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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Beth Staniforth-Seamster, Pastor. Sunday worship May 25-August 31—9 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch.com.

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 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. On-line 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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.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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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, 608-293-4232. 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 1st 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 Facebook.

Sunday Night Church
Sunday 6/29 results: Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Orfordville Lutheran 10-0; Church of God defeated Luther Valley 9-4; Congregational UCC defeated Living Word 9-4.
Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 6-2; Congregational UCC 5-2; United Methodist 4-2; Living Word 2-5; Luther Valley 3-4; Church of God 3-3; Orfordville Lutheran 1-6.

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I would like to sincerely thank the committee members who chose me as a recipient of the Ray C., Maude M., and Genevieve Lyons Scholarship fund along with the committee members of the Barbara Garwig Pautz Academic Scholarship. I would also like to thank the Colony Brand Career Expo organization. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

—Ava Risum

OBITUARY



Janell
Charlene
Hendersin

Janell Charlene Hendersin, 97, passed away on June 9, 2025 at Marycrest Assisted Living Home in Sparta, Wisconsin. Janell was born September 23, 1927 in Sparta, Wisconsin, to Charles and Eunice (Warner) Batteen. She grew up on a farm in Angelo and attended high school in Sparta along with her younger sister, June.

She met and later married Boyd Hendersin on October 8, 1948. Boyd's job took them to Madison, where daughters, Vivian and Denise were born. They later moved to Brodhead, and finally retired to the Sparta area, settling in their home in Cataract. Following Boyd's death, she moved into Sparta and was a resident at Parkview Apartments and Marycrest Assisted Living Home.

Janell was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd; and her parents, Charles and Eunice.

She is survived by her sister, June Clark; her daughters: Vivian Vander Veen (Scott) and Denise Pesti (Gene); grandchildren: Sean Vander Veen, Sandy Harshaw, Erin Pesti, and Alan Pesti; as well as great-grandchildren: Troy Vander Veen and Liam Harshaw; and many nieces, nephews, and grand nieces and nephews.

A graveside service is being planned for the future and will be announced at a later date.

Online condolences may be offered at www.schanhoferfh.com.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with arrangements.


Oakley-Union
UMC Ice
Cream Social

Get ready for the Oakley-Union UMC Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 24, from 4 to 7 p.m. Join them in celebrating the summer with friends, food and more.

The church is located at W2388 Gerber Road, Juda.

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You're invited to join St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church for Epic Australian Adventure, their Vacation Bible School open to all children from kindergarten up through seventh grade. The camp will run from July 9-11, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come and sing songs, play games, make crafts, and study the Word of God with us. Snacks and lunch will both be provided. Parents especially will want to come Friday afternoon for the closing ceremony (refreshments provided), and again on Sunday, when the VBS kids will have the chance to sing in the 9 a.m. Sunday worship service! With this free program, they're hoping to get to know the members of our community, form some friendships, and show you what they're all about here at St. Peter. If you'd like to know more about their Vacation Bible School, or the other services St. Peter provides, there's a few ways to reach them. Call or text the church phone at 608-618-6090. Check out their website, StPeterLutheranBrodhead.com, for online registration. And if you'd like to get acquainted with their pastor, he'd love to hear from you as well! Call or text Pastor Tyler Swiderski at 612-270-2591 or email him at pastorswiderski@gmail.com. The Camp Coordinator, Joyce Drewes, can be contacted at 608-897-4071. In person visits are also always welcome. Find them at 1708 W. 6th Avenue, Brodhead. Look for the brown A-frame church! And all guests are welcome to join them for worship Sunday mornings at 9 a.m., but if you'd like to drop by during the week, that works, too.

Camp registration forms can be found online, picked up in-person in the church building, or by contacting Pastor Swiderski or Joyce between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Please note, if you wish to enroll multiple children, they request a separate form for each child. They hope you join them, and have a terrific summer!

Albany United Methodist
Church Welcomes New Pastor

Albany United Methodist Church council is pleased to announce the appointment of Pastor Beth Staniforth-Seamster beginning Tuesday, July 1.

Pastor Beth began her ministry in 2011 and has been in the clergy program for seven years, recently just becoming a deacon in June. Beth's experience includes Lake Mills United Methodist Church Youth Director for five years and ministering at the Whitewater United Methodist Church for the last nine years; eight years as Pastor of Children and Family Ministries, and one year as Pastor of Caring and Community Outreach.

She is very excited to begin her leadership at the Albany UMC and becoming very involved with community events and finding that church/community partnership. Pastor Beth's first Sunday of leading worship will be on Sunday, July 13th but she and her family will be introduced at the Sunday, July 6th service held at the Albany Village Park led by special musical guest Dan Holmes.

Beth's family includes husband, Daniel and two children: Clara and Matthew. Welcome Pastor Beth and family to Albany!

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BRODHEAD ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The Brodhead Athletic Department will be hosting their annual golf outing, Saturday July 26th, at 10 a.m. Cost is \$90 per golfer, which includes 18 holes of golf, food, raffle prizes, and a gift bag. Registration is due by Friday, July 11, and they are limiting it to the first 32 foursomes. Proceeds from this event benefit the Brodhead Athletic Department.

Stop by the office or email Brian Kammerer for a registration form, or sponsorship letter.

GIVE A PINT, GET A PINT— DONATE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES!

The Brodhead Blood Drive will be held Monday, July 7, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead.

Give a Pint, Get a Pint. The American Red Cross and Kwik Trip are teaming up to help save lives one pint at a time. They'd like to thank you for your lifesaving donation with one pint of Kwik Trip's delicious Nature's Touch Ice Cream. This available to all presenting donors while supplies last.

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!

SCHWARTZLOW FAMILY REUNION

Schwartzlow descendants are having their family reunion on Saturday, July 12, at Putnam Park, 6th Street and W. 3rd Avenue, in Brodhead, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., eating at noon.

Bring a dish to pass. Chicken, ham, table service and bottled water will be provided. Spread the word to other members of your family.

If questions, contact Rita (Ringhand) Vickers at 608-897-2082.

BRODHEAD CLASS OF 1985 40TH REUNION

The Brodhead class of 1985 is planning a 40th class reunion and invites all classmates to reconnect, reminisce, and celebrate the milestone together. The current date set for the event is Saturday, August 9th. Anyone interested in helping plan and look to help reach as many classmates as possible, please contact Debbie Bruns (Olin) at 608-201-9433. A Facebook post has been sent out, but if you know someone that may not be on Facebook, please let them know so they can contact Debbie and she can get them information.

GCDC Small Business Microloan Program Supports Green County Entrepreneurs

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is proud to announce the start of the Elevate Entrepreneurs Small Business Microloan Program, a new initiative designed to empower small business owners and spark local economic growth in Green County. This program is made possible through a grant from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).

Through this grant, GCDC will offer microloans for small business needs, ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 at 0% interest for a one-year term. The program is structured to be self-sustaining—loan repayments will be reinvested into the fund, ensuring ongoing support for the next wave of local entrepreneurs.

“The Elevate Entrepreneurs program reflects the spirit of resilience and ingenuity that built Green County,” said Olivia Otte, Executive Director of GCDC. “From family farms to downtown storefronts, Green County’s history has always been shaped by individuals with the courage to take a chance and the drive to create something new. This program invests in that same entrepreneurial spirit, providing early-stage capital where it’s needed most.”

This program is designed to support aspiring entrepreneurs and current small business owners with capital purchases, marketing, operational costs, and other needs. The microloan program will prioritize applicants who may not qualify for traditional financing but have strong business concepts and community impact potential. Flexibility is an important element with this program, offering the flexibility entrepreneurs need to get started or grow.

Applications for the microloan program are currently open. Interested entrepreneurs are encouraged to apply quickly, as funds will be dispersed on a first-come, first-serve basis for approved projects. Please contact GCDC at 608-328-9452, email gcdc@greencountydevelopment.com, or visit <https://greencountydevelopment.com/doing-business/#incentives> for details on eligibility and how to apply.

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is the lead economic development organization for Green County, Wisconsin. GCDC works to foster business growth, support community development, and create opportunities that sustain and strengthen the local economy.



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Runaas Family Reunion

The Runaas Family Reunion will be held Sunday, July 13th at the Albany Village Park, 201 Sugar River Parkway. It starts at 1 p.m. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Coffee and water will be furnished.

Kindly spread the word with your immediate family. Any questions please call Jim Runaas at 608-862-2220.

Jane Curran-Meuli named “Rural Hospital and Health System President and CEO to Know”

Jane Curran-Meuli, President of SSM Health Monroe Hospital and SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital—Janesville, has been recognized as one of Becker's Hospital Review's “118 Rural Hospital and Health System Presidents and CEOs to know” for 2025.

This national distinction highlights top healthcare leaders who are dedicated to ensuring rural communities have access to exceptional health care services. Honorees are also recognized for their ability to implement forward-thinking strategies to keep rural hospitals sustainable and thriving.

Curran-Meuli brings more than 40 years of healthcare experience to her leadership role. She began her career as a registered nurse in pediatrics and women's health before transitioning into executive leadership. Today, she is responsible for guiding the strategic direction of both hospitals, aligning with SSM Health's Mission and system-wide priorities.


Her recognition by Becker's Hospital Review underscores her unwavering dedication to rural healthcare and her impact on the communities she serves.

United Methodist Church Ice Cream Social

The United Methodist Church of Brodhead (BUMC) is hosting their annual Ice Cream Social on Thursday, July 17 from 4:30-7 p.m. The “all you can eat dinner” includes barbecue sandwiches, hot dogs, potato salad, fruit salad, baked beans, pie, brownies and ice cream. Deliveries are available in the immediate Brodhead area by calling 608-897-2515 to place your order. Carryouts are also available. Advance sale tickets, adults \$12/ children \$6 ages four-10, are available at the church or from a board member. Prices will increase by \$2 at the door.

The BUMC is located at 501 1st Center Avenue in Brodhead and is open for worship on Sunday at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

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Twilight in the Park

6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. • Veterans Park

*All concerts will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m.
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ACADEMICS

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES SPRING 2025 DEAN’S LIST

More than 11,300 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the 2025 spring semester Dean’s List. Students named to the Dean’s List must earn a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Savannah Nicole Peterson, of Davis, Illinois, Animal Science, B.S., was among those named.

LORAS COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 2025 GRADUATES

Loras College has announced the names of students who earned a bachelor’s degree or master’s degree in 2025.

Among those named was Rachel Fosler, of Davis, Illinois.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DULUTH (UMD) ANNOUNCES DEAN’S LIST FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2025

The University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) has announced its Dean’s List for Spring Semester 2025. Students on the Dean’s List have achieved a grade point average of 3.50 or higher while earning a minimum of 12 letter-graded credits.

The four colleges within UMD are: College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (CAHSS), College of Education and Human Service Professions (CEHSP), Labovitz School of Business and Economics (LSBE) and Swenson College of Science and Engineering (SCSE).

Among those named was Aidyn Vondra, of Brodhead, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, Journalism BA; Communication.

STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST FOR SPRING 2025

The following students from the area have been named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean’s List for the spring 2025 semester.

The award is presented to students who have a grade point average of 3.5 or above.

Those named included: Matthew Collins—BS Mechanical Engineering, BS plastics engineering, Lexie Holt Lobeck—BS early childhood education, and Cordell Purdy, BS Computer Science, all of Brodhead; and Noah Flood Elyafi—BS Computer and Electrical Engineering, of Orfordville.

The Green County Genealogical Society will present— “Plan a Visit to the Wisconsin Historical Society”—by Jill Fuller



The presentation is Saturday, July 12 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. Please note the meeting will be the second Saturday of July because of the holiday.

Are you ready to take a trip to the Wisconsin Historical Society (WHS)? Let Jill Fuller help you prepare for that trip. WHS holds one of the top five genealogical collections in the country, with materials from across the United States and Canada. Discover more about our extensive family history collections in the library and Archives, including newspapers, family history books, court records, and more. Learn how to search the catalog and website to find materials on your family for your next visit to WHS. Even if you can’t make it to Madison, you’ll find out how to get access to our physical and digital collections so you can keep researching your ancestry!

Jill Fuller is a Reference Librarian and Stacks Manager at the Wisconsin Historical Library. She started doing genealogy as a teenager and quickly caught the research bug! She has a B.A. in history from Winona State University and an MLIS from UW-Madison. Jill is also a member of the Louisa May Alcott Society and is the co-creator of a podcast on Louisa May Alcott’s life called Let Genius Burn.

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



Abby Hollis claims WBCA All-Star Three-Point Contest title

Abby Hollis, a 2025 graduate of Albany High School, showcased her talents at the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) All-Star Game on June 25, 2025, at Justagame Fieldhouse in Wisconsin Dells. Representing the Division 5 South team, Hollis contributed to a 79-69 victory over Division 5 North. She also claimed the WBCA All-Star Three-Point Contest title, defeating Addison Baumgart of Division 1 North’s Kaukauna High School in the finals.

Beyond her athletic achievements, Hollis and her Division 5 South team raised over \$24,000 to support families in need, hometown heroes, and the fight against childhood cancer, the highest amount among the ten All-Star teams. Hollis led the fundraising efforts, contributing over \$6,600, with her Albany-Monticello teammate Dalana Trumpy raising \$5,500, the second-highest total among the 110 participating players.

Hollis is set to attend Clarke University, where she will double major in Sport Management and Business, minor in Marketing, and play for the Clarke Pride Women’s Basketball Team.

(Photos courtesy of Albany Sports Boosters)



Brodhead Dairy Queen

On Sunday, June 15th Kate Olmedo was crowned the Brodhead Dairy Queen.

Hello! My name is Kate Olmedo and I am the 2025-2026 Brodhead Dairy Queen. I am the daughter of Jennifer Olmedo and Gabriel Rojas. This fall I will be a junior at Brodhead High School. I am an active member of the BHS band, 4-H and FFA. During my involvement with 4-H and FFA, I have participated in Dairy Judging and have shown dairy cattle. This year I decided to also raise a pig to show at the fair. For the past four years, I have exhibited dairy at the fair, state shows and other events such as World Dairy Expo and the North American International Livestock Expo. These opportunities have allowed me to share my passion with others and represent the dairy community with pride. I look forward to this next year and hope to inspire the next generation to appreciate and support agriculture.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten winner

The first of this school year’s 1000 Books Before Kindergarten winners! And he’s not even in pre-kindergarten, yet! He’s a regular attendee at Albertson Memorial Library’s Preschool Story Time, which meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. He received a library bag filled with school and art supplies.

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2025 Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Products Contest Winners Announced

Dairy manufacturers from throughout the state submitted over 500 entries for the 2025 Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Products Contest, which took place June 19 at the Wisconsin State Fair Park. The contest featured over 50 classes for cheese, sour cream, butter, yogurt, milk and custard.

The 2025 Grand Master Cheesemaker, Grand Champion Butter, Grand Champion Yogurt, Grand Champion Sour Cream, Grand Champion Milk and Grand Champion Custard will be announced at the Blue Ribbon Dairy Products Auction on Thursday, August 7 at The Wisconsin State Fair Park. The Blue Ribbon Dairy Products Auction is a fundraiser for the Wisconsin State Fair Dairy Promotion Board. Auction proceeds fund scholarships for students pursuing dairy-related degrees and support the board's interactive educational exhibits at Wisconsin State Fair Park.

- The top entries in each class include:
- Brick, Muenster—Ty Saglam, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Buholzer Brothers Brick, 99.100; Ron Buholzer, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Buholzer Brothers Muenster, 98.950; Decatur Cheesemakers, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Brodhead, Muenster, 98.900.
- Feta—Kristi Wuthrich, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Feta in Brine, 98.940.
- Flavored Soft Cheese—Justin Lowery, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Tomato & Basil Feta in Brine, 99.750.
- Reduced Fat or Lite Cheese—Steve Webster, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Feta in Brine, 99.600; Ron Buholzer, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Mediterranean Herb Feta in Brine, 99.345; Matt Erdley, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Tomato & Basil Feta in Brine, 99.090.
- Havarti—Brett Riese, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Buholzer Brothers Havarti, 99.000; Dave Buholzer, Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Buholzer Brothers Havarti, 98.900.
- Flavored Havarti—Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy Inc., Brodhead, Havarti Dill, 99.700; Decatur Cheesemakers, Decatur Dairy Inc., Havarti Dill, 99.400.
- Unflavored Cheese Curds—Decatur Cheesemakers, Decatur Dairy Inc., Brodhead, White Curd, 99.540; Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy Inc., Brodhead, White Curd, 99.375.
- Flavored Cheese Curds—Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy Inc., Brodhead, White Dill Garlic Curd, 99.045.
- Flavored High Protein Yogurt—Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Vanilla Greek Yogurt, 99.850; Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Peach Greek Yogurt, 99.800.
- Unflavored High Protein Yogurt—Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Labneh, 99.650; Klondike Cheese, Monroe, Odyssey Greek Yogurt, 99.475.
- Open Class—Flavored Yogurt—Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Whole Vanilla Yogurt, 99.600; Klondike Cheese Co., Odyssey Whole Peach Yogurt, 99.000.
- Open Class—Unflavored Yogurt—Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Whole Fat Yogurt, 99.650.
- Open Class—Unflavored Sour Cream—Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Sour Cream, 99.550.
- Low Fat Sour Cream—Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Greek Mediterranean Feta Dip, 99.800; Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Greek French Onion Dip, 99.775; Klondike Cheese Co., Monroe, Odyssey Reduced Fat Greek Tzatziki Dip, 99.700.



Annelise Bethke and Jenna Pinnow also participated in the Artwork Contest!

Left to right: Leilah King holding Jenna Pinnow's drawing and Annelise Bethke.

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Our lives, Our Fortunes and Our Sacred Honor Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library

At the moment the 56 men signed the Declaration of Independence they pledged their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor. This was no empty promise. They were challenging England's power and were committing treason in the eyes of King George III. In fact, many of those signing did pay dearly for their bravery and commitment to their principles.

As the country celebrates Fourth of July it is important to remember the risk and the danger to which the signers exposed themselves and their families. Please visit National Archives, America's FoundingDocuments > Signers of the Declaration of Independence for a full list of the 56 men who put their lives on the line to boldly declare independence from England.

Several websites tell of the repercussions, some brutal and deadly, for those who signed the Declaration of Independence. It was not a time of easy communication and recording of events. However, several sources state that five of those men were captured by the British, tortured and put to death. Nine others lost their lives during the war and the sons of two of the signers also lost their lives fighting against the British soldiers.

Others lost their homes, businesses and families through harassment and destruction by British soldiers or loyalists. Many suffered hardships throughout the Revolutionary War, which led to shortened lives as home, family and business were destroyed. Thus these brave men lost their own right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness while opening the way for coming generations to enjoy those freedoms.

The Durand Library will be closed Saturday, July 5 in recognition of this moving national holiday and so that our volunteers can participate in the many activities going on in the Village.

Community interest and support is vital to maintaining volunteer library services. Residents of the school district have check out privileges while everyone is invited to programs and workshops on a variety of topics.

Please know that volunteers are happy to deliver books to the home of anyone who is physically unable to get to the library. For those for whom hours are not convenient, just let us know and someone will meet you, at your convenience, during off school hours.

Library hours are Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesday evenings 6-8 p.m. For more information, please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or check our Facebook page.

State FFA Convention

On Tuesday, June 10th and Wednesday, June 11th the Brodhead FFA attended the State FFA Convention in Madison Wisconsin. The Chapter had many highlights of the week!

The Chapter earned the P.R.I.D.E Award (Promote, Recruit, Inspire, Develop and Educate) for an increase in our membership!



Back row, left to right: Molly McCullough, Laney Fraley-Markley, Leilah King. Front row, left to right: Madi Arnold, Annelise Bethke and Keegan Steinke.



Peyton Jordan played in the State FFA Band with her Trombone all week!

Back row, left to right: Mrs. Malkow, Madi Arnold, Annelise Bethke, Leilah King, Laney Fraley-Markley. Front row: Keegan Steinke, Peyton Jordan with her Trombone, and Molly McCullough.



- Joey Brown, Bethany Wenger, Keegan Steinke and Mara Meichtry all received their State FFA Degree.
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At 6:53 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the W2800 block of CTH KS, in the Town of Jefferson, for a single vehicle crash

without injury. The investigation found that the driver, Kathryn A. Reidenbach, 64, of Juda, was traveling westbound when she fell asleep and struck a utility pole. Reidenbach advised that she was uninjured and wearing her seat belt. Reidenbach's vehicle sustained functional damage, with no airbag deployment, and was driven from the scene.

Gathering Waters Presents 2025 Wisconsin Land Trust Days in July, August, and September

Gathering Waters: Wisconsin's Alliance for Land Trusts presents the eighth annual Wisconsin and Trust Days, a series of nature-themed events hosted by land trusts from July 1 through September 30.

Land Trust Days celebrates land trusts and the important work they do protecting Wisconsin's land, water, and wildlife. In 2025, 22 Wisconsin land trusts will host 49 events that are open to the public and offer a variety of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors.

Participants can experience Wisconsin's unique landscapes by hiking, biking, paddling, and even horseback riding. Educational opportunities that are great for the whole family will highlight butterflies and birds. Adults can appreciate nature with a sketchbook or wind down with outdoor yoga. Volunteers can help build part of the Ice Age National Scenic Trail. Read more highlights and get information on what to expect during 2025 Land Trust Days here.

"Land Trust Days is a collaborative effort between Gathering Waters and Wisconsin land trusts to help people have fun outside and learn about land conservation," said Mike Carlson, Executive Director at Gathering Waters. "Our goal is to help people experience Wisconsin's special places and the role land trusts play in protecting them, many of which are open year-round for all to enjoy."

During Land Trust Days, Gathering Waters also provides free printed event calendars and Wisconsin Nature Guides by request.

Find more information about Wisconsin Land Trust Days events at HaveFunOutside.org.



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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

The fourth week of Summer Library Program at Albertson Memorial Library was so much fun! Harold and the Purple Crayon provided the main theme . . . participants used a purple crayon and an iron to add purple to the ongoing t-shirt craft. Then everyone painted a rainbow using a marshmallow! Boing! Boing! Boing! The marshmallow made dots along a line in every rainbow color as the youngsters moved around the table, accessing each color.

Next week, the book of the day will be "Who Eats Orange" and there may or may not be actual oranges on hand to taste. Of course, there'll be another rainbow project, this time using crepe paper and a spray bottle. Come see how THAT works out! Then orange sharpie markers and rubbing alcohol will make a watercolor effect on our t-shirts.

Wednesday, July 8th will be the final session of the Summer Library Program at Alberson Memorial Library. Won't you join us? (Two sessions that day: 10 a.m. for preschool and kindergarten and 1 p.m. for grades first and up.)



The afternoon session of Albertson Memorial Library's Summer Library Program was filled with purple-iscious fun! Participants continued to work on the on-going t-shirt project by melting purple crayon shavings with an iron, directly onto the t-shirt. They listened to several purple books, including Sally's Purple Socks and The World Need More Purple People. The experiment for the day used milk and one (!) drop each of red and blue food coloring. A cotton swab dipped in regular dish soap made the colors jump and swirl, ultimately combining to make purple milk.

Next week's session will be all about orange. Did you know you can pop a balloon with an orange peel? That and other science-type activities using oranges are planned. The afternoon session is geared toward patrons from grades first through fifth, though everyone is welcome. Wednesday, July 8th will be the last session for Albertson Memorial Library's Summer Library Program this year. Please join us!



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Green County Healthy Community Coalition Publishes Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

A plan for the community, created by the community.

The Green County Healthy Community Coalition is proud to share that the 2025-2027 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) has been published. This plan lays out steps the community can take to help improve health in Green County.

"The Community Health Improvement Plan is an important part of helping improve people's lives here in Green County. It includes goals and strategies to outline what we're actually going to do about some of the biggest issues in our community," Said RoAnn Warden, Director at Green County Public Health. "This plan was created by people from different areas and organizations across Green County, by working together we're able to combine resources and make a greater impact."

The Green County Community Health Improvement Plan focuses on two priorities; mental health and housing. The plan includes goals, objectives and strategies for how the community can help improve mental health and housing. To view the full plan, visit [greencohcc.org](https://www.greencohcc.org). There are two workgroups working on achieving these goals over the next three years. The housing workgroup is led by the Green County Development Corporation and SSM Health Monroe, with group members who represent local municipalities, businesses, non-profits, education, healthcare, human services, and more. The mental health workgroup is led by Green County Public Health and Green County Behavioral Health with group members from human services, local businesses, non-profits, law enforcement, and healthcare. Anyone is welcome to join these workgroups, for more information, contact the coalition through the "Contact" form on our website. The workgroups will be working on this Community Health Improvement Plan through the end of 2027. Stay tuned for updates about their achievements.

Mental health and housing were chosen as priorities for the Community Health Improvement Plan after the coalition completed a Community Health Needs Assessment in 2024. The purpose of this assessment was to better understand what the largest health issues facing the community are, and mental health and housing were consistent themes throughout the assessment process. During the assessment we gathered data about the health of the community, created an online survey, held community conversations, conducted key informant interviews, and gathered secondary data. After gathering data, we shared the results with coalition members, and then discussed which issues we were able to make an impact on, and which issues came up the most during the assessment; which were mental health and housing.

To learn more about the Green County Healthy Community Coalition please visit our website: <https://www.greencohcc.org/> and Facebook page.

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Rainfall Simulator to be presented in Monroe on July 8

There will be a demonstration of the rainfall simulator on the evening of Tuesday, July 8. Why should someone see a rainfall simulator in action? Who goes out in the rain just to see how the water interacts with the soil? Does it run off or soak into the soil? Best case is it all soaks into the soil, but unfortunately that's not the case in all management scenarios. Very few people get to see different land managements side by side to evaluate their potential to run off or infiltrate water.

This rainfall simulator has five trays of different land managements, ranging from mowed grass to several kinds of tillage in crop fields to native prairie. All are subject to heavy "rainfall" allowing spectators to see how the water interacts with the soil- does it infiltrate or run off? Spectators remain dry and see firsthand how important it is for soil users to manage the land properly.

Interested individuals should gather on the north side of Monroe's Square by 6:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 8th. Tonya Gratz, Soil Conservationist, from the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department will lead the presentation. Water and soil should matter to everyone. The effects of poor soil health and excessive runoff have lasting economic burdens to communities and the county. The presentation will be wrapped up before 7 p.m. to allow county board members to attend their monthly meeting.

Family Fest 2025

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Kelch Aviation Museum hosts Waunakee Big Band for night of music, living history, and airplanes

On Saturday, June 14th, the Kelch Aviation Museum's normally quiet museum space was filled with the lively sounds of a full brass section as the 18-piece Waunakee Big Band launched into classic swing era tunes by the likes of Duke Ellington and Glenn Miller. Guests, many dressed to the nines in 1940s attire, filled the dance floor and sat at tables both inside the hangar and outside on the grassy lawn. Once or twice, the music was interrupted briefly by the sound of a vintage airplane taking off or flying overhead, but that only added to the festive vintage ambiance. In the elegant museum atrium, a bar served aviation-themed mocktails like the "Airmail Special" and "Engine Oil," while guests perused a selection of highly-coveted raffle prizes including two different vintage airplane rides donated by local pilots.

This was the Swing and Wings Vintage Hangar Dance hosted by the Kelch Aviation Museum, and this June marked the fourth time the Waunakee Big Band has presented a 1940s-era concert at the Kelch Aviation Museum. "This band is top-notch, and they just carry you back in time," said Ami Eckard-Lee, Creative Director at the museum. "It doesn't matter your age or experience—everyone has fun with this kind of music." That music pairs perfectly with the museum's collection of airplanes, cars, and exhibits focusing on the 1920s, 30s, and 40s. "I love this event because it really proves history doesn't have to be something dusty, old, or forgotten," says Eckard-Lee, who originally started working with the museum because of her interest in history.

The evening kicked off with an intro swing dance lesson taught by Nicolle Wood, a renowned 1940s-era dance instructor in the Midwest, before the band launched into more than two hours of classic swing and jazz songs, often led by talented Madison-area vocalist Susan Robertson. The Chicago Chorus Girl Project, a vintage-style dance team from Chicago, performed a brand-new number. And everyone enjoyed the high-energy skills on show during the swing dancing competition. Choosing a single winner was a challenge; the three final couples were chosen by audience applause and given prizes from the museum.

A food truck, "On the Fly," owned and operated by local entrepreneurs Dan and Ashley Wegmueller, served smash burgers and sides. The beef in the smash burgers came from the Wegmueller's farm in Monroe. Wegmueller, perhaps best known in the area for his farm and agri-tourism efforts, is also a pilot and can regularly be seen flying is 1942 open-cockpit PT-19 airplane at the Brodhead Airport; Dan donated a ride in his historic airplane to the raffle.

Hangar Dances have a long tradition in the USA and aviation communities, dating back to the legendary USO dances in WWII. When Renee Liedre, the leader of the nonprofit Waunakee Big Band, first reached out about collaborating on such an event, Eckard-Lee didn't know how successful it would be, especially in this rural community. But the event has sold hundreds of tickets every year, and guests drive from as far as Chicago and Milwaukee. Some visitors attend specifically for the dance floor—"We love going to hangar dances," said one visiting couple, "But they're harder to find these days." Others come to enjoy the live music and watch the band and dancers; it's not every day you can hear an 18-piece band, especially right here in Brodhead. Many guests are first time visitors to the museum and Brodhead.

The Swing and Wings Hangar Dance 2025 was sponsored in part by generous support from Brodhead Veterinary Clinic, Campbells Piggly Wiggly, and Regenold Properties. Raffle items were donated by the Beloit Sky Carp, Madison Partners, Jenny and Mike Flory, Sherri Sorg and Betty Miller, Rich Pember, and Dan Wegmueller. Additional donors, supporters, and volunteers made the event possible. The Kelch Aviation Museum and Waunakee Big Band plan to host a Fifth Hangar Dance in summer 2026. The Waunakee Big Band will be playing at various locations and events all summer; check their website for upcoming dates!

