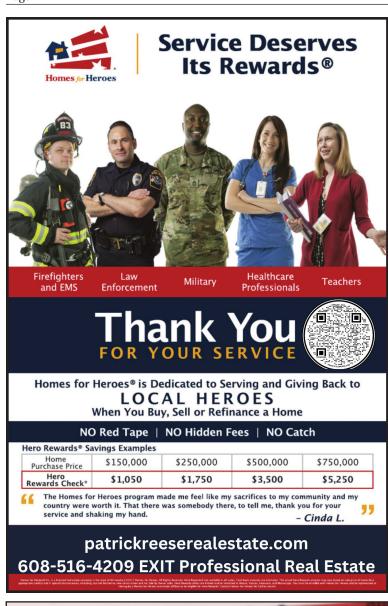
Those who purchased gifts for children from the GIVING TREE: Penny Graves, Edith Hochstetter, Teresa Porter, Cheryl Walz. Julie Walz, Tara Walz, Teresa Porter and Julie and Ron Wanless.

Thank you to everyone.





BMS TOOL members were out and about celebrating American Education Week. On Tuesday, November 26, sixty-two members of the Team of Outstanding Leaders partnered with teachers throughout the district. TOOL members assisted with holiday crafts, made copies, cleaned and organized, enjoyed recess, and were positive role models while making a difference.





Sam Searls holds on for ball control in last Tuesday's matchup against Edgerton. The Tide rolled over the Cards for a 78-27 victory. No Brodhead players score in double digits. Brodhead will participate in the New Glarus Tournament Friday, December 27th-Monday, December 30th and returns to action at home Saturday, January 4th versus Marshall. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

BMS eighth grade band Winter Concert

On Monday, December 9th, the Brodhead Middle School band members performed a Winter Concert. Some of the songs they performed were: Christmas Spectacle, We Wish You a Rockin' Christmas, Hark the Herald Tubas Sing and Jingle Bells Remixed.

Please feel free to crop the full band pictures to remove the audience. Thanks!!



The sixth grade band members performed "Christmas Spectacle", which included a "spectacle" of lights. (Photos courtesy of Joe Baldazzi)



The seventh/eighth grade band members performed a song entitled "Celebrate the Season" taking Joy to the World through a flurry of styles and sounds.



Ryker Bennett (left) and Bishop (right) Mikah introducing a seventh and eighth grade band selection.



Hopwood Delilah Cristi Baldazzi introduced the first song of the last song of the sixth grade band portion of the concert.



Left to right Zenon Real Banos, Gunnar Olesen and

Mayson VanMatre were featured on "Hark the Herald Tubas Sing".

Gabe Bockhop, file photo, scored 15-of-18 points from the arc in the **Brodhead 81-64 victory** against Big Foot last Friday. Cullen Walker also had five 3-point shots and tallied 33 total points while Brody Riese also scored in double digits. (File photo)

Juda **School** District

Board Meeting Wednesday,

December 11, 2024 Approved the hiring of Gabriel Olmedo as Spanish Teacher starting in the second semester.

 Accepted donations from Road Rally Adventurers, Colony Brands and Johson Tractor. The Board also accepted a donation from the estate of Harvey Bauman to fund a nursing scholarship in his name.

•Recognized Culvers of Monroe as a recipient of the WASB Business Honor Roll in recognition of all they have done for our school.

•Heard a report from Kurtis Mansfield on this past year's activities at the Juda Community Park. He also reported on the projects that have been completed and the future projects that will be taking place and others that are being considered. The rec district will set up a community meeting for residents' input on the park.

•Residents of the district interested in running for the board in the spring election need to have their paperwork into the district office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7th, 2025. Contact the district office if you are interested and to obtain the necessary paperwork.

•Mrs. Davis reviewed with the board the results of the District Report Card from the state. Kindergarten through eighth grade significantly exceed expectations and the High School improved over last year and is .6 points away from meeting expectations.

•Heard the Building and Grounds Committee met before the board meeting and met with representatives from Upper 90. The board approved the hiring of Upper 90 as the project manager for projects. Funding for these projects was approved in the November referendum.

•Pam Green reviewed with the board the budget for the year, which now includes the funds that will be received from the November referendum.

Approved updates to policy

No Executive Session was need-

•Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8th, 2025 at 7 p.m. State School Board Convention will be held January 22nd-24th, 2025 in Milwaukee.



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Letters to Santa

Ms. Kranig's first grade Dear Santa,

My name is Josiah. How are the elves? What is your favorite cookie? Please bring me caylus plush, phone and computer. Merry Christmas!

Love, Josiah Elmer

Dear Santa,

My name is Kaven. How are the elves? How do you steer the sleigh? Please bring me monster truck rc car, Fort Night V bucks, PI Kachu Book, Merry Christmas.

Love, Kaven Kennedy

Dear Santa,

My name is Loua. How are you? What is your favorite cookie? Please bring me Magic Mixies, Rainbow High doll, fake nail set. Merry Christmas!

Love, Loua Martinez

Dear Santa,

My name is Teegan. How are the elves? Do you love the snow? Please bring me remote control racecar, harldin, hot wheels. Merry Christmas!

Love, Teegan Curtis

My name is Isaac. How are the elves? Do you love the snow? Please bring me Thomas the Train set, dinosaur Squishmallow, Roblox V Bucks. Merry Christmas!

Love, Isaac Aguilar

My name is Bryn. How are you? How do you steer the sleigh? Please bring me paint kit, Magic Mixies, princess shoes. Merry Christmas!

Love, Brynleigh Schenk

My name is Bentlei. How are the elves? Do you love the snow? Please bring me Squishmallow, art set, Magic Mixies. Merry Christmas!

Love, Bentlie Manley

Dear Santa.

My name is Kynslee. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me Baby Alive, Magic Mixies, skin care. Merry Christmas!

Love, Kynslee Anthony Dear Santa,

My name is Jade. How are the elves? Do you love the snow? Please bring me Magic Mixies, Ballerina Barbie, Elsa 2 dress. Merry Christmas!

Love, Jade Wescott

Dear Santa,

My name is Brantley. How are you feeling? Do you love the snow? Please bring me four wheeler, dirt bike, electric scooter. Merry Christmas!

Love, Brantley Duren Dear Santa,

My name is Sarah. How are you? Do you love the snow? Please bring me slime, kitten, sticker book. Merry Christmas!

Love, Sarah Marass Dear Santa,

My name is David. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me remote control racecar, Iphone, slime. Merry Christmas!

Love, David Ahrens

Dear Santa,

My name is Shayna. How are the reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me electric scooter, makeup, I-phone 15. Merry Christmas!

Love, Shayna Smithback Dear Santa.

My name is Toby. How are you feeling? Do you love the snow? Please bring me Fortnite gift card, V bucks, dinosaur mask and claws. Merry Christmas!

Love, Toby Smith

Dear Santa,

My name is Ernie. How are you feeling? Do you love the snow? Please bring me legos, Iphone, Axolotl plushy. Merry Christmas!

Love, Ernie Webnar

Dear Santa.

My name is Eleonore. How are the elves? How is Mrs. Claus? Please bring me Apple watch, glitter pen, makeup. Merry Christmas!

Love, Eleonore Mussared-Varga

Mrs. Blumer first grade Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? My elf's name is Hurmy and he has a cat. I loved the presents you gave me last year. I have been good this year. I hope you have a good day.

Your friend, Dottie Logan Dear Santa,

I want a playing phone. What do your elves do for a living? Do they actually have magical powers? Can I have some moon sand, Pokeman and football cards for Christmas please?

Your friend, William Eckelberg Dear Santa,

How do you go to houses without waking people up? When I go outside, I like to play with my dad in the snow. I love the elf you gave me and I named her Ellie. Your friend, Myles Austin

Dear Santa,

Did you have a great year? I try my best at school and I never give up. I made snowflakes and I set up my Christmas tree. I make great cookies and I will make your favorite cookies.

Love, Hunter Gerber Dear Santa.

Why are your elves small? My favorite food is lobster. I played flag football and I like football. I have milk and cookies for you. Why do your reindeer have antlers? I have been good this year and I have helped others.

Love, Christopher Keller Dear Santa,

How many reindeer do you have? Why do they have antlers? I'm a really good kid. I have a Christmas tree in my house and I saw you before. I have been good this year.

Love, Brielle Elmer

Love, Opal Mahnke Dear Santa.

I have been good this year because I try so hard to keep the house clean. Is Rudolph really real? When you have a cold on Christmas, what do you do? I hope you have a great Christmas.

Love, Shelby Goble Dear Santa,

How do your reindeer fly? Do you actually love cookies? I can't wait for Christmas! Do your elves actually fly with magic? Do you think I have been good?

Love, Landon Hughes

Dear Santa.

How are your elves doing? How do your reindeer fly? How do you go down the chimney? I want to have Legos. I have been good.

Love, Dan Walsh

Dear Santa,

How are your reindeer doing? What makes reindeer fly? I like playing video games and watching You-Tube. I like playing Beyblade Christmas. School is good.

Your friend, Hudson Tallman

Dear Santa.

Why is Rudolph's nose red? What are some of the reindeer's names? What are some of your elf's names? My name is Waylen and I go to school. I go to the park too. I put up my Christmas tree.

Waylen Clark

Dear Santa,

How many elves do you have? My elf's name is Ready. I want a reindeer. I have been good this year. I try to color good too. You are the best. I will make you your favorite cookies.

Love, Miles Schliem

Dear Santa,

My name is Brooke and I am 6 years old. I love Sesame Street and Princess characters. I am in 1^{st} grade and I love school. I'm excited for Christmas.

Love, Brooke Bennett

Dear Santa.

What do most of the people at the North Pole do? I'm really good at helping. Maybe I could help up there? Probably yes? I will put out cookies and milk for you Santa.

Love, Cheyanna Jordan Dear Santa,

I hope my grandma and my pets are good. I love Rudolph! Are you good with your reindeer? Do you know how to catch a snowflake? I love Christmas and when you bring presents!

Love, Rose Ends

Dear Santa,

How do you know to ride the sleigh? Is it magic? I like your suit 1000 times. I did a picture of you on Art Hub. I went to Walmart. I got food. I love you.

Love, Jack Wasmund Dear Santa,

How are you? How are your reindeer? I am good. You are nice and kind. Mrs. Blumer is kind. My mom is kind. My sister is kind. I am kind. You are the best. I will leave you cookies and milk. I love your elves.

Love, Abrailee Ready

Dear Santa,

What do your reindeer eat? What are your reindeer's names? I like school. I can not wait for Christmas. I will leave you your favorite cookies and I can help you deliver presents.

Your friend, Brooks Wenger

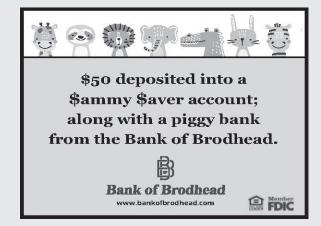


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By Cindy Clint, Outreach Librarian

Here's what's happening during the month of January at the Albertson Memorial Library:

The library will be closed Wednesday, January 1st for New Year's Day.

It's the 'Wonder of Winter' during this month's Preschool Story Time! Enjoy stories and crafts every Tuesday at 10 a.m. with our Children's Programming Specialist, Miss Laura. This month's tales are all about winter's best-kept secrets, cozying up in the frosty season, snowy serenades, and the magical mischief that happens when snowflakes start to dance!

The Albany Joint Library Board Meeting will be held at the library on Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public.

Do you have a young child that wants to play cards, but their tiny hands struggle to grasp all those cards? Or perhaps an elderly loved one facing challenges with their dexterity? Want to make something that can help? Join us, at Craft Night with Diane, Wednesday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. to make your own 'Playing Card Holder'.

Come in on Friday, January 17th from 6-7:30 p.m. for a special Creative Capers learning event! Master the art of creating a hand-knit chunky blanket and unravel the secrets of crocheting a granny square, along with techniques to weave this foundational square into delightful bags and/or cardigans. Patterns and instruction will be provided. To make a twin-size throw, bring 28 yards of weight seven yarn. To crochet granny squares, bring weight four yarn along with a crochet hook sized between four and eight mm, with a recommended size of five to six mm. If you're all about your own creative vibes, grab your what you're working on and join the crafting party for some chit-chat and scrumptious snacks!

Are you on the hunt for a pawsitively delightful indoor adventure? Do furry friends make your heart wag? Then come join us Tuesday, January 21st from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for some tail-wagging fun as you read to our adorable therapy duo, Abi and Daisy! Everyone from toddlers to grandpas is invited to join the furry fiesta! Give us a ring at 608-862-3491 or make tracks over to the library to snag your time slot today!

Whether you're a word wizard or just starting out, everyone's invited to join the fun on Thursday, January 23rd at 6:30 p.m. to share and be inspired while working on their writing projects with the Sugar River Writers.

Join us for our monthly book club, All Booked Up, on Monday, January 27th at 6:30 p.m. This month we will be discussing 'Small Mercies' by Dennis Lehane, an allconsuming tale of revenge, family love, festering hate, and insidious power, set against one of the most tumultuous episodes in Boston's history.

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Monday Night Mixed League

12/16—High series: Robert Murray 730, Tyson Foster 695, Glayden Wahler 691. High games: Ty Powell 279, G. Wahler 278, T. Foster 277. Bartelt-high team game 1,113 and series 3,188. Standings: Bartelt won 29 lost 6, Fosters Gaming 21-14, Broughton's Bar 20-15, Center Tavern 12-23, Beloit Chiropractic 12-23, Albany Lanes 11-24.

Tuesday Shaningans

12/17—High series: Alexis Sies 570, Lisa Josephsen 365, Chris Rosheisen 363, John Thill 570, Eric Woodruff 544, Ike Johnson 519. High games: A. Sies 242, L. Josephsen 148, C. Rosheisen 130, J. Thill 203, Larry Ommodt 198, E. Woodruff 191. The Young & The Restless-high team game 868 and series 2,477. Standings: The Young & The Restless won 48 lost 29, Albany Lanes 47-30, Misfits 42-35, Clayt's Boomtastic 37-40, Sweet Mini HaHa 31-46, Greightful Dead 26-51.

Badger

12/17—High series: Keith Riese 650, Josh Brugger 648, John Elmer 607, Paul Rhyner 598, Kim Qualley 450. High games: K. Riese 247, P. Rhyner 239, J. Brugger 233, J. Elmer 229, K. Qualley 167. Renks-high team game 810 and series 2,367. Standings: Jim's Mechanic Shop won 30 lost 12, Renks 27-15, Decatur Dairy 24-18, Counter Attack 18-24, Team 6 15-27, TUGS 12-30.

Wednesday Night Ladies

12/18—High series: Zoe Krattiger 515, Julie Williams 450, Alice Patchen 442, Darcy Stephenson 431, Rikki Thomas-Martin 429. High games: Z. Krattiger 196, J. Williams 180, J. Patchen 171, Nicole Brewer 168, Dena Laughlin 168. Glenn-Ann Ladieshigh team game 559. Crystal's Team-high team game series 1,649. Standings: Glenn-Ann Ladies won 9 lost 5, Crystal's Team 9-5, Stables Bar & Grill 9-5, Larson Acres 8-6, General Store 5-9, Albertson's 2-12.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

12/19—High series: Becky Riese 464, Tana Klitzman 387, Cindy Sheldon 384. High games: Ann Marie Machado 168, T. Klitzman 166, B. Riese 166. Mike's Flooring-high team game 534 and series 1,499. Standings: Albany Lanes won 7 lost 0, Mike's Flooring 5-2, Ball's Installation 5-2, Nolte's Garage 2-5, Knutes 0-7.

Thursday Night Mixed

12/19—High series: Chad Malcook 698, Robert Murray 672, Tim 663, Scott Wahler 662. High games: R. Murray 258, C. Malcook 249, Josh Stadt 248, Michael Morton 245. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,138 and series 3,142. Standings: Albany Lanes won 25 lost 10, Attica Bar 20-15, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 19-16, Glenn Ann Holsteins 17-18, Golz Electric 15-20, Broughton's Corner Bar 2

Brodhead Juniors

12/21—High series—boys: Parker VanderPal 595, Ashton Hale 580, Casey Johnson 450, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 355, Evan Johnson 347, Tristan Modaff 282. High games—boys: P. VanderPal 211, A. Hale 210, C. Johnson 166, A. Ramirez-Vogel 134, E. Johnson 125, T. Modaff 118. High series—girls: Taylor Sauer 395, Kelsee Brugger 352, Emma Welbig 308, Lilly Johnson 297, Ryan Stevens 193. High games—girls: T. Sauer 149, K. Brugger 127, L. Johnson 116, E. Welbig 110, R. Stevens 69.

Brodhead Youth

12/14—High series: Jack Norris 157, Carter Fenwick 147, Jaxson Brewer 137, Henry Johnson 136, Jayse Bennett 124, Keira Shrader 136, Ayla Brugger 124, Amelia Fenwick 118, Stella Brugger 62, Kinslee Brewer 61. High games: C. Fenwick 87, J. Norris 84, H. Johnson 84, J. Bennett 80, J. Brewer 72, A. Brugger 87, K. Shrader 70, A. Fenwick 70, S. Brugger 54, K. Brewer 33.

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Green County Sheriff's Department December 16-22, 2024

At 6:22 p.m., Friday, deputies, along with Albany EMS and Albany FD, responded to the 300 block of E. Main St., in the Village of Albany, for a reported ATV crash with injury. The investigation found that Justin W. Hartwig, 39, of Albany, was traveling westbound when the ATV lost traction due to snow and ice on the road. The ATV then slid into the eastbound lane, where it over turned. The ATV sustained minor damage and was removed from the scene. Hartwig was not wearing a helmet or eye protection and was later transported to the hospital for further medical treatment.

Letters to Santa

Mrs. Weis's first grade Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How do you go down chimneys and how do your reindeer fly? I have been good this year. Please bring me a Squishmallow with a sleeping bag in it and a guitar. Happy Holidays.

Love, Ivy Swanson

Dear Santa,

Am I on the naughty list or good list? How are the reindeer doing? I have been nice this year, Please bring a fingerling monkey. I love you!

Love, Ady Updike Dear Santa,

How are you feeling this year? How do your reindeer pull you? I have been super great this year. Please bring me a PS5 and a golden Ferrari and Lamborghini. Good luck this year!

Love, Bowen Remy-Knox Dear Santa,

I love you. Are your elves naughty? I have been good this year. Please bring me a phone. Merry Chrismas!

Love, Mady Holst

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? How do your reindeer fly? I have been good this year. Please bring me a Nintendo Swich. Merre Christmas!

Love, Ryker Jones

Dear Santa,

How are the reindeer? How do the elves make presents? I have been really nice to my parents. Please bring me an Apple watch. Thank you for presents!

Love, Kylee Anthony

Dear Santa,

Are you feeling good? How is the sleigh? I have been really good and fun this year. Please bring me a punching bag and legos. Happy Holiday to you.

Love, Charlie Prindle

Dear Santa.

How is your day going? How do your reindeer fly? I have been good this year. Please bring me a remote control car. I love you.

Love, Olivia Goble Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? How do your elves make toys? I have been good this year. Please bring me a Moana 2 toy. Happy Holidays!

Love, Savannah Schaeffer

Dear Santa,

How are you doing this year? How is the North Pole? I have been good this year. Please bring me an Apple watch and a phone. I like how you nice!

Love, Raelyn Menehan Dear Santa,

How are you? If some one doesn't have a chimney how do you give them presents? I have been good this year. Please bring me a toy tractor. I like when you bring us presents!

Love, Brooks Schout

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How cold is it in the North Pole? I have been good this year. Please bring me an electronic drum. Merry Christmas!

Love, Ryan Leverton

Dear Santa,

How was your year? Are your elves on the nice list? I have been good this year. Please bring me PS5. I love you!

Love, Paulette Ramirez-Herrara Dear Santa,

How are you? How can your reindeer fly? I have been good this year. Please bring me a flipazoo cat dog. Merry Christmas!

Love, Eva Slack

Dear Santa,

How are you doing? How do you get in the house if you don't have a chimney? I have been good this year. Please bring me a dart board. I love you!

Love, JJ Wahl

Dear Santa,

How are you feeling? How does your factory work? I have been really good this year. Please bring me a new tabet a least. Merry Christmas!

Love, Eldon Rackow

Dear Santa,

Thank you for coming to my house on Christmas Eve. How do you go down the chimney? I have been good this year. Please bring me an American Girl doll. I hope you have a great holiday.

Love, Quinn Carvalho







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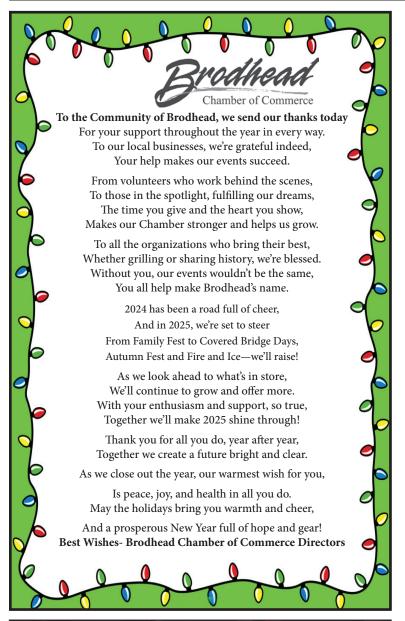
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The fifth grade classes at Albrecht Elementary have been learning about Colonial America for the last couple of months. This past week the fifth graders participated in Colonial Days. They listened to music, played games, learned calligraphy, made satchels, and danced.





Danica Damrow scored the go-ahead basket as the Cardinal women squeaked out a 37-35 win over the Blue Devils last Thursday. They will host Poynette, Friday, January 3rd in non-conference action. No other stats were available at press time. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Denise Miller after receiving the BEE Award on December 12.

Denise Miller receives BEE Award

Denise Miller, SSM Health Monroe Cancer Care Scheduler, is the newest recipient of the BEE Award.

The BEE Award was created to recognize any non-nursing staff members who demonstrate excellent quality care, extraordinary compassion, focus on the patient and the patient's needs and effective collaboration with other members on the patient care team.

Denise was nominated by two different team members. One of which was April Zettle, RN, whose nomination shared: "Denise has such a kind heart, contagious smile, upbeat personality, and unmeasurable compassion and commitment to not only her patients, but their families, and her coworkers alike. She works tirelessly to help coordinate appointments to ensure patients receive the care they need, while trying to limit trips to the clinic. She knows how difficult it can be for some patients to navigate multiple appointments. Denise takes the extra time to make our patients feel loved and valued, and that is certainly one way to "WOW" each guest, so they feel like they are the most important person in the world!"

January Programs at the Durand Library

Shapes of States, Making Rope Baskets, and New France

Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

Three great programs are planned in January to which everyone is invited. Two on Saturday mornings and one during our new Tuesday evening hours

Please join us Saturday, January 11 at 10 a.m. for the first of a four part series on the "shapes of the states." The 90-minute talk will cover the original 13 states. We are so familiar with the map of the United States that our state borders seem as much part of nature as mountains and rivers. It is an eye-opener to learn how politics, wars, geological features, faulty surveys, battles between states, and petty grievances played into how our states got their shapes.

We might wonder why many of the northeastern states are so small compared to the other states. Why is Vermont not considered one of the original 13 states? Why is there a West Virgina but not an East Virginia? And why does Oklahoma have that long skinny panhandle... wouldn't it make more sense for Texas to have that land? Why does Missouri have a heel on their southern border? And why did Illinois, Minnesota, and Michigan gang-up and take land away from Wisconsin?

The second part of the series Saturday, February 8 discusses the states in the Midwest and how the Northwest Territory was divided; Saturday, March 8, the states formed from the 828,00 square mile Louisiana Purchase, and Saturday, April 12, the Western and Pacific Coastal States. Instructor Brad Keyes will discuss how the 50 states in the Union received their shapes and we'll learn how our young nation struggled to develop equally sized states from over-sized territories.

Also in January, Brenda Kinney will give a fun and inspiring demonstration on how to turn clothesline into attractive baskets. Brenda, a member of the Scrapbag Quilt Club, will bring her sewing machine and show the technique as well as give those attending tips on how to tackle this fun project. Shown in the photo are two examples but selecting the shape, size and design is up to the imagination of the maker. This program is Tuesday, January 14 and will begin at 6 p.m. Please let us know if you are interested in attending by emailing to the library address below.

Later in January there will be a talk on the French explorers and settlers in Illinois. The many French place names in Illinois bespeak the influence of these early European explorers. To name only a few, there is Marseille, Versailles, Grand Detour, Joliet, Champaign and yes, even a Paris in Illinois. The French were the first Europeans in this part of North America arriving in present day Illinois in 1673. How did the French arrive here, what relationships did they develop with Native Americans and how did they ultimately lose this land to the British? Historian Mark Peterson will share the story of the French connection with us. His talks always include outstanding visuals: maps, illustrations and images of artifacts. Mark's talk begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, January 25.

Story Time is the first and third Saturdays of each month. Parents are encouraged to bring their little ones to Story Time and acquaint them with the riches, yes, riches, that a library offers! Story Time is at 10 a.m.

About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between Durand School and the Friends of the Durand Library which is a 501 (c)(3) organization. Residents of the Durand school district enjoy checkout privileges, and everyone is invited to all library programs.

The building is handicapped accessible, and we are more than happy to deliver books to those who are physically unable to get to the library. If getting to the library during public hours is difficult for some patrons, one of the volunteers will be happy to meet anyone at the library at another time.

Library hours are Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays 6-8 p.m. Entry is at the east or playground end of the school building. Just follow the paved walkway. There is a sign at the sidewalk and more signs along the way. For more information, please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or visit FB.com/durandvillagelibrary.



The TOTAL team spent their lunch hour on Wednesday, December 18th spreading Christmas cheer to local residents at the Senior Village. Students sang Christmas carols and delivered gifts to the residents during their Holiday luncheon.