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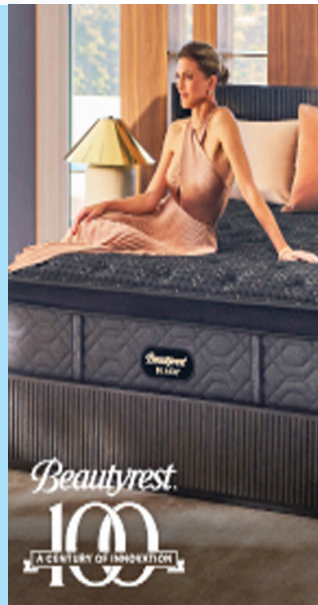
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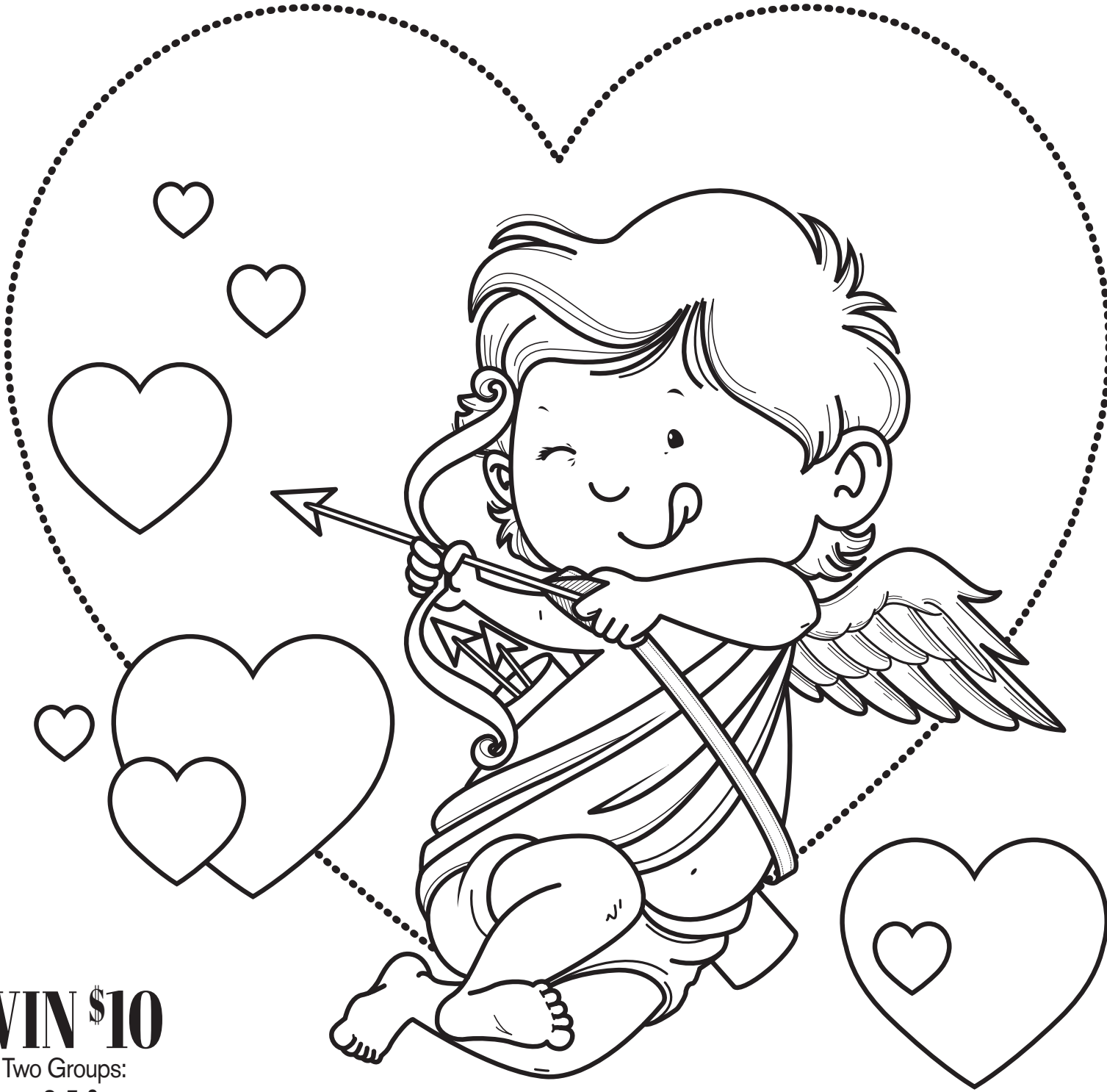
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New artists-in-residence coming to Shake Rag Alley

Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts is pleased to announce the 2025 lineup of artists-in-residence selected for the Scherbarth Residency Program: writer, mixed media, and movement artist Penelope Cake; Madison-based painter and creative Katie Hogan; and community-taught mixed media artist Meghan Rosing. Throughout February and March, these artists will be visiting Mineral Point to continue their practice and engage with the community.

The two-week Scherbarth Residency is competitively awarded to artists and makers in the visual, performing, and literary arts who seek to share their work in a public forum and contribute stewardship hours to the Shake Rag Alley campus while working on a project. Shake Rag Alley provides lodging, studio space, and opportunities to connect with Shake Rag Alley's creative community.

In late February, Penelope Cake will be visiting from Cape May, New Jersey to continue work on her book in progress *The Library Project*. With a BA in dance from Bennington College, and graduate course work at Bank St. School of Education, NYC, she continues to follow her creative impulses in everything she does and believes wholeheartedly in inspiring a creative life for others. While in residence, she will be offering a public program through the Mineral Point Public Library. Cake inhabits the library, observing its character, and paying close attention to her experiences. In her writing, she tries to capture the authenticity of the place and people.

At the end of March, Katie Hogan and Meghan Rosing will be in residence. Katie Hogan explores human portraiture and the figure, working in oils, unconventional surfaces, and mixed media. She

has been an active member of the Atwood Atelier School and Studio for the past five years, and currently works as the Gallery Manager at the Art Hub in Cambridge, Wis., a community-focused gallery and art education space. Hogan plans to paint and draw the people of Mineral Point from life as a way to build connection through shared experience.

Rooted in the practice of re-using and remaking materials, Meghan Rosing's childhood experiences of collaborative art-making encouraged her to regard the people around her as fellow artists and to see the whole world as ripe with materials ready to be used for projects. As a community-taught artist, she is inspired by folk and "outsider" art, especially artist-created environments. During her time in Mineral Point, she'll continue work on her portrait series "A Woman's Work Is Never Done," which includes images of headline-grabbing women like Lizzie Borden, Olive Oatman, Saint Bernadette, Typhoid Mary, and the Dionne Quintuplets. Some of these women are famous as perpetrators of shameful deeds while others are victims of violence and kidnap, or are celebrated merely by accident of their birth.

Through the generosity of the late Jim Scherbarth who endowed the program, artists and makers will have access to the time and space needed to work and create, as well as to the nurturing environment of Mineral Point and the chance to interact with its network of resident artists. While living on the unique campus of historic and reproduction buildings, Scherbarth residents contribute in meaningful ways to the mission of Shake Rag Alley. Meanwhile, members of the public benefit from the special access they have to the artists through public events,



A speaker orates at one of the talks at Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts in 2024.

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with opportunities to interact one-on-one and to gain inspiration from the artists' experience and process.

More information is available online at shakeragalley.org/scherbarth-residency/.

Upcoming events Winter Writers Reading Series Events in March

They are continuing to host winning writers from Wisconsin People & Ideas, Arts + Literature Laboratory, and the Wisconsin Writers Association as part of the Winter Writers Reading Series. Writers spend a week at Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts and participate in community outreach. In March they have upcoming readings Thursdays at 6 p.m. with Patty Cisneros Prevo (March 6 via Zoom), and Bob Wake (March 13) and Katharine Beutner and Emma Binder (March 20) at Republic of Letters Books.

Driftless Poets Workshop on March 12

Local and aspiring poets are invited to the monthly Driftless Poets workshop at 2 p.m. March 12. The purpose of the group is to provide

support and encouragement for serious or aspiring poets seeking honest feedback on their work. Free, though donations are welcome; register at www.ShakeRagAlley.org or call the office to receive the Zoom link. For more information and updates throughout the year, see the website, call 608-987-3292, subscribe to twice-monthly e-newsletters, or follow Shake Rag Alley on Facebook and Instagram.

Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts is a non-profit school of arts and crafts founded in 2004 by local artists and community members. Shake Rag Alley's 2.5-acre campus at 18 Shake Rag St. in Mineral Point is a national destination for participants of adult workshops, a robust summer youth program and a host of annual special events. In addition, Shake Rag offers on-site lodging and custom facility rentals for meetings, events and celebrations. For additional information about Shake Rag Alley's workshops and events, or to request a catalog and information about facility rentals and volunteer opportunities, see www.ShakeRagAlley.org or call 608-987-3292.



Throughout the end of February and into March, a variety of artists will be visiting Mineral Point to continue their practice and engage with the community.

Things that go, go, go

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This month Albertson Memorial Library Preschool Story Time is reading books about things that go, like cars, trucks, tractors and trains. They started by reading *Go, Dog! Go* by PD Eastman, a book they'll reread each week so the can practice prediction skills. Then there was a scavenger hunt. All kinds of cars were hidden around the room and they found all of them. They read the story *Rattletrap Car*, which is all about a family whose car keeps falling apart. They use crazy things to put it back together using chocolate marshmallow fudge delight. This book helped the children practice putting events in order. Everyone really enjoyed the new layout at the library. The picture books are now being stored in 'front-facing' shelves, making it easier for the youngest patrons to find books to enjoy. There's even a nook between the shelves where a reader can snuggle right in with a book. Come explore the new book organization, the result of two years of planning and work by many of the Albertson Memorial librarians. Join them for preschool story time, which meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m.



Fatal crash in Albany

On Sunday, Feb. 9, 2025, at approximately 12:59 a.m., the Green County Sheriff's Office-Communication Center received a report of a single vehicle crash located at the intersection of English Settlement Road and Dunphy Road in the Town of Albany with serious injuries. Emergency responders were dispatched to the scene.

Preliminary investigation determined a Ford pickup truck was southbound on English Settlement Road where it proceeded through the yield controlled intersection onto Dunphy Road. The vehicle traveled across Dunphy Road where it collided with an embankment on the south side of the road and traveled up a hill striking a bank of trees before coming to rest.

The lone occupant of the vehicle was a 23-year-old man from Belleville, Wis., who was pronounced deceased on scene. Deputies were assisted on scene by Albany Fire Department, Albany EMS, and the Green County Coroner's Office.

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College news

UW-Platteville announces graduates

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville awarded diplomas to approximately 400 undergraduate students in its winter commencement ceremony, held Dec. 14, 2024.

A local student who graduated was:

Brodhead

- Dayton Menehan, Construction Management, Main

UW-Platteville announces Dean's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announces its Dean's List, honoring those full-time students who earned a grade-point average of 3.75 and above in the fall 2024 semester.

Students from this area on the Dean's List include:

Albany

- Jada Flannery, Construction Management BS, Main
- Caden Maire, Sustainability and Renewable BS, Main

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- Cassandra Clint, Environmental Horticulture BS, Main
- Zoe Hoke, Criminal Justice BS, Main

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- Kat Mielke, Criminal Justice BS, Main

UW-Platteville announces Chancellor's List

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville announced its Chancellor's List, honoring those with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average for the fall 2024 semester.

Students from this area who earned the 4.0 grade-point average include:

Albany

- Jada Flannery, Construction Management BS, Main
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- Cassandra Clint, Environmental Horticulture BS, Main

2024 fall semester Dean's List honorees announced

More than 8,700 students at the University of Iowa were named to the Dean's List for the 2024 fall semester.

Guidelines for inclusion on the list are:

Degree seeking undergraduate students in the Carver College of Medicine, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Education, the College of Engineering, the College of Public Health, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieved a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours or more of UI graded coursework during

a given semester or summer session and who have no semester hours of "I" (incomplete) or "O" (no grade reported) during the same semester are recognized by inclusion on the dean's list for that semester.

Undergraduate students in the Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine may qualify for the dean's list with fewer than 12 semester hours of graded credit, if deemed appropriate by the college

College of Nursing students participating in clinical courses who have a total of 12 semester hours of earned credit, with eight semester hours of graded credit with a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

- Abigail Baker of Janesville
- Braelynn Bertocchi of Janesville
- David Devine of Janesville
- Tenley Faber of New Glarus
- Liam Flanagan of Beloit
- Gavin Frey of Beloit
- Owen Haldemann of Janesville
- Gracelyn Williams of Janesville

Monroe student named to Hamline University Dean's List for Fall 2024

Wesley Saunders, of Monroe, Wis., was named to the Hamline University College of Liberal Arts Dean's List for

the Fall 2024 term.

Saunders was among 691 students to make the Dean's List in Fall 2024.

To qualify, students must earn a GPA of 3.5 or higher and complete a minimum of 16 credit hours.

Founded in 1854, Hamline was the first university in Minnesota and among the first co-educational institutions in the nation. Today, Hamline University provides a world-class education for undergraduate and graduate students.

Edgerton students go on J-Term 2025 study tours

Nearly 200 Carthage College students traveled with faculty on international study tours in January including:

- Isabella Kirt from Edgerton traveled as part of the course Experience Tanzania: Religion, Society and Culture.
- McKenzie Patterson from Edgerton traveled as part of the course Tanzania: The Intersections of Music, Religion, Gender, and Culture.

J-Term, or January Term, is a special month-long period of study in which Carthage students explore subjects outside their majors or minors, discover new interests, and test their creativity through classes held around the world.

Carthage College is raising expectations for a private college experience. It blends the best liberal arts traditions

with desirable degree programs, transformative learning opportunities, personal attention from distinguished faculty, and a focus on career development, which makes its graduates competitive in the workforce. Carthage has undertaken a \$100 million fundraising campaign, "Light that Travels," to deliver a radiant future for students through access, program innovation, and sustained excellence. Founded in 1847, Carthage is located on an idyllic shore of Lake Michigan in Kenosha, Wis., in the thriving corridor between Milwaukee and Chicago. Grow with them: www.carthage.edu.

Janesville student earns faculty honors in Fall 2024 at Georgia Tech

Grace Thomas-Haney of Janesville, Wis., earned the distinction of Faculty Honors for Fall 2024 at the Georgia Institute of Technology. This designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

Read about other accomplished scholars on "Gold Letters: A Spotlight on Student Achievement" and learn about Georgia Tech's goal to attract, retain, and inspire more students by visiting Transforming Tomorrow: The Campaign for Georgia Tech.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is one of the top public research universities in the U.S., developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

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For more information, visit gatech.edu.

Ripon College students named to the Fall 2024 Dean's List

Ripon College has announced its Dean's List for the Fall 2024 semester, recognizing academic excellence. To qualify for the Dean's List, students must achieve a 3.40 grade point average or higher on a 4.00 scale and complete at least 12 credits of regular letter-graded work.

- Aidan Keyes of Brooklyn
- Dorian Phillips of Clinton
- Benjamin Rahlf of Janesville
- Garrett Sanwick of Janesville
- Nicole Shaw of Edgerton
- Jax Spoden of Janesville

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lege's picturesque, historic campus and vibrant community provide a supportive environment where students can thrive academically and personally.

Beloit resident named to Clark University's Fall Dean's List

Hannah W. Crook, of Beloit, Wis., was named to first honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2024 semester.

Students must have a GPA of 3.8 or above for first honors or a GPA between 3.50 and 3.79 for second honors.

Founded in 1887, Clark University is a liberal arts-based research university that prepares its students to meet tomorrow's most daunting challenges and embrace its greatest opportunities. Through 33 undergraduate majors, more than 30 advanced degree programs, and nationally recognized community partnerships, Clark fuses rigorous scholarship with authentic world and workplace experiences that empower their students to pursue lives and careers of meaning and consequence.

Janesville student on Illinois Wesleyan University's Dean's List

Em Chamberlain, of Janesville, Wis., was named to the Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2024-25 academic year at Illinois Wesleyan University. Chamberlain is a senior majoring in Elementary Education.

Chamberlain was among 827 students from 31 states and 28 countries named to the fall 2024 Dean's List.

To qualify for the Dean's List, students must earn a GPA of 3.50 or better during the semester, based on 4.0 for straight As.

Founded in 1850, Illinois Wesleyan is a nationally recognized, highly selective liberal arts university. The University is exclusively undergraduate and enrolls approximately 1,700 students from across the nation and around the globe. Illinois Wesleyan prides itself on producing graduates who are well-rounded, broadly educated individuals with a spirit of inquiry who can successfully adapt to the demands of a rapidly changing, complex world.

Beloit student graduates from UW-Whitewater

Jon Muraki from Beloit, Wis., earned a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement, held Dec. 14, 2024.

Approximately 633 students crossed the stage to receive their degrees at the ceremony, held at Kachel Fieldhouse in the Williams Center.

Muraki graduated with the following degree: Associate of Arts and Science - AAS.

The 815-member graduating class included three international students, 58 military veterans and 138 nontraditional students, defined as undergraduate students who are 25 years of age or older. In addition, 80 self-identified students with disabilities received degrees.

A total of 47 students participated in the university's Hired Before Graduation campaign, which celebrates students who landed a job, earned a job promotion, were accepted to graduate school, or started their own business before commencement.



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Zoo announces arrival of jaguar from Belize



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A jaguar named Filly was transferred from the Belize Zoo to the Milwaukee County Zoo.

The Milwaukee County Zoo (MCZ) is pleased to announce the safe arrival of Filly, a jaguar transferred from the Belize Zoo. Filly arrived in the evening on Thursday, Jan. 23 after leaving Belize on Jan. 22. She traveled via plane from Belize to the U.S. port in Miami before taking a ground transport straight to Milwaukee.

Filly is estimated to be between 6 to 7 years old and arrived at the Belize Zoo in 2019 after being rescued as part of the Human Jaguar Conflict Program. She was identified as a conflict jaguar – a jaguar that has been reported to be preying on livestock. They are nearly always jaguars who are older, injured or sick and unable to compete successfully with

healthy jaguars for food and territory. In an attempt to reduce the number of jaguar killings, the Belize Zoo, in collaboration with the Belize Forest Department, began a program in 2003 to intervene on behalf of jaguars that were verified to be repeated livestock predators.

After assessment and authorization, the cats are humanely trapped and safely transferred to the Belize Zoo.

MCZ was determined to be a good option for Filly due to mutual respect and trust with the Belize Zoo.

The two Zoos have a longstanding conservation partnership dating back to the 1980s. MCZ's male jaguar, Frankie, is the son of Pat, who arrived from the Belize Zoo in 2008 and was a conflict jaguar as well. MCZ and the Belize Zoo worked seamlessly to prepare for Filly's transfer, a process that took 4.5 years to complete.

MCZ, together with the Zoological Society of Milwaukee and the Belize Zoo drive conservation efforts in Belize with the Pat Gives Back program, named for Pat the Great Cat. The program focuses on capacity building, conservation and research and community support. MCZ staff work yearly with the Belize Zoo to identify workshops, hold trainings, discuss veterinary techniques, and collaborate on conservation planning and evaluation.

"We are thrilled to collaborate once again with our partners at the Belize Zoo to bring Filly to Milwaukee," Amos Morris, Milwaukee County Zoo executive di-

rector said. "We are proud to support the conservation efforts of the Belize Zoo and their commitment to the Jaguar Species Survival Plan. By bringing Filly to Milwaukee, we are also focused on the welfare and wellbeing of our male, Frankie. This also opens additional space for the Belize Zoo to continue to act as a haven for wild jaguars in need from human animal conflict."

Filly was deemed to be a non-releasable jaguar and she will play an important role in the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) Jaguar Species Survival Plan (SSP), a program dedicated to maintaining the genetic diversity and sustainability of jaguars in professional care. Jaguars in their natural range are considered Near Threatened by the IUCN (International Union for Con-

servation of Nature). Pairing Filly with Frankie has the potential to provide the population with new genes and increase the genetic diversity of the North American jaguar population.

Upon arrival at MCZ Filly enters a quarantine period at the Animal Health Center before being moved to her habitat in Florence Mila Borchert Big Cat Country. The Zoo is excited to intro-

duce her to guests at a later date.

The Zoo looks forward to sharing more information at www.milwaukeezoo.org. To learn more about Human Jaguar Conflict Program visit www.belizezoo.org/human-jaguar-conflict-program.

The Milwaukee County Zoo is located at 10001 W. Bluemound Road in Milwaukee.

Individual income tax season open in state

The individual income tax filing season began on Monday, Jan. 27, and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) is ready to help taxpayers with their tax preparation and filing needs.

How to file

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- **Tax Filing Software.** Nu-

merous software options are available, ranging from basic to advanced, offering varying levels of guidance and support.

- **Tax Preparer.** Enlisting the help of a qualified tax professional can be beneficial for those with complex tax situations or who prefer personalized assistance.

- **VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance).** Free tax preparation assistance is available to eligible taxpayers through the VITA program, offered by community organizations and IRS-certified volunteers. To locate a site nearby, use the VITA/TCE Locator Tool or the AARP Site Locator Tool.

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Call center hours

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during this busy time, DOR's Customer Service Call Center is extending hours in the weeks leading up to the filing deadline. Tax specialists will be available from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 1 to 3, April 7 to 10 and April 14 to 15 to accommodate taxpayers' schedules.

More resources

Individual tax filers are encouraged to visit the DOR website's Individuals page where they will find answers to common questions, forms and instructions, tax credit information, payment options, instructional videos, and other resources.

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The American Red Cross encourages donors to give blood or platelets now to help protect the blood supply from the lingering impact of winter weather and wildfires. Donors of all blood types – particularly type O negative blood donors and those giving platelets – are needed to help save lives this month.

The recent impact resulted in more than 12,000 uncollected blood and platelet donations last month and efforts continue to replenish the blood supply.

Areas of the U.S. that do not typically experience significant snowfall but have also played a role.

Additionally, winter weather has the potential to make it tougher to move vital blood products, possibly affecting deliveries to hospitals in some locations.

Donors are asked to book a time to give blood or platelets by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

All who come to give before Feb. 28 will get a \$15 e-gift card. See Red-Cross-Blood.org/Flurry for details.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities:

Green County Monroe

• Thursday, Feb. 13: Noon to 6 p.m., Monroe Bible

Church, 2613 8th Ave.

Rock County Edgerton

• Wednesday, Feb. 19: 1 to 6 p.m., Edgerton Public Library, 101 Albion St.

Janesville

• Monday, Feb. 17: 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Janesville Masonic Center, 2322 E. Milwaukee St.

Milton

• Friday, Feb. 21: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Hope Lutheran Church, 335 Dairyland Dr.

Walworth County Elkhorn

• Thursday, Feb. 20: 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Sugar Creek Lutheran Church, N5690 Cobblestone Rd.

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer

For more information, visit redcross.org.

On Jan. 20, The Eclipse Center hosted the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Breakfast. The community came together to celebrate Dr. King's legacy and support the Rising Knights HBCU College Tour and Virtuoso's Mind, Inc. Keynote speaker Tiffany Henry, a Beloit native and Director of Senator Tammy Baldwin's Milwaukee office, shared a powerful message. Pastor Kenda Roman also inspired the audience with a heartfelt call to action. Thanks go out to the Hendrix sisters for organizing an excellent breakfast. Special thanks to the Beloit Memorial High School Knightingales, the youth choirs, and the students who shared moving poetry readings for making this morning so memorable.

Breakfast honored MLK Jr.



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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ESTATE OF
Barbara J. Olson-Menehan

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 25PR02

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 05/07/1949 and date of death 11/22/2024 was domiciled in Green County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 1306 West 4th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 53520.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is April 28, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Green County Justice Center County Courthouse, 2841 6th St., Monroe, Wisconsin, Room Probate Office.

Electronically signed by
Jennifer Prien
Probate Registrar

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

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SEALED BIDS FOR: BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROJECT #: 250136-01
ASBESTOS ABATEMENT
BRODHEAD ELEMENTARY/
MIDDLE SCHOOL

Shall be received by the Brodhead School District until 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2025. Project Manual and Bid Documents for said project were distributed at the pre-bid walk through or after January 24, 2025 from Environmental Management Consulting, Inc. office, located at W7748 County Highway V, Lake Mills, Wisconsin 53551-9643, (920) 648-6343. Bids will be opened and read at the District Office at 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2025.

Pre-Bid Meeting:

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walk through for invited bidders was held on January 24, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. starting at Brodhead Elementary School, located at 27 School St., Brodhead, WI.

All bids shall be prepared in accordance with the instructions to bidders found in the project manual. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Project Manager:
Environmental Management Consulting, Inc., Mr. James P Jozwiakowski
W7748 County Highway V, Lake Mills, WI 53551-9643
Date of Issuance: January 24, 2025
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BIDS

Brodhead School District will receive bids via Procure for: **Albrecht Elementary School Building Additions and Renovations Bid Package #04 until 2:00 p.m. on February 27th, 2025.**

1. WS #1 - Excavation, Site Utilities, Site Demolition, Landscaping
2. WS #2 - Concrete
3. WS #3 - Masonry
4. WS #4 - General Trades
5. WS #5 - Aluminum Windows, Doors Frames, and Glazing
6. WS #6 - Roofing and Sheet Metal
7. WS #7 - Plumbing
8. WS #8 - HVAC Piping and Ventilation
9. WS #9 - HVAC Controls
10. WS #10 - Electrical
11. WS #11 - Testing and Balancing

Nexus Solutions LLC proposes an 8,200 square foot addition and over 12,000 square feet of interior renovation to Albrecht Elementary School. The planned addition will include space for four classrooms. One area of renovation will be the main office, which will be upgraded to enhance school security. The renovation will also include improvements and renovations to the current 5k classrooms. This will create additional classroom spaces for all day 4k programs. Existing bathrooms will be updated with improved finishes, increased efficiencies, and enhanced ADA accessibility. The original windows in the current classroom and learning spaces

will be upgraded to further enhance overall building efficiency.

CONTRACTOR WALK THROUGH: Thursday February 13th, 2025, starting at 8:30 a.m. Meet at the main office.

Questions regarding the bidding documents can be directed to:

Kyle Robers
Nexus Solutions LLC
Phone: 262.492.3209
Email: krobers@nexusolutions.com

Bids shall be submitted on the bid form provided by the Bid Documents. The completed bid form shall be submitted without alterations, additions, or erasures to Nexus Solutions, LLC., Project Manager Kyle Robers via the Nexus Solutions project management software Procure.com. Each bidder will receive a bid invitation email which provides instructions for logging on to Procure.com and the process for submitting secure bids.

To access the bidding documents, please email the Project Manager, Kyle Robers and the Project Coordinator Kathy Slater at kslater@NexusSolutions.com.

Nexus Solutions looks forward to the opportunity to work with your project team in our new bidding process. The Independent Register 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, & 2/26/2025 WNAXLP 467407

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CITY OF BRODHEAD
GREEN COUNTY, WI
2025 STREET PROJECT

General Notice
CITY OF BRODHEAD is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
2025 STREET PROJECT
Project #09336057

The City of Brodhead will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of 2025 Street Project until February 26, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All plan holders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

The Project includes the following Work: Complete reconstruction of 13th Street from W 6th Ave to W 3rd Ave and W 3rd

Ave from 17th St to 11th St. This includes but is not limited to:

- Replacement of water main, hydrants, valves, and services.
- Replacement of sanitary sewer, manholes, laterals.
- Replacement of storm sewer, inlets, manholes.
- Replacement of roadway: removal of existing pavement and base and placement of base aggregate and HMA Pavement and concrete curb and gutter.
- Replacement of sidewalk and placement of new sidewalk along project limits.

The anticipated substantial completion date is 09/30/2025 and final completion date is 10/30/2025.

Obtaining the Bidding Documents

Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website: www.questcdn.com

Bidding Documents are available for download from QuestCDN at www.questcdn.com. You may download the digital plan documents for \$45 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #9078950 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN at 952-233-1632 or contact by email at info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information. Prospective Bidders are urged to register with QuestCDN as a plan holder, even if Bidding Documents are obtained from a plan room or source other than the designated website in either electronic or paper format. QuestCDN requires the bidding documents to be downloaded from the site in order to submit a bid in the Vbid system. The designated website will be updated periodically with addenda, lists of registered plan holders, reports, and other information relevant to submitting a Bid for the Project. All official notifications, addenda, and other Bidding Documents will be offered only through QuestCDN. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for Bidding Documents, including addenda, if any, obtained from sources other than QuestCDN.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the Owner as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or

bid bond shall be forfeited to the Owner as liquidated damages.

No bidder may withdraw their bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

The minimum wages to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by Federal Davis Bacon Wage Rates. Federal wage rates can be found at <https://sam.gov/content/wage-determinations>. Be aware that project Administrators, Bidders, and Contractors are required to use the latest federal wage rate available at the time of bid opening.

This project anticipates the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding. Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246.

This project anticipates use of funds related to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). The Contractor shall conform to the statutory requirements known as "Build America, Buy America" which applies to all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project. Bid Proposals may be denied if the requirements of this section are not met and waivers are required.

Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC TEST TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY

Notice is Hereby Given in accordance with Section 5.84, Wisconsin Statutes, that a test will be conducted on the electronic voting equipment to be utilized in the Town of Spring Valley for the Nonpartisan Office Primary Election to be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2025.

The test will be held at the Orfordville Fire District meeting room, 173 North Wright Street, Orfordville, WI at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 14, 2025. This test is open to the public. Persons desiring instructions for the use of electronic voting equipment are welcome to attend.

For questions on upcoming elections visit <https://myvote.wi.gov>.

LOCATIONS AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE VILLAGE OF ORFORDVILLE

At the February 18, 2025 Spring Primary Election, in the Village of Orfordville, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

LOCATION	WARDS
Orfordville Village Hall 303 E. Beloit Street Orfordville, WI 53576	Wards 1 & 2

THE POLLING PLACE WILL BE OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.

Sherri Waeger
Village Clerk
608-879-2004

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Town of Spring Valley residents can contact the clerk at (608) 897-4288 or go to www.townofspringvalley.com.
Dela Ends, Clerk

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

Summit Credit Union
1709 Landmark Dr.
Cottage Grove, WI 53527
Plaintiff(s)

-vs-

Howard Chapman, Jr.
N9264 Hughes Rd.
Belleville, WI 53508
Defendant(s)

Small Claims Publication Summons And Notice Case No. 2024SC000480

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims court: Green County Courthouse Telephone Number of Clerk of Court: (608) 328-9433 Address: 2841 6th Street, Monroe, WI 53566 on the following date and time:

Date: 02/24/2025
Time: 10:00 A.M.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

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If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (608) 328-9433 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Electronically signed by
Michael S. Oellerich
December 10th, 2024
(608) 237-1775
Bar Number

Turke & Steil, LLP
One East Milwaukee St.
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Janesville, WI 53545

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND JOINT REVIEW BOARD MEETING CITY OF BRODHEAD, WISCONSIN

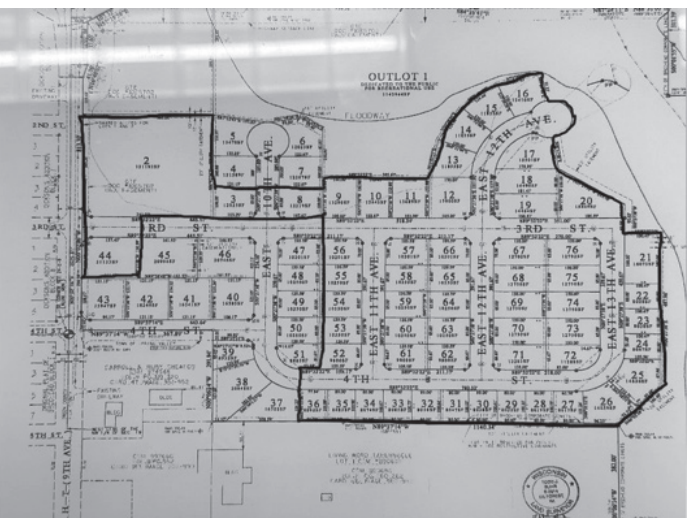
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Brodhead will hold a Joint Review Board meeting on March 3, 2025 at 4:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Brodhead City Hall, located at 1111 W 2nd Ave. and virtually at <https://meet.goto.com/734839093>. You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 734-839-093 United States: +1 (408) 650-3123

The purpose of the meeting is to organize the Joint Review Board for consideration of the City's proposal to create Tax Incremental District No. 9.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Plan Commission of the City of Brodhead will hold a public hearing on March 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Brodhead City Hall, located at 1111 W 2nd Ave and virtually at <https://meet.goto.com/162224517>. You can also dial in using your phone. Access Code: 162-224-517 United States: +1 (224) 501-3412



The hearing will be held to provide the public a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of Tax Incremental District No. 9, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan.

The District's proposed boundary is identified on the map included in this Notice.

Based on the existing condition and planned use of properties within the proposed District boundary the City expects to designate the District as suitable for mixed use development.

Projects to be undertaken within the District and costs to be incurred (Project Costs) will be for the purpose of promoting mixed use development and may include acquisition of property, rights of way or easements, site preparation, installation of utilities and streets, payment of cash grants as development incentives to owners, lessees, or developers of land located within the District, professional services and organizational costs, administrative costs, financing costs and other costs as may be necessary to implement the District's Project Plan.

All interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to comment on the proposed creation of the District, its proposed boundaries, and its proposed Project Plan. A copy of the proposed District Project Plan, including a description of the proposed boundaries, is available for public inspection and will be provided on request during normal business hours at the office of the City Clerk at the Brodhead City Hall, located at 1111 W 2nd Ave. This information can also be viewed on the City's website at [https://cms2.revize.com/revize/brodheadwi/agendas_minutes/joint_review_board_\(tif_review\).php](https://cms2.revize.com/revize/brodheadwi/agendas_minutes/joint_review_board_(tif_review).php)

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Juda Booster Club holds pasta bar fundraiser

The Juda Booster Club is holding a pasta bar on Monday, Feb. 17, from 4:45 to 7:30 p.m. at the Juda School cafeteria.

Carry outs are available. Meal includes cavatappi noodles, garlic bread, apple crisp, ice cream, and milk, along with a variety of toppings, which include marinara sauce, alfredo sauce, hamburger, chicken, black olives, mushrooms, parmesan cheese, onions, green peppers, broccoli, and cottage cheese. Cost is \$10 for adults and children over age 10 and \$6 for children age 10 and under.

Come cheer on the high school basketball teams as they take on Williams Bay.

Boater safety education course this March

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer their first 2025 Boater Safety Education Course on March 11 from 6 to 7 p.m., and March 15 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Rock Sheriff's Office, 200 East U.S. Highway 14, Janesville. Students must attend both sessions to graduate.

Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1989, is required to complete a Boater Safety Education Course to legally operate a motorized boat or personal watercraft (PWC) on Wisconsin waters. It is recommended that participants are at least 12 years of age or turn 12 shortly after the class.

Registration is now open. Complete the online enrollment form to reserve a seat at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/boater-education.

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff's Office will offer a Gutter Busters youth bowling event on March 8 from noon to 2 p.m. at RiversEdge Bowl,

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

The course fee of \$10 per student will be collected at the first session. If the student is under 18 years old, a parent/guardian will need to attend the first session with the student. Students will receive course materials at the first session. Please direct any questions to Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us.

Registration open for youth bowling event

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215 S. River Street, Janesville.

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

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

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

Upon submitting the online registration form, registrants

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

The Sheriff's Office is seeking sponsorships for the Gutter Busters Program. This event is free to participants due to the generosity of financial and in-kind sponsors. To learn more, email Deputy Trevor Lund at trevor.lund@co.rock.wi.us or 608-373-3816.

'Telling Herstory' at local Women's Day event

Join the Zonta Club of Janesville in celebrating International Women's Day by "Telling Herstory." This is a free event, open to the public.

The event will happen on Thursday, March 6. At 4:30 p.m. will be social hour with complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. At 5:30 will be the program "Telling Herstory" in which members of the Zonta Club will dress as various women from history and present their stories. Zonta invites attendees to come dressed as their favorite woman from history and to prepare a short story or speech.

For those that would like to be in the program, please contact Edie Baran at ediebaran@gmail.com.

The event will be at The Woman's Club at 108 S. Jackson in Janesville.

For more information visit the Facebook page: Janesville Zonta; email: janesville_president@zontadistrict6.org, call 608-931-5705, or message on Facebook.

Lakes, rivers convention speaks on state waters

The Wisconsin Lakes and

Rivers Convention will be held on March 26 to 28 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in Stevens Point

Join other professionals, students, community members, and businesses who love water at "The Power of Words: Working for Our Waters." The 2025 event will feature speakers, interactive workshops, and content-rich concurrent sessions.

Register online at wisconsinwaterweek.org/home/lakes-and-rivers-convention/costs/.

In-person job fair at Rock County Job Center

An in-person Job Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rock County Job Center located at 1717 Center Ave. in Janesville. Eight employers are registered from Rock County and the surrounding area, along with two public transportation resources.

The "Employment Along the Bus Route" event will have an emphasis on addressing the transportation needs of job seekers. While this event is open to the general public, they recognize many job seekers are limited due to transportation needs. The public transportation offered by Janesville Transit and Beloit Transit offers a reliable option for individuals to commute to and from work.

This event will allow job seekers to explore opportunities beyond their immediate location. Job seekers will have access to the public computer lab to complete online job applications and print resumes. A list of registered employers can be found online at: wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/. Individuals having questions can email: DETWDA11BusinessServices@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

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Subject arrested after firearm-related death

On Feb. 3, at 3:47 p.m., officers from the Town of Beloit Police Department, City of Beloit Police Department, and deputies from the Rock County Sheriff's Office responded to the 1900 block of Wisconsin Avenue, Town of Beloit, Wis., for a subject with an apparent gunshot wound. The subject was later pronounced deceased at the scene.



Dennis Banks Jr.

The Town of Beloit Police Department requested assistance from the Rock County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau. This incident is under active investigation by the

Rock County Sheriff's Office. Following further investigation, the Rock County Sheriff's Office has made an arrest in this incident. The following subject was arrested: Dennis L. Banks Jr., 31, of Beloit. He was arrested on one count of First Degree Intentional Homicide - Use of a Dangerous Weapon, and one count of Possession of a Firearm by a Felon.

Banks will have his initial appearance on Feb. 7 at 3 p.m. "Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

Police news

Driver arrested for OWI in Rock County

On Feb. 2, 2025, at approximately 5:35 p.m., Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputies received numerous complaints about a Honda Odyssey driving erratically in the area of E. Highway 59 near E. Harbor Drive. A deputy located the vehicle, and contact was made with the driver, who was identified as Sommer Sorensen. The deputy observed signs of intoxication as well as what appeared to be recent minor damage to the vehicle. Sorensen refused to perform field sobriety tests. Sorensen was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping.



Sommer Sorensen

Sorensen has four prior convictions for Operating While Intoxicated, making this arrest a 5th Offense, which is a felony. Sorensen was transported to the Rock County Jail and was scheduled for Jail Court on Monday, Feb. 3 at 3 p.m. "Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."