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The Brodhead Optimist Club donated a dictionary to every student in Mrs. Riese's third grade classroom! Thank you to the Brodhead Optimists for sharing your time, energy, and positive vibes with the students of AES

## SSM Health Monroe Hospital shares area families' top baby names in 2025

SSM Health Monroe Hospital helped area families welcome 367 bundles of joy into the world in 2025, including 190 girls and 177 boys.

When looking at the most common names given to these sweet new family members, parents most commonly chose Charlotte and Cora for girls. For boys, the top names were Maverick and Cooper.

While SSM Health Monroe Hospital's Family Birth team is busy caring for families year-round, January saw the highest number of birthdays in 2025, with 36 little ones joining the world. December, May, June and October were tied for second busiest months with 35 little ones joining the world each of those months. SSM Health Monroe Hospital also helped welcome two sets of twins this year.

Birth totals, information and most popular names were collected from December 1, 2024, to November 30, 2025, to represent a full calendar year.

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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

## Basketball contest

The highest scoring game was the mens' UCLA at UC Riverside, 97-65. The winner of this week's basketball contest was Lynette VonAllmen, of Albany, with all the correct games and 92 points. The following also had all the correct games: Doug Reznier—83 points of Brodhead; and Eric VonAllmen—88 points, of Albany.

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## OBITUARIES



### Beverly Eunice Curtis

Beverly Eunice Curtis, age 78, Brodhead, passed away on Thursday, December 25, 2025, while surrounded by her family at home after fighting a brief illness.

Beverly was born in Laona, Wisconsin, to Arthur and Eunice Knoke on November 20, 1947. She graduated from Crandon high School, while working at the local motel as a maid. Shortly after high school she moved to Rheinlander where she started working at Red Dot. Red Dot is where she met Clyde Curtis. They married on February 3, 1967. Beverly went to work for Army and Ammunitions in Freedom, Wisconsin, when they moved to the area before they settled in Brodhead, in 1972, where they have been lifelong residents. Beverly was a homemaker and also worked for the Janesville

Gazette as the local newspaper lady from 1984-1986. Beverly returned to the workforce at Swiss Colony from 1987 to April 2002. After retirement and helping raise their grandkids, Beverly could be seen working at the Independent Register, Brodhead Elementary School from 2006-2021, and the DL Newcomer Funeral home from 2015-2025. Beverly was an avid reader, crochet for making blankets and towels, and canning from the garden. She loved baking and taking treats to neighbors, friends, and coworkers. She enjoyed her "Thelma and Louise" trips with her daughter and granddaughters, camping, many trips with Clyde and visiting family and friends.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Clyde, Sr.; three children: Clyde, Jr. (Amy) of Whitewater, John (Pam) of Janesville, and Kimberly (Jason) Carlisle of Madison; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren; her brother, Kenneth; and lots of precious nieces, nephews and friends that seem like family.

Beverly is preceded in death by her parents, a sister and brothers.

In keeping with Beverly's wishes there will not be services or a funeral. The family will be having a private celebration of life in the spring. We would like to thank the BAEMS, Fire Department and Agrace staff especially Nurse Ken and the neighbors, we could not have brought mom home at the end without you.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests no flowers at this time. Online condolences can be made at www.dlnewcomerfuneralhome.com.



### Jean M. Clark

Jean M. Clark, age 78, of Brodhead, entered eternal rest on Wednesday, December 24, 2025, at the SSM Hospice Home in Monroe. She was born on January 20, 1947, in Monroe, the youngest child of Phillip and Mary (Bartlett) Kauk. Jean was a 1965 graduate of Albany High School.

On March 25, 1967, Jean wed Paul Clark at the Albany United Methodist Church. Their six-month courtship turned into a loving marriage of 58 years.

Jean spent many years working for Burtress Chevrolet where she made lifelong friendships. She found joy in music and attending live performances and was an enthusiastic fan of high school and college sports. She also enjoyed crocheting, flower gardening and exploring her family's genealogy. She had a special love for animals and birds—especially her beloved kitties. Above all else, Jean treasured her family and friends and was always a peaceful grounding place for them to turn to. Her life was richly blessed by relationships, faith, and the love and support of those around her.

Jean is survived by her loving husband, Paul Clark of Brodhead; her daughters: Jacquelyn Wegner (Rod Sowders) of Milton and Kelli Clark (Joe Benash) of Madison. She was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers: Phillip Kauk, Jr. and Richard Kauk; and her sisters: M. Kathryn Peterson and Phyllis Picket.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 9, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Brodhead. A memorial service with Holy Communion will begin at 11 a.m., and a luncheon will be shared afterward.

Everson Funeral Home of Brodhead is assisting the family.

Jean's family extends heartfelt thanks to the staff at SSM Hospice Home for their compassionate care, smiles and kindness during her final months.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Jean's memory to SSM Hospice Home, or the Green County Humane Society.

## Downtown Restaurant Week Celebrates Local Cuisine

Downtown Janesville Inc. in partnership with the Janesville Area Convention and Visitors Bureau and Downtown Business Improvement District is excited to announce Downtown Restaurant Week, which will be held Monday, January 19th—Saturday, January 24th. This event showcases our vibrant downtown culinary scene where you will get to take advantage of special menus, diverse dining experiences, and support our local businesses. This highly anticipated event invites food lovers and tourists to explore some of the best dining experiences our city has to offer at exclusive prices.

Participating locations include: draft house, Genisa Wine Bar, Sandwich Bar, Sandee's Thai Fusion, Bodacious Shops of Block 42, O'Riley and Conway's, Franklin Street Tavern, Jack & Jenny's, Little Sister Crepe Shop, and Whiskey Ranch. The menus offered will be a two-course lunch and/or three-course dinner depending on the participating location. Some restaurants will offer the special menu on limited days depending on hours of operation. We recommend checking with the restaurant directly to confirm and make your reservation. Menus will be announced the first week of January. You can find all updated information on the Downtown Janesville Inc. Facebook event page or at downtownjanesville.com.

"Downtown Restaurant Week is a wonderful way for both locals and visitors to experience the diverse cuisine offerings in our downtown area," said Elaina Szyjewski, Managing Director of Downtown Janesville Inc. "Whether you're a food enthusiast or looking to try somewhere new, there's something for everyone to enjoy."

Make your reservations today and join the downtown community for this celebratory experience. For more information, visit downtownjanesville.com or email info@downtownjanesville.com



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## ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

### 2026 PARK SHELTER RESERVATIONS BEGINNING MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH—9 A.M.

Reservations for the park shelters for 2026 will begin being accepted at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 5th, at the City Hall. Reservations are based upon first-come, first served basis only, with no one allowed to register before that time. Registering may be done over the phone, by calling 608-897-2159 or by stopping down to the City Hall located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue. Once you have registered, a payment of \$50 for a resident of the City of Brodhead and \$75 for a non-resident; along with Park Reservation Agreement, must be turned in within five business days or your name will be removed from the calendar.

### BANK OF BRODHEAD BUS TRIP

There will be a Bank of Brodhead bus trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania from April 19-25, 2026. Highlights include admission to "Joshua" at Sight and Sound Theater, guided tour of Philadelphia, where they are celebrating our 250th anniversary, visit to Kitchen Kettle Village, guided tour of Lancaster, and admission to the Gettysburg National Park and a guided battlefield tour. The price is \$959 per person for double occupancy. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue Schmelzer by text or phone call to 608-558-8797.

### GIVE BLOOD. HELP SAVE LIVES

The Brodhead Blood Drive will be held Monday, January 5, from noon to 5 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Avenue, Brodhead.

Come and give blood for a chance to win a trip for two to Super Bowl LX in California. [Rcblood.org/SuperBowl](http://Rcblood.org/SuperBowl)

For an appointment call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org). Use sponsor code: BrodheadWI to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome!

### 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.

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## 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](mailto: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 [christinee@litewire.net](mailto:christinee@litewire.net) or 608-558-5828 and she will help you.

## BHS Class of 1999 reunion

The Brodhead High School Class of 1999 Reunion will be held Saturday, January 10th at Bridges starting at 6:30 p.m.

### Rep. Jenna Jacobson Introduces "Farmers and Agriculture

#### Keep Wisconsin Growing" Package

Rep. Jenna Jacobson (D-Oregon) joined her Democratic colleagues introducing the "Farmers and Agriculture Keep Wisconsin Growing" bill package. The bills include more funding for export promotion, agriculture land preservation, healthy food incentives, and buy-local grants that will directly help farmers and consumers across the state. Rep. Jacobson released the following statement after the announcement:

"When I talk to farmers in our community I hear a common refrain, times are so uncertain. Wisconsin's identity is rooted in agriculture. Right now, our farmers are facing unnecessary strain as a result of Trump's tariffs, which have raised costs and created instability across the industry. Instead of placing additional burdens on the people who put food on our tables, we should be giving them the resources they need to succeed. This set of bills expands opportunities for Wisconsin producers by increasing support for export growth, safeguarding farmland, investing in buy-local initiatives, and enhancing programs that connect families with healthy, locally sourced food. These efforts are designed to open doors for farmers and keep Wisconsin's agricultural tradition thriving. I encourage everyone to stand with Wisconsin's farmers by supporting this practical, forward-focused plan to help them keep growing—and keep feeding our state."

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Due to the holidays, City of Brodhead residents will be serviced on Saturday, December 27th, and Saturday, January 3rd.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## 20 Snows To Go!

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

## Make a difference—run for office

The City of Brodhead is announcing the upcoming opportunity for citizens to run for the offices of Mayor and Alderperson in the upcoming Spring Election!

The period for circulating nomination papers begins on Monday, December 1st. This is your chance to lead and shape the future of our community.

Key Election Forms and Access To officially run for office, you must obtain and file a set of three required forms from the City Clerk's office:

Campaign Registration Statement (CF-1): Filed prior to accepting contributions or making disbursements.

Declaration of Candidacy (EL-162): Declares your intent to run.

Nomination Papers (EL-169): Requires signatures from eligible electors (voters) in Brodhead.

How to Get Your Papers: Visit City Hall: Stop by the City Clerk's Office located at 1111 W. 2nd Avenue during normal business hours.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday—8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday—8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Contact: Call the Clerk's office at 608-897-4018 to let them know you are coming, or to ask any questions about the forms.

### Important Date to Remember

Filing Deadline: All required forms (CF-1, EL-162, and EL-169) must be filed with the City Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Good luck to all potential candidates!

## Are you struggling through the holidays as a caregiver?

Understand the grief, loss and mourning associated with caring for someone with dementia. Join us for Moving Forward: Grief and Ambiguous Loss Associated with Dementia Caregiving

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers of Rock and Marquette Counties are offering the 16-week grief and bereavement educational support group on Friday afternoons from 1-3 p.m. beginning January 16 and running through May 1, 2026. This is a virtual group. There is no cost to attend. Registration and screening are required.

Who is this group for? The group is for anyone who is or has cared for someone with dementia. Caring for someone with dementia presents a constant series of losses and not just those related to death. Each session will cover a grief, loss and mourning topic followed by about 60 minutes of conventional support group discussion.

For more information or to register, please contact Rock County Dementia Care Specialist, Karen Tennyson at 608-921-7165 or [karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us); Marquette County Dementia Care Specialist, Janet Wiegel at 608-297-3148 or [jwiegel@co.marquette.wi.us](mailto:jwiegel@co.marquette.wi.us).



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Danika Demrow went 4-for-4 from the stripe last Tuesday while hosting Clinton. The Cardinals were in control from the very beginning with a halftime score of 48 - 26. Alecia Dahl led the home team with 28 points, Ella Olson contributed 14 and Chesney Walker was solid, 3-for-3 from the arc, to add an additional 11 points. With the final score 79-48 for the win, Brodhead remains one game behind conference leader Edgerton. This week the girls took on Stoughton on Tuesday and will play Parkview on Friday, January 2, at home, game time is 7 p.m. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Lily Scheidegger place third at the Sleigh Bell Slam Tournament.



Ashlyn Cayentano Peublita place fourth at the Sleigh Bell Slam Tournament.



Olivia Brooks place second at the Sleigh Bell Slam Tournament.

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## Parkview/ Albany wrestling

By Joel Steinmann

Parkview/Albany's Pautsch got on the podium at the first annual Sleigh Bell Slam tournament in Poynette. The team finished the day in 20th place with 24 team points. Leading the team was Serenity Pautsch at 126# she was able to finish the day on a high note after dropping the semi finals match to Winnie Culver from Princeton/Green Lake. S. Pautsch pinned Brigette Stauffacher from Blackhawk/Shullsburg to place third. Ayda Klein 132# placed eighth and Avigale Pautsch 132# placed 10th.



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Left to right: Claire Hefty, Rosie Cephas, Helen Logan, Alivia Scheidegger, Julia Pierce.



Annabelle Schaefer, Carter Peterson, Liam Broughton



Camden Stephenson, Quentin Lewis-Usher, Aria Phillips



Jocelyn Guadalupe-Mondragon and Cedric Kraemer



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Thank you Brodhead Health and Fitness Center and Madeline McIntyre for letting 16 middle schoolers workout at your facility! We definitely were sore the next day!

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

It's holiday season. That time of year where you get to mingle with your loved ones or... start ordering trees for next spring! The Green County Land & Water Conservation Department is still offering eight varieties of trees and two shrubs for landowners interested in planting trees next spring. The tree varieties are: Bur Oak, Red Oak, Swamp White Oak, White Oak, Black Cherry, Domestic Apple, White Pine and Norway Spruce. The shrubs available are American Plum and Redosier Dogwood. The trees and shrubs are bare root, and range in height between 18 inches and 4 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.

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

Trees can be ordered by contacting the LWCD directly by phone or by ordering through the Green County LWCD website <https://greencountywcd.com/tree-sales/>. There are also order forms in the office if you want to stop by and pick one up. If you are unsure about what trees will work in your particular soil, have any questions about the trees or how to order stop in or give the Green County LWCD a call at 608-325-4195 ext 2682. Orders will be taken until Wednesday, December 31, 2025. Limited amounts of each species are available, so it is advised if you are looking for something specific- order early. Trees are scheduled for pick up mid to late April.

## Brodhead Board of Education urges residents to consider serving by seeking position

Recently School Board Member Elizabeth Kempel announced that she would not seek re-election for the Brodhead Board of Education in the spring election. This guarantees there will be at a minimum one (1) vacancy on the Board of Education in which the incumbent will not seek reelection. Two (2) other positions will also be on the spring ballot; presently those positions are filled by Michael Oellerich and Jennifer Flory.

Residents are urged to consider serving the children and Brodhead School District by seeking a position on the Board of Education. The filing date for those interested in becoming a candidate is: 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. Interested residents may obtain paperwork at the District Office located in the High School, 2501 West Fifth Avenue.

As a member of a School Board you are entrusted with one of the most important responsibilities that can be assigned to any citizen—that of helping to direct the education of the youth.

One of the most frequently asked questions about being a School Board Member is, what kind of qualifications must a candidate have? Experienced Board Members have included the following as preferred qualifications:

- A commitment to the belief that all children of the School District are entitled to have available to them a beneficial educational program
- An open mindedness and readiness to learn
- A vision and an ability to understand changes in our society
- Freedom from conflict with any other interest

The Board of Education encourages each citizen to give serious consideration to become a School Board candidate. It is important for qualified and interested citizens to become actively involved in the educational process so that we all can work together and continue the tradition of providing the best education possible to our young people.

## SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services Scholarship Applications Now Available

SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services is once again offering scholarships for students seeking a career in the healthcare field. The deadline for application submission is Saturday, February 28, 2026.

The first scholarship is for high school seniors. SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services awards two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors each year. One scholarship will be awarded to a Monroe High School senior, and one scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior from a community with SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group sites—Albany, Brodhead, New Glarus, Durand, Freeport and Lena—or who live within an area serviced by a branch site.

The second scholarship is for continued education students. Four \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded to area college students. Applicants must have completed at least one year of advanced study (beyond high school) in a health-related field and be a resident of a community with a SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group location or who live within an area serviced by a clinic or child of a SSM Health employee.

Requirements for both types of scholarships are the individual must be pursuing a degree or certificate in a healthcare related field, have a GPA of 3.25 or higher with an emphasis on science and math, and all applications must be typed. In no specific order, recipients will be selected based on citizenship, need and school and outside activities.

Students who have received a high school scholarship in the past are eligible to apply for the advanced study scholarship. However, an individual may only receive each scholarship once.

Applications are available at [givetossmhealth.org/MonroeScholarships](http://givetossmhealth.org/MonroeScholarships). For more information, please contact SSM Health Monroe Volunteer Services at 608-324-1569.

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## Postmark changes

Taxpayers should no longer rely on same-day postmarks for mailed property tax payments, due to a policy change from the U.S. Postal Service (USPS).

Residents who pay their property taxes by mail should be aware that, effective December 24th, 2025, USPS moved the postmarking process from local post offices to regional sorting centers. This may affect how mail is postmarked.

Under this change, mail sent from outside a 50-mile radius of a regional processing center (Milwaukee or Minneapolis) may not be postmarked on the day it is received at the local post office. Instead, it may be postmarked a day or two later when it is processed at the regional facility.

Under Wisconsin law, to be considered timely, a mailed tax payment must be postmarked on or before the due date. Because of this, they strongly encourage taxpayers who rely on mailing their payments to take extra precautions. To ensure timely payment, taxpayers should bring their mail inside the post office and request a hand-stamped postmark at the counter or consider sending their payment by certified mail to obtain proof of mailing. These are the only ways to ensure your mailed payment will be considered timely.

In short, if you plan to pay your property taxes by mail, do NOT wait until the January 31st deadline to place your payment in the mail.

## 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.

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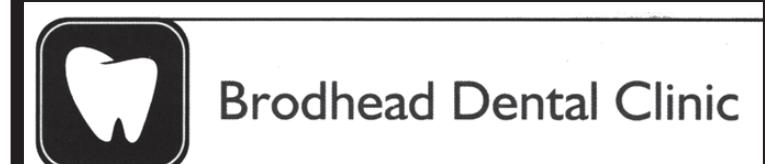
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Stock as of December 11: Balsam Fir, 6-12 inch seedlings, Eastern Arborvitae, 7-15 inch seedlings, Norway Spruce, 7-15 inch seedlings, Red Oak, 18-24 inch seedlings, Sugar Maple, 6-12 inch seedlings, and White Pine, 7-15 inch seedlings. Shrubs: Nannyberry 12-18 inch seedlings, and Silky Dogwood, 12-24 inch seedlings. Fruit: Domestic (Common) Apple, 14-28 inch seedlings and Red Raspberry (Caroline-Thornless), 1 year XL Canes. Native Plants are six different mixes. See website for more information. Tree protectors and Root Dip Planting Gel are also available.

Find the order form, windbreak designs, and more handy information at the Rock County Land Conservation Department website <http://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/tree-shrub-native-plant-sale> or call 608-757-5588 during normal business hours.

This sale runs from September until April every year and features limited stock of a variety of tree and shrub species with the best selection early.

## POLICE

Green County Sheriff's Department  
December 22-28, 2025

At approximately 8:28 p.m., Wednesday, deputies responded to a residence in the N1400 block of Brunkow Road, Town of Jefferson, for a report of disorderly conduct. As a result of the investigation Brian M. Schwartz, 43, of Juda, was arrested for disorderly conduct. Schwartz was incarcerated at the Green County Jail pending the posting of bond or an initial court appearance.

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For a complete job description visit: <http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us/> To apply send a resume and cover letter by January 9, 2026 at 12:00 p.m. to: City of Brodhead, PO Box 168, Brodhead, Wisconsin, 53520 or email to [cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us)

### POOL & REC SUMMER APPLICATIONS

Applications will be available at City Hall, the Brodhead High School office, and on the City of Brodhead website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>), beginning Monday, January 5th, for summer 2026 employment. All applications are due by Friday, February 27th, at City Hall. If you have any questions, please call Ashley Graves at 608-897-2159.

Concessions Cashier, Tots Instructor, T-ball Instructor and Umpiring—applicant must be at least 14 years old

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Legion Park Maintenance—applicant must be at least 16 years old

### Monday Night Mixed League

12/22—High series: Ryan Flood 700, Al Petersen 678, Jason Shrier 649. High games: Rick Reed 257, R. Flood 255, Jason Schoen 255. Broughton's Bar-high team game 1,071 and series 2,981. **Standings:** Center Tavern won 95.5 lost 66.5, Fosters Gaming 93.5-68.5, Broughton's Bar 90.5-71.5, Beloit Chiropractic 86-76, Albany Lanes 66-96, Bartelt 54.5-107.5.

### Badger

12/23—High series: Brian Behnke 671, Ryan Brugger 635, Josh Brugger 576, LeRoy Blumer 562. High games: R. Brugger 258, B. Behnke 245, Brian Purdy 220, Dave Brugger 215. Renks-high team game 832. Jim's Mechanic Shop-high team series 2,298. **Standings:** Renks won 31 lost 11, Counter Attack 26-16, Decatur Dairy 26-16, Jim's Mechanic Shop 23-19, Team 6 14-28, TUGS 6-36.

### Brodhead Juniors

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**By Cindy Clint,  
Outreach Coordinator**

**Here's a look at what's taking place this January at the Albertson Memorial Library:**

The library will be closed in observation of New Year's on December 31st and January 1st, resuming normal hours on Saturday, January 2nd.

The Albertson Memorial Library invites adults, ages 18 and older, to participate in our "31-Day Reading Challenge." Read for 30 minutes each day throughout January. Enjoy four cheat days if needed. Read any material (audiobooks, eBooks, novels, magazines, newspapers, etc.). To participate, pick up your entry form at the library. Mark off each day you complete and return your finished form by Friday, February 6th to be entered into a drawing for a \$30 gift card to Dam Near Home Bar and Grill. The winner will be announced on Friday, February 6th.

The Albertson Memorial Library is thrilled to announce an exciting new addition to our collection: VOX Books! VOX Books are physical children's books with a built-in audio reader, enabling a read-along experience without extra devices. Kids can listen to the story while reading by pressing a button, which also prompts page turns. This system requires no Wi-Fi, computers, or tablets, making it an accessible tool for early literacy development at home. Visit us and explore them today!

Every Tuesday at 10 a.m., gather with us for Preschool Storytime led by our Children's Programming

Specialist, Miss Laura. Each week, we'll explore captivating tales that highlight:

- Princesses and family
- Canines and felines
- Animals and nature
- Things that go

Additionally, on months with a fifth Tuesday, we'll introduce a special bonus theme! Come and enjoy a delightful mix of stories and crafts.

The Albany Joint Library Board meeting is scheduled to take place, at the library, on Tuesday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be available on our website and posted at the library the Friday prior to the meeting. Join us to discover the library's future plans!

Discover how to craft your own batch of Aroma Stones to add a gentle scent to any room at Diane's Craft Night on Wednesday, January 7th at 6:30 p.m. You'll have a choice of three different essential oils to select from. Can't make it? No worries! You can collect a kit from the library anytime during January and enjoy crafting this project whenever it suits you!

We invite you to join us for the next Friends of the Albertson Memorial Library meeting on Thursday, January 8th at 6 p.m. We will review what went well and what could be improved from our Snack with Santa event, elect new officers, and discuss plans for 2026.

Embark on an extraordinary journey in our Dungeons and Dragons campaign, "Shadows of the Infinite Staircase," taking place on January 10th and 24th at 4 p.m.! Immerse yourself in a thrilling adventure as you assist the Guildmaster in lifting a shadowy curse from the mystical staircase. Jump in anytime—no need for a magical portal!

If you missed the character creation party, give us a shout to arrive early and get your hero ready. This campaign is ideal for adventurers aged 15 and older. On the fence? Curious about the chaos and camaraderie? Check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for thrilling recaps of past sessions!

Grab your favorite crafty creation and join the Creative Capers for a snack-tastic, chitchat-filled evening on Friday, January 16th at 6 p.m.!

Swing by for an evening of whimsy and wordplay with the Sugar River Writers on Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 p.m. Whether you're a scribbling novice or a seasoned pen wizard, all are welcome!

Head to the Albertson Memorial Library for a night of "Summer Fun" indoors! Escape the chilly weather and enjoy an evening of indoor fun. We're excited to host a "Summer Fun" night, on Friday, January 23rd from 5-7 p.m., featuring:

- A bounce house
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Discuss Yellow Wife by Sadeqa Johnson with All Booked Up on Monday, January 26th at 6:30 p.m. An engrossing story of a sheltered, enslaved woman who is forced into Richmond's brutal Devil's Half Acre jail, where she must outwit her cruel jailer to survive and protect those she loves.

Please follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary>, Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary> or check out our calendar of events on our website at <https://www.albertsonlibrary.org> for additional information.

## Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library

**Even More Jerks in Chicago 1950 to 2000**

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

Please join us at the Durand Library Saturday, January 10 for this hard look at the characters who shaped Chicago history. There were too many to treat together so speaker Brad Keyes divided the subject into time periods. Brad is a lover of history, faithful to facts, and an engaging speaker who adds dry humor and insight to his presentations. Mark your calendar for this

90-minute talk, which will begin at 10 a.m.

In October, Brad looked at the 1800s; in November he told the stories of the men and women who turned Chicago into the corrupt and crime-riddled midwestern town it became in the first half of the 20th century. We began with William J. Davis the cost-cutting theater owner where over 600 people died in one afternoon. We looked at James Colosimo, the grandfather of the Chicago mob, and how Big Jim Thompson was perhaps the most corrupt mayor Chicago ever had. Brad explained how Dean O'Banion, Al Capone, and John Dillinger had their influence and rule over the local mob.

Please join us for this last of three presentations on Jerks in Chicago History, where we examine the actions of even more thieves, murderers, and jerks who were active in the latter half of the 20th Century. Some were politicians, some were law enforcement officers, and some were respected business entrepreneurs. Whatever their role, they resorted to their dark side and added to the list of badly behaved characters who shaped the history of the Windy City.

The talk begins at 10 a.m. and coffee and tasty little pastries will be served. We invite everyone to come to the library, get comfortable and hear more about this extraordinary city and the dishonorable people who tarnished its image.

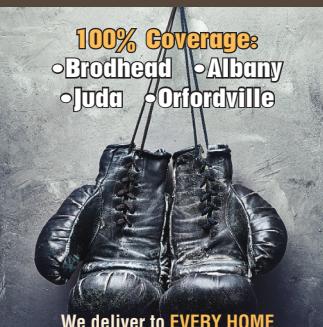
**About the Library**

These talks are presented by the Friends of the Durand Library, a non-profit organization which collaborates with the Durand School to provide library services in the Durand area.

Entry is at the east or playground end of the building. Follow the signs along the wide paved walkway. Check out privileges are free for all residents of the school district. Hours are 9 a.m.–noon Saturdays and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday evenings.

Email [villagelibrary@cusd322.org](mailto:villagelibrary@cusd322.org) or call 815-289-8602 for more information about the library and visit us on [FB/durandvillagelibrary](https://www.facebook.com/durandvillagelibrary).

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