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Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival: A Holiday Tradition Returns!

Get ready to kick off the holiday season at the annual Brodhead Fire and Ice Festival, presented by Bridges Bar and Grill, on Friday, December 5th, from 4 to 9 p.m. in downtown Brodhead. This beloved community tradition promises an evening full of festive fun, sparkling lights, and holiday cheer for the entire family.

Visitors can enjoy beautifully crafted ice sculptures and the fiery excitement of mesmerizing fire twirlers lighting up the crisp winter night. Families are invited to stop by Brodhead Family Chiropractic with Santa, where Exit Professional Realty will be handing out a sweet treat for everyone who visits.

Thanks to sponsors Body Crafters and Kuhn, horse-drawn carriage rides will take guests on a festive journey through downtown, offering the perfect way to experience the twinkling lights and seasonal atmosphere.

The highlight of the evening is the Brodhead Water and Light Holiday Parade kicking off at 7 p.m. featuring dazzling floats, festive music, and plenty of holiday spirit. After the parade, warm up by the fire pits, roast marshmallows or hot dogs, and enjoy the friendly fun of the Frozen T-Shirt Contest, where participants can compete for some "cool" prizes.

On Saturday morning, the holiday celebration continues with Breakfast with Santa, hosted by the Brodhead Jaycees, from 9 to 11 a.m. at Three Waters Reserve. Families can enjoy a delicious breakfast and take a photo with Santa to capture a special holiday memory. For more information and to register for contests, the memory tree, or the lighted parade, visit BrodheadFireAndIce.com. Join the fun as downtown Brodhead transforms into a holiday wonderland during this year's Fire and Ice Festival!

Crosswinds Homes Project Brings Attainable New Housing to Brodhead

Brodhead's newest neighborhood, Crosswinds Homes, is taking shape—with more than 50 home sites planned and the first model home expected to be ready for tours soon. The development represents a unique partnership between the City of Brodhead, the Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), and The Bank of New Glarus, working together to bring quality, attainable housing options to the community.

Homes in Crosswinds will start in the low \$300,000s and include attached garages. Buyers will have several options to fit their needs and budgets—including homes built on slabs or with basements, and the ability to add a storm shelter for extra peace of mind.

The homes will be built by CAVCO Homes in Dorchester, Wisconsin, inspected prior to leaving the factory, and assembled on-site by RM Berg Contractors. The community will feature both single-family homes and zero lot-line duplexes, as well as rental duplexes to serve a variety of housing needs.

So far, five homes have already been ordered, with completion expected at the start of 2026.

"The Crosswinds project shows what's possible when local leadership and smart financing come together, and we were proud to provide gap financing to help bring this project to life," said Olivia Otte, Executive Director of the Green County Development Corporation.

Mayor Tom Simpson of Brodhead shared his appreciation for the many individuals and groups that helped move the project forward. "This development didn't happen overnight, and I want to give credit to all those who played a role in making it possible. Our Economic Development and Planning Committees, the City Council, and our financial advisers at Ehler's all contributed time, ex-

pertise, and support to move this project forward."

Mayor Simpson also reflected on the origins of the project, noting, "When Ron and Scott Mallon approached me with the idea for Crosswinds—a subdivision designed to offer homes that working-class families can afford—I was immediately on board. Their goal from the start was to make homeownership attainable for the people who work in our manufacturing companies, local businesses, and service industries. That vision truly aligns with my belief that owning a home is part of the American dream, and I'm proud to support it."

Looking ahead, Simpson added, "I'm looking forward to seeing new houses being built and new families moving into Brodhead. Our city has a lot to offer, and this growth will not only bring more people to our community but also help strengthen our local economy. Crosswinds represents progress, and I'm excited

for what it means for Brodhead's future."

The Crosswinds team hopes this project will not only bring new residents to Brodhead but also strengthen the local economy and provide housing that residents can be proud to call home.

For those curious about the difference between home types: a modular home is built to Wisconsin State Building Codes and can include a traditional basement, while a manufactured home is built to HUD standards and placed on a slab foundation. Both types qualify for traditional mortgage financing and a variety of loan programs.

Crosswinds Homes represents an important step toward addressing local housing needs—offering high-quality, energy-efficient homes designed for modern living right here in Brodhead.



Special Mailbox Has Arrived at Brodhead Post Office

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By Sarah Carpenter

November is full of learning and connection at the Brodhead Library!

Both of our Book Clubs will be meeting one last time this month before taking a break for the holidays. Books and Brews will meet at Bridges Bar and Grill on Wednesday, November 19, at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *The Sicilian Inheritance* by Jo Piazza. The Brodhead Book Club will gather at the library on Thursday, November 20, at 6 p.m. to talk about *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee. It's the perfect time to join in for good conversation, great books, and one final get-together of 2025!

We're also excited to introduce a brand-new monthly program for homeschooling families—Home-school Connection! This program will meet on the second Thursday of each month from 10:30–11:30 a.m., starting November 13. Each session features a mix of hands-on activities, guided learning, and social time for both kids and parents.

This month's theme is acids and bases—participants will learn how to test for them, make hypotheses about different liquids, and take part in a fun, interactive experiment to see how they change. No registration is required, but sign-up is encouraged to make sure we have plenty of supplies for everyone.

And for our food lovers, there are just a few spots left for Cozy Cooking: An Evening with Thyme Savor Cuisine on Tuesday, November 18, at 5:30 p.m. Chef Laura Eyler will demonstrate how to make Veggie Loaded Turkey Chili and Pumpkin Cheesecake Parfaits—the perfect comfort dishes for a chilly fall evening! Participants will be able to sample the food following the demonstration, and will go home with a copy of the recipes. This class is for adults 18 and older, and registration is required through our website or by calling the library.

Albany Historical Society to meet Tues., Nov. 18th

The Albany Historical Society presents De Mun Trading Post Archaeological Dig on Tuesday, November 18th at 7 p.m. The Albany Historical Society will present a program about the 1986-87 archaeological dig at the site of the 1832 Jules De Mun trading post. The trading post was located along the Sugar River between present day Albany and Brodhead. Located on a bluff overlooking the river, the recently established trading post was burned to the ground during the 1832 Blackhawk War. The trading post dig was carried out by archaeologists from the Wisconsin State Archaeological Society along with local volunteers. The program will feature an array of trade items and various other artifacts that were unearthed during the dig.

The museum is located at 119 North Water Street in Albany. The program will be preceded by a brief business meeting at 7 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

Call or text 608-214-8289 if there are questions.

Green County Genealogical Society meeting

Friday Fun Day, November 21st, “Pomeranian Research Tools” discussion led by Ken Bartelt at 1 p.m. at the Green County Genealogical Society Center

Ken will talk about the possibilities of tracing Pomeranian ancestors in the Pomeranian duplicate church records and the Civil Registration. Ken will also discuss the Meyer Gazetteer. A search of the Gazetteer will give you lots of information about the village your ancestors lived in.

Bring your Pomeranian questions concerning your research. Ken is prepared to help answer your questions. He will have a few copies of my “German history in a nutshell” to share. GCGS will also have maps and reference materials available.

Ken has been researching genealogy since 1977. He has printed three family histories and recently started working on the Bartelt family. He has also printed “The Basswood Affair,” a story based on the school bombing. The past two years he has been scanning and indexing the collections at the Winslow Historical Museum, and recently began doing the same for the McConnell Area Historical Society. He worked at the Rockford Post Office for 30 years and lives in Pecatonica, Illinois.

The Green County Genealogical Society will hold its Friday Fun Day, November 21, from 1-3 p.m. in the Research center located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library.

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is www.greencogenealogywi.org.

WCMA Opens Entries for 2026 World Championship Cheese Contest

Enter today to compete for the dairy processing industry's most prestigious title—World Champion Cheese! Beginning November 4, cheese, butter, cultured products, and dry dairy ingredients can be entered in the 2026 World Championship Cheese Contest at WorldChampionCheese.org.

Hosted by the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) since 1957, this 36th biennial competition is the largest technical dairy products evaluation in the world. In 2024, judges evaluated 3,302 entries, with Hornbacher, made by Michael Spycher of Mountain Dairy Fritzenhaus in Bern, Switzerland for Gourmino AG, earning an incredible 98.98 points out of 100 to win the top spot.

“The World Championship Cheese Contest stands out for its technical rigor, transparent scoring and results, and reputation for excellence. It's a unique opportunity for dairy manufacturers and processors to get technical product feedback from skilled experts, plus a chance to earn the cheese world's highest honor,” said John Umhoefer, WCMA Executive Director.

In 2026, the World Championship Cheese Contest will include 150 classes of dairy products. Entries will be evaluated by an elite team of more than 50 international judges. Starting from a maximum possible 100 points, judges deduct for any defect found related to flavor, body and texture, salt, color, finish, and packaging. A gold, silver, and bronze medal will be awarded to the three highest-scoring entries in each class. Gold medal cheeses move to a Championship Round for a shot at the World Champion Cheese title.

For a limited time, entrants can take advantage of special early-bird entry rates of just \$80 per entry, available now through Friday, December 12. After that date, all entries will cost \$95 each. Submissions can be entered online using the secure MyEntries© system on WorldChampionCheese.org. All entries must be submitted by January 30, 2026. Judging will occur March 3-5, 2026, at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Questions about the 2026 World Championship Cheese Contest may be directed to WCMA Contest Director Kirsten Strohmenger at kstrohmenger@wischeesemakers.org.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

11/9 standings: I'd Smack That won 14 lost 1, That's What She Set 13-2, Getting Diggy With It 12-3, Net Ninjas 12-3, The Goon Squad 10-5, Super Soy 10-5, Victorious Secret 6-9, One Hit Wonders 6-9, Fambam Slammers 5-10, Killer Serves 5-10, Hit Happens 4-11, All Sets Are Off 4-11, Cactus Squad 3-12, It's A Set Up 1-14.

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According to the Ties Formula, go back to the last new moon before the first trackable snow and take that snow and add the two numbers together. The first snow was November 8.



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BATTLE OF THE BUSINESSES FOOD DRIVE

A Battle of the Businesses Food Drive will be held on Saturday, November 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fill the cart of your favorite business at Campbell's Piggly Wiggly parking lot. The business with the most food wins!

What is needed? Cereal, pancake mix, syrup, spaghetti sauce, pasta, and canned goods: soup, tuna, chicken, vegetables, fruit, jelly and peanut butter.

One hundred percent of donations will support Brodhead Food Pantries.

BRODHEAD FFA ALUMNI AND SUPPORTERS

You are invited to their third annual Fall Fun Night at the Albany Lions Club, 402 N. Cincinnati Street, Albany, on Saturday, December 6, 2025. There will be games, bucket raffles, live auction, and a gun raffle table. A delicious meal will be prepared by the Albany Lions Club. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m.

The cost is \$35 per person, which includes your meal and a chance for a main table prize. Payment is due on Friday, November 21. If you would like more information about the event, please contact Linda Faessler at 608-558-4798.

Make checks payable to Brodhead FFA Alumni and mail your reservations no later than Friday, November 21st to Brodhead FFA Alumni, PO Box 82, Brodhead, WI 53520

Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

Jerks in Chicago in the 1800s?

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

Yes, they were there from the very beginning! Even as the small settlement on Lake Michigan was struggling to grow there were plenty of scoundrels. Come to the Durand Library Saturday, November 15, to learn about these unscrupulous characters. Brad Keyes will be discussing the bad actors who helped shape the young city in the 1800's. He always adds humor to his talks so this program will be more fun and entertaining than dark and grim.

But what exactly is a jerk? The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines a jerk as "one who is cruel, rude, or small-minded." It also offers as synonyms the terms "bastard," "skunk" and "creep."

Join us for a look at some of these badly behaved characters. There were of course the notorious thieves and bad guys but we will also look at perpetrators of mischief and other colorful anti-heroes... some who could be considered misunderstood visionary thinkers. From the Chicago Times newspaper publisher, Wilbur Storey, to the king of department stores, Marshall Field, to the dastardly sausage maker Adolph Luetgert, we will take a delightful look at those individuals who helped shape Chicago in the 1800s.

Brad found, as he did his research, that there were far too many jerks to discuss in one presentation, so he has prepared three programs, each one focusing on a different time period in Chicago's history. All along the way there will be both familiar and unfamiliar names and a range of misbehavior.

The Saturday, November 15 talk will focus on the 1800s while the second program, "More Jerks in Chicago," Saturday, December 13, will introduce those characters active from 1900 to 1945. The third talk, "Still More Jerks in Chicago," is set for Saturday, January 10, 2026 and will cover the years from 1950 to 2000.

Please join us Saturday, November 15 for this fascinating look at the personalities who helped define what was to become one of the nation's most significant cities. This program is hosted by the Friends of the Durand Library and everyone is cordially invited to attend. The program begins at 10 a.m.

About the Library

The Friends collaborate with the school to offer library services to the public. Check out privileges are free for all residents of the school district. Entry to the library is at the east, or playground, end of the building. Follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. Hours are 9 a.m.-noon Saturdays and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

Please remember that Friends volunteers are happy to deliver books to those who are physically unable to visit the library. For those who can't make it during library hours, we can arrange another time. Wondering if we have a book in the collection? Just email or call. If we don't have it, in almost every case we can obtain the desired material.

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Green County Land and Water Conservation Tree Sale is Open

Oh yes, fall. The time to bust out the flannels, eat all manner of pumpkin flavored foods and... start ordering trees for next spring! The Green County Land and Water Conservation Department is offering eight varieties of trees and two shrubs for landowners interested in planting trees next spring. The tree varieties are: Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, White Oak, Black Cherry, Domestic Apple, White Pine and Norway Spruce. The shrubs available are American Plum and Redosier Dogwood. The trees and shrubs are bare root, and range in height between 18 inches and four feet depending on species. The cost is \$3 per tree and must be ordered in increments of 10.

Most of the trees and shrubs are native to the area and the species offered cover a broad range of soil types and moistures.

Mycorrhizal root dip and nutrient packs are also available to order. Tree spuds can be rented with a deposit. The LWCD has tree planters available, allowing you to plant a lot of trees with ease. Contact the office to get on the planter schedule.

Trees can be ordered by contacting the LWCD directly by phone or by ordering through the Green County LWCD website <https://greencountylwcd.com/tree-sales/>. There are also order forms in the office if you want to stop by and pick one up. If you are unsure about what trees will work in your particular soil, have any questions about the trees or how to order stop in or give the Green County LWCD a call at 608-325-4195 ext 119. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Limited amounts of each specie are available, so it is advised if you are looking for something specific- order early. Trees are scheduled for pick up mid to late April.

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Volleyball athletes were recognized at their awards night last week

Left to right: Allie Dahl—Second Team All Conference; Chesney Walker—MIP, All Conference Honorable Mention; Gretchen Kammerer—MVP, First Team All Conference, captain; Laney Weis—Scout Player of the Year; Addie Leifker—All Conference Honorable Mention; Brynn Riesterer—First Team All Conference, Megan Newcomer Spiker Award.

The Wisconsin Volleyball Coaches Association released the names of players throughout the state achieving milestones. This included three Cardinal players with 1000+ digs; Leifker 1,019 and Dahl 1,449, and Kammerer with her career high 1,511 assists. Names added to the record wall at Brodhead High School are Dahl with her career high of digs and a season high of 399 digs. Leifker's name will also be added to the record wall for serving 100 aces in a season. Congratulations!



Seven seniors completed their successful high school volleyball careers. They are Taya Anderson, Allie Dahl, Grtchen Kammerer, Laney Weis, Addie Leifker, Brynn Riesterer. Missing Karlie Krumwiede. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)

Big Fish the Musical at BHS

Save the date as Brodhead High School's choral department, with directors Sara Carr and Chris Hurt, will present the musical "Big Fish," Friday, November 14, and Saturday, November 15 at 7 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday, November 16th.

Synopsis: Big Fish, made its Broadway debut in 2013, is a fantastical, heartwarming musical that follows the life of Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman whose larger-than-life stories captivate everyone around him. The story shifts between two timelines. In the present-day world, 60-year-old Edward Bloom faces mortality while his son, Will, prepares to become a father himself. In the storybook past, Edward ages from a teenager, encountering a Witch, a Giant, a Mermaid, and the love of his life, Sandra. The stories meet as Will discovers the secret his father never revealed.

This large cast is led by seniors: Jenna Dougherty, Simon Moore, Kayla Perry, Hayden Stewart, Elise Vock, and Aubrie Yoshida.

Ticket information: adults: \$12, students \$7, children nine and under enter for free. Tickets can be bought online, in the high school office, or in person at the performance.

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BHS band performed Fall Feature Concert

The Brodhead High School Band performed their Fall Feature Concert on Monday, October 27th to a packed gym. The show began with a special video created by the seniors. The night included various songs such as "Sweet Caroline", "The Hey Song" and "The Chicken Dance" which involved audience participation. The Band performed their half time music from this season's marching band show. The concert also featured professional drummer Brian Duke on "Santana in Concert" and "Sing, Sing, Sing". Charlie Cardinal made an appearance as well as the special surprise of former UW Band Director Mike Leckrone (Mr. Riesterer's college professor) in the audience.

Photos provided by Diana Dougherty and Beth Riesterer.



Mike Leckrone, former UW Band Director was in the audience.



Professional drummer, Brian Duke played two songs with the High School Band.



The High School Band performing their concert selections.



The senior band members at their final marching band performance.

Petition for Decatur Ag Enterprise Area Meeting to be Held Thursday, November 20th

There will be a meeting at 1 p.m. on Thursday, November 20th at the Decatur Town Hall, 1408 14th Street, Brodhead for interested parties to form an Agricultural Enterprise Area (AEA) and petition the state for designation in 2026. Discussion on the rough draft of the petition will be needed as well as public input on the boundaries of the AEA.

Green County Land and Water Conservation Department is working with Decatur Township to put together a petition. It has many parts- narratives on why it's needed or wanted, the history of the area, signed petitions from landowners in the area in favor of it, written support from businesses that rely on and support agriculture and a map showing exactly what parcels are in and outside of the AEA. The delineation, at this time, is proposed to be in Decatur Township plus a mile—to half a mile buffer outside the township in Green County, effecting extreme edges of Albany, Sylvester, Jefferson and Spring Grove Townships. The residential areas of Decatur Township will be excluded from the AEA.

An AEA needs to be created in order for landowners within the area to enroll into a Farmland Preservation Agreement and be eligible for a tax credit of \$10 per acre. The Farmland Preservation Program is a tool for landowners looking to preserve their farmland as such into the future. Agreements are for 10 years at a time. Participants in FPP agree to voluntarily meet state soil and water conservation standards in exchange for tax credits.

Interested landowners are strongly encouraged to attend the meeting. If unable to attend, please reach out to Ron Schwartzlow at 608-897-4441 or Tonya Gratz with the Green County LWCD at 608-426-2218. The more public participation in this process the stronger the petition will be.

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Abby Hollis raises \$6,933 for Albany community programs



Abby Hollis held her fourth annual Comet Classic 3 on 3 Tournament on Sunday, November 2nd. There were 33 teams and 130 players from Albany, Argyle, Barneveld, Belleville, Blanchardville, Brodhead, Edgerton, Madison, Monroe, Monticello, Mount Horeb, Parkview, Sauk Prairie, and Stoughton.

Abby is a 2025 graduate of Albany High School where she was a member of the Albany Comets and Albany-Monticello Space Stallions girls' basketball teams. (Albany and Monticello formed a co-op her junior year). She is a three-time basketball conference champion, four time regional champion, two time sectional champion and state champion in 2024. That year she hit a three with just seconds left in the championship game to send the game into OT where she hit another one to secure the win. It was the first state championship for Albany and happened in the first year of the co-op. Her sophomore year she set school records in single season points, three pointers in a single game, three pointers in a season, and three pointers in a career (which she built on for two more years). She has earned all-state and all conference accolades, qualified for the WIAA 3point contest twice (competed once as the other

year she was playing at state), was the Prep Girls Hoops State Tournament MVP in 2024, and the WBCA All-Star three point champion in 2025. As a WBCA Girls All-Star she lead all fund-raisers with \$6,600. In high school she also participated in Track and Field, Cross Country and Volleyball.

Abby is currently a double major in Sport Management and Business at Clarke University where she is a guard on the women's basketball team.

Abby started the Comet Classic four years ago with another teammate to raise funds for the community. As that teammate moved on, Abby became the sole tournament director last year. She runs the tournament, securing sponsors and teams, marketing the event, making team and volunteer schedules, designing and ordering shirts, and running the event day of.

From raising \$1,888 in 2022, and \$3,866 in 2023 to \$5,300 in 2024 and \$6,933 this year she has raised just under \$18,000 for her community. The funds are donated to youth programs and initiatives. To date she has donated to the Albany Sports Boosters, Albany Junior Comet Basketball League, the Albany Music Boosters, the Albany-Monticello Girls Basketball team.

She has created a scholarship (new this year) and an avenue for just in time donation requests through her website <https://comet-classic.weebly.com>.

This coming weekend she is going to determine where her large donations will go. She had two college games this week and came down with strep, which had delayed her decision making. She has donated the admissions and tip-jar proceeds to a local Albany Middle Student (Erin) who is battling Ewing Sarcoma.

Her goals for the "off-season" before next year's event she plans to update her website and socials.



BMS Sixth Grade Leaders

Shout out to the following students for being great sixth grade leaders for first quarter.

These kids are helpful, kind, care about school and their grades, and work well with others. Thank you students for your positive example and keep up the great work!

Front row, left to right: Brooks Kempel, Carter Peterson, Helen Logan, Eliza Sievers, Rosie Cephas; back row: Carter Hendrickson, Rowan Krattiger, Rylee Helgestad.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

"Check out" the latest offerings at the Albertson Memorial Library.

Adult Non-Fiction: Invisible ADHD: Proven Mood and Life Management for Smart Yet Scattered Women by Shanna Pearson,

Sen. Mark Spreitzer and Rep. Jenna Jacobson Introduce Bill to Support Beginning Farmers

Recently, Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) and Representative Jenna Jacobson (D-Oregon) introduced legislation to create a refundable tax credit for beginning and existing farmers for the sale or lease of agricultural assets, including farmland. LRB-4784 would create the Farming Forward Program in Wisconsin, which would help pass family farms on to the next generation by encouraging existing farmers to sell or lease farmland and machinery to beginning farmers and help beginning farmers with their startup costs.

Senator Spreitzer: "Family farms and agriculture are central to Wisconsin's heritage and to our economy. We are proud to introduce legislation today to uphold Wisconsin's strong agricultural tradition by supporting our next generation of family farmers. Wisconsin's farmers bolster our economy and feed our families, and we as a legislature should be doing all we can to support our current farmers, as well as the next generation.

"The Farming Forward Program would create an important incentive for established farmers to sell or rent agricultural assets—including land, machinery, equipment, facilities, and livestock—to beginning farmers at a more affordable price. The program will help beginning farmers afford critical startup costs and make needed investments in their farming operation to set themselves up for long-term success."

Representative Jacobson: "Family farms are at the heart of Wisconsin's history and our communities. But many new farmers struggle with high startup costs, while retiring farmers often depend on selling or leasing their land for retirement income. The Farming Forward Program helps with both challenges by offering a 5% refundable tax credit to farmers who sell or lease land or equipment, and to beginning farmers who make improvements on their farms. This program supports Wisconsin's proud tradition of family farming and helps keep farms in the next generation."

LRB-4784 is available for co-sponsorship by the members of the state legislature through November 14.

The bill was modeled on a previous beginning farmer tax credit program in Wisconsin, as well as successful programs in Minnesota and Iowa.

The Gales of November: The Untold Story of the Edmund Fitzgerald by John Bacon, and The Girl Bandits of the Warsaw Ghetto: the True Story of Five Courageous Young Women Who Sparked an Uprising by Elizabeth Hyman.

Adult Fiction: Gone Before Goodbye by Reese Witherspoon and Harlan Coben, The Proving Ground (Lincoln Lawyer Book 8) by Michael Connelly, Holiday Ever After by Hannah Grace, C is for Courting (Amish ABC's Book 3) by Shelley Shepard Gray, The Widow by John Grisham, Slayers of Old by Jim Hines, The Second Story Bookshop by Denise Hunter, The Christmas Ring by Karen Kingsburg, A Tin Train Christmas (Growing Season Book 2.5) by Melanie Lageschulte, A Ferry Merry Christmas by Debbie Macomber, The Intruder by Freida McFadden, Shattered Sanctuary (The Erin Delaney Mysteries Book 1) by Nancy Mehl, Dark Design (The Erin Delaney Mysteries Book 2) by Nancy Mehl, The Picasso Heist by James Patterson and Howard Roughan, The Black Wolf (Chief Inspector Gamache Mysteries Book 20) by Louise Penny, Merry Christ-

mas, You Filthy Animal (How My Neighbor Stole Christmas Book 2) by Meghan Quinn, Shadow Ticket by Thomas Pynchon, Remain by Nicholas Sparks and M. Night Shyamalan, The Portrait by Danielle Steel, and Colin gets Promoted and Dooms the World by Mark Waddell.

Large Print: The Grave Artist (Sanchez & Heron Book 2) by Jeffery Deaver and Isabella Maldonado and My Beloved (Mitford Book 15) by Jan Karon.

Young Adult Fiction: Fake Skating by Lynn Painter

DVD: F1 (PG-13), The Fantastic 4: First Steps (PG-13), The Life of Chuck (R), Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (PG-13), and The Bad Guys 2 (PG).

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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Monday Night Mixed League

11/3—High series: Bill Schoen 705, Robert Murray 705, Jason Shrier 648, Glayden Wahler. High games: B. Schoen 279, R. Murray 275, J. Shrier 246, Amber Foster 227. Broughton's Bar-high team game 981 and series 2,838. **Standings:** Center Tavern won 132 lost 111, Fosters Gaming 127-116, Albany Lanes 121-122, Bartelt 120-123, Beloit Chiropractic 117-126, Broughton's Bar 112-131.

Tuesday Shaningans

11/4—High series: Shi Strommen 428, Lisa Josephsen 394, Karrie Laws 382, Dan Eaton 491, Rick Josephsen 478, Mike Hanneman 471. High games: K. Laws 179, S. Strommen 166, L. Josephsen 163, D. Eaton 171, R. Josephsen 168, M. Hanneman 161. The Young & The Restless-high team game 743 and series 2,106. **Standings:** Perfectly Aged won 26 lost 9, Misfits 23-12, Sweet Mini HaHa 22-13, The Young & The Restless 18-17, Greightful Dead 9-26.

Badger

11/4—High series: Keith Riese 649, Rob Kubesh 597, Jim Laughlin 595, Dave Brugger 584. High games: K. Riese 300, J. Laughlin 247, Kollin Klitzke 243, D. Brugger 233. Renks-high team game 915. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team series 2,354. **Standings:** Renks won 37 lost 26, Decatur Dairy 37-26, Counter Attack 34-29, Jim's Mechanic Shop 31-32, Team 6 29-34, TUGS 21-42.

Wednesday Night Ladies

11/5—High series: Kari Johnson 465, Tami Behnke 450, Rikki Thomas-Martin 446, Darcy Stephenson 424, Alice Patchen 412. High games: R. Thomas-Martin 176, K. Johnson 171, D. Stephenson 167, T. Behnke 167, Dena Laughlin 163. Albertson's-high team game 588 and series 1,617. **Standings:** Larson Acres won 47 lost 16, General Store 42-21, Glenn-Ann Ladies 37-26, Stables Bar & Grill 23-40, Albertson's 21-42, Crystal's Team 19-44.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

11/6—High series: Becky Riese 496, Cindy Sheldon 440, Nancy Salzwedel 438. High games: B. Riese 178, N. Salzwedel 156, C. Sheldon 156. Mikes' Flooring-high team game 532. Knutes-high team series 1,522. **Standings:** Knutes won 50 lost 20, Briggs Heating and AC 46-24, Mike's Flooring 43-27, Nolte's Garage 43-27, Albany Lanes 26-44.

Thursday Night Mixed

11/6—High series: John Pluss 690, Ryan Flood 666, Brandon Bayrthoffer 657, Rick Reed 656, Tiffany Repa 489. High games: J. Pluss 289, Erich Brandenburg 257, James Laughlin 247, R. Flood 240. Glenn Ann Holsteins-high team game 1,057. Broughton's Corner Bar 1-high team series 2,993. **Standings:** Broughton's Corner Bar 1 won 44 lost 26, Glenn Ann Holsteins 40-30, Albany Lanes 36-34, Attica Bar 33-37, Golz Electric 29-41, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 28-42.

Brodhead Juniors

11/8—High series—boys: Evan Johnson 520, Alexander Ramirez-Vogel 443, Casey Johnson 381, Henry Johnson 321, Tristan Modaff 316, Jack Norris 259. High games—boys: E. Johnson 180, A. Ramirez-Vogel 158, C. Johnson 150, T. Modaff 114, J. Norris 111, H. Johnson 111. **High series—girls:** Aubrie Bartelt 333, Kelsee Brugger 305, Lily Johnson 290, Emma Welbig 279. High games—girls: A. Bartelt 128, E. Welbig 107, L. Johnson 106, K. Brugger 102.

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By Laura Roth,
Children's Librarian

Once again, the Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library was a rollicking good time. The princess theme returned to focus on tests to be a princess. The first story was a familiar one: La Princessa and the Pea (Elya). The youngsters tried to feel the pea (a green-painted golf ball) under the cushions. Then, "Do Princesses Really Kiss Frogs? (Coyle) pointed out all the things princesses do and don't do! Finally, Princess Hair (Miller) inspired the craft of the day: rolling a die to draw different kinds of hair on a princess face. There's no way THAT hair can be combed! And all the colors, too!

Next week, Preschool Story Time focuses on how animals are like humans (or are humans like animals?). The Cuddle Book (Genechten) leads the reader through all the different kinds of cuddles: warm, playful, prickly, and playful. Dogs Don't Wear Sneakers puts animals into very human activities, resulting in some pretty odd situations. There

will be singing and a cuddle craft. (Bet you want to know how THAT goes, right?) The preschoolers will practice their animal-sounds, growling like a bear, croaking like a frog, buzzing like a bee, etc.

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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
Pat Daniels Jen Brooks
Eric Munz Kendra Sullivan
Jessica Matzke Rustin Whitney

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Proof of Notice

V. Acceptance of Agenda

VI. Open Forum

VII. 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 October 8, 2025
2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
5. Donations (Action)

VIII. Reports
1. School Staff/Student Report
•Business Honor Roll
•FFA
2. School Board President's Report
•School Board Convention
January 21, 22, 23, 2026
•Board Elections
•School Perceptions Board Survey
3. Administrator Report
•Staffing Updates
•Report Card Overview
•Website review
•Human Growth and Development Review
•Review of Book/Curriculum Discussion
•Prepayment Process for Debt Service
•Strategic Plan
•Review of events/Upcoming events
•Other updates as necessary

IX. Referendum Updates

X. Recreation District Update: Discussion/Action
•Budget for 2025-2026

XI. Five Minute Recess

XII. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)

XIII. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary

XIV. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
December 10, 2025

XV. Adjournment

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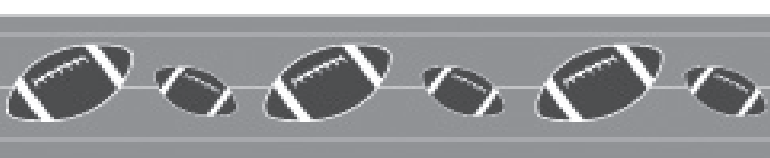
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Annual Brodhead Middle School Eighth Grade Trip to Washington, D.C.

By Adam Ferger, Middle School Principal

Twenty-eight eighth graders from Brodhead Middle School returned late Saturday, October 18, following an unforgettable educational journey to Washington, DC. They were accompanied by 29 parent and adult chaperones, including four school staff members: Mrs. Angie Fields, Mr. Adam Ferger, Mr. Shane Miller, and Mr. Dan Rueckert.

This year marked a special milestone—the 30th anniversary of Brodhead Middle School’s annual trip to our nation’s capital. Students departed bright and early on Thursday, October 16, traveling from Chicago O’Hare International Airport and arriving in Washington, DC, mid-morning to begin three full days of learning and exploration.

The group’s first day included a photo stop at the U.S. Capitol, followed by tours of the Washington National Cathedral, the World War I Memorial, and several notable monuments throughout the city.

Friday’s itinerary took students to Arlington National Cemetery, where they observed the solemn Changing of the Guard at the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier. Four students—Blake Fernandes, Katie Crum, Annalise Wahl, and Moira Logan—had the distinguished honor of laying a wreath on behalf of Brodhead Middle School and the Brodhead community. Students also visited the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima), the Pentagon Memorial, and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, followed by an evening tour of illuminated memorials.

On the final day of the trip, the group toured Mount Vernon, the historic home of George Washington, and participated in a White House Experience before heading home to Wisconsin.

Brodhead Middle School extends its appreciation to Mr. Dan Rueckert, eighth grade social studies teacher and long-standing trip coordinator, for his continued dedication to this meaningful experience. Lessons and reflections from the trip will be incorporated into the eighth grade social studies curriculum throughout the school year, helping students connect classroom learning with the rich history of our nation.



Group Photo by Capital

Rich McLaughlin appointed for national nurse practitioner leadership position



SSM Health Monroe Hospitalist named Wisconsin Liaison for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital is proud to share that Rich McLaughlin, APNP-CNP, Hospitalist, has been appointed as the Wisconsin State Liaison for the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP).

The AANP state liaison plays a key role as the primary point of contact between Wisconsin’s nurse practitioners and AANP’s regional and national leadership. Liaisons help advance the interests of nurse practitioners and advocate for improved patient care at both the state and national levels.

This is an elected position with a one-year term. When the prior liaison relocated, AANP opened the position for appointment until the next election. McLaughlin applied, underwent a competitive vetting process, and was selected to serve.

With more than 30 years of advanced practice experience and

25 years as a certified Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, McLaughlin brings a wealth of knowledge to the role. His career spans cardiothoracic surgery, neurosurgery, trauma, general surgery, and hospitalist medicine. He has also been a dedicated educator, presenting multiple workshops at the AANP National Conference from 2004 to 2022, and was named a Fellow of AANP in 2011.

“I feel that my years of experience in multiple subspecialties, along with my teaching experiences at AANP, helped me with this appointment,” McLaughlin said.

In his new role, McLaughlin is especially excited about supporting initiatives that will increase patient access to healthcare across Wisconsin.

He also sees strong connections between his work in Monroe and his new statewide responsibilities.

“The information from AANP helps keep nurse practitioners up to date with current national and state practice information,” he said.

“At Monroe, all of our guidelines are based on best practice, and that aligns closely with AANP’s goals.”

Working in a rural hospital has also shaped McLaughlin’s perspective.

“In rural practice, we often have to cultivate skills across critical care, diabetes, procedures, and subspecialties since specialists aren’t always available,” he explained. “That experience strengthens my understanding of the challenges nurse practitioners face across Wisconsin.”

As a hospitalist, McLaughlin says he finds “managing critical care patients and performing critical care procedures” to be the most meaningful part of his role.

McLaughlin’s appointment reflects not only his deep clinical expertise but also his commitment to advancing the nurse practitioner profession. His leadership will help strengthen connections between local practice and national standards, ensuring Wisconsin’s nurse practitioners are well-supported and informed.

SSM Health Monroe Hospital congratulates McLaughlin on this well-deserved recognition and looks forward to the positive impact he will make in this leadership role.



Wreath layers, left to right: Annalise Wahl, Moira Logan, Blake Fernandes, and Katie Crum.

Orienteering at Magnolia Bluff

On Friday, October 24, seventh-grade students at Brodhead Middle School took part in a unique experience at Magnolia Bluff County Park. This curriculum-based field trip started back in the traditional classroom with instruction on topographic maps and the sport of orienteering. Then, with compasses and maps in hand, 65 students and seven staff members embarked on a day of outdoor physical fitness, fun, and instruction at Magnolia Bluff.

At 9, seventh-grade students received specific instructions from Madison native Kevin Teschendorf, a nationally ranked orienteering competitor, when we arrived at the bluff. Then the challenge was to navigate a course through the brush, woods, hillsides, and woods to 17 control checkpoints. Students worked in small groups, using their compass and a detailed topographic map for guidance. Students completed two “loops” of checkpoints before enjoying a cookout lunch and a third “loop” afterward. They also took time at Magnolia Bluff to decorate pumpkins that were delivered to residents at the Brodhead Senior Village. It was a beautiful day to be outside, redefining the walls of our classrooms.



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