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Bill Shrier was the winner of the guitar signed by the State Line Play Boys on Sunday, July 26. The guitar was donated by Casey's Collectibles.



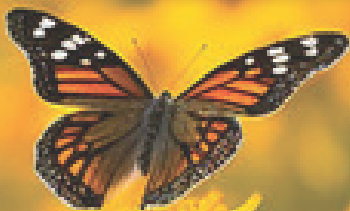
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Bethany Lutheran Church, 1652 West Church Road, Brodhead. 608-897-4158. Pastor position currently open. Interested candidates may reach out via Facebook or call Bethany Lutheran Church directly. Sunday school 8:45 a.m.; Sunday worship service 10 a.m. 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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month—Gluten Free Options. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. Community Blood Drive, Thursday, September 3, noon to 5:30 p.m. in UCC Fellowship Hall.

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

Juda-Zion Community Church, N2350 Church Street, 608-934-5398. Mark Woodward, Pastor. Worship service 9 a.m. No Sunday school until Labor Day Sunday.

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doeblner. Web site: livingwordwi.

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org. E-mail: ptd@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; Wednesday evening Impact Youth 6 p.m.

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

Oakley-Union United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda, 608-293-4232. Pastor Jady 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.

St. Patrick Catholic Church, 410 E. State Street, Albany, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 8 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, part of Christ the King Pastorate. Fr. Chahm Gahng, Pastor. Mass on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 11 a.m. www.ctk-p.org, 608-325-9506 or secretary@ctk-p.org.

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 10 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

OBITUARY



Fritz F. Friedly

Fritz F. Friedly, age 97, passed away unexpectedly on August 1, 2026 at his home. He was born November 16, 1928, on his home farm in Spring Grove Township to C.W. Friedly and Margaret (Schneider) Friedly, the fifth of 10 children.

He graduated eighth grade from Shanghai School and was confirmed at St. Johns United Church of Christ, Monroe. He married Lois Reasa on August 3rd, 1951 and they had two daughters, Linda Wahl and Peggy Niedermeier.

Fritz was a Cheesemaker at Golden Rod Creamery, also worked at GM, Janesville, and Phillips and Smith Furniture, Monroe. Then farmed the rest of his life on a dairy farm outside of Brodhead where he then retired in 1994. He also served in the Wisconsin National Guard.

Fritz and Lois took many trips in the U.S. and abroad and loved spending time together. They frequently went dancing on weekends.

His wife, Lois passed away August 1, 2018, and daughter, Linda Wahl, April 30, 2021

Fritz is preceded in death by his parents, sisters and brothers: Margaret LeBeau, Walter Friedly, Bertha Chesnut, Lucille Brooks, Robert Friedly and Janet Zettle.

He is survived by his daughter, Peggy (Don) Niedermeier; grandsons: Daniel Wahl, Brad (Jill) Niedermeier, and Bryan (Krystynn) Niedermeier; great grandsons: Blake, Carter, Kolyn and Kalyb Niedermeier and Myk Moreno; a great granddaughter, Ryley Moreno; sisters: Helen Brooks and Beverly Klopfenstein; and brother, Ralph Friedly; and many nieces and nephews.

The family of Fritz will be have a visitation in his honor on Friday, August 14, from 11 a.m.—noon at the DL Newcomer Funeral home in Brodhead. The funeral service will begin immediately following the visitation.

DL Newcomer Funeral home is assisting the family in funeral arrangements. Online condolences can be made at dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

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34th Annual Gap Church Hymn Sing

The 34th Annual Gap Church Hymn Sing Fundraiser will be held on Sunday, August 16, at 1 p.m. Music will be by Ernie Saunders and the group “In Bed By Nine”. There is no charge and refreshments will be served. A free-will offering is appreciated. The church and cemetery are located at W2401 State Hwy 59, Albany.

The Gap Church and Cemetery was established in 1853 and built in 1856 under the name of “Monticello Prairie Baptist Church and Cemetery”. The name Gap Church was given by the local people that lived in the area because of its location between two hills. Eventually the name just faded away and became the Gap Church and Cemetery.

This event is sponsored by the Gap Church Museum, Inc. a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation and restoration of the Gap Church and Cemetery. They recently completed the refurbishing of the six large windows in the church and the two partial windows in the church entryway. Next comes the windows in the community hall.

Contacts are Craig Roth at 608-558-5280, Laurie Exum at 608-897-6990 and Jane Copus at 608-214-8289.

SSM Health to host total shoulder replacement surgery education presentation

SSM Health Monroe Hospital invites the public to an informative community education presentation, Stronger Joints, Stronger You, with orthopedic surgeon Dr. Jonathan Swindle. During the presentation, Dr. Swindle will highlight how total shoulder replacement surgeries can improve your pain and range of motion.

The free event will take place on Wednesday, August 26, at 4 p.m. in SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group's St. Clare Conference Center, 515 22nd Avenue, Monroe.

This is a great opportunity to understand the different types of total shoulder replacement surgeries, learn more about how virtual implant positioning technology and imaging enhances planning and precision, and ask questions.

Online registration is appreciated but not required. Those interested can register for the event online at ssmhealth.com/classes.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

Tuesday's 8/4 results: The Bar 1 defeated The Bar 2 3-1; Bridges Bar & Grill 1 defeated Beef and the Boys 8-5.

Season standings: Bridges Bar & Gill 2 won 5 lost 3; The Bar 2 4-5; Bridges Bar & Grill 1 4-5; Beef and the Boys 3-6; The Bar 1 3-6.

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 8/9 results: Luther Valley defeated United Methodist 8-7; Bethlehem Lutheran defeated Living Word 7-6; Church of God defeated Congregational UCC 10-7.

Standings: United Methodist 7-2-1; Bethlehem Lutheran 6-3-1; Church of God 5-1-3; Congregational UCC 4-5; Living Word 3-5-1; Luther Valley 3-6; Orfordville Lutheran 2-8.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be held on Thursday, August 20, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Luther Valley Lutheran Church. The church is located at 7107 S. Luther Valley Road, Beloit. Contact Patty at plwilliams1392@yahoo.com or call RRVBC at 815-965-8751 to schedule your appointment.

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BHS CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

The Brodhead High School class of 1976 will hold their 50th class reunion on Saturday, October 3, at Kelch Museum (Brodhead Airport) from 5 to 9 p.m. The cost is \$30 per person. RSVP by Friday, September 4.

Prior to the reunion they will be touring the old high school, current middle school, starting at 4 p.m. You are also welcome to tour the Kelch Museum.

Watch your mailbox or inbox for your invitation. To verify your information or provide your current contact information (in case we don't have it) or for more information, email Chris Searles at 425emt5000@gmail.com.

A Slice of Summer Luncheon

The Stateline Women's Connection and Stonecroft cordially invite you to their "A Slice of Summer" luncheon on Wednesday, August 19, 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 Marilyn Wolkowski, of La Crosse, will share Strength in Weakness. Marilyn tells how she overcame circumstances while suffering from MS and a broken marriage. The Local Spotlight will feature Paige Allen • Thrift and Thrive, Family Services of Southern Wisconsin.

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

100-Mile Parade Style Motorcycle Ride

On Saturday, August 29, there will be a 100-mile, parade style motorcycle ride, where all vehicles are welcome. Addi was born prematurely, diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and is half blind in her left eye. This is a family event, so they encourage you to bring the whole family! Ride starts at Leisure Lanes in Monroe, registration starts at 10 a.m., ride leaves at 11 a.m.

SSM Health at Home Offering Grief Support Group in Monroe

The journey through grief can be difficult. Many people find it comforting to face grief with others experiencing similar challenges. Join SSM Health at Home for "Walking Through Grief," an education and support group providing resources and encouragement for people grieving the death of a loved one.

Walking Through Grief is an eight-week grief support group open to those ages 18+ who have experienced the death of someone special. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. from September 2 to October 21 at Monroe Engraving, 1005 30th Street in Monroe.

Seating is limited, and registration is requested. Attendance at all sessions is highly recommended. There is no charge to attend.

Those interested can register for the group online at ssmhealth.com/classes.

For more information or to register over the phone, please call SSM Health at Home at 608-324-1143.

Announcing the First Annual Brodhead • Orfordville • Footville fall rummage sales!

Three neighboring communities along Highway 11 are coming together for one incredible weekend of bargain hunting! Mark your calendars for September 11–13, 2026, and get ready to explore hundreds of rummage sales throughout Brodhead, Orfordville, and Footville.

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Interested in hosting a sale? Register your sale to be included in the FREE online map by going to <https://bit.ly/BOFFallRummageRegistration>. You can also list your sale in the Brodhead Free Press for a small fee, and/or any other advertising platforms, however that is not required to be included in the FREE online map listing.

Invite your family and friends, plan your route, and join us for what promises to become one of southern Wisconsin's favorite fall traditions! The FREE interactive online map of registered sales will be available at <https://bit.ly/BOFFallRummageMap>

This community event is made possible through the efforts of local volunteers working together to bring our communities together. The event is independently organized and is not sponsored by or affiliated with the City of Brodhead, the Village of Orfordville, the Village of Footville or any of the neighboring townships.

45th Annual Reuben's Run/Walk

The 45th Annual Reuben's Run/Walk will be held Thursday, August 13. The event is located at the Albany Schools. Registration begins at 5 p.m. Race schedule: kids block run 6 p.m.; one-mile run 6:15 p.m.; 5K run/walk 6:30 p.m.; and 10K run 6:30 p.m. Registration fees are adults \$25 and high school and under \$20. Reuben's Run raises funds to provide Albany High School students with a safe, drug- and alcohol-free Post Prom experience.

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Thank you for all the kindness and generosity from the community during this difficult time. Through various ways, you have helped us cope with the loss of Dylan and we are extremely grateful for you all. Words cannot express how much you have helped us.

~ *Family of Dylan Ross*

Please join us for a celebration of life on Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 1-5 p.m. at Kelch Aviation, Brodhead.

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2026 Brodhead Youth Ball Program Photos

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8U Boys—Brodhead 1
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Standing: Myles Austin, Coach Grant Carpenter, Dominic Schadewalddt, Coach Mandy Covert, Jameson Covert, Coach Jake Covert, Charlie Matzke, Finn Sterken; kneeling: Beau Byrd, Xander Donovan, Keaton Jarvis, Ryker Jones, Scott Elmer; sitting: Espen Palmer, Calvin Moore, Killian Moore, Easton Ziegler.



8U Boys—Brodhead 2
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Decatur Dairy
Standing: Jack Wasmund, Miles Schliem, Coach Matt Schliem, JJ Wahl, Coach Aaron Guilbault, Shaw Guilbault, Landon Hughes; kneeling: Everett Reynolds, Jackson Swedlund, William Eckelberg, Aries Winker; sitting: Kolsten Tucker, Kaleb Drewes, Brooks Wiemer, Elijah Hackl.



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8U Girls—Brodhead 2
Sponsored by
Speich Oil
Standing: Chloe Straub, Kynslee Anthony, Coach Holly Schaefer, Savannah Schaefer, Coach Hailey Carvalho, Quinn Carvalho, Maddie Carter; kneeling: MaKenna Baldwin, Madelyn Pipkorn, Sloane Broughton, Kylee Anthony, Reagan Andrews, Tessa Kaderly; sitting: Chelsea Tucker, Maiseyn Schliem. Missing: Kashtyn Badertscher.



10U Boys—Brodhead 1
Sponsored by
Cove's Electric
Standing: Dominik Rackow, Kyler Covert, Coach Jason Covert, Ezra Porterfield, Karrissa Porterfield, Gage Haffele, Coach Daniel Hatter, Luke Hatter, Dax Samelstad; kneeling: Steven Carpenter, Case Nyman, Gage Gill, Wyatt Schupbach, Henry Schauer; sitting: Axel Andrews, Dominick Nelson.



10U Boys—Brodhead 2
Sponsored by Bullwinkles
Standing: Jett Nehls, Sullivan Shea, Coach James Anthony, Parker Anthony, Zac Wand; kneeling: Cullen Phillips, Jonah Runaas, Michon Adams, Nolan Thingvold, Braxtyn Drasch; sitting: Axel Hefty, Weston King. Missing: William Rice.



10U Girls—Brodhead 1
Sponsored by
Harvest Moon/Sugar River Loft
Standing: Bailee Hendrickson, Makenna Jarvis, Coach Nick Jarvis, Brielle Elmer, Coach Danielle Elmer, Alison Elmer, Letty Foster; kneeling: Charlie Krueger, Lynnix Powell, Hayven Rundle, Amelia Fenwick; sitting: Amara Rowin, Abigail Fenwick.



10U Girls—Brodhead 2
Sponsored by
Madison Partners—
Trey Carpenter
Standing: Kaleigh Austin, Sophie Scheurell, Coach Amanda Condon, Aubrey Condon, Coach Dana Condon, Everly Ubersox, Brooklyn Arnold; kneeling: Wynn timer, Eva Valentin, Blake Kaderly, Elissa Quass; sitting: Willow Byrd.



12U Boys—Brodhead 1
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Menehan Refrigeration
Standing: Hudson Menehan, Brantley Anthony, Coach Jeremy Bennett, Jayse Bennett, Coach Bryce Broughton, Liam Broughton, Liam Holmes; kneeling: Carter Hendrickson, Carter Fenwick; sitting: Mayson Reynolds. Missing: Henry Eckelberg, Owen Fernandes, Jack Elmer, Coach Nick Elmer.



12U Boys—Brodhead 2
Sponsored by
Arn's Auto Service
Standing: Jaxon Covert, Coach Maddy Stephenson, Coach Jamie Stephenson, Camden Stephenson, Will Strommen; kneeling: Noah Henning, Koby Leu, Isaac Bochman, Camerson Andrews; sitting: Aaron Gerber, Braxton Baxter, Cohen Wurster.

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HS Practice Starts: Aug. 17

Aug. 27 - Evansville/Turner/Belleville/Holy Family
Sept. 5 - @ Lodi
Sept. 10 - @ TimberLee Christian Center
Sept. 15 - @ Edgerton/Silverwood Cnty
Sept. 24 - @ Duck Pond, Fontana
Sept. 29 - @ Jefferson
Oct. 3 - @ UW Platteville
Oct. 6 - Brodhead w/Parkview/Evansville
Oct. 10 - @ Albany Baertschi Invite
Oct. 15 - @ UWW RVC Meet
Oct. 23-31 - Playoffs

Middle School

MS Practice Starts: Sept. 1

Sept 1	First Practice
Sept 5	@ Lodi
Sept 10	@ TimberLee Christian Center
Sept 15	@ Edgerton - Silverwood Cnty
Sept 24	@ Duck Pond, Fontana
Sept 29	@ Jefferson
Oct. 3	@ UW Platteville
Oct. 6	Brodhead w/Parkview/Evansville
Oct. 10	@ Albany Baertschi Invite
Oct. 15	@ UWW RVC Meet (4:00)

Brodhead Basics: Construction Permits

Are you planning a home project this summer? If you want to do some large scale renovations, build a shed, put up a fence, or put a deck onto your home you'll need a building permit!

A permit is required for nearly all construction in the City of Brodhead, including:

- Building, enlarging, altering, moving, or demolishing a structure.
- Structural changes, HVAC, plumbing, electrical, or layout changes.
- Minor repairs under \$2,000 that don't affect structure, layout, exits, ventilation, or appearance are typically exempt.

—Approved plans cannot be changed without written approval.

—Your permit must be posted visibly at the job site.

If work violates code, becomes unsafe, or includes false information, the Building Inspector may revoke the permit and stop all work until a new permit is issued.

Apply online at wipermit.com or contact Ryan Lindsey, the Building Inspector, with any questions you have: Call 608-558-6055 or email 3cinspect@gmail.com.

You can read the Ordinances on the City of Brodhead Website and all rules and regulations listed here will be found under Chapter 203 Building Construction: <https://ecode360.com/27718826#27718826>

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Regular School Board Meeting
August 12, 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 Policy Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Den
The Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Den.

- AGENDA
- I. Call to Order by President Pfingsten

Roll Call

Dennis Pfingsten 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. 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 July 8, 2026

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

•Review of summer activities

2. School Board President's Report

•Staff Breakfast—August 25th

•School Funding Meeting in Monroe—August 18th at 6 p.m.

•Code of Ethics Review

3. Administrator Report

•Staffing Updates

•Strategic Plan/Continuous Improvement

•Review of events/Upcoming events

•Recreation Department Update—Juda Bash Update

•Other updates as necessary

IX. Referendum Updates

X. Cell Phone Policy: Discussion/Action

XI. Staff and Support Staff Handbook: Discussion/Action

XII. Graduation Date: Discussion/Action

XIII. Five Minute Recess

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

•Discuss Administrator Contract

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

XVI. Future board agenda items and meetings: (discussion/action)

•September 9, 2026

XVII. Adjournment

08/12/26

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Green County Sheriff's Department
August 3-9, 2026

At 2:27 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to the intersection of Evergreen Street and Cottage Road, in the Town of Decatur, for a two-vehicle crash. The investigation found that a westbound vehicle driven by John W. Cox, 76, of Brodhead, was struck by another vehicle driven by Bradley J. Clint, 53, of Brodhead, while turning eastbound on Cottage Road. Both parties were uninjured and reported they were wearing their seat belts. Both vehicles sustained functional damage, without airbag deployment, and were driven from the scene.

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Supporting the Brodhead Backpack Food Program

By Jeannie Blumer, Volunteer,
Weekend Food Programs For Students

I am writing to encourage the Brodhead community to support the Brodhead Backpack Food Program, an important effort that helps make sure Brodhead students have food to eat when they are away from school meals. For many families, weekends can create real challenges. A simple backpack of food can offer the necessary nutrition for the student to return to school on Monday, ready to learn.

Extensive research demonstrates that hunger has direct, measurable, and harmful effects on a child's ability to learn. Our goal is simple and urgent: ensure that hunger never stands between a student and their capacity to learn.

Findings from the California Learning Resource Network (CLRN) highlight several key impacts of hunger on learning:

Reduced Sustained Attention—Hunger makes it difficult for students to maintain focus during cognitively demanding tasks. Their ability to filter out irrelevant information and stay engaged is significantly diminished.

Increased Impulsivity—When students are hungry, they are more prone to impulsive behavior, making it harder to resist distractions and make thoughtful decisions.

Emotional Dysregulation—Hunger can trigger emotional instability, making it more challenging for students to manage feelings, maintain a positive learning environment, and interact effectively with peers and teachers. These emotional disruptions directly interfere with learning.

Importance of Early Intervention—CLRN emphasizes that identifying and addressing hunger early can prevent long-term academic impacts. Schools can play a critical role by implementing screening programs to identify students at risk and connecting them with targeted support.

In 2025, the Brodhead Backpack Food Program provided 4,100 weekend food backpacks and 2,218 snacks to students. This program operates with exceptional cost efficiency: every dollar donated is used solely to purchase food for students. Schools provide essential in-kind support by confidentially distributing food and maintaining proper, temperature-controlled storage. Our 501(c)(3), Caring For Kids, Inc., based in New Glarus, supplies all accounting services at no cost, and volunteers contribute countless hours to pack and transport food to each school, write grants, secure donations, and more.

Donations may be made to the Brodhead School District (please note "Brodhead Backpack Food Program" on the check) or to Caring For Kids, Inc., PO Box 969, New Glarus, WI 53574, and note what school you would like to support.

The Brodhead Backpack Food Program is one of seven similar programs operating under Weekend Food Programs For Students, serving Albany, Black Hawk, Brodhead, Juda, Monticello, New Glarus, and Pecatonica. Donors may designate their support to any of these schools, and all designated funds remain with the chosen program.

I encourage you to consider offering your financial support for the Brodhead Backpack Food Program. Your contribution stays entirely within the program, and—as noted above—100% of your donation goes directly toward food, purchased primarily through Second Harvest Food Bank in Madison, Wisconsin.

No student should ever be hungry. Thanks for listening.

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Football 2026 Schedule

Practice Starts: August 4th

Aug. 14-Scrimmage @ Lodi
Aug. 21 -Home vs Edgerton
Aug. 28 - @ Evansville
Sept. 4 -@ Dodgeville
Sept. 11 - Home vs Prairie du Chien
Sept. 18 - @ Platteville
Sept. 25 - HOMECOMING vs Lancaster
Oct. 2 - @ Richland Center
Oct. 9 - Home vs Southwestern/East Dubuque
Oct. 16- Home vs River Valley
Oct. 23-Nov. 20 - Playoffs

Football JV (5:30)
JV
Aug 14 @ Lodi (Scrimmage)
Aug 24 @ Edgerton (4:45 p.m.)
Aug 31 Evansville
Sept 8 Dodgeville
Sept 14 @ Prairie du Chien
Sept 21 Platteville
Sept 28 @ Lancaster
Oct 5 Richland Center
Oct 12 @ Southwestern/E. Dub
Oct 19 @ River Valley

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Volleyball 2026 Schedule

Practice Starts: August 17

Aug. 22-Scrimmage @ Waunakee
Aug. 28/29 - @ Janesville Craig
Sept. 3 -Home vs St. Ambrose
Sept. 10 -@ Edgerton
Sept. 12 - Brodhead Invite
Sept. 15 - Home vs Evansville
Sept. 17 - @ Clinton
Sept. 19 - @ Edgerton Invite
Sept. 22 - @ Big Foot
Sept. 24 - Home vs Turner
Sept. 29 - Home vs Edgerton
Oct. 1 - @ Evansville
Oct. 6 - Home vs Clinton
Oct. 8- Home vs Big Foot
Oct. 10 - @ Clinton Invite
Oct. 13 -@ Turner
Oct. 20-Nov. 7 - Playoffs

Volleyball
Aug 27 JV 1/2 vs. New Glarus/Parkview
Aug 29 JV 1 @ Abundant Life (9:00)
Sept 12 JV 1 @ Edgerton (8:00)



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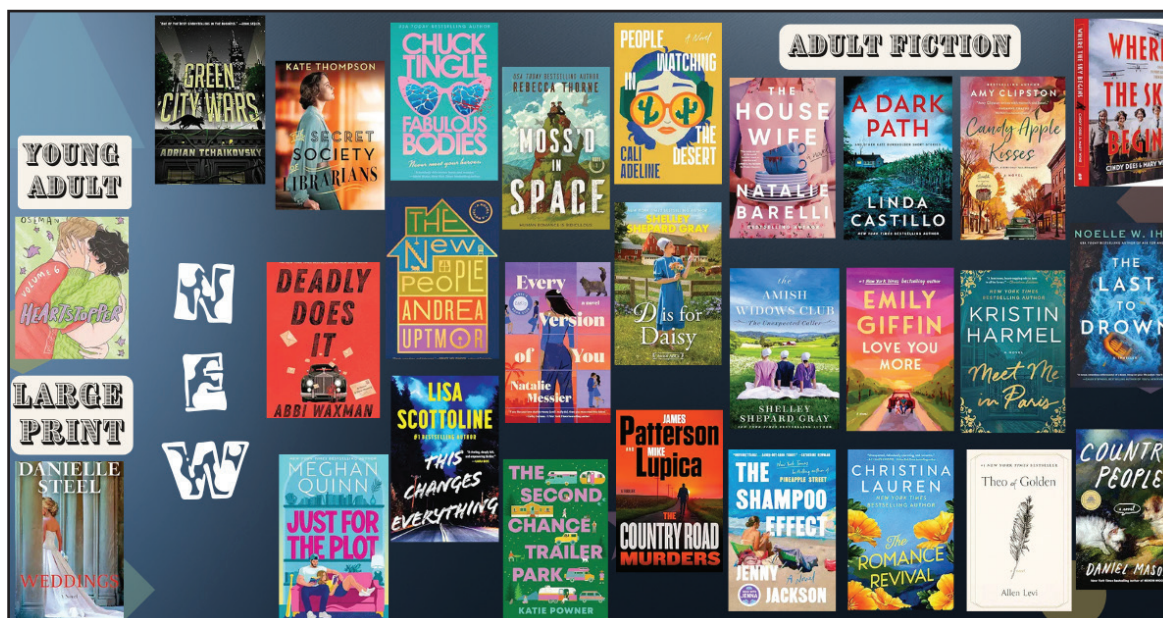
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**By Cindy Clint,
Outreach Coordinator**

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Adult Fiction: People Watching in the Desert by Cali Adeline, The Housewife by Natalie Barelli, A Dark Path by Linda Castillo, Candy Apple Kisses by Amy Clipston, Where the Sky Begins by Cindy Dees and Mary

Wine, D is for Daisy (Amish ABC's Book 5) by Shelley Shepard Gray, The Unexpected Caller (The Amish Widows Club, Book 1) by Shelley Shepard Gray, Love You More by Emily Griffin, Meet Me in Paris by Kristin Harmel, The Last to Drown by Noelle Ihli, The Shampoo Effect by Jenny Jackson, The Romance Revival by Christina Lauren, Theo of Golden by Allen Levi, Country People by Daniel Mason, Every Version of You by Natalie Messier, The Country Road Murders by James Patterson and Mike Lupica, The Second Chance Trailer Park by Katie Powner, Just for the Plot by Meghan Quinn, This Changes Everything by Lisa Scottoline, Green City Wars by Adrian Tchaikovsky, The Secret Society of Librarians by Kate Thompson, Moss'd in Space (Moss'd in Space Book 1) by Rebecca Thorne,

Fabulous Bodies by Chuck Tingle, The New People by Andrea Uptmor, and Deadly Does It (A Mason and Mann Mystery Book 2) by Abbi Waxman.

Large Print: Weddings by Danielle Steel.

Young Adult: Heartstopper
(Heartstopper Book 6) by Alice Oseman.

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A fantastic turn out Saturday morning for the Brodhead Health and Fitness Covered Bridge Fun Run! Thank you so much to, the participants, their families and friends that cheered them on, the sponsors and volunteers, and to the amazing senior project coordinator, Ciarrah Condon, for a job well done!

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