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## School Board

### Brodhead to Host College and Career Opportunities Expo

By Grace Kufahl

High school Counselor Sharon Malone advised the board on plans for the school to host an area-wide College and Career Opportunities Expo. Approximately 500 high school students in all grades from Green and Lafayette County are expected to attend. Representatives from over 50 Colleges and Trade Schools, Trades and Apprenticeships, the Military, and Workforce Partners have committed to attending.

In coordination with Police Chief Raupp, a state-mandated safety drill was held on Thursday, December 11th. Some issues were found with the new spaces, but they've been or are in the process of being corrected.

#### In Other Business:

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies were held on Monday, January 19th for

the 4K classes.

The district will be contacting families of 4K and 5K students who opened enrolled out to see if they would like to come back next year now that the updated facilities and all-day 4K will be in place.

The Middle School completed a Reality Maze with Better Brodhead before winter break.

Seventy-four middle school students are taking part in the annual Kalahari trip this week.

At the high school, 53 students earned college credit in one or two classes in the first semester, thirty students will be presenting their Senior Projects at the halfway point, and eight students are graduating early.

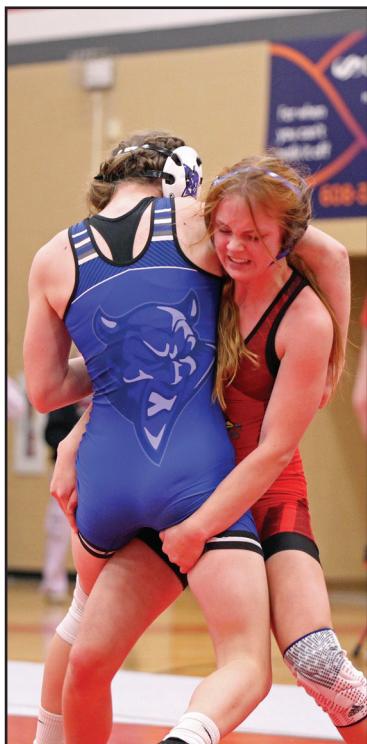
Next month's board meeting will be held in the library since the boardroom will be used for a due process meeting.

A committee of 18 from staff and community has been formed to rewrite the district's vision and mission statements.

Next year's school calendar approved by the board includes dismissal before Memorial Day.

Superintendent Novy will compile a list of potential strategic budget cuts due to projected future deficits.

The board approved investment funds to be used for window treatments and new signage.



Join friends and neighbors while learning how to put fabrics from different lines together in this fun color wheel class by Riley Blake.  
Rep: Cory Krueger

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Hayden Lewis Usher with Brodhead's women wrestlers competed against Evansville last week. Of the six matches, five of the Cardinal ladies came away with victories to clinch a 30-6 final score. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



### Brodhead Jaycees Announce Third Annual Dueling Pianos Fundraiser to Support New Splash Pad

The Brodhead Jaycees, in partnership with The Morse Group, are excited to announce their third annual Dueling Pianos and Silent Auction Fundraiser, an event aimed at bringing a brand-new community splash pad to Brodhead!

The fundraiser will take place on Saturday, March 7, from 7-10 p.m. at Ludlow Mansion in Monroe, and promises an evening of live entertainment, community connection, and charitable giving. Proceeds from the event will directly support the development of a splash pad designed to be fun, inclusive, and accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Community members and local businesses are encouraged to get involved through event sponsorships, silent auction donations, or ticket purchases. All forms of support help ensure the success of the event and the future splash pad project.

Those interested in sponsoring, purchasing tickets, or donating auction items are asked to contact Katie Porterfield at 608-921-1199 or [brodheadjaycees@gmail.com](mailto:brodheadjaycees@gmail.com), visit their Facebook page, or you can find the links online at [brodheadjaycees.com](http://brodheadjaycees.com).

The Brodhead Jaycees invite the community to join them for an evening of music, fun, and generosity while helping build a healthier, happier future for Brodhead!

#### CLASS: LORI HOLT APPLIQUE

Join friends and neighbors while learning the charming and versatile Lori Holt applique technique in this fun, hands-on class!

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10:00AM**

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Sewing machine and thread  
Small fabric scissors  
Point-turning tool  
Fabric glue  
Heat-resistant sewing pins  
Optional: Medium red button (7/16"), hand-sewing needle, embroidery needle, brown and green embroidery floss.

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

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

Congregational United Church of Christ, E201 23rd Street, Brodhead. 608-897-2917. Pastor Shawn Stapleton. Sundays: 10 a.m. worship September through May. Sunday school every other Sunday September thru May at 8:45 a.m. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. Quilting and crafts workshop every Wednesday at 9 a.m. AA meetings Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

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

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

Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, Brodhead. 608-897-8246. Pastor Russ Doebler. Web site: livingwordwi.org. E-mail: ptl@livingwordwi.org. Adult

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

—Romans 5:1 NKJV

And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body.

—Colossians 3:15 NKJV

When we talk about the peace of God in the Bible, we need to determine what aspect of His peace is being emphasized. There is peace with God and there is peace of God. Before any of us can have the peace of God we must have peace with God. Peace with God is the knowledge that my sins are forgiven and that I have become a child of God. The peace of God is not the absence of troubles in my life but rather the assurance of God is with me, strengthening me in my troubles. —Sid Halsband

Almighty, present God, each moment fill my view.

My peace is not a circumstance, but always, only you. —C. Ken Bible

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## ACADEMICS

### UW-STEVENS POINT UNDERGRADUATES HONORED FOR SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point honored more than 2,872 undergraduate students for attaining high grade point averages during the fall semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

Full-time undergraduates who earned grade points of 3.90 to 4.0

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

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

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

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 9:30 a.m. Sundays. Fully accessible for people with disabilities. Nursery available. Services live streamed on Facebook.

(4.0 equals straight A) are given the highest honors designation. High honor citations go to those with grade point averages from 3.75 to 3.89 and honor recognition is accorded to those with grade point averages from 3.50 to 3.74.

Students who received honors include: Mackenzie Castellucci, Highest Honors and Kierra Cleasby, Highest Honors, both of Albany; Gracyn Bolton, Highest Honors, of Brodhead; and Yannik Slocum, Honors, of Durand, Illinois.

## OBITUARY



### Arlyn Robert Zee

Arlyn Robert Zee, of Albany, passed away on January 12, 2026 surrounded by family at the Monroe Hospice Home. He was born on October 14, 1940. His parents were Paul and Letha Zee.

Arlyn was a life long farmer, farming for more than 65 plus years. He loved his John Deere tractors and traveling to farm shows around the country. Arlyn was also a Pilot for approximately 50 years. He was a member of the WI Flying Farmers. He also really enjoyed riding in his Polaris Ranger around the countryside.

Arlyn is survived by his wife of 62 Years Bonnie Zee; daughters: Wendy (David) Runkle and Cherie (Richard) Boss; grandchildren: Elizabeth (Dan) Niemeier, Boomer (Katie) Detra, Gabrielle Boss and Owen Boss; great grandchildren: RaeLynn Niemeier, Diesel Niemeier, Lydia Detra and Layla Detra; and a sister, Shirley (David) Davies-Morris.

Arlyn is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Letha Zee, parents in law, Frank and Mae Holtsapple; and sister in law, Margaret Holtsapple.

Services were already held for Arlyn. He was buried in Gap Cemetery in Albany.

Please look on website for further information. DL Newcomer is assisting the family in arrangements. Online condolences can be made at dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.

## Luther Valley Church to host Comedian Nazareth

On Saturday, January 24, at 6 p.m., Luther Valley will host the award-winning Comedian Nazareth. He is the founder of Laughter for All, author, podcaster and a marathon runner. His ministry brings laughter and encouragement to hundreds of thousands nationwide.

Nazareth's devotion to encouraging people through the art of comedy sets him apart from most comedians. His desire to see his audience forget their stresses and fears propels him to strive to be the best comedian he can be.

The event is FREE, but reservations are encouraged by calling 608-371-7208 and leaving a voicemail or by emailing LVcomedian2026@gmail.com. Walk-ins are welcome.

Plan to join them for an evening of laughter and fun with Comedian Nazareth on Saturday, January 24!

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## WCMA Invites Public to Visit World Championship Cheese Contest

Prestigious event returns to Monona Terrace; open to visitors March 3-4

Mark your calendars and join the Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) Tuesday, March 3 and Wednesday, March 4, 2026, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for the World Championship Cheese Contest! Members of the public are invited to visit the Monona Terrace Community & Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin to observe this exciting international competition, enjoy free cheese samples, and learn the ins and outs of technical cheese judging.

"This Contest is truly a showcase of the world's best cheeses. Public access to the preliminary rounds of judging offers cheese lovers a rare opportunity to see the industry's top technical experts in action. We're thrilled to provide an opportunity for the community to learn more about the craftsmanship behind the dairy products they know and love, and discover new dairy favorites," said WCMA Contest Director Kirsten Strohmenger.

Following rigorous technical evaluation of thousands of entries on March 3-4, the Contest culminates with a live-streamed ceremony on Thursday, March 5 at 2 p.m. (CT) announcing the Top 20 cheeses in the world and the winner of the prestigious World Champion title. The final day of competition and the announcement are not open to the public, but fans of great cheese can tune in live on Facebook or at WorldChampionCheese.org

Hosted by WCMA since 1957, the World Championship Cheese Contest is the largest technical dairy products evaluation in the world. In 2024, a washed-rind, semi-hard cow's milk cheese called Hornbacher, made by four-time World Champion cheesemaker Michael Spycher at Mountain Dairy Fritzenhaus for Gourmino AG in Bern, Switzerland, bested over 3,300 entries with an impressive score of 98.98 out of 100—securing its third consecutive and fourth overall World Champion title.

Members of the media interested in attending or covering the World Championship Cheese Contest may contact WCMA Communications Director Grace Atherton at gatherton@wischesmakers.org. Members of the public with general questions about the Contest can visit WorldChampionCheese.org/attend for more information.

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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### BRODHEAD PARK & REC SECOND AND THIRD GRADE YOUTH BASKETBALL

The Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department will be sponsoring a Tuesday afternoon youth basketball program for boys and girls in second and third grade, from 3-4:15 p.m. in the elementary school gym for six weeks, beginning in February and ending in March—February 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and March 3rd, 10th. This program will teach basic skills and fundamentals.

Forms are available at the Elementary School and at the City Hall, or on the City of Brodhead Website <http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>.

The cost is \$30, which includes a T-shirt. Forms need to be completed and turned in with fee by 8 a.m. on Friday, January 23rd. Gym shoes are required. Checks can be made payable to the Brodhead Pool and Rec Dept. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Graves at 608-897-2159.

## Brodhead Optimists Once Again Offer Essay and Oratorical Contests Great Prize Money

Students under the age of 19, are invited to speak their minds through a written essay entitled "How My Acts of Service Help Me Understand What My Community Means to Me" to win cash prizes at the local and district levels of Optimist International for the school year 2026! Just pick up an application from Brodhead middle and high schools, the library, or Wendy Backes (wendybackes1966@gmail.com) and you're on your way! Applications and essays are due back by Monday, January 26th, 2026 to the place where you picked up your application.

Students, the Oratorical Contest has even bigger prize money available. You must be under the age of 19 as of October 1, 2025, and create a speech that lasts between four and five minutes on the topic of "The Moment I Realized I Belonged—My Definition of Community". Pick up your application at the middle school, high school or library as soon as possible and return by Monday, January 5th to secure your space!

The Optimist Club will judge the students' speeches based on content and presentation to determine the top winners. Winners will receive cash awards and the winning speeches will be sent to the Zone Level, and possibly the District Level for the opportunity to win college scholarships. Winners of the District Level will be eligible to compete in a regional contest in St. Louis, Missouri, at St. Louis University. Winners of the regional contests will compete in the World Championship also held at Saint Louis University. Students could possibly win up to \$22,500 in scholarships!

"As they prepare for their future, many of our local students need experience expressing their thoughts and opinions to an audience," Club President Gloria Sutter said. "The Oratorical Contest challenges them to do just that and also offers an opportunity for scholarships. In this way, our club hopes to bring out the best in each of them and help them achieve their goals for the future."

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dieckhoff at [christidee@litewire.net](mailto:christidee@litewire.net) or 608-558-5828 and she will help you.

## Parkview FFA Alumni Fund-raiser Dinner

On Saturday, February 28 from 5-9 p.m., head to the Orfordville American Legion Post 209 for a hearty Tri-Tip dinner complete with a baked potato, salad, rolls, and beans—all for just \$25. Enjoy an evening packed with fun and chances to win, including a gift card wall, silent auction items, and raffles throughout the night. Every ticket and bid helps make a difference—funds raised support scholarships for Parkview FFA members, assist students at the Rock County Fair, and help cover registration fees for leadership workshops. Come hungry, bring your friends, and help support the next generation of agricultural leaders.

Contact FFA Advisor Tjark Sattler at [tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us](mailto:tsattler@email.parkview.k12.wi.us) to order tickets!

### 2025 Tax Assistance Appointments

Appointments are now available for free income tax preparation services for low to moderate income, elderly and disabled persons through the AARP Foundation/Tax-Aide program. Assistance provided includes the preparation of federal and state (including homestead) income taxes. Appointments are available in Monroe on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning February 4th through April 8th. Appointments start at 8:30 a.m. and run until 11:30 a.m. at the Green County Government Services Building, N3152 State Road 81, Monroe. Please call the ADRC at 608-328-9499 to schedule an appointment.

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## 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 February 4 to March 25 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](http://ssmhealth.com/classes).

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

## Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

### How to Search the Catalog of Durand Library

It is easy to search the catalog of the Durand Library as well as the school library from home computer or a smart phone. To do so, follow these few steps. Once you do it once, it is a snap. And, if you don't find a book you are looking for, just email us and we will get it for you through Interlibrary Loan system.

So, first google "Media Center—Durand CUSD322". Then click on "Media Center" which will take you to the Durand School Libraries page with information about the school and the Durand Library, formerly "Village Library."

Scroll down to "Follett Destiny" and click on that. On the next page click on "Durand School," and on the following page click on "Catalog" and "Library Search" will come up.

You will see a horizontal bar where you can enter a title, an author, keyword, subject or series. If you are searching for a title, enter it and click title. If you have a favorite author, enter that name and click on author and so on.

The search can be narrowed to the choices offered below the search bar. It is interesting to see the options offered.

Residents of the school district can check out any book from the school or village library for three weeks, renewal can be made by phone, email or in person and there is a drop off box at the door.

Please email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org) or call 815-289-8602



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Member of the Optimist Club, Lions Club, American Legion and a member of the Living Word Church Men's group. During my last term as Mayor, I participated in many events and festivals in the City of Brodhead as an advocate for our small city lifestyle.

My wife and I are owners of several businesses and spend most of our time and money in Brodhead. I love my hometown and look forward to resuming my duties as Mayor.

**Please vote on Tuesday, February 17, to help Brodhead become an even better place to live than it already is!**

*Paid for by Edward "Casey" Jones for Mayor*

with any questions. Library hours are Saturdays 9 a.m.-noon and Tuesday evenings 6-8 p.m. Entry to the library is at the east end of the school, follow signs along the wide paved walkway.

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## Habitat for Humanity of Green County Receives \$11,000 WHEDA Foundation Grant

Habitat for Humanity of Green County is excited to announce it has received an \$11,000 grant from the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) Foundation. The WHEDA Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to strengthening housing and economic opportunities for residents across Wisconsin, and this generous support will directly benefit a local family.

The grant will support Habitat for Humanity of Green County's Home Build Program and is earmarked for the organization's current home under construction at 420 18th Avenue in Monroe, Wisconsin. This project is another step forward in Habitat's mission to help local families achieve safe, affordable homeownership.

With construction underway, Habitat for Humanity of Green County is now seeking qualified applicants to become the future homeowner of this house—a palace that will soon become a home.

Applications are due by January 27, 2026. Applications are available online at [www.greencountyhabitat.org](http://www.greencountyhabitat.org) or can be picked up in person at the Habitat ReStore, located at 1061 4th Avenue West, Monroe.

Habitat for Humanity of Green County is grateful to the WHEDA Foundation for investing in affordable housing and helping make homeownership possible for families in our community.

For more information, please visit [www.greencountyhabitat.org](http://www.greencountyhabitat.org).



Thomas Lohmar competed with the Cardinal men who had six matches and multiple forfeits to the Blue Devils costing them the match. The team can be found in action next week at Clinton on Tuesday and Monroe Invite on Saturday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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## Green County Land and Water Conservation Tree Sale is Open

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Boys - East Troy at Beloit Turner (HS)

## CONTEST RULES

- Pick the winning team listed in each advertisement. Write name of the team opposite the advertiser's name on the entry blank.
- Write the highest number of points scored by any one team in the space provided on the entry form. This will be used to break a tie. If a tie remains, one winner will be chosen by random drawing from all correct entries.
- One entry per contestant. Entry forms must be returned to the Brodhead Free Press, 925 W. Exchange Street, Brodhead, WI 53520 by 5 p.m. Friday.

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due to early  
deadline**

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## BHS WALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Brodhead High School is pleased to accept nominations for alumni who have brought honor to our community as one of Brodhead's "Shining Stars". Nominations will be considered for any person who graduated from Brodhead High School. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, January 30, 2026. They are looking for people who have gone on to achieve outstanding academic accomplishments, have served our community or country in truly outstanding ways, have received national or state recognition for excellence in some area, or have gone on to demonstrate excellence within their vocation.

Candidates selected for the "Wall of Fame" will be awarded a plaque at a ceremony on Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. A second plaque with their photo and a profile of their accomplishments will be placed forever on Brodhead High School's Wall of Fame for the students and public to view.

Please send nominations to Wall of Fame Committee, Attn: Mr. James Matthys, Brodhead High School, 2501 W. 5th Ave, Brodhead, WI, 53520.

Name of person nominated

Year of graduation from Brodhead High School

Please list accomplishments of person being nominated or reason for nomination



Brodhead's Braylon Strehlow #21 goes up strong to the rim with Hazeon Edmond, #3, of Bellville attempting a stop. The Cards were down by 1-point at the half. Despite the efforts of the Cardinals, the Wildcats hung on for the 55-50 win. Next week the team traveled to Jefferson on Tuesday and will host Monroe on Friday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



## Green County Tree Sale

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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. All species are still currently in stock though supplies are limited (our apple trees will likely be out of stock by the time this gets published).

Mycorrhizal root dip and nutrient packs are also available to order. Tree spuds can be rented with a deposit of \$50 that will be given back to you once you return it to their office. If you're looking to plant a large quantity of trees, 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.

You can order either via our website <https://greencountylwcd.com/>, by phone at 608-325-4195 extension 2683 or stop on by their office located at 1627 4th Avenue West, Monroe, to fill out a paper form. They would love to see your beautiful smiling faces. Orders are due by Saturday, January 31st. Trees are scheduled for pick up during mid to late April at the Pleasant View barn off Highway 81 in Monroe. They will have signage up to let you know where to go at the time of pickup.



## Savvy Sixth Graders for Second Quarter

Congratulations to Liam Broughton, Henry Eckelberg, Annabelle Schaefer, Reece Clark, Jack Elmer, Fayorah Menuey, and Leyla Cayetano Pueblita!

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Chesney Walker, file photo, nailed a 3-point shot to help the Cardinals take down East Troy and get back on the victory train with a 43-23 win. No other stats were available at press time. Next week the team hosted Blackhawk on Tuesday and Whitewater on Thursday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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## District 8 AA locations

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

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

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

Any questions call 608-751-5684 or visit [www.rockcoaa.net](http://www.rockcoaa.net).

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## POLICE

Submitted by John M. Schuetz, Chief Deputy / Undersheriff

On Thursday, January 8, 2026 the Green County Sheriff's Office received information regarding incidents of Repeated Child Sexual Assaults reported to have taken place in the City of Brodhead and in locations within rural Green County in the Town of Decatur.

Due to the nature of the alleged crimes, the Green County Sheriff's Office Detective Division was assigned to conduct further investigation. The Green County Sheriff's Office collaborated with the City of Brodhead Police Department and Green County Human Services to conduct a joint investigation, which included utilizing the Child Advocacy Center in Green County to assist in forensic interview(s).

As the investigation continued, Green County Law Enforcement developed probable cause to support the arrest of Jonathon Scott Elsner, 25, of rural Albany.

Members of the Green County Sheriff's Office arrested Elsner in the

City of Monroe, on the afternoon of Monday, January 12, 2026. Following his arrest, Elsner was transported to the Green County Jail where he was held without bond pending the official issuance of criminal charges and an initial appearance in Green County Circuit Court.

On Wednesday, January 14, 2026 criminal charges were officially issued against Jonathon Elsner under Green County CCAP case number 2026CF8 in which he was charged with one count of Repeated Sexual Assault of Same Child (At least three violations of First Degree Sexual Assault) contrary to Wisconsin State Statute 948.025 (1)(b). This is a Class B Felony.

Court records note (CCAP) that ELSNER appeared in Green County Circuit Court for an initial appearance on the afternoon of Wednesday, January 14, 2026. During court a cash bond was imposed with CCAP records further noting that the cash bond was since posted. At this time of this release—due to the posting of the cash bond—ELSNR is no longer in the custody of the Green County Sheriff's Office. This investigation remains active and no further press releases are planned. The attached image was captured



By Laura Roth,  
Children's Librarian

**SNOW!** Since there's currently no snow to be found, the preschoolers at Albertson Memorial Library's Story Time made their own! Snow! Snow! Snow! (by Harper) and Bad Kitty Does Not Like Snow (by Bruel) started off the snow and cats/dogs themed stories. Bad Kitty decides snow is cold and wet and slippery and the dog family goes sledding, eventually taking off to fly through the air. The youngsters mixed baking soda and hair conditioner to make some wet, cold, slippery snow of their own. What a joyful mess!

Next week, Story Time continues the theme Things That Go with stories about trains. Down By the Station (by Hillenbrand) is a fun story about a train that picks up various animals, inviting the listener to chant along. On the Train (by Brown) uses a flashlight to investigate the different parts of the train. The kiddos will make a construction paper train that stands up and can move over a pretend train track! There may even be a cereal box or two to make a pretend town. What fun!

Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time meets most Tuesdays at 10 a.m. It's a rollicking good time filled with songs, actions, crafts and even some rowdiness. There's plenty of room for new friends. Won't you come? We'd love to meet you.



at the time of Elsner's booking at the Green County Jail.

Additional information can be found on the Wisconsin Circuit Court Access Page (CCAP). <https://www.wicourts.gov/casesearch.htm>

Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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## Craft Sales



**American Legion Unit 209 Auxiliary Craft and Vendor Fair.**  
**Saturday, March 7**, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Location: American Legion Post 209, 3913 S. State Road 213, Orfordville. Open to the public. Call Linda Wells at 608-931-1570 for more information or if you are interested in reserving a vendor booth. (01/28)

## Residents Help Shape Rock County's Future as Planning Efforts Advance

Rock County is entering the next phase of its Comprehensive Plan and Farmland Preservation Plan update process, with public input collected over the past six months now being shaped into draft goals and actions that will guide planning efforts in the years ahead.

More than 500 residents shared their perspectives through a countywide public survey this fall, supported by focus groups conducted with Blackhawk Technical College students and Project Thrive participants. The message was clear: protecting farmland, natural areas, and water resources is a top priority across Rock County, with support for agriculture, clean air, and clean water popular among urban and rural communities alike.

Affordable housing also rose to the top of resident concerns, alongside K-12 education, community healthcare and mental health services, well-paying jobs, and efforts to retain young people. Nearly 60% of survey participants said they support focusing development within existing communities by redeveloping vacant and underused sites, rather than expanding onto farmland or natural areas.

"Residents across Rock County largely agree on what matters most: protecting our farmland and natural resources while addressing real needs like housing, jobs, and community well-being," said Andrew Baker, Director of Planning and Land Conservation. "Their input is helping us shape draft goals and actions that balance resource protection with the need to support

## Brodhead School District Notice of Vacancy Varsity Head Cheer Coach

Brodhead High School has an opening for a Varsity Head Cheer Coach. Position starts August 1, 2026. Please contact Athletic Director Brian Kammerer for questions or inquiries at 608-897-2141 or bkammerer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

Job description available upon request and application forms may be picked up in the District Office located at Brodhead High School or are available on the District website at [www.brodhead.k12.wi.us](http://www.brodhead.k12.wi.us).

Application deadline is January 30, 2026.

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## Notice



**AGENDA**  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Building and Grounds Committee  
Meeting  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
High School LMC  
6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- I. REVIEW BIDS REQUESTED BY THE COMMITTEE
- II. DETERMINE ADDITIONAL PROJECTS TO CONSIDER
- III. DEVELOP PROJECT PRIORITY LIST AND DETERMINE NEXT STEPS
- IV. ADJOURN

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**AGENDA**  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Vision and Mission Statement  
Updating Steering Committee  
Meeting #1—Monday, January 26, 2026  
High School LMC  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- I. WELCOME AND THANK YOU
- II. INTRODUCTIONS—WHO ARE WE?
- III. CRITICAL COMMITTEE ATTRIBUTES/PROCESSES FOR SUCCESS
- IV. VISION AND MISSION STATEMENTS FOR AN ORGANIZATION. WHY?
- V. VISION AND MISSION DEFINED. PURPOSE?
- VI. OUR TASK. THE "END-IN-MIND".
- VII. NOW TO NEXT. KNOWING HOW IS CRUCIAL TO THE ROUTE TO YOUR NEXT NEXT.
- VIII. CURRENT MISSION AND VISION.
- IX. WHAT NEXT? HOMEWORK PLANNING
- X. NEXT MEETING (FEBRUARY 18 AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE HS LMC)
- XI. ADJOURN

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strong, livable communities."

As the updates near completion, city, village, and town staff and officials will meet again later this month to review draft goals, a countywide future land use map, and opportunities for collaboration on farmland preservation and natural resource protection. A draft plan will be released this spring for public review and comment, including a public open house.

More information on engagement activities, including meeting details and key takeaways, is available in a public input summary and on the project website.

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BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, January 28, 2026  
HIGH SCHOOL LMC

2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI

7:00 p.m.

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

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- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### AGENDA

- VI. CONSENT AGENDA
  1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES
  2. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
  3. RESIGNATION(S)
  4. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
- VII. REFERENDUM UPDATE
- VIII. SET OPEN ENROLLMENT SEAT LIMITS FOR 2026-27
- IX. APPROVAL OF WIAA SPORTS CO-OP RENEWALS
- X. FUTURE AGENDA
- XI. ADJOURNMENT

Persons needing special accommodations should call (608) 897-2141 at least twenty-four [24] hours prior to the meeting.

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## GCDC Annual Business Awards Open for Nominations

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) is now accepting nominations for special awards to honor those who have made an outstanding contribution to our business community. Nominations are due Friday, February 6th.

Award categories include:

•Outstanding Business of the Year, which honors a business that has demonstrated an exemplary commitment to Green County's economic growth. This business will have made a significant improvement to strengthen its market position or have overcome an obstacle affecting the company's ability to grow.

•Entrepreneurial Spirit Award, which honors an entrepreneur with a hunger for opportunity, a growth mindset, a willingness to learn, a willingness to find solutions to challenges and problems, and a strong work ethic.

•Richard B. Schmied Leadership Award, which honors an individual who exemplifies the character of a true leader.

Any individual, group or business may nominate a business or leader, and businesses and individuals may nominate themselves. Businesses and individuals from throughout Green County are eligible.

To nominate a business or individual, visit [greencountydevelopment.com/news-events](http://greencountydevelopment.com/news-events). The button to "Make an Award Nomination" is at the top of the page, and will take you to an online form to

## Monday Night Mixed League

1/12—High series: Robert Murray 683, Ty Powell 673, Roger Sutter 639. High games: T. Powell 255, Zack Hefty 244, R. Murray 242. Broughton's Bar-high team game 1,011 and series 2,853. **Standings:** Fosters Gaming won 140.5 lost 102.5, Broughton's Bar 137.5-105.5, Center Tavern 134.5-108.5, Beloit Chiropractic 124-119, Bartelt 98-145, Albany Lanes 94.5-148.5.

## Tuesday Shaningans

1/13—High series: Tammy Neuenschwander 393, Lisa Josephsen 362, Becky Hanneman 362, Dan Eaton 531, Rick Clark 509, Larry Ommodt 479. High games: L. Josephsen 150, T. Neuenschwander 150, Linda Neuenschwander 132, L. Ommodt 191, R. Clark 190, D. Eaton 187. The Young & The Restless-high team game 794 and series 2,244. **Standings:** The Young & The Restless won 67 lost 31, Perfectly Aged 65-33, Sweet Mini HaHa 60-38, Misfits 54-44, Greightful Dead 37-61.

## Badger

1/13—High series: Keith Riese 688, Brian Purdy 599, Ryan Brugger 597, Rob Kubesh 590. High games: K. Riese 266, R. Kubesh 235, Jim Laughlin 232, John Elmer 223. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team game 846. Renks-high team series 2,277. **Standings:** Renks won 41 lost 22, Counter Attack 41-22, Jim's Mechanic Shop 39-24, Decatur Dairy 39-24, TUGS 15-48, Team 6 14-49.

## Wednesday Night Ladies

1/14—High series: Kari Johnson 474, Brenda Jacobson 422, Alice Patchen 420, Lindsey Kotte 408, Sarah Flood 406. High games: K. Johnson 178, Fran Kubesh 165, Jennifer Hlavacek 159, B. Jacobson 156, A. Patchen 155. Larson Acres-high team game 565. General Store-high team series 1,555. **Standings:** Glenn-Ann Ladies won 23 lost 5, General Store 20-8, Stables Bar & Grill 18-10, Albertson's 9-19, Larson Acres 7-21, Crystal's Team 7-21.

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## Drinking Water Testing Available

Do you own a private well in Green County? If you are interested in learning more about drinking water and the quality of your water, the upcoming drinking water testing program is an opportunity to have your well water tested at a reduced cost and learn of the results during an educational program with drinking water experts. Groundwater specialists strongly encourage rural residents to test their water at least once every 15 months.

This program is neither mandatory nor regulatory. It is completely voluntary. Those who participate will receive the results of their water tests during an educational program in May. Individual results will be kept confidential.

### Options for Well Testing:

- Homeowner Package (Includes tests for nitrate, coliform bacteria, pH, alkalinity, and hardness.) Cost = \$78
- Metals Package (Tests for arsenic, lead, copper, iron, zinc, calcium, magnesium, manganese, sodium, potassium, and sulfate.) Cost = \$75
- Triazine Screen (Includes tests for triazine type pesticides like atrazine) Cost = \$45

If you choose all three packages the cost is \$190, a discount of \$8.

Bottles will be available for pick-up at the following locations and times listed. Bottles must be filled and returned on Monday, March 2nd, to the site where you picked up your bottles. Tests must be paid for when the bottles are picked up.

Test kit pick up—Test Kit Drop Off—Where

Wednesday, February 25 through Friday, February 27, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Monday, March 2, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Green County LWCD, Tonya Gratz, 1627 4th Avenue West, Monroe; phone 608-325-4195, ext. 2684

Wednesday, February 25, 4-6 p.m., Thursday, February 26, 5-7 p.m., Friday, February 27, and Saturday, February 28, 8 a.m.-noon; Monday, March 2, 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m.; Town of Albany Town Hall, Deb Cline, N6065 County Road E, Albany; phone 608-862-3000

Results will be available on the evening of Tuesday, May 12, at 6 p.m. during a free educational seminar at the Albany Lions Club. Everyone will have the opportunity to ask questions and individual results will be kept confidential. If you are unable to attend this program to obtain your results, they will be mailed to you.

This program is possible due to a partnership between the Towns of Albany, Brooklyn, Exeter, Mt. Pleasant and Green County LWCD. It is open to all private well owners in Green County. In order to participate in this testing program, register by 8am on Monday, February 9, 2026 by registering with this google form <https://forms.gle/ZtsEsgftmLpMLipg6> or contacting Tonya Gratz with the Green County Land and Water Conservation Department by phone at 608-325-4195 extension 2684 or via e-mail at [Tonya.Gratz@nacdnet.net](mailto:Tonya.Gratz@nacdnet.net).

complete.

More information and assistance are available by emailing [wendy@greencountydevelopment.com](mailto:wendy@greencountydevelopment.com) or calling 608-328-9452.

The awards will be announced and presented during GCDC's Annual Dinner and Awards, on Thursday, March 19th at Turner Hall in

Monroe. Details on this event will be released in the near future.

GCDC, is a non-profit organization building the economic future of Green County communities and businesses through public-private partnerships. For more information, visit GCDC at [www.greencountydevelopment.com](http://www.greencountydevelopment.com).

## Brodhead Alumni Pep Band Night

The Brodhead Band department held its annual Alumni Pep Band Night. Over 30 alumni joined the current high school band members to play for the Girls Basketball game against Jefferson. Such a fun night!



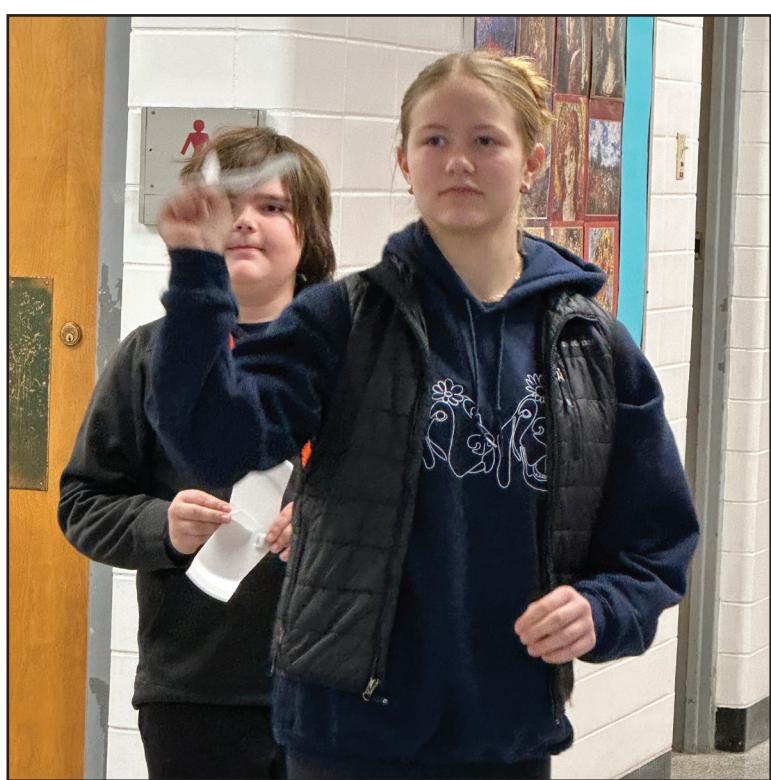
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