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

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) has developed a new series titled Focus on Art, set for the first Saturdays in May, June, and July. The programs run from 2:30 to 4 p.m. on May 6, June 3 and July 1, at the Tallman Carriage House, 450 N. Jackson Street, Janesville.

Each of the three programs begins with a presentation at the Tallman Carriage House followed by time in the Lincoln Tallman Museum to view the original artwork. The series includes three different presentations and tours, each focusing on unique pieces of historic artwork in the Tallman mansion.

The Focus on Art series was developed after RCHS researchers uncovered fascinating stories about local artists who created pieces that are displayed in the Lincoln-Tallman Museum.

For example, a painting depicting an artist sitting along the shore of the Hudson River in New York was likely created by Margaret Tallman, who was married

to William Henry Tallman. William Henry was the eldest son of William Morrison Tallman, the original owner of the mansion, which was built in 1857. This is one of the many pieces that will be discussed and viewed at the May 6 program, titled "Portraits and Paintings."

At the May 6 presentation and tour, participants will learn about the lives of residents who are memorialized by portraits in the RCHS collection, hear stories of local nineteenth-century artists, and discover the artistic styles that were popular during that time period.

The June 1 program is titled "Historic Prints in the RCHS Collection."

On July 1, the Focus on Art program is "Statuary and Decorative Art."

The price for each program is \$20. Space is limited. Anyone who would like to attend is encouraged to reserve in advance by calling RCHS at 608-756-4509. Payments may be made at the door by cash, credit card, or check on the tour days.

Home to six uniquely different historic sites on a 3.5-acre campus in the historic Look West Neighborhood, the Rock County Historical Society's mission is to bridge past and present through capturing and sharing stories about Rock County, Wisconsin. Its sites include the award-winning Lincoln-Tallman Museum, RCHS Museum & Visitor Center, Archives and Preservation Facility, Tallman Carriage House, Frances Willard Schoolhouse, and the Stone House.

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Lady Panthers win fourth game in a row

By Trenten Scheidegger
CORRESPONDENT

The Juda-Albany Panthers caught a hot streak recently as they picked up four consecutive wins, with three wins last week.

After getting off to a 2-3 start, the Panthers improved their record to 6-3 on the 2023 softball season.

The streak began with a 15-4 victory over Deerfield on Friday, April 14. Juda-Albany combined for thirteen hits as there was no shortage of offense in this one. Myah Johnson had a monstrous day, going four for four with six runs batted in. Gracie Freitag was right there with her, going four for four with three runs scored and four RBI. Avary Briggs also impressed at the plate, going two for four with three runs scored and two RBI. Emerson Briggs picked up the win on the mound, pitching five innings with four earned runs on nine hits allowed.

The Panthers opened their next week of play with an away game as they traveled to face off with Monticello. The Panther offense was even more productive after a few days off.

Juda-Albany combined for sixteen hits as Brilley Swedlund had an electric day at the plate. Swedlund went a perfect four for four with one run scored and two RBI. Alana Durtschi was right up there, going

three for five with two runs and two RBI, as well. Both Briggs pitched in this one with Avary earning the win after tossing five innings with just two hits allowed and nine strikeouts. Emerson pitched two perfect innings in relief, allowing zero hits and striking out four. Monticello was no match for the Panthers as they picked up the 9-1 victory.

Two days later, the Panthers were back on their home field as they played host to Benton Shullsburg. Avary picked up right where she left off in the last game as she pitched another dominant performance against Benton-Shullsburg. Avary tossed a complete game, striking out ten batters and allowing just three hits. Ultimately, Avary pitched a shutout as she earned yet another win on the mound.

At the plate, the Panthers were led by Durtshi, who went three for four with one

RBI. Johnson was a perfect three for three, and Emerson finished the game one for four with one run scored and two RBI. The Panthers combined for ten hits as they beat Benton-Shullsburg 7-0.

On Friday, April 21, Juda-Albany closed their week with another home game as they played host to Waunakee.

Juda-Albany had to find alternative ways to come out on top of this one as the Panthers had just one hit in the entire game. It was Ciarra Davis's keen eye that sparked some production for the Panthers. After taking a two-out walk in the first inning, Davis was eventually driven in by a Johnson double, giving the Panthers a 1-0 lead.

Later in the game, Davis took her second walk. After, Davis would advance to third on an error and,

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ADRC offers 'Powerful Tools for Caregivers' education series

Feeling Stretched as a Caregiver?

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Rock County is pleased to offer Powerful Tools for Caregivers, an educational series designed to provide family caregivers of someone with dementia the tools needed to take care of themselves beginning on Thursday, May 4, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., and running through June 8.

This series will be offered virtually.

Held over six weeks, The Powerful Tools for Caregivers program helps family caregivers reduce stress, improve self-confidence, improve communication,

balance their lives, increase their ability to make tough decisions and locate helpful resources. Interactive lessons, discussions and brainstorming help caregivers to choose tools and put them into action.

Caregivers that participate will receive *The Caregiver Helpbook*, which follows the curriculum and provides additional tools to address specific caregiver issues.

Registration is required and class space is limited.

For more information or to register, contact Karen Tennyson at 608-741-3615 or karen.tennyson@co.rock.wi.us.

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Obituaries

RICKY J. MURRAY

Ricky J. Murray, age 63, passed away on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, with his wife Julie at his side.

He was born the son of James and Sally (Smith) Murray on Sept. 28, 1959. He graduated from Brodhead High School in 1977 where he participated in wrestling, football, and FFA. He was a man of many talents, mechanical, do-it-yourself home projects and farm work.

Before retiring, he worked for Parisi Construction as a mechanic and Mandt Sandfill as a driver.

Upon retirement, Ricky enjoyed driving for the local Amish community. He was a hard-working positive person willing to help family, friends, and acquaintances when needed. Ricky enjoyed horseback riding, working outdoors, and caring for his animals. He was an active member of the trail riding community with friends from Northern Illinois to Northern Wisconsin.

Ricky will be lovingly remembered by his wife Julie of Albany; mother Sally Murray of Brodhead; children, Brandon (Stephany) Murray of



Wiota, Travis Murray of Janesville and April (K a l i f a) Juwara of Venice, FL; step children: Paul Engstrom of

Hartland and Max Engstrom of Monroe; grandchildren Seira, Alexis, Preston, Zalikai, Zae-llyn, Josie, RJ and Parker; siblings Darnell (Ben) Schuur of Brodhead, Jeff (Marsha) Murray of Brodhead, Brian (Kathy) Murray of Brodhead along with many aunts and uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father and infant niece Jamie Murray.

The family welcomes friends, relatives and acquaintances to a celebration of Ricky's life on Sunday, May 7, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Spring Grove Town Hall, N2475 County Road GG, Brodhead.

Many thanks to SSM Health doctors, nurses and hospice for guidance and support and Everson Funeral for assisting the family.

Ricky will be in our hearts "always and forever."

KENNETH L. WEIRES

Kenneth L. Weires, 86, of Pecatonica, IL, died on March 15, 2023 at his home.

Born April 8, 1936 in Rockford, IL, the son of Leo and Genevieve (Meyers) Weires. Married the former Judi Landin in Rockford on Dec. 13, 1958 and she preceded him in death on March 23, 2015. They were married for 57 years.

He was employed by JL Clark Manufacturing in Rockford for 46 years as a supervisor.

Ken loved life. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He had fun camping, fishing, and just spending time outdoors. He was an advisor to anyone that would listen to him and his many "Kenisms" that are well known to his family and close friends. Many people sought his fishing expertise, although he lost many fishing competitions. He looked forward to spending as much time as possible at his vacation home, "Ken's Happy House" in Wisconsin. He was an avid sports fan of NASCAR and of the Green Bay Packers. He cherished his time meeting with the AARP group for dinner and drinks and his Monday afternoons at the local Board Meeting. But his biggest joy and greatest treasure was his family and all the wonderful moments with them.



He was survived by his special friend, Jan Long, Freeport, IL, and his four children: Kelly (Gary) Heeman, Verona, KY, Kevin (Brenda) Weires, Pecatonica, IL, Lisa (Jim) Hinton, Addison, IL, and Mark (Lucy) Weires, Friendship, WI, sister-in-law Mary Weires, brother-in-law Mike (Jenny) Landin, and brother-in-law Steve Daughenbaugh. There are seven grandkids, Justin Boyer, Aaron (Jessica) Weires, Celsey (Casey James) Weires, Matthew (Anna) Heeman, Andrew (Ashlee) Heeman, Joshua (Chelsea) Heeman, Lauren (Jason) Porter along with eight great-grandchildren plus one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Judi, brother Leo, sister Phyllis, brother Michael, and son-in-law Carl.

The family is having a private family service with burial plans pending. A celebration of life is planned at the Sumner Park Pavilion in Pecatonica from 1 to 5 p.m. on May 6.

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Blackhawk Tech opening dental clinic

Appointments for August being taken now



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Blackhawk Technical College is now accepting patients willing to help provide dental students with a hands-on opportunity to gain the necessary skills to flourish in their field.

As part of the new Dental Hygienist program, Blackhawk Technical College's new dental clinic is accepting community patients to provide students with an opportunity to develop their hands-on skills and provide low-cost preventive services to the public. Treatments take place at the dental clinic at Blackhawk's Central Campus, 6004 S. County Road G., Janesville, in room 2314.

A variety of dental hygiene treatments are offered, including dental cleanings, x-rays, fluoride treatments, sealant application and oral photographs. Dental hygienist students perform these services under the guidance of Dental Hygienist program staff and a supervising licensed dentist.

"Working with the community is a key part of a student's training. This clinic will not only be an opportunity for students to gain practical experience, but it will increase access to affordable dental care in the community," said Lisa Johnson, Dental Hygienist program director.

Appointments are available on Monday and Tuesday afternoons beginning Aug. 28.

To schedule an appointment, call 608-743-4402 or email dental@blackhawk.edu.

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Blackhawk launched a Dental Hygienist associate degree program in the fall of 2022 in response to a declining oral health workforce. A recent survey published in the *Journal of Dental Hygiene* found that 8% of dental hygienists left the field during COVID, and many others are retiring without new workers to replace them.

In Wisconsin, 49% of dental offices are recruiting a dental hygienist, according to the Wisconsin Dental Association. In particular, Wisconsin's community health centers, which are designed to increase access to health care for underserved communities, are struggling to fill vacant dental hygienist spots. According to a recent report by the Wisconsin Primary Health Association, 33% of dental hygienist positions are vacant in those centers.

And on top of that, the need for dental hygienists is projected to grow over the next decade by nearly 10%, according to data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Blackhawk's new program takes two years to complete and prepares students to work under the direction of a licensed dentist to assist in providing oral health assessment, disease prevention and health promotion.

After completion of the program, dental hygienist graduates are required to successfully complete comprehensive written and clinical examinations given under the direction of the State Dentistry Examining Board, the American Dental Association's Joint Commission.

For more information about the new dental clinic, visit blackhawk.edu/dental-clinic.

Report guides travelers to hiking, biking destinations for outdoor adventures

Travel Wisconsin, Office of Outdoor Recreation partner on seasonal resource

As the shifting seasons transform Wisconsin's scenery from buds and blossoms to a verdant landscape, the Wisconsin Trail Report returns to help travelers discover hiking and biking destinations perfect for taking in the sights of spring and summer.

Travel Wisconsin, in partnership with the Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation, recently launched the Trail Report for the season. The interactive map-based report lets users explore the vast trail networks in the state, from the

Wisconsin State Park System and various county and municipal parks to private and nonprofit trail offerings like nature centers.

"Wisconsin is full of natural wonder. The state is nearly half covered in forests, dotted with 15,000 lakes, and crisscrossed by 84,000 miles of rivers and streams. All throughout, you'll find extensive trail networks to experience this exceptional natural beauty," said Tourism Secretary Anne Sayers. "Outdoor recreation is a top reason travelers choose

Wisconsin to make memories, and the Wisconsin Trail Report is a fantastic tool to plan that memorable outdoor getaway, whether it's an afternoon excursion for Earth Day or a week-long expedition."

Using the Trail Report, visitors can select a destination to find a brief description of the trail network, such as the total mileage and types of terrain, and learn about its general conditions. The Trail Report also helps round out a trip by providing recommendations for dining, lodging, and other activities to do in the surrounding area. For bicycling networks, the report identifies whether they're designed for mountain biking or recreational biking, as well as the surface material of the trails.

"As the hub for Wisconsin's outdoor recreation industry, the Office coordinates dozens of volunteer reporters who make the Wisconsin Trail Report such a valuable tool for people seeking out the immense opportunities for outdoor adventure in Wisconsin," said Mary Monroe Brown, Director of the

Wisconsin Office of Outdoor Recreation.

The volunteer reporters provide weekly updates on general conditions or after major weather events and improvement projects. Additional trail reporters are always welcome to make the report more comprehensive. Information on becoming a trail reporter can be found here. To embed the Wisconsin Trail Report on your website, create a customizable widget here.

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For more information, contact Logan Wroge, Communications Specialist, at 608-712-7656 or lwroge@travelwisconsin.com.

Wisconsin statewide unemployment rate hits new record low

The Department of Workforce Development (DWD) recently released the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) preliminary employment estimates for the month of March 2023, which showed Wisconsin's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to a record low of 2.5%.

The total number of unemployed people dropped 6,400 over the month of March and 8,600 over the year to a new record low of 76,600. In addition, total seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs increased 900 over the month of March and 41,400 year-over-year to hit a new record high of 2,997,900. The total jobs number puts the state 3,900 jobs above the pre-COVID-19 peak in January 2020.

Wisconsin's record low unemployment rate of 2.5% for March is down 0.2 percentage points from February's rate of 2.7%, which was the previous record low. The state's labor force participation rate increased by 0.1 percentage point over the month to 64.6%. Nationwide for the month of March, the U.S. unemployment rate was 3.5% with a labor force participation rate of 62.6%.

Place of Residence Data: As Wisconsin's unemployment rate fell to 2.5% for March, the number of unemployed people declined by 6,400 over the month and 8,600 over the year to a new record low of 76,600. The labor force regained some 4,600 workers over the month for a total labor force of 3,074,400. The number of people employed grew by 11,000 over the month of March for a total of 2,997,900 people employed.

Place of Work Data: Over the month, Wisconsin added 900 nonfarm jobs, with gains of 3,200 service providing jobs. Private sector jobs increased 200 over the month of March and are up 32,500 over the year to a record high of 2,595,200. Construction and manufacturing jobs both declined for the month but remained up year over year.

"Wisconsin's historic economic performance - with a record-low unemployment rate and record-low number of people unemployed - demands that we continue efforts to remove employment barriers, invest in innovative solutions, and

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Setting it straight

In last week's issue of The Independent-Register Shopper, April 17, information was published about a "Tour the Farms Day" event. Unfortunately, unbeknownst to me, the source was incorrect. Therefore, there is no event. Please accept my apology for any disturbances or problems with regard to the mistake.

Thank you,
Robin Orvino, Editorial Coordinator

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Open House

The Juda Fire and First Response will be holding their annual open house on Sunday, April 30, at the Juda Fire Station and Community Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Food and beverages will be served all day for a free will donation. Come check out the equipment and talk with firefighters. A demonstration will also be held at 1 p.m.

Rock County Veterans Service Offices closed for training

The Rock County Veterans Service Offices in Janesville and Beloit will be closed to the public on April 26, 27, and 28 for training. The offices will reopen on Monday, May 1.

They apologize for the in-

convenience and will return your messages and emails as soon as they can.

Community Health Fair

Wesley C.M.E. Church, located at 1780 Shore Dr. in Beloit, is hosting a Community Health Fair on Saturday, April 29.

The event will feature access to healthcare, affordable housing, and employment information from local experts.

At 9 a.m., there will be a continental breakfast, networking, vendors and FREE COVID-19 vaccinations.

From 10 a.m. to noon there will be a Community Conversation, a question and answer session, and Rock County resources and on-site assistance will be available to all who need it.

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What to know about landscape lighting

Home improvement trends come and go, and one trend that has become wildly popular in recent years is recognizable in yards every night. Landscape lighting has transformed how people see and enjoy their properties at night, making it one of the more sought-after upgrades among modern homeowners.

Curb appeal is often seen through the lens of how homes appear during daylight hours, but landscape lighting can make homes look better and more modern, and potentially safer, after the sun goes down. With such potential, landscape lighting is worth exploring for homeowners looking to upgrade their properties.

Are there different types of landscape lighting?

When considering landscape lighting, homeowners should know that there are various options to consider. According to the lighting experts at Lumens, spotlights project a

concentrated and narrow beam of light that's usually around 45 degrees. Spotlights are often chosen to highlight specific features on a property, like a component of the landscaping. Individuals who want to cast light over wider, more general areas may consider floodlights, which Lumens notes spread light up to 120 degrees.

Inground lighting is among the more sophisticated landscape lighting options. Lumens notes that inground lighting illuminates the whole of a tree or structure, often creating a dramatic look. These circle-shaped lights also are great at illuminating walkways and driveways.

Post lights are another outdoor lighting option, and these are often used to light up long walkways and pathways so it's easier and safer to navigate dark areas at night.

Is landscape lighting a job a DIYer can handle?

Many homeowners

consider a do-it-yourself approach when pondering a potential home renovation, and a landscape lighting project is likely to inspire such curiosity as well. The home experts at HGTV note that the feasibility of DIY in regard to a landscape lighting project depends on the type of lighting homeowners want to install and where they want to install it.

Replacing an existing electrical fixture may be well within the skill of a seasoned DIYer, but installing a new fixture is a job best left to the professionals. Homeowners whose homes currently have no or very little landscape lighting are almost certainly better off working with a professional. Solar lighting that does not require any electrical work can be installed quickly and easily by anyone, but such options may not provide the look homeowners are aiming for.

How much lighting is necessary?

The amount of lighting homeowners want to

install is up to them. If the home currently has little or no landscape lighting, a consultation can help to determine how much lighting to install and where to install it. When discussing landscape lighting, homeowners may want to inquire about dimmers.

Dimmers can increase or decrease lighting depending on the situation. For example, homeowners may want a little extra light during a party, but less when relaxing alone outside at night. Dimmers allow homeowners to adjust as necessary.

(METRO CREATIVE)

Above: Landscape lighting is a popular home renovation trend. Homeowners considering adding landscape lighting to their property are urged to work with a skilled professional to devise and install a set-up that makes their homes more appealing at night.

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Be aware before renovating Some hidden costs of DIY

The home renovation industry is booming, and that's reflected in the cost to upgrade a home. Home Guide says remodeling a kitchen costs \$25,000 on average, and a bathroom renovation runs around \$10,000. Though rates fluctuate depending on a host of variables, renovations can cost \$15 to \$60 per square foot depending on the project.

The average homeowner wants to save as much money as possible when renovating their home. Many think doing much of the work themselves is the easiest way to keep costs low. What some homeowners may not realize is that DIY can be costly and prove a big hassle in the long run. The following are some hidden costs of DIY and renovating in general.



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DIY projects may initially seem like a way to save money, but weekend warriors should calculate the hidden costs associated with DIY renovations before deciding to do some work on their own.

Mistakes

Many resources are available to help DIY enthusiasts work on a project, but there are still tricks and techniques learned after years on the job. DIYers may damage their homes by taking shortcuts or not understanding how to do a job properly. A plumbing mistake, for example, may lead to flooding that damages another room in the home. And such mistakes may not be covered by homeowners insurance policies.

Time

DIY projects are a major drain on free time.

Homeowners taking the DIY route typically work on weekends or after work. Few people can take off and devote their undivided attention to a remodel like a contractor can. Time is a valuable resource that is not renewable.

Therefore, think of a DIY project in terms of what it would equal in lost wages. Because homeowners are not professionals, a DIY project may take double the time it would take a contractor. It may be worth it to simply hire it out.

Disposal

Removing old building materials or gutting a room is part of many renovations. Chances are this refuse simply cannot be left at the curb for trash pickup. As a DIYer, you may not factor the costs for a dumpster or the time and money required to haul debris to a recycling or landfill center.

Fines

Permits are required for many home improvement projects. Forgetting to obtain permits or not realizing one

may be necessary could subject you to hefty fines and/or force the job to be redone so it's up to code. Professionals likely know the rules regarding permits and often include the cost of acquiring permits in an estimate.

Remediation

It's only after opening up walls or removing floors that you may discover issues you did not anticipate, such as termite damage or mold. These unforeseen factors can drive up the overall costs of a project.

Tools

DIYers may have to purchase tools as they engage in new projects. These expenses can add up and negate the savings of doing some of the work yourself.

(METRO CREATIVE)

Spring cleaning tips and tricks

Spring is a time of year when change is in the air. Trees are budding, plants are flowering, and homes laden with dark or heavy fabrics and clutter could use some lightening up.

Spring cleaning projects are popular this time of year as residents take inventory of their living spaces and aim to declutter, clean and increase efficiency. Some people find the prospect of getting organized overwhelming. Here are some tips that can help anyone master spring cleaning.

CREATE A PLAN

Make a checklist and establish a cleaning plan of attack. Focus on areas that are not regularly cleaned, as they probably need a little attention.

ASSEMBLE CLEANING KIT

Spring cleaning can be slowed down considerably if you don't have all of your equipment at the

ready. Items to have on hand include an all-purpose cleaner, concentrated cleaner, microfiber cloths, paper towels, mop, vacuum, dusters, and a squeegee. Adjust your equipment based on the task at hand.

GATHER MUSIC

Curate your cleaning playlist. Create a playlist with songs that will get you moving and motivated to clean.

WORK FROM TOP TO BOTTOM

Work efficiently by cleaning shelves, ceiling fans and other elevated items first, as dust and debris will trickle down and need to be cleaned next.

GET A CARPET CLEANER

According to the experts at Clean That Up, carpets help filter indoor air by trapping debris and allergens. By deep cleaning carpets, homeowners can improve

the indoor air quality of their homes. Use a carpet cleaner on a warm, dry day so that windows can be opened and cross breezes will help dry the damp rug.

CLEAN WINDOWS

Wash windows inside and out and utilize their screens to help brighten indoors spaces.

DEEP CLEAN THE KITCHEN

Clean out and disinfect the refrigerator by wiping it down with warm water and baking soda or a vinegar-and-water solution. While in the kitchen, set the oven to the self-clean function so it becomes cleaner as well.

Homeowners also can focus on cleaning curtains (including shower curtains), steam-cleaning upholstery, removing clutter from closets, cleaning out the dryer vent and duct tubing, wiping inside kitchen drawers, and vacuuming under beds and other furniture.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
KAREN A. ALBERTSON
DOD: 02/24/2023

**CITY OF BRODHEAD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Public Hearing will be held by the City of Brodhead Board of Appeals on **Monday, May 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Brodhead City Hall, 1111 W. 2nd Avenue, Brodhead, to consider the following request for variance to the zoning/building codes:

Request by Robert and Jessica Hansberry for a variance to **701 E. 9th Avenue**. The applicant is requesting a second accessory structure (garage) to be constructed. Per ordinance chapter 480, only one accessory structure is permitted in residential property. Legal description is: **Original Plat Block 44 Lots 1 & 3**

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

Nikolai Wahl, City Clerk
City of Brodhead

Posted: April 20, 2023

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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
GREGORY L. ANDERSON

Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 23-PR-19

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/24/1950 and date of death 02/27/2023, was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 203 10th Street, Brodhead, WI 53520.

3. All interested persons waived notice.

4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 10, 2023.

5. A claim may be filed at the Green Justice Center, 2841 6th St., Monroe, WI 53566, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

Electronically signed by
Faun Marie Phillipson
Circuit Court Judge
March 28, 2023

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**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY**

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of the School District of Albany, on April 19, 2023, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2022-2023 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items with changes. Unchanged line items are not presented.

GENERAL FUND (FUND 10)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfer In	100	1,000.00	5,100.00	4,100.00
School Activity Income	270	14,900.00	22,000.00	7,100.00
Interest on Investments	280	10,000.00	40,000.00	30,000.00
Payments for Services, Other WI SD	340	137,916.00	143,536.00	5,620.00
State Aide, Categorical	610	26,000.00	27,000.00	1,000.00
DPI Special Project Grants, State	630	2,000.00	6,500.00	4,500.00
Other Federal Revenue Through State	780	50,000.00	40,000.00	-10,000.00
Other Federal Revenue, Direct	790	40,000.00	60,000.00	20,000.00
Miscellaneous	990	2,500.00	7,500.00	5,000.00
Total Anticipated Revenue		6,647,084.00	6,714,404.00	67,320.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Undifferentiated Curriculum	110000	896,532.00	891,532.00	-5,000.00
Regular Curriculum	120000	1,111,966.00	1,099,966.00	-12,000.00
Vocational Curriculum	130000	328,318.50	334,318.00	5,999.50
Physical Curriculum	140000	146,236.50	148,237.00	2,000.50
Co-Curricular Activities	160000	107,265.00	117,265.00	10,000.00
Other Special Needs	170000	79,301.00	74,301.00	-5,000.00
Pupil Services	210000	204,795.00	154,595.00	-50,200.00
Instructional Staff Services	220000	273,558.00	293,558.00	20,000.00
General Administration	230000	241,721.00	260,321.00	18,600.00
School Building Administration	240000	242,093.00	257,593.00	15,500.00
Business Administration	250000	981,802.00	1,031,302.00	49,500.00
Debt Services	280000	11,000.00	6,000.00	-5,000.00
Interfund Transfers	410000	750,000.00	745,100.00	-4,900.00
Instructional Service Payments	430000	1,325,562.00	1,260,562.00	-65,000.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		6,976,963.00	6,951,463.00	-25,500.00

SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND (FUND 27)				
LINE ITEM	ACCOUNT CODE	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT \$	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT \$	CHANGE \$
Revenue Appropriations:				
Transfers-In	100	550,000.00	545,100.00	-4,900.00
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State Aid, Categorical	610	156,000.00	194,000.00	38,000.00
DPI Special Project Grants, Federal	730	154,500.00	134,500.00	-20,000.00
Other Federal Revenue, through State	780	10,000.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00
Total Revenue Appropriations		876,500.00	887,600.00	11,100.00
Expenditure Appropriations:				
Special Education Curriculum	150000	691,350.50	716,251.00	24,900.50
Pupil Services	210000	91,415.50	84,215.00	-7,200.50
Instructional Staff Services	220000	68,134.00	57,134.00	-11,000.00
Central Services	260000	3,350.00	3,650.00	300.00
Insurance & Judgments	270000	1,000.00	500.00	-500.00
Inter-Fund Transfers	410000	1,000.00	5,100.00	4,100.00
Instructional Service Payments	430000	20,000.00	20,500.00	500.00
Total Expenditure Appropriations		876,500.00	887,600.00	11,100.00

Description: This amendment is an update to the budget based upon current expectations for staffing and benefits; grant revisions to revenues and expenditures; changes to interfund transfers; updated open enrollment numbers; recoding expenses and revenues according to WUFAR requirements; and reallocation of budget resources.

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BMHS basketball team awarded Drum Major for Justice Award

The Beloit Memorial High School Boys' Basketball Team was awarded the Drum Major for Justice Award on April 17 during Blackhawk Technical College's Dream Chasers Summit. Team members were commended for their conduct during and after a game in March against Muskego at which the team encountered alleged racial slurs and symbols. The new award – inspired by Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Drum Major Instinct" speech – was presented by Linda Fair, a Blackhawk academic advisor and organizer of the annual Dream Chasers event for males of color who are in high school or college. To a standing ovation, members of the basketball team were presented with

medals. "Thank you for this incredible honor," said Coach Todd Marks. "It was an unsettling and disturbing experience. How this team has reacted is a great testament to their character." The basketball team was among about 115 others who attended the Dream Chasers event. This annual gathering was hosted by Blackhawk's Men of Color, Honor & Ambition (M.O.C.H.A) group, Student Government Association (SGA) and the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity & Accessibility (IDEA) Committee. It included tours of Blackhawk, information about the college's programs and a presentation by keynote speaker, Roberto

Rivera. Rivera is the chief executive officer at Alliance for the 7th Generation and a specialist in the relationship of youth voice to social and emotional learning. Through frequent speeches, hip-hop-influenced outreach and his own spoken-word artistry, the UW-Madison graduate said he seeks to inspire young adults who struggle with school and life challenges as he once did. In his talk, Rivera shared his story as an "at-risk" youth with learning disabilities and how he became a renowned educator, social entrepreneur and scholar. "It's time for you to wake up to your power and your potential," Rivera told the group.



Members of the Beloit Memorial High School Boys Basketball Team pose with Roberto Rivera, guest speaker, (far left) and Linda Fair, Blackhawk academic advisor, (far right) during the Dream Chasers event at Blackhawk on Monday.



Linda Fair (center), Blackhawk academic advisor and organizer of the Dream Chasers event, poses with Roberto Rivera (left), guest speaker and Beloit City Councilman Markese Terrell.

• Panthers

(Continued from front page) eventually, scored on an Avary ground out. While it was an unconventional day for the Panthers, they still found a way to win as they came out on top 2-0. That was largely in thanks to another exceptional pitching performance from Avary. She tossed another complete game shutout, allowing just five hits while striking out nine batters. It was Avary's second complete game shutout in just two days of work. After the rocky start, the Panthers appear to be hitting their stride as the season grows. Judah-Albany will look to stay hot when they play host to Johnson Creek on Friday, April 28.

• Rate

(Continued from page 3) prepare our workforce for the green jobs of the future," said DWD Secretary-designee Amy Pechacek. "Through Gov. Tony Evers' unprecedented investment in the Workforce Solutions Initiative, Wisconsin residents are connecting with new jobs, new skills, and expanded career opportunities. Yet to attract and retain the additional talent our employers need; we need to further tap underutilized talent pools and adopt competitive approaches like paid family and medical leave." **About DWD** Wisconsin's Department of Workforce Development efficiently delivers effective and inclusive services to meet Wisconsin's diverse workforce needs now and for the future. The department advocates for and invests in the protection and economic advancement of all Wisconsin workers, employers, and job seekers through six divisions – Employment and Training, Vocational Rehabilitation, Unemployment Insurance, Equal Rights, Worker's Compensation and Administrative Services.



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Lady Cardinals win first place at Jim Church Invite



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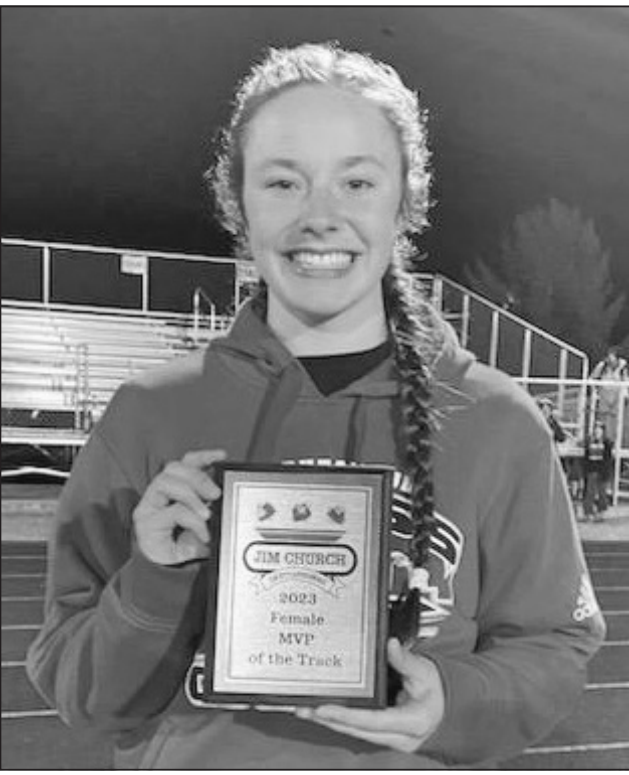
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Addison Yates battles in the 100 meter hurdles.



BECKY MALKOW PHOTOS *Brodhead Independent Register*

Above: Teagan Pinnow shows great form in the high jump. Left: Maddie Brown clears the bar on the high jump.



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Kalena Riemer won track MVP for the girls.



BECKY MALKOW *Brodhead Independent Register*

Brayden Steinmann clears a hurdle.



BECKY MALKOW *Brodhead Independent Register*

Brittain Paulson competes in the finals for the triple jump.



BECKY MALKOW *Brodhead Independent Register*

Grant Purdue heads down the stretch for the 4x800 team that took second Friday night.



BECKY MALKOW *Brodhead Independent Register*

Stella Arn took second overall in the 100 meter dash.