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BPD memorial ceremony/awards recognition

The Brodhead Police Department will have a police memorial ceremony/awards recognition Friday, May 15th at 5:30 p.m. at city hall open to the public.

Seated, left to right: dispatchers—Mary Wells and Kathy Hammond; second row: dispatchers—Lisa France (full time), Kyleah Carruthers, Heather Vandermulen, and Cindy Swanson; third: Officer Kyle Kramer, Officer Kenton Beishir, Corporal Matthew Johnson, Chief Brian Raupp, Corporal Tylor Hoard, Officer Craig Christensen, Officer Danielle Graham, and Officer O'Malley Lomax. Not pictured: Officer Trevor Long, Officer Molly Hultine, and Officer Joseph Fitters.

Monthly meeting of the Brodhead Historical Society

The monthly meeting of the Brodhead Historical Society will be held Monday, May 18th. After a business meeting, there will be a sneak preview of this year's exhibits in the Depot Museum, including new presentations about Brodhead professional photographers dating back to 1860 and items featuring Brodhead advertising. The museum volunteers have been putting the finishing touches on them, as well as refreshing the museum's other exhibits. The meeting is open to the public and begins at 7 p.m. in the Knight Addition of the Depot Museum. The museum will be open for the 2026 season on Saturday, May 23, and continues to have free admission.



Natalie Pierce's sixth inning bunt. (Free Press photo by Duke Goetz/Goetz Imagery)

EARLY DEADLINE

Due to a printing schedule change the deadline for the

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

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

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

Grace Independent Baptist Church, Hwy. 81, three-quarter of a mile east of junction with 11, Brodhead. Donald Adams, Pastor. 608-897-8484. 9:30 a.m. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m. morning worship, 6 p.m. evening service. Wednesday 6 p.m. service.

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Sunday school 9:15 a.m.; worship service 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pas-

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

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

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

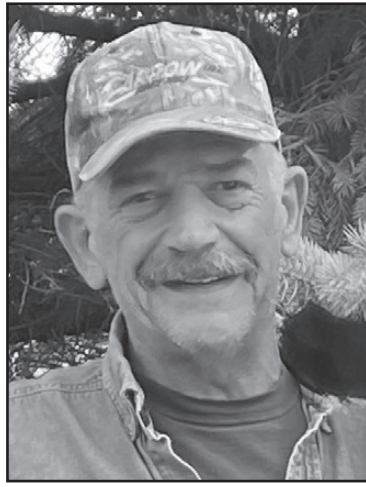
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St. Victor Catholic Church, 1760 14th Street, Monroe, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on Monday 6:15 p.m., Tuesday through Friday 8:15 a.m., Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 8 and 10 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506. Fully accessible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

United Methodist Church of Brodhead, 501 1st Center Avenue, Brodhead. 608-897-2515. Pastor Francois Mukosa. Church office hours: Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-noon. In-person worship at 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARIES



Bradley T. Clark

Bradley T. Clark, age 70, of Beloit, passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2026, at his home. He was born on October 18, 1955, the son of Walter and LaVena (Tronnes) Clark. Brad graduated from Brodhead High School in 1974.

For many years Brad worked as a Field Service Erector for Beloit Corp traveling all over the country, later he worked at Cummins after retirement he went to work part-time at A&H Inc as a mechanic. Brad found great joy being outdoors, especially hunting, fishing and relaxing watching the wildlife out at the land. He also had a passion for tinkering on his numerous projects and fixing anything anyone needed repaired. Above all Brad loved his children and grandchildren/"little people" more than anything, he cherished spending time with them and sending them special gifts.

Brad is survived by his children: Mandy (Kevin) Jones of Franklinton, North Carolina, Ian (Kate Zeuli) Clark of Carson City, Nevada, and Devin (Hope Hoerler) Clark of Brodhead; grandchildren: Tyler, Tristan and Savannah Jones, Jordyn, Makenly and Braxtyn Rummelhoff and Raymond Fritz; sisters: Sheryl Thorp and Denise Benton, both of Brodhead; brother, Andy (Carrie Ryan) Clark of Beloit; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

The family will be having a private celebration of Brad's life. Everson Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Oakley Union UMC Old Fashioned Sing-a-long

The Oakley Union United Methodist Church will have an Old Fashioned Sing a Long on Sunday, May 17 at 1 p.m. Music by Ernie Saunders and Friends. Stay for refreshments and fellowship after. Free will donations appreciated.

Directions to the church, W2388 Gerber Road: from Juda south on County S, turn left on Gerber Road and drive until you see the church on the hill.

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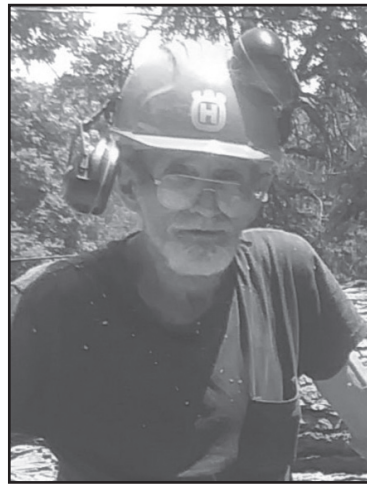


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John Haile

John Haile passed away peacefully on May 7th, 2026, at Beloit Memorial Hospital, surrounded by his loving family. He was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a cherished friend.

John was the proud owner of Haile Tree Service, where he found joy in his work caring for trees.

Galaxy VBS at Living Word Church

Galaxy Vacation Bible School will be held at Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. Summer 2026 Weekend VBS for kids 4K to fifth grade.

God loves us, so... love each other! Friday, June 26th, 6-8:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 27th, 8:30 a.m. Donuts and Juice, 9-11:30 a.m.; and Sunday, June 28th, 10 a.m. Kids sing in church. Potluck luncheon to follow services.

Contact church office at 608-897-8246 to register your kids.

Each session will center on God's love and will include songs, games, Bible lessons and community service projects.

Sunday morning will include music by the kids, a slideshow of the weekend and a recap of the Bible adventures as well as a special message from the pastor, all followed up with a potluck luncheon.

Let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. 1 John 4:7

Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecraft Stitched With Love Luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecraft cordially invite you to their "Stitched With Love" luncheon on Wednesday, May 20, at noon. The cost is \$16. The luncheon will be held at Koning Maple Lane Event Center, N3051 State Road 81, Monroe.

The guest speaker Lori Mayer, of St. Ansgar, Iowa, will present "Forgiveness—A Beautiful Gift." Lori shares about the freedom she found through the power of forgiveness offered to others. The Local Spotlight will feature Andrea Byerley, Vintage Quilts.

Reservations are due by Friday, May 15, by calling Marcia at 815-821-4270 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.

He who testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.
—Revelation 22:20

The essence of a true believer in Jesus Christ is not found in religious works or practices; evangelism, Bible reading, meditation, giving, charitable works, church attendance. While Scripture encourages the pursuit of such disciplines, these are not what makes a believer. A believer is one who longs for the presence, power and person of Jesus to be alive in them. Their focus is eternity, their gaze is upward, and their desire is for more of Him. Are we true believers in Jesus Christ? If so we will welcome His promised return with daily expectation. "Even so, come, Lord Jesus." Come today!
—Deborah Manera

The Christian's great future is before him. Therefore, the whole direction of the Christian's look should be forward. —A.W. Tozer

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SOFTBALL

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 5/10 results: United Methodist defeated Orfordville Lutheran 17-0; Living Word tied Church of God 2-2; Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Luther Valley 9-8.

Standings: Bethlehem Lutheran 2-0; United Methodist 1-0; Congregational UCC 1-0; Church of God 1-0-1; Living Word 0-1-1; Orfordville Lutheran 0-2; Luther Valley 0-2.


Breakfast Benefit for Badger Honor Flight

The Monroe Moose Lodge 754 and Woman's Chapter 599 will hold a Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight on Sunday, June 7th, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Lodge is located at 639 3rd Avenue, Monroe. Help send our veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorials built in their honor. The cost of the all you can eat breakfast is adults \$11; children five years to 11 \$6 and children four and under are free.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BRODHEAD OPTIMIST KIDS FISHING DERBY

The annual Brodhead Optimist Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the pond across from Stoughton Trailers on 23rd Street in Brodhead. This event is for children 12 and under. Every hour a prize for the largest and the smallest fish caught will be awarded. Bait is provided and no one needs a fishing license. They will have some fishing poles available.

CALLING ALL AREA INSTRUMENTALISTS!!!

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

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

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Jason Riesterer: jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

The Durand Library to Host a Presentation: Illinois Creoles, French Canadians and Louisiana Cajuns: Illinois, a Continental Story

Dennis Stroughmatt, a cultural preservationist, educator and a fiddler presents a free program "Illinois Creoles, French Canadians and Louisiana Cajuns: Illinois, a Continental Story" Tuesday May 19 at the Durand Library. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Durand Library with the support of the Illinois Humanities Council.

This program is proudly hosted by the Friends Library and everyone is cordially invited to this free presentation. "This is a real treat for us," said Barbara Flores, president of the Friends, "to host this delightful program with a "hot fiddle" to liven a history lesson."

New France once stretched from the St. Lawrence River in Canada to New Orleans and within its territory lived a vast population of French colonists almost as diverse as they were strong. With the coming of new borders and the formation of Canada and the United States, these French founders would find themselves divided and even isolated. But their cultures have remained, still existing after two centuries.

This program will take audiences on a journey of discovery where they will hear the history of the French settlers, the French dialects they still speak, and the unique music they still perform. And most important, through story and song, played on "Creole Fiddle," audiences will have fun learning how the French of "The Illinois Country" serve almost as a time capsule for their cousins to the north and south. With a "dash" of Cajun and a "pinch" of Quebecois this program will show how Illinois Creole culture bridges the continental expanse from Canada to Louisiana.

This presentation aligns with the Illinois America 250 Commission's theme "We the People." This theme invites us to explore ideas of who has been included and who has been left out of the nation's promise, as well as how people from all backgrounds have shaped and reshaped what it means to be part of "the people." The Illinois America 250 Commission's goals are to uplift local stories, places, and programs; build pride, and showcase how Illinois brings the ideals of the Declaration of Independence to life.

Dennis has entertained, educated, and captivated countless diverse audiences throughout Illinois with his live-music presentations on subjects ranging from Illinois French Creole music and culture and Old-Time Western Swing.

BINGO!!

BIG CASH PAYOUTS!!

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Thursday, May 14th

Continuing 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month!



Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Bingo starting at 6:30 p.m.

Food stand open at 5:30 p.m.



Bethlehem Lutheran Church

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608-897-2341

2026 Albany Alumni Banquet

The Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 23rd at the Albany Lions Building, 402 N Cincinnati Street. Social time starts at 5:30 p.m., dinner 6:30 p.m., program 7:30 p.m. The program typically consists of an hour with social time after. Different from years past, this year the meal will be served buffet style. If you or your guest has any physical concerns and would like assistance through the line or served at a table, please indicate that on your reservation.

Meal includes baked chicken, pulled pork, cheesy potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, dinner roll, and cake. Water and coffee are included. Beer and wine will be available as a donation. Cost of the meal is \$20 per person.

Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 18th. Send reservations to: Carrie Ommodt, 601 S Mill St, Albany, WI 53502 or ommodt@gmail.com or 608-576-6824.

BMS Multicultural Event

Brodhead Middle School is seeking guest speakers for their annual Multicultural Morning event on Wednesday, May 27—and they would love to have you join them!

They invite community members who have traveled for vacation, work, military service, or any other reason to share their experiences with our seventh-grade students. This is a wonderful opportunity to help students explore the world through real stories and personal connections.

Event Details:

Begins at 8:15 a.m.

Presentations are 30 minutes each

Students will rotate in small groups to visit different destinations

Mid-morning break to sample international snacks

Additional sessions begin at 10:30 a.m.

Event concludes at 12:10 p.m.

As a guest speaker, you are welcome to bring cultural artifacts, photos, or souvenirs to enhance your (in)formal presentation. Topics to discuss might include local customs, cuisine, holidays, landmarks, daily life elsewhere, and whatever reason allowed you to travel.

They hope you can join them for two or more sessions, but they appreciate any time you can give.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Stephanie Tresemer, seventh-grade geography teacher (stresemer@brodhead.k12.wi.us) by Friday, May 15. *Please forward this invitation to anyone who might be interested. Thank you for helping us bring the world to our students!

Green County Genealogical Society— Friday Fun Day May 15, 2026

"GPS Mapping presented by Bill Holland and Dowsing presented by Donna Kjendlie"

Please meet at 1 p.m. in the southeastern section of the Greenwood Cemetery. You will need the find-a-grave app on your smartphone. Download the app from the Apple or Google App store if you have not done so. Bill Holland will demonstrate how to GPS monuments and how to find monuments that have been previously GPS marked. Each individual will be given the first and last name, date of birth, and date of death, of a previously GPS marked monument and challenged to find their first monument by GPS. Only 22% of monuments in Greenwood Cemetery have been previously GPS marked so it will be easy to find graves to mark with GPS. Don't take it too seriously. We will have fun, as genealogists always do.

Donna Kjendlie will demonstrate using the dowsing rod to find unmarked gravesites. Dowsing rods will be provided.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Bill at 734-735-3475. 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.

HAYSTACK SUPPER BENEFIT

FRIDAY MAY 22ND, 2026 4:00 - 7:30 PM

Clearview School • W114 Atkinson Rd., Albany, WI 53502



**Supper • Homemade
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The program is slated for Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria area of the Durand School located at 200 W. South Street, Durand, Illinois. Audience members are asked to enter through the West Activity Entrance. For more information, email villagelibrary@cusd322.org or call 815-289-8602.

Illinois Humanities is a statewide nonprofit organization that activates the humanities through free public programs, grants, and educational opportunities that spark conversation, foster reflection, build community, and strengthen civic engagement for everyone in Illinois. Founded in 1974, it is the state partner for the National Endowment for the Humanities and supported by state, federal, and private funds. Stay connected with Illinois Humanities on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn @ILHumanities.

Wisconsin P.O.W. (Prisoner of War) Camps during WWII

Most people are surprised to learn that there were 38 of them having a total of 20,000 POWs. This presentation tells interesting stories of those who may have lived in a community that once had a POW camp, those who worked side by side with POWs and those who were once prisoners in a POW camp. You will find this presentation to be informative, and entertaining.

It is being presented by Bob Block of Oregon, Wisconsin. It will be held at the Albany Historical Society located at 119 N. Water Street, Albany.

For more conformation text 608-214-8289.

Wildflower Walk at Muralt Bluff SNA

The local chapter of the Prairie Enthusiasts is hosting a wildflower walk on Saturday, May 16 at Muralt Bluff State Natural Area, located four miles west of Albany. Mid-May is a wonderful time to visit Muralt Bluff. The western-facing bluff will be alive with wildflowers such as bird's foot violets and shooting stars, plus other species.

Come enjoy the flowers, the amazing vista, and the fresh air up on the bluff. They'll talk about the geology of the site, and the management that brought this prairie remnant back to glory. The local Prairie Bluff chapter has been working on this site for 50 years. It is spectacular.

Details: Saturday May 16, 10 a.m.—noon. (Rain date TBD. Check their Facebook page if weather is uncertain.)

Meet at Muralt Bluff parking lot, adjacent to W2635 County Road E, Albany WI.

Look for the "Muralt Bluff Prairie Reserve" sign at the parking lot entrance.

Moderate hiking ability:

—They will follow an easy footpath to visit wildflowers at the base of the bluff. Then they will climb one steep path to view the top of the bluff. Bring a walking stick or use one that they provide.

—For those interested, they will also visit adjacent Iltis Savanna, to view the oak savanna following prescribed burn earlier this spring.

What to bring: sturdy walking shoes, hat, sunscreen, water, Merlin app.

Questions? Contact Beth Kazmar at csa@tipiproduce.com with any questions, or message us via our Facebook page.

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Juda High School Prom 2026

Prince: Vander Thompson, King Cohen Henze, Queen Kara Leopold, and Princess Myka Bayrhoffer.



Left to right: Phoenix Homan, Anna Bartels, Urias Vogel, King: Cohen Henze, Queen: Kara Leopold, Noah Burchard, Austin Funk, and Kavion Cupps.

EMS WEEK May 17th - 23rd

Brodhead Area EMS Open House
 Saturday, May 16th 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 1125 W. 2nd Avenue

In honor of EMS Week come in and meet the people of your community that respond when you call 911. Light refreshments along with face painting, CPR demonstrations and check out the new ambulance.



Pictured below are the 2025 graduates from the EMT class offered by the Brodhead Area EMS, Brodhead School District and Mercy Health System. From left to right: Troy Nyman-driver; graduates: Josie Picard, Emily Schwartzlow, Kittana Webb and Parker Vanderpal.



Hey Batter Batter

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead Juda collected 10 hits in its nonconference game against Stoughton. Sam Searls got the Cardinals on the board with a solo home run in the first inning and led the offense by going 3-for-4 with three RBIs. Chase Bauman added

two hits and three RBIs. Searls and Dylan Ross paced the team in stolen bases. Brodhead tied the game in the top of the sixth when Bauman singled to score Will Searls, then Sam Searls doubled to bring home Bauman. The Cardinals held the Vikings scoreless in the bottom of the sixth, having recorded two outs. Stoughton dug deep to finish with three runs batted in to close out the

inning and held on for the 15-13 win over Brodhead.

East Troy, on Thursday, put together 13 runs in the first three innings. The Cards were held to six hits in the game; Will Searls, Manny Bueno and Ross each had an RBI. The final score of 13-3 gave the Trojans the victory. Bueno took the loss for Brodhead, he threw two innings, striking out two, allowed 12 runs on 11 hits. Braylon Strehlow came in as the closer striking out three, one hit with no runs.

Friday the team was in Jefferson.



Logan Berzinski, Marvin Paniagua, with Coach Tegan Pinnow, and Jordan Dix, broke the BHS school record in the Thrower's Relay at the BDN last Friday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Sixth Grade Band



Seventh/Eighth Grade Band

Brodhead Middle School hosted its Spring Concert and Fine Arts Night on Monday, May 4th, bringing together an evening that truly celebrated the creativity and dedication of our students. Both the sixth grade band and the combined seventh/eighth grade band each performed two selections.

The sixth grade band's performance included Attack of the

Garden Gnomes and The Tempest, while the seventh/eighth grade band followed with Open Road and Fireworks. The performances highlighted their musicianship and hard work.

In addition to the musical performances, the Fine Arts Night allowed guests to enjoy a wide variety of student artwork, making the evening a full celebration of the arts at

Brodhead Middle School. The halls were filled with creativity, and the support from families, friends, and community members made the night even more special.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the evening such a success. Your support means so much to our students and programs!

Photos courtesy of Joe Baldazzi.

Brodhead Track Earns Second Place -RVC Rock

By Teresa Earleywine

Both Brodhead-Juda men and women finished in second place at the RVC-Rock Conference meet last Tuesday. The Cardinals had multiple athletes come through with all-star performances. Going 1-2-3; it was Grayson Arn, Cohen Henze, and Tegan Pinnow in the 100m, with Arn and Henze also taking first and second in the 200m. Mavrik Plummer was second in the 800m and 1600m. Franco Ramiez finished second in the 110m hurdles, while Nolan Bump took the top spot and TJ Hall was third in the 300m hurdles. The Cards were first in relays 4x100; (Arn, Pinnow, Henze and Simon Moore), the 4x400m was powered by Jorge Villalva, Bump, Moore and Aiden Walker. The team earned third place in the 4x800 and the 4x200m. Pinnow performed well in the high jump for second, and third in the long jump. Moore cleared 13' in the pole vault for first place. The team earned 180 points, Beloit Turner with 190 points was first.

Gracie Hefty earned points for the women with her second-place finish in the 200m. Elliana Shank placed second and Chesney Walker third in the 100m hurdles. In the 300m hurdles, Shank obtained another second place. Securing a top spot in the 4x200m relay included the foursome of Kennedy Lerch, Walker, Taiya Hawkins, and Macy Gretebeck. The Cardinals proceeded to take second in each of the following relays, 4x100 with Hefty, Ella Olson, Gretebeck and Hawkins, 4x400 with Montana Restivo, Hayden Lewis-Usher, Lerch and Brielle Engen, and in the 4x800m Avalynn Plummer, Danica Demrow, Ciarrh Condon and Lewis-Usher crossing the finish line. Shank added to team points with first place in the long jump. Annalise

Bethke tossed the discus reaching her personal best for second. Big Foot took the top spot in team points with 183 and Brodhead-Juda, 163.5 points, took second.

The team competed in the Beloit Daily News Invitational on Friday. Brodhead-Juda's boys finished second with 143.5 points, behind Beloit Turner (160). Aiden Arn won the 100m and 200m, while Cohen Henze was third in the 100m and second in the 200m. Mavrik Plummer took first in the 400m and 800m. Ramirez placed second in the 110m hurdles and third in the 300m hurdles. The Cards also won the 4x100 (Arn, Bump, Pinnow, Henze) and the 4x400 (Plummer, Bump, Villalva, Walker). In the 3x400 throwers relay, (Marvin Paniagua, Jordan Dix, and Logan Berzinski) broke the BHS school record in 50.41. In the field events, Pinnow was second in the high jump and Simon Moore won the pole vault by clearing 12'6". Plummer was named the boys' track athlete of the night by the coaches' poll.

The Cardinal women placed third with 96.6 points. Big Foot won with 141.5 points, and Delavan-Darien with 97 was second. Annalise Bethke won the discus, and Elliana Shank won the long jump with a personal-best 17'2.75". Shank also took second in the 100m hurdles, and Gracie Hefty was second in the 200m. Third-place finishes went to Hayden Lewis-Usher (400m), Ella Olson (100m), Hatter (1600m), and Isabelle Yoshida (3200m). Relays: 4x100 (Hefty, Olson, Gretebeck, Shank) finished third.

The RVC Meet will be held Friday at Clinton, with both the Rock and Valley Divisions competing.

Arn and Rufer Lead Golf Team

By Teresa Earleywine

Participating in a RVC mini meet at Edgerton Towne Country Club last week, Brodhead's Aiden Arn

and Avery Rufer with scores of 51 each led the Cardinals. Josiah Blum and Aidan Haegle were close behind at 53 points. Maddox McGinty finished with a 54. This week the team was at Bass Creek on Monday, Edelweiss CC on Wednesday, and at Alpine Valley on Thursday.

Softball Plays Five Games Last Week

By Teresa Earleywine

Brodhead overpowered Delavan Darien in five innings with their 23-0 victory last week. The Cardinals punched out 16 hits and amassed 23 runs with Elise Rear leading the way at the plate going 4-for-4 with 3-RBIs. Mady Henning and Elliemay also were credited with three RBIs. Karlie Krumwiede went 3-for-3 with one run batted in, with Leah Rear and Natalie Pierce each completing 2-for-2 at the plate. Elise was on the mound, the righty earned the win allowing one hit, zero runs over three innings, zero errors, striking out eight and walking one. The Comets struggled with pitching, allowing 16 hits, 23 runs, 19 errors, one strikeout and 12 walks in the three-inning game.

It was an exciting rematch against Beloit last Tuesday with Elise belting out two homeruns, a solo and a three-run banger. Elise and Leah had three hits each. Olyvia Piranio pitching for Turner, struck out 11, walked one, allowed seven hits, walked one. Henning, on the mound for Brodhead, had three strikeouts, two walks, five errors, 12 hits and five runs. The Trojans edged out the Cards 6-5 in game two of the week.

Karlie drove in four runs on four hits to lead Brodhead past Evansville, 11-1, in game three. Kinsley Krumwiede, Elise, Henning, and Keegan Steinke contributed 12 additional hits. Henning earned the win for Brodhead, on the hill, surrendering eight hits, one run over six innings, striking out four and walking none.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

Visit the Albertson Memorial Library and see what's fresh on the shelves!

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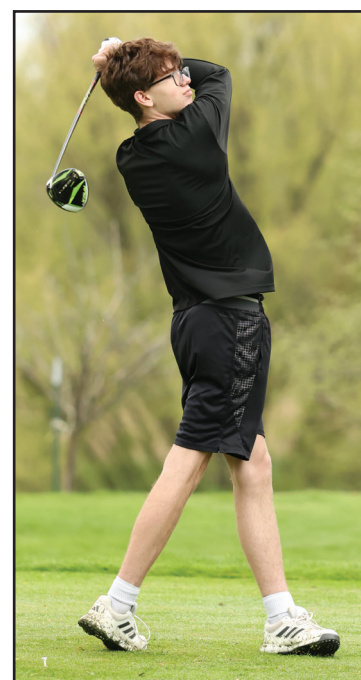
Large Print: The Final Storm by Fern Michaels and Revenge Prey (Prey Book 36) by John Sandford.

Young Adult Fiction: The Faraway Inn by Sarah Beth Durst.

DVD: Good Luck, Have Fun, Don't Die (R) and Send Help (R).

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

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Avery Rufer, teeing off, was a leader for the Cardinals in last week's golf tournament. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)




Avalynn Plummer, lead off runner in turn three, lap 2, 4x800. (Free Press photo by Duke Goetz/Goetz Imagery)



Below—TJ Hull finished fourth in the 110m hurdles. (Free Press photo by Duke Goetz/Goetz Imagery)

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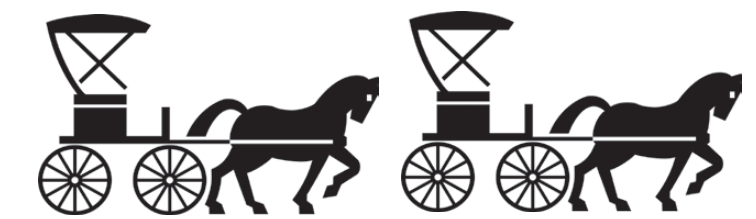
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By **Laura Roth,**
Children's Librarian

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time celebrated moms this past week. Mommy Hugs (by Katz) is a fun counting book illustrating all the ways moms give hugs. What Moms Can't Do (by Wood) gives a list including 'moms can never pick out just the right clothes' and 'moms can't push rocery carts fast enough.' Finally, Are You My Mother (by Eastman) tells of a baby bird looking for his mother and deciding that a Snort is Not his mother. The preschoolers finished Story Time by making hand prints in the shape of a heart with the words 'I love you, Mom' in the center. (FYI, we were having such a good time last week that there was no time to take pictures. Sorry!)

Next week Story Time will finish up the school year by returning to the Animals and Nature theme, concentrating on elephants. There may or may not be loud noises and an elephant stomp during this last session. The craft will involve party noisemakers and an elephant mask. Doesn't that sound fun?

Since next week is the last Story Time until next fall, won't you come give us a try. We meet Tuesday at 10 a.m., before the library officially opens, so it's okay for there to be lots of rowdy good times.

You surely don't want to miss the Summer Library Program at Albertson Memorial Library. Unearth A Story features all kinds of dinosaur crafts and games. Plus a book or two! The Kick Off Event happens at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2nd, when the Mississippi River Museum brings a program presents information about how today's animals and reptiles are related to dinosaurs. Beginning Tuesday, June 9th, Albertson Memorial Library will have two classes with activities and crafts appropriate for each age group: 10 a.m. for preschoolers and 1 p.m. for schoolagers. Evenings will be Family Movie Night at 6:30 p.m. with popcorn and lots of comfy pillows.

POLICE

**Green County Sheriff's
Department
May 4-10, 2025**

At approximately 9:57 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the W7000 block of County Highway Y, Town of Monroe, for a reported disturbance. Investigations resulted in, Denise Zepeda-Cardona, 36, of Brodhead, being arrested for disorderly conduct. Zepeda-Cardona was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending the posting of bond or an initial court appearance

At 9:44 a.m., Friday, deputies responded to the Green County Probation and Parole Office, where Richard D. Hauser, 44, of Brodhead, was taken into custody for a Probation Hold and Warrant. Hauser was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

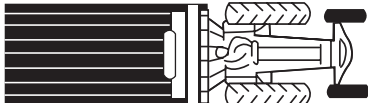
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1802 1st Center Avenue—Fri., May 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat., May 23, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., We hope you stop by to support the Brodhead Optimist Club. Featuring primo fishing gear for all ages—poles, nets, tackle, Johnson boat motor and stand, garden, patio and lawn equipment, tools, household goods, home decor, books, linens, art & office supplies and of course, Christmas decorations. Something for everyone! Come have a cup of coffee and visit with friends. Thank you in advance.

Estate Sale



1107 17th Street, Estate sale. Saturday, May 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Notice



AGENDA
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Monday, May 18, 2026
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM
2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
7:00 p.m.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 - III. ROLL CALL
 - IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 - V. INFORMATION REPORTS
 - VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
 - AGENDA**
 - VII. CONSENT AGENDA
 1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
 4. RESIGNATION(S)
 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
 - VIII. DECLARE A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER MIKE KRUPKE DUE TO LOSS OF RESIDENCY
 - IX. DIRECT ADMINISTRATION/BOARD CLERK TO POST AND SOLICIT APPLICATIONS TO FILL THE VACANCY
 - X. APPROVAL OF LONG TERM FACILITY PLAN
 - XI. APPROVAL OF CESA 6 CONTRACT
 - XII. PURCHASE OF DISPLAY SCREENS FOR HIGH SCHOOL FOYER
 - XIII. APPROVAL OF TEACHER CONTRACTS
 - XIV. OPEN ENROLLMENT APPROVALS/ DENIALS FOR 2026-27
 - XV. REVIEW & UPDATE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK
 - XVI. 2025-26 BUDGET REVISIONS
 - XVII. FUTURE AGENDA
 - XVIII. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(e)
 - a. Support Staff Negotiations
 - b. Administrator Negotiations
 - c. Personnel Matter
 - XIX. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
 - XX. ADJOURNMENT
- Persons needing special accommodations should call (608) 897-2141 at least twenty-four [24] hours prior to the meeting. 05/13/2026

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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Regular School Board Meeting
May 13, 2026, 7:00 p.m.
Juda School Den (Old Library)
N2385 Spring St.

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not considered a public hearing. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

The board will meet with staff at 3:30 p.m. to review the year. A quorum may be present, but no action will be taken on any item.

Board Orientation will be at 6:00 p.m. for new board members.

The finance committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

- AGENDA**
- I. Call to Order by President Pflingsten
 - II. Roll Call
Dennis Pflingsten Jen Brooks
Eric Munz Kendra Sullivan
Courtney Martins Rustin Whitney
Amber Scheidegger
 - III. Pledge of Allegiance
 - IV. Proof of Notice
 - V. Acceptance of Agenda
 - VI. Board Reorganization
•Officers
•Committee Members
•CESA 2 School District Representative
 - VII. Open Forum
 - VIII. Consent Agenda—Consent agenda items will be approved in one motion; however, any Board member may ask that any individual item be acted on separately.
 1. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meeting held on April 8, 2026
 2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
 3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
•CESA 2
•School psychologist
 4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
 5. Donations (Action)
 - IX. Reports
 1. School Staff/Student Report
•Website update
 2. School Board President's Report
•Review of meeting with staff
 3. Administrator Report
•Staffing Updates
•Curriculum Update
•Strategic Plan
•Review of events/Upcoming events
•Recreation Department Update
•Other updates as necessary
 - X. Referendum Updates
 - XI. Liability Insurance Renewal: Discussion/Action
 - XII. Salary and Benefits/Handbooks: Discussion/Action
 - XIII. Out of State/Overnight Field Trips: Discussion/Action
•Summer School trip to the Discovery Center in Rockford on June 30, 2026
 - XIV. Curriculum: Updates
•Middle and High School Social Studies
•Curriculum Review
 - XV. Open Enrollment approvals: Discussion/Action
 - XVI. Financial Update: Discussion/Action
•Budget Amendment
 - XVII. Approval of Diplomas for the Class of 2026
 - XVIII. Five Minute Recess
 - XIX. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
 - a. Review Administrator Contract
 - XX. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
 - XXI. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
•June 10, 2026
 - XXII. Adjournment
- 05/13/26

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Sugar River Cleanup Saturday, May 16th

By Frank Kapel

It's almost summer and that brings us to lots of activity in the great outdoors including on and around the Sugar River. And so we must ask: are you in favor of rivers with lots of trash in them, or rivers that are Sweet and Clean? Are you in favor of kayaking or canoeing on dangerous un-navigable rivers full of fallen logs, or would you rather paddle on rivers that are more safe to navigate for you and your kids? Well, here's your chance to help with both of the aforementioned issues. It's spring cleaning time and you can volunteer some time to work with the Albany Conservation Club on Saturday, May 16th from 9 a.m.—4 p.m. at their annual Sugar River Cleanup!

You might be asking, "Who is this new club?" Actually, they are not new, they just have a new name. They were originally known as the Lake Winnetka/Sugar River Improvement Association Inc. or "LWSRIA" which you might remember. Same group with a new and more appropriate name reflecting their current goals. Originally, the LWSRIA was started 60+ years ago as a property owners group near Albany. Twenty years ago the LWSRIA split away from the property owners group, who then changed their name. But the LWSRIA retained their name as a non-profit group with membership open to anyone interested in "Keeping the Sugar Sweet, Clean and Navigable". Then the Albany Wildlife Area was also added to the cleanups leading to formally adopting the area. Also, the association has brought back the annual "Hooked on Fishing" kids fishing contest, which didn't happen for 4 years following the pandemic. Getting kids involved in conservation efforts through participation in the river cleanups, fishery improvements, hunting, fishing, hunter's safety courses, etc. led the group to embark on the challenging project of formally changing the non-profit name to something shorter and more reflective of the current goals as a group that works to conserve our natural resources. Now all that's water over the dam and the newly named "ACC" can concentrate on some new conservation efforts such as improving the fishery in the Sugar River through fish stocking.

And now back to our upcoming event, "The Sugar River Cleanup" happening on Saturday, May 16th, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be canoes and transportation available from our local campgrounds so it's almost a free canoe trip where all you have to do is pick up trash found in the river or help clear branches that block navigation.

We will meet at the Albany American Legion hall located at 300 N. Water Street in Albany. Our goal is to remove as much garbage as possible from the river and the banks and to clear a navigable path through dangerous fallen trees that totally block passage of canoes, kayaks and small boats creating dangerous hazards.

Categories of work include walking the banks of the river or paddling canoes, kayaks or small boats to pick up trash or trimming branches and/or helping to get the branches on to the shore. Please indicate the type of work you would like to do when you register and we'll get you on the river with volunteers that are doing the same. Also, if you would like to help, but don't want to go out on the water, there will be a bus to take volunteers to all the local bridges to clean under them where a lot of road trash accumulates.

Equipment needed are small boats, chainsaws, bow and pole saws and waders. The ACC will provide trash bags and local businesses will provide food and refreshments. We will start organizing at 9 a.m. and have you out cleaning up by 10 a.m. or sooner. There will be representatives of the ACC at the legion hall throughout the day to direct those who want to start later. Scouts and students can earn community service points by volunteering.

You can contact the ACC for more information about the Sugar River Cleanup at 608-501-1127 or 773-418-7123, or via email at albanyconservationclub@gmail.com or on Facebook at [facebook.com/albanyconservationclub](https://www.facebook.com/albanyconservationclub)

We also have a link and QR code where you can pre-register and select your work category and the hours that you can work. <https://forms.gle/7XKrWkfbxIHfvM8N9> Liability waivers will need to be assigned when you arrive. All volunteers present will be entered in a drawing to WIN A \$50 GIFT CARD!!

Come on out and help us clean up while enjoying the great outdoors after a long dull winter. Food and refreshments are available to all volunteers as a token of the appreciation of the ACC.

Also, be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, June 6th for the annual "Hooked on Fishing" children's fishing contest in Albany. There will be lots of great prizes available for contestants in all categories. See the ACC Facebook page for more details.

Hope to see you at the Sugar River Cleanup and at Hooked on Fishing!!

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.

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Albertson Memorial Library is grateful for the financial support that helps serve the children of the Albany community.

2025-2026 Dairy Queens

Izzy Isely,
County Queen, Argyle



Izzy Isely is a sophomore at Argyle High School who lives in rural Argyle with her parents, Heath and Samantha Isely and Siblings Olivia 22, Ole 16 and Vesper 13. She loves keeping busy and is passionate about everything she does, from the classroom to the farm. Academically, she pushes herself to succeed and her favorite subject is math. Outside of schoolwork, she plays Basketball and Softball. She also has a creative side, which she expresses by playing baritone in the school band and performing on stage in school plays. She is a member of the Argyle FFA and works part time milking at Flannagan Dairy. Izzy is passionate about Ag and her community and excited to represent it as a Dairy Queen.

Emerson Holloway, County Princess, Belleville



My name is Emerson Holloway and I am the 2025-2026 Green County Dairy Princess. I am the daughter of Brian and Amanda Holloway of Belleville. This year I will be a sophomore at Belleville High School where I am a member of the Belleville FFA Chapter and play varsity softball. I am also a member of the Belleville Busy Beavers 4-H Club where I hold the secretary position. My 4-H projects include food and nutrition, cake decorating, beef cattle, vet science, drawing and photography. I will be attending the Stoughton Junior Fair and the Dane County Fair with my projects. My goal after school is to go to UW-Green Bay or Fox Valley Tech to become a Vet Technician.

Rebekah Liphart, Juda



Rebekah Liphart is the 2025-

2026 Juda Dairy Queen. Some of her favorite childhood memories include spending time on her aunt and uncle's farm, especially feeding the calves and playing with the kittens. Rebekah enjoys volunteering in her school and community and recently earned her CNA certification as she plans to pursue a career in radiology. As Dairy Queen, she looks forward to proudly representing Juda and Green County while building connections and serving the community she values so deeply.

Lauryn Arnett, New Glarus



Hello I am Lauryn Arnett your 2025-2026 New Glarus Dairy Queen! In the fall I will be a junior in high school. I am currently in the national honors society, FCCLA, Student Government, and Mock Trial. I also am employed as a lifeguard at the New Glarus public pool where I also teach swim lessons. I am in varsity swim and varsity track and field. I am excited to serve the community as the 2025-2026 New Glarus Dairy Queen.

Emily Curran, Browntown



Hi, I am Emily Curran and I am the daughter of Jon and Dani Curran. I am 16 years old and will be a junior this fall at Black Hawk High School. I really enjoy agriculture classes in school and I am also involved in many other agricultural related activities out of school. Some of the activities I enjoy doing out of school are showing at my local fair in Darlington and being outside with my animals. A few other activities I participate in during school include track/field and cheerleading.

Maycee Hartwig, Monticello



My name is Maycee Hartwig, I am the 2025-2026 Monticello Dairy Queen. I grew up on my family

farm located in Monticello where we milked 200 cows. I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to watch and help the farm grow. But as it grew so did my family, and the family farm is now retired. But it still holds a special place in my heart. I hold a great passion for dairy cows and have shown that in my ability throughout the years by showing in the Green County Fair and many other showing events. I grew up with a loving family, where I have five siblings, and two amazing cousins that helped me prosper and follow my dreams. I am so grateful to have such an amazing opportunity to be this year's 2025-2026 Monticello Dairy Queen.

Kate Olmedo, Brodhead



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.

Avery Webster, Blanchardville



My name is Avery Webster. I am the 2025-2026 Blanchardville Dairy Queen. I am the daughter of Nick and Emily Webster and have one brother Owen. I attend Pecatonica High School and will be a junior in the fall. Academically, I have interests in science and agriculture, consistently earning High Honor Roll and was recently inducted into the National Honor Society. I am also very active in athletics. I enjoy participating in volleyball, cross country, track and FFA trap. For the last few years in trap, I have ranked at or near the top of my conference for girls. This year, I was successful in placing 1st for the girls and tied for fourth overall in Division 1A State Competition. Being involved in

the Pecatonica Chapter of FFA has also afforded me the opportunity to show chickens and participate in judging competitions. I enjoy helping milk cows on my grandparents' dairy farm. Occasionally I have the opportunity to help family friends build grain bins. Some of my other interests include boating, hunting, reading, drawing and going on road trips with my family. I am looking forward to the many opportunities to promote the ag and dairy industries in Green County as the Blanchardville Dairy Queen.

Miranda Mortensen, Brooklyn



I am Miranda Mortensen, the 2025-2026 Brooklyn Dairy Queen. I am the daughter of Lori and Kyle Mortensen. And I have lived in Brooklyn my whole life. This coming year, I will be entering my Senior year of high school at Oregon High. I am a part of my local 4-H club the Oregon Headliners, I'm a Dane County 4-H Dog Project Youth Ambassador, the Oregon FFA Student Advisor, a member of the Oregon High School Equestrian Team, and now Brooklyn Dairy Queen. I also really enjoy showing horses in the Western discipline, showing dogs -especially in agility- and any form of volunteering. I am so excited to be Brooklyn Dairy Queen so I can give back to my community by going to local events and volunteering. I am very excited to be the 2025-2026 Brooklyn Dairy Queen so I can support my community in a bigger way. I plan to do this by going to as many events as possible in my community and the surrounding areas. I am excited to go to anything from parades to the Brooklyn Labor Day celebration and everything in between. It is an honor to be the 2025-2026 Brooklyn Dairy Queen.

Addison Curran, Monroe



Hi, my name is Addison Curran, and I am honored to be the 2025-2026 Monroe Dairy Queen. As I prepare to enter my junior year, I am excited about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead.

This year, I have the privilege of serving as the Vice President of my FFA Chapter. Last school year, I participated in a Career Development Event where I had the chance to identify various cheeses and taste different types of milk. Through this experience, I discovered fascinating facts about the dairy industry,

such as the origin of Colby cheese in Colby, WI. My involvement in FFA has been incredibly rewarding, and I am passionate about contributing to my chapter.

In addition to my FFA activities, I am an avid gymnast, competing in the Green County Gymnastics Program. Currently, I am a level 7 gymnast, with aspirations of advancing to level 8 soon. Competing across Wisconsin has allowed me to meet new people and form lasting friendships, and I look forward to making even more connections through gymnastics.

When I am not busy with school or gymnastics, I love to fish. This year, I had the amazing opportunity to travel to Canada, where I caught my best walleye and northern pike—both of which were longer than my arm!

Thank you for taking the time to learn about me and my life. I hope my story inspires you to go out and catch your biggest fish!

Trinity Rodebaugh, Albany



Hello! My name is Trinity Rodebaugh I'm your 2025-2026 Albany Dairy Queen. Here's a little bit about me that you may not know I have 6 siblings 2 brothers and 4 sisters as I'm the middle child. Some of my favorite things to do is go swimming, watch the sunset, be with the other Dairy Queen girls, take my tortoise outside, and hangout with friends and family. I can't wait to see where this opportunity takes me and I hope to see you all along the way!

The Green County Ag Chest is looking for our next Green County Community Dairy Queens! Candidates must be entering their sophomore, junior, or senior year of high school. If you or someone you know might be interested, please reach out to greencountyagchest@gmail.com for more information!

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