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Brodhead Water and Light donates to local law enforcement

Utility offers handmade items, funds to support police projects

Locally owned municipal utility Brodhead Water and Light supported the community through donations to the police department in late November.

Brodhead Police Chief Brian Raupp received blankets meant to provide support to people in emergencies. These items were recently handmade by volunteers from public power utilities, including Brodhead Water and Light staff, during a conference hosted by wholesale power provider WPPI Energy.

Brodhead Water and Light Executive Assistant Terri Chapman won the blankets on behalf of the utility during the event. Police officers, firefighters and EMTs will give them out to people in emergencies.

"As a community powered utility, we are happy to be able to support residents in whatever ways we can," Chapman said. "From these blankets to monetary donations that can help children and even keep the city safer, it's important to all of us."

In addition to the blankets, Chapman gave funds to Raupp for a new speed sign and to update the police department's software. She also shared the annual \$200 donation to support their Shop with a Cop program, which provides a positive interaction between police officers and community members. Officers help children from economically disadvantaged families shop for gifts using donated funds for their family members during the holiday season.

Brodhead Water and Light is a municipally owned, nonprofit public power utility that serves more than 1,800 customers in Brodhead. It is one of 51 member utilities that make up joint action agency WPPI Energy, headquartered in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

Chief Raupp said the following, "We were surprised and extremely thankful to Water and Light for their donations. This allowed us to purchase a new speed board, be able to offer blankets to those in need, and purchase updated squad car laptops to improve traffic safety and officer



Chief Brian Raupp (BHPD) and Terri Chapman, Executive Assistant, Brodhead Water and Light



Chief Brian Raupp, Terri Chapman W&L, Corporal Tylor Hoard.

response to calls for service in the City of Brodhead. We are very lucky to have such great partner."



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.

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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 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: 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 p.m. Cookie Walk/Frosty's Workshop Event on Saturday, December 14, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

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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Kelly Jahn, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

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 Jady N 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.

New curtains and lighting for Albany School District

By Sharon Pryce

A fund for new curtains and lighting for the Albany School District was started last spring in hopes that they would be installed over the past summer. We were not able to meet the time frame but as of this month our goal has been met to place the order for new curtains and lighting. It is very exciting to see another part of the school be updated with much needed makeover.

We would like to thank the following donors for their kind contribution: Glenn-Ann Holsteins, LLC, David and Jeanette Gasner, Amy Salzberg and John Koopman, David King, Forrest Ross, McDermott-Steindorf Legion and Auxiliary, Madison Community Foundation, Nathaniel Ross, Jim and Joann Beutel, Albany Community Education Foundation, Pat Waterman, Sharon Pryce, Steve and Melody Bakken, John Ochsner, and Karen Rindig.

We would like to give a special thank you to Wayne Albertson, who generously contributed remaining funds needed to finish the project.

If you would still want to make a donation, the art program would need supplies like paint and building materials to build stage props for their plays.

Again, we cannot thank the community enough for their support in this venture.

District 8 AA locations

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

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

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

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

Holiday Cookie Walk and Frosty Workshop

The UCC's Annual Cookie Walk and Frosty Workshop Event will be held on Saturday, December 14th in the Fellowship Hall of the UCC located at E201 23rd Street from 8 a.m. to noon, or until treats are sold out!! Please come show your support. Come early—they sell out fast! Thanks!

It's Brodhead Optimists Essay Contest Time!

Calling all high school and middle school students! Grab your pen, 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 Brodhead 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 Optimism Has Paved My Road to Success"

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 scholarship.

The Brodhead Optimist Essay Chair Wendy Backes said, "It is our goal to 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 the same time."

The Optimist Club of Brodhead has been participating in the Optimist 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 include 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 pediatric cancer research.

Students wishing to participate in the essay contest can find out more about the contest by contacting the club chair Wendy Backes at wendybackes1966@gmail.com or getting an application from their school counselor at either the middle school or high school, or at the Brodhead Public Library.

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.



Pictured: Rudy Kaderly, JoAnn Eberle, Pat Daniels, and Kay Carter

Juda Zion Community Church to present Christmas musical

The adult choir of the Juda Zion Community Church will present their annual Christmas musical program on Sunday, December 15th at 1:30 p.m. The cantata, entitled "This Is Christmas" is a new work by the legendary composer Mary McDonald. The cantata tells the story of Jesus' birth through familiar carols, inspired original melodies, and thoughtful narratives. The program will include melodies by the church Bell Choir, directed by JoAnn Eberle, and an audience sing-a-long of familiar carols.

The program includes the following members: choir—Steve Anderson, Heidi Bolton, Kathy Broger, Jean Busker, Sara Carr, Kay Carter, Irv Case, Jennifer Coppes, Sharon Creuzer, Pat Daniels, Julie Davis, JoAnn Eberle, Jake Hoesly, Joyce Hoesly, Peggy Jordan, Judy Kaderly, Calvin Kaderly, Rudy Kaderly, Laurie Martenson, Kristi Meck, Nicole Ramirez, Carrie Schwartz, Bob Severson, Kim Shields, Carrie Soddy, Justin Soddy, Mark Woodward; director: Shelly Jordan; lights: Brian Matzke; prompter: Judy Kaderly; sound and videography: Bill Jahn, Joe Kaderly, Calvin Kaderly, Caleb Woodward; set: Kay Carter, Lorin and Peggy Jordan, Shelly Jordan, Brian and Peggy Matzke, Bob and Mary Severson, Kim Shields; creative helper: Peggy Matzke; Mary: Sophie Bolton; Joseph: Ryan Schmidt; shepherds: Erik Woodward and Lucas Woodward; Gabriel: Mark Mason.

A time of refreshments will follow the program in the church fellowship hall. The program is free and open to the public, but a free-will offering will be accepted. Juda Zion Community Church is located at N2350 Church Street, Juda.

❖ **THANK YOU** ❖

The family of **BARBARA OLSON-MENEHAN** would like to thank everyone for the food, cards, memorials and comforting words.

Thank you to Jarod and the staff at DL Newcomer Funeral Home, the ladies of Bethlehem Lutheran Church for the luncheon and especially the pallbearers.

A very special thank you to Pastor Callie Arendt for your support and compassion during this difficult time.

She will be missed but left a loving and caring legacy.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

12/8—Standings: I'd Smack That won 23 lost 1, Victorious Secret 21-3, The Goon Squad 19-5, That's What She Set 12-12, Killer Serves 11-13, The Youngins 11-13, Valued Volleyers 10-14, One Hit Wonders 10-14, Net Ninjas 10-14, Chewblocka 8-16, All Sets Are Off 8-16, Super Soy 4-20.

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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.

BMS HOLIDAY SENIOR CITIZEN LUNCHEON

The Brodhead Middle School TOOL team is proud to collaborate with BMS staff and students to host our annual holiday luncheon on Friday, December 13. The Team of Outstanding Leaders will organize a program of musical performances, trivia, readings, crafts, and door prizes. The program will begin at 11:30 a.m., with lunch service at noon, and wrap up around 1 p.m. This luncheon is an opportunity for senior citizens in our community to gather for good cheer and festivities before the holidays. Contact the Brodhead Middle School office at 608-897-2184 by Wednesday, December 11, if you plan to attend.

*Free-will donations are accepted at the luncheon to maintain this holiday tradition.

BRODHEAD LIONS COLLECTING DEER HIDES

The Brodhead Lions will once again be collecting deer hides this hunting season. Hides will be sold to make gloves, with the money donated to Wisconsin Lions Camp for the blind and visually impaired. Last year, with everyone's help, they donated \$1,000 to them! Hides can be dropped off anytime until January. Look for signs and a covered shelter on the west side of Gassers Hardware parking lot.



Isaac Olson and Ella Olson, practicing for the Playathon at Julie Zimmerman’s studio.

Green County Piano Teachers

The Green County Piano Teachers will be sponsoring a Piano Play-A-Thon on Saturday, December 14th from 8 a.m.—4 p.m. at the former Java Lava Coffee Cafe in Monticello. This event will feature piano students from the Green County area playing a variety of holiday music.

The teachers participating are: Carolyn Hilliard, Dawn Jordan, Gwen Shaker and Julie Zimmerman.

Please join them in sharing the holiday season with this county-wide event.

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.

Juda Craft Fair

The Juda Booster Club will be hosting the Juda Craft Fair on Saturday, December 14, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Juda School, N2385 Spring Street. There will be jewelry, ceramics, handmade signs, homemade soaps, quilts, cross stitch, easy to prepare food, spices, drink mixes, wickless candles, plastic canvas, gourmet food products and much more.

Concessions will be available all day with breakfast and lunch options as well sponsored by the junior class.

Santa will be visiting from 10 a.m. to noon.

Admission is free.

Scalloped potatoes and ham dinner

A scalloped potatoes and ham dinner will be held on Monday, December 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Juda School cafeteria. The menu includes scalloped potatoes and ham, roll, green beans, milk and dessert. The cost is \$10 for adults and children 10 and under \$8. Proceeds go to Juda Booster Club.

Come cheer on the Juda basketball teams as they host Faith Christian.

Thank you

From Albany Women’s League

The Albany Women's League sends a special thank you to our amazing Albany Thrift Store volunteers who donate their time each week. This organization provides our area with not only clothing items but with books and also some household goods at affordable prices. Each year they provide the Empty Stocking project with a generous donation, which in turn purchases clothing, boots, coats, hats and mittens to families needing our assistance.

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Brodhead UCC Women’s Guild

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By Cindy Clint,
Outreach Librarian

“Check out” the latest offerings at the Albertson Memorial Library.

Adult Fiction: Now or Never by Janet Evanovich, Christmas in Bethel by Richard Paul Evans, The Housemaid’s Wedding by Freida McFadden, The House of Cross by James Patterson, How My Neighbor Stole Christmas by Meghan Quinn, Trial by Fire by Danielle Steel, and Stuart Woods’ Golden Hour by Brett Battles.

Large Print: Now or Never by Janet Evanovich and The Grey Wolf by Louise Penny.

DVDs: Beetlejuice Beetlejuice.

Treasure Trove (Our Library of Things): Sled (four available).

For more details on each title, be sure to visit the Albertson Memorial Library’s Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary>.

Please also follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary>, Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/albertsonmemoriallibrary> or our website at <https://www.albertson-library.org>.



Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Winter Weather, Winter Reading

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

While we are getting a sunny day or two now, the fact is the weather, although warmer, has been quite normal for this time of year—dark and dreary. The joy of Thanksgiving has passed and preparing for Christmas can be challenging and exhausting. It is a good time to take a break. The volunteer staff at the Durand Library have a suggestion.

Visit the library! Check out a good book that will take you to another time and another place. You may meet a character for the first time—perhaps come to love that character and grieve with them or celebrate with them. And good fiction always tells us more than just a simple story. We learn about the time and place in which it is set, events surrounding the characters and more. Good nonfiction always supplies lots of factual and interesting material but along with that one can find humor and pleasure as we read.

The process of checking out a book is as simple as it can be. If you live in the Durand School District we just need your name, e-mail address and phone number. This is your hometown; we don’t need proof of identity.

There are many great books to choose from as we have been adding steadily to the collection in the past months. Here are a few new and not so new ones to look for: Kristin Hannah’s The Women; Ship of Fools by Katherine Anne Porter; Nobel prize winning The Remains



By Laura Roth,
Children’s Librarian

Do YOU have a glowing nose? After reading “Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer by Robert May (Did you know it was written in 1939!?), the preschool story time at Albertson Memorial Library tied strings to crocheted noses (created by Linda Meier. Thanks Linda!) and posed for a photo. I wonder if anyone will wear them to Snack with Santa on Saturday? We played ‘Pin the Nose on Rudolph’ and created chocolate reindeer using pretzels and M&M’s. We might have sung a song or two as well.

Next week we’re going back to the stable, reading stories about the baby Jesus: Christmas in the Barn, A Night of Great Joy, and This is the Stable. We might have to build a stable using popsicle sticks. There should be some animals in that stable—we’ll be busy preschoolers!

Preschool Story Time will take a couple weeks off for the holidays. We’re looking forward to Tuesday, January 7th when we’ll read stories about winter and snow and cold. New friends are always welcome! See you on Tuesday, January 7th and most other Tuesdays at 10 a.m. (Before the library officially opens so we’ve got the place to ourselves!)

In the meantime, stay warm, everyone!

of the Day by Kazuro Ishiguro; Five Short Stories by Anton Chekhov; West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge; Macbeth (a cheery tale) by you know who; The Woman They Could Not Silence by Kate Moore.

Look for older classics in the Literature section, the 800 numbers, of the nonfiction books. Ask the person at the desk to help you find a fiction book you’d like. Or just browse the shelves and see what strikes your interest. Not to steal anything from MacDonald’s but, really, you deserve a break today!

About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between Durand School and the Friends of the Durand Library, 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, 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 on the building. For more information, please email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or visit [FB.com/durandvillagelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary).



Are you struggling through the holidays as a caregiver?

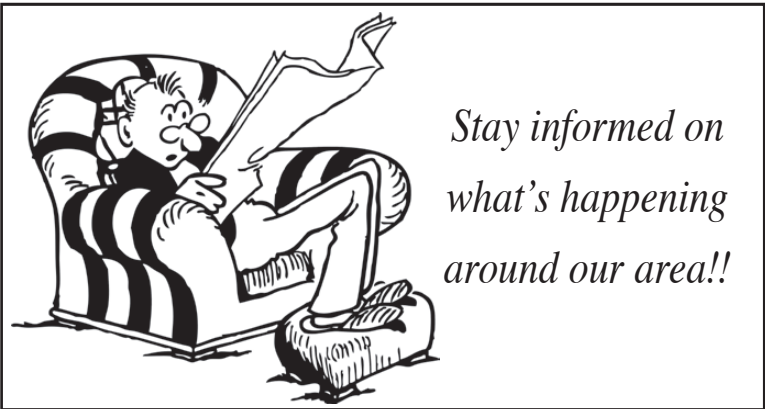
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The Aging and Disability Resource Centers of Rock and Marquette Counties are offering the 16-week grief and bereavement educational support group on Monday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. beginning January 13 and running through April 28. This is a virtual 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.



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Green County Market Steer/Market Heifer Weigh-In

The annual Green County Market Steer/Heifer Weigh-In will be held on Saturday, December 28, at Equity Livestock, located south of Monroe from 8–10 a.m. In case of inclement weather the snow date will be Saturday, January 11th. An announcement will be made over WBGR radio prior to 8 a.m. on the morning of Saturday, December 28th, if the weigh-in will be rescheduled due to inclement weather.

All exhibitors who plan to show market steers or market heifers at the 2025 Green County Junior Fair must have their market animal weighed and identified at this weigh-in. Each exhibitor can identify a maximum of five market animals. U.S.D.A. radio frequency identification tags will be used to identify each market animal for the county fair. Exhibitors will be required to provide the premise ID number for the farm that the market animal will be housed at.

Green County Fair exhibitors must reside in Green County or be a member of a Green County FFA, 4-H Club, or another Green County youth organization having adult leadership and offering educational programs directly related to the Beef project to have their market animals weighed and identified at this weigh-in. Market animals must also be identified and weighed to be eligible to participate in the 2025 Green County Fair Meat Animal Auction, Junior Steer/Heifer Show and the Market Animal Performance Class at the Green County Fair.

A market animal performance class will be held again in 2025. Market Animals entered in the performance class will be scanned for carcass merits and will not be sent for harvest during the fair. This will allow youth to exhibit the same market animal in both the performance and the market steer and market heifer classes with the exception of the Grand and Reserve Champion Performance Market Animal. The grand and reserve champion performance market animal will be selected based on their rate of gain, live show placing and scanned carcass data. To auction, all breeds of beef steers must weigh at least 1,100 pounds and all breeds of beef heifers must weigh at least 1,000 pounds. There is no weigh limit required to show in either a market class or the performance class, however the minimum weights must be attained to auction.

This weigh-in is only for market steers/heifers that will be exhibited at the Green County Fair. Steers/Heifers that will be exhibited only at the WI State Fair will be self-identified by exhibitors and are not required to attend this weigh-in.

The Green County Beef Producers will be assisting with the weigh-in. Record books for the Green County Meat Animal Sale and fair rules will be distributed to all exhibitors at the weigh-in. If you have any questions regarding the weigh-in, call Jackie McCarville, Green County UW-Extension Agricultural Educator at 608-328-9440.

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Teen entrepreneurs from across Wisconsin are invited to sign up to compete for a \$5,000 scholarship prize as part of the annual Young Entrepreneur (YE) Competition sponsored by Junior Achievement of Wisconsin to be held Friday, February 21, 2025, in Milwaukee. Wisconsin teens in grades ninth-12 who have run their business since January 2024 or earlier are eligible to apply.

In the “Shark Tank” style competition, four finalists are selected to pitch their businesses live to a panel of celebrity judges for a chance to win the \$5,000 top prize. This year’s competition will be judged by Craig Culver of Wisconsin’s own Culvers chain of restaurants, Jim Popp of Johnson Financial Group, Denise Thomas of The Effective Communications Coach, and Wes Saber of Haribo. Three other finalists will be awarded \$1,500 scholarship awards.

The annual competition spotlights Wisconsin youth who have successfully turned a business idea into a reality in the form of a fully operational commercial enterprise. The YE competition winner will be chosen based on business success, growth potential, and social involvement. Other considerations will be the entrepreneur’s age when the business was started, strategic direction, innovation, personal integrity, leadership, and any special challenges the young entrepreneur had to overcome.

If you are a teen in grades ninth-12, or know of one, who started their own business, visit or share the Junior Achievement of Wisconsin website to learn more or sign up to compete. To be considered for the 2024 competition, students must submit a completed application, headshot, video pitching the student’s business, a signed media release, and permission slip signed by a parent or guardian if the entrepreneur is under 18 years of age. The application deadline is midnight on Monday, January 6, 2024, at 11:59 p.m. CDT.

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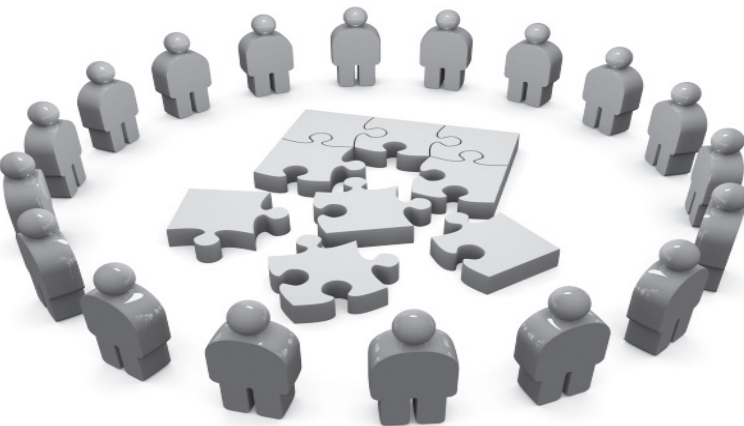


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Parkview Wrestling

By Brett Zimmerman

We started out are season with a rocky starter, on a building year with a number of freshman on the squad we battled adversary to take the wins that we earned. Starting of the Quad at Janesville Parker, the Vikings took on Jefferson. With a number of weight classes left vacant, Jefferson succeeded in taking down the Parkview-Albany Wrestlers 62-16. There were some hard fought matches, notable wrestlers in this dual were Freshman Tavin Bomkamp (144) who tech fell his opponent 21-5, Senior Slater Valley (113) who also tech fell his opponent 18-0, and finally Senior Wesley Egan (285) who pinned his opponent in 1:54.

In their next dual Parkview/Albany took on Janesville parker. Parker has a filled out squad so the competition was tough, but the Parkview-Albany Wrestlers battled to a 59-22. Tavin Bornkamp landed a pin in 0:59. Wesley Egan also added to his pin count finishing the match in just 1:15. Freshman Wyatt Quinn brought in a win via tech fall (20-5). Slater Valley brought in another victory via techfall (16-0).

The final dual of the night was against Beloit Turner, a close battler resulting in a loss no thanks to the forfeits. Tavin, Wes, and Slater continued their winning streaks to go 3-0 on the year, Wyatt Quinn came out swinging to bring his day to 2-1, Sophomore Peter Roth secured the victory with a tech fall (16-0), Freshman Elijah Gunn finished his evening with a pin in 2:27.

Senior Sydney Coyne went 1-0 on the day with a quick pin.

Varsity also Wrestled over the weekend at the Lake Country Luther tournament Iron Sharpens Iron. We brought seven wrestlers, all seven placed.

First: Freshman Tavin Bomkamp(144) ended his final match by decision in the with a score of 7-4. Senior Slater Valley (113) ended his final match with a buzzer beater pin at the 2:00 mark. Senior Wesley Egan (285) ended his final match by decision with a score o 5-2

Third: Freshman Elijah Gunn (165) ended his final match with a last second pin at 1:58.

Fourth: Sophomore Peter Roth.

Sixth: Sophomore Balin Lacy and Senior Sam Vogt.

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Cullen Walker #1 for the Cardinals, led all players with 23 points. This week the boys host River Valley on Monday and will travel to Clinton on Thursday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Josh Blum #5, pulls down a rebound in the game against Beloit Turner last Friday. The teams were tied at 22 each at the half but the Trojans pulled away midway through the second period to secure their win. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Alecia Dahl on a fast break scores an easy layup. She was doing it all in the line of steals, fastbreaks and scoring, leading all players with 27 points as Brodhead GBB outscored Marshall, last Tuesday with a 58-37 final. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Letters to Santa

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Dear Santa,
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Love, Willow Byrd

Dear Santa,
My name is Jace and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice were I stick up for my friends whey they are in danger. I am kind to my cousin. This year for Christmas I would like a PS5, a Blue controller, a allosaurus. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Jace Craft

Dear Santa,
My name is Oliver and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice.A few things I did that were nice were wen someone fell and I helped then up and I made crafts for the senior lunch. This year for Christmas I would like legos and headphones. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Oliver Naber

Dear Santa,
My name is Olivia and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice were I help Willy pick up her stuff, I let my sister borrow my stuff, I feed the cats and the dog. This year for Christmas I would like dolls, pupetes, capybara stuff, bee and puppy cat books, my sister to stop being mean, and that's it! I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Olivia Coplien

Dear Santa,
My name is Eva and I am 7 ½ years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice were I helpd my mom with decorations, I helpd my friend wen she fell, Ihelpd my dad. This year for Christmas I would like a guitar. And a talore swift book. And a arctic fox with a snow glowb on it. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, EvaValentin

Dear Santa,
My name is Layla and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been very nice. A few things I did that were nice were when someone is crying I help, when someone is hurt I ask if they are ok. This year for Christmas I would like an LOL doll. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Layla Mielke-Balch

Dear Santa,
My name is Cullen and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice were I helped sumoun up wen they fell down. This year for Christmas I would like the foxy megu plushe boxy as well and all uv the plushys. And camo. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Cullen Phillips

Dear Santa,
My name is Zachary and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice were I played with dominic at recess and I helpet my mom. This year for Christmas I would like football, baseball, and basket ball crads. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, ZacharyWand

Dear Santa,
My name is Laelonnie and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been VERY Nice. A few things I did that were nice were helped my mom do the dishes. I helped my dad with laundry. This year for Christmas I would like a doggy bed for my new dog. And a new tablet and a phone. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Laelonnie holst

Dear Santa,
My name is Aria and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are help the janader clean the lungch room. Today I was yoosing my manirs.This year for Christmas I would like some slime cits. I wold also like a new lipstick. I also want a magicknixy. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Aria Finstad

Dear Santa,
My name is Daniel and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice were I helpt mi sistr up

wen she fel. I helpd wen mi dad wus fixing a weekvus broc. This year for Christmas I would like a PS5. TV. wotch. hedset for PS5. XBOCS. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Daniel Zerilli

Dear Santa,
My name is Axel and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice were I gave mi mom a per uv star erings and I gave my grapu a hug ere tim i lev. This year for Christmas I would like a loves jrse and a cow boys jrse to. I can't wait for you to vist me this year!
Love, Axel Stout

Dear Santa,
My name is Braxtyn and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice were being nice to my sister I had to help my mom I helped my sister. This year for Christmas I would like a big monster truck with a cunteroler. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Braxtyn Drasch

Dear Santa,
My name is Beckham and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice were I help someone up when he fell when someone was cring I sed do you wnant to play. This year for Christmas I would like a mario Kart track and a tv and an xboxand a ipad and a minny frige and body wash. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Beckham Riese

Dear Santa,
My name is Henry and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice were I helped my mom when she did not feel good. I also picked up crayons for someone when they fell down. This year for Christmas I would like Harry Potter stuff, figits, and book's. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Henry Huffman

Dear Santa,
My name is Aubrey and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been VERY nice. Something I did nice wasI helped my brother clean his room. This year for Christmas I would like a Stanley with a straw and a surprise. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Aubrey Condon

Dear Santa,
My name is Elijah and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice were I did the wood ev-ery day and I do pig a lot. This year for Christmas I would like squirtle, charizard, and bulbasaur. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Eli Pratt

Dear Santa,
My name is Kaleigh and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are I asked someone to play and I helped my brothres

myles and mason. This year for Christmas I would like a pink and white candy cane and a lol ball. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Kaleigh Austin

Dear Santa,
My name is Emmett and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year! This year I have been naughty and nice. Something I did that was nice was I helped mom make cookies. This year for Christmas I would like a Xavier McKinney jersey and a RC car and a new tv. I can't wait for you to visit me this year!
Love, Emmett Clark

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My name is Blessing and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
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Love, Blessing

Dear Santa,
My name is Ava and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I help my friends when they spil. I am kind..
This year for Christmas I would like a book shelf, a wite board in my room, a star journal for my room.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Ava

Dear Santa,
My name is Tucker and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I helped a friend. For Christmas I was not mad I didn't get wat I wanted.
This year for Christmas I would like a many.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Tucker

Dear Santa,
My name is Ivy and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I cleand my room, I played with my cat, new cat, I made my bed.
This year for Christmas I would like a punching bag, a lego sets, a American doll.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Ivy

Dear Santa,
My name is Miles and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I help my sister, I help my mom, I did the dishwasher.

This year for Christmas I would like Nintendo switch.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Miles

Dear Santa,
My name is Amara and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice, naughty, naughty and nice.
A few things I did that were nice are: I help my friends get back up.
This year for Christmas I would like cats toys for Hyomming, amar-ickge dawsa.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Amara

Dear Santa,
My name is Eden and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I help Rylee was sad.
This year for Christmas I would like a hat.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Eden

Dear Santa,
My name is Ezra and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: naughty and nice.
A few things I did that were nice are: I helped my mom.
This year for Christmas I would like money for saving.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Ezra

Dear Santa,
My name is Rylee and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I helpt my friend up.
This year for Christmas I would like a stich bed, a stich we, chret and stich clas and stich evthing.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Rylee

Dear Santa,
My name is Blake and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: naughty and nice.
A few things I did that were nice are: I singed to my sitr.
This year for Christmas I would like a sokr ball, a baby doll with cllos.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Blake

Dear Santa,
My name is Oliver and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: naughty and nice.
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My name is Dax and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!

This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I help a friend. I am nise to my brother. I am nice to my family.
This year for Christmas I would like a Nintendo switch. I wot a ulr-tricksceder. I want a pcnf.



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Love, Dax

Dear Santa,
My name is Case and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I help someone on their work. I was nice to my family. I am nice my brother.
This year for Christmas I would like hunting simulation Nintendo switch.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you

and the reindeer!
Love, Case

Dear Santa,
My name is Sophie and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice, naughty and naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I gave sparkly a bracelet, I gave my sister a LOL for Christmas.
This year for Christmas I would like toys.
I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Sophie

Dear Santa,
My name is Zander and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice, naughty and naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I help solin up.
This year for Christmas I would like dog man plushy, dog man tshirt. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Zander

Dear Santa,
My name is Steven and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I help Ezra git up. I helped my dad with a car. I helped by brother with the abcs.
This year for Christmas I would like a spiderman toy. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Steven

Dear Santa,
My name is Ella and I am 7 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: VERY nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I tuc care of my famly and frens. I help my parnins.
This year for Christmas I would like a phone a cat and for Lucas. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Ella

Dear Santa,
My name is Weston and I am 8 years old. I am so excited for Christmas this year!
This year I have been: naughty and nice. A few things I did that were nice are: I hlpd pic up my houes.
This year for Christmas I would like call of duty. I can't wait for you to visit me this year! I will leave out a snack for you and the reindeer!
Love, Weston

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