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## Join Us for the Annual Brodhead Family Fest! Saturday, June 28th

Presented by the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce and our generous presenting sponsor, Campbell's Piggly Wiggly of Brodhead.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 29th and bring your family, friends, and neighbors to this FREE community celebration filled with fun, food, and fireworks!

Shop the Park Outdoor Market—Kick off the day at beautiful Putnam Park from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., where vendors will offer a variety of vintage finds, boutique clothing, handcrafted goods, and more.

Patriotic Parade—11 a.m. Register for the parade with Jeremy Pinnow and Associates: call today—608-897-2013. The parade begins near the police department and travels north on West 3rd Avenue, past Putnam Park to 3rd Street, east on 3rd to Cedar Avenue, then north to Alpine Street, ending at Legion Park.

Post-Parade Fun in Putnam Park After the parade, head back to the park for a full afternoon of entertainment and activities, including:

- Performances by the Community Band and Pirate Radio's Jim Carter, leading into a live show by the Second Generation Band until fireworks begin
- Free family fun: Face painting, Kids' Fishing Derby, and more!
- New this year: Laser tag and triple bounce trampolines (wristband required)
- Beer Garden & Food Trucks
- Fireworks at dusk!

Let's celebrate Independence Day with community spirit, great memories, and summer fun!

Save the Date: Saturday, June 28, 2024

For the full schedule, parade registration, vendor forms, sponsor list, and more, visit [BrodheadChamber.com](http://BrodheadChamber.com).

## New hours at Brodhead City Hall

Effective Wednesday, June 4th, Brodhead City Hall will begin closing at 1 p.m. on Wednesdays. Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Wednesday 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

## 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.

For times and updates follow them in Facebook or their web site [www.monroeballoonandblues.com](http://www.monroeballoonandblues.com).

## Kid Connection TEXTILE RECYCLING DRIVE

When: Sunday, June 15th from 9-11 a.m.

Where: OFFICIAL LOCATION—three car garage located between Albrecht Elementary School and Brodhead Middle School on the corner of 21st Street and W. 7th Avenue.

What is a Textile Drive? It is a fund-raiser where we 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.

Help us by bagging up your dry, clean, odor free old clothing, undergarments, bed sheets, curtains, and paired shoes. All items must be put in plastic bags that can be tied shut. Small garbage or plastic shopping bags work best. Fabric scraps, pillows, comforters, and rugs are NOT accepted. Please refer to the Kid Connection/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 pounds 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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Stop by to say goodbye, snap a photo, and take home some Sammy Saver swag! Since the 1980s, Sammy has been a friendly face in Brodhead—helping everyone learn how to save money and staying involved in the community. Let's give this hometown hero the send-off he deserves!



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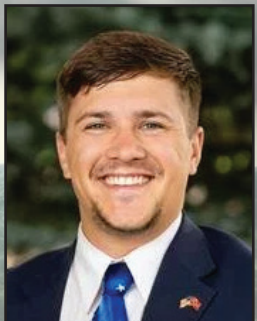
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Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 405 E. 9th Ave, Brodhead. Phone: 608-897-2341 Pastor Callie Arendt. Email: office@bethlehembrodhead.org. Website: www.bethlehembrodhead.org. Sunday in-person worship with Communion at 9 a.m. On-line worship option via Facebook—Bethlehem 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: 9 a.m. worship June through August. No Sunday school for the summer months. Nursery is available for those who desire. Communion first Sunday of each month. 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.

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

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

OBITUARY




Barbara Ann Bogden

Barbara Ann Bogden, 86, passed away on May 21st, 2025, after a short illness. Born on July 1st, 1938, to Warren and Agnes Sundt in Chicago, Illinois, Barb grew up on the north side of Chicago with her younger brother and sister, Warren and Judy. She met the love of her life, Vincent Bogden, on a beach along Lake Michigan and they were married December 15, 1956. Barb and Vince moved to their dream home in Brodhead, in 1975—a five-acre farm, to become known as the “Circle B,” at the foot of a beautiful bluff. They lived an idyllic life there with their four children: Lisa, Marc, and twins, Kristin and Gwyneth until 2003, when they moved to Madison across the street from Kristin and her husband, Gary and their two young children. After Vince’s passing in 2015, Kristin, Gary and Barb built a home together, where she lived until her most recent illness this spring.

Barb was an avid reader, writer, debater and thinker. She was knowledgeable and skilled in gardening, drawing, music, sewing and cooking/baking. She was a huge sports fan, especially of her Chicago Bears, cheering them on through season after season, and often messaging back and forth with grandson, Josh, to discuss the action during the games. She was a feminist and political whiz. She ran for a Wisconsin State Assembly seat in 1976, and though she did not win, she was successful in bringing the needs of rural farming communities to the forefront during her campaign. She was a history buff and wrote a book, never published, about pioneering women. She was a Brownie/Girl Scout leader for Lisa, Kris and Gwyn when they were younger, then a 4-H adult leader/advisor when they got older. In both roles, she was determined to stay in the background, letting the young people she worked with take the lead, providing guidance when needed. She finished her teaching degree later in life, graduating from Beloit College with honors in 1992, the same year Kris and Gwyn completed their college degrees at UW-Madison. She then taught Sociology at Blackhawk Technical College in 1994-95 and then later worked for the Girl Scouts

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of America for a short time. She was also a cancer survivor, having been diagnosed with lymphoma in 2009 and undergoing chemotherapy three times before becoming cancer free in 2013. She and Vince both fought cancer, having been diagnosed in 2009 within weeks of each other. Sadly, Vince succumbed to his cancer in 2015, and the family’s fierce matriarch was never quite the same.

Above all, Barb loved being with her family. She loved them fiercely and wholly. If you were a part of her large extended family, she was your biggest fan and most ardent supporter. And if you were a friend to any of her extended family, she was your supporter too. She and Vince aka, Granny and Gramps, hosted countless holiday/birthday/any day gatherings at the Circle B. Those gatherings were full of laughter, good food, music, games, and love. They continued to host those large gatherings when they moved to Madison. No one in the family could doubt how much Barb cared for and cherished each of them. She attended as many of her children’s, grandchildren’s and great-grandchildren’s activities as she could, going to sporting events, musical performances and more and making sure you could hear her cheering. She loved making her own greeting cards, often alongside Lisa. She would send those cards to family and friends throughout the year, making them far in advance for future birthdays, anniversaries, graduations and other celebrations. She loved to celebrate! She filled stockings for every family member at Christmas—putting together small collections of gifts for her four children and their spouses, her eight grandchildren and their spouses and her nine great-grandchildren, thoughtfully collecting the items for each throughout the year. She elaborately decorated her home, both inside and out, for every season and holiday. Her Fourth of July celebrations were legendary, especially since her birthday was so close to that national holiday.

In the words of her great-granddaughter, Emily Regenold, “Though

she’s no longer here in the way we want her to be, her love is still all around us. We will carry her with us in every laugh, every beautiful flower we see, every hug we give. Her sass, her love and her spirit will always be part of who we are. We love you to the moon and back, Mom/Granny!”

Barb is preceded in death by her parents, her brother, and her beloved husband, Vince. She is survived by her sister, Judy Sundt; her children: Lisa (David) Regenold and their children, Josh (Jenny) Regenold and Sean Regenold; Marc Bogden and his wife, Sharon and their children, Fenix Lefey, Rachel (Matthew) Roemer, and Michelle (Mark) Muetzel; Kristin (Gary) DeLorme and their children, Makai and Kira; and Gwyn (Ted) Friedl and her son, Sam Christensen as well as great-grandchildren: Cordelia, Emily, Elaina and Molly Regenold, Hayden Stewart, Linus Muetzel and Dorian, Emerson and Porter Roemer, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews, all of whom she loved and talked of fondly to the end.

We would like to thank the staff of St. Mary’s hospital and SSM Hospice for their kindness and care for Mom/Granny and us in her final days.

There will be a Celebration of Life Sunday, June 29th, at the Kelch Aviation Museum, in Brodhead, from 1 until 4 p.m. Her family welcomes anyone who wants to share in this small memorial in the place where she and her husband found their dream home.

Green County Amateur Radio to meet

The Green County Amateur Radio will meet on Saturday, June 7, at 9 a.m. at Fire Station Number One, 601 W. 17th Street, Monroe. Please use the side door. All licensed and interested individuals are invited to attend. For any questions please call 608-558-0629.

ACADEMICS

LOCAL STUDENT NAMED TO DEAN’S LIST AT UW-SUPERIOR

The University of Wisconsin-Superior has named Tawney Severson, of Albany, to the Dean’s List for academic achievement during the Spring 2025 semester.

To be named to the Dean’s List, students must have completed 12 degree-seeking semester credits and achieved at least a 3.50 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale).

Runaas Family Reunion

The Runaas Family Reunion will be held Sunday, July 13th at the Albany Village Park, 201 Sugar River Parkway. It starts at 1 p.m. Please bring your own table service and a dish to share. Coffee and water will be furnished.

Kindly spread the word with your immediate family. Any questions please call Jim Runaas at 608-862-2220.

Brodhead Methodist Church VBS


The Brodhead United Methodist Church (BUMC) is inviting kids four years old through fifth grade to this year’s True North vacation bible school. Beginning Monday, June 16, participants will be guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. As kids trek the tundra, they’ll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what’s true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He’s our True North! VBS will run all week from 12:30 to 5 p.m.; lunch will be provided.

Registration is open for kids at vbspro.events/p/brodheadumc. Volunteers are certainly welcome, call Tiffany at 608-897-2515. The Brodhead UMC, 501 1st Center Avenue, is open for worship on Sundays at 9 a.m. All are welcome!

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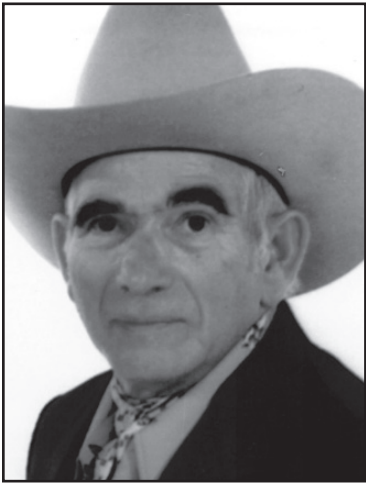
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“I’m a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work, the more I have of it.”  
~ Thomas Jefferson





OBITUARY



Harold Eugene Swedlund

Harold Eugene Swedlund, age 91, Brodhead/Juda, passed away while surrounded by his loving family on May 30, 2025.

Harold was born on April 2, 1934 in a town in South Dakota, the son of Axel and Iva (Goodroad) Swedlund. He married Ardell Thomas in Pipestone, Minnesota, on August 21, 1953.

They spent over 70 years together.

Harold worked in many factories in Rockford, Illinois, and Sycamore, Illinois, after he moved from South Dakota. He then moved to Monroe, in 1969 and then to Juda, in 1976. He worked at Knight Manufacturing from 1976 to his retirement in 1990. He loved working with his Shire horses and Jersey Cows on his farmstead.

Harold is survived by his four children: Rocky (Clare) Swedlund, Andy (Marie) Swedlund, Judy (Mike) Hale and Sam (Denise) Swedlund; 15 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; sister, Shirley (Milan) Seefeldt; and many other nieces, nephews and relatives and friends; and special friends Lisa Weldy and Tony Mendes.

Harold is preceded in death by his wife Ardell; his parents; five siblings: Alice, Vern, Ethel, Edwin (Ed), and Kenny; niece Janet Smith and numerous nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Union-Oakley United Methodist Church, W2388 Gerber Road, Juda on Saturday, June 7, at 11 a.m. A visitation will also be held at the Union-Oakley United Methodist Church starting at 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 7.

Take the opportunity to go on Vets Roll

By Emily Schwartzlow  
Brodhead High School 2025

If you have an opportunity to go on Vets Roll, I would 1,000% say you should go. This experience will be entirely different from your previous trip to DC in eighth grade. During this trip, you will have the chance to engage with men and women who lived through these experiences which is far more enriching than any history class. Fortunately, volunteers are welcome to return year after year, as long as they've able to. However, veterans are only allowed to go once, which is why the trip is entirely centered around them. You will be able to hear some amazing stories about their experience in the services as well as their life and get to see pictures of their family and other things in their life they are proud of.

While on the trip, when you go to different spots, it's amazing to see how many people line the streets for the veterans. Don't hesitate if you're contemplating whether to go on the trip; just take the leap. Although it's early mornings and late nights, every volunteer I've spoken to has expressed no regrets about their decision to join the trip. I know I do not regret the trip whatsoever, and I will be going back.

Veterans greatly appreciate the younger generation's role in passing down history and providing assistance with technology. They also may have grandkids, and for some, it makes it easier to talk and get feelings they've been keeping hidden off their chest. This is a trip they will remember for the rest of their lives, and at the end of the day, that's all that matters. The primary aim of this trip is to offer veterans the closure, gratitude and respect they may not have received upon their return home. When you roll back at the end of a long travel day, the street will be lined with people to give them the homecoming they deserve.

I truly do encourage you to go on the trip and see for yourself how it impacts the veterans.

Food Truck Tuesday Rolls Into Brodhead This Summer

Mark your calendars, don't delay — Food Truck Tuesday is on its way!

From May through October, the second Tuesday is the date, with food, fun, and friends—it's sure to be great! Each month from 3 to 8 p.m., we'll gather and eat, with trucks on the street serving savory treats. The Brodhead Chamber invites one and all, to enjoy tasty bites and have a ball!

2025 Food Truck Tuesday Schedule:

- June 10—Kobussen Buses
  - July 8—Exit Realty at Putnam Park
  - August 12—Dick's Repair & KC Lawn Care
  - September 9—Bank of Brodhead
  - October 14—Gasser True Value
- Tuesday, June 10th lineup:
- Pop N Kettle Delight
  - Culinary Nirvana
  - Steve's Deli Dog House
  - Ben's Pretzels
  - Press Box
  - Bluesy Box

The Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is proud to support our members and bring the community together with this fun, flavorful new tradition. Admission is free, and all are welcome—so bring your appetite, your friends, and your love for good eats!

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*Kyla Miller*

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**ACTIVITIES AROUND TOWN**

**BRODHEAD CLASS OF 1976 50TH REUNION**

The 50th class reunion is coming up and they're starting to gather ideas to make it happen! This is a great chance to reconnect and catch up with everyone.

They need your help!

They're looking for input and help tracking down classmates to make sure everyone feels included. Have ideas or info? Reach out to: Chris Searles at 425emt5000@gmail.com or Lisa Regenold at dxreggie@hotmail.com.

Next meeting—join them for their next planning meeting on Tuesday, June 10 at noon at Bridges Bar and Grill.

Let's make this reunion one to remember!

**BRODHEAD OPTIMIST KIDS FISHING DERBY**

The annual Brodhead Optimist Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the pond west of Brodhead Tire on 23rd Street in Brodhead. This event is for children 12 and under. Every hour, a prize for the largest and the smallest fish caught will be awarded. Bait is provided and no one needs a fishing license. They will have some fishing poles available.

**FRIENDS OF THE BRODHEAD MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOLD BOOK SALE**

The Friends of the Brodhead Memorial Public Library will be holding a book sale during City-wide Rummage Sale Days on June 13 and 14, 2025. In addition to books, the group will also have puzzles and board games for sale. The group is accepting donations of books, puzzles and board games in good to new condition. Puzzles and board games should be complete with no missing pieces. If you have books, puzzles or board games you would like to donate, please drop them off with library staff during regular hours from June 2nd through June 12th.

Here's an opportunity to support a great organization while doing some spring-cleaning. Funds raised will be used toward supporting library programs for children and adults including this year's summer reading program. Sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday June 13th and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, June 14th.

**KELCH AVIATION MUSEUM VINTAGE HANGAR DANCE**

Fly back in time on Saturday, June 14, from 5:30 to 10 p.m. for an evening of 1940s music, dancing and airplanes!

Featuring live music from the Waunakee Big Band, themed drinks (non-alcoholic) and "On the Fly" food truck offering delicious locally-sourced meals (not included in price of ticket), free intro dance lesson and performance, dance and vintage outfit contests, and raffle items including WWII-era and biplane airplane rides, a handmade quilt and more.

Tickets are \$30 when purchased ahead or \$35 at the door. Veterans receive \$5 off. Children's tickets are \$15. Buy your tickets now at [www.kelchmuseum.org](http://www.kelchmuseum.org).

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On Saturday, May 24, Brodhead seventh grader Caroline Riemer competed in the Wisconsin Middle School Track and Field Championships in Waupun. She earned two gold medals! Riemer won the seventh grade 100 meter dash with a time of 13.15. She also won the long jump with a leap of 16' 3.5" and crushed the seventh grade girls state record by five inches.



The 4x100 relay team of Tegan Pinnow, Erik Woodward, Cohen Henze and Grayson Arn punched their ticket to the state meet at Lacrosse and set a new school record 43.47 seconds. (Free Press photos by Teresa Earleywine)



Mavrik Plummer will compete in the 400m state meet after finishing in 50.46 at sectionals.



Simon Moore cleared 13'3" and will travel to Lacrosse for pole vault.

## WIAA State Track & Field Qualifiers

By Teresa Earleywine

It began at the regional meet held at Monroe last week Tuesday. At the end of the night, Brodhead High School would be represented at sectionals in 16 events. First place finishes were taken by Stella Arn in the 100m and 200m sprints for the women. Erik Woodward—100m and Mavrik Plummer—400m for the men.

Grayson Arn—100m, Cohen Henze 200m sprints, Plummer—800m, Tegan Pinnow and Madi Brown both in high jump, and the 4x100 relay of Arn, Cohen, Pinnow and Woodward, all finished in the number two spot to advance.

Third place went to Elliana Shank—100m hurdles, Simon Moore—pole vault, and the boys 4 x 400 relay of Woodward, Jorge Vilalva, Nolan Bump and Plummer.

Advancing to sectionals with a fourth place were Bump—300m hurdles, Gretchen Kammerer—pole vault and the girls 4 x 100 relay consisting of Shank, Kennedy Lerch, Taiya Hawkins and Arn.

Lloyd Schneider Stadium at McFarland High School was the setting for sectionals. It is here that athletes find the thrill of victory or the agony of defeat.

Grayson Arn would pull up short in the 100m with a possible muscle strain, Plummer in the 800m placed sixth. Pinnow experienced frustration with his high jump performance finishing in ninth. Shank missed the hurdles by less than .33 hundredths of a second. Most gut wrenching was the 4 x 100 relay for the girls as a dropped baton in the opening handoff took them completely out of the competition.

The Cardinals broke three school records this night. Electric performances were turned in by Stella Arn in the 200m, 25.11 which was also a new facility record. The boys' relays; 4 x 100, 43.47, and the 4 x 400, 3:25.14, set new records. Others punching their tickets included Woodward in the 100m, Plummer in the 400m and Simon Moore will be pole vaulting. Tickets for the state meet will only be available online.

## Baseball Bows Out at Round One

By Teresa Earleywine

It was not the finish the Brodhead-Juda Cardinal baseball team had envisioned when they entered round one of the playoffs hosting Delavan Darian last Thursday. In the regular season the Cards had taken down the Comets 3–1 in victory.

## Brodhead Middle School Fine Arts Night

On Monday, May 5th Brodhead Middle School celebrated Fine Arts Night. The sixth grade band, along with the seventh/eighth grade band members performed at the event. The sixth grade band played "Adrenaline Rush" and "It's Bantastic!" while the seventh/eighth grade band performed "The Light of Dawn" and "Armory." The students did a great job!

Photos courtesy of Joe Baldazzi.



Sixth Grade Band



Seventh/Eighth Grade Band



Maddy Stephenson and Hayden Lewis Usher introduced "The Light of Dawn" performed by the seventh/eighth grade band.



Owen Larson and Grant McCullough introduced the sixth grade band piece entitled "Adrenaline Rush".

In the post-season opener, BJ struggled at the plate with Joel Jansen, on the mound, for DD. The hurler put together a stellar performance striking out 10, allowed one run and five hits in the seven innings.

Brody Riese got the nod to start on the rubber for Brodhead. He went the first three innings, had nine hits, six runs, struck out two and walked three. Sam Searls pitched four innings in relief. He surrendered five hits, four runs, walked two and had five strikeouts.

Brooks Malkow led the Cards, 1-for-1 at the plate with a sacrifice fly that scored, Chase Bauman, for Brodhead's lone score in the game. Other players for Brodhead that tallied one hit in the game included: David Masloske, Gabe Bockhop, Bauman, and, Braylon Strehlow. Brodhead came up short with a 1–10 loss. Their season concluded with a 10–16 record.

## Softball Claims Regional Title for Third Straight Year

By Teresa Earleywine

Facing McFarland for game one in playoffs the Spartans played like they had nothing to lose in the game.

Sparty would score in the third inning on a dropped third strike to take a 1–0 lead. Bottom of the sixth and with only six outs to go in the game, McFarland could taste an upset of #3 seed, Brodhead. The Cards have one out. Mady Henning is tenacious at the plate. With an eye on the ball, she accumulates seven foul balls before getting the fourth call for a ball and takes the walk. Ava Risum would then fly out to the first baseman. Tatum Ceslok, in the

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## Brodhead High School Band holds Spring Concert

The Brodhead High School Band performed their Spring Concert on Monday, May 12th featuring the Concert Band and the Symphonic Band. Some of the songs they performed were: “The Red Covered Bridge”, “Counterbalance”, “La Fiesta Brava” and “Soundtrack 823”. During the concert, the senior Band members were recognized for their contributions they’ve made throughout the years to the Brodhead Band program. We are so grateful for such a fantastic group of seniors. The concert ended with senior euphonium player Hunter Smith conducting “March: Celebration and Glory”.

Photos courtesy of Diana Dougherty.



The High School Concert Band



The High School Symphonic Band



Left to right: Providing a song introduction is Dakota Day and Max Pinnow.



From left to right: seniors Bethany Wenger and Kyla Miller introduce a piece.



Senior Hunter Smith conducts the final song of the concert.

clean-up spot on the batting roster, singles a hard hit to center field. Henning advances to third. Emberly Ast comes in as pinch runner for Ceslok. On a foul ball, she steals second, Henning remains at third. Natalie Pierce smacks a fly ball to center field where it is dropped. Henning and Ast both score. The Cards have rallied with a 2–1 lead. Keegan Steinke singles a line drive where right fielder throws to home where Pierce is tagged out.

Ella Schuchardt was on the mound for McFarland. She had eight strikeouts and three walks. Four hits and two runs. Brodhead’s Risum was dominate in the circle as she rang up 14 strikeouts, walked none and gave up two hits and one run in the seven innings.

In the regular season, Monroe had a 6–5 win against Brodhead. Cardinal head coach, Chad Risum, stated the team that played in April versus the Cheesemakers, is not the same team coming into the regional final last Thursday. The Cardinals proved him correct, as they scored four runs in the first inning and never trailed. Henning propelled Brodhead at the plate with her 5-for-5 hits including a two-run homer in the first. Still in opening inning, Leah Rear with a walk is on first. Ceslok doubles on a line drive, sending Rear to third. Karlie Krumwiede grounds into fielder’s choice, allows Rear to score and Ceslok advances to third. Kylee Wahler will single, Ceslok scores before the Cheesemakers finally retire the Cards. Top of the fourth, EllieMay Allen has advanced to second, Risum is on first, Henning at the plate singles, Allen will score. Ceslok, at bat, pops-out, after tagging up, Risum and Henning both advance. An error by left fielder A Newcomer, sends Risum home to score making it a 6–0 run. Monroe will get two scores by the bottom of the sixth. Brodhead would overwhelm the Cheesemakers with four additional runs in the seventh, making it a 10–2 final score. Risum, Krumwiede and Wahler each collected multiple hits. Risum allowed four hits, two runs (one earned), walked two and struck out eleven. Her career strikeout record is now 755 plus.

Brodhead moved to semi-sectional play at Jefferson on Tuesday. The winner will play at West Salem on Thursday with opponent TBD.



Mady Henning was 5-for-5 at the plate against Monroe to help secure the Regional Championship for Brodhead.



Tatum Ceslok stretches to catch the throw and get the out in the game against McFarland.



Seniors concluding their Brodhead Juda baseball career include, left to right: Parker Vanderpal, Clayton Elliott, Brooks Malkow, Tyrin Foster, Felix Paffel, Gabe Bockhop, David Masloske, Max Pinnow, and Brody Riese. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Stella Arn broke the school record, again, 25.11 in the 200m and set a new facility record at Lloyd Schneider Stadium. She was sectional champion in both the 100m and 200m and advances to Lacrosse for the state meet later this week. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)



Erik Woodward sprinted his way to the state track meet in the 100m. (Free Press photo by Teresa Earleywine)

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Softball regional champs: left to right, front: Cullen Risum; second row: manager Kinsley Krumwiede, Natalie Pierce, EllieMay Allen, Leah Rear, Emberly Ast, Kylee Wahler, Coach Leah Hegi; row three: Head Coach Chad Risum, manger Elise Rear, Mady Henning, Ava Risum, Coach Matt Rear, Karli Krumwiede, Tatum Ceslok, Kennedy Zimmerman, Keegan Steinke, Coach Keith Meier. (Courtesy photo from A. Rear)



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**Saturday Mornings at the Durand Library**  
**Library Services Include More Than Book Lending**  
**Submitted by Barbara Flores, President, Friends of the Durand Library**

For two years now the Friends of the Durand Library has assumed the pleasant and rewarding task of maintaining public hours at the Durand Library. This 501c3 organization has existed since 1979 and was ready and willing to take over when the village felt in 2023 that it no longer could fund the part-time librarian position.

The collaboration with the school is absolutely essential and an extremely efficient way for a rural area to offer library services. A volunteer driven effort reduces the cost dramatically. Expenses are minimal and the Friends are grateful to the Village for continuing its stipend for book purchases and programs and we are grateful to Laona Township for its contribution. Individuals and organizations have also supported the library for which we are thankful.

While the use and support of the library has been gratifying, the Friends always hope for more. To be precise, more patrons checking out more books. Any time a patron walks in the door, it tells the Friends that the community appreciates what we are doing.

The Friends also want to remind everyone that the library offers more than just books to borrow. Programs on a great variety of talks have been presented during the past two years. In addition we have offered backgammon lessons, an artist's workshop, and an informal seminar on changes in Medicare. We have seen demonstrations of many hobbies and learned about raising Monarch butterflies, fashioning items from clothesline, model making, and flying drones.

There is a public use computer available to anyone who might need it and visitors can bring in their own devices to connect online. Durand area newspapers dating from 1875, archived by diligent members of the Otter Creek Historical Society, are available at no charge on the public use computer.

The Friends strive to make the library available to anyone with a disability. There is a nice collection of large print books by notable authors and volunteers are happy to deliver books to those who are physically unable to visit the library.

If the hours are not convenient for some users, just email a request and we will cheerfully meet a patron at a more convenient time. If you wonder if we have a certain title? Just email and if we don't have the book, we'll get it either through Interlibrary Loan or by purchasing it.

Also, please remember if you have grandchildren, nephews or nieces visiting that there is a great collection of STEM quality toys, which can be checked out. And speaking of children, we will resume Story Time in the fall. Also, look for the Summer Reading Program Tuesday, July 1.

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