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Wall of Fame

On Monday, March 3, the Wall of Fame induction took place. Gerald "Cort" Condon was inducted into the Wall of Fame. Cort was unable to attend but his sister, Teri LaBorde, accepted for him. Congratulations!

By David Novy, District Administrator, Brodhead School District



Quality schools and healthy communities go hand in hand. It benefits us all, both locally and as a society, to provide a great education for the next generation. We have a school system to be proud of in Brodhead, but maintaining our level of excellence will continue to be a struggle with our budget constraints. While Brodhead continues to have one of the lowest mill (tax) rates in our comparable area, our community's schools have provided an excellent foundation for education.

The need for a Referendum is a direct result of State-imposed revenue caps, declining enrollment, and reductions in State aid to the schools. School Board members have worked to stay within these constraints while maintaining programs. This hard work is reflected

in the District's tax rate, which has continued to be one of the lowest among all area districts. Even with the changes that have been made, the budget shortfalls continue to be a concern.

Since the start of the current Operational Referendum in 2022, the Board has continued to work on reducing expenditures and saving revenues. All debt has been paid off for several years, saving on interest costs. Health benefits were transitioned to a HDHP/HSA plan, and adjustments have been made in the contributions required from staff. Strategic staff cuts have been made through attrition while still keeping our student to staff ratios at a respectable level. Building budgets have been frozen for over 17 years. Professional salaries have been renewed at or below the Consumer Price Index.

Community resources have been used to control costs as well. Numerous organizations have stepped up to donate funds to sustain programs and implement facility upgrades. The Brodhead Sports Boosters worked with the Brodhead Area Foundation to support the addition of our new girls' JV Softball field. This is a welcome addition to our facilities and allows our girls to have their practices and games on school grounds rather than traveling to Legion Park on the North side of town. Kid Connection has continued to help us improve the Elementary School playgrounds with much needed equipment upgrades

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Brodhead Sewer Customers

As of Thursday, March 27, the City of Brodhead is discontinuing the option to pay Brodhead Sewer Bills at both Bank of Brodhead and The Bank of New Glarus. The Sewer Department currently has three ways you can pay your bill.

The sewer department now has a new website where you can view and pay your bill. The new website

is <https://brodheadwi.ourcommunityconnect.com>. If you would like to you can have your bill paid automatically every month by linking it to a checking account or a debit/credit card (fees do apply).

Mail in your payment to City Hall (no fees apply)

Pay in person at City Hall (no fees apply)

City Hall personnel will be available Monday through Friday 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. to help anyone setup their account with the new website or to answer any questions. This change is for Brodhead Sewer payments only and does not affect Brodhead Water and Light payments.

Thank you,
Brodhead Sewer Department

Join us for the 1st Annual Brodhead Chamber of Commerce Home Show & Trade Expo!

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025
Location: Brodhead High School
Time: 9 AM - 2 PM

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce invites you to our first-ever Home Show & Trade Expo—a day filled with networking, discovery, and fun!

- Meet local businesses & service providers
- Explore home improvement, retail, and community resources
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Albany United Methodist Church, 500 Park Street, Albany. 608-862-3206, Rev. Tom Moe, Pastor. Sunday worship at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Check our web page at albanyumchurch.com.

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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship. Sunday school every other Sunday thru May, from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday service, Ecumenical Lenten mid-week services noon, through Wed., Apr. 19. Location rotating weekly between three Brodhead churches.

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

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

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblor. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult Sunday school 9 a.m.; Sunday service at 10 a.m. worship at church and also via live stream at livingwordwi.org/media; Sunday evening Impact Youth 4-5:30 p.m.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-934-5551. Pastor Jady N Manjrekar. Worship 9 a.m. Children's Sunday school September-May 9 a.m.

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

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

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

Friends of the Durand Library to Host a Presentation “Understanding China: Complicated but Essential”

Dr. Norman Moline presents this free program on the People's Republic of China March 18 as part of the Illinois Humanities Road Scholars Speakers Bureau. The presentation, entitled “Understanding China: Complicated but Essential,” will take place at the Durand Library located in the Durand School.

“We are so fortunate to have Dr. Moline come and speak to us on this important topic of China. We need to understand this powerful country in all its complexities,” Barbara Flores, President of the Friends group said. She continued, “Our speaker is a longtime student of China and has visited there 40 times from 1977 until most recently in 2024”

China presents challenges to the United States with its aggressive behavior toward Taiwan and other Asian countries, its unfair economic competition and the deprivation of human rights to its citizens. But as our biggest trading partner it is a country with which the United States must deal.


Dr. Moline cautions, “China is, without question, the other major global power, and its economic and international power is likely to increase as the 21st century advances. China significantly impacts all Americans, including the people of Illinois.”

He notes that some of those impacts are well known and covered in news stories as well as experienced in people's day-to-day lives. China produces products we need causing some of our manufacturing industries to close while its demand for food creates markets for Illinois and Iowa soybeans and corn. It seeks to stretch its global interests, causing national security concerns for the U.S. China's policies against minorities, limiting freedom of speech and religion, as well as controlling open access to information on the Internet counter to human rights values. Its verbal threats about Taiwan exacerbate global tensions. It was, of course, the origin point for COVID-19. It does cooperate with the U.S. on some key global issues and in research scholarship, but this is often not well known.

One thing is certain, Dr. Moline emphasizes: “China will be an important factor in the lives of people and businesses in Illinois and world affairs for decades to come.”

This event is co-presented by the Illinois Humanities Road Scholar Speakers Bureau. Road Scholar speakers travel throughout Illinois sharing free, dynamic presentations about literature, philosophy, theater, local history, film, music,

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Albrecht Elementary School 4K Enrollment

Albrecht Elementary School is now accepting new four and five-year-old kindergarten applications for the 2025-2026 school year. If you have a child who will be turning four (4) by Monday, September 1st of this year, he/she will be eligible to attend school in the fall.

You and your child are invited to participate in a special night set aside for incoming 4K children and their families. This year 4K Enrollment and Information Night will be held on Thursday, March 20th between 4 and 7 p.m. They are asking that you and your child sign up to attend one one-hour session that

politics, and more, at no cost to host organizations. The program enables local nonprofit organizations to present free-admission cultural programs to their communities.

Dr. Moline is Professor Emeritus at Augustana College where he has directed and co-directed Augustana's fall terms in East Asia studies. He wants listeners to not only learn the facts and importance of the topic at hand but also become inspired to do more studies on their own.

During over 50 years of observing and studying China and more than 40 visits there from 1977 to 2024, Dr. Moline has followed closely the return of China to a position of global importance. He encourages Americans to learn more about China and how it connects with their lives.

“Understanding China; Complicated but Essential” will take place Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Durand Library, inside the Durand School at 200 W. South Street, Durand, Illinois. This event is free and open to all audiences.

For more information, please contact Barbara Flores by voice or text at 815-289-8602, email village-library@cusd322.org, or visit Facebook.com/DurandVillageLibrary.

The 4K Team will keep your child company while engaging them in a playbased environment in the 4K classrooms. The parent information portion will be for parents to hear about our program and answer any questions you may have.

If you are interested in enrolling your child, or wish to learn more about our program, please call Albrecht Elementary School at 608-897-2146 or you can email Ashley Smith at ashleysmith@brodhead.k12.wi.us. They are looking forward to hearing from you!

Stateline Women's Connection luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection cordially invite you to their “March Into Spring” luncheon on Wednesday, March 19, at noon. The suggested donation is \$15. The luncheon will be held at Hope Evangelical Free Church, 2902 13th Street, Monroe.

The guest speaker will be Don McCumber, of Madison. In the spring of 2021 Don was stricken with Covid. After three months in the hospital, his doctor stated it was a miracle he survived. Going through the depths of despair he focuses on the choices we make in life. The local spotlight will be Dan Wegmueller of Wegmueller Farm.

Reservations are due by Friday, March 14, by calling Marcia at 815-821-4270 or Kim at 608-214-2157 or emailing: statelinewomensconnection@gmail.com.

Thanks for Reading...



Oakley Union Church Soup Day Fund-raiser

The Oakley Union Church will hold a Soup Day Fund-raiser on Saturday, March 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Road S, Juda and will offer dine in or drive through.

The meal costs \$8 and includes choice of soup, choice of dessert and includes a cheese sandwich.

Donkey basketball at Juda School

The Juda School will be hosting Donkey Basketball in the main gym on Thursday, March 13th at 7 p.m.

Game one will be the Juda Junior Class vs. Juda Junior Parents and game two will be Juda Staff vs. Juda Fire Department

The cost is \$10 per ticket presale or \$15 at the door.

They will also be hosting a taco/nacho bar from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. or while supplies last. They will be serving soft shell tacos or nacho chips.

All proceeds to Juda Post Prom.

Greenwood Cemetery notice

A reminder that it is time to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please remove any flowers and decorations you wish to save by Tuesday, April 1st, to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place spring or summer items until Thursday, May 1st.

VOLLEYBALL

Sunday Night Winter Volleyball

3/9—Final standings: I'd Smack That won 49 lost 5, The Goon Squad 46-8, Victorious Secret 43-11, That's What She Set 32-22, The Youngins 30-24, One Hit Wonders 22-32, Valued Volleyers 21-33, All Sets Are Off 19-35, Chewblocka 17-37, Net Ninjas 17-37, Killer Serves 16-38, Super Soy 12-42.

Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival

The ARC-Green County will present the Monroe Balloon and Blues Festival on Friday, June 13 and Saturday, June 14. Admission and parking are \$3. They will have food trucks both days along with hot air balloon flight, bands, balloon glow, craft fair, car show, carnival, pancake breakfast more. The event will be held at the Green County Fair Grounds.

For times and updates follow them in Facebook or their web site www.monroeballoonandblues.com.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

SUMMER YOUTH BALL SIGN-UP

The Youth Ball sign-up for kids currently in 5k and up; will take place Friday, February 14th–Friday, March 14th. Please stop down to City Hall between 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m., Monday–Friday, to sign your child up. After 4:30 p.m., registration packet(s) and payment can be placed in the drop box outside of City Hall. Anyone signing up after Friday, March 14th, if spots are still available, will pay a \$20 late fee. Registration forms are also available on the City of Brodhead website at www.cityofbrodheadwi.us.

There are several leagues to accommodate the different age groups: girls: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and 14U 7-8 grade (\$50); boys: 8U 5K-1-2 grades (\$35), 10U 3-4 grade (\$50), 12U 5-6 grade (\$50) and Pony's 7th grade (\$80).

Forms need to be completed and turned in with a fee by Friday, March 14th, in order for your child to participate in the program. Leagues will begin in late May or early June. Any questions, call the Pool and Rec. Dept. at 608-897-2159.

Fund-raising Agreement. As an adult registering a child to participate in the BYBP for the coming year, the player fee charged does not cover the full cost of your child's participation in the BYBP. The BYBP requires each child who participates in the BYBP to participate in an annual fund-raiser.

BRODHEAD PARK AND REC INDOOR YOUTH SOCCER

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week youth indoor soccer program for boys and girls in K-first grade. The program will meet after school on Mondays for kindergarteners and Thursdays after school for first graders in the elementary school gym.

The program begins on March 10th and ends on April 17th. This program is for children at all skill levels and it will teach basic skills and fundamentals. Forms are available at the elementary school, the Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website. The cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with the fee by Friday, March 14th the school office or Rec Department. Children are encouraged to wear tennis shoes and shin guards. Checks make payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, contact Tom at Park and Rec at 608-897- 2159.

BRODHEAD PARK & REC THIRD AND FOURTH GRADE DODGEBALL PROGRAM

The Brodhead Parks and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a four-week DODGEBALL program for boys and girls in third-fourth grades. The program will be on Tuesday afternoons from 3-4 p.m. at the Albrecht Elementary School meeting April 1, 8, 15 and 22. They'll form new teams each week and learn how to play the original version as well as some variations of this awesome game.

Registration forms are available at the schools and at the Brodhead Park & Rec Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>) the cost is \$20. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by Thursday, March 27th to the office or Rec Department. Checks made payable to the City of Brodhead. If you have any questions, please call Tom at 608-897-2159.

BANK OF BRODHEAD BRANSON BUS TRIP

There are a few seats left for the Bank of Brodhead bus trip to Branson, Missouri, for their Holiday Extravaganza, from November 10-15, 2025. There will be five nights lodging, eight meals and admission to seven shows.

For more information or to sign up for these trips, contact Sue Schmelzer, email is sschmelzer@charter.net, phone or text 608-558-8797.

BRODHEAD LIONS AND LEOS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Brodhead Lions and Leos are having their spring pancake breakfast to raise money for Brodhead School District field trips. The breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 15, from 7 to 11 a.m. All you can eat pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, coffee, milk and orange juice. There is no charge for the meal. They are asking only for your free will donation.

School District

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within our District have also written and received other small grants. We have continued to have lower student fees, lunch prices, and facility rental costs in comparison to other area districts, understanding how increases in these fees would affect our families and community organizations. With passage of this Referendum, it is our hope that student and facility rental fees can continue at these lower rates.

Unfortunately, this has not been enough, and budget challenges remain. Board members have discussed potential options and are not comfortable with the possible consequences. The Board has chosen to present a Referendum question to our community on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, which simply replaces our current Referendum with the same dollar amount (\$1,750,000 per year) and same duration (three-year non-recurring), with no additional tax rate impact for our taxpayers.

Board members are also available to make presentations for individual groups or businesses. Materials can also be found on the Referendum link <https://brodhead.referendumfacts.org/>, on the District Website, www.brodhead.k12.wi.us, or by calling David Novy, Brodhead District Administrator at (608) 897-2141.

Please remember to vote on April 1. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voting locations for Brodhead School District residents are:

- Town of Avon—Avon Town Hall
- City of Brodhead—Brodhead City Hall
- Town of Decatur—Decatur Town Building
- Town of Magnolia—Magnolia Town Hall
- Town of Spring Grove—Spring Grove Town Hall
- Town of Spring Valley—Orfordville Fire Station Meeting Room
- Town of Sylvester—Sylvester Town Hall

Albany Alumni Banquet and Basketball Tournament

The Albany Alumni Basketball Tournament is Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th. Mitch Trow is in charge of the tournament. The Albany Alumni Banquet is Saturday, May 24th at the Albany Lions Building, 402 N Cincinnati Street. Social starts at 6 p.m., dinner 7 p.m., program 8 p.m. and is over at 9 p.m.. The roast beef dinner is served family style and the cost is \$20. Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Send to Dan Weber, N5926 Marie Ct, Albany WI 53502. For information call 608-862-3260.

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Performance Details:

Date: Friday, March 14 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, March 15 at 3 p.m.

Location: Brodhead High School
Tickets: \$5 per ticket and a bake sale before and after the show—45 minute run time.

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Orfordville Public Library Trivia Night at Orfordville Library Friday, March 28, 6-8:30 p.m.

Join in on a night of trivia, door prizes, and fun. Get a team together and enjoy this free event for all ages. Call or stop into the library to register your team. Registration is not required.

Trivia Night at your library is a program in which teams compete against each other in answering questions from various topics. This family event is formatted so that all ages will enjoy participating and will actually assist their older or younger team members with their unique knowledge of all things trivia. Community members choose their own teams of up to 8 people, who can range from family members to coworkers to singles groups. From working together on tough questions to joking with other teams, team members bond with each other and other teams to create a fun, stimulating environment filled with friendly competition. Everyone has fun at Trivia Night!

Thursday 11 a.m. Story Time—Join Ms. Sarah for stories and activities.

Teen Tuesdays 3:30–5:30 p.m. Tweens and teens are invited to gather, play games, use computers, connect to WIFI, talk, and snack.

Board Game Afternoons—1 p.m.: Wednesday, April 9, Wednesday, May 14 and Wednesday, June 11
Spring Fling Egg Hunt—Saturday, April 12, 9-11 a.m.

Basketball contest


The highest scoring game was the men's UCLA vs. USC, 90-63. The winner of this week's basketball contest was a tie with one incorrect and 91 points—Eric VonAllmen of Albany. The following also had one incorrect games: Doug Rezner—85 points, and Paul Clark—92 points, both of Brodhead and Gladys Kauk—94 points, of Albany. Thank you to everyone who participated and the participating businesses.

Advertising Deadline: Friday, 5 p.m.


Next Generation 4-H Club Spring Craft Fair

The Next Generation 4-H Club will host a Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Juda Community Center, N2350 County Road S, Juda. The snow date is Sunday, March 30. Admission is free.

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Soldier Statue in Veterans Memorial Park

By Diane Rabe, Brodhead Historical Society

This statue stands in Brodhead's Veterans Memorial Park. It bears this inscription, "Erected in honor of the Defenders of the Union From 1861-1865 by W.W. Patton — Relief Corps. Dept. of Wisconsin and other Patriotic Citizens" —dated June 18, 1914.

Awhile after the Civil War was over, on June 4, 1893, 59 ex-civil war soldiers formed the Wesley W. Patton Post #90, Dept. of Grand Army of the Republic, Inc. in Brodhead, Green County, Wisconsin. This Post was named after Wesley W. Patton who was born in 1843 and killed in action June 5, 1864 during the Battle of Cold Harbor eight miles northeast of Richmond, Virginia, which was the capital of the confederacy. A picture and more information can be found on Wesley in the Pearl Engebretson Room in the Depot Museum on the south wall as you enter it.

Eventually from this Wesley W. Patton Post #90, a Women's Relief Corps. (WRC) group was formed. Mrs. Stone, a civil war veteran's wife and member of the WRC, presented the original idea for a statue in the park. After awhile the idea took hold and fund-raising began by the Women's Relief Corps and local businesses, with other interested people also making donations. The WRC purchased the statue for \$1,400 from Jackson Monument Company in Beloit. Andrew Douglas donated his skill and provided the concrete foundation. On June 18, 1914 the statue was presented to the City of Brodhead on behalf of the ladies of the Women's Relief Corps #19. The dedication ceremony was held 49 years after the Civil War had ended and many of the soldiers were gone. There were about 1,000 people in attendance at the dedication. The WRC ladies served a meal at the Opera House with band and choral music rounding out the celebration.



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National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

On Monday, March 3, Brodhead High School held the Wall of Fame and 81st Annual National Honor Society Induction ceremonies.



NHS new members: front row from left to right: Hannah Grover, Emily Reyes, Karli Krumwiede, Addie Leifker, Jordan Menehan, Brynn Riesterer, Laney Weis and Aubrie Yosida; middle row: Angel Nieto-Vigna, Jenna Dougherty, Danica Demrow, Gretchen Kammerer, Keegan Steinke and Alecia Dahl; back row: Annelise Bethke, Serena Santiago, Taiya Hawkins, Taya Anderson and Lane Visger.



NHS current members: front row from left to right: Stella Arn, Madilyn Brown, Olivia Hartwig and Tatum Ceslok; back row: Ava Risum, Kylee Wahler, Makenna Schooff and Kyla Miller.

Music In Our Schools Month

By Jenny Flory, President, Brodhead Music Boosters

March is Music In Our Schools Month and Brodhead schools are known for their well-rounded and enthusiastic music programs. For many, the excitement of creating and performing continues post high school and even becomes a way of life. When talking about careers, one immediately thinks of their favorite K-12 music educator but there are numerous other avenues to be explored.

While music educators teach at all levels or grades, including colleges and universities, they can also be found at studios and performing arts academies (teaching artists). Professional musicians can be found in civic companies, symphonies, or other similar groups (chamber musicians). Collaborative musicians and accompanists perform with individuals or ensembles and may also be hired by organizations. Music Directors are often hired by churches. Commercial artists are hired to promote or sell ideas - think advertisements and jingles. Those who wish to create their own music might prefer composition or song writing. Music Therapy is a growing field. Therapists work with all age groups from newborns to the elderly, reducing stress, working through issues, and improving memory. Within the music business arena, there are careers in management, marketing, promotion, sales, and entertainment law. Individuals wishing to establish their own business, or freelance, might be well suited to major in entrepreneurship. Music production, sound engineer-

ing, and DJ-ing combines music and technology. Additional hands-on careers include instrument repair technicians, piano tuners... the list goes on and on.

Where do parents and music-minded students begin? Start by speaking with your music instructor early on expressing your interest. Schedule a time to meet with your school counselor. Brodhead School District utilizes Xello as a career research tool. A quick search will show helpful high school courses and college programs. Some careers require graduate level coursework while others require certificates or on the job training. Taking courses in music while in school, including music theory is recommended. Participate in music experiences, including summer camps, and take a variety of elective classes, e.g. business, psychology, anatomy, depending on your intended field. In the meantime, you can learn how to support the Brodhead music programs by logging onto www.brodheadmusicboosters.com.



Brodhead High School raises over \$3,600!

Kids for Wish Kids is a fund-raising program that provides schools and youth organizations the opportunity to engage in philanthropy and service activities in partnership with Make-A-Wish. The Make-A-Wish Foundation's goal is to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness.

A Wish Week is a full week of fund-raising events to support a local child's wish. Brodhead High School Student Council contacted Make-A-Wish Wisconsin to plan a week of events at Brodhead High School. Make-A-Wish connected BHS StuCo with Jack, a 14-year-old from Stoughton who's living with a respiratory disorder. He enjoys going to state parks, listening to music, going on road trips, watching sunsets, watching movies, dancing and delivering coffee to his teachers. He wishes to go to Walt Disney World® Resort and Universal Orlando.

This project taught BHS students communication, goal setting, business skills, team building and the importance of giving. The BHS Student Council raised over \$3,600 for Jack's Wish!

The BHS Wish Week events included:

- BHS Band Concert Miracle Minute Wishing Well pass for donations
- Girls' Basketball Game Bake Sale, Miracle Minute, 50/50 Raffle
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All Week Brodhead High School Penny Wars raised money with the freshmen class winning. Their prize was playing Dodgeball against the teachers and watching Mr. Richmond get pied in the face. Special thanks to Mrs. Richmond for coming over from the elementary school to help out with this task!

The BHS Student Council would like to thank the following people who helped make this fundraising activity a success!

Jason Riesterer, BHS Band Director; Brian Kammerer, BHS Athletic Director and Girls Basketball Coach; Tommy Meier, BHS Boys Basketball Coach; Jim Matthys, BHS Principal; BHS FFA; BHS StuCo Families and BHS Staff for donations and bake sale goods!; Justin Schott Agency-American Family Insurance, Brodhead; KC Lawn Care, Brodhead; Stoughton Trailers; Patricia Spangler; Eleanor Stalder; Jordyn Dutkiewicz, Events Coordinator Make-A-Wish Wisconsin



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Brodhead High School’s Students of the Month for February

Top row, left to right: Lillian Sievers, Analeigh Martinez, David Bennett, Mara Meichtry, Chesney Walker, Isaac Vock; bottom row: Taiya Hawkins, Peyton Jordan, Hannah Menzel, Irene Fernandez-Carasco, Gracie Fields

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Informational Meeting for Creating An Ag Enterprise Area to be Held Thursday, March 13

Green County's Farmland Preservation Plan was completed and approved by DATCP (Department of Ag Trade and Consumer Protection). This approval was critical to be able to create a path for local landowners to benefit from Farmland Preservation Agreements through tax credits. Creating that path is the next step in the process.

"Green County's Farmland Preservation participation is much different than surrounding counties", says Tonya Gratz, Soil Conservationist with the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department. She fields many questions during tax season to determine if landowners are eligible to claim the tax. "Our participation has dwindled to less than 20 participants. There have not been any new contracts since July of 2009 when the program changed, so only existing contracts were honored until their natural expiration date."

On Thursday, March 13, all Green County landowners and farmers are invited to meet at 1 p.m. at the Green County Justice Center to learn more about AEAs (Agricultural Enterprise Areas). Representatives from DATCP that coordinate the program will give a presentation to help attendees understand the requirements for creating an AEA in the county. There will also be a guest farmer that participates in the program in Lafayette County to answer landowner and farmers' questions on what it takes to participate and receive tax credits.

The potential next steps are to gauge interest from landowners to delineate an AEA in public meetings, complete the application to DATCP to petition for this AEA by Friday, August 1, 2025 and then once it's accepted by DATCP, landowners in the designated AEA could enter into Farmland Preservation Agreements in 2026 and begin receiving tax credits of \$5 per acre. If there are questions, people can reach out to Todd Jenson at the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department at 608-325-4195 extension 119.



Green County Development Corporation Launches \$2.8 Million Housing Development Fund to Boost Local Housing

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is excited to announce the launch of the Housing Development Fund, a groundbreaking initiative designed to address the county's housing needs by incentivizing new residential development. Backed by \$2.8 million in funding from six local partners, this program will provide low-interest loans to developers, encouraging the construction of new homes across Green County.

Fueled by the 2024 Housing Study conducted by Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, and multiple community housing forums hosted by GCDC and Green County Healthy Community Coalition (GCHCC), efforts were targeted to bring affordable, single and multi-family homes to the county. The 2024 study indicated a need for over 1,700 homes to be built before 2030 to support growth in the area.

"The Housing Development Fund is a momentum builder designed to create a thriving, sustainable, and diverse housing market that supports workforce growth, enhances community well-being, and fosters long-term economic stability. By bridging funding gaps, engaging local developers and financial institutions, and promoting strategic housing investments, we are not just building homes—we are building a future that says Green County is a great place to grow, invest, and call home," said Olivia Otte, Executive Director at GCDC. "This initiative is a testament to what we can achieve when we work together. It takes a strong, collaborative team to drive economic growth, and we are incredibly grateful for the dedication of our partners in making this vision a reality."

The Housing Development Fund represents a unique collaboration between public and private stakeholders who recognized the urgent need for more residential options. With a matching funds pledge, the Colony Brands Foundation led the way for additional funders to commit to this program. Other supporters include Klondike Cheese, The Bank of New Glarus, Woodford State Bank, Lakeridge Bank, Green County Healthy Communities Coalition, and SSM Health. All have united in the efforts to make financing more accessible for developers ready to invest in Green County's future.

Colony Brands Foundation President, John Baumann addressed their commitment to the project with this statement, "Strong communities take a long-term view in addressing the needs of their people and the schools, businesses and infrastructure they support. They understand the best interests of their people and businesses, and work hand in hand towards common goals. To support their families, people want to pursue viable careers and establish homes in neighborhoods near where they work. New housing development is crucial for addressing the growing demand for affordable and sustainable living options in Green County. The Housing Development Fund will provide sound gap financing for residential developers. The Colony Brands Foundation sees this program as a key incentive to drive smart growth across Green County. We are proud to support it."

Through this initiative, GCDC aims to accelerate housing construction in Green County, providing opportunities for developers to build a variety of housing types, from single-family homes to multi-unit developments. This revolving loan fund will help alleviate financial barriers and promote sustainable growth in communities throughout the county.

Developers interested in learning more about the Housing Development Fund and how to apply for financing are encouraged to contact GCDC at 608-328-9452 or email Olivia Otte at olivia@greencountydevelopment.com.



By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

Whatever you do, Do NOT Bring Your Dragon to the Library! Unless you're a preschooler at the Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time, that is. Our series 'In the Library' started off hot with stories about fire-breathing dragons and a boy who ordered a dragon that came "In the Mail." Then we made a real (pretend) fire breathing dragon using tissue paper and pom poms. Finally, we tried dragon fruit. Most of the preschoolers decided they didn't like it.

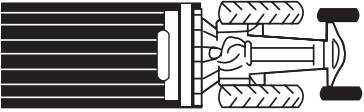
Next week we'll try something a bit tastier. The Library Gingerbread Man will give us a tour of the non-fiction section of Albertson Memorial Library; he lives at 398.2! Wonder what would happen if the gingerbread man was a Gingerbread GIRL? (Her hair is made of red licorice!) How would the end of the story change? This story time will probably involve some cookies and frosting, too. Don't miss this Story Time!

The Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m., before regular library hours. We can be as rowdy as we need to be (there will be singing next week for sure!) and won't bother regular patrons. Come join us!



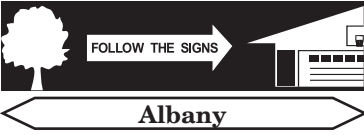
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Notice



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JUDA
Regular School Board Meeting
March 12, 2025, 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. There may be a time for public comment during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

The Policy Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

The Finance Committee will meet at 6:45 p.m. in the Den.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order by President Pflingsten
- II. Roll Call
- Dennis Pflingsten
- Pat Daniels Jen Brooks
- Laura Powers Courtney Martins
- 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 February 12, 2025
- 2. Treasurer and Financial reports (Action)
- 3. Approval of Contracts (Action)
- 4. Resignations/Retirement (Action)
- 5. Donations (Action)
- VIII. Referendum Updates: Discussion/Action
- Project Updates
- Transportation/Bus discussion
- IX. Reports
- 1. School Staff/Student Report
- Counseling Program
- 2. School Board President's Report
- Election reminder
- 3. Administrator Report
- Staffing updates
- Strategic Plan
- Review of events/Upcoming events
- Other updates as necessary
- 4. Park and Recreation District Report
- X. Field Trip Requests: Discussion/Action
- 2nd grade—May 9, 2025 to Creative Adventure Lab and Eagle Point, Dubuque, IA
- XI. Neola Update 34.1: Discussion/Action
- ACT 20 3rd grade retention policy
- XII. Salary and Benefits: Insurance Updates
- XIII. Five Minute Recess
- XIV. Adjourn into Executive Session according to Wis. State Statutes 19.85 (1) (c) (f)
- XV. Reconvene into open session and take appropriate action as necessary
- XVI. Meeting Review and Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)
- April 9, 2025
- XVII. Adjournment

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Green County Sheriff's Department March 3-8, 2025

At 12:47 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the W300 block of Rockhill Road, in the Town of Spring Grove, for a theft complaint. The investigation resulted in Harvey F. Pribble, 59, of Brodhead being placed under arrest for theft of movable property and criminal damage to property. Pribble was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending court.

At 9:43 a.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the intersection of STH 11 and STH 81, in the Town of Spring Grove, for a reported two vehicle crash without injury. The investigation found that Keegan R. Elsner, 19, of Brodhead, was traveling eastbound on STH 11 and stopped at a stop sign. Another vehicle traveling behind Elsner, driven by Kathleen M. Goecks, 67, of Juda, then collided with the rear of Elsner's vehicle. Elsner and Goecks both reported wearing their seat belts and were uninjured. Both vehicles involved sustained functional damage, with no airbag deployment, and were driven from the scene. Goecks was cited for inattentive driving and released pending court.

At 10:53 a.m., Thursday, deputies responded to the 2800 block of

Monday Night Mixed League

3/3—High series: Jason Shrier 694, Josh Strehlow 686, Ty Powell 664. High games: Roger Sutter 257, J. Strehlow 248, J. Shrier 247. Bartelt-high team game 1,067 and series 3,047. **Standings:** Center Tavern won 29 lost 13, Broughton's Bar 26-16, Bartelt 22-20, Beloit Chiropractic 19-23, Albany Lanes 16-26, Fosters Gaming 14-28.

Tuesday Shanigans

2/25—High series: Alexis Sies 533, Chris Rosheisen 311, Karrie Laws 305, John Thill 552, Rick Clark 521, Ted Yaun 520. High games: A. Sies 212, C. Rosheisen 112, K. Laws 107, T. Yaun 226, Lyle Yaun 194, J. Thill 190. The Young and The Restless-high team game 828 and series 2,440. **Standings:** The Young & The Restless won 98 lost 42, Albany Lanes 89-51, Sweet Mini HaHa 67-73, Clayt's Boomtastic 60-80, Misfits 59-81, Greightful Dead 47-93.

Badger

2/25—High series: Keith Riese 711, Brian Purdy 669, Chris Bettenhausen 658, Rob Kubesh 614, Kim Qualley 429. High games: Ethan Koss 297, K. Riese 266, B. Purdy 266, C. Bettenhausen 237, K. Qualley 162. Renks-high team game 902 and series 2,474. 3/4—High series: Ryan Brugger 670, Brian Purdy 633, Josh Brugger 627, Keith Riese 591, Kim Qualley 423, Megan Anderson 401. High games: R. Brugger 258, K. Riese 234, Dave Brugger 222, Josh Fenwick 222, K. Qualley 167, M. Anderson 155. Renks-high team game 843 and series 2,363. **Standings:** Decatur Dairy won 18 lost 10, Renks 16-12, Team 6 16-12, Jim's Mechanic Shop 14-14, Counter Attack 12-16, TUGS 8-20.

Wednesday Night Ladies

3/5—High series: Zoe Krattiger 525, Kari Johnson 487, Nicole Brewer 440, Tara Blumer 419, Jennifer Hlavachek 412. High games: Z. Krattiger 212, K. Johnson 184, Chris Rosheisen 159, Tami Behnke 157, N. Brewer 153. Crystal's Team-high team game 572 and series 1,585. **Standings:** Glenn-Ann Ladies won 43 lost 20, Crystal's Team 41-22, Stables Bar & Grill 31-32, Albertson's 26-37, General Store 25-38, Larson Acres 23-40.

Thursday Afternoon Ladies

2/27—High series: Becky Riese 417, Debbie Williams 402, Tana Klitzman 384. High games: D. Williams 155, Ann Marie Machado 155, Carol Whitledge 151. Albany Lanes-high team game 529. Mike's Flooring-high team series 1,486. 3/6—High series: Becky Riese 465, Debbie Williams 419, Sheryl Johnson 417. High games: Laurie Thommen 167, B. Riese 160, LouAnn Harmel 158, Cindy Sheldon 158. Mike's Flooring-high team game 578 and series 1,672. **Standings:** Nolte's Garage won 54 lost 23, Albany Lanes 48-28, Mike's Flooring 45-32, Ball's Installation 42-35, Knutes 33-44.

Thursday Night Mixed

2/27—High series: Scott Wahler 719, Chad Malcook 693, Michael Morton 655, DJ McGowen 651. High games: S. Wahler 276, M. Morton 265, Tony Brewer 258, C. Malcook 258. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,091 and series 2,948. 3/6—High series: Robert Murray 793, Scott Wahler 628, Tim Golz 618, Michael Morton 613. High games: R. Murray 279, John Pluss 227, LeRoy Blumer 226, S. Wahler 224. Albany Lanes-high team game 1,017 and series 2,996. **Standings:** Glenn Ann Holsteins won 29 lost 13, Albany Lanes 27-15, Attica Bar 20-22, Broughton's Corner Bar 2 19-23, Golz Electric 16-26, Broughton's Corner Bar 1 15-27.

Saturday Night Live Mixed

2/15—High series: Mickey Myers 633, Ben Harper 556, Tim Huffman 550, Sara Sandwick 458, Dana Harper 403, Tiffany Creuzer 347. High games: M. Myers 214, T. Huffman 207, B. Harper 204, S. Sanwick 162, D. Harper 144, Rachel Brown 139. Albany Lanes-high team game 694 and series 1,956. **Standings:** Split Happens won 45 lost 18, Center of Attention 31-32, Steel Rain 30-33, Albany Lanes 20-43.

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6th Street (Probation and Parole), in the City of Monroe, where Cody A. Kirschbaum, 36, of Albany, was placed under arrest for a probation violation. Kirschbaum was later incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

At 12:02 p.m., Saturday, BHPD assisted with a one vehicle crash in the N3700 block of Park Road, in the Town of Decatur. A vehicle operated by Brady L. Flannery, 18, of Brodhead, was northbound on Park Road when he lost control, left the roadway, and struck a tree. Brady reported wearing his seat belt and sustained non-life threatening injuries. There was airbag deployment, the vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.



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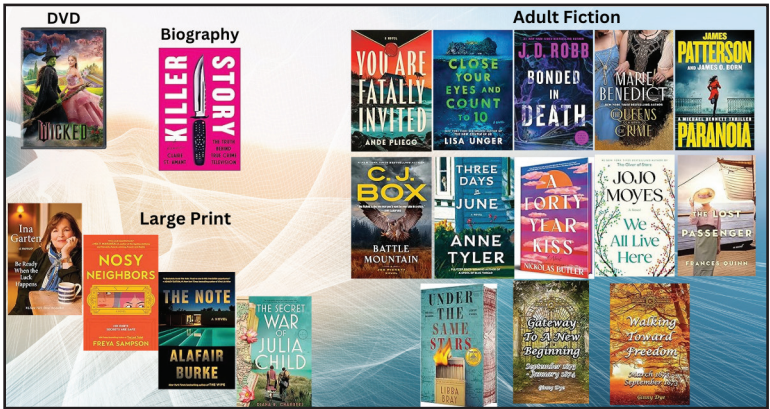
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Large Print: Be Ready When the Luck Happens by Ina Garten, The Note by Alafair Burke, The Secret War of Julia Child by Diana Chambers, and Nosy Neighbors by Freya Sampson.

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