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## 'A role model for everybody'

Remembering Ed Nadolski – family man, community pillar, former Editor in Chief

By Jason Arndt and Jennifer Eisenbart  
 STAFF WRITERS

When long-time Rock Valley Publishing and Southern Lakes Newspapers Editor in Chief Ed Nadolski stepped away from the job in January of 2023, he had simple plans – to enjoy time with his family and slowly figure out life post-journalism.

That journey came to an end the morning of Christmas Eve, as Nadolski, 62, passed away following several health crises, including a long-term non-Hodgkin's lymphoma diagnosis in 2008 and a frontotemporal dementia diagnosis that came shortly after his retirement.

"He was our hero," his wife, Jacqueline said. "We all just rallied around him the last year and a half and took the best care of him we could.

"He'll definitely be missed by many."

Nadolski worked with Southern Lakes Newspapers for 23 years, guiding the papers and its staff through major news stories, an ownership change and the general expansion and contraction of

the industry while raising his family in Burlington.

He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline, and his four children – Austin, Lauren, Emily

and Karley.

Sue Z. Lange, chief financial officer, worked with Nadolski throughout his entire tenure with the newspaper

group.

"Ed was one in a million. A true professional, a consummate journalist and most importantly, a really good

human," Lange said. "We definitely lost one of the good guys."

Heather Ruenz, current Editor in Chief, said Nadolski had a profound impact on many people.

"He was such a talented writer and had a deep passion for journalism and for helping us become the best journalists we could be," Ruenz said. "But the lessons he taught by example – the way he loved his family and friends, faced his cancer diagnosis, was devoted to his community and his unwavering faith – are what made him the kind of person we should all strive to be."

Burlington community from Ozaukee, where he worked for the Ozaukee Press from the 1980s forward. He started as a general assignment reporter, then graduated to sports editor and eventually co-managing editor.

In 2000, the Branen family – which made the Standard Press a fixture in the Burlington community – was getting ready to step back from direct control of the paper with the retirement of Bob Branen. His brother, Shad, took over as CEO and worked to find a proper replacement.

"In our transition period in early 2000, Ed was our top choice to lead our group of newspapers as Director of



Submitted photo Rock Valley Publishing  
 The Nadolski family, including dogs Wini and Lia, (from the left) Austin Nadolski, Emily O'Neil, Jacqueline and Ed Nadolski, Karley Nadolski, Lauren Nadolski and Robert Meier, Lauren's husband.

A community fixture

Nadolski came to the

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## Failure to stop leads to fatal vehicle crash

On Monday, Dec. 30, 2024, at approximately 6:09 a.m., the Rock County Sheriff's Office responded to a two-vehicle crash with injuries on W CTH A at N CTH H in the Town of Janesville, Rock County. The Janesville Fire Department and Wisconsin State Patrol responded as well.

The investigation revealed a vehicle operated by a 58-year-old man from Sussex, Wis., was traveling southbound on N CTH H when he failed to stop at the stop sign at W CTH A. The southbound vehicle entered the intersection where it collided with a vehicle westbound on W CTH A being operated by a 19-year-old man from Janesville.

The 58-year-old driver of the southbound vehicle was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased. The 19-year-old driver of the westbound vehicle was also transported with non-life-threatening injuries.

The above intersection was closed for several hours during the investigation, and reconstruction was completed by the Rock County Sheriff's Office Crash Reconstruction.

At this time, no criminal charges are being pursued.

The name of the deceased will be released by the Rock County Medical Examiner's Office at a later date.

## Parkview routs Waterloo behind star studded performances

By Trenten Scheidegger  
 CORRESPONDENT

The Parkview Vikings opened the new year with a victory over the Waterloo Pirates. After ending 2024 with a win over Albany, the Vikings improved their overall record to 5-2 on the season. Despite waiting more than a week between games, the Vikings came out ready to roll in 2025.

Parkview has let their star players lead the way throughout the young season, and the matchup against Waterloo was perhaps the biggest example of that. Aiden Crane and Mathias Treinen combined for almost seventy points as the duo led the way

to Parkview's sixth victory of the season.

Crane got his night started with a three-pointer. He wound up sinking a trio of threes in the first half alone. Crane found success from all over the floor, however. In the first half alone, Crane put up twenty-six points. Nine of which came from three-point range, five came at the free throw line, and twelve came on two-point field goals.

Treinen did all of his work from inside, but he was just as much of a force as Crane. Treinen racked up nineteen first half points, including going five-for-six at the charity stripe.

Waterloo has struggled this

season, but they managed to keep pace with some successful three-point shooting of their own. Four three-pointers in the first half helped keep Waterloo from getting blown out early on. Still, with Crane and Treinen combining for forty-five first half points, the Vikings took a 45-33 lead into the break.

Parkview didn't let up in the second half. Treinen remained consistent, putting up another thirteen points. Mike Williams, who went scoreless in the first half, wound up putting up twelve points in the second. Easton Hackett also got involved with seven late points.

Waterloo managed to hang

around, but the Vikings were in control from start to finish. Crane wound up leading all scorers with thirty-six points. Treinen also eclipsed thirty-points as he finished with thirty-two on the evening. Williams was the third Viking to finish in double figures with twelve points.

The Vikings improved to 6-2 on the year after picking up the 88-66 victory. They will be back in action on Friday, Jan. 10, when they play host to Madison Country Day. On Monday, Jan. 13, the Vikings hit the road to take on Jefferson. They return home on Wednesday, Jan. 15, to play host to Reagan Flickinger and the Clinton Cougars.

## JPAC presents Godspell the musical in January

The Janesville Performing Arts Center (JPAC) will be producing Godspell as part of its 2024-25 season, with their very own Executive Director Nathan Burkart as the Director.

Held at the Performing Arts Center, the show will run for two weekends starting Jan. 24 to 26 and then again Jan. 31 to Feb. 2 offering both matinee and evening performances.

JPAC produces one musical with adults per year. This year the organization decided to pick the musical Godspell because of its overall message surrounding love. The musical is composed by the same composer of the popular musical

Wicked, Stephen Schwartz. Godspell focuses around the parables and teaching of Jesus Christ as depicted in the Gospel of Matthew. The show itself explores these lessons in a fun way by inviting the characters to play larger than life versions of themselves, almost clown-like. This allows this musical to be accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.

"Godspell has a song that is called Beautiful City, and it sums up the musical perfectly by imagining a world where we all learn how to love each other a little deeper and have a firm understanding that we are all learning and exploring

what it means to be human," says director Nathan Burkart. "Our cast is composed of people from many different backgrounds and beliefs, but what makes this show amazing is that we all can find something valuable about the teachings Jesus depicts in this show," says Burkart.

JPAC will be featuring a number of nonprofits in the lobby during the show as well as donating tickets to attend the production to various organizations who help make Janesville/Rock County more beautiful. If an organization would like to participate in this "Beautiful City" lobby showcase, please email Box Office

Coordinator, Kelly Clobes, at boxoffice@janesvillepac.org by Jan. 15.

Tickets for the Godspell musical are currently on sale. Group sales are also available for a discount of 10% for quantities of 10 tickets or more.


Those people who have any questions may please call the JPAC box office at 608-758-0297, option 1 or email JPAC Box Office, at boxoffice@janesvillepac.org. Tickets can be purchased at JPAC's website at www.janesvillepac.org or by calling the box office directly. The Janesville Performing Arts Center is located at 408 South Main Street in Janesville.



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# 10 New Year's resolutions for small businesses

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Scaling and sustainability will continue to be the main focus for any small business owner. There are many ways to achieve revenue growth, attracting top talent, instilling a culture, delighting customers, and so much more.

Here are 10 business New Year's resolutions that you may want to consider for a successful 2025.

- Continue building a strong digital footprint – Aside from having a website, ensure you build a solid content marketing strategy that will help you create valuable content pieces that will drive engagement and sales.

- Promote your business consistently – Rather than waiting for major holidays to push larger promotions, find ways that you can creatively promote your business throughout the entire year. This ensures that you stay top of mind for your target customers.

- Personalize the entire buyer journey – The days of communicating “at” your target audience, hoping they will buy from you, are now a thing of the past. 81% of customers prefer companies that offer a personalized experience. Therefore, personalize the buyer journey by of-

fering products/services based on your customers' purchase behavior and complementary items they can also consider.

- Embrace an effective technology stack – From social media to email marketing, know that every piece of technology you leverage to communicate with your customers must effectively impact your business goals.

- Reduce costs – Save money wherever you can without compromising quality. Many businesses fail due to inadequate financing and low revenue. Reducing cost doesn't mean that you focus merely on just overhead. There are various ways you can cut back spending while pushing for growth.

- Have a positive workplace culture – Your employees are the lifeblood of your company. Every day, they contribute to the success of your business by supporting its mission. However, the most crucial role that your employees play is in shaping your firm's culture. From the quality of the people you hire to the loyalty of your consumers, corporate culture is critical to practically every facet of your business's long-term success. In fact, according to a study by Duke University, more than 94% of executives stated that a distinct business culture is

important to business success.

- Push customer reviews – Reputation can mean everything, especially for a small business owner trying to attract and retain customers. According to the 2024 Edelman Trust Barometer, 63% are more likely to purchase new products on behalf of a brand they fully trust. You want to tell customers that your business is trustworthy, ethical, and transparent – and what better way to illustrate that story than through online customer reviews?

- Exercise transparency – Operating with transparency builds relationships that turn curious browsers into buyers and buyers into raving fans. Always be transparent, from admitting missteps and correcting them to inviting your customers to engage with you online and through social media. Authentic interaction with your clients goes a long way to building customer trust.

- Be purpose-driven – By understanding what is most important to your customers, you can leverage their values within your company collateral, which can further illustrate that you're not just a “for-profit” company, but you care about your community. In other words, you are a purpose-driven company pushing for a larger impact than

just making sales. Purpose-driven brands see success both among their customers and their employees. Share moments on social media that demonstrate your purpose and mission, and don't be shy to show how your brand is committed to helping make a difference.

- Establish trust – Building trust is crucial to earning your customers' trust. When making a purchase, buyers have many options at their disposal. Customers have been able to be more attentive when picking which brands to support as a result of this accessibility. The best method to increase client loyalty and assure your company's success is to build a company based on trust and integrity. Giving your business a step up over the competition is always something to desire; aiming for BBB Accreditation is a valuable way to do this. Accreditation requires the utmost trustworthiness, customer respect, and integrity, which can help your business stand out – especially during a pandemic.

As small business owners venture into 2025, know that keeping your customers top of mind by aligning your growth initiatives to personalize the purchase journey will foster revenue while building more awareness for your business.

# College news

## Local students on UW-Madison Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Madison has recognized students named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Students who achieve at a high level academically are recognized by the dean at the close of each semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must complete a minimum of 12 graded degree credits in that semester. Each university school or college sets its own GPA requirements for students to be eligible to receive the distinction. Most call the honor “dean's list”, but some grant the “Dean's Honor List” and “Dean's High Honor List.”

### Albany

- Christopher Brown, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- Kaiya Zurfluh, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

### Brodhead

- Trent Anderson, College of Engineering, Dean's Honor List

- Sage Eckard-Lee, College of Letters and Science, Dean's List

- Skylar Gretebeck, School of Education, Dean's List

- Abigail Mills, School of Business, Dean's List

## Local student on 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 Fall 2024 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).

Founded in 1893 as a teacher's college, UW-Superior has more than 50 program offerings, select online and graduate programs, competitive Division III athletics programs and research and scholarship programs that support the community and region.

The University of Wisconsin-Superior is a nationally recognized public liberal arts institution of more than 2,800 students in the Superior-Duluth, Minnesota, metropolitan area. UW-Superior has more than 50 undergraduate majors and concentrations, select online and graduate programs, competitive Division III athletics programs, continuing education, research and scholarship programs that support the community and region.

## Janesville student on Dean's List in Fall 2024

Austin Peay State University is proud to recognize Cole Dillenburg from Janesville as one of the students named to the Dean's List for academic achievement during Fall 2024.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a semester GPA of 3.5 or greater.

## Eric Funk to perform in Chancellor's Quartet

Eric Funk from Beloit, who is studying Music at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, will perform in the university's Chancellor's Quartet during the 2023-24 academic year.

Funk plays violin in the group.

The Chancellor's Quartet is the university's premier student string quartet.

The members of the quartet receive music scholarships based on their chamber music performance ability and are mentored by members of the string faculty.

## UWW announces 2024-25 Vocal Jazz Ensemble

A total of 21 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater are part of the university's Vocal Jazz Ensemble for the 2024-25 academic year.

The following UW-Whitewater students from this area are part of the ensemble:

- Parker Rundquist of Janesville, who is majoring in Music and is a Tenor for the group.

- Cora Schutte of Footville, who is majoring in Music and is a Mezzo-Soprano for the group.

- Noah Ward of Beloit, who is majoring in Music and is a Baritone for the group.

- Jt White of Beloit, who is majoring in Music and is a Bass Baritone for the group.

- Sarah Parker of Janesville, who is majoring in Music and is an Alto for the group.

- Andrew Rynes of Janesville, who is majoring in Computer Science and is a Bass for the group.

The group performed at UW-Whitewater's Gala Concert on Dec. 7 in The Young. The Gala is an annual tradition that features nearly every student ensemble in the university's Department of Music. All profits from the event support the department's scholarships.

Vocal Jazz Ensemble is a small, select group that performs swing, jazz, and musical theatre repertoire. The group is open to all university students by audition and tours annually with the Chamber Singers.

UW-Whitewater's Department of Music, a part of the College of Arts and Communication, prepares students for a future of performance, composing, teaching, and other music-related roles. The university's musical ensembles play in famous venues around the world, including Carnegie Hall in New York City, Lambeau Field in Green Bay, the Symphony Center in Chicago, and at venues in Germany, Poland and England.

To learn more about the department, visit [uww.edu/music](http://uww.edu/music).

## UWW announces 2024-25 symphony orchestra

A total of 42 students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater will perform in the university's Whitewater Symphony Orchestra and Chamber Orchestra during the 2024-25 academic year.

The following UW-Whitewater students from this local area are members of the ensemble:

- Abigail Young of Janesville, who is majoring in Music and plays Flute for the group.

- Hailey Baumann of Edgerton, who is majoring in Music and plays Trumpet for the group.

- David Aguilar Hernandez of Janesville, who is majoring in Music and plays Trombone for the group.

- Eric Funk of Beloit, who is majoring in Music and plays Violin 2 for the group.

- Aurelia Meyer of Janesville, who is majoring in Music and plays Cello for the group.

- Grace Palmer of Janesville, who is majoring in Music and plays Cello for the group.

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# Police news



Curtis A. Salisbury

## Sex offender relocates to Janesville

According to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections, Curtis A. Salisbury relocated to Rock Valley Community Programs, 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, on Jan. 6, 2025.

Salisbury was convicted on Aug. 24, 1995, of 2nd Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, Case #95CF89, and on Aug. 21, 2007, of 1st Degree Sexual Assault of a Child, Case #07CF81, in Grant County.

While residing at 203 W. Sunny Lane, Janesville, conditions of Salisbury's supervision include, but are not limited to: no unsupervised contact with minors; no contact with victim; not to consume drugs; comply with standard sex offender rules; cooperate with electronic monitoring; comply with all requirements and be a lifetime registrant of the Wisconsin Sex Offender Registration Program.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office is not responsible for the placement of this sex offender in any manner; however, by law, they are required to provide public notice. For further information regarding the placement of this offender, please contact the Department of Community Corrections at 608-758-6075 or refer to the Wisconsin Department of Corrections Sex Offender Registry website, [www.wistaysafe.gov](http://www.wistaysafe.gov).

## Officer involved death investigation in Madison

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) is conducting an officer involved death investigation in the City of Madison, Dane County, Wis. that occurred on the evening of Monday, Dec. 30, 2024.

At approximately 8:22 p.m., officers with the Madison Police Department responded to a report of a vehicle theft at the Best Western on Annamark Drive. A foot chase ensued with an adult male suspect, who was taken into custody, and EMS was requested to respond. EMS conducted an on-scene evaluation of the subject, and the subject was transported by law enforcement to the Dane County Jail. Upon arrival at the jail, the subject was immediately observed to be unresponsive. The subject was transported by ambulance to a local hospital where he died on Tuesday, Dec. 31, 2024. No weapons were discharged during this incident.

Involved law enforcement officers were placed on administrative leave, per agency policy.

DCI is leading this investigation and is assisted by a DCI Crime Response Specialist. All involved law enforcement agencies are fully cooperating with DCI during this investigation.

DCI is continuing to review evidence and determine the facts of this incident and will turn over the investigative reports to the Dane County District Attorney's office when the investigation concludes.



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During Free Fishing Weekend, anglers of all ages can wet a line in any Wisconsin waters open to fishing without a fishing license, trout stamp or salmon stamp.

# OutWiGo for free fishing weekend in January

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is hosting free fishing weekend on Jan. 18 to 19 to share the fun and excitement of winter fishing. During free fishing weekend, anglers of all ages can wet a line in any Wisconsin waters open to fishing without a fishing license, trout stamp or salmon stamp.

All other 2024-2025 hook and line regulations including bag limits, size limits and species restrictions remain in effect. While most trout streams are open during the catch-and-release season on free fishing weekend, there are trout streams, spring ponds and lakes that are closed to fishing. Please review the trout regulations or check with a local biologist with questions about specific waters. For trout streams that are open, only artificial lures are

allowed, and anglers must release all trout caught.

If a person plans to keep fish, they should review the DNR's safe eating guidelines to stay informed of potential consumption advisories impacting some waterbodies throughout the state.

### Winter fishing reminders

Before any winter adventure, ice safety should be a primary consideration, as no ice is ever 100% safe.

Dress appropriately for the weather, and remember safety gear:

- Warm layers that are water-resistant
- Sturdy waterproof boots with spike-style creepers for traction
- Extra hat and gloves
- Rescue throw rope

### Ice claws

Remember, the DNR does not monitor ice conditions. However, local bait shops and fishing clubs are good sources for current conditions and fishing tips.

### No ice fishing gear? No problem

To help get anyone started, the DNR offers loaner ice fishing equipment at 19 tackle loaner sites around the state. Locations with ice fishing equipment will have an "IF" next to their name. Essential gear is available, although sites do not offer ice augers. Abandoned holes can be opened with a sledgehammer or spud bar.

Hours and available equipment vary, so contact the site in advance and create a plan to pick up the gear.

# UWW reveals fall 2024 Dean's List

The following students listed below were named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2024 fall semester.

These students have demonstrated their academic abilities by receiving a grade point average of 3.4 or above in a single semester.

"Making the Dean's List is a tremendous honor. It is a recognition of our students' hard work and commitment to success," said John Chenoweth, who serves as UW-Whitewater's provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs. "We are proud of our students and hope to see their names on the list again. Congratulations to all who were recognized!"

The Registrar's Office reports 3,775 students were selected for the Dean's List for the fall semester. More than 11,700 students are currently enrolled at the university's Whitewater and Rock County campuses.

### Albany

Olivia Roth, Brianna Dahl

### Beloit

Sejah Hamed, Reyann Harris, Carlos Alcalá-Rosales, Sage Fjalstad, Alexa Gill, Madelyn Houck, Jackson Moore, Mitchel Pham, Marcus Smith, Shelvin Garrett, Aaron Forrest, Daphanie Ayaquica, Gabrielle Otto, Hailey Barnett, Tanner Brown, Maribel Rodriguez, Brynn Swanson, Eric Funk, Jaylynn Lynch, Samantha Wells, Maeghan Schumacher, Rachel Barry, Jt White, Dayshauna Mitchell, Mariana Cardenas Rodriguez, Colton Rasnake, Gabriella Robb, Wilmona VanLandingham, Ella Williams, Aurora Balliett, David Froeber, Kobe Chandler, Suzanne Nimz, Anna Olson, Mandi Shallenberger, Hannah Franks, Sharriea Mcatee,

Laney McCaslin, Benjamin Sill, Porscha Nalan, Mason Hoenig, Hope Hopper, Jena Loeke, Aliyah Mank, Alexis Rice-Devlin, Mallory Birkholz, Kayli Namminga, Emma Middleton, Eric Halon, Nick Demos, Calista Castellanos, Jameson Flanagan, Kayden Martin, Carter Ward, Noah Ward, Ashley Suire, Brooke Taylor, Elizabeth Ford, Reagan Davis, Ranae Kubokawa, Paul McCarthy, Cristina Pennell, Carsan Truman, Aurora Renteria, Clara Baertschi, Isabella Robb, Magdalena Rosas, Stephanie Cuautle-Lopez, Tyler Kramer, Andy Buckley, Sara Sanders, Carlos Almaraz, Erin Connolly, Kai Hamby, Yousef Hamed, Itzami Lopez, Alonso Martinez, Abigail Meyer, Andres Mora, Roselyn Rosas, Alison Walters, Conner Winn, Alec Dolphin, Cameron Yadon, Rebecca Lynn, Alyssa Harmon, Evelyn Mrizek, Christopher Flynn, Dane Athens, Jacquelyn Cortes, Addison Tillett, Stefanie Schlosser, Taylor Viens

### Brodhead

Rylee Kerl, Sierra Houlihan-Groebner, Amy Doyle, Jenna Calvagna, Gavin Eckerman, Abbie Dix, Jackson Fields, Alayna Gibson, Alayna Mata, Braden Williams, Joseph Douglas, Ievey Neath

### Brooklyn

Mickey Stampfl, Elijah Winchel, Linsie Stoltz, Paul Johnston, Lance Martin, Kaydie Shrader,

### Browntown

Ellie Edler, Allyse Troemel

### Clinton

Abigail Nass, Lilian Mannino, Corina Jones, Kassie Knueppel, Melissa Johnson, Kristy Mueller, Tyler Asberry, Emma Boggess,

### Edgerton

Reed Farrington, Rachel Maurer, Isabella Miscovich, Ahna Indgjer, Jenna Schweighardt, Gunnar Olstad, Victoria Kindschi, Alyssa Sabroff, Avi Stone, Quinn Stinski, Sarah Meier, Tyler Campbell, Aster Cross, Alisa Redzepagic, Sylvia Fox, Riley Schweighardt, Ashley Ulset, Liberty Wyss, John Mirecki, Olivia Joos, Heather Pertzborn

### Evansville

Tori Marian, Hailey Connors, Michael Stockel, Tyler Kraus, Courtney Haakenson, Regan Hoffman, Orion Hunt, Natalie Brown, John Fahy, Cayden Maag, Matthew Kostroun, Julia Mahoney, Ben Koehler, Evan Leverentz, Steven Leverentz, Katie Sam, Austin Hunt, Wesley Everson, Noah Heydn, Jada Walmer, Noah Deml

### Footville

Beau Boyd, Cora Schutte, Linnea James

### Janesville

Raquel Flippin, Kevin Alvord, James Foss, Colin Hanson, Austin Miller, Kira Myers, Benjamin Olvera, Nate Staddler, Harper Toberman, Tabitha Whitehead, Lucero Haecker, Joey Ortega-Nieves, Natalie Smith, Emily Welch, Amanda Barrette, Josh Hurley, Hogan Nightingale, Christopher Orlovsky, Brenden Peterson, Violet Samara, Isabell Shackett, Rob Mellom, Kallie Lux, Alley Franks, Madison Gilbank, Logan Allen, Grace Quillo, Kayla Frei, Ashlyn Mabie, Autumn Tullar, Nicholas Galvan, Nicolas Lux, Dylan Acker, Kayne Dimmig, Karina Dorantes, Alexis Jones, Ophelie Letourneau, Reece Rutkowsky, Hailey Rutter, Morgan Scott, Jessica Shaw, Annah Tearman, Abbey Tracy,

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lan Nouansacksy, Ethan Reed, Lucas Suda, Aliana Carrillo-Roeling, Fernanda Cortes, Sam El-Khatib, Lena Ellis, Lexi Frank, Eva Harris, Hannah Henthorn, Andy Holmbeck, Abbie Ippolito, Angelina Jorgenson, Kaitlyn Kinkade, Alanna Lentz, Abi Leon, John Marling, Riley North, Andrew Pawlik, Carlos Rios, Kealand Sauser, Tessa Schneider, Cam Shaw, Rogan Thompson, Cade Vogt, Vanessa Weber, Staci Wilson, Alaina Wolf, Caitlyn Perez Hernandez, Vianney Zingsheim, Sam Becher, Jacob Slinde, Andrew Rynes, Jake Sass, Hailey McLean, Briana Meade, Taylor Toth, Shae Weir, Abi Austin, Katelyn Mills, Savannah Winkler-Weber, Katie Butt, Cayden Brandenburg, Kristen Hallett, Cole Raben, Jayla Weiss, Logan Cordero, Marzdin Johnson, Aurelia Meyer, Lidia Sherfinski, Katie Storlid, Will Terrill, Kayla Worachek

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Austin, Jenna Dillinder, Max Ellefson, Josh Nelson, Desirae Dorsey, Douglas Droessler, Julia Steinke, Luke DeGraaf, Amelia Clarquist, Carmen Ziegelmann, Brandon Tran, Joey Leverenz, Colin Hefel, Libby Czerwonka, Brady Case, Annie Stenson, Jackie Easton, Sydney Kanable, Leah Zitzke, Brayden Budworth, Grace Quade, Megan Ellefson, Anya Thomas, Tiara Feltz, Tyler Rateike, Rebekah Jacobsen, Tyler Fischer

### Monroe

Katherine Zee, Regulus Lincicum, Keatin Sweeney, Kristopher Gillespie, Danielle Grigsby, Louis Armstrong, Danica Altmann, Katie Witt

### Monticello

Harley Disch, Lucas Heiser, Ian Schwartzlow

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**Nadolski is shown celebrating the birth of his first grandchild, Frances, in October of 2022.**

News,” Shad Branen said last week. “Ed’s history of award-winning journalism for the Ozaukee Press gave us an inkling to his superior reporting abilities; however, what we gained was far more than a great editor.”

When Nadolski retired in January 2023, Shad said Nadolski’s community contributions reaffirmed he had made the right call.

“It’s been one of the best decisions that I’ve been involved with,” Shad said about hiring Nadolski. “He’s been a tremendous force in the community. We’re so lucky for him to be a part of Burlington.”

**Lasting impact**

Joel Weis, president of the Burlington Community Fund, remembers when Nadolski joined the group about 15 years ago.

“He was the pillar of the community. This guy was a role model for everybody,” Weis said in a Dec. 26 phone interview. “I will tell you what – he rarely, almost never missed a board meeting despite all of his health struggles. He never let that slow him down.”

“Ed was a true friend,” Weis said.

Several years ago, Weis learned about Nadolski’s fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which consisted of a 150-mile Scenic Shore Bike Tour along Lake Michigan from Mequon to Sturgeon Bay.

“He was telling me how he was finishing his treatment and he wanted to do this,” Weis recalled.

Weis decided he wanted to join Nadolski on the trip.

“I said, ‘Ed, if you are going to do the ride, I am going to ride it with you.’ He couldn’t believe that I was going to do that... probably because I was a terrible bicyclist,” Weis said.

He brought along his brother, Scott, and they joined Ed and his brother, Dave, on the

bike ride. “We rode it together, the four of us,” Weis recalled. “We had so many laughs and it was such an incredible ride. Ed was out in front every time and kicked our butts.”

While Nadolski contributed to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, he continued to dedicate himself to the community, Weis said.

“He helped the community in so many different ways, through supporting the athletic program and as a Rotarian. I believe he was a Rotarian for as long as he has been in Burlington,” he said.

Nadolski had an instrumental role when the Burlington Community Fund helped local residents following the historic 2017 flood.

“We had a process where individuals that went through the flood, they applied for a grant, individual grants for themselves and for their families and Ed was there from the beginning,” Weis said. “We distributed over \$500,000 back into the community.”

Burlington Mayor Jon E. Schultz II, who was involved in both the Rotary and Community Fund with Nadolski, remembered him a kind and generous person in a Facebook post on Christmas Eve.

“He was an advocate for this community as the editor of the Burlington Standard Press, and he was one of the earliest people to get me involved in Burlington,” Schultz wrote. “I owe a small part of my position now in the community to him.”

**Covering the news**

Since coming to Burlington, Nadolski did not lack for work. The Branens sold the paper in the early 2000s, and Southern Lakes Newspapers. While the Standard Press and the Elkhorn Independent remain the company’s flagship papers, the publishing group now covers communities in Racine, Kenosha, Waukesha and Walworth

counties.

While Nadolski provided guidance to the various community editors under his charge, the Burlington community remained his focus – both in the newsroom and outside of it.

In fact, the two were something of a blurred line.

As most community editors will attest, it’s a priority to be involved where you live such as Nadolski was with the Burlington Rotary Club and Burlington Community Fund.

Those two groups helped give an insight into Burlington and its news. Outside of his role as editor, Nadolski played a part in several notable decisions in the community, including the building of Veterans Terrace and the reshaping of the Burlington community pool – now the Burlington Community Aquatic Center.

He was also editor through all of the major news events of the 21st century. When Echo Lake Foods caught fire in January of 2013, Nadolski was one of the first on scene, his home just a few blocks away.

He also guided his staff through two high-profile drownings, another major fire – this time at Schuette Daniels Furniture Store in the downtown area – as well as numerous referendums with the school district and city.

The newspaper group has been recognized at the state level consistently through the Wisconsin Newspaper Association, winning general excellence awards as well as honoring Nadolski for his news and editorial writing.

Weis said Nadolski often spoke about his staff members’ achievements during his tenure.

“I know Ed was very proud of the jobs you were doing for the newspaper,” Weis said.

Nadolski recognized the importance of local journalism, Branen said.

“Ed knew the premise and used the newspaper as a tool to help accomplish goals that were important to the community,” Branen said. “He personally became involved in many of those efforts, too.”

**Through his words**

Nadolski’s writing found a way to share the news of an event but also the emotions surrounding it.

He took pride in crafting stories – and photos – along with catchy headlines, that



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**Nadolski was honored for his contributions to Burlington youth football during halftime of a 2023 football game between Burlington High School and visiting West- sha Central.**

would create not only a lasting memory of an event, but a mental picture that would stand the test of time.

And, like any good journalist, he would walk right into the heart of any breaking news – literally.

As flood waters swept through the heart of Burlington in 2017, Nadolski waded into the water to grab a photo he felt needed to be included. He then came back to the office to pen the words to accompany the picture:

“Even as the water rose, filling basements and encroaching onto the main level, they stood firm against the flood.”

“Even when the power went off and didn’t come back on for days, they turned hardship into relationship by sharing stories under the flickering light of candles.”

“And when their neighbors called asking for assistance, they abandoned their own difficulties to help someone with an even greater need.”

**His final stretch**

When Nadolski retired in 2023, he was looking forward to something many desire – time with grandchildren. His daughter, Emily, had just given birth to her daughter, Frances, in October of 2022.

He spoke of the importance of taking the time he may have left following his cancer battle and spending it with family.

Privately, he already had additional concerns about his health.

Following Nadolski’s death, his son, Austin, shared some

details on Instagram.

“He addressed the family in his distinctive and measured tone, detailing an appreciable onset of symptoms – short-term memory loss, balance issues, spurts of double vision,” Austin wrote. “He had, from my perspective, seemed a bit quieter and spacey over the previous months, which I had attributed to a combination of stress/burnout from work and a general tiredness possibly related to recent cancer treatments.”

Over the next nine months, the Nadolskis would see numerous specialists and even travel to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. A specific diagnosis wasn’t forthcoming, but doctors were able to see “significant neuronal degradation” in between scans.

In September, shortly before being honored for his contributions to youth football in Burlington, his family was given a reason for his decline – frontotemporal dementia. “Each successive week seemed to reveal his inability to do something he could have done previously,” Austin wrote.

In April, Nadolski was placed in hospice care, ending his lengthy fight against the cancer as well as the dementia. He remained at home for as long as possible – in fact, one of his hospice nurses was one he worked with during his initial cancer diagnosis. But eventually he entered a memory care unit at a local facility.

When he left this world on Christmas Eve, he did it sur-

rounded by family.

“My dad was the paragon of integrity, consistency, strength, and courage. He raised four children with exuberance and curiosity for the world at large. He taught us how to be objective thinkers, how to hold steadfast to one’s values, and to hold complete consideration for the needs of others,” Austin wrote.

“He taught us discipline and grace, and how to nurture and sustain faith in a power greater than oneself... My sisters and I were given the greatest gift; living every waking moment knowing that he loved us and was proud of us, through any faults and weaknesses,” he added.

Jacqueline, with a career of her own at Aurora Memorial Hospital of Burlington in the vascular ultrasound department, remains steadfast in a simple interpretation of her and her husband.

“One of my proudest things was to be known as Ed’s wife,” she said. “Which, to me, is the biggest compliment in the world.”

While Ed left this world on Dec. 24, the family grew larger just two days later. Emily’s second daughter was born Dec. 26.

Her name is Edie Grace. *Editorial note: Southern Lakes Newspapers is owned by Jack Cruger, while Peter Cruger owns sister-company Rock Valley Publishing, which includes The Independent-Register, The Independent-Register Shopping News, and Evansville Examiner.*

# 78th Alice in Dairyland applications open

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) invites individuals with a passion for promoting agriculture to apply for the position of 78th Alice in Dairyland through Jan. 31.

As one of the most widely recognized marketing communications professionals in Wisconsin agriculture, Alice in Dairyland travels extensively, promoting Wisconsin’s agricultural industry and its impact on the state economy. In this highly visible and fast-paced position, Alice in Dairyland serves as a full-time spokesperson; cultivates relationships with television, radio, and print media outlets throughout the state; writes and delivers speeches at events; and uses social media to tell the stories of Wisconsin agriculture. Additional duties include developing and executing marketing plans, delivering classroom presentations, and networking with industry professionals. Alice must also learn and retain information about the diversity of Wisconsin agriculture and be able to tailor that information to educate both urban and rural audiences.

“The Alice in Dairyland program may have started as a beauty pageant following World War II, but the role is now about so much more than wearing a tiara – it’s about being a voice for Wisconsin’s agriculture, sharing the stories of our agriculturalists, and inspiring the next generation to continue the legacy,” said 77th Alice in Dairyland Halei Heinzl. “I am excited to work with the top candidates throughout the next several months as we lead up to the 78th Alice in Dairyland Finals.”

Alice in Dairyland applicants should have an interest in

Wisconsin agriculture, public speaking experience, and at least three years of experience, education, or training in communications, marketing, education, or public relations. Applicants must also be female, Wisconsin residents, and at least 21 years old.

This one-year, full-time contractual position starts July 7. The chosen candidate will travel solo extensively throughout the state and be required to have weekly in-person office time at DATCP’s Madison office. The annual salary for Alice in Dairyland is \$45,000 and includes holiday, vacation, and sick leave, and use of a vehicle while on official business. Reimbursement is provided for an individual health insurance premium up to \$450 a month and professional travel expenses.

To apply, provide a cover letter, completed application form, resume, and contact information for three professional references to DATCPAlice@wisconsin.gov by 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 31. Application materials are available on the Alice in Dairyland website.

Qualified applicants will participate in a preliminary interview on Feb. 22 at DATCP’s Madison office or via Microsoft teams. The resulting top candidates will be required to attend a two-day program briefing and press announcement March 7 to 8, and the three-day final interview process May 15 to 17, in Crawford County.

Questions about the position or application process can be directed to DATCPAlice@wisconsin.gov. For more information about the Alice in Dairyland program, please visit <https://www.aliceindairyland.com> and follow Alice online on Facebook and Instagram.

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# Shop for the holidays with a cop

Members of the Rock County Sheriff's Office loved shopping with school district of Milton students during the Shop with a Cop at Janesville Walmart on Dec. 11. Thanks to Janesville Walmart for hosting and to Milton Police Department Chief Sachse for coordinating this festive event.

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# — HEADLINE REVIEW — A LOOK BACK AT 2024

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## Jan. 2024

### Albany solar project finished before 2024

Wisconsin's energy future has never been brighter as Alliant Energy announced it has successfully completed six new solar projects in Wisconsin.

Already the top utility in terms of Wisconsin solar generation, the completion of these projects adds 514 megawatts (MW) of solar energy, tripling Alliant Energy's solar generation capacity. This significantly increases customer access to renewable energy...

### Packers Foundation awards \$1.5M in grants, including to Green Co.

The Green Bay Packers Foundation announced this week it has distributed a record \$1.5 million in annual grants to 321 civic and charitable groups throughout the state of Wisconsin in its annual distribution of grants.

The Green County Development Corporation, which received one of these grants...

### Library of Congress visit sparks thinking about artificial intelligence

Artificial limbs can be more than useful as they are vital to those who need them.

I can't imagine anyone choosing a prosthetic device, though, over a leg or arm lost to amputation or accident.

Why don't more people recognize the same of artificial intelligence?

More and more, we see human beings everywhere letting "AI" displace thinking and reasoning, and with that, vital opportunities we've been gifted to create, invent, produce everything we need...

### Wes Egan gets 100 wins for Parkview/Albany

On Saturday, Jan. 6, Parkview/Albany wrestling parted ways to three different tournaments. Varsity boys went south of the border to Polo, Ill., JV Boys went to Whitewater for the WI Challenge Series

Tournament and the girls headed north to Kickapoo for the Lee Griffin Invite.

At the Polo Wrestling Invitational in Polo, Ill., Parkview/Albany finished 7th out of 17 teams with Wes Egan getting his 100th win in the quarter finals with a pin...

### Sides drawn on proposed bill affecting cottage food industry

Home bakers and food-makers from around Wisconsin squared off with food industry groups over proposed licensing changes last week.

At issue is a bill titled "Qualification for exemptions from food product licensing requirements for sale of pickled fruits and vegetables, baked goods, and other shelf-stable food products."

The newly proposed bill would severely limit the sale of cottage foods in Wisconsin, according to those opposing the bill...

### Evers completes annual 72-county tour of state, including Brodhead

Gov. Tony Evers recently announced that he has once again visited each of Wisconsin's 72 counties in 2023, completing his fourth 72-county tour since taking office in 2019...

### Sam Schwengels gets 100 wins for Parkview/Albany

Jan. 11 was senior night for Lexi Hanson, Danny Finley, Jayden Anderson, Sam Schwengels and Nick Stokstad, who were honored before the final match at home in Albany.

In the second dual vs Princeton/Green Lake, Sam Schwengels picked up his 100th career win with a pin over Rhys Taylor in 2:54...

### Managed fires target a new invasive plant at Three Waters Reserve

The week before Christmas is usually focused on coordinating parties, preparing a feast and fussing over where to seat the family.

However this year, the Three Waters Reserve family came

together to address a challenging new plant that is taking southern Wisconsin by storm...

### Kids for Wish Kids at Brodhead High School

Kids for Wish Kids is a fundraising program that provides schools and youth organizations the opportunity to engage in philanthropy and service activities in partnership with Make-A-Wish.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation's goal is to grant the wish of every child diagnosed with a critical illness.

The Brodhead High School Student Council raised over \$5,000 in February 2020 for Darcy, a 7 year-old girl from Monroe, who has Rett's Syndrome and had a wish to visit Disney World in Orlando, Fla...

## Feb. 2024

### Walker surpasses 1,000 points as a member of Brodhead basketball

The Brodhead Cardinals had a pair of crossover Rock Valley Conference matchups on the schedule last week. On Tuesday, Jan. 30, the Cards traveled to take on the East Troy Trojans. Later in the week, Brodhead returned home to play host to the Jefferson Eagles.

While winning is what matters most to the Cards, everyone had their eyes on Brodhead's leading scorer, Cullen Walker. ... In a close game against Jefferson, Walker managed to stamp his name in Brodhead history as he surpassed 1,000 career points...

### Common Council discusses block grant

Midstate Associates (MSA) City Engineer Joe DeYoung discussed the final outcome of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) at the Brodhead Common Council regular meeting on Monday, Jan. 15 at 6 p.m.

The 12th Street project does not qualify, though a portion of West 3rd Avenue - from

11th Street to 15th Street - still might apply with a portion of 13th Street on the West side of 1st Center Avenue. CDBG has a \$1,000,000 available at a 2/3 match...

### Exploring the benefits of ADUs in Green County

Stemming from interest from the Housing Action Forum in December, Green County residents were able to learn about Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, on Jan. 25 at the Justice Center in Monroe...

### Historical society speaks on history of Brodhead doctor

Dr. Melvin Wallace Stuessy (M.W.) had a dedicated career in Brodhead, arriving in 1938. From a couple rooms upstairs in the former Green County Bank building he moved to the now American Legion building on E. Exchange St. He planned a well equipped new building on E 4th Ave. to accommodate four doctors.

He was game for everything. He traveled more than 1.25 million miles and owned about 20 cars, made more house calls than any physician in a wide area. He delivered 1,663 babies at St. Clair Hospital in Monroe and 300 in homes. Once as a patient himself he got up, delivered a baby and went back to his bed...

### Tornado strikes near Evansville

A tornado touched down in Wisconsin near Evansville on Thursday, Feb. 8. It was the first ever tornado recorded for the state in the month of February.

The National Weather Service confirmed that a tornado was spotted just between Evansville and Edgerton. It was an EF-2, a tornado described as "significant," with winds between 111 and 135 mph. This tornado took place from approximately 5:45 p.m. Thursday until 6:15 p.m. The tornado is estimated to have been on the ground for about 30 minutes, covering about 25 miles...

### Benefit draws 300 in support of VetsRoll trip to Washington, D.C.

Area friends and members of Orfordville's American Legion Post 209 passed another benefit milestone last week in the 15th year of the VetsRoll trip.

A record \$89,600 raised last Saturday evening, Feb. 10, pushed the Orfordville benefit total above \$500,000 raised since VetsRoll launched its mission in 2010. This was the 13th time the Wells-Davis-Young-Neal Legion Post in Orfordville hosted a benefit for VetsRoll...

### Local student wins art award

As we near Youth Art Month, celebrated in March, there is a lot to celebrate in Brodhead.

The Scholastic Art Awards is something that has taken place for over 100 years. It is a program that acknowledges the hard work and talents of young artists throughout the United States.

Brielle Engen is a talented artist that is a freshman here at Brodhead High School...

### City officials at odds over emergency dispatch payment

Mayor Edward "Casey" Jones took issue last week with council members' actions opposing a \$50,000 Brodhead emergency dispatch payment to Green County.

In the regular Common Council meeting Monday, Feb. 19, Jones said the alders' actions posed ethics violations.

Jones levied the ethics charge against Simpson, who is running against Jones in the spring election, Tuesday, April 2...

### Brodhead-Juda seniors compete in State Wrestling Tournament

A couple of Brodhead High School students capped off some excellent wrestling careers, last weekend.

Marcus McIntyre and Joe Lohmar each reached the 2024 Wisconsin State Individual

Wrestling Tournament in their senior seasons. As members of the Brodhead-Juda wrestling team, McIntyre and Lohmar were set to compete in the Division 2 Brackets of their respective weight classes. McIntyre wrestled in the 138-pound class, while Lohmar was in the 150 class...

## March 2024

### First of two city candidate forums held for April 2 spring election

City candidates in the spring election touched on housing needs, aging infrastructure, planning concerns, citizen involvement, and taxes in the first of two scheduled forums.

Brodhead Chamber of Commerce administrator Kelly Burchfield moderated the forum, which drew six of seven candidates on the April 2 ballot...

### Historic quilts, sewing machines focus of presentation

A presentation of 19th-century quilts from the Lincoln-Tallman Museum collection, a visiting display and demonstration of antique sewing machines, and a curated display of textiles is planned at the Rock County Historical Society's Tallman Carriage House, 440 N. Jackson Street, Janesville...

### UWW baseball team includes Brady Malkow

The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater baseball team began its 2024 season Feb. 29.

The following Brodhead student-athlete has been named to the roster of the Warhawk baseball team at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for the 2024 season: Brady Malkow, who is majoring in General Business...

### Lady Cards return after 2023 softball state championship

The Brodhead Cardinals are coming off one of the best softball seasons in program history.

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### March 2024 (cont.)

The Cards brought home their second championship plaque as they captured a Division 3 State Championship, capping off an epic run...

### Weekend food programs announce new partner

The seven weekend food programs for students; Albany Comets Care Pack, Black Hawk Warrior Pack Program, Brodhead Backpack Food Program, Juda Panther Pack Program, Monticello Pony Pack Program, New Glarus Food For Kids Program, and lastly, Pecatonica's Pec Pantry have a new partner in fighting food insecurity within our students. Caring For Kids Inc., (CFK), a 501(c)(3) based in New Glarus, is now partnering with Second Harvest Food Bank and each of the seven programs to end food insecurity within area students...

### State national guard celebrates 187 years

On Jan. 17, 1838, the 1st Wisconsin Territorial Assembly approved legislation requiring free, able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 45 to serve in the territorial militia. But 10 months earlier, territorial governor Henry Dodge commissioned Morgan L. Martin as a captain and commander of the Green Bay Rangers. That date – March 5, 1837 – is considered the birth of the Wisconsin National Guard...

### Gov. Evers appoints Bucher to the Green County Circuit Court

On Friday, March 15, Gov. Tony Evers announced his appointment of Jane Bucher to the Green County Circuit Court – Branch 2. The appointment will fill the vacancy created by Judge Thomas J. Vale's resignation, effective April 5, 2024. Bucher will complete a term ending July 31, 2025...

### How will the school district referendum affect taxes?

The referendum amount the Brodhead School District is seeking is \$17,485,000. Approval of this referendum would result in an annual estimated maximum tax increase of \$125, which is \$10.42 per month, for every \$100,000 of property value over the current tax rate...

### Farmers making a difference through conservation practices

Local farmer members of the Lafayette Ag Stewardship Alliance gathered earlier this month to celebrate the continual conservation improvements they are seeing on their farms as well as learn from leading researchers about innovations on the horizon.

More than 40 farmers, community members and affiliated partners attended the annual meeting to learn from each other and share the outcomes of the previous year's conservation practices...

### Area farmer wins conservation award

Jacob Kaderly of Monticello is the 2024 Upper Midwest Region Winner of the ASA Conservation Legacy Award. Growing up on a farm in Juda, working on his family's row crop operation was challenging. While Kaderly always wanted to farm, allergies kept him from being directly involved right away. With that in mind, he decided to pursue careers that were close to farming without exposing himself to the elements...

### CROP Walk team leader helps 'Bee the Change'

When Chris Devine learned that the theme for the Janesville Area CROP Hunger Walk was "Bee the Change," she knew exactly how to motivate her team at Cargill United Methodist Church. "I'm a retired teacher, so as soon as I heard the theme is 'Bee the Change,' I thought I have to wear a bee costume," the team leader said...

### Crash in Rock County leads to three deaths

On Saturday, April 13, at approximately 12:04 p.m., Rock County deputies, Jefferson County deputies, Whitewater Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol along with several fire/EMS agencies responded to a three-vehicle crash at HWY 12 and E County Line Rd in Lima Township, Rock County...

### SSM Health welcomes new physician from Brodhead

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group is pleased to welcome Dr. Paul Lentz, a board-certified Sports Medicine physician, to the organization. Originally from Brodhead, Dr. Lentz earned his medical degree at Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center

### Voters promote Simpson from city council to mayor

Alder Thomas Simpson prevailed over Mayor Edward Casey Jones in the spring election last Tuesday, April 2.

The vote was 361 to 337, with 16 unspecified write-ins – a total voter turnout of 46.8 percent. Brodhead's 714 voters casting ballots for city, county, national primary, and other elections, was a big increase over the election 2 years ago...

### Area farmer wins conservation award

Jacob Kaderly of Monticello is the 2024 Upper Midwest Region Winner of the ASA Conservation Legacy Award.

Growing up on a farm in Juda, working on his family's row crop operation was challenging. While Kaderly always wanted to farm, allergies kept him from being directly involved right away. With that in mind, he decided to pursue careers that were close to farming without exposing himself to the elements...

### CROP Walk team leader helps 'Bee the Change'

When Chris Devine learned that the theme for the Janesville Area CROP Hunger Walk was "Bee the Change," she knew exactly how to motivate her team at Cargill United Methodist Church. "I'm a retired teacher, so as soon as I heard the theme is 'Bee the Change,' I thought I have to wear a bee costume," the team leader said...

### Crash in Rock County leads to three deaths

On Saturday, April 13, at approximately 12:04 p.m., Rock County deputies, Jefferson County deputies, Whitewater Police Department, Wisconsin State Patrol along with several fire/EMS agencies responded to a three-vehicle crash at HWY 12 and E County Line Rd in Lima Township, Rock County...

### SSM Health welcomes new physician from Brodhead

SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group is pleased to welcome Dr. Paul Lentz, a board-certified Sports Medicine physician, to the organization. Originally from Brodhead, Dr. Lentz earned his medical degree at Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical Center

and Fellowship trained at University of Michigan Health – Metro Health Hospital. He also spent four years in the United States Air Force as a flight surgeon...

### Historical society speaks on grocery store history

Brodhead was once the home of many grocery stores, much different from today's lone Piggly Wiggly. One of the larger and longer-term historical grocery stores was Peter-son's South Side Grocery...

### Subject with rifle killed at Mount Horeb school

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Spring birding field trips got under way this past week for Green-Rock Audubon Society. Yet more birding fun is in

store in local outings organized through June 1, and anyone who'd like to tag along is welcome...

### Green County Sheriff Skatrud retires

Jeff Skatrud, the Green County Sheriff, has made the decision to retire from his career in this county. "After an almost 43-year law enforcement career, I have made the very difficult decision to retire, effective June 30, 2024," said Jeff Skatrud...

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### Brodhead-Juda clinch Rock Valley Conference Championship win

Thirty-four years. That's how long it has been since the Cardinal baseball program has claimed a league title. That was back in 1989. Brodhead-Juda has spent a majority of the time in the bottom half of the league standings, ever since...

### GCDC opens doors of first project house

Green County Development Corporation (GCDC) opened the doors to the first project house of the Home Construction Cooperative to celebrate and give recognition to the hard work and support of all involved...

### Nimtz Farm to host breakfast on the farm

The Green County Ag Chest is eager to announce the return of the 44th Annual Breakfast on the Farm event. On Saturday, May 25, Jeff and Julie Nimtz and family graciously invite the public to join them at the farm...

### Majority council vote picks Nyman for two-year aldermanic term

Former one-term mayor and four-term alder Troy Nyman returned to Brodhead Common Council last week. Nyman topped three other Brodhead residents who sought the council seat, which Tom Simpson vacated after winning election for mayor in April...

### Lady Cards win second straight regional title

The Brodhead Cardinals' Varsity softball team has captured a Regional Championship for the second consecutive season. After beating Columbus 4-1 on May 21, the Cards propelled themselves into the regional title game.

### Tornado hits Milton area

On Sunday, May 26, at approximately 5:28 p.m., the Rock County Sheriff's Office responded to the Milton area for a report of a possible tornado that went through the area.

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## May 2024 (cont.)

Cleanup continued the next day, Memorial Day, after the storm.

Indeed, the severe storms that blasted through southern Wisconsin on Sunday evening produced at least three tornadoes, according to the National Weather Service...

## June 2024

### Public meeting to be held to discuss WIS 11 intersection projects

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) is conducting a public involvement meeting to discuss improvements to two intersections along WIS 11 in Green County near Brodhead...

### Polkafest celebrates polka in New Glarus

Visit New Glarus, America's Little Switzerland, this June 7 and 8 for Polkafest, the long running celebration of all things polka.

Polkafest offers live polka music under the big tent downtown as well as at local bars and restaurants – bands include the David Austin Band, Puempel's Polka Poppers, the Rhythm Playboys, Jerry Voelker and his Jolly Gents, The Biergarten Specials and Friends, and Barefoot Becky and the Ivanhoe Dutchmen...

### SSM Health launches apprenticeship program

SSM Health is recruiting high school students for a paid apprenticeship program across its hospitals and clinics in Wisconsin that will offer valuable hands-on experiences while providing a pathway to rewarding careers in health care...

### Beef council leaders study U.S. market potential in Korea, Japan

Fifteen beef industry leaders from 10 states, including Wisconsin, were in Seoul, South Korea, and Tokyo, Japan this

May where they studied market conditions and U.S. beef's potential while witnessing and participating in U.S. beef promotions.

Brady Klatt of Clinton and Joe Meyer of Unity represented Wisconsin Beef Council on the trip...

### Farmers of the Sugar River invite farmers, public to working farm

The Farmers of the Sugar River are having an event, Tuesday, June 18, from 11 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. The public and all farmers are welcome to attend.

At this event, there will be a rain simulator, showing the difference between rain infiltration and runoff on different soil management systems...

### Brodhead Optimists hold fishing derby

Everything that the Brodhead Optimists do goes toward the wellbeing of children.

The motto of Optimists International is "Friend of Youth." The main focus of the local club is fighting childhood cancer, and it is with pride that the Brodhead club announces that its donations to the Children's Hospital for Cancer Research in Madison and the Badger Childhood Cancer Network total \$47,300...

### Local VFW present scholarships, citizenship awards to area schools

Over the past month VFW post 6858 members have been able to hand out scholarships and citizenship awards to Albany, Brodhead, Juda and Parkview schools.

The scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior that is furthering their education at a two year technical school or a Wisconsin base short course...

### Robotics team returns from championship with high praise

Team 2x4, a local FIRST LEGO League robotics team with students from Clinton, Durand, and other nearby communities, recently returned from the American Robotics

Open Championship, a national robotics competition held at American Dream in East Rutherford, New Jersey. Team 2x4 was honored to represent Wisconsin among 60 of the best teams in the country...

### Restored manufacturing equipment revealed at the city's Depot Museum

Three pieces of newly-restored vintage Knight Manufacturing equipment were revealed at the Depot Museum on Saturday, May 25, 2024, to volunteers who made it all happen...

### Multiple tornadoes strike southern part of state

The National Weather Service (NWS) has confirmed at least four tornadoes as part of Saturday night's severe weather event in southern Wisconsin.

NWS crews are surveying more communities as cleanup efforts continue.

An EF-1 tornado with peak winds of 105 mph hit Delavan in Walworth County around 8:22 p.m. on Saturday night, according to a NWS report...

Another EF-1 rated tornado with an estimated 105 mph winds developed south of Marshall in Dane County, according to a NWS report. The tornado lifted south of Waterloo with a path length of 4.6 miles...

## July 2024

### Gov. Evers appoints Kanable as new Green County Sheriff

On June 18, Gov. Tony Evers appointed Cody Kanable as Green County Sheriff. The appointment fills a vacancy being created by Sheriff Jeffrey Skatrud's retirement, effective June 30. Kanable will complete the remainder of the unexpired term that ends January 2027...

### Parkview-Albany hires Dressler as next football coach

The Parkview Vikings and

the Albany Comets have made some major changes to their athletic programs over the early parts of the 2024 summer offseason. Parkview and Albany are entered into co-ops with each other for multiple sports.

The schools recently announced a number of changes, including two new head coaches for wrestling and football...

### Beloit student qualified for U.S. Olympic Trials

Shelvin Garrett, a Physical Education major from Beloit, at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, competed alongside the nation's best at the United States Olympic Team Trials for track and field on Friday, June 28, in Eugene, Oregon...

### Two in Edgerton suffer firearm-related deaths

The Rock County Medical Examiner's Department is releasing the names of the two individuals found deceased in a home in the 9000 block of North Newville Road in the Town of Fulton. The incident was reported to authorities on May 22 at or about 8 a.m.

The individuals are identified as: Roger L. Letson, 61, of Edgerton and Valerie A. Letson, 58, of Edgerton...

### Monticello selected to win 2024 AARP grant

The village of Monticello, along with the Monticello Chamber of Commerce, Green County Development Corporation (GCDC), and the Green County Leaders are thrilled to announce that Monticello has been selected to receive a 2024 AARP Community Challenge grant. Monticello was one of only 343 grantees selected out of over 3,300 applications from across all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands...

### Pistons and Props: A fusion of classic cars and aircraft excitement

Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport in Janesville is set to transform into a haven for automotive and aviation enthusiasts alike for the highly anticipated "Pistons and Props" event, hosted by Propel Forward and sponsored by Traffic Jams Speed Shop.

Join this new and exciting event as the area gears up for an exhilarating showcase on Saturday, July 20, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is a charitable event, with all proceeds benefiting Propel Forward, Inc...

### GEMS shine bright at YMCA national meet

The Green County Family YMCA is proud to announce the outstanding achievements of its 10 talented gymnasts who competed at the YMCA National Gymnastics Championship Meet in Oaks, Pa., last week. They showcased their skills, determination and sportsmanship, leaving their mark on the national stage...

### Walworth County traffic stop ends in Rock County crash

On June 30, a Walworth County Sheriff's Office second shift patrol K9 deputy was operating with a fellow officer as a two deputy patrol unit. They conducted a traffic

stop on a vehicle with Illinois registration for Unlawful Side Window Tint and No Front License Plate...

### Decatur Dairy cheese grand champion at fair

The results of the 2024 Green County Fair Cheese Contest have been announced...

There were 92 entries from 8 factories representing 36 cheesemakers. The Decatur Dairy Team from Decatur Dairy, Inc., of Brodhead was the Grand Champion this year with their Brick scoring 99.325...

### New welcome atrium opens at Kelch museum

On Sunday, June 9, Bobbie Wagner and her family officially opened the Wagner Welcome Atrium in a ceremonious ribbon cutting.

To make the occasion even more exciting, the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame unveiled a new immersive exhibit, located inside the Wagner Welcome Atrium, which showcases the photography and life of Leo J. Kohn...

### American Pickers coming back to Wisconsin in fall

The American Pickers are excited to return to Wisconsin. They plan to film episodes of The History Channel hit television series throughout this local area in September 2024...

### Gov. Evers, WisDOT announce \$50M for rural road improvements

Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), recently announced nearly \$50 million in state investments to help support 37 projects across 28 Wisconsin counties...

## Aug. 2024

### Matthys duo go out together in WFCA All-Star game

After 17 years as head coach of the Brodhead-Juda Cardinals' football team, Jim Matthys stepped down from the position. Jim spent 26 seasons in total with the Brodhead-Juda football program. Over the last four years, the Brodhead High School Principal had the pleasure of coaching his son, Blake Matthys...

### Brodhead receives grant from governor

Gov. Tony Evers recently announced the award of \$20.7 million in grants to 22 municipalities for public improvement projects across Wisconsin, including Brodhead...

### Motor vehicle crash fatality in New Glarus

On Aug. 1 at 4:05 p.m., the Green County Sheriff's Office – Communication Center received a 911 call reporting a motor vehicle crash on State Hwy 69 north of Valley View Road, just south of the Village of New Glarus. New Glarus Fire Department, New Glarus EMS, Green County EMS and UW Med-Flight responded to the scene. Sheriff's deputies were assisted on scene by New Glarus Police...

### Area high schoolers graduate from Rock Internship Program

On Friday, July 26, 35 high school students celebrated their graduation from the 2024 Summer Rock Internship Program in a ceremony held at Blackhawk Technical College. Each student shared a summary of their internship experiences, offering insights and achievements with family, friends and employers in attendance...

### Compeer Financial awards 61 County Fair grants

Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, is supporting county fairs with grants to improve facilities and experiences offered to rural communities across the Upper Midwest. Sixty-one fairs received County Fair Facility Upgrade Grants this year, totaling \$241,850...

### RCSO participates in Cop on a Rooftop event

The Rock County Sheriff's Office participated in "Cop on a Rooftop" for Special Olympics Wisconsin on Friday, Aug. 16, from 6 to 11 a.m., at the Janesville Dunkin' stores located at 2121 Milton Avenue and 1905 Center Avenue...

### Conservation efforts result in return of the Sandhill Crane after a century

Saturday, March 23, was a beautiful crisp morning with the air full of the calls of migratory birds moving north for the spring. Unseasonably warm weather triggered the move north early for many wildlife species where early nesting signifies a reaction to the phenological change. An avid birder and former Board Member for the Wisconsin Society for Ornithology, Quentin Yoerger, was walking the trails at Three Waters Reserve when he spotted a Sandhill Crane nesting on site and reported it to Reserve staff...

## Sept. 2024

### Motorcycle pursuits result in three arrests

On Aug. 19 at 7:46 a.m., a deputy performing traffic enforcement duties observed a motorcycle on State Hwy 11 near County Hwy KK (Town of Jefferson) operating at 134 MPH in the posted 55 MPH zone.

The deputy attempted to stop the motorcycle for the violation. The motorcycle fled from the deputy, splitting between vehicles and operating on the shoulder...

### LWCD: Invasive grasses can be spread by combines

At a recent field day for Johnsongrass and Shattercane identification and management, attendees talked about a variety of strategies to control and kill what was discovered is a cross between two grasses.

The cross, of Johnsongrass and Sorghum, is known as Sorghum Almum. The plants are able to cross with each



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## Sept. 2024 (cont.)

other to create a local hardier plant that has “learned” how to flourish in our local environment...

### Art Infusion features public art projects in Janesville

Art Infusion will return to Downtown Janesville on Sept. 6 to 8 with an exciting lineup of public art projects, including the creation of two brand new murals plus a range of community programming and events...

### Midwest solar sites set new generation record

The Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) set a solar energy generation record high of 6,887 megawatts (MW) on Wednesday, Aug. 21, thanks in part to Alliant Energy’s recent buildout of over 1,000 MW of solar capacity in Wisconsin and Iowa...

### Watershed association honors local citizen

The Lower Sugar River Watershed Association presented Paul Roemer with a Watershed Stewardship Award at their 10th Annual Meeting held recently at Three Waters Reserve. The award is given annually to honor a member, citizen, organization, landowner, or business in the watershed whose work and leadership demonstrate dedication to the care and enjoyment of our water resources...

### First human case of West Nile virus reported in Rock County this year

Local health officials are advising residents to continue to protect themselves against mosquito bites as they announce this year’s first human case of West Nile virus (WNV) in a resident of Rock County. This is the seventh person with WNV illness reported in the state this year. WNV activity has also previously been detected in animals, mosquitoes, and healthy blood donors whose blood screened positive for WNV...

### Antarctic explorer to speak in Brodhead

The Brodhead Historical Society will hold their next meeting on Monday, Sept. 30. Dennis Duling of Albany will be the guest speaker, with a presentation on the early years of Antarctic exploration to the present day. He will discuss some of the scientific projects that are currently being done, and the effect these projects could have on people everywhere...

### Abbie Dix earns spot on UWW volleyball roster

Abbie Dix, a human performance major from Brodhead, who graduated from Brodhead High School, is a member of the 2024 Univer-

sity of Wisconsin-Whitewater volleyball team, which is comprised of a balanced mix of accomplished returners, experienced transfers and talented freshmen...

### Janesville farm redefines corn mazes with escape room

Corn mazes are known for using technology in unique ways to create giant artistic masterpieces, but Skelly’s Farm Market in Janesville has used tech to create unique experiences unlike any other corn maze people are used to visiting in the fall.

The farm features both a 6-acre and a 9-acre corn maze with unique adventures in each...

### Inmate suicide at Rock County Jail

On Sept. 14, at around 8:42 p.m., a correctional officer at the Rock County Jail was conducting a routine security check and discovered an inmate hanging in his cell. The inmate was housed in a cell by himself. Additional officers and jail medical staff responded to the scene and immediately started life saving measures...

## Oct. 2024

### Crashes lead to second, third traffic fatalities of the year

The second and third traffic fatalities of the year in Green County happened within a week and within several miles of each other near Brodhead.

On Monday, Sept. 23 at approximately 12:01 a.m., the Green County Sheriff’s Office Communication Center received an emergency call indicating a fire near a building at the intersection of State Hwy 81 and County Hwy GG, approximately 2 miles south of the City of Brodhead. Emergency responders were dispatched to the scene...

### Wisconsin charities collaborate to rescue dogs after hurricane

Lucky Dog Animal Rescue and Greater Good Charities have partnered with the Wisconsin Federated Humane Societies in an ambitious effort to transport dogs from the Carolinas to Wisconsin. Multiple animal shelters across Wisconsin, including the Green County Humane Society (GCHS), have eagerly prepared to welcome these dogs into their care and find them loving forever homes...

### Public Safety Center marks completion of BTC’s new complex

Blackhawk Technical College marked a significant milestone on Thursday, Sept. 26 with the official unveiling of its newly completed Public Safety Center during a special open house and ribbon cutting event.

As the final piece of the \$32 million Public Safety and Transportation Complex, the state-of-the-art facility serves as a vital training hub for students pursuing careers in emergency services and law enforcement...

### Sunny Peace Prairie donated to land trust

In December of 2023, the Southern Wisconsin Land Conservancy (SWLC) was approached by the Aulabaugh family about becoming the new owners and land stewards for the local nature reserve of Sunny Peace Prairie...

### Viewing the Hurricane Helene devastation, aftermath up close

Delta Airlines cancelled my Oct. 10 flight to Asheville, N.C., a week after Hurricane Helene struck Florida, then ravaged my Appalachian destination 300 miles inland.

I’d planned for weeks to help my wife Dela return from months with our oldest daughter and grandson in Hendersonville, N.C., 20 minutes south of Asheville...

### Cards volleyball captures regional championship

The Brodhead Cardinals didn’t have an easy route to a regional volleyball championship in 2024. After finishing the regular season with an overall record of 23-16, the Cards wound up facing off with a fourteen-win Shoreland Pacers team to begin postseason play...

### WCMA praises \$11M in dairy innovation funding

Wisconsin Cheese Makers Association (WCMA) members recently applauded the announcement of approximately \$11 million in federal funding for four Dairy Business Innovation Initiatives (DBII), including the Dairy Business Innovation Alliance (DBIA) run by WCMA and the Center for Dairy Research (CDR)...

## Nov. 2024

### Brodhead volunteers making a difference

Over 120 volunteers showed up for Make a Difference Day on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 9 to 11 a.m.

Seeing so many grown-ups working alongside local youth to lend a hand was extraordinary...

### From 4-H to the Olympics: A story of determination

Through dedication, countless hours of hard work, and unwavering commitment, Lauren O’Connor’s journey led her from showing animals in her Green County 4-H Club to earning a spot on the U.S. Women’s Olympic Rowing team at the 2024 Paris Summer Olympics...

### How Green, Rock neighbors voted for 2024 statewide races

Green and Rock majorities numbered with 13 of 72 Wisconsin counties favoring Kamala Harris over Donald Trump for president on Nov. 5.

Green and Rock counties neighboring and representing Brodhead, east and west, joined Douglas, Bayfield, Ashland, Eau Claire, Menominee, Door, Portage, La Crosse, Iowa, Dane, and Milwaukee majorities voting for Harris, who lost to Trump by 29,417 votes in Wisconsin...

### New Glarus Brewing breaks ground on 55M addition

On Oct. 29, New Glarus Brewing Company broke ground on what will be a fifty-five million dollar, 65,000 square-foot brewing, distilling, and hospitality addition at their “hilltop” facility in southern Wisconsin...

### Report of boat theft revealed to be false

On April 17, 2023, the Green County Sheriff’s Office received contact from Jeremiah L. Strese, 47, of rural Monticello, who reported to law enforcement that his 2002 Bayliner 184 Capri fish and ski boat with trailer and additional personal property contained within had been stolen from his rural Green County residence.

Surveillance footage from another property captured the boat being removed from the area by a motor vehicle with distinct features...

### Assistance needed to support 124 families this holiday season

As the holiday season approaches, Family Services of Southern Wisconsin is dedicated to ensuring that 124 local families experience the joy and warmth of the festivities.

However, they are currently facing a shortfall in donations

and volunteer support, putting their holiday project at risk...

### Albany senior raised over \$5,000 for youth programs

The third annual Comet Classic 3 on 3 Tournament held Nov. 10 in Albany raised a total of \$5,323.

Albany High School senior Abby Hollis hosted this tournament as a fundraiser for local youth programs and initiatives. Hollis is a high honor roll student and starter on the Albany-Monticello basketball team and will play basketball for Clarke University next year...

## Dec. 2024

### Salmonella infections linked to cucumbers

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), along with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), local health departments, and federal partners, is working to investigate a multistate outbreak of Salmonella infections linked to cucumbers. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 68 people in 19 states have become infected with the outbreak strain of Salmonella. This includes three people who live in Wisconsin...

### Dix named all-region for UWW volleyball

Abbie Dix, a Human Performance major at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater from Brodhead, Wis., is one of four members of the Warhawk volleyball team who were selected All-Region 8 by the American Volleyball Coaches Association for their performances during the 2024 season...

### Building hope by building bunk beds

Family Services of Southern Wisconsin, in partner-

ship with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, is excited to announce a unique opportunity for the community to come together and make a meaningful impact on families transitioning to stability. As part of the Next Steps Family Resilience Center, they are hosting a Bunk Bed Build event to furnish this vital space, which will soon provide safe and welcoming homes for 18 unhoused families...

### Orfordville nursing student given white coat

Alexis Cook from Orfordville, Wis., participated in Carthage College’s White Coat Ceremony.

This milestone signifies the transition from pre-nursing classes to vocational coursework for the remaining two years at Carthage before becoming a professional nurse...

### DNR probes Enbridge Line 6 pipeline spill

Concerns are flowing over a Canadian oil and gas company with 50- and 70-year-old pipelines moving hundreds of thousands of fossil fuel across Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is investigating a crude oil pipeline spill along Enbridge Energy’s Line 6 that passes one county over from Green and next to Rock County...

### RCSO: Scam caller impersonating deputy

The Rock County Sheriff’s Office was made aware of recent fraudulent phone calls to citizens within Rock County and the surrounding areas where the caller identifies themselves as a Rock County Deputy. The caller(s) indicate the person needs to send them money to clear up a legal manner.

These phone calls are fraudulent in nature, and RCSO warns the public that neither the Sheriff’s Office nor their representatives will call citizens asking for money...



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Essential duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: Principles and practices of street and storm sewer maintenance, forestry maintenance, supervises maintenance of and improvements to all city parks, knowledge of electrical systems, supervision and training of staff. Required on-call time Monday through Sunday on a rotating schedule.

Complete job description is available on the city's website at [www.cityofbrodheadwi.us](http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us), or may be picked up at City Hall. Please drop off your resume at Brodhead City Hall or mail to: City of Brodhead, PO Box 168, Brodhead, WI 53520-0168, or email to [cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us). Applications will be accepted through Monday, Jan. 17, 2025.

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### Wastewater Supervisor

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Essential duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following: Street maintenance, DNR certification with sub-classes, sanitary sewer maintenance, wastewater facility maintenance, principles of electrical systems, supervision and training of staff, and an ability to learn and understand plant operations and laboratory testing. Required on-call time Monday through Sunday on a rotating schedule.

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### Part Time Help Wanted

**CLERK POSITION TOWN OF Spring Grove, Green County, Wisconsin.** This newly appointed position will be effective April 15, 2025. Attendance at all scheduled Town Board meetings is required. The Clerk will provide statutory support and assistance to the Town Board, by performing tasks including, but not limited to: accounting tasks, property tax preparation, administration of elections, licensing, preparing minutes and agendas, record keeping. Strong computer skills are critical and should include proficiency in Microsoft Office (Excel and Word) and Google Docs. Experience with accounting software and website maintenance is necessary. Candidates should be comfortable with using and learning new technology, and be willing to attend training workshops. This position requires strong attention to detail, the ability to multitask, and the capacity to work independently. The position is approximately 20 hours per week. The level of responsibility and hours will vary, especially during elections and property tax preparation. Wages will be determined based on qualifications and experience. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2025 at noon. Please submit a resume, cover letter and three (3) references to: [tsgrove.clerk@gmail.com](mailto:tsgrove.clerk@gmail.com) or mail to: Town of Spring Grove Clerk Position, N2475 County Road GG, Brodhead, WI 53520.



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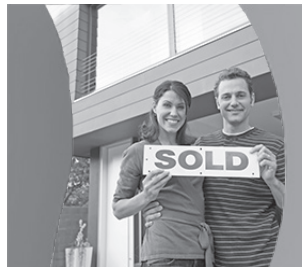
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### PARKS, POOL & REC DEPT. SUMMER APPLICATIONS

Applications will be available at the Brodhead Parks, Pool & Recreation Department beginning Thursday, Jan. 2 for summer 2025 employment.

• **14 years old, freshman in high school:** Basket window attendant, concessions cashier, playground instructor, and umpiring.

• **15 years old:** Lifeguarding.

• **16 years old:** Park maintenance.

Applicants must qualify for a work permit (14 years of age and in high school) to be considered. Applications are available at the Brodhead Pool & Recreation Department or on the City of Brodhead website ([www.cityofbrodheadwi.us](http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us)) and are due to the Pool & Recreation Director by Friday, Feb. 28. If you have any questions, please call the Brodhead Pool & Recreation Department at 608-897-2159.

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# Snow thrower safety tips for this winter



Clearing snow and ice from driveways, sidewalks and parking lots is no small job. People rely on their outdoor power equipment to do the heavy lifting, and it's important to keep safety in mind. The Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) reminds home and business owners to use

snow throwers, often referred to as snow blowers, safely and offers tips to help.

"Weather today is unpredictable. You need to have your snow thrower serviced and ready to power up," says OPEI President and CEO Kris Kiser. "Review your owner's manual so you can use your equipment safely."

Kiser says preparation is key and that home and business owners should consider the following:

- Review the owner's manual. Check the owner's manual for safe handling procedures. If the manual cannot be found, look it up online, and store a copy on a computer so it's available to reference in the future. Review how to operate controls. Be able to shut off equipment quickly.

- Check equipment. The snow thrower should be powered off when being checked over. Adjust any cables and check the auger.

- Charge batteries. Locate the batteries for the snow thrower and charge them fully before it snows.

- Purchase fuel. Be sure to use the correct fuel recommended by the equipment's

manufacturer. For most gasoline-powered snow throwers, that is E10 or less. Often fuel stations are closed after a storm so buy gasoline in advance of storms. Fuel that is more than 30 days old can phase separate and cause operating problems. For more information on fueling properly, please see [www.opei.org/programs/ethanol-warning](http://www.opei.org/programs/ethanol-warning)

- Store and use fuel properly. Place gasoline in a proper fuel container and label it with the date purchased and the ethanol content. Store fuel safely and out of the reach of children. Fill the fuel tank outside before starting the engine and while the engine is cold. Never add fuel to a running or hot engine.

- Clear the area. Snow can sometimes hide objects. Door-mats, hoses, balls, toys, boards, wires, and other debris should be removed from areas that a person intends to clear. When run over by a snow thrower, these objects may harm the machine or people.

- Dress for winter weather. Locate safety gear now, and place it in an accessible closet or location. Wear safety glasses, gloves and footwear that

can handle cold and slippery surfaces when operating the snow thrower.

- Key safety tip: Never put hands inside the auger or chute. Use a clean out tool to unclog snow or debris from the snow thrower. Hands should never go inside the auger or chute.

- Turn off the snow thrower to clear a clog. If it is necessary to remove debris or unclog snow, always turn off the snow thrower. Wait for all moving parts to come to a complete stop before clearing any clogs or debris.

- Operate in visible conditions. Never operate the snow thrower without good visibility or light.

- Aim with care. Never throw snow toward people or cars. Keep children or pets inside and away from the snow thrower when it is operating.

- Use extreme caution on slopes and hills. Use caution when changing directions on slopes. Do not attempt to clear steep slopes.

- Know where the cord is. If using an electric powered snow thrower, be aware of where the power cord is at all times. Avoid tripping.

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**Keep safety in mind when using a snow thrower.**

## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### POOL & REC DIRECTOR CITY OF BRODHEAD

The position requires the ability to manage the recreation and pool functions, including the development of recreation programs, operational, and developmental phases of pool, recreation areas and facilities. This position offers a wage which is commensurate with experience and qualifications, plus an excellent fringe benefit package.

Preferred qualifications include an Associate's degree in physical education, recreation, or related fields. Knowledge of pool maintenance, ability to obtain pool & spa operators certification, CPR/First Aid certified, recreational knowledge to develop and maintain programs and develop staff.

For a job description visit: [http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us/employment\\_opportunities/index.php](http://www.cityofbrodheadwi.us/employment_opportunities/index.php)

To apply send a cover letter, resume, salary requirements, and three professional references by January 17, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. to: City Clerk; City of Brodhead, 1111 W. 2nd Ave., Brodhead, Wisconsin 53520 or email to [cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbrodheadwi.us).

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

#### CITY OF BRODHEAD

**RE: Vacation, Abandonment and Discontinuance of a portion of a public street in the City of Brodhead, Green County, Wisconsin, described as follows:**

That part of E 7th Avenue located within the Original Plat of the City of Brodhead, Green County, Wisconsin described as follows: bounded on the east by the west boundaries Dicksons Addition CSM 4305 (V17-P206) Lot 1 BNG PRT Lots 1 & 2 & All Lots 7 & 8, BLK 10 and Dicksons Addition Block 10 Lots 3-6, bounded on the north by 2nd St, bounded on the west by Dicksons Addition Block 26 Lots 1 & 2 and Dicksons Addition Block 26 Lots 3 & 4 and bounded on the south by 3rd St.

Reserving a permanent utility easement including for such purpose the right to operate necessary equipment thereon, and the right of reasonable ingress and egress to maintain said utilities.

Notice is hereby given that there has been a preliminary resolution by the Common Council of the City of Brodhead on December 16, 2024, tentatively vacating and discontinuing the portion of the platted public street described above in the city.

1. This preliminary resolution is subject to the passage of the final resolution by the common council after the public hearing scheduled for such consideration to be held on January 20, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. in the Common Council Chambers of the City of Brodhead located at 1111 West 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, Wisconsin.

2. All persons, their agents or attorneys will be given an opportunity to be heard relative thereto.

Dated this 20th day of December 2024.

CITY OF BRODHEAD

Kristin Covert, City Clerk

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### STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF  
CHARLES W. PAX

#### Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 24PR95

#### PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 01/08/1958 and date of death 12/18/2019 was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W542 Myrt Lane, Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 26, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th St., Monroe, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

Electronically signed by  
Jennifer Prien  
Probate Registrar

Michael A. Faust  
Consigny Law Firm, S.C.  
303 East Court Street,  
Janesville, WI 53545  
(608) 755-5050  
Bar Number 1024665

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### AGENDA

#### BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

**Monday, January 13, 2025  
DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM  
2501 West 5th Avenue,  
Brodhead, WI  
6:00 P.M.**

**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

#### AGENDA

- IV. APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL BID PACKAGES
- V. ADJOURN

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### NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF WJZ CLEANING, LLC AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING NOTICE OF CLAIM

Notice to any and all Creditors of WJZ Cleaning, LLC:

You are hereby notified that WJZ Cleaning, LLC has been dissolved, effective December 3, 2024.

It is hereby requested that any and all persons with a claim, known or unknown, against WJZ Cleaning, 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 WJZ Cleaning, LLC you must

send the following written information to the address below, no later than 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. Pamela J. Burke  
c/o Attorney Walter E. Shannon  
Shannon Law Office, LLC  
104 W. Main St.  
Evansville, WI 53536

PLEASE 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 WJZ Cleaning, 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/ Pamela J. Burke,  
Personal Representative  
Wendy J. Zweifel Estate,  
Member

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### TOWN OF CENTER – ROCK COUNTY

**TOWN BOARD OF  
ADJUSTMENT HEARING  
CENTER TOWN HALL  
9119 W. County Rd. A,  
Evansville, WI  
Monday, January 13, 2025  
6:00 PM**

1. Open Hearing
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Board of Adjustment to consider the application for a variance to reduce a 5 ft. setback for a length of 250' on the east side of the property line at 9227 W Topp Rd, Evansville, WI 53536 to build a shed making it closer to the property line than what the Town of Center ordinances state. The property is located in the PT NW ¼ of the NW ¼, PT SW ¼ of the NW ¼ and PT SE ¼ of the NW ¼ in Section 15 with the address of the property at 9227 W Topp Road, Evansville, WI 53536. The property is owned by Vielhuber Irrevocable Trust, 9227 W Topp Road, Evansville, WI 53536.
5. Applicant to address board of adjustment
6. Board of Adjustment discussion and action
7. Findings of Facts
8. Adjourn

Devona Udulutch,  
Center Town Clerk

Evansville Examiner  
1/9/2025  
WNAXLP 466409

## Badgerland Girl Scouts unveils \$5 membership

This month through January, Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Badgerland is making it easier than ever for girls and families to join the Girl Scout Movement. For a limited time, families can sign up youth in grades kindergarten through 12th grade for Girl Scouts at a special rate of just \$5 – unlocking a world of opportunities to learn, grow, and thrive.

Girl Scouts offers unmatched experiences for girls to discover their passions, build life skills, and make new friends. From outdoor adventures to STEM activities, community service projects, and creative expression, Girl Scouts equips girls with the tools they need to lead with courage, confidence, and character.

"There's no better time to join Girl Scouts," said Lisa Smith, CEO of Badgerland Girl Scouts. "Girl Scouts builds confidence, the resilient leaders who shape the future. Through unmatched opportunities in STEM, the outdoors, entrepreneurship, and life skills, Girl Scouts empowers girls to break barriers, embrace challenges, and create lasting change in their

communities and beyond. It's not just a program – it's an experience that transforms lives and equips them to lead with courage, confidence, and character. This \$5 membership is a wonderful way to start their journey!"

This special membership promotion runs through Jan. 31 and is open to all new youth members. With troop opportunities throughout the community, Girl Scouts is ready to welcome new members and help them kick off their year with confidence, friendship, and adventure.

#### Top five reasons to join

1. Participate in the famous Cookie Program starting this February and build skills like confidence and goal setting.
2. Gain early registration access to amazing summer camps packed with unforgettable outdoor experiences.
3. Explore passions and develop skills through STEM activities, creative projects, and community service opportunities.
4. Build true friendships in a welcoming and supportive environment.
5. Be accepted for who you are and discover your

strengths in a space that celebrates individuality.

To learn more or to sign up for joining Girl Scouts: [www.gsbadgerland.org](http://www.gsbadgerland.org) or call 1-800-236-2710.

#### About the Girl Scouts of Badgerland

Badgerland serves 23 counties through south-central and southeastern Wisconsin. Girl Scouts bring their dreams to life and work together to build a better world.

Through programs from coast to coast, Girl Scouts of all backgrounds and abilities can be unapologetically themselves as they discover their strengths and rise to meet new challenges – whether they want to climb to the top of a tree or the top of their class, lace up their boots for a hike or advocate for climate justice, or make their first best friends.

Backed by trusted adult volunteers, mentors, and millions of alums, Girl Scouts lead the way as they find their voices and make changes that affect the issues most important to them.

For more information, visit [girlscouts.org](http://girlscouts.org).

## Ski foundation expands with additional race day

With the recent race cancellations in the Midwest, the American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation is expanding the Pioneer Midwest Seeley Hills Classic with an additional race day on Sunday, Jan. 12 to host skate skiing events.

This event now includes:

- A 5K course that will challenge skiers of all levels
- Saturday: Seeley Hills Classic 20K and 35K race distances
- Saturday: Seeley Hills Classic Middle School and High School races
- Sunday: Seeley Hills Skate 20K

- Sunday: Seeley Hills Skate Middle School and High School races

- Sawmill Saloon in Seeley for the after-party on Saturday

The American Birkebeiner Ski Foundation's snowmaking infrastructure makes ski events possible in Cable, Wis., during low snow periods. Those snowmaking capabilities are thanks to generous donations through the Mt. Telemark Village capital campaign, trail pass sales, and the around-the-clock work of the ABSF trail crew.

"In times of low snow, we

feel a responsibility to the Nordic community to provide as many opportunities for ski racing as possible," said ABSF Marketing and Communications Director Shawn Connelly. "Adding an additional day to our Seeley Hills Classic weekend is a great way to take advantage of our snowmaking capabilities and get skiers together for racing"

For more information and to register for the events, please visit online at <https://www.birkie.com/ski/events/seeley-hills-classic/>.

For additional comment email: [media@birkie.com](mailto:media@birkie.com).