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Brodhead Community Gardens meeting Wednesday, April 23

Interested in growing your own food? Do you have limited space for a garden where you live? Then you are a candidate to join the Brodhead Community Gardens. There is an acre of land available behind Gasser True Value for community residents to have their own garden plot to grow what they wish. The spaces are approximately 20x25 or roughly 500 square feet, you can keep your plot year after year. Participants are asked to use limited fertilizer, insecticides, and herbicides, and to have your plot cleaned up by November 1. All vegetables are the property of the grower and gardens will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., during the summer months for planting, weeding and harvesting. There will be water available on site. They ask that you try limiting the weed growth in your plot. Experienced gardeners are always available to answer any questions.

They will hold an in-person meeting on Wednesday, April 23, at 5 p.m. at the Brodhead Public Library. You can also sign up on Saturday morning, April 26, at 10 a.m. at the Community Garden site. Both meetings are open to existing Community Garden members and those wishing to get a garden plot for the first time. The cost of each plot is \$20, they will be receiving payments and assigning plots at this time.

Tilling is based on temperature and ground conditions but is usually done by the first weekend in May. Please do not plant anything until the tilling is done. For more information you may call either Dave Schupbach at 608-214-5950 or Kelly Badertscher at 608-447-2106. Please do not call Gasser Hardware.

Community Garden members who had plots from last year may sign up by sending a check to Rick Neuenschwander, N2546 Oakridge Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520. Please make your check payable to the Brodhead Community Gardens. Please reserve your plots by Thursday, May 1. If you are planning not to garden this year please contact Dave, Kelly or Rick..

School Board

Budget Cuts Passed

By Grace Kufahl

In order to reduce next year's projected budget deficit without cutting staff or services, the board voted to reduce the district's Health Savings Account contributions. The current contributions of \$2,500 for individuals and \$5,000 for families will be reduced to \$2,000 for individuals and \$4,000 for families. That will save the district \$107,000. The board also voted to eliminate one of 10 bus routes for a savings of \$40,000. Further budget cuts will be finalized at a later time.

Superintendent David Novy updated the board on the Daniels family proposed detachment from the Juda School District. They did not file the required petition in time for the statutory deadline so the matter is closed for now.

A motion to make Friday, June 6th a non-student day passed. This will allow staff a day to move to the high school before summer school begins the following Monday.

Kelly Knox, Elementary Principal and Director of Curriculum and

Instruction, gave a presentation on new Wisconsin Act 20 requirements. The law requires Wisconsin schools to teach reading and language arts using science-based early reading instruction to students in 5K through third grade. It also requires diagnostic tests to be given with the results being reported to the Department of Public Instruction. If students aren't meeting minimum requirements, they must be given a personal reading plan.

Clerk Michael Oellerich reported the election results. The operations referendum passed by 26 votes. Al Schneider was re-elected and Paul Donovan was elected to the school board. Donovan will replace Jodi Kail who will be leaving the board after this meeting.

In Other Business:

High School Principal Jim Matthys relayed that Jillian Malkow, Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, has been selected for a 2025 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship.

Finance Manager Robin Bye

reported the district currently has a \$364,000 deficit for the current budget year, which she expects to decrease as additional money comes in.

Mr. Novy congratulated Mr. Matthys for being inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

Due to the ongoing construction, board meetings will be moved to the library for June, July and August.

Mr. Novy presented Jodi Kail with a certificate honoring her nine years of service to the school board.

The board voted to continue the staff clinic for another year.

Kid Connection TEXTILE RECYCLING DRIVE

**When: EARTH DAY
Tuesday, April 22nd from
3-5 p.m.**

with another upcoming drive Sunday, June 8th!!!!

Where: OFFICIAL LOCATION- 3 Car Garage located between Albrecht Elementary School and Brodhead Middle School on the corner of 21st St & W 7th Ave.

What is a Textile Drive? It is a fund-raiser where Kid Connection get paid by the pound for recycling old/used fabric items. First, anything usable is distributed to communities in need. Second, donated items not suitable for wear are recycled into wiping rags. Lastly, items not suitable for wiping purposes are processed back into fibers that are remanufactured into paper, yarn, insulation, carpet padding, etc.

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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@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. 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. Two Bible study sessions on “Christianity by Contract,” Saturday, April 12 and Saturday, April 19, at 9 a.m. at UCC. Everyone in community is welcome. Maundy Service on Thurs., Apr. 17, at 6 p.m. followed by “Silent Soup Supper.” Women’s Guild Bake Sale in lobby of Bank of Brodhead on Fri., Apr. 18, 8 a.m. to noon.

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.

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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 Doebl. 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.


Brodhead Evening Garden Club Scholarship

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club invites seniors who have an interest Horticulture, Plant Science, Landscaping, Turf Science or Natural Resources to submit an application and a one-page essay detailing their school achievements, grade point average, extra-curricular activities, future goals and career objectives, All applications must be submitted by Friday, April 25. Students may be attending a two-year, four-year or technical college. The scholarship awarded may be up to \$500. Please send your application to Julie Neeley at brodheadgardenclub32@gmail.com, put Scholarship in the subject line.

2025 Gap Church 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 Sunday, April 13th to allow adequate time to clean up. Do not place spring or summer items until May 1st. Gap Church Cemetery, W2401 State Road 59, Albany.

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“Fishing” for Tuna at Brodhead UMC

The youth of the Brodhead United Methodist Church recently collected 91 cans of tuna during a worship service for the White Gift Food Pantry. Following a message about becoming “Fishers of Men” (Matthew 4:19), the kids used fishing nets to “reel in” over 34 pounds of canned tuna.

Located at 1103 W. 2nd Avenue, the Food Pantry is open on the third Saturday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. or by request for emergency needs. Brodhead UMC also supports the food pantry through special “noisy can” donations during the year.

The Brodhead UMC, 501 1st Center Avenue, is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m.

All are welcome to attend!

Durand Library closed

The Durand Library will be closed Saturday, April 18, in recognition of Easter Sunday. Wishing everyone a peaceful and joyous weekend.



Thanks for Reading...



Tessa Kaderly helps bring in donated tuna.

Textile

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nection/Albrecht Elementary PTO Facebook page for a complete list of acceptable and unacceptable items. For questions call or text Lori Riese at 608-931-6901.

All money raised will be used to help enhance the educational experience at Albrecht Elementary School. Thanks in advance for helping to make a difference in more ways than one!

Interesting fact, did you know that in the U.S. 81 lbs of clothing per person are thrown away annually? Textiles currently make up 6.3% of the waste stream. Donate to improve our environment and elementary school.

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Winona Walters

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Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight

The Monroe Moose Lodge will hold a Breakfast to Benefit Badger Honor Flight on Sunday, June 1, from 8 a.m. to noon. The Lodge is located at 639 3rd Avenue, Monroe. Help send our veterans to Washington, DC, to see the memorials built in their honor. The cost of the buffet style meal is adults \$11; children five years to 10 \$6 and children four and under are free.


**Advertising
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Juda Fire and First Response open house

The members of the Juda Fire and First Response will be holding their annual open house on Sunday, April 27th from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Juda Fire Station and Community Center. A meal of brats, hot dogs, potato salad, chips and desserts along with beverages will be available for a free will donation. There will be fire truck rides all day for the kids along with free blood pressure screening and a demonstration at 1 p.m. Come down and see the department’s equipment and chat with the department’s members. Hope to see you on the 27th!


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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

BRODHEAD COMMUNITY BAND

The Brodhead Community Band will perform on Saturday, June 28 at 1 p.m. at Family Fest and Sunday, August 10, at 6 p.m. at Twilight In The Park.

Rehearsals will be held at the Brodhead High School from 6-7:30 pm. on Tuesdays: May 27, June 3, June 10, June 17, June 24, July 8, July 15, July 29 and August 5.

For more information call 608-897-2155 ext. 253 or email jriesterer@brodhead.k12.wi.us.

CHURCH SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

A softball organizational meeting for Sunday Night Church league has been set for Thursday, April 17th at 6 p.m. at City Hall. All managers must be there or at least a team representative must be present to guarantee a spot in the league. If you are interested in entering a team or have any questions regarding the league, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 608-897-2159.

MENS SOFTBALL LEAGUE MEETING

A softball organizational meeting for Tuesday Night Men's League, (25 years and over) has been set for Thursday, April 17th at 7 p.m. at City Hall. All managers must be there or at least a team representative must be present to guarantee a spot in the league. If you are interested in entering a team or have any questions regarding the league, please call the Parks and Recreation Office at 608-897-2159.

ATTENTION ADULT SOFTBALL TEAMS

If you are interested in getting a team in the Sunday Night Church Coed League, Tuesday Night Men's Master's League or would like to play on a team, call the Park and Rec Office at 608-897-2159. Leagues will begin in May.

ANNUAL LOT OWNER'S MEETING

The Annual Lot Owner's meeting will be held at John's Barber Shop, at 911 Exchange Street, Brodhead, on Wednesday April 16th, at 5:30 p.m. The Trustee's meeting will be held at the same location, following the Lot Owner's meeting.



Lily Williams & Mark Woodward

Juda Zion Community Church presents Easter musical

For the past 30 years, since 1995, the Juda Zion Community Church adult choir has presented an Easter musical. This year's production, titled "The Choice," will be given on Good Friday, April 18 at 1:30 p.m. Directed by Shelly Jordan, The Choice is the story of a Roman soldier who loves a Jewish maiden, and the choice they must make. This powerful drama includes many scene changes, captivating lyrics, authentic costuming, and thoughtful dialogue. Taking part in the program are: Cast: Steve Anderson, Heidi Bolton, Kathy Broger, Jean Busker, Sara Carr, Kay Carter, Irv Case, Sharon Creuzer, Pat Daniels, Dakota Davis, Julie Davis, Tommy Davis, JoAnn Eberle, Jake Hoesly, Joyce Hoesly, Luke Jordan, Judy Kaderly, Joe Kaderly, Rudy Kaderly, Laurie Martenson, Debbie Mason, Mark Mason, Tom Moore, Nicole Ramirez, Ryan Schmitt, Kim Shields, Carrie Soddy, Justin Soddy, Carrie Schwartz, Lily Williams, Eric Woodward, Lucas Woodward, and Mark Woodward. Director: Shelly Jordan, Sound and Tech Crew: Bill Jahn, Kalvin Kaderly, and Caleb Woodward. Lights: Brian Matzke. Costume Design: Nancy Coplien. Set Decoration: Entire Cast and Crew.Prompter: Judy Kaderly. Construction: JR Jordan, Kurt Jordan, and Rudy Kaderly. Publicity: Hazel Matzke, and Peggy Matzke. Kitchen: Kay Carter. Both presentations are free and open to the public, but a free-will offering will be received. Following the program a time of refreshments and fellowship will be held in the church fellowship hall. Juda Zion Community Church is located at N2350 Church Street, Juda.

2025 Albany Alumni Banquet

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 \$20 roast beef dinner is served family style.

Send money and reservations to Dan Weber, N5926 Marie Ct, Albany WI 53502. Make checks payable to Albany Alumni Association. Any questions call Dan at 608-862-3260.

Footville Fire and EMS Pancake Breakfast

The Footville Fire and EMS will host a Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, April 26, from 6:30-11 a.m. at the fire station located at 252 N. Gilbert Street. They will be serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, milk, juice and coffee. The cost is adults \$10, children \$5 and two and under are free. Dine in, carry out and delivery available in Footville Fire District. Call 608-876-6118.

There will be 50/50 and basket raffle tickets for purchase. Winner will be drawn at the end of the event. You do not need to be present to win! There will be some silent auction items as well.

Congregational UCC's Annual Spring Fish Boil

The Brodhead Congregational United Church of Christ will be having their Annual Spring Fish Boil on Saturday, May 3rd from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

The UCC located at E201 23rd Street, Brodhead, will serve their always delicious menu, which includes: boiled cod, potatoes, carrots, onions, coleslaw, rolls and butter, dessert and a variety of beverages. They will also offer take-out meals for adult priced tickets only.

Ticket cost is \$18 for full meal adult ticket. Buy on or before noon on Friday, May 2nd and receive \$2 off cost. Tickets on sale now! Available from any church member or by stopping in the church office between noon and 2 p.m. on Tuesday-Friday.

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Congratulations to Mrs. Jillian Malkow!

The Brodhead School District is incredibly proud to announce that Mrs. Malkow, our outstanding Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor, has been selected as a 2025 Herb Kohl Educational Foundation Teacher Fellowship!

This prestigious honor recognizes Mrs. Malkow's exceptional leadership, her role as a positive influence and role model, and remarkable ability to inspire a love of agriculture and learning with her students. As part of this recognition, she has been awarded a grant for her classroom of \$6,000.

Mrs. Malkow's passion for teaching and dedication to her students' success truly make her an outstanding educator. Please join us in celebrating this well-deserved achievement!



Mr. Matthys was inducted into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, which took place in Madison on Saturday, April 5, 2025. We congratulate him and thank him for his positive impact on our students throughout the years.

Baseball On A Roll

By Teresa Earleywine

Last week Brodhead Juda baseball took their wins to four-in-a row with victories over Whitewater, Delavan Darien, and East Troy. The Cardinals were in control from the start, scoring in 5-of-7 innings against the Whip-pets. Brody Riese was on the mound for five innings and Brooks Malkow closed out the final two. Sam Searls was credited with 4-RBIs and Braylon Strehlow two, while Dave Masloske was 2-for-4 at the plate.

Home against Delavan Darien the game was much tighter. Seals went the distance pitching all seven innings, striking out seven while hurling 84 pitches and walking one. Max Pinnow and Masloske each brought in a run and Gabe Bockhop was able score on error by the Comets defense. BJ defense put together two double plays to seal the 3–0 victory.

What started out to appear as a “walk in the park” when East Troy came to town last Friday, became a game of endurance. The Trojans scored initially in the first inning. In the bottom of the same inning, the Cardinals scored eight runs. East Troy struggled from the mound loading the bases with no hits. Searls doubles on a fly ball to right field that allows Bockhop and Elliott to score and Masloske advanced to third. Chase Bauman singles, scoring Masloske. At bat is Tyrin Foster who singles line drive to left field. Masloske scores, Brodhead has runners at first and second. Brodhead advances with Strehlow getting a walk and Elliott is hit by a pitch to score Bauman, bases remain loaded with two outs. Bockhop steps to the plate and hits a hard fly ball to center, scoring three to close out the first inning with an 8–1 score. ET earns three runs in the second and seven in the third to take an 11–9

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Thank you Max Pinnow

Big thank you to Max Pinnow, along with the following sponsors, for replacing the old baseball scoreboard with this much needed new one! Sponsors are Decatur Dairy, Jennifer Elliott of Exit Realty, Campbell's Piggly Wiggly, Jeremy Pinnow and Associates, Spring Grove Dairy and the Brodhead Lion's Club.

This was Max's Senior Project and really 'knocked it out of the park' with this project!

Thank you to all involved!

Baseball

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lead. Pitching woes continued for the Trojans as the Cardinals bats were once again hot and BJ took the lead, 14–12, once again. The Trojans flip the game to knot it up 14-14 going into the bottom of the seventh. With one out, Strehlow singles followed by stealing second when Elliott is at bat. On a wild pitch, Strehlow scores to end the high scoring game.

East Troy utilized four pitchers in the contest who allowed 14 hits and nine walks. Elliott and Malkow earned the win for the Cardinals, pitching 2.1 and 4.2 innings respectively. They combined for 78 strikes thrown, 12 hits and 5 walks.

This week Brodhead Juda will be on the road to at Monroe on Tuesday and Columbus on Friday.

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Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

An Historic Portrayal of Elizabeth Packard The Woman They Could Not Silence

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

Come join us Tuesday evening, April 22 at 7 p.m. for a virtual portrayal of Elizabeth Packard who was wrongfully committed in 1860 to an Illinois insane asylum by her husband with the help of an unprincipled doctor.

Laura F. Keyes of Historic Voices has been teaching history with live portrayals of historic figures since 2008. She will tell the chilling story of a this singularly strong Illinois woman using Elizabeth's own words taken from her memoir and writings.

At the insane asylum Elizabeth soon found she was not the only woman who had been committed for her independent thoughts. However, she refused to be silenced and her ceaseless quest for justice not only challenged the medical science of the day but led to a giant leap forward in women's rights.

The highly acclaimed book, *The Woman They Could Not Silence*, details how Elizabeth prevailed against all odds. It is available for checkout at the Durand Library. The book is a sober tale of what women could be subjected to during the 19th century when a man could exercise almost unbridled control over his wife's life.

The English author Kate Moore studied asylum records, the files of the psychiatrist who examined Elizabeth, the court records when she was finally declared to be sane and even Elizabeth's husband's diary to tell the riveting story. And because Elizabeth was a writer, we will hear many of her own words from her memoir and books promoting more rights for women.

Laura Keyes will portray Elizabeth in period dress and give life to the story of how this strong woman won her dignity and freedom and helped countless women through her activism and her writing. At LauraKeyes.com one can see the many characters she portrays and the period dress and backgrounds used.

The program can be viewed at the library on a smart screen the size of a blackboard or on the home computer. Everyone is invited to attend this free event and no registration is required to watch it at the library.

To watch it at home, email villagelibrary@cusd322.org to receive the link to register. Registration is required in order to be sent the link to enter the zoom program.

Don't miss this inspiring story about a woman who not only stood up for her own rights but worked to expand the rights of all women.

About the Library

The Durand Library is a collaboration between Durand School and the Friends of the Durand Library. Everyone is cordially invited to all events at the library. Durand School District residents can check out books during public hours Saturdays 9 a.m. to noon and Tuesdays 6-8 p.m.

Entry is at the east or playground end of the school building. Look for the familiar blue library sign at the sidewalk and follow signs on the building. For more information, email villagelibrary@cusd322.org, call or text 815-289-8602 or visit [FB.com/durandvillagelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary).

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Discover the Beauty of the Seasons with Rotary Botanical Gardens' 2025 "What's in Bloom" Tours

Rotary Botanical Gardens is delighted to announce the return of its popular "What's in Bloom" Tours for the 2025 season! Led by Michael Jesiolowski, Director of Horticulture, these exclusive guided walks offer visitors an opportunity to experience the ever-changing floral displays throughout the growing season.

Each month, attendees will embark on a one-hour tour through the Gardens, exploring seasonal highlights, hidden gems, and the unique plant varieties that make Rotary Botanical Gardens an award-winning destination. Michael will provide expert insights, answer plant-related questions, and offer inspiration for home gardeners looking to cultivate their own stunning landscapes.

Tour Dates: May 21, June 18, July 23, August 20, September 17

Time: 10–11 a.m.

Location: Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville, WI

Admission & Registration:

- Free for Rotary Botanical Gardens Members (please bring your membership card)
- \$10 for Non-Members

Space is limited, and advance registration is required.

For more information and to register, visit rotarybotanicalgardens.org/events.

About Rotary Botanical Gardens

Rotary Botanical Gardens is a 20-acre non-profit botanical garden featuring 20 unique garden styles and over 4,000 plant varieties. Located in Janesville, the Gardens provide a serene and inspiring space for visitors to connect with nature, engage in educational programs, and support conservation efforts. The Gardens rely on community support, donations, and events like What's in Bloom Tours to continue their mission of horticultural excellence.



A virtual portrayal of Elizabeth Packard, *The Woman They Could Not Silence*, will be presented Tuesday April 22 at 7 pm. at the Durand Library. Laura Keyes of Historic Voices uses period dress and the perfect background to tell this gripping story.

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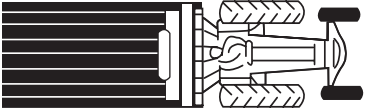
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By Melissa Everson, Director
From the Director's Desk
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The Status of Federal Funding for Libraries

On March 14, 2025, the Trump administration issued an executive order to eliminate the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Established by the Museum and Library Services Act in 1996, IMLS is the only federal agency that funds libraries and museums across the country. In 2024, IMLS provided \$266.7 million to libraries and museums through services, grants, and research, totaling a mere 0.003 percent of the total federal budget. Considering the 125,000 libraries—public, school, academic, and special—across our nation and the 1.2

Garage Sales



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Blood donors needed in Monroe

To help meet the continued national blood supply need, please consider participating in SSM Health's Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 6. The Blood Drive will run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the St. Clare Conference Center at the main clinic located at 515 22nd Avenue in Monroe.

Appointments are encouraged but not required. To schedule, please visit Bloodcenter.org or call SSM Health Monroe Hospital Volunteer Services Coordinator, Mary Berger, at 608-324-1569.

Please eat before donating and bring a photo ID. If you are unable to donate, you can help by encouraging others to donate.

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billion patron visits—both in person and virtual—to these libraries, elimination of this funding would essentially affect us all.

The American Library Association issued a statement concerning President Trump's action the following day on March 15, 2025. "Americans have loved and relied on public, school, and academic libraries for generations. By eliminating the only federal agency dedicated to funding library services, the Trump administration's executive order is cutting off at the knees the most beloved and trusted of America institutions and the staff and services they offer."

How much this legislation would affect public libraries depends on the funding of each individual library, so I can only speak for the funding of our library. At Albertson Memorial Library, we don't receive federal funding directly. Roughly 84% of our funding comes directly from our local municipalities (the village and township of Albany), and the rest comes from the counties of Green and Rock. However, we do receive services provided to us from the South Central Library System (SCLS), one of seventeen library systems throughout the state.

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Each of these library systems are funded through local and state governments, but they receive federal funding in the way of grants distributed through the Wisconsin Department of Instruction. SCLS has the capacity to provide a lot of services to small, rural libraries such as ours. We receive technology support and upgrades, provisions for our summer library program and children's services, and training for staff. Last year, AML received two federal grants from SCLS. Without those grants, we wouldn't have been able to provide free books to children in our area at Trunk or Treat or Snack with Santa events, nor would I have received the training necessary to serve effectively as the director of our library.

What can you do to support your local library? The biggest impact may come from contacting your representatives in Congress. Tell them to protect your library. Let them know how your local library has supported you and how that library will be impacted by cuts in funding. You can also attend a library, school, or municipality board meeting to express your support. Now is the time for us to stand up in support of one of our more valued assets - our public libraries.

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.

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By Laura Roth, Children's Librarian

They say April Showers Bring May Flowers, and the Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time is certainly trying to bring the May flowers. The youngsters listened to several stories about rain and rainy days. Then there was a demonstration of how clouds form, using boiling water in a jar and ice cubes on a plate. Everyone had to get down on their tummies to watch the rain happen inside the library! There were puddles (pretend, of course) to jump in and a name-recognition cloud with raindrops hanging from yarn. (The grownups were super helpful for this project as many of the preschoolers can't hold a pencil, let alone write their name.)

Next week, Abracadabra, It's Spring! This really cool book has fold out pages and lots of fun pictures showing the transition from winter to spring. The kiddos will make a magic spring wand using sticks and yarn and beads and feathers and silk flowers. You really want to come make one of your own, for sure.

The Preschool Story Time at Albertson Memorial Library meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. during the school year. There's only a few Story Times left, so don't wait! We look forward to meeting new friends. Please join us.



Cardinals Lose a Close One

By Teresa Earleywine

Cardinal softball was defeated on a walk-off run against Monroe. Brodhead was in a 4-1 hole at the bottom of the first inning. Kaegann Paulson, for the Cheesemakers, and Ava Risum, for Brodhead went head-to-head from the mound as each struck out 12 batters.

Risum would be the first Cardinal to cross home for a score when Leah Rear doubled. Risum would score again in the fifth on a single by Rear to make it a 2-5game with Brodhead trailing. In the sixth, Natalie Pierce singles, and Tatum Ceslok gets walked. Keegan Steinke hits the ball to right field for a double. Both Pierce and Ceslok score. Risum went to work on the mound to hold Monroe to no runs in the bottom of six. The game would become tied, 5-5, when Krumwiede singles which allows Rear to score. With Paulson, pitcher for the Chee-

semakers, on first base, she then steals second. She will score the winning run on a single by Brinley Roidt to closeout the score 6-5 final.

You can find the Cardinals in action this week at Beloit Turner on Tuesday and hosting Clinton on Thursday, 5 p.m. game times.

Track Travels to Clinton x2 Last Week

By Teresa Earleywine

In a tri-meet last Tuesday, Brodhead women lost 89-57 against Beloit Turner and won 92-53 versus Clinton. The boys overpowered Clinton 89-55 and lost by a narrow margin, 78-68, to Beloit Turner.

Participating in the Clinton Relays on Friday night, eight schools participated. Jefferson won the event with 83.5 points, Brodhead Juda with 57 points placed sixth. Nolan Bump placed third in the 300m hurdles, the 4x400 relay teal of Mavrik Plummer, Bump, TJ Hall and Nicholas Lobeck earned second, the 1600m relay team of Plum-

mer, Tegan Pinnow, Erik Woodward and Jorge Villalva captured first, 3:43.73. In field events, Jordan Dix was fourth in shot put, Xavier Duncan was third in discus, Pinnow was first in high jump, 5'9", and third in long jump. Simon Moore soared to a first place finish, 13'3", in pole vault.

The Cardinal women finished in second, 81 points with Turner taking first with 91 points. First place finishes went to the 4x400 relay team of Elliana Shank, Olivia Hartwig, Irene Fernandez and Madi Brown, while Brynn Riesterer throwing 90'6" in discus.

Annalise Bethke came in fourth in 100m hurdles, as did Chesney Walker in the 300m hurdles. The team of Avalynn Plummer, Hartwig, Fernandez and Brielle Engen earned third in the 4x800m relay. Brodhead girls who participated in field events included Lily Scheidegger second in shot put, Brown second in high jump and Shank was fourth in long jump.

This week on Tuesday the team will host Clinton, Edgerton, and Evansville/



Brynn Riesterer took first place in discus at the Clinton Relays. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Teagan Pinnow earned first place in the Clinton Relays. This week the team hosted a quad meet at Gary Larsen Field on Tuesday. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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