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Rock County offers increased support to small businesses

The Wisconsin Small Business Development (SBDC) Network will help an estimated 500 small businesses start and grow in Rock County, thanks to a recent five-year commitment.

When the Rock County Board of Supervisors designated \$5 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grants to companies hurt by the pandemic, it also set aside \$1.5 million for SBDC technical assistance, according to a press release from the Institute for Business & Entrepreneurship issued last week.

"Our businesses need cash infusions to rebound and better financial management to become resilient," said County Board Supervisor Genia Stevens, who is also the founder and executive director of Rock County Jumpstart, a business incubator and accelerator for Black business owners.

"This provides sustainable vitality for small and mid-sized businesses," said Bon Wikenheiser, Wisconsin SBDC state director. "They are the heart of our communities and economies."

The Wisconsin SBDC offers no-cost, confidential consulting and education to new and existing businesses across more than a dozen locations. In 2021, the SBDC served



Kathryn Jackson

6,985 clients, resulting in \$119 million in capital investment, 292 new businesses and 24,253 jobs supported.

Kathryn Jackson has been hired as Rock County's SBDC consultant.

She has more than 1,200 hours of experience working with small businesses through her most recent role at the Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation (WWBIC).

She also has her own first-hand experience starting a business, which earned her the Wisconsin SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2015.

"I am excited to work with small business owners and prospective business owners in Rock County," Jackson said. "I'm also looking forward to supporting those who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic."

Jackson, who will be conducting outreach, training and one-on-one meetings, can be reached at kathryn.jackson@business.wisconsin.edu or 608-400-6784.

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Hands-on learning

In celebration of Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month, Brodhead School District is spotlighting some of its programs designed to help prepare students for high-wage, high-demand careers. CTE covers many different fields, including health care, information technology, advanced manufacturing and agricultural areas. The program encompass many different types of education, from classroom learning to certification programs to work-based learning opportunities outside the classroom, including agricultural classes. Ag classes are offered starting in seventh grade when all students take an exploratory class then in high school choose among several offerings in the area including veterinary science and plant science, among others. Through CTE, Brodhead students have a unique opportunity to earn Blackhawk Technical College credit through the Large Animal Science class. Students can also take an Agriculture Cooperative Class which allows them to leave at the end of the school day to get hands-on experience. This year students in the program have been working on farms, working at a cheese factory, and working at Monroe Trucking and farm. Pictured top and clockwise: Monticello Veterinary Clinic Owner Dr. Danyella Bollig checks a furry patient's heart with student Brenley Jonesin as part of her CTE vet science class; Students Joshua Steiner and Chase Wilhited make wreaths during an ag class; Seventh-graders Chase Bauman and Justis Smithbac attend to their tower garden.

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In brief

Aging center to offer program on basic uses for personal devices

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Green County is offering Sip and Swipe, a program created by Generations on Line, starting Thursday, Feb. 21.

This program offers older adults the opportunity to learn more about some of the newest technologies available on tablets, iPads, and/or even smartphones, while sipping on their favorite beverage.

A tablet/iPad is a small, handheld computer with a touch screen that is swiped instead of using a separate keyboard or mouse.

During the four, one-hour sessions, students will be coached by ADRC staff and will learn how to turn the tablet off and on, download and open an app, turn pages, make the screen smaller or larger, use the touch screen keyboard, set

up an email account, and send an email, search for a topic on the internet, work with assorted links, and more.

Participants learn at their own pace. Sessions will be held at the Green County ADRC on Thursday, Feb. 21, Tuesday, Friday, Feb. 25, Monday, Feb. 28, and Friday, March 4.

One-hour increment time slots are available from 9-10 a.m., 11 a.m. to noon, 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m. Participants must keep the same time slot for all four sessions. This class is free.

Pre-registration is required and spots are limited to four learners per hour/time slot.

Tablets are available for use during the sessions.

For more information, or to register, call (608) 328-9499.

Better Brodhead to host community readings Feb. 24

Better Brodhead will host its Jazz and Friends annual

Community Reading virtually Thursday, Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

Four children's stories about characters struggling with identity and striving to find acceptance will be read aloud by community leaders online. Kirsten Novy, Brodhead School District librarian; Ethan Anderson, elementary school counselor; Paula Vestin, sexual assault victim advocate, and Sarah Wadsworth, Brodhead School District pupil services director will each read a book.

The event is free but registration is required by visiting betterbrodhead.org or by calling 608-447-1363.

SSM Health Wisconsin to welcome new regional president

Following a national search, SSM Health recently announced that Sue Anderson has been named Regional President of SSM Health Wisconsin, effective March 1.



Sue Anderson

Anderson is a collaborative and experienced health care leader with a track record of achieving operational excellence and sustained growth, according to SSM Health press release.

Most recently, she served as executive vice president for Virginia Mason Health System and President of Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle. Prior to that, she served as chief financial officer and chief information officer for the health system.

Throughout her career, Anderson has advised and led numerous boards, including chairing the National Board of Medical Examiners and the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates. She

has a master's degree in business administration from Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University in Nashville and an undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame.

"I am looking forward to making Madison my new home and getting to know the communities SSM Health serves across the Wisconsin region," says Anderson. "The organization's mission, vision and values speak to my own passion in furthering the health and well-being of all."

Beloit film festival returns Feb. 25

The Beloit International Film Festival is back, and organizers say the 10-day BIFF2022 festival is out to prove that when the curtain goes up on Friday, Feb. 25, the pandemic shutdown has only made the series stronger.

This year's in-person BIFF will feature more than 100 new independent films in some new venues, with some exciting guest artists, along with old favorites like the W/IL Showdown, the Classic Film Showcase, and the Sing-Along.

BIFF2022 screenings will be presented at seven screening venues, all within walking distance.

For the first time, Festival films will be screened at the Weissberg Auditorium at the Beloit College Powerhouse, 850 Pleasant St., at the new Visit Beloit headquarters, 656

Pleasant St., and at the Downtown Beloit Association screening venue, 557 E. Grand Ave.

For the complete schedule and tickets, visit beloitfilmfest.org.

Humane Society welcomes the Alaskan Malamute Club at Pooch Pull Saturday

The Alaskan Malamute Club of Wisconsin is returning to The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin for its annual Pooch Pull scheduled Saturday.

Canine athletes will compete by pulling a series of weighted carts in this outdoor community event at the shelter. Weigh-ins begin at 9:30 a.m. and the pulling competition will start around 11 a.m. and continues until 3 p.m.

Chili, hot beverages and baked goods will be available indoors for a donation. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.

Proceeds will benefit the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin, 222 S. Arch St., Janesville.

For more information including sponsorship or donation opportunities, contact Ann Peterson at apeterson@petsgo.com.

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Obituaries

SANDRA BONLIE

Sandra Louise (Haycraft) Bonlie, known by family and friends as "Sandi", died peacefully on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 at the Monroe Hospice Home.

She was born on Dec. 6, 1949 in Fort Dodge, Iowa to the late Ellen (Peggy) and Gene Haycraft.

She grew up and graduated from high school in Waterloo, Iowa and eventually resided in Brodhead, where she spent many years as a well-known, self-employed antique dealer.

She had a shop in downtown Brodhead for many years where locals and antique dealers from all around would visit, and was known as a welcoming place to browse for unique finds.

She was a devoted Christian mother who was hard-working and enjoyed the simple things in life.

She loved God and enjoyed going to church, coffee and conversation, garage sales, auctions and estate sales, jewelry, crossword puzzles and solitaire, and being in the company of family and friends.

She was a generous woman who spent her last years donating to her favorite causes that advocated for those who are



underprivileged as well as for animal rights.

She was a woman who was comfortable in solitude and took comfort

in her own company which is a rarity of the times.

She is survived by her children; Troy Shirley, Aaron (Brooke) Haycraft, Signe (Matt) Doyle, Hannah (Corey) Condon; grandchildren; Kylie and Hunter Whalen, Maddox, Gavin and Viosa Doyle, Lachlan Condon; and multiple "fur-grandbabies," "Mose," "Olive," "Gilly," "Peepa," "Lily," "Frank," "Beans," "Darla" and "Baby."

She is further preceded in death by her sister Ellen Haycraft, and her stepson Zachary Bonlie.

Visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m. followed by a memorial service from 2-3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 19, 2022 at Living Word Church, 3825 S. County Road T, in Brodhead.

The Rosman Funeral Home in Beloit is handling arrangements.

JAMES MELIGAN

James "Jim" Meligan, known to friends as "Julio," of Juda, died at 60 year old, Feb. 6, 2022 at SSM Health Hospital in Monroe.

He was born March 16, 1961 in Shawno, to the late Seal and Marjorie (Whippler) Meligan. He graduated from Brodhead High School in 1979.

He married Sheri Peters on Sept. 1, 2015 in Minocqua. He was a member of the Menominee Indian Tribe.

He enjoyed dart league, fishing, camping, woodworking, and time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife Sheri Meligan of Juda; children, Tiffany (Ryan) Moore of Beloit, and AJ (Alyssa) Meligan of Monroe; six grandchild-



dren, Simon, Malcolm, Lili, Violet, Ryerson, and Calvin; sister, Adeline (Mike) Fulton, Brodhead; and two nieces,

Amanda (Jared) Condon and Sarah (Austin) Hawk.

He was further preceded in death by his brother, Randy Meligan.

A visitation was held on Saturday, Feb. 12.

In lieu of flowers, memorials would be deeply appreciated and can be sent to shriener111.com.

Shriner Hager Gohlke Funeral Home in Monroe is assisting the family.

Back home

The sound of winter

If below-zero temperatures had a sound, it would be this: the clang of an iron maul striking the frozen apron of a manure spreader.

Our recent cold snap — we dipped close to 30 below zero in my neck of the woods — made me reflect on memories of milking cows and doing chores during the bitter weather. It seemed like every routine task became much harder in the cold temperatures.

Chores — which included feeding calves and washing the milking machines — were sandwiched in between the daily milking at 5 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Cleaning the barn — the term that we used when we hauled manure — is an essential daily task in a stanchion barn like we had. The cows would be turned out to the outdoor feed bunk for a couple of hours, and we would try to clean the barn and bed the stalls as quickly as possible. If the task took too long, the water pipes in the barn would begin to freeze as the only source of heat we had in the barn was body warmth from the cattle.

Step 1 was to start the tractor, which had a block heater to keep it warm. Some days a little extra help was needed from a blast heater and a battery charger. Step 2 was to crawl into the manure spreader with an iron bar or maul and pound on the aprons to make sure they were not frozen. Starting the spreader without that step would risk breaking the chain and create a miserable repair job.

The same process was repeated to the links of chain exposed to the outside on the barn cleaner — a long system of chain and paddles that pulls manure through the gutter and dumps it into the manure spreader.

For many years our primary tractor did not have a cab, but



By **CHRIS HARDIE**
Contributor

rather a flimsy canvas apron with a plastic windshield that was installed each winter. Huddling down behind the windshield helped avoid freezing your face as you drove to the field to spread the manure. When the snow was too deep, we created a manure pile that was moved in the spring.

Running the spreader completely empty and scraping the sides was a critical step for the next day's use. Any manure left in the spreader would freeze and create even more labor when pounding on the frozen chain.

The manure spreader would also be used to haul wood, as we often would drive into the woods during the winter seeking dead trees that could be cut, split and burned right away without seasoning.

Usually, one person would clean the barn while a second scraped and bedded the calf pens. Bales of hay were thrown down chutes and spread out for feeding and stacked for a nightly feeding as well.

If everything went well — and each day always had its challenges — the barn could be cleaned, bedded with straw or chopped corn stalks, and be ready for the cows to come back inside within a couple of hours. There was a break for lunch and then it was time to cut and split wood or fill the wood box.

The cows would be turned back outside to the feed bunk in the later afternoon and then brought back inside for the evening milking. We were usually done by 7 p.m.

The days of milking cows



CHRIS HARDIE *Brodhead Independent-Register*

Buckets filled from a hydrant are carried 182 steps to water animals after the waterer froze.



CHRIS HARDIE *Brodhead Independent-Register*

A ring of frost encircles the top of the stone cistern.

are long gone, but I still have a few animals to tend. And the weather struggle continued when our heated waterer froze — even though I made sure it was still working during the coldest of temperatures. But one cow, two donkeys and two goats didn't drink enough to keep the water flowing.

So, it's back to carrying 5-gallon pails — 182 steps uphill — for the foreseeable future or until it warms enough to thaw the waterer. And the well has been acting up, so I've been making a few more trips to the bottom of the

cold cistern.

There is a bright side. Meteorological winter is now two-thirds complete. The days are growing longer.

As my memory recalls, it could be worse.

Chris Hardie spent more than 30 years as a reporter, editor and publisher. He was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and won dozens of state and national journalism awards. He is a former president of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association. Contact him at chardie1963@gmail.com.

DOT providing improved winter road condition information online

Improvements include more frequent updates, spanning more miles of roadway

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation encourages drivers to check out the expanded and improved winter road condition reporting on 511wi.gov.

"Safety is core to our mission," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "We're proud to find new ways to leverage technology to improve service and give the public a more clear and accurate idea of how to prepare for the drive ahead."

The 511 update unveiled last week ties in the Maintenance Decision Support System technology the department and county highway departments use to make informed decisions on plowing and salting. MDSS generates automated models based on conditions measured at multiple areas throughout

the state. The data sources are available around the clock and include:

- Atmospheric and road weather sensors along the roadway and at airports;
- Information from snowplows enabled with Geographic Information Systems; and
- Information from the National Weather Service.

The DOT began using 511 Wisconsin to report on winter road conditions in 2013. In previous years, the winter road conditions were managed manually with personnel reporting conditions from the field. Now, leveraging the MDSS technology enables an expanded system capable of more frequent reporting and greater consistency. More than 14,000 centerline miles of roadway are updated at least twice hourly

by devices constantly pulling in data. The old system covered roughly 3,700 miles with field observations coming in every several hours.

Know before you go

- Visit 511wi.gov online, or download the 511wi smartphone app;
- In the map legend, make sure "winter road conditions" is checked;
- Look for the colors outlining the roadways near you; and
- Conditions include good winter driving, slippery stretches, snow covered, ice covered, and travel not advised.

Drivers are encouraged to always expect the unexpected from a Wisconsin winter and to:

- Buckle up, phone down. Every trip, every time;

In an active storm, refrain from travel whenever possible for your own safety and also to provide plow drivers room to safely work;

In the event of a crash, remember if you can "steer it, clear it." Many drivers think they should not move their car if they are involved in a fender bender or crash. If (and only if) your car is drivable and there are no injuries, you should move your car to the shoulder or nearby safe place off of the road before calling 911; and

Know it's the law to stay at least 200 feet behind a snowplow engaged in snow and ice removal.

Visit wisconsindot.gov/stay safe to learn more about safe driving tips, links to best practices for winter road safety and the law.

Albany Police report

Jan. 25

• Shando R. Boss, 36, of Albany, was cited for driving a vehicle without insurance.

Jan. 26

• Robert C. Stevens, 42, of Albany was cited for driving

a vehicle without insurance.

• Dale L. Finley, 40, of Albany, was cited for non-registration of an auto and driving without a valid license.

Feb. 3

• Mitchell D. Hale, 23, of Westfield, Wisconsin, was

cited for driving a motor vehicle without insurance.

• Ryan M. Broderick, 20, of Madison, was cited for non-registration of an auto.

Feb. 6

• Toni R. Josephson, 22, of Brodhead, was cited for

driving with a suspended license.

• Tyler F. Humphrey, 34, of Argyle, Wisconsin, was arrested for driving left of the center line, drunken driving and driving with a prohibited alcohol concentration.

College news

• The University of Wisconsin-Platteville recently announced its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned high honors in the fall 2021 semester.

The following students from the area made the list:

Seth Rosheisen of Brodhead, industrial technology management; **Bailey Watson** of Brodhead, history; **Bobby Wolter** of Brodhead, industrial technology management; **Brooke Sutherland** of Davis, Illinois, biology; **Trent Davis** of Juda, criminal justice; **Sara Jordan** of Juda, music, and **Jacob Mahlkuch** of Juda, social science comprehensive.

• **Rikki Thomas Martin** of Albany, earned his master of science degree in Integrated Supply Chain Management from UW-Platteville, following the fall 2021 semester.

• The following students earned degrees from UW-Platteville at the end of the 2021 fall semester: **Colleen Johnson**, Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences, Brodhead; **Seth Rosheisen**, Industrial Technology Management, Brodhead; **Jay Strohmenger**, Industrial Technology Management, Brodhead; **Jared Lee**, Mechanical Engineering, Davis, Illinois; **Bradley Meiners**, Industrial Engineering, Davis, Illinois; and **Mason Spencer** of Orfordville, Dairy Science.

• **Jack William Krebs** of Monticello, is among 6,700 students named to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2021-22 year. Krebs is a sophomore enrolled in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, environmental science.

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FRIDAY, FEB. 18

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEB. 19

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEB. 20

-Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.
-Albany American Legion breakfast, 8 a.m. to noon

MONDAY, FEB. 21

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
-Albany Village Parks Commission scheduled to meet, 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
-Albany Village Police, Fire and License Committee scheduled to meet, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.
*Albany School District, early release, 2:37 p.m.
*Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.
*Adult Open Gym, School District, 7 p.m.
*Adult volleyball, elementary school gym, 7 p.m.

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On-campus job helps prepare career-driven student

Kearie Pulliam's husband attended Blackhawk Technical College in 2015 and craved about his experience.

That alone was enough to convince Pulliam that she should check BTC out, and after she did a little research of her own, it was clear that it was the place for her, too.

"When coming in person, I got such a huge wel-

come, with many staff who answered any questions or concerns I may have had before attending Blackhawk - without making me feel overwhelmed," she said.

Originally from Charlotte, North Carolina, and a graduate of Orville Platt High School in Meriden, Connecticut, Pulliam is majoring in digital marketing at BTC.

Upon graduation, she is planning on attending a four-year college to earn a bachelor's in digital marketing.

Eventually, she hopes to work in higher education, and she is gaining work-related experience through on-campus jobs.

"I'd love to be in a college helping students like BTC has helped me," she said.

She is already gaining experience as a student worker in BTC's CARE Center.

Alicia Acker, BTC Career Services and Leadership Development Coordinator, said

Pulliam has proven to be an instrumental part of the CARE Center team since she started working in the department in September 2021.

"She is driven, reliable, and routinely exceeds expectations for projects. Students can relate to Pulliam very easily because she is upbeat and willing to help anyone," Acker said.

Pulliam also has been shadowing Bradley Ziegler of the BTC Marketing and Communications team, learning about video production.

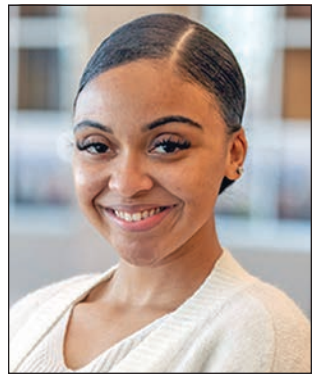
"Kearie has been great to work with. She has great

ideas, and I can't wait to see where her career takes her," Ziegler said.

When she is not at BTC, Pulliam loves cuddling and watching movies with her two cats and her dog as well as taking walks with her husband.

"I just would like to thank Blackhawk for preparing me and turning me into a career-driven individual. I can't wait to see what the future has in store," she said.

Editor's note: This article was written and submitted by Blackhawk Technical College's communications department.



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Blackhawk Technical College student Kearie Pulliam is currently learning about digital marketing.

"I can't wait to see what the future has in store."

- Kearie Pulliam, BTC student

News from Parkview in Orfordville:
Viking Times

THURSDAY, FEB. 17	open 9 a.m. to noon
• Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Book Club 2 p.m.	• Varsity wrestling sectional at Westby Area, 9 a.m.
• JV boys basketball vs. Cambridge, 5:30 p.m.	
• Varsity boys basketball vs. Cambridge, 7 p.m.	
FRIDAY, FEB. 18	
• Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Children's Storytime 11 a.m.	
• JV boys basketball vs. Madison Country Day, 6 p.m.	
• Varsity boys basketball vs. Madison Country Day, 7:15 p.m.	
SATURDAY, FEB. 19	
• Orfordville Public Library	
MONDAY, FEB. 21	
• Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	
• Special Village Board meeting, 7 p.m.	
• JV boys basketball at Monticello, 5:45 p.m.	
TUESDAY, FEB. 22	
• Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Teen Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.	
• Parkview Elementary School Scoopie Night, 4 to 8 p.m.	
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23	
• Orfordville library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.	

Emergency Food Assistance available in Rock County

Community Action, Inc. announced food assistance services available in Rock county

The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) is a federal program that provides food assistance to low-income households through the distribution of food commodities from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Food and Nutrition Services (FNS). TEFAP is a supplemental food assistance program that is designed to work in combination with other assistance programs in efforts to maximize and target limited food and funding resources. Community Action, Inc. is one of 16 Emergency Feeding Organizations (EFOs) administer-

ing the distribution of TEFAP commodities to food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. The program is supported by funding from the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS).

Organizations interested in learning more about participating in the TEFAP program in Rock County, or would like to find out how your food pantry can benefit, please contact: Judy Madsen, 1545 Hobbs Drive, Delavan, jmadsen@community-action.org or call 262-728-8296.

Rock County TEFAP

- Beloit Salvation Army: 628 Broad St., Beloit, Emergency 608-359-8634, Monday through Thursday noon to 4 p.m. Soup kitchen Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.
- Caritas, Inc.: 2840 Prairie, Beloit. Emergency: Max Dodson, 608-921-8256. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and Wednesday 1 to 5 p.m.
- Clinton Food Pantry: Christ Lutheran Church, 300 High Street, Clinton, emergency 608-676 4994, available Monday through Friday mornings but main distribution third Tuesday each month.
- E. C. H. O.: 65 High St., Janesville, Monday through

Friday, 9 to 11:15 a.m., community meals served once a week. Emergency: Crisis Intervention, 608-757-5025

- Edgerton Outreach: 106 S. Main St., Edgerton, Emergency 608-921-9268. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Wednesday 1 to 6 p.m.
- Evansville Ecumenical Care Closet: 206 S Madison St., Evansville. Tuesday and Thursday noon to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon. Emergency: Naomi Cord-Vine, 608-882-4532
- Janesville Salvation Army: 514 Sutherland, Janesville. Emergency: Police Dept., 608-757-2244. Monday through Friday noon to 4 p.m., Soup kitchen serves Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In an emergency the police or Captain can access the pantry or provide a voucher.
- Orfordville Food Pantry: Orfordville Lutheran Church, 210 N. Main St., Orfordville, Emergency 608-879-2575, Thursday 9 to 11:30 a.m.

About Community Action

Community Action, Inc. (CAI) is a not-for-profit organization offering programs to fight poverty in Rock and Walworth counties. Community Action develops and

implements a broad range of services across our two-county area including: child care, pre-school and school age programs, affordable housing, at-risk youth programs, weatherization, community organizing and development, a homeless shelter, health care, and the Temporary Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). We are a funded partner of United Way Blackhawk Region and United Way Walworth County. Details at www.community-action.org or www.facebook.com/communityactionrockwalworth.

Community Action is an Equal Opportunity Provider. For discrimination complaints concerning Wisconsin's protected classes, first contact the regional TEFAP Coordinator, Judy Madsen, at the contact information listed above. If the issue cannot be resolved, contact the TEFAP Coordinator, Wisconsin Department of Health & Family Services, Division of Public Health, 1 W. Wilson Street, PO Box 8916, Madison or call 608-267-9071.

For discrimination complaints concerning federally protected classes, write to: Regional Director, Civil Rights / EEO, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., FL 20, Chicago, IL 60604 or call 312-353-3353.

• Support

(Continued from front page)

Business tools will also be made available in the next 30 to 45 days: Rock County is partnering with Arrowhead Library System to provide Internet hotspots and Chromebooks loaded with LivePlan business planning software.

An advisory board will shape

and monitor this joint effort. Members so far include Colleen Merrill, Wisconsin SBDC associate state director; James Otterstein, economic development manager, Rock County Development Agency; Mike Mathews, operations manager, Janesville Innovation Center;

and Francisca Reyna, vice president of business development & education, Blackhawk Bank.

To sign up for SBDC services, go to wisconsinsbdc.org/rock-county.

To learn more about the Rock County business grants, visit www.rcbizgrants.org.

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'Better' with books

Brodhead Middle School students in Erin Kammerer's class choose through an assortment of graphic novels and fictional stories that focus on diversity and inclusion, donated recently by Better Brodhead. Better Brodhead is a community coalition in the Brodhead School District addressing youth substance use, bullying and dating violence among youth, through the use of education, awareness and advocacy. Better Brodhead donated 21 books to Kammerer's classroom library to support substance-free youth activities, which all students are encouraged to access and read.

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Behring Senior Center events

The Behring Senior Center is offering a number of events including, but not limited to the listing below, throughout the month for area residents 55 and older.

The center is located at 1113 10th St. in Monroe. Registration is required for all events, unless noted.

For more information or to register, call coordinator Elizabeth Sorn at 608-325-3173

or email esorn@cityofmonroe.org.

Movie matinee

The center will show "Dear Evan Hansen," at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22. Movies are shown on the second floor.

Love Gnomes with Tracy Signer

Seniors are invited to get creative with gnomes on

Monday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 p.m. Participants will paint love gnomes on canvas we will as some greeting cards. Cost is \$35.

Other activities and services offered throughout the month and into March, includes chair massages, foot care, senior center library, table tennis, pool, pickleball, cards, bingo and lunches for the veterans.

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www.co.rock.wi.us/land-conservation-tree-shrub-sale or call 608-754-6617 ext. 3 during normal business hours.

Green County HCE announces scholarships for local students

Members of the Green County Home and Community Education, Inc. (HCE) organization will be awarding two scholarships, in the amount of \$500 each, available to a graduating senior of a Green County-based high school, a relative

of a Green County HCE member or a member of a Green County 4-H Club, FFA or FCCLA chapter.

The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage individuals to take advantage of continuing education opportunities.

Applicants may attend a four-year public or private college or a technical college.

The scholarship will be awarded when the applicant has completed one semester of a four-year college or is at least

halfway through the technical college course.

The application can be accessed from the Extension Green County website at green.extension.wisc.edu/4-h-youth-development/scholarships.

A hard copy of the scholarship application is due no later than Friday, March 11.

For more information, contact Beth Campbell, chair of the HCE Scholarship Committee, at 608-424-6030.



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For just \$20, The Independent-Register will celebrate your beautiful baby of 2021. Babies born between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021 will be featured in the Feb. 23 issue.

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Contact Phone _____

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More secure online filing option for tax season

The 2022 individual income tax filing season opened Jan. 24, and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) now offers an extra layer of identity protection for taxpayers.

The Department of Revenue's new Wisconsin Identity Protection PIN program is another way it is securing a taxpayer's personal information.

Once a taxpayer requests and receives their Wisconsin Identity Protection PIN, they will use it to securely file their Wisconsin individual income tax return and homestead credit claims.

More information on the Identity Protection PIN program may be found by searching "Identity Protection" on the DOR website.

"The goal of the PIN program is to keep refunds in the right hands and out of the pockets of fraudsters," said Department of Revenue Secretary Peter Barca stated in a press release. "Another important thing to keep in mind about fraud, is that unless you have contacted us first, we never call people without first sending a letter. So, if you are getting a call or a text from us, but you haven't received a letter from us, that's a

red flag for fraud. We always send letters first."

Additional tax season reminders from the state

- Taxpayers should have all their W-2 forms before filing their tax return. Those who have not received their W-2s, should contact their employer. DOR can assist with locating W-2s after March 1.
- Filing electronically is encouraged as it saves time and money, and it increases accuracy and security. Wisconsin processed 3.29 million individual income tax returns in 2021, with an e-file rate

of 91%. This is the first time DOR surpassed the 90% milestone for electronically filed returns.

- To help during this busy time, the DOR call center will extend its hours to 5:45 p.m. on April 5, 7, 12 and 14.

The individual income tax return filing deadline is April 18, 2022.

- Support services and income tax forms are on the DOR website at revenue.wi.gov.
- Find information about e-filing or other tax preparation needs on the DOR website's "Individuals page" or call (608) 266-2772.

Green County meetings

Wednesday, Feb. 16
Green County Broadband Ad Hoc Committee, Green County Historic Courthouse, 1016 16th Avenue, Monroe, 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17
Green county Wisconsin Development Corporation Board of Directors, virtual board meeting, 7:30 a.m., us06web.zoom.us/j/82231875233?pwd=dmlGdG95THhXNGwvVmtWZ3dYYmPdz09. Meeting ID: 82231875233, passcode: 374085, phone: 312-626-6799.

Legal Notices

DOCUMENT 00 1113 – ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for:
BRODHEAD PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE ROOF FRAMING AND ROOFING PUTNAM PARK WEST 3RD AVENUE BRODHEAD, WISCONSIN 53520
Will be received by:
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Bids are due on Thursday, March 3, 2022, by 1:00 P.M. local time. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after the time set for receipt will not be accepted.
A pre-bid meeting and walk-through will not be conducted.
The Work of this Project consists, in general, of installing roof framing and finish on an existing bridge structure. The scope of work includes, but is not limited to:
1. Installation of roof trusses and decking.
2. Installation of asphalt shingle roof and flashing.
3. Bid Alternate: Installation of standing seam roof and flashing.

The scope of the Project includes all rough and finish work as shown on plans and described within the specifications. Lump-sum, single-prime bids will be received.
The Project Drawings, Project Manual, and other Bidding Documents prepared by the A/E are available from Dimension IV Madison's FTP website. Email info@dimensionivmadison.com to obtain a secure link to the bid documents. Please place in the subject line "Brodhead Pedestrian Bridge Roof Framing and Roofing Bid Request."
BID SECURITY in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the maximum amount of the Bid as well as a 100% Performance & Payment Bond must accompany each Bid as described in the Instructions to Bidders in the Project Manual.
The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn until 60 days after the time stated for receipt of Bids. Unless all bids are rejected, the Owner will award the project to the lowest responsible bidder as provided by State statutes.
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
GREEN COUNTY
Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust
Plaintiff,
v.
Estate of Barry A. Olson, et al.
Defendants.
Case No. 2021CV000121
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on October 26, 2021 in the amount of \$154,613.41, I will sell at public auction, located at the Green County Justice Center, Ground Floor Conference Room, 2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566, on
March 3, 2022
At 9:00 AM, all of the following described premises, to wit:
COMMENCING AT A POINT IN THE ROAD, BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE EAST 10 ACRES OF THE WEST 21 1/2 ACRES OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 16, TOWN 2 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST, THENCE SOUTH 160 FEET TO IRON STAKE, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES EAST 160 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST 160 FEET TO POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING AN AREA OF 0.587 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.
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Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
(414) 775-7700
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NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
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in three places in the Town of Avon, Rock County, Wisconsin as follows:
• Avon Town Hall, Brodhead, WI 53520
• Debbie Jean's Custom Framing and Whimsical Gifts, Brodhead, WI 53520
• Sugar River Bank of Brodhead, Brodhead, WI 53520
Furthermore, a summary of the above-referenced notice as published as a Class I Notice in the Brodhead Independent Register in compliance with 59.14 (1m), Wis. Stats
/s/ Stephanie L. Schwartzlow
Stephanie Schwartzlow,
Town Clerk
Town of Avon,
Rock County, WI
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of February, 2022
Amber L. Foster
Notary Public,
Rock County, Wisconsin
My Commission Expires: 6-12-2024 (SEAL)
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NOTICE TOWN OF MAGNOLIA TOWN BOARD HEARING TO BE HELD AT THE MAGNOLIA TOWN HALL 14729 W. COUNTY ROAD A, EVANSVILLE, WI 53536 TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2022 7:00 P.M.
Agenda:
1. Consider a request for a rezone for Larson Acres, Inc. 18218 W. State Road 59 Evansville, WI 53536 to separate approximately 2-acres with a house from an 80-acre parcel. The parcel number is 024 010003 and the address of the house is 17002 W. State Road 59 Evansville, WI 53536. The new parcel would be zoned Rural Residential.
2. Adjourn
Graceann Toberman,
Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Magnolia
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Proceedings of School District of Brodhead

City of Brodhead, Towns of Avon, Spring Grove, Decatur, Sylvester, Spring Valley and Magnolia
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS
President - Mike Krupke; **Vice President** - Don Buchanan; **Clerk** - Michael Oellerich; **Treasurer** - Al Schneider; Jodi Kail, Elizabeth Kempel, Jim Wahl

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT High School Auditoria 2501 W. 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI
Wednesday, January 26, 2022 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Board President Mike Krupke at 7:00 p.m. The meeting agenda was published in the Wednesday, January 19, 2022 edition of the Independent Register and the revised Agenda was properly building posted on January 24, 2022
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
ROLL CALL
Present: Mike Krupke, Michael Oellerich, Al Schneider, Jim Wahl, Elizabeth Kempel, and Jodi Kail
Absent: Don Buchanan
APPROVAL OF AGENDA ACTION ITEM
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to approve the agenda. Motion carried, 6-0.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES ACTION ITEM
Regular Meeting: January 12, 2022
B&G Meeting: January 13, 2022
Regular School Board Meeting and Building & Grounds Meeting Minutes were declared approved as printed.
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Tyler McKay was present to discuss masks.
Brandon Wollin was present to discuss the District's Covid policies.
Rhonda Olson was present to discuss masks.
Kyle Johnson was present to discuss masks and surety bonds.

create a 10-year facilities plan for the District. The Board discussed that they would like to have one of the companies present to the full Board in April.
ACCEPT DONATION(S) ACTION ITEM
None at this time.
RESIGNATION(S) ACTION ITEM
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the resignation of Kirsten Novy, JV2 Volleyball Coach, effective immediately. Motion carried, 6-0.
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Al Schneider, to approve the resignation of Curtis Wetzel, High School Show Band Director, effective May 1, 2022. Motion carried, 6-0.
EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATIONS ACTION ITEM
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the hiring of Heather Jordan as High School Student Services Assistant, at the rate of \$13.00/hour, beginning January 24, 2022. Motion carried, 6-0.
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the hiring of Skyler Love as Elementary School Night Custodian, at the rate of \$13.00/hour, beginning January 24, 2022. Motion carried, 6-0.
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to approve the hiring of Maria Mendoza as Middle School Spanish Teacher, with a start date of February 7, 2022, at a starting salary of \$43,755.00 (pro-rated @ \$18,503). Motion carried, 6-0.
Motion by Elizabeth Kempel, second by Jodi Kail, to approve the change of status of Heather Fenwick from Middle/High School Spanish/ESL Teacher to High School Spanish/ESL Teacher effective January 24, 2022.
Motion carried, 6-0.
VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S) ACTION ITEM
None at this time.
FUTURE AGENDA [February 9, 2022]
• Program Presentation – High School
• Approval of Summer School Timelines & Guidelines
• Summer School Teaching Salaries
• Approval of Boys & Girls Hockey Co-Ops
• Referendum Update
• COVID-19 Update
• Accept Donation(s)
• Resignation(s)
• Employment Recommendation(s)
• Volunteer Recommendation(s)

AGENDA ITEMS
PROGRAM PRESENTATION – MIDDLE SCHOOL PRESENTATION ITEM
Principal Lisa Semrow presented information on the Middle School's READ Marathon and READ Bowl programs.
SET OPEN ENROLLMENT SEAT LIMITS FOR 2022-23 ACTION ITEM
Motion by Al Schneider, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the recommendation that there be no seat limits set for the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried, 6-0.
APPROVAL OF NEW PHONE SYSTEM DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Presentation by IT Director Kevin Buxton regarding phone system proposals.
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Elizabeth Kempel, to approve the phone system proposal with LogMeIn for the period July 2022 through July 2025. Motion carried, 6-0.
REFERENDUM UPDATE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Superintendent Novy presented information and sample materials to be distributed regarding the upcoming referendum.
COVID-19 UPDATE DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Superintendent Novy presented information on the prevalence of COVID within the School District. There will be a vaccine clinic held on February 2, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the High School Auditoria. This clinic will be for anyone in the community that needs a first shot, second shot, or booster.
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Jodi Kail, to remove masks in the District effective immediately.
Motion failed, 3-3 [M. Krupke, M. Oellerich, A. Schneider – No].
LONG TERM FACILITIES DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM
Discussion regarding two presentations that were given to the Building and Grounds Committee from two companies that may

ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) ACTION ITEM
Motion by Jim Wahl, second by Al Schneider, to go into closed session, under WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c) at 8:17 p.m., for the discussion of:
a. Support Staff Compensation
Roll Call vote: All ayes (6-0).
RETURN TO OPEN SESSION ACTION ITEM
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jodi Kail, to return to open session at 8:28 p.m.
Motion carried, 6-0.
ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS ACTION ITEM
No action on closed session items.
ADJOURNMENT ACTION ITEM
Motion by Michael Oellerich, second by Jim Wahl, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.
Motion carried, 6-0.
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TOWN OF DECATUR REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Monday, February 21, 2022 – 6:00PM
Town Hall - 1408 14th Street, Brodhead, WI

AGENDA:
1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
3. Additions/Corrections to Agenda
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Payment of Bills
7. Rezoning Request for Three Waters Reserve
8. Board Approval of Plat for Golf Court Estates Back Nine Revision
9. Cozee Lane Acquisition
10. Salary Increase for Patrolman
11. Property Violations
12. Intergovernmental Agreement with Spring Grove
13. District Meeting – Friday, March 11, 2022
14. Confirmation of Open Book and Board of Review Dates
15. Municipal Clerk Institute – Virtual Attendance – July
16. Schedule Review for the Clerk/Deputy Clerk Positions
17. Roadwork
18. Conversion from .com site to .gov site
19. Sharing of Information/Correspondence
20. Future Agenda Items
21. Set dates for future meetings
26. Adjournment
Sandra K. McManus
Clerk/Treasurer
The Independent Register 2/16/2022 WNAIXLP 412710

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE FOR PUBLICATION
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town Board of the Town of Avon, Rock County, Wisconsin, has adopted Ordinance No. 2022-01 on February 1, 2022, creating the Town of Avon Building Code Ordinance.
The full text of the Ordinance may be obtained or viewed at no charge by contacting the Town Clerk, Stephanie Schwartzlow, 15444 W. Skinner Road, Brodhead, Wisconsin 53520, or calling telephone number (608) 921-3656,
CERTIFICATION
I, the undersigned Town Clerk of the Town of Avon, do hereby certify that the above Ordinance No. 2022-01 was adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Avon on the 1st day of February, 2022 and the 11 day of February, 2022 copies of the above Ordinance were posted by me

AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, February 23, 2022
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITERIA 2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 7:00 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
IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
AGENDA
VII. PROGRAM PRESENTATION – HIGH SCHOOL
VIII. REFERENDUM UPDATE
IX. MID-YEAR GOALS PRESENTATION
X. ACCEPT DONATION(S)
XI. RESIGNATION(S)
XII. EMPLOYMENT RECOMMENDATION(S)
XIII. VOLUNTEER RECOMMENDATION(S)
XIV. FUTURE AGENDA
XV. ROLL CALL VOTE TO CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STS. 19.85 (1) (c)
a. Negotiations
XVI. ACTION ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
XVII. ADJOURNMENT
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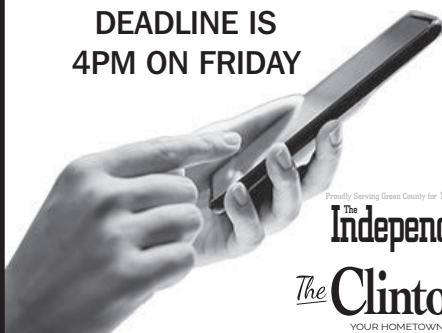
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'Caring for caregivers'

Lavender cart gives healthcare workers healing, comfort

In a time when mental, emotional and physical well-being are at the forefront of many intentions, a new resource is available to give staff opportunities to de-stress at SSM Health Monroe Hospital and Monroe Clinic Medical Group.

The lavender cart received its name from the healing and relaxation that the color is associated with, to promote well-being by encouraging staff to take a "time-out" from a stressful day and provide care for themselves. The mobile unit is a restored dresser on wheels that can be easily taken to individual departments.

It was customized during refinishing to allow for ample space for self-care items such as massagers, aroma therapy, relaxing sound therapy machine, comfort foods and beverages, coloring pages, chocolate therapy, relaxation activities and more.

A binder filled with reflections, prayers, meditations and debriefing outlines are also resources found on

the lavender cart.

There is not a limit for how long the lavender cart can be reserved for. This gives departments the option to keep it overnight to assume overnight shift workers get to enjoy the cart as well.

The cart has successfully benefitted a few departments already.

Recently SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group's Phlebotomy Team checked out the lavender cart.

"The team really enjoyed the lavender cart, from the oils to the uplifting and thoughtful quotes," shared Paige Heinke, Phlebotomy Manager. "In fact, one team member is still carrying one of the messages in her badge holder, it is so meaningful to her."

The concept of added initiatives for treating staff came from an Accelerated Improvement Workshop run by Chelsea Hardacre, SSM Health Monroe Vice President of Patient Care.

A small committee began to formulate a plan to positively impact employee well-being items at SSM Health Monroe and a proposal to establish a lavender cart was submitted.

Around the same time, an anonymous employee donation of \$3,000 to the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation was received with the purpose of providing well-being efforts to staff.

The connection of the donation to the lavender cart proposal was made and pieces began falling in place to make it a reality.

To make the lavender cart accessible to all SSM Health Monroe employees, lavender cart items are available to put in baskets for branches by following a similar checkout process as the full cart.

Also, new in the coming weeks will be 'lavender bags' that can be ordered for remote staff.

These bags will include something sweet and salty to eat, chocolate therapy, a

blessing card, aromatherapy and a resource guide with stretching exercises, sound therapy links, employee resource information, humor, prayer and suggested moments of reflection.

"This cart is merely a small token of our greater appreciation of all that they do. We need to care for the caregivers and remind them to care for themselves as well. Truly what they are doing is living our Mission and carrying on the great work our sisters began and entrusted us to do," Linda O'Leary, SSM Health Monroe Hospital Spiritual Care Manager and Mission Action Team Member, stated in a press release.



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Historical Society seeking GM artifacts

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) is seeking artifacts related to the General Motors Janesville Assembly Plant, Fisher Body, the local UAW, and Janesville Auto Transport Co. site for its new Rock County Legacies exhibit. Items may be donated or loaned to the RCHS.

The new exhibit will focus on the rich history of the generations of people who

worked at the GM Janesville Assembly Plant, affiliates, and suppliers.

Thousands of artifacts have already been donated by community members and Blackhawk Community Credit Union, which is collaborating with RCHS on the new Rock County Legacies project.

Among the thousands of items collected so far are a large brick tile from the Sam-

son Tractor Company; a sign that hung over the front doors of the main entrance of the administration building; a banner signed by all employees in 2008 when the last Tahoe rolled off the line; blueprints, vehicle parts, employee badges and photos of the original building; a variety of tools and advertisements; a 75th anniversary Fisher Body belt buckle; and a rare letter open-

er from the same anniversary.

Anyone interested in donating or loaning one or more items to the Rock County Legacies project can contact Cara Kinzelman, RCHS assistant executive director and curator, at 608-756-4509 or via email at ckinzelman@rchs.us.

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