

City Council

Brodhead Municipal Court to Merge with Decatur Pending Their Approval

By Grace Kufahl

Kevin Lord from MSA brought to the Council's attention that some residents had questioned a change order removing sidewalks along three blocks of 13th Street where road construction is underway. Administrator DiRe confirmed to Mayor Baxter that sidewalks are required for new construction. Lord advised that the sidewalks could be included for \$60,000 without impacting the timeline. The Council approved a change order to replace the sidewalks in question.

Richard McConnell gave a virtual presentation on the Savvy Citizen application. Savvy Citizen provides a way for residents to receive communication from the city via push notifications, text or email. This could include, for example, emergency alerts, zoning ordinances, gas leaks, job openings, volunteer opportunities or notifications of canvassers. The council voted in favor of an annual subscription, with

setup fee of \$400, an annual cost of \$1,859, and a monthly fee of \$25 for a calendar plugin.

Police Chief Raupp presented the completed ordinance to repeal the current Chapter 27 and establish a joint municipal court with Decatur Township. The motion to approve the joint municipal court, contingent upon approval by the Town of Decatur, was carried.

In Other Business:

After receiving park equipment bids of \$122,000, the council voted to have MSA open up the bids to the public as required by law for expenditures exceeding \$50,000.

In his report, Administrator DiRe informed the council a pit toilet, paid for by a grant, has been installed in the Pearl Island Corridor and that the downtown WIFI program, paid for by the county, has been completed.

To address the damage caused by muskrats to the Pearl Island berm, the Council approved an exemption

to the trapping ordinance, allowing citizens to apply for permission to trap.

Resolution 2026-005 was passed amending the budget to transfer money from the General Fund back to the Park and Rec and Street departments' budgets after tractors were purchased without the department heads' knowledge.

Chief Raupp was authorized to obtain a quote for wiring for potential future cameras to be installed downtown.

Raupp was also approved to research an ordinance defining and addressing usage of electric scooters and bicycles in Brodhead.

In the Mayor's Report, Paul Huffman was approved for the Finance Committee, the Consigny Firm was appointed as the City Attorney, Jason McQueery was named the Street and Weed Commissioner and Alder Katie Porterfield was approved for the Planning Commission and Pool and Rec Committees.

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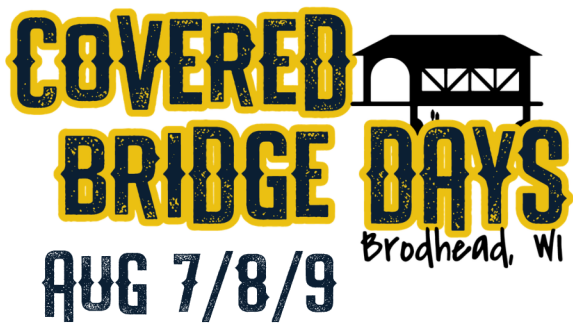
Covered Bridge Days Tractor Show

There will be plenty to see at this year's Covered Bridge Days Tractor Show, Saturday, August 8 and Sunday, August 9. The Massey Harris association will be having their 25th anniversary celebration in Brodhead, with a large variety of tractors and a display of their history. Not a Massey fan? Don't worry, all other brands of tractors will be available for viewing too.

Enjoy watching the kids pedal pull, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Antique tractor and garden tractor pulls will start at 11 a.m. both days. Want to find easy parking—park by the tractor show and catch a shuttle to uptown events. Shuttles will run from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday. A one and one-half hour tractor drive will start at 4 p.m. on Saturday. Anyone is welcome to come, ride a wagon being pulled by a tractor, and enjoy the scenery at a slow pace. A free will donation will be taken for the American cancer society.

Sunday, a car show will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at McClaren Machine and Tool and Kelsch Machine. There will be a parade at noon Sunday. Several demonstrations will be going on each day, showcasing how our ancestors did their work years ago.

Thanks to our generous sponsors, including Speich Oil, there is no admission charge for any of these events.



7TH

FRIDAY NIGHT

5:00P - FOOD VENDORS ~ 7:30 - 10:30P - LIVE MUSIC: PRIME COUNTRY

8TH

SATURDAY

9:00A-4:00P DOWNTOWN MARKET - THE SQUARE AND VETERANS PARK

1:00P - JAMES THE MAGICIAN ON THE MAIN STAGE!

8:00-11:00P - LIVE MUSIC: EMBER

KIDS' ACTIVITIES, BOAT TOURS, HISTORICAL WAGON TOURS, TRACTOR SHOWS & PULLS & MORE!

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ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN

LIONS FOOD STAND

The Brodhead Lions will have a food stand both days at the Covered Bridge Days Tractor Show. Come enjoy a pork sandwich, brat or hot dog, a variety of drinks will be for sale too. Monies raised will support local projects.

BHS CLASS OF 1976 REUNION

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

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

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

BRODHEAD POLICE ASSOCIATION 12th ANNUAL NIGHT OUT

The Brodhead Police Association is hosting the 12th Annual Brodhead Night Out on Tuesday, August 11th (rain date Wednesday, August 12th) from 5 to 8 p.m. at Jaycee Park, 300 4th Street.

This FREE Night Out is a community wide event to heighten awareness of crime, drug and prevention efforts and to encourage community participation. For more information please visit them on Facebook and Instagram!

NFL FLAG FOOTBALL SIGN-UP (Deadline: Friday, July 31st)

The Brodhead Pool & Recreation Department will be sponsoring a six-week youth NFL flag football program for boys and girls in second-sixth grades. The games will be played on the Brodhead High School practice field on Saturday mornings beginning September 5th and ending October 10th.

Registration forms are available at the Brodhead Pool and Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead Website (<http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us>) The cost is \$60, which includes an NFL team-identified reversible jersey and flag set.

Please return forms to the Brodhead Pool and Rec Department at City Hall. If you have any questions about registration or about the league, contact Brodhead Pool and Rec at 897-2159 x9. Deadline is Friday, July 31st at 4:30 p.m. After Friday, July 31, registration forms will not be accepted.

Green County Genealogical Society to meet Sat., Aug. 1

The Green County Genealogical Society will present “Jenny Appleseed” by Jessica Michna. The presentation is Saturday, August 1 at 10 a.m. in the Monroe Public Library community room on the second floor. The program is open to the public.

Jenny Appleseed—Lost Lore and Tall Tales

Almost as soon as the first colonists settled in the New World, stories of exceptional people and situations were told to enthralled listeners. Over time, some of these tales have been lost in the dust of history. Meet Jenny Appleseed, the fictional sister of “Johnny Appleseed”, as she takes you on a journey through American Folklore. Along the way you will meet such memorable characters as Rip Van Winkle, Pecos Bill, Paul Bunyan and of course, John Chapman.

Originally from Pennsylvania, Jessica Michna developed a love of history at an early age. She and her family visited many historic sites throughout America. Her school years would find her appearing in various productions, in addition to costume design and construction. Upon graduation several scholarships were offered to further her studies in theater arts. She would opt to earn a degree in psychology from the UW system working several years as a researcher and lecturer.

Her love of theater and history would eventually bring Jessica to found her company, “First Impressions.” Since its founding in the year 2000, Jessica has expanded her repertoire to include seventeen historic figures.

In 2016 she was awarded the Presidential Service Center's Distinguished Service award for her riveting portrayals of First Ladies.

Indoor/Outdoor Event—customized

For any questions about the meeting or presentation, call Donna at 608-921-1537. The GCGS Research Center (located in the lower level of the Monroe Public Library) is open to the public for research Tuesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Other times available by appointment. The phone number is 608-328-7436 and the website is www.greencogenealogywi.org.

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Albany Lions Club Stuff The Bus Service Project and Albany Lions Club “Pig Out”

The Albany Lions Club is once again sponsoring their “Stuff The Bus” Service Project and holding the “Lion's Pig Out”.

Since 2013, Stuff The Bus has been a project where school supplies are collected for children in our community. Several business locations in Albany provide canisters for cash donations and/or bins for collection of supplies. The collection sites will be open until Thursday, August 20th and each site has a listing of items that are specifically being requested. In 2025 they collected over 330 individual items and nearly \$1,000 in cash, which was used to purchase additional needed supplies.

On Saturday, August 1st, the club is hosting their annual “Pig Out”. Pork Loins and loaded potato bar will be available for on site serving and carry out from 4:30 until 8 p.m. for the cost of \$10. A raffle drawing is also being held. Tickets for dinner and raffle tickets are available from any Lions member. Raffle proceeds go toward local scholarships and community projects. They will have a drop off box for school supplies and donations in the parking lot of the Lions building that evening.

Phyllis Runaas of the Lions shared that “Everyone is invited to the “Pig Out” and encouraged to contribute to the “Stuff The Bus” project. These are just two of the many events held at the building, which is located just off Hwy 59 on Cincinnati Street in Albany.

SOFTBALL

Sunday Night Church

Sunday 7/19 results: Living Word defeated Luther Valley 17-15; Church of God tied United Methodist 4-4; Orfordville Lutheran defeated Congregational UCC 4-2.

Sunday 7/26 results: United Methodist defeated Orfordville Lutheran 14-1; Luther Valley defeated Bethlehem Lutheran 14-11; Church of God defeated Living Word 9-3.

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

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Twilight in the Park

6:00 ~ 8:00 p.m. • Veterans Park

All concerts will be held on Sunday evenings from 6-8 p.m.
Bring your lawn chairs/blankets—Reminder: dogs are not allowed in city parks. Concerts are FREE to the public - come and enjoy!

Sunday, August 2nd
5 p.m. **Miranda Ends (Opening) Guitar Cherokee Rose Band**
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34th Annual Gap Church Hymn Sing

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

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

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

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

SOFTBALL

Tuesday Night Masters' League

Tuesday's 7/21 results: Bridges Bar & Grill 1 defeated The Bar 1 10-5; The Bar 2 defeated Bridges Bar & Grill 2 10-6.

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

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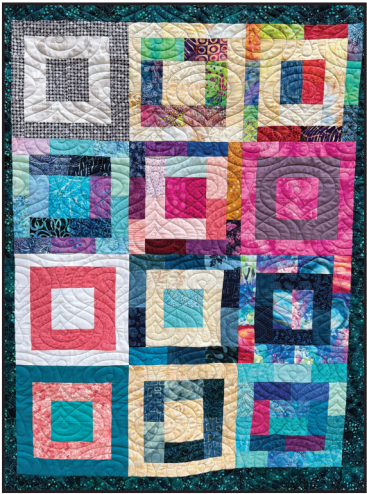
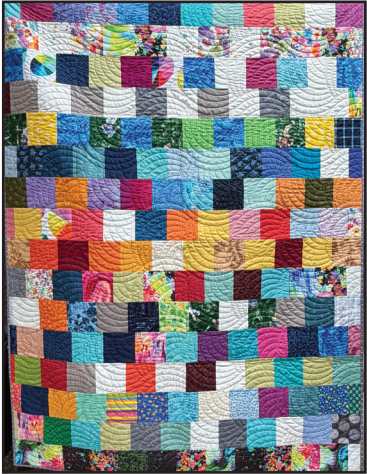


Sew Fun Class

The Sew Fun Class has been hard at work this year! All three classes completed three beautiful quilts to be donated to the Sassy Farm Chicks in Orfordville with the help of Mrs. Calhoon and Mrs. Sommerfeldt.

These special, handmade quilts will be given to children in the Green and Rock County foster programs, bringing a little extra comfort and warmth to kids who need it most. If anyone would like to see the quilts, they will be displayed at the Airing of the Quilts in Orfordville on Saturday, September 19th.

A huge thank you to everyone in the Sew Fun Class for dedicating their time, talent, and hearts to this wonderful project. You are making a real difference in our community!



Brodhead High School Class of 1964

The Brodhead High School Class of 1964 held their 62nd class reunion on Saturday, July 25, at Bass Creek. Pictured, left to right, back row: Dick Jones, Wayne Gibson, Gary Suiter, Larry Ziltener, Bob Peterson, Dan Olson, Robin TenEyck, Joe Kunder; middle row: Diane Reimer Argoudelis, Mary Williams Berkin, Pat Lightfoot Hoff, Lorraine Wendler Olson, Judy Hulbert Bordson, Linda Wotler Rasmussen; front row: Dan Newcomer, George Brandenburg, Ron Cowan, Vicki Hawkins Clark and Beverly Robinson Ackerman. Not pictured: Gail Skogan Vita.

Athletic/Activity Code Meeting

If your child is any Brodhead High School athletics or other school activities you and your child are required to attend the Code Meeting. This will be held on Monday, August 3rd at 6 p.m. in the high school gym. Questions, contact the high school office.

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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2026 Premier Exhibitor Award Winners

2026 Green County Premier Exhibitor Competition Results

The 17th annual Green County Premier Exhibitor Competition was held at the 2026 Green County Fair. This event is designed to recognize 4-H and FFA members who have shown exceptional involvement and knowledge in their respective project area.

The Premier Exhibitor Competition is open to any exhibitor in the areas of swine, dairy, beef, sheep, goats, horse, rabbits, and poultry, and is divided into two age divisions. The junior division is for exhibitors in grades third-eighth, and the senior division is for exhibitors in grades nine and up. There is also a Platinum division for youth in the senior division who have previously won first place in their respective species. Youth who participate in this division are tested on all species rather than just their own. This contest consists of a knowledge exam, skillathon, and how well the exhibitor did in showmanship in the chosen species they compete under. The skillathon consisted of four stations: breed identification, equipment identification, meat and cheese identification, and feed identification.

2026 Premier Exhibitor Results:

Beef: Junior Division—first place: Zoie Donovan, Young Americans 4-H; second place: Thadeus Miller, Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H; third place: Rylee Helgestad, Decatur 4-H. Senior Division—first place: Olivia Brooks, Juda FFA; second place: Lena Nyhus, New Glarus FFA; third place: Madelyn Ruegsegger, Clarno 4-H

Dairy: Junior Division—first place: Siera McCullough, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H; second place: Hope Soddy, Clarno 4-H; third place: Hailey Ula, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H. Senior Division—first place: Abby Withrow, Decatur 4-H; second place: Raevynn Jackson, Monroe FFA; third place: Anna Bartels, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H.

Goats: Junior Division—first place: Kinzley Boeke, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H; second place: Braxton Boeke, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H; third place: Brooklyn Svendsen, Dougherty Creek 4-H.

Rabbits: Junior Division—first place: Liam Goers, Washington Center 4-H; second place: Baruch Conley, Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H; third place: Brantley Wollin, Jolly Mixers 4-H. Senior Division—first place: Elena Boss, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; second place: Peter Goers, Washington Center 4-H; third place: Kennedi Lerch, Juda FFA.

Poultry: Junior Division—first place: Jordan Luedtke, Washington Center 4-H; second place: Ava Krueger, New Glarus 4-H; third place: Kallie Kubly, Young Americans 4-H. Senior Division—first place: Tayla Shrader, Jolly Mixers 4-H; second place: Clara Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H.

Sheep: Junior Division—first place: Stephanie Miller, New Glarus 4-H; second place: Georgia Christen, Washington Center 4-H; third place: Cole Beeman, Decatur 4-H. Senior Division—first place: Addison Curran, Monroe FFA; second place: Lexi Seffrood, Monroe FFA; third place: Jackson Trupke, Monroe FFA.

Swine: Junior Division—first place: Owen Larson, Decatur 4-H; second place: Max Wenzel, Decatur 4-H; third place: Lane Kuebli, Jolly Mixers 4-H. Senior Division—first place: Avriel Hosch, Juda FFA; second place: Phoenix Homan, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H; third place: Kylee Miller, Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H.

Horse: (NEW in 2026) Junior Division—first place: Joclyn Watson, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; second place: Cordelia Schutz, New Glarus 4-H; third place: Violet Pulver, Young Americans 4-H. Senior Division—first place: Chloe Pulver, Young Americans 4-H; second place: Rebecca Froseth, Clarno 4-H; third place: Zoe Bobrowicz, York 4-H.

Platinum Premier Exhibitor—Grand: Elizabeth Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; Reserve: Lucas Veeder, Cheese Country Clovers 4-H.

This year there were a total of 123 participants, and the top participant in each species and division received a \$30 gift card to Farm and Fleet. The second and third place participants in each division received \$20 and \$10 Farm and Fleet gift cards, respectively. The Grand Platinum Premier Exhibitor earned a \$50 Amazon gift card, with the Reserve earning a \$25 Culver's gift card. Also new this year, Horse participant that completed their test in senior and junior division and received a \$30, \$20, and \$10 Farm and Fleet gift cards

Sponsors for this contest included: AK Acres, Country View, Crazy T Ranch, Green County Beef Producers, Green County Holstein Breeders, Green County Pork Producers, Hesgard Collision Center, Klitzman Seed LLC, and Spring Grove Dairy.

For more information about the Premier Exhibitor Competition, please contact: Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 608-328-9440.



2026 Master Showman Participants—bottom row, left to right: Emily Curran (Goats), Champion Master Showman Taylor Svendsen (Sheep), Reserve Master Showman Katelynne Jorenby (Sheep), Helaina Keehn (Rabbits); top row: Raevynn Jackson (Dairy), Kennedy Zimmerman (Dairy), Lucas Veeder (Poultry), Colt Nyman (Beef), Johnna Blum (Beef), Rebecca Froseth (Goats), Wyatt Steiner (Swine), Rahfi Pfeuti (Swine).

2026 Green County Master Showman Competition Results

The 20th annual Green County Master Showman Competition was held at the 2026 Green County Fair on Saturday, July 18th. This event brings in the top senior (grades 10 and above) showmen in the dairy, beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits and poultry departments at the fair. Two youth from dairy, beef, sheep, swine and goats are invited to participate, and one youth is invited from the rabbit and poultry divisions.

During the event, the twelve participants show all the animal species exhibited at the fair in a round-robin format. Youth are judged by qualified showmanship judges and members of the agriculture industry from the surrounding communities. After six rotations of the event are completed, the scores are tallied and the member with the highest score earns the title of Green County Fair Master Showman.

2026 Master Showman participants were: Kennedy Zimmerman (Next Generation 4-H), Raevynn Jackson (Monroe FFA), Johnna Blum (New Glarus FFA), Colt Nyman (Monticello FFA), Rebecca Froseth (Clarno 4-H), Emily Curran (Black Hawk FFA), Taylor Svendsen (Argyle FFA), Katelynne Jorenby (Pecatonica FFA), Rahfi Pfeuti (Monticello FFA), Wyatt Steiner (Monroe FFA), Lucas Veeder (Cheese Country Clovers 4-H), Helaina Keehn (Next Generation 4-H).

The 2026 Green County Fair Master Showman was awarded to Taylor Svendsen (Argyle FFA) and Katelynne Jorenby (Pecatonica FFA) was named Reserve Master Showman. Jeff Ditzenberger was Master of Ceremonies for the event.

Showmanship judges included: Swine—Logan Bennett, Durand, WI; Rabbits—Hanna Brattlie, Cambridge; Beef—Austin Lynd, Janesville; Goats—Trenten Zahn, Whitewater; Sheep—Mitch Wilson, Brodhead; Dairy—Colin Uecker, Watertown; Poultry—Joy Brattlie, Jefferson County, WI.

The overall winner and reserve received a plaque and gift card. All contestants received a medallion and t-shirt for being a qualifier in the event. Extension Green County coordinated the 2026 Green County Fair Master Showman Competition with sponsorship from Compeer Financial, Lake Ridge Bank, Klitzman Seed LLC, Klondike Farms, and the Green County Farm Bureau.

For more information about the Master Showman Competition, please contact: Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608-328-9440.



Pontoon Boat Rides during Covered Bridge Days

Decatur Lake and Mill Race Association (DLMRA) is pleased to announce the continuation of their leisurely pontoon boat rides on the historic Brodhead Mill Race during Covered Bridge Days.

2026 Summer Reading Challenge

Unearth a Story

The reading challenge is open, to all ages, from June 1st to August 28th. Participants can earn prize entries by tracking their reading.

How it works:

1. Pick up a reading log at the library.
2. Read any material (audiobooks, eBooks, novels, etc.) to fill the log.
3. Choose a prize for each completed log, sign, and return it for a new log (one log = one entry).
4. Repeat until August 28th.

Winners will be notified after the drawing.

AUGUST

Dungeons and Dragons

Embark on an exciting journey as we delve into the enigmatic depths of the Shadows of the Infinite Staircase.

at 4 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Saturday each month

Suitable for ages 15 and up

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Join All Booked Up

in a discussion of *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig on August 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Picture a journey where you can witness the ways your life could have transformed through different decisions. What if there existed a library where you could delve into the possibilities of how things might have unfolded differently? Would any of these alternate lives genuinely be an improvement?

Diane's Craft Night

Hoo's ready to craft a garden owl out of crescent pavers? Fly over to the Albertson Memorial Library on August 5th from 6:30-8 PM and join Diane for a hoot of a crafting session!

This craft will only be available during the in-person gathering. Registration is required. You can register at the library or contact us by phone at 608-862-3491 or email us at albertsonlibrary@gmail.com to have your name added to the list.

Enter through the south entrance.



By Cindy Clint, Outreach Coordinator

Here's a glimpse at the events happening this August at the Albertson Memorial Library:

The 2026 Summer Reading Challenge is open to bookworms of all ages and will keep the page-turning fun alive until Friday, August 28th! Participants can earn prize entries by tracking their reading. Pick up a reading log at the library. Read any material (audiobooks, eBooks, magazines, newspapers, novels, etc.) to fill the log. Choose a prize for each completed log and return it for a new log (one log = one entry). Get those reading logs wrapped up and handed in by August 28th to boost your chance to win. Winners will be notified after the drawing. It's never too late to get started! Curious about this year's prizes? Come by and check out our display case!

Hoo's ready to craft a garden owl out of crescent pavers? Fly over to the Albertson Memorial Library on Wednesday, August 5th from 6:30-8 p.m. and join Diane for a hoot of a crafting session at Craft Night with Diane! This craft will only be available during the in-person gathering. Registration is required. You can register at the library or contact us by phone at 608-862-3491 or email us at albertsonlibrary@gmail.com.

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Rides will be available on Saturday, August 8, only from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Prices: \$8 age 13 and up, \$5 ages four-12 and free for infants-three. Four pontoon boats will provide rides all day long on a first come first served basis. Located at the "tailrace" below the Brodhead water tower. Limited parking—but an easy walk from the square. The boat ride goes the full three-mile length of the Mill Race and back, passing under three bridges including the exciting "extra low" County F bridge, taking approximately 40 minutes. New this year will be children's activities onboard and the usual "looking for turtles."

Fun for all ages. Funds support the projects of DLMRA to improve the quality of your outdoor water activities in the Brodhead area.

com to have your name added to the list.

The Albany Joint Library Board meeting is scheduled to take place, at the library, on Tuesday, August 4th 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 learn more about upcoming plans for the library!

Prepare to embark on an unforgettable journey in our Dungeons and Dragons campaign, "Shadows of the Infinite Staircase," taking place on Saturdays, August 8th and 22nd at 4 p.m.! Immerse yourself in a thrilling, and often humorous, quest as you assist the Guildmaster in lifting a mysterious curse from the enchanted staircase. Jump in anytime—no need for a magical portal to participate! If you missed the character creation party, give us a shout to arrive early and we'll help you get your hero ready. This campaign is designed for adventurers aged 15 and older. Want to know more? If you're feeling uncertain or curious about the fun and friendships that await, check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for recaps of previous sessions!

Picture a journey where you can witness the ways your life could have transformed through different decisions. What if there existed a library where you could delve into the possibilities of how things might have unfolded differently? Would any of these alternate lives genuinely be an improvement? Dive into

our mind-bending discussion of "The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig with All Booked Up on Monday, August 24th at 6:30 p.m. Don't miss it!

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Creative Capers, our ultimate adult craft bash, is taking a break over the busy summer months. Fear not, because the party crafts its comeback in September! Mark your calendars and prepare for the crafty chaos to resume!

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2026 Green County Fair Cheese Auction Results

Co-Grand Champion: #627 Emmi Roth, Emmi Roth USA, Roth Grand Cru Reserve Cheese Wheel 99.80; #567 Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Inc, White Curd 99.75.

Brick—LOT 402: 564 Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Brick Cheese—score 99.45, place second, total pounds 5, price per pound or unit \$300, total \$1,500, bidder—Ace Chemical. LOT 403: 564 Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Brick Cheese—score 99.45, place second, total pounds 5, price per pound or unit \$450, total \$2,250, bidder—Green County Ag Chest; LOT 404: 574 Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Brick—score 99.40, place third, total pounds 5, price per pound or unit \$500, total \$2,500, bidder—Precision Drive & Control; LOT 405: 574 Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Brick—score 99.40, place third, total pounds 5, price per pound or unit \$500, total \$2,500, bidder—Woodford State Bank.

Muenster—LOT 501: 575 Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Muenster—score 99.45, place first, total pounds 6.5, price per pound or unit \$330, total \$2,145, bidder—The Bank of New Glarus; LOT 502: 575 Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Inc. Muenster score 99.45, place first, total pounds 6.5, price per pound or unit \$375, total \$2,437.50, bidder—Regez Supply Co, Inc.; LOT 503: 565 Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Muenster—score 99.38, place second, total pounds 6.5, price per pound or unit \$525, total \$3,412.5, bidder—Ruchti Stainless Inc.; LOT 504: 565 Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Muenster—score 99.38, place second, total pounds 6.5, price per pound or unit \$400, total \$2,600, bidder—Green County Ag Chest.

Fresh Cheese Curd—LOT 801: 567 Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Inc., White Curd—score 99.75, place first, total pounds lot of 5 bags, price per pound or unit \$3,100, total \$3,100, bidder—The Bank of New Glarus.

Fresh Cheese Curd—LOT 802: 567 Matt Henze, Decatur Dairy, Inc. White Curd score 99.75, place first, total pounds lot of 5 bags, price per pound or unit \$3,400, total \$3,400, bidder—Regez Supply Co, Inc.; LOT 803: 585 Decatur Cheesemaker Team, Decatur Dairy, Inc., White Cheese Curd—score 99.60, place second, total pounds lot of 5 bags, price per pound or unit \$1,400, total \$1,400, bidder—Precision Drive & Control; LOT 804: 585 Decatur Cheesemaker Team, Decatur Dairy, Inc., White Cheese Curd—score 99.60, place second, total pounds lot of 5 bags, price per pound or unit \$1,200, total \$1,200, bidder—Washington Implement Co, Inc.; LOT 805: 577 Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Inc., White Cheese Curd—score 99.35, place third, total pounds lot of 5 bags, price per pound or unit \$1,400, total \$1,400, bidder—Ace Chemical; LOT 806: 577 Steve Stettler, Decatur Dairy, Inc., White Cheese Curd—score 99.35, place third, total pounds lot of 5 bags, price per pound or unit \$1,500, total \$1,500, bidder—Precision Drive & Control.

Flavored Natural Cheese—LOT 1001: 587 Decatur Cheesemaker Team, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Havarti with Dill—score 99.18, place first, total pounds 3.75, price per pound or unit \$300, total \$1,125, bidder—R. Mueller Service & Equipment Co.; LOT 1002: 587 Decatur Cheesemaker Team, Decatur Dairy, Inc., Havarti with Dill—score 99.18, place first, total pounds 3.75, price per pound or unit \$225, total \$843.75, bidder—Spring Grove Dairy.

2026 Green County Herdsmanship Competition Results

Results for the 2026 Green County Fair Herdsmanship Competition have been officially calculated and announced. The Herdsmanship awards ceremony took place on Sunday, July 19th at noon in the Green County FS, Farm Bureau, and Rural Mutual Stock Pavilion.

The Herdsmanship contest emphasizes animal care, barn cleanliness, sportsmanship, and overall exhibit presentation throughout the fair. Participating 4-H clubs and FFA chapters designated adult project leaders and youth evaluators to score other clubs/chapters in their assigned species categories. For Dairy and Swine, scoring was split into Large and Small Herd divisions, with large and small groups cross-evaluating each other.

Clubs were able to earn bonus points toward their overall average score by submitting scorecards on their assigned day by 7 p.m. (+3 points) and by achieving 75% or higher club member participation in the Premier Exhibitor Contest (+5 points per species).

Certificates were awarded to the top two (2) clubs in each species category, and cash prizes for first and second place will be sent out at a later date. Clubs earning an overall average score of 75 or higher received ice cream coupons. Although Poultry did not have a formal Herdsmanship score, poultry exhibitors participated in the Premier Exhibitor Contest were also awarded ice cream coupons sponsored by the Green County Dairy Youth Auction.

Extension Green County and the youth livestock programs would like to extend special thanks to the generous 2026 Herdsmanship Partners: Beast Buffet, Carter and Gruenewald Co Inc, Clarence F Asmus Memorial, Don and Bonnie Barker Family, Honey Creek Feed Mill, Pleasant Grain LLC, Tom and Rose Durtschi, and Voegeli Farms.

Herdsmanship Award Winners 2026

Dairy—Small Herd: first—Monroe FFA; second—Black Hawk FFA.

Dairy—Large Herd: first—Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; second—Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H.

Swine—Small Herd: first—Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; second—Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H.

Swine—Large Herd: first—Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H; second—Decatur 4-H.

Beef: first—Young Americans 4-H; second—Juda Jolly Juniors 4-H.

Goats: first—Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H; second—Clarno 4-H.

Sheep: first—Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; second—Decatur 4-H.

Rabbits: first—Cheese Country Clovers 4-H; second—Browntown Busy Beavers 4-H.

For more information about the Herdsmanship Competition, please contact: Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator at 608-328-9440.



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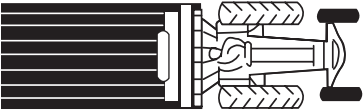
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Local degree recipients include: Max Higgins—College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, Payton Wachholz—School of Human Ecology, Bachelor of Science-Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies, Consumer Behavior and Marketplace Studies, and Kaiya Zurfliuh—College of Letters and Science, Bachelor of Science, Legal Studies, Political Science, all of Albany; and Cora Purdue—Law School, Doctor of Law (Juris Doctor), Law, of Brodhead.

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2026 DEAN'S LIST

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the spring semester of the 2025-2026 academic year.

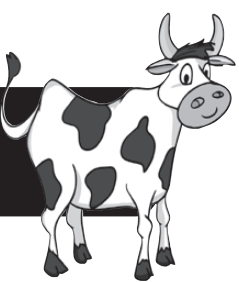
Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean of their school or college at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction.

Students who have received this honor include: Christopher Brown, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List and Kelsey Deegan, School of Nursing, Dean's Honor List, both of Albany; and Sage Eckard-Lee, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List; Skylar Gretebeck, School of Education, Dean's List; Abigail Mills, School of Business, Dean's List; and Emma Nelson, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List, all of Brodhead.

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The Brodhead Athletic Department would like to also thank the following sponsors for their donations and for making the 26th Annual Brodhead Athletics Golf Benefit a huge success!

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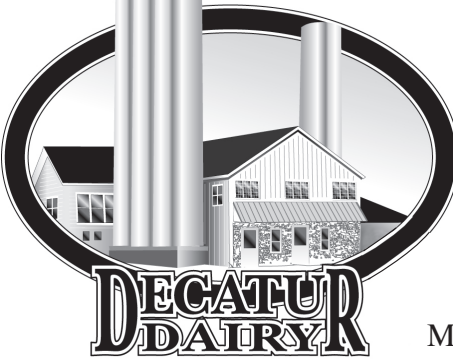


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1st Brigade Band to perform during Covered Bridge Days



Step back in time on Sunday, August 9, 2026, when the 1st Brigade Band performs during Brodhead's Covered Bridge Days as Brodhead Historical Society continues its celebration of America's 250th birthday. This unique, Civil War-era band will perform during the Ecumenical Church Service at 10 a.m. and again at a concert from 2–3:30 p.m., both in Veterans Park. These events are being facilitated by Brodhead Historical Society.

This year's performance is made possible by the generosity of Mary Odell, a member of Brodhead's Putnam family. Mary is a retired Social Studies teacher who worked in the Monroe school district. She is also quite the railroad enthusiast. Mary's relatives were prominent forward-thinking Brodhead business owners and citizens. Her grandfather Matt Putnam owned and operated a butcher shop. Her great-uncle Henry Clay Putnam was a Mayor of Brodhead, and a WI State Assemblyman and Senator. The Putnam family donated to the City of Brodhead the land for Putnam Park, and the building that now houses the Senior Center on the West side of the Square.

The 1st Brigade Band began in

Brodhead. Jon Condon is the conductor, his wife, Susan, plays flute and son, Doug Condon plays Eb cornet and doubles as the band's manager. Elsa Condon, daughter of Spring Grove residents Barb and Fred Arnold, plays Eb bass.

The original band in 1864 included 18 men from the Brodhead Brass Band, who enlisted in the Union Army as the band of the 1st Brigade, 3d Division, 15th Army Corps. They left their rural homes to participate under the command of General William T. Sherman in the campaigns of Northern Georgia and the Carolinas. The "Tradition of Excellence" that these men established, more than 130 years ago lives on today with the members of the 1st Brigade Band.

History comes alive as members play period brass band music on antique instruments while attired in uniforms and gowns circa the Civil War. The entire collection of 240 instruments, all made before 1865, and their collection of sheet music of the civil war era, numbering 690 titles help in the nostalgic portrayal of the atmosphere of days gone by.

While the abundant written and pictorial materials remain of this era, the mellow sounds of the brass bands of the 1860's were lost until the 1st Brigade Band, starting in 1964, began to locate and restore the dented and broken instruments and to retrieve and reconstruct the yellowed and torn music. Through their work you can now hear what Presidents Lincoln and Davis, Generals Lee and Grant, and their contemporaries heard.

Covered Bridge Day events will conclude with the Brodhead Community Band performance at 6 p.m. in Veterans Park. Bring a chair, come enjoy these 1st Brigade Band events and our community band.



Brodhead's hometown resident

Bryson R. Powell, a 20-year hometown resident of Brodhead, has graduated from the Infantry 11B United States Military-Army Branch training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Over the last 18 hard-core weeks, Bryson demonstrated determination, discipline, endurance and unwavering commitment as he

completed and graduated from the Army's most demanding training programs. Through long sleepless nights in the field, challenging exercises with several rucks, including 16, 12, 10, and four miles with over 75 pounds on his back along with many other trainings.

Bryson received the "Expert" Marksmanship Qualification Badge, reflecting his proficiency with his weapon. He also received full graduate diploma from Fort Benning (Fort Moore) in Columbus, Georgia, School of Excellence. He accepted every challenge placed before him and persevered to the very end; all stared, but not all finished.

He graduated Thursday, July 16, with all of his family cheering him on in Georgia. Bryson left Fort Benning on Friday, July 17, to begin his career at Joint-Base Lewis-McChord, Washington State.

We thank Bryson for answering the call to serve our nation with honor, courage and selfless service.

The family would also like to ask prayers for Bryson's protection and God's divine guidance upon his path and all other men and women serving selflessly to defend our U.S. of America from the enemies who seek to destroy.



Elephant Ears Plant sends its "high rise" flower heads up near the Pearl Island Covered Bridge at Putnam Park.

State Line Play Boys provided the entertainment with their repertoire of music to a large crowd on a very night evening. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Nancy Sutherland has been the coordinator for 30 years for the Sunday night Twilight in the Park series. She is passing that volunteer leadership role to Becky and Keith Cleasby and James Carter, Jr. We thank Nancy (and Gary) for helping make this event available for so many years.



The Amish Community hosted their annual Clearview School auction this past weekend bringing people from all over the state and beyond. Funds raised help support their local school.