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## Graduates celebrated at December ceremony



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**Skila Burlingame, a Janesville Parker High School alum, gave the student speaker address at Blackhawk's December 2023 Commencement.**

More than 100 students earned their degrees last month from Blackhawk Technical College, with 49 of the graduating students participating in the college's December Commencement ceremony held on Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023.

The graduating class reflects the diversity and breadth of programs offered at Blackhawk Technical College, with students completing degrees in a range of fields, including Nursing, Criminal Justice Studies, Accounting, Welding, and more. Notably, three students have achieved the distinction of completing Blackhawk's innovative Associate of Arts and Associate of Science programs. Launched in 2022, these programs provide streamlined, low-cost pathways to a bachelor's degree.

The Dec. 19 commencement featured speaker Kaleb Shaffer, the recipient of Blackhawk's Rising Star Alumni Award, which recognizes exceptional alumni who graduated from the college

within the past decade.

"I vividly remember the day that I graduated from Blackhawk Technical College - much like you will remember this day. Little did I know that this institution would be the launch pad for my dreams," said Shaffer, who received an associate degree in IT-Network Specialist in 2014 and now is the owner of his own company, Superior Technologies.

Skila Burlingame, a graduating Business Management student who has served as the college's ambassador to the Wisconsin Technical College System, was the ceremony's student speaker.

"To my fellow graduates, be so great that you can't be ignored and know that we must accept the end of something to begin to build something new," Burlingame said.

Congratulations to all of Blackhawk's graduates!

The asterisk after the name signifies an Honor Cord Recipient who received a 3.5 or higher GPA and the plus after the name signifies a veteran.

**Dec. 2023 graduates Accounting, Associate Degree**

- Lillyann R. Baertschi\*
- Gritly Mcnett Seriphin
- Barbara J. Rutherford\*
- Shalu Thankan

**Accounting Assistant, One-Year Technical Diploma**

- Jacqueline Colquhoun

**Agribusiness Specialist, One-Year Technical Diploma**

- Jason J. Hunt
- Gavin H. Jenson
- Troy Nickels

**Associate of Arts**

- Kayla Mcdevitt\*

**Associate of Science**

- Allison J. Franks
- Tatum Novak\*

**Automation Systems Technology, Associate Degree**

- Alexander D. Flesch
- Eric Thompson\*

**Automotive Technician, Two-Year Technical Diploma**

- Tony A. Cerros
- Jonathan A. Manriquez
- Juan U. Olvera\*

**Business Management, Associate Degree**

- Brandon L. Annen
- Skila M. Burlingame\*
- Chanel J. Dietzman
- Wendpagnagde S. Gamene

**Business Management Specialist, Technical Diploma**

- Amanda M. Kalas\*
- Lindsey A. King
- Wendel Welter

**Business Management Specialist, Technical Diploma**

- Cynthia Rodriguez

**Criminal Justice Studies, Associate Degree**

- Saharra M. Capps
- Maxwell A. Greco
- Logan R. Huffman\*
- Benjamin K. Jacobs\*
- Triston M. Koch+\*
- Isiah McGhee
- Matthew Wilson\*

**Culinary Arts, Associate Degree**

- Jackilyn R. Bailey

- Tammy K. Peters\*
- Devin J. Rozell\*

**Diesel and Heavy Equipment Technician, Two-Year Technical Diploma**

- Abraham R. Alexander\*
- Jarod Schmidt

**Digital Marketing, Associate Degree**

- Randi L. Gonsior\*

**Early Childhood Education, Associate Degree**

- Mackenzie J. Burns

**Electric Power Distribution, One-Year Technical Diploma**

- Joseph M. Kaht

**Electro-Mechanical Technology, Associate Degree**

- Hatsady Xayasaeng

**Foundations of Teacher Education, Associate Degree**

- Madisin J. Parmer\*
- Nicole K. Weber

**Human Services, Associate Degree**

- Heather M. Armstrong
- Kathleen O. Bond-Crull

**HVAC/R (Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration), Two-year Technical Diploma**

- Nijel D. Anderson
- Jarred A. Bartz\*
- Lloyd Pelly\*
- Adam M. Steiner

**Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, Two-Year Technical Diploma**

- Christopher G. Campos\*
- Cordell L. Dixon

**IT-Network Specialist, Associate Degree**

- John Bartholme
- Connor F. Delaney\*
- Ethan Dieckhoff
- Adam Fletcher
- Jordan Gould
- Devin R. Kuqo
- Sarah Potter\*
- Jacob A. Rhyner

**IT-Web Software Developer, Associate Degree**

- Emmanuel Noriega\*
- Desirae D. Stiefel

**Medical Laboratory Technician, Associate Degree**

- Katie L. Raskovic

**Nursing, Associate Degree**

- Alannah M. Bennett\*
- Itzel G. Bernal-Flores\*
- Jordyn E. Bickle
- Jordan A. Calley\*
- Nicole L. Cawkins\*

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## SSM Health, Janesville Jets celebrate literacy with reading club

*Partnership highlights importance of reading, rewards students*

SSM Health and the Janesville Jets hockey team are teaming up to build kids' excitement for reading.

The 2023-2024 SSM Health Janesville Jets Reading Club program has officially launched, and all Rock County teachers are welcome to join in the free program.

"As part of the Janesville Jets Reading Club, teachers establish a reading goal for their students or classrooms," explained Kennedy Heckel, Janesville Jets VP of Community Relations and Game Operations. "Once students reach their goal, they can score free hockey tickets to our annual Reading Club Night on March 2, 2024."

To sign up for the Reading Club, teachers should fill out this form ([https://form.jotform.com/Janesville\\_Jets/2024-ssm-health-and-janesville-jets](https://form.jotform.com/Janesville_Jets/2024-ssm-health-and-janesville-jets)). The Janesville Jets will need the following information:

- School name and address
- Coordinating member of faculty (name, phone, email)
- Grade level(s) participating
- Total number of classrooms participating
- Total number of students participating
- Preferred weekdays and times for Janesville Jets players to come into the class and read (please register by Jan. 19)

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Reading Club, as literacy is an important component of overall health and wellbeing.

"Literacy impacts so much in our lives, and we want to make sure that we are helping Rock County students to succeed," said SSM Health Community Health Worker Wendy Bianchetti. "We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the game on March 2."

Any questions regarding sign up for Janesville Jets Reading Club can be directed to Kennedy Heckel, tickets@JanesvilleJets.com, or 608-752-5387.

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# Rock County offers ATV safety education course

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer their first 2024 ATV Safety Education Course on Jan. 9 from 6 to 7 p.m., and Jan. 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Rock County Fairgrounds at Craig Center, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville.

Students will need to attend both sessions to graduate. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1988, is required to

complete an ATV Safety Education Course in order to legally operate an ATV or UTV in areas open to the public within the State of Wisconsin. It is recommended that participants are at least 12 years of age or turn 12 shortly after the class.

## ATV Safety Education Course – Class #1

• Session 1: Jan. 9, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Rock Co. Fair-

grounds – Craig Center

• Session 2: Jan. 20, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Rock Co. Fairgrounds – Craig Center

Registration is now open. Complete the online enrollment form to reserve a seat.

<https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/atv-education>

Class size is limited to thirty students. Upon submission of the registration form, the submitter will see an onscreen

confirmation message with course information.

The course fee of \$10 per student will be collected at the first session. If the student is under 18 years old, a parent/guardian will need to attend the first session with the student. Students will receive course materials at the first session.

Please direct any questions to Deputy Trevor Lund at [trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us).

# Registration open for Gutter Busters Youth Bowling event

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer a Gutter Busters youth bowling event on Jan. 13, from noon to 2 p.m., at RiversEdge Bowl, 215 S. River Street, Janesville.

During this event, Sheriff's Office staff will bowl with kids.

Gutter Busters is a community-based program offered by the Cops and Kids Foundation to help steer youth away from crime. The primary goal of Gutter Busters is to teach kids how to bowl. Kids will learn proper bowling etiquette, technique, and scoring. The Gutter Busters program promotes sportsmanship, integrity, and respect for others.

Advanced registration is required. There are twenty-five spots available for kids ages 6-12. These spots fill on a first come basis. Guardians can sign their kid(s) up at <https://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/gutter-busters>.

Upon submitting the online registration form, registrants will see an onscreen confirmation message with additional information. Two games of bowling, shoe rental, lunch, an event t-shirt, and a prize will be provided to all youth participants.

The Sheriff's Office is seeking sponsorships for the Gutter Busters Program. This event is free to participants due to the generosity of financial and in-kind sponsors.

To learn more, email Deputy Trevor Lund at [trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us) or call at 608-373-3816.

# Obituary

## FREDERICK MOHNS

Frederick Mohns, 74, of South Wayne, Wis., quietly passed away, with family at his bedside, on Saturday, Dec. 23, 2023.

Fred was born in Juda on Feb. 3, 1949, the son of Samuel and Jeannine (Conway) Mohns. He graduated from Juda High School in 1967, the same year an airplane crashed into the hotel his senior class was staying at in New Orleans. Fred received the Governor's Medal for Lifesaving due to his actions in saving classmates, chaperones, and strangers from this tragic fire.

Fred farmed with his father and brother, Ken, in the Black River Falls, Wis. area for many years. It was during this



time in his life Fred met his longtime friend, Dennis Hammes, a neighbor he often referred to as 'my brother-from-another-mother'. Fred enjoyed his second career as a self-employed truck driver and drove for over 30 years on the road. He often transported military equipment and vehicles across the United States and loved to share these specialty loads with his nephews, niece, and grandchildren. Additionally, he was always willing to assist family and friends with

building projects, equipment repair, and relocation needs. Fred was a great storyteller and delighted in telling stories of his travels and the many adventures he experienced. Fred was very proud of his three sons and their many accomplishments.

He is survived by his sons, William (Teresa) Mohns, James (Stephanie) Mohns, Steven (Bri) Mohns, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren. Fred is

also survived by his longtime companion Kristine Atkinson and sisters, Beverly (James) Lawrence and Christine (Robert) Wilson; Fred is preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Jeannine (Conway) Mohns; and brother Kenneth Mohns.

A celebration of life is being planned for Fred to be held in June 2024.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

# News brief

## ADRC offers support group for grief, loss

The Aging and Disability Resource Centers of Rock and Marquette Counties are offering the 16-week grief and bereavement educational support group on Monday afternoons from 2 to 4 p.m. beginning Jan. 15 and running through April 29. 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 608-741-3615 or [karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us); Marquette County Dementia Care Specialist, Melissa Klebs at 608-297-3148 or [mklebs@co.marquette.wi.us](mailto:mklebs@co.marquette.wi.us).

## • Graduates

(Continued from front page)

- Lauren E. Comella
- Whitney N. Connors
- Jeanette M. Coppennoll
- Carolina E. Delgado-Vazquez\*
- Rachell S. Draper\*
- Lexis C. Duncan
- Hanna K. Field\*
- Mallary Fox
- Darcy L. Fredrickson\*
- Rachael B. Goff
- Destiny Hambrook\*
- Angel M. Hayward\*
- Elena C. Herrera\*
- Heather M. Holbrook
- Jessica Keller\*
- Laci McKaig\*
- Cori Nolan\*
- Julianna E. Poe
- Emilio J. Ramirez
- Carson E. Richards\*
- Kristen Rinehardt\*
- Laurisha P. Rosario\*
- Kirsten Rudnitzki\*
- Dana R. Sayles\*
- Melanie M. Schmidt\*
- Cheyenne M. Stewart\*
- Jacob C. Warthen\*
- Jill Winslow\*

### Substance Abuse Education, Technical Diploma

- Brooke I. Guenther\*
- Naja Yarbrough\*

### Substance Use Disorder Counseling, Technical Diploma

- Jacqueline L. Lucas\*
- Rachel A. Olin\*
- Katrina M. Steiner\*
- Mark A. Van Dyke\*

### Welding, One-Year Technical Diploma

- Louis R. Chase\*
- Bryan Cruz
- Noah Gillespie
- Brody L. Metcalf\*

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### Paramedic Technician, Technical Diploma

- Travis L. Downing
- Nicholas Keating

### Residential HVAC/R Technical Diploma

- Erik J. Hillstrom
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From **The Independent-Register** and the communities it continues to serve!

## Jan. 2023

### Archers find passion and practice in South Central Wisconsin Association

Archery has been a life-long passion for Kevin Winkler, who with two others founded South Central Wisconsin Archers Association in 1986 and built the club's indoor range in 1991 and 1992 in the basement of the Monroe Professional Center...

### Pair of crashes with injuries mar New Year start

A pair of accidents in the early morning hours of New Year's Day resulted in life-threatening injuries, according to Rock County Sheriff's reports...

### Court clears way for Wisconsin home food producers to sell shelf-stable goods to public

Lafayette County Circuit Court Judge Rhonda L. Lanford ruled last Thursday, Dec. 29, that the government may not prevent people from selling homemade, shelf-stable foods directly to consumers...

### Student's Silver Key Award entry on display

Eighth-grade Brodhead Middle School student Brielle Engen has shown some amazing skills when it comes to art. She works hard at what she does, and her passion shows through her work...

### Brodhead school board decides not to put facilities needs to April referendum

Brodhead School District undertook and studied a long-term facility plan in recent months to get a better understanding of the schools' needs...

### Voters will decide \$400,000 tax levy question in April

Brodhead Common Council narrowly approved a \$400,000 budget referendum to exceed the city's tax levy limit in April. Mayor Casey Jones broke a tie council vote, 3 to 3, on the measure in a regular meeting Monday, Jan. 16...

### High school committee taking alumni Wall of Fame nominations

Brodhead High School is accepting nominations for alumni who have brought honor to the community as

Brodhead's "Shining Stars." A committee is considering Wall of Fame nominations for any person who has graduated from Brodhead High School...

### Albany Solar Project is one of 12 Alliant hopes will help achieve net zero emissions

If you drive along State Highway 104, which forms the border between Green and Rock counties, you must have noticed construction in farm fields a few miles north of Brodhead...

### Understanding how property tax is allocated for schools

I want to send out a message to residents of Brodhead School District to help everyone understand their property tax bill, specifically the school district's portion of the overall tax bill...

### City and countryside depend on each other now more than ever

I lived three miles from this newspaper's office for more than 10 years before discovering what I got free in my mailbox was only half the news the Independent Register publishes and sells weekly...

## Feb. 2023

### Parents, middle school, PTO organize successful Teen Connection group

Brodhead Middle School has started a new group through its Parent Teachers Organization called Teen Connection, similar to the Kid Connection at the elementary school...

### Brodhead School District partnering with Nexus Solutions to complete facilities plan

The Brodhead School District Board of Education has partnered Nexus Solutions to complete a long-term facility plan, which has provided us with a concrete 10-year plan regarding all deferred maintenance educational inadequacy needs of our District...

### Parkview/Albany wrestling claims Trailways South Conference

Parkview/Albany hosted a triple duel on Jan. 26, the final conference duel with Johnson Creek and non-conference duel against Brodhead/Juda...

### Brodhead EMS, FD boards explain situation

The pending dissolution of the Fire District has become the topic of much speculation, misinformation and debate. How did we get to this point? First, a little background on the Brodhead Fire District (BFD) and the Brodhead Area EMS (BAEMS)...

### Brodhead boys snap ten game losing streak

The Brodhead boys' varsity basketball team fought long and hard to get back in the win column...

### Lohmar, McIntyre win conference brackets

On Feb. 4, the Brodhead-Juda wrestling team brought the regular season to an end with the Rock Valley Conference Tournament. A pair of Cardinal wrestlers walked away with first place finishes as Joe Lohmar and Marcus McIntyre put their talents on display...

### President Biden met with Laborers Job Training Facility

On Feb. 9, Representative Lisa Subeck (D-Madison), Assembly District 78, attended President Joe Biden's remarks at the Wisconsin Laborer's Apprenticeship and Training Center in Deforest...

### Brodhead Library may refine lost or damaged book policy

The Brodhead Memorial Public Library Board discussed changes to several policies at its meeting last week. The board discussed clarifications to its policies regarding lost or damaged books or other items...

### Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers' \$104 billion budget plan

Democratic Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers released his 2023-25 budget to the Republican-controlled Legislature on Wednesday, Feb. 15...

### Solar for Good Program enables energy savings for Wisconsin schools and nonprofits

A unique model yields solar energy benefits, despite Wisconsin's lack of legal clarity around third party-owned installations...

### Three Parkview/Albany Wrestlers punch their ticket to the Kohl Center

On Saturday, Feb. 18 in

Evansville at the D2 sectionals 8 wrestlers continued their quest to the Kohl Center in Madison for the state tournament Feb. 23, 24, 25. Finishing in the top 3 and moving on are 182# Sam Schwengels 46-5 (2nd), 195# Wyatt Egan 40-7 (3rd) and 220# Wes Egan 47-2 (1st)...

## March 2023

### Brodhead boys fall on senior night

Kaiden Chojnacki, Dawson Blum, and Aidyn Vondra were the only seniors on this year's Brodhead Cardinals boys' basketball team. The trio was celebrated on Friday night, when Brodhead played host to the Jefferson Eagles...

### Chamber announces Vintage Shop Hop

Empty your trunks, grab your friends and hit the road for Brodhead during the Vintage Shop Hop on March 3-4.

### Three injured in Sunday morning crash

On Feb. 26, at 8:51 a.m., Brodhead police, fire and EMS responded to a report of a two-vehicle crash at E. 9th Ave. (CTH T) at 23rd Street. The investigation revealed the sedan was northbound on E. 9th Ave. (CTH T) when a minivan traveling eastbound on 23rd Street failed to stop for the stop sign...

### Klondike Cheese Company pledges \$1 Million toward YMCA Capital Campaign

Klondike Cheese Company responds to the Colony Brands Foundation's "Drive for Five" challenge in support of the Green County Family YMCA...

### Caring for the next generation

September 2024 may seem like a long way off, but when there's a 35% shortage of childcare, many parents are already planning years ahead to find their children care. The Green County Family YMCA is excited to announce that registration for the Green County Family YMCA's new Childcare Center opened March 6. For those families currently struggling to find quality, affordable childcare, this might come as a huge relief.

### Scam phone calls identifying as deputies from Rock County Sheriff's Office

The Rock County Sheriff's Office has been made aware of additional recent fraudulent telephone calls to citizens where a male caller identifies himself as Deputy Sam Billings with the Rock County Sheriff's Office Fraud Department...

### New Thrift and Thrive store in Monroe to benefit sexual assault recovery program

Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc., will open a new thrift store in Monroe called Thrift and Thrive. Located at 1020 17th Avenue in downtown Monroe, all proceeds from sales will benefit the Sexual Assault Recovery Program (SARP), which serves survivors of sexual assault and human trafficking in Rock and Green counties...

### Local schools celebrate Youth Art Month

March is a month to celebrate the arts. We celebrate by showcasing student artwork throughout the state of Wisconsin...

### Parkview/Albany wrestler Wes Egan makes podium at state

The state wrestling tournament was held at the Kohl center on Feb 23-25. The top six in each weight class made the podium. Parkview/Albany had three wrestlers competing: Sam Schwengels (Jr.) at 182 lbs., Wyatt Egan (Sr.) at 195 lbs., and Wes Egan (So.) at 220 lbs., who place sixth...

### BMS philanthropy makes donation

Heifer International has a simple but powerful vision: that a gift of livestock and training can transform the lives of hungry, impoverished families. Heifer International provides livestock and training so families can improve nutrition and earn extra income for health care, shelter, and education for children...

### GCDC selected as a grant recipient

Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, has awarded 32 General Use Grants, totaling \$204,650...

### Green County 4-H youth participate in Communications Contest

Green County 4-H held its annual Communications Contest on Feb. 26 at the Green County Justice Center. This contest was open to all countywide 4-H members in grades 5K through one year past high school...

### Duo of Wisconsin female history makers to headline inaugural Educator Conference

Wisconsin Women in Conservation (WiWiC) is proud to celebrate Women's History Month by announcing that pioneering researchers Jean Eells and Rebecca Christoffel will headline the upcoming WiWiC Educator Network Conference on Friday, April 28...

### Lady Comets wrap up historic basketball season

The 2022-23 girls' basketball season was one to remember for the Albany Comets. After two consecutive regional championships in 2021 and 2022, the Comets were able to get over the hill and complete their trip to the 2023 Division 5 Wisconsin Girls' State Title Game...

### Changing Midwest marijuana landscape impacts Wisconsin

Since late 2019, consumption and sales of recreational marijuana have begun in two of Wisconsin's neighboring states, while a third appears poised to legalize the substance soon...

### Conservation easement finalized on former eastern Green County golf course

The Driftless Area Land Conservancy (DALC) and the Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy (SWLC), announced on March 14 they have partnered to protect 32 acres of restored native landscape in eastern Green County...

### Man charged with strangling ex-girlfriend

An initial appearance was scheduled for March 15 for a Brodhead man charged with choking his ex-girlfriend at her Elkhorn home. Matthew J. H. Matthew J. Hyke, 35, was charged March 6 in Walworth County Circuit Court...

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## March 2023 (cont.)

### GEMS gymnastics team flips a widely successful season

The Green County Family YMCA's GEMS Team took home 111 medal wins at the state meet, along with five team trophies including first place Level 1, first place Level 2, sixth place Level 3, second place Level 6, second place Xcel Gold...

### Green County Land and Water Department held annual conservation poster contest

There were 44 entries in four different age categories. Posters were evaluated on the following criteria: conservation message, visual effectiveness, originality, universal appeal, and individual artwork. In the fourth through sixth grade category, Pearl Hillary of St. Victors was first, Oliver Hardacre, also of St. Victors, second, and Elena Boston, of Albrecht Middle School in Brodhead, third...

Dialysis service. This new service allows for patients admitted in the hospital to receive dialysis as part of their care in Monroe and not have to be transferred to a larger hospital...

### Young's no-hitter helps Cards improve to 3-0

The Brodhead Cardinals are off to a hot start on the softball field in 2023. Although the Cards haven't been blowing teams out, Brodhead kicked their season off with three impressive wins over Rock Valley Conference opponents...

### Brodhead Fire District accepts donation from Spring Grove Mutual

The Wisconsin Reinsurance Corporation (WRC) Group recently contributed to the Brodhead Fire District on behalf of their client, Spring Grove Mutual Insurance Company, located in Brodhead. The Brodhead Fire District will use this donation to purchase digital radios...

### Dominant pitching Cards remain undefeated

Another week, another impressive pitching performance from the Brodhead Cardinals' pitching staff. Brodhead's varsity softball team hasn't had a single game where they were the clear-cut favorites, and yet they find themselves undefeated at 4-0 through their first four games...

### RCHS to host local artist gallery opening

The Rock County Historical Society invites all to attend an open house featuring more than 100 pieces of art donated by Wisconsin watercolor artist Ken Marsden.

### DCI canines make Wisconsin safer

On April 3, Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul held a media availability and demonstration with the Wisconsin Department of Justice Division of Criminal

Investigation canines, Kozak and Tutty...

### Juda-Albany Panthers softball team earns first win of 2023

After a tough couple of games to begin the 2023 softball season, the Juda-Albany Panthers picked up their first win in blowout fashion...

### Farmer awardees selected for 2023 Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance Program

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and Marbleseed announced 165 Wisconsin farmers have been awarded funds through the 2023 Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance (LFPA) program. Of those, two are in Green County and three are in Rock County...

### Tour the Farms Day this May

Tour the Farms Day is held in Brodhead this coming May and will feature five farms. The tour provides an opportunity to see how a working farm functions and produces, and highlights farms that employ organic and/or sustainable practices...

### Brodhead Cardinals demonstrate work ethic on and off the field

"This year's team is a group of kids with remarkable character and a big heart for others." That's how Brodhead head coach, Steven Krupke, described this year's Brodhead softball team, when discussing their work ethic...

### Brodhead fire district announces new firefighter

The Brodhead Fire District announced on April 21 the addition of Liz McGuire, 23, of Brodhead as a firefighter with the district...

### School district honors the school lunch heroes serving healthy meals

Between preparing delicious food, adhering to strict nutrition standards, navigating student

food allergies, and offering service with a smile, the School District of Brodhead nutrition professionals have a lot on their plate...

### Historical society to offer 'Focus on Art' specialty tour series this May

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) has developed a new series titled Focus on Art, set for the first Saturdays in May, June, and July...

### Blackhawk Tech opening dental clinic

As part of the new Dental Hygienist program, Blackhawk Technical College's new dental clinic is accepting community patients to provide students with an opportunity to develop their hands-on skills and provide low-cost preventive services to the public...

## May 2023

### Agricultural tourism in Green County

As family farms continue to be squeezed, agricultural tourism offers an economic engine to help diversify income to sustain farmers and rural communities...

### 155-year-old Beckman Mill ready for 2023 season

Opening day for Beckman Mill is set for Saturday, May 6, from noon to 4 p.m. at Beckman Mill County Park, located west of Beloit at 11450 S. County Rd. H. Tours and corn grinding demonstrations will occur at the historic Beckman Mill...

### Briggs pitches perfect game, Juda-Albany beats Argyle

The Juda-Albany Panthers' softball team picked up their ninth win of the 2023 softball season. While Avary Briggs tossed a gem on the mound, there was no shortage of offense for the Panthers' bats...

### Young notches 500 strikeouts in busy week

The Brodhead Cardinals didn't get much down time

with four softball games on the schedule last week. Despite a hectic calendar, the Cards had plenty to celebrate as they watched their record improve to 18-1 on the 2023 season. On top of that, McKenna Young reached a career milestone as one of the best pitchers to come through Brodhead's program...

### BHS students aspire to be future CNAs

Many of the Brodhead High School students took the CNA course this spring semester. The students took the course through Blackhawk Technical College and the students earned college credits for the course...

### Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin Board election underway

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has certified 14 nominees that are eligible for election to the Dairy Farmers of Wisconsin Board of Directors...

### Driver crashes van with two children inside

Deputies from the Rock County Sheriff's Office were dispatched to a traffic crash with blockage around 2:30 p.m. on May 4. Upon arrival to the 4000 block of W. County Highway A in Rock County, deputies located a van in the road...

### Badger Girls and Boys State delegates chosen

Badger Girls and Boys State is a week-long participatory government and leadership training experience for students in Wisconsin high schools. Students are chosen by the faculty based on their strong leadership skills, service to school and community, and character...

### Lady Cards conquer the Rock

The Brodhead Cardinals ticked one of their 2023 softball goals off the list with a pair of shutout victories last week. The Cards entered

the late season stretch atop the Rock Valley Conference standings. With the Evansville Blue Devils and the Edgerton, Crimson Tide coming up on the schedule, the Cards had the opportunity to secure their place atop the Rock...

### Monroe doctor recognized as rural health ambassador

The Rural Wisconsin Health Cooperative (RWHC) has awarded Dr. Franz Keilhauer the Rural Health Ambassador Award...

### Help keep Sugar River sweet and clean

Love the Sugar River? Want to see it clean of refuse and not full of trash? Like it free from dangerous treefalls and safe for kids to navigate? If the answer to these questions is yes, then why not come out and join other volunteers on Saturday, May 20, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the annual Sugar River cleanup...

### Body of WWII soldier killed at Pearl Harbor to be returned home

After over 81 years, a young man who once called Juda and Monroe home will finally be returning, memorialized at what will be a special and historic event. The public is invited to honor and remember Green County's first casualty of WWII, Seaman Second Class David Joseph Riley, at a memorial program scheduled for 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 27, at the Juda High School gymnasium...

### Area entrepreneurs given help to succeed

Since April 19, twenty-one aspiring Green County entrepreneurs participated in a free Small Business Series hosted by Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) and The Bank of New Glarus, with special help from the Southwest Wisconsin Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and other guest speakers...

## April 2023

### Parishioners provided defibrillator training

The Brodhead United Methodist Church recently hosted Brodhead firefighter and paramedic Rick Bedward in an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) training for parish members...

### Confirmed tornado hit Beloit

The National Weather Service has confirmed that an EF-0 tornado caused structural damage to the east side of Beloit during the severe weather last Friday, March 31. The preliminary reports indicate the tornado was 100 yards wide and traveled 3.8 miles...

### SSM Health Monroe launches Inpatient Dialysis service

SSM Health Monroe Hospital is excited to announce the launch of their Inpatient

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## May 2023 (cont.)

### Fishing derby for kids to return to Brodhead

The annual Optimist Fishing Derby is returning on Saturday, June 17, at the Brodhead watering hole on 23rd Street across from Stoughton Trailers...

### Students, police enjoyed friendly kickball game

Students from Beloit Fresh Start, a program of Community Action, Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties, enjoyed a friendly kickball competition with Beloit police officers on May 11 at ABC Supply Stadium in Beloit...

### Class night award winners at high school

On May 17, a number of Brodhead high school students in the class of 2023 received honors during class night...

### Farmers of Sugar River speak on conservation

On May 24, the Farmers of the Sugar River watershed group held a field day near Evansville to show the importance of conserving your soil and the benefits of doing so...

### Lady Cards, Vikings compete through regionals

After finishing the regular season with a 21-2 record, the Brodhead Cardinals propelled themselves into the 2023 softball postseason...

### 'Artrageous' event returns to Rock County

The Rock County Historical Society's (RCHS) "Artrageous Wednesdays" are returning this year beginning in June...

### Many local events planned for June Pride Month

In recognition of Pride month this June, several local organizations have planned a variety of events in Rock County to celebrate. From an LGBTQ+ comedy show to a day with games and food in the park for the entire family, the events run throughout the month of June...

## June 2023

### Lady Cards headed to state

The Brodhead Cardinals kept the train rolling on their 2023 softball season with

a pair of sectional victories last week. With the wins, the Cards punched their ticket to the 2023 WIAA State Softball Tournament...

### Habitat for Humanity offers home in Brodhead

Habitat for Humanity of Green County (HHGC) has reopened the search for a partner family to assist in the rehabilitation of a home...

### Dance team to bring 1940s to modern day

Kelch Aviation Museum is thrilled to announce that the Chicago Chorus Girl Project, a classy and fun vintage-style dance team, will be performing at their Vintage Hangar Dance on Saturday, June 10...

### Popular Concert on the Square series is back

Hot tunes, cool brews, family fun, and community spirit are all part of Main Street Monroe's popular Concert on the Square series...

### SWAT Team trained at Orfordville home

The Rock County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team trained at a private residence in the north end of Orfordville on May 31. This was a regular SWAT Team practice...

### Lady Cards catch State Championships

The Brodhead Cardinals have been to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Softball Tournament just twice in program history. Both times, the Cards have brought the gold trophy home, as Brodhead added to their hardware collection, last weekend...

### Brodhead woman arrested for OWI

On June 6, at around 6:30 p.m., Rock County Sheriff's Deputies were advised of a vehicle traveling westbound on West State Highway 81 by South Nelson Road in the town of Avon, with two flat tires. The vehicle was reported to be driving all over the road, then stopped in the middle of the road...

### Brodhead schools speak on state of district

Each year our School Board sets priorities for the school year. Those priorities are in four specific areas: Teaching and Student Learning; Family

and Community Engagement; District Culture, Wellness and Engagement; and Finance and Facilities...

### Monroe Arts Center announces lineup for Sounds of Summer

The Monroe Arts Center unveiled its schedule for the 2023 Sounds of Summer outdoor concert series...

### Knowing Brodhead and its history

How much do you really know about Brodhead, its architecture, churches, early development, history, parks, people, and schools? Following is a list of 30 questions with answers at the end...

### Brodhead man dies in motor vehicle crash

On June 16, at around 5:57 p.m., the Rock County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of a single motor vehicle crash with the driver being ejected from the vehicle on W. Avon North Townline Rd. about 0.8 miles to the east of S. County Trunk T in the town of Avon.

### Local hospital marks 300 robot surgeries

SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Dr. Jonathan Swindle, Orthopedic Surgeon, are celebrating 300 total hip and total knee procedures using the latest advancement in joint replacement surgery, the Mako Robotic-Arm Assisted Surgery System...

### Funding available for Green County businesses

High growth startup or emerging growth companies in manufacturing, agriculture, food processing, medical devices, biosciences, or energy industries are eligible to apply for up to \$100,000...

### Coach Krupke speaks on 2023 state title

The 2023 Brodhead Cardinals accomplished something only one other Brodhead softball team has in the history of the program when they captured the 2023 Division Three State Title...

### Monroe clinic, hospital celebrate successful 31st 'Little Golf' event

The Monroe Clinic and Hospital Foundation's "Little Golf" and Grill event, held on June 13, was an afternoon of

mini golf that led into a night full of generous giving for a great cause...

## July 2023

### Area gymnasts shine at championship

The Green County Family YMCA is proud to announce the outstanding achievements of its 16 talented gymnasts who recently competed at the prestigious YMCA National Gymnastics Championship Meet in Cincinnati, Ohio from June 21 to 25...

### Kitchen co-op offers new style local food dining in Monticello

Tickets are on sale online for a new way to eat out seasonally and support area farmers to sustain the Sugar River Food Shed. Growers and farmers in the Community Kitchen Cooperative (CKC) in Monticello are cooking and serving the meals on four Saturday nights in July and August...

### Albany woman elected to serve Wisconsin Association of FFA

Linsey Mueller of the Albany FFA Chapter was elected to a year of service in June as the 2023-2024 Section Five State FFA Officer during the 94th Wisconsin FFA Convention...

### Exploring country art through photos

Ten years ago, Patty Van Stone moved to Clinton and discovered something beautiful on the way: barn quilts...

### Orfordville Fire/EMS fighting for survival

The Orfordville Fire Protection District, which provides fire and EMS services to five municipalities in southwestern Rock County, is at a pivotal crossroads that could ultimately result in the demise of the District...

### Albany athletes improving with Comet Elite program

This summer, the student-athletes of Albany have been putting in some offseason work thanks to the Comet Elite program...

### Nitrates found in Green County wells

A new report from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services shows that

nitrates have been detected in many privately-owned Green County wells...

### Viennese fortepiano virtuoso to perform intimate concerts at Lincoln-Tallman Museum

Join the Rock County Historical Society for classical music featuring Viennese fortepiano player Daniel Adam Maltz as he performs in the historic Lincoln-Tallman Museum...

### Cardinals prepared for new season after football camp

The Brodhead-Juda Cardinals got back on the gridiron last week when they held their 2023 football camp. For the Cards and their head coach, Jim Matthys, the camp is all about getting reps, implementing systems, and finding areas of needed improvement...

### Optimist Pig Roast back in Brodhead

The Optimist Pig Roast for Childhood Cancer is finally here! The Brodhead Optimists are holding their annual Pig Roast and Pie Sale on Sunday, July 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Veteran's Park in Brodhead...

### Celebrate at the upcoming Juda Bash

The first annual Juda Bash will be on Aug. 5, from 7:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. at Juda Community Park, W3058 High School Rd in Juda. A 50/50 raffle will be drawn at 9 p.m. at the event...

### Tallman Arts Festival coming to Janesville

The two-day 65th annual Tallman Arts Festival, a highlight of the summer, is set for Saturday, Aug. 5, and Sunday, Aug. 6, running from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days, at the Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) campus, 450 N. Jackson Street in Janesville...

### Henze's Havarti takes top prize in Green County Fair cheese contest

Matt Henze of Decatur Dairy, Inc. of Brodhead was the Grand Champion this year in the Green County Fair Cheese Contest...

### Relay for Life seeks to 'Give Cancer the Boot' with local event

On Friday, Aug. 4, the Relay for Life of Green County invites the public to honor and

remember loved ones and fight back for lifesaving change at the Jaycee Park in Brodhead...

### Vouchers for fresh produce available to Rock County seniors

Seniors who love fresh produce from the farmers' markets and roadside stands, but don't feel it's in their budget, now have an opportunity to enjoy the produce they have been craving. The Nutrition Program of the ADRC (Aging and Disability Resource Center) of Rock County still has Senior Farmers' Market vouchers available...

## Aug. 2023

### Conservation, state staff plan livestock composting field day

A field day next week near rural Monticello and Albany will discuss a technique area livestock owners can use to safely, legally deal with animals when they die...

### Cheese auction nets over \$93,000

The Foreign Type Cheesemaker's Association would like to announce the results of the 2023 Green County Fair Cheese Contest and Auction...

### Soil Sisters holds workshop for women farmers

While the number of farms has been on the decline for many years, the number owned and operated by women is on the rise - according to the USDA Census of Agriculture...

### Albany Lions 'stuffing the bus' with school supplies for local kids

The Albany Lions Club is teaming up with Albany School District and inviting the community to help them "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies on Saturday, Aug. 5...

### High school students won in various animal categories at county fair

The 17th annual Green County Master Showman Competition was held at the 2023 Green County Fair on July 22...

### 32 high school students complete 2023 Summer Rock County Internship Program

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## Aug. 2023 (cont.)

**Rock County Internship Program** culminated with a graduation ceremony on July 28 at the Rock County Human Services building, featuring capstone presentations by 32 high school juniors...

### Wisconsin grown hemp: Farm saving crop or just another money losing venture?

Have you heard of hemp? Hemp (*Cannabis sativa L*) is an herbaceous, anemophilous plant belonging to the Cannabaceae family...

### Parkview Vikings relying on returning experience on the volleyball court in 2023

After going just 3-18 last year, the Parkview Vikings are hopeful to see an increase in the win column for the 2023 volleyball season...

### All invited to attend 75th anniversary celebration at Rock County Historical Society

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) welcomes all to attend its 75th anniversary party...

### Wildflower Art Festival gives out best of show prize to Oregon couple

The Brodhead Chamber's twelfth annual Wildflower Art Festival, held on Saturday, Aug. 12, was a huge success! The festival was a juried fine art event that showcased the work of talented artists from around the state and region...

### Brodhead Optimists raise huge amount for childhood cancer

Every year the Brodhead Optimists hold a Pig Roast and Pie Sale to raise money to help families with children who have cancer and for childhood cancer research, and every year they have had wonderful sponsors who have generously supported this event...

### First human case of West Nile virus confirmed in state

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and Public Health Madison and Dane County have confirmed the first human case of West Nile virus in a Wisconsin resident this year...

### Congregational UCC Fall Fish Boil

The Brodhead Congregational United Church of Christ will be having their 32nd Annual Fall Fish Boil on Saturday, Sept. 16...

### Outdoor quilt show in Orfordville announced

The Sassy Farm Chicks Quilt Company is holding their Annual Airing of the Quilts Outdoor Quilt Exhibition on Saturday, Sept. 9...

## Sept. 2023

### Kammerer pleased with competition at tournament

The Lady Cards had their fair share of ups and downs when they competed in

the Cougar Viking Classic Volleyball Tournament on Aug. 25, and Aug. 26...

### Heritage comes alive at Beckman Mill Sept. 10

The sights and sounds of rural life from a century ago will come to life again during Heritage Sunday on Sept. 10, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Beckman Mill Park, 11450 S. County Rd. H in Beloit...

### Community Kitchen co-op continues locally-grown dining in Monticello

Saturday night meals of local ingredients to uplift the Sugar River Food Shed are continuing into autumn. The first fall dinner is set this week in Monticello...

### Find out what's brewing at New Glarus Oktoberfest

Come to New Glarus to enjoy free live music under the big tent downtown, including polka, rock, country, and blues from Sept. 21 to 24...

### Paws by the River event to help Humane Society

On Saturday, Sept. 23, the City of Janesville and the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin will introduce Paws by the River, a dog walk and community event at Traxler Park to benefit local homeless pets. This joint fundraising endeavor will help bridge the gap of the city's budget shortfall in 2023...

### Lady Cards win Brodhead invite, establish six-game winning streak

The Brodhead Cardinals have had their fair share of ups and downs throughout the young 2023 volleyball season. After getting off to a 5-7 start, Brodhead appears to have turned the corner as they went on a six-game winning streak, including winning their own Brodhead Invite...

### New Glarus company donates to weekend food program for students

Southwestern Wisconsin Community Action Program (SWCAP), Second Harvest Food Bank, and the school districts of Albany, Black Hawk, Brodhead, Juda, Monticello, New Glarus and Pecatonica would like to publicly acknowledge a grant provided by "Only in Wisconsin Giving" to support the weekend food backpack programs in these seven school districts...

### Green County youth celebrate 4-H Week

Oct. 1 through 7 is National 4-H Week and Green County is celebrating all the great opportunities that 4-H offers young people to learn, grow, and lead...

### Fall in love with Brodhead during AutumnFest

The seasons are changing and the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce AutumnFest, presented by Hometown Pharmacy, on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Veteran's Memorial Park in beautiful downtown Brodhead...

### GCDC's fall breakfast focused on the future of agriculture

The future of agriculture was the topic of focus at Green County Development Corporation's (GCDC) fall breakfast, held Thursday, Sept. 21, at Wegmueller Dairy Farm in Monroe...

### Orfordville's Fall Fest offers 'chili' fall fun

The Orfordville Community Engagement Committee is hosting the town's first Fall Fest, a fundraiser for the Orfordville Fire Department, which will be on Sept. 30...

### Blackhawk Tech awarded \$57,000 manufacturing grant

Blackhawk Technical College has been selected as the recipient of a \$57,000 grant from the Forging Industry Educational and Research Foundation (FIERF), a supporter of the Forging Industry Association (FIA)...

### Sen. Mark Spreitzer introduces marijuana legalization bill

On Sept. 22, Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit) and Representative Jenna Jacobson (D-Oregon) joined Representative Darrin Madison (D-Milwaukee), Senator Melissa Agard (D-Madison), and legislative Democrats to introduce a bill to legalize marijuana in Wisconsin...

## Oct. 2023

### Brodhead Water and Light celebrates 110 years of service

Brodhead Water and Light, the community's locally owned, not-for-profit electric utility, is celebrating 110 years...

### Rock County couple seeks to help others conserve the land

For over 30 years, Gary and Penny Shackelford have been compiling a personalized "cookbook" of conservation practices with help from the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) in hopes to pass their not-so-secret recipes for conservation on to the future stewards of the land...

### Public can give input on community economic growth strategies Oct. 18

Brodhead area residents will get a chance next Wednesday, Oct. 18, to hear about and give input on an economic development planning effort...

### Green County land judging contests held in Monroe

The 2023 Green County Land Judging Contest was held Wednesday, Sept. 27, at the Nick Hartwig farm, located on the northside of Monroe along Hwy. 81...

### Support Brodhead at downtown businesses

If you've been missing recent downtown festivals and special events in Brodhead, there are more opportunities to come...

### Blood drive coming to high school

On Monday, Oct. 30, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Lance

Peterson and Jayson Montiel will be hosting a blood drive at Brodhead High School for their senior project...

### Green County 4-H'ers go to horse expo, competition

Green County 4-H had eight exhibitors attend the 2023 State 4-H Gymkhana Competition and had two exhibitors attend the 2023 State 4-H Horse Expo held at the State Fairgrounds in West Allis...

### City council votes to keep mayor's term at two years

City Common Council members soundly defeated a proposal to double the mayor's term of office last week...

### American Rescue Plan funds will solve Brodhead Police Department crisis

Funding allocated to local governments across Wisconsin under the federal American Rescue Plan Act will help the city address a badly deteriorating roof over Brodhead Police Department...

## Nov. 2023

### Eighth grade takes annual Washington, D.C. trip

Members of Brodhead Middle School's eighth grade class returned late Saturday, Oct. 21, from a trip to the capital in Washington, D.C...

### Blake Matthys announces commitment to play football at UW-La Crosse

With the completion of the 2023 football season, the Brodhead-Juda football program is turning to a new chapter. Head Coach Jim Matthys announced that he is stepping down from the helm of the program. That decision coincides with his son, Blake Matthys, graduating from the Program...

### A family tree rooted in soil science

A growing legacy in soil evaluation branched

and bloomed at the 2023 Wisconsin State FFA Land and Soil Evaluation Contest, a "Six Degrees of Separation in Soil Evaluation" for Wisconsin Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) soil experts, staff, and partners in conservation...

### Brodhead youth wins at World Dairy Expo

The World Dairy Expo held in Madison welcomed 345 competitors to the Youth Showmanship Contest on Saturday, Sept. 30, and youth from all over the state of Wisconsin rose to the top in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions, including Kennedy Zimmerman, an eighth grader from Brodhead...

### Volunteers make a difference in Brodhead

Nearly 100 volunteers showed up on Saturday, Oct. 28, from 9 to 11 a.m. in Brodhead on Make a Difference Day...

### BTC's new facility nears completion

The new Public Safety Education Center nears completion at Blackhawk Technical College...

### World War II veteran and hospice care patient presented with Quilt of Valor

Frank DiPiazza, WWII Veteran and 105-year-old Agrace Hospice Care patient, was honored on Nov. 10 with a Quilt of Valor.

### Abbie Dix joins UWW in WIAC, NCAA playoffs

Abbie Dix, a native of Brodhead, who is studying Human Performance at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, is a member of the Warhawk volleyball team, which clinched an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III Championship on Saturday, Nov. 11 with a 3-0 victory at previously unbeaten UW-Oshkosh...

### Green County 4-H youth and adults recognized

Green County 4-H held its annual Awards and Recognition Ceremony on Saturday, Nov. 11 where numerous youth and adults of the 4-H program were recognized and thanked for their efforts in promoting and supporting positive youth development...

### 'Penny War' to raise funds at Albrecht

Want to help out in a unique way at Albrecht Elementary School? Between Nov. 27 and Dec. 1, locals can put spare change toward a great cause...

### Two Albany HS students raised more than \$3,800 for youth basketball program

The 2nd annual Comet Classic 3 on 3 tournament held Nov. 12 in Albany raised \$3,866.25. Albany senior Alana Durtschi and Albany junior Abby Hollis hosted this tournament as a fundraiser for their local youth basketball program, Albany Junior Comet League...

### Sheriff asks Brodhead to pay for 911 dispatch services

Green County Sheriff Jeff Skatrud's request last week that Brodhead help fund 911 dispatch staff drew pointed questions from Common Council. Skatrud met with the city council members in their regular meeting Monday, Nov. 20...

### Fire & Ice Festival brings the heat and the chill

The annual Fire & Ice Festival is coming to the Historic Square in downtown Brodhead starting on Friday, Dec. 1 and ending with Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 2...

### Historic courthouse invites Green County to fete this Saturday

Green County citizens can help rededicate their 132-year-old courthouse in a ceremony and open house this Saturday in Monroe...

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# State park trails among top voted nature walks

A poll of 3,000 families reveals the 150 most sought after nature walks to experience on New Year's Day.

Devil's Lake State Park Trails near Baraboo; High Cliff State Park Trails near Appleton; and Kohler-Andrae State Park Trails in Sheboygan, all in Wisconsin, are included in the top 150.

New Year's Day is a time of renewal and family bonding. Across the country, families come together to share meals, enjoy the outdoors, and partake in celebratory parades, creating memories that last a lifetime.

Among these cherished traditions, nature walks stand out as a refreshing way to start the year with nature's tranquility and beauty.

Sustainable Jungle recently commissioned a survey aimed at discovering the best nature walks to do on New Year's Day. They surveyed 3,000 families asking them to rate which New Year's Day nature walks across the U.S. they would most like to experience at the start of 2024. They then put together a list of the 150 most sought after nature walks to do on New Year's Day.

Here are some that made the list:

**No. 1: Lanikai Pillbox Hike in Oahu, Hawaii**

Perhaps unsurprisingly, given the islands' beauty, Lanikai Pillbox Hike on Oahu emerged as the most sought-after nature walk to experience on New Year's Day. It is a 1.6-mile hike offering panoramic views of Lanikai and Kailua. It can be a challenging hike with some rocky parts, ideal for families who hike often.

**No. 2: Lookout Mountain**

**Trails in Chattanooga, Tenn.**

In second place came Lookout Mountain Trails in Chattanooga. Offering a range of trails with varying difficulty, the area around Lookout Mountain is perfect for families. The Guild-Hardy Trail is a popular option, providing a relatively easy and scenic walk through the forest with views of Chattanooga.

**No. 3: Waimea Valley Botanical Gardens Trail in Oahu, Hawaii**

The third most popular New Year's Day walk in the country is also in Hawaii. This 1.9-mile trail is more of a walk than a hike, passing through beautiful botanical gardens and ending at Waimea Falls.

**No. 4: Tomoka State Park, Fla.**

In fourth position is Tomoka State Park. It offers scenic trails where families can enjoy a leisurely walk amidst natural beauty. The Tomoka Trail is a half-mile trail that takes you along the Tomoka Point peninsula, and it's known for its beautiful shady maritime oak trees.

**No. 5: Carlsbad Caverns National Park, N.M.**

This walk offers a unique experience of exploring cool cave formations. The Big Room trail is around 1.25+ miles and has an option to take an elevator back up, which can be great for kids.

**No. 6: Amicalola Falls State Park Trails, Ga.**

Located in the North Georgia mountains, this park is home to the tallest waterfall in Georgia, Amicalola Falls. The park offers various hiking trails, including the East Ridge Trail, which is a moderate 2.1-mile loop that provides stunning views of the wa-

terfall and surrounding forests. There's also a short, paved path to an overlook for those looking for an easier option.

**No. 47: Devil's Lake State Park Trails near Baraboo**

This park features a variety of trails suitable for all skill levels. The Tumbled Rocks Trail is particularly family-friendly, offering an easy, scenic walk along the shoreline of Devil's Lake. The views of the lake and the surrounding bluffs are stunning.

**No. 111: High Cliff State Park Trails near Appleton**

Situated on the shores of Lake Winnebago, this park offers several trails that are suitable for families. The Indian Mound Trail, for example, is an easy hike that takes you past ancient effigy mounds, through wooded areas, and offers scenic overlooks of the lake.

**No. 131: Kohler-Andrae State Park Trails in Sheboygan**

This park along the shores of Lake Michigan offers gentle hiking trails through sand dunes and forests. The Creeping Juniper Nature Trail is an easy and educational trail perfect for families, providing a beautiful view of the lake and dunes.

## LEGAL NOTICES

**AGENDA  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 7:00 P.M.**

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

**JOIN WITH GOOGLE MEET:**  
<https://meet.google.com/oiv-jiji-thn>  
**JOIN BY TELEPHONE:**  
+1 727-325-2066 (PIN: 996403637)

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
- V. INFORMATION REPORTS
- VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- AGENDA**
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA
  - 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - 2. APPROVAL OF BILLS
  - 3. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
  - 4. RESIGNATION(S)
  - 5. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
  - 6. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
  - VIII. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRESENTATION – MULTI-

- TIERED SYSTEM OF SUPPORTS
  - IX. FACILITY PLANNING/REFERENDUM DISCUSSION
  - X. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS
  - XI. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION CALLING A REFERENDUM ELECTION TO APPROVE AN INITIAL RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING BORROWING
  - XII. SAFETY DRILL REPORTS
  - XIII. AUDIT REPORT
  - XIV. APPROVAL OF 2024-25 MASTER CALENDAR
  - XV. REVIEW WASB RESOLUTIONS
  - XVI. 1ST READING OF POLICY SECTION 5000 [STUDENTS]
  - XVII. APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF EXISTING POLICIES TO NEOLA CATALOG
  - XVIII. FUTURE AGENDA
  - XIX. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1)(c)
    - a. Administrative Contracts
  - XX. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
  - XXI. ADJOURNMENT
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**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF BIZHOGS, LLC**

and  
Instructions for Submitting Notice of Claim  
Notice to any and all Creditors of Bizhogs, LLC:

You are hereby notified that Bizhogs, LLC has been dissolved, effective December 28, 2023.

It is hereby requested that any and all persons with a claim, known or unknown, against Bizhogs, LLC or its members, agents, or employees, in their capacities as such, present said claim in accordance with this published notice.

To file a notice of a claim against Bizhogs, LLC you must send the following written information to the address below, no later 120 days following the first date of this publication:

- 1. A statement of the amount of your claim;
  - 2. The legal name of the entity asserting the claim;
  - 3. Identification or brief description of the agreement or other circumstances under which the claim arose; and,
  - 4. Any other information you believe may be useful to verify the nature and amount of the claim, including copies of any relevant documents.
- Please send all of the above information to:  
Ms. Karen Hogan  
c/o Attorney Walter E. Shannon

Shannon Law Office, LLC  
104 W. Main St.  
Evansville, WI 53536

PLEASANT NOTE: A claim against the dissolved limited liability company or its members, agents, or employees, is barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is brought within two (2) years after the first publication date of this notice. If your claim is so barred, you will have no further rights to assert or otherwise take action with respect to your claim, against Bizhogs, LLC or its members, agents or employees.

If you have any questions, please contact Attorney Walter E. Shannon, Shannon Law Office, (608) 882-5944.

/s/ Karen K. Hogan, Member Bizhogs, LLC  
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**AGENDA  
BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Finance Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, January 10, 2024  
HIGH SCHOOL LMC  
2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 6:30 P.M.**

- AGENDA**
- I. REVIEW BILLS
  - II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE
  - III. ADJOURN
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## News brief

**Job Fair at Rock County Job Center this January**

The first Job Fair for 2024 in Rock County will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at the Rock County Job Center located at 1717 Center Avenue in Janesville. The event will have 27 local employers in attendance and 260+ job openings.

The Job Fair will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10. Individuals may update and print their resumes in the Resource Room prior to the event. For a list of employers, please visit: <https://wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/>.

Individuals having questions can email DETWDA11BusinessServices@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

For additional information contact: Gail Graham, Business Services Manager, Rock County Job Center, 1717 Center Avenue, Janesville, WI 53545; phone 608-314-3300, Ext. 304, cell: 608-295-4887; E-mail: [g.graham@swwdb.org](mailto:g.graham@swwdb.org).



# — HEADLINE REVIEW — A LOOK BACK AT 2023

From **The Independent-Register** and the communities it continues to serve!

**Nov. 2023 (cont.)**

**Red Cross honored lifeguards for saving boy at Brodhead pool**

On Nov. 22, lifeguards Madisyn Kail, Tyra Lehman, Addison Swan, Jaelyn Hillard and their lifeguard instructor, David Gissing, were honored by the American Red Cross of Wisconsin Southwest Chapter for helping to save the life of a boy who was drowning at the Brodhead Pool...

**State Senate passes bipartisan bill to rename Highway 11**

On Nov. 7, the Wisconsin State Senate passed 2023 Senate Bill 223, a bill State Sen. Mark Spreitzer authored with a bipartisan coalition of local legislators to designate the Corporal Benjamin H. Neal Memorial Highway...

**Dec. 2023**

**City council denies rezoning request from single-family to duplexes on six lots**

A majority of Common Council members last month denied a controversial bid to rezone to greater density six lots within Brodhead's

city limits. The lots are near a mobile home park and senior housing, but area single-family homeowners have protested the change...

**Make a difference with food backpack program**

Through the Backpackers Food Program at Brodhead School District, locals can make a difference in a child's life. The program is dedicated to providing food to students and families who struggle with food insecurity. Every week, the program serves 26 families, including 77 children, by providing them with breakfast items, easy dinners, fruits, vegetables, and snacks...

**Local student to dance in Nutcracker**

Kennedy McDaniel, a local Rock County dancer, will perform in Dance Wisconsin's Nutcracker production at the Wisconsin Union Theater in Madison...

**All paws on deck to give thanks**

Nicole Rice, owner of All Paws Pet's Supplies and Dog Daycare in Evansville, decided dogs deserved a Thanksgiving feast too. Through her efforts and donations from the community, all the dogs at the Humane Society of Southern

Wisconsin received a special meal this Thanksgiving...

**Brodhead boys off to hot start for 2023-24 season**

The Brodhead boys' basketball team couldn't have asked for a much better start to their season. After beating Waterloo in Milwaukee, the Cardinals kept the good times rolling with a victory over the Clinton Cougars last week.

**Solar power project nears completion**

Using federal and private grant funding, the Brodhead Senior Village at 1108 21st Street is nearing completion of a solar energy project designed and installed by Midwest Solar Power, LLC...

**Brodhead insurance company to merge**

The members of Spring Grove Mutual Insurance voted in a special meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 5 to go forward with a merger...

**Parkview/Albany takes second at Holidays**

Parkview/Albany traveled to Oakfield on Saturday, Nov. 9 for the 3rd annual Holidays tournament and finished in 2nd place going 3-1 on the day beating Cedarburg (CB)

42-32, Marshall (MA) 42-30, and Oakfield (OK) 58-6, and losing to Princeton/Green Lake (PG) 36-47...

**Green County farmer awarded top honor from state farm bureau**

Five individuals have been selected to receive top honors in Wisconsin Farm Bureau's 35 Under 35 Award program. The award is presented by WFBF's Young Farmer and Agriculturist program in partnership with Insight FS...

**Green County holds forum on solving housing issues**

More than 50 municipal leaders, lenders and developers connected on Thursday, Dec. 7 at SSM Health Monroe for the Housing Action Forum, an event to create actionable items for solving the housing issues in Green County...

**Six make wrestling finals at Mt. Horeb**

On Dec. 16, the Parkview/Albany wrestlers had six in the finals with three champions...

**Day family gives thanks for community spirit groundswell**

Holiday memories ending 2023 for the extended Don "Junior" Day and Bill Day family have raised tribute and triumph over tragedy. The sudden

deaths this year of this father and son, in separate accidents just months apart, shocked wide circles of Green and Rock county acquaintances...

**Knocking on doors to help city qualify for block grant**

Three aldermen with the city's Public Works and engineering consultants continue surveying residents in a portion of Brodhead's southside. The survey of Brodhead households for city income and demographic qualifications is to help one city neighborhood qualify to get federal and state funding and assistance to make water line improvements...

**Brodhead Common Council picks Covert for clerk**

Brodhead's new city clerk is Kristen Covert. Common Council voted to select Covert in their regular December meeting last week to replace Brodhead's former clerk Nikolai Wahl...

**Blackhawk Nursing hosts December pinning ceremony**

Thirty-three graduating nursing students were celebrated on the evening of Dec. 14 in a special pinning ceremony for their completion of the Associate Degree of Nursing.

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