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Airing of the quilts show features local artistry

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) invites the community to experience the color, creativity, and craftsmanship of local quilters at the Airing of the Quilts show, a two-day event featuring nearly 100 handcrafted quilts. Taking place from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 10, and Sunday, May 11, the exhibit will span the picturesque RCHS campus at 450 N. Jackson Street in Janesville.

This celebration of quilting tradition will display quilts both indoors and outdoors, transforming the historic grounds into a colorful tapestry. Attendees will enjoy an ice cream social, live quilting demonstrations, and a Storybook Walk – making it an engaging event for all ages.

Quilting enthusiasts will have the opportunity to observe skilled local quilters demonstrating quilting techniques – including quilt embellishment, paper piecing, free-motion quilting, utilizing vintage machines, and building a barn quilt. A wide variety of quilt styles, sizes and designs will be on display at the show.

“There are so many talented quilters in our region who are eager to display their beautiful works,” said Kathy Boguszewski, RCHS Board Member. “People love seeing the wide variety of quilts on display – especially in such a beautiful setting. With the combination of quilts, ice cream, and our Storybook Walk, this event offers a perfect weekend of

fun. It’s an especially great outing for Mother’s Day!”

A fitting feature of the event is the Storybook Walk, which will highlight “The Quilt that Grandma Made” by Kristin Caulkins. The book will be displayed page-by-page on signposts along a scenic walking route, encouraging early literacy, outdoor exploration, and quality family time.

The event is made possible thanks to generous sponsors, including the Rock County Dairy Promotion Council, Festival Foods, and Candace and Dave Thompson.

Tickets for the event are \$5 per day; free for people age 12 and under, and available at the event. For more information,

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Karla Keller holds one of her handcrafted quilts that will be featured in the upcoming Airing of the Quilts show at the Rock County Historical Society.

Celebrate Mother’s Day at botanical gardens with live music, blooms

Rotary Botanical Gardens invites the public to celebrate Mother’s Day 2025 surrounded by natural beauty, live music, and meaningful memories. On Sunday, May 11, enjoy the first Sounds of Summer concert of the season, and take part in a touching Mother’s Day Dedication Package – a thoughtful way to honor the mothers, grandmothers, and inspiring women in one’s life.

Whether one is a mom, has a mom, or knows a mom, this special day offers something for everyone. Bring a picnic, relax in the Gardens, and spend quality time with loved ones among the blooms.

The Mother’s Day Dedication Package is \$40. It includes:

A personalized Mother’s Day card; a botanical-themed watercolor print by Marsha Mood; two admission passes to the Gardens; recognition of the honoree’s name (in honor or in memory) displayed on a decorative board in the Gardens from May 10 through June 15.

Enjoy a walk through spring’s most vibrant floral displays, featuring daffodils, lupines, foxgloves, salvias, poppies, peonies, irises, magnolias, lilacs, redbuds, and more.

The dedication deadline is May 5.

How to make a gift: Online please visit www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org; in person

please drop off the donation at 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville; by phone please call 608-752-3885.

Multiple tributes may be made. A gift of \$80 includes two dedications.

All proceeds benefit Rotary Botanical Gardens, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to horticultural excellence, environmental stewardship, and community enrichment.

Sounds of Summer will be held on May 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. Enhance the visit with the first Sounds of Summer concert of the year, featuring live classical and acoustic performances by:

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Rabies confirmed in Rock County bat

A bat submitted to the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene from Rock County has tested positive for rabies. While no human contact with the bat has been reported, this case serves as a reminder that rabies – a fatal disease – remains present in the community’s wildlife.

Rabies is a viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals,

such as pet cats and dogs. It is typically transmitted through the bite of an infected animal. Bats are the most common carrier of rabies in Wisconsin and the leading source of rabies transmission to humans, though rabies can be found in other wild mammals like skunks, raccoons, foxes, and coyotes.

Bats can transmit rabies through small or seemingly un-

noticeable bites. Though often found outdoors, bats can enter homes through small gaps in window screens, chimney caps, door frames, or other openings larger than ¼ inch by ½ inch. If any locals discover a bat in their home, contact Rock County Public Health for guidance on next steps.

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Milton house fire leads to fatality

Lakeside Fire and Rescue was alerted by the Rock County 9-1-1 Center at 4:16 a.m. on Friday, April 25, of a wireless 9-1-1 call reporting a house fire on Ansley Avenue in the City of Milton. A passerby reported seeing flames through the front window of the residence.

Lakeside Fire and EMS units from Station 3 of Milton and Station 2 of Edgerton were dispatched, with the first units on scene in 3 minutes, 53 seconds.

The 9-1-1 caller did stop when she observed a car in the driveway and didn’t see anyone outside, believing someone might still be in the residence, and attempted to raise someone by knocking on the front and rear doors.

The first arriving Lakeside fire units, knowing the potential of someone still being in the residence, made immediate access into the home with one crew entering through the front door and a second crew entering through the rear door, and found an adult female deceased in the front living room area of the house.

There was evidence that the fire may have smoldered for an extended length of time prior to being discovered.

The fire is believed to have started in the living room of the house. The origin and cause of the fire is under investigation by a team of resources involving Lakeside Fire and Rescue, Rock County Sheriff’s Office,

Rock County Medical Examiner, and the Wisconsin State Fire Marshall’s Office. All indications are that the fire was unintentional, and a tragic accident.

The deceased was the sole resident and occupant of the home, with family living out of the immediate area.

The actual cause of death is being investigated by the Rock County Medical Examiner, with more detailed analysis being conducted over the weekend.

Fire damage to the residence was contained primarily to the living room area, with extensive smoke damage throughout the first floor.

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The Milwaukee Personal Ancestral File Users Group (MPAFUG) will present two free presentations at their monthly meeting on May 14.

The first presentation is titled “National Archives St. Louis Military Records.” Randy Ray will give attendees insight into the wealth of records in the St. Louis branch of the National Archives and how to access them. The veteran military re-

records available range from Revolutionary War times to World War II, and can be viewed online or by visiting their facility. Randy has a passion for genealogy and historical preservation, and volunteers at the Ozaukee County Historical Society, where he assists in preserving local history and helping others connect with their roots. He and a co-host formed the Cedarburg Public Library Genealogy Club.

The second presentation is titled “Civil War Research Online.” Bob Heck, Director of MPAFUG, will begin with the assumption that attendees don’t know if their ancestors served in the military during The Civil War. With that assumption, Bob will walk them through the many areas that may help to identify whether the ancestor was a veteran, in what unit the ancestor might have served, where he might have enlisted, discover if he mustered out, was wounded, killed or died of disease. As an example, Bob will show a booklet that he compiled of all the military and pension records of his great-grandfather. Bob has been a popular speaker for many years at other genealogical societies and he volunteers to help others to find information on their ancestors.

Guests are always welcome

to attend the MPAFUG monthly meetings. They may also bring a friend, and anyone interested can also become a member of the group.

The Milwaukee Personal Ancestral File Users Group is a computer genealogy group dedicated to teaching how to use the Internet to research family history.

The event is held on Wednesday, May 14, from 7 to 9 p.m. The doors open at 6 p.m. The meeting will be at The Ale House, also known as the New Berlin Bowling Lanes, at 16000 W. Cleveland Avenue in New Berlin, Wisconsin. Please park in the east parking lot.

Botanical gardens will host Twilight in the Garden

The Rotary Botanical Gardens invites the community to experience an enchanting evening at Twilight in the Garden on Friday, May 2, from 4 to 9 p.m. This elegant fundraiser will feature fine wine, gourmet hors d’oeuvres from three local restaurants, live music by The Go-Deans, a silent auction, and a twilight garden walk set against the breathtaking backdrop of the award-winning gardens. Guests may come and go as they please throughout the evening.

“Twilight in the Garden is more than just a night out – it’s an opportunity to bring our community together and support the mission of Rotary Botanical Gardens,” said Laura Kenyon, Community Engagement Manager at Rotary Botanical Gardens. “With delicious food, exceptional wine, and a magical atmosphere, this event promises to be an unforgettable experience.”

Guests will enjoy a special signature-label wine, “Twilight in the Garden,” created exclusively for the event in partnership with Timber Hill

Winery. Attendees may sip and savor this unique blend and purchase bottles to take home. A special stemless wine glass will also be available for purchase as a keepsake. Signature mocktails will be provided for non-drinkers.

As part of the evening’s festivities, a silent auction will be held to raise funds for critical garden projects, including koi pond restoration, greenhouse operations, educational programming, and bridge restoration. Guests will have the opportunity to bid on exciting items donated by local businesses and community supporters.

Advance tickets are required for this event. Tickets are \$60 per person and must be purchased online at rotarybotanicalgardens.org or by contacting Laura Kenyon at 608-315-5641 or engagement@rotarygardens.org.

Twilight in the Garden is a 21+ event. Tickets are non-refundable, as all proceeds from this fundraiser will support Rotary Botanical Gardens.

The Rotary Botanical Gardens is located at 1455 Palmer Drive in Janesville.

Third annual Rock County LGBTQ+ summit returns

The Rock County LGBTQ+ Educational Summit returns for its third year on Monday, June 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Blackhawk Technical College.

This annual event has become a cornerstone for meaningful dialogue, community education and collective action across Rock County and beyond.

This year’s summit, themed “Queer Trouble,” will focus on the challenges the LGBTQ+ community is currently facing both locally and nationally – highlighting what we can do as individuals and as a community to drive real change.

Hosted by Rock County LGBTQ+ Committee in partnership with Family Services of So. Wisconsin and Blackhawk Technical College, the summit will feature dynamic speakers, community-building sessions and networking opportunities a. Topics will include healthcare access, youth advocacy, inclusive education practices and building community resilience.

“Right now the LGBTQ+ community is dealing with a lot. There is no better time for everyone to come together, straight or queer, to hear each other out and support one another.

Educating ourselves is growing – and we need to grow for the better,” said Dr. Stephanie Hormig-Dismuke, EdD.

Early bird tickets are now on sale for \$25 through May 2, after which tickets will be \$30 per participant, and include access to all sessions, event materials and lunch. Scholarships are available for those in need by contacting Dr. Hormig-Dismuke directly. Individuals may qualify by volunteering at the event or submitting a short essay on why attending matters to them.

Pre-registration is required to ensure accurate planning for materials and meals. Reserve a spot today at: family-services.givecloud.co/education-summit-2025.

The summit welcomes educators, healthcare professionals, nonprofit leaders, policymakers, students and community members who are ready to expand their understanding and impact around LGBTQ+ issues.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for local businesses and organizations who wish to support this impactful event and publicly demonstrate their commitment to equity and inclusion.

Lakeland Care receives top workplace award

Lakeland Care, Inc. is proud to announce it has once again been honored with the Work-Life Flexibility Top Workplace Award, marking the second consecutive year the organization has received this prestigious recognition.

This achievement reflects Lakeland Care’s dedication to cultivating a flexible, supportive, and empowering work environment for its team members across Wisconsin.

“We are honored to receive the Work-Life Flexibility Top Workplace Award for the second time,” said Sara Muhlbauer, Chief Executive Officer of Lakeland Care. “This recognition highlights our commitment to providing the flexibility and resources our team at Lakeland Care needs to thrive. When employees feel supported, they’re able

to perform at their best. Prioritizing balance allows our team to stay focused, engaged, and aligned with the values that drive our mission forward.”

At the core of Lakeland Care’s success is a culture that recognizes the essential role each team member plays in achieving its mission. The organization believes in investing in its employees by offering a competitive total rewards package, and a supportive structure that adapts to employees’ evolving needs.

By fostering a work environment grounded in well-being, flexibility, and opportunity, Lakeland Care continues to attract and retain top talent, ensuring its ongoing impact in serving elders and adults with disabilities through Wisconsin’s Family Care program.

To learn more about Lakeland Care,

visit www.lakelandcareinc.com.

To learn more about eligibility for Wisconsin’s long-term care programs, contact the local county’s Aging and Disability Resource Center at www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm.

Lakeland Care is a Wisconsin-based organization that serves a number of counties, including Rock County. With long-standing roots as a managed care organization (MCO), Lakeland Care provides long-term care services and support to eligible frail elders and individuals with physical, intellectual, or developmental disabilities through Wisconsin’s Family Care program. Lakeland Care serves as a partner in helping individuals maintain their independence and coordinate necessary care. To learn more about Lakeland Care, visit www.lakelandcareinc.com.

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May at the Albertson Memorial Public Library

By Cindy Clint

ALBERTSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Here's what's happening during the month of May at the Albertson Memorial Library.

This month's Preschool Storytime will be a Celebration of Mom and Dad. Join our Children's Programming Specialist, Miss Laura, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6, 13 and 20 for crafts and stories that honor mothers and fathers.

The Albany Joint Library Board Meeting will be held at the library on May 6 at 6:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public. The agenda will be posted on our website and at the library the Friday before the meeting. Join us to learn about the library's future plans.

Do you have jewelry that needs to be handed down from one generation to the next? Looking for a beautiful box to store it in? This month, we have just what you need. Join the crafty fun at the library May 7 at 6:30 p.m. for Diane's Craft Night where you'll have the chance to create a 'Heirloom Jewelry Box'.

Explore creativity and individual expression with the Creative Capers on May 16 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. This is the ultimate crafting event for adults. Bring along the craft project you're currently working on and come to the crafting party for some socialization and snacks. Why spend time crafting solo when you could gather with friends

• Rabies

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Rabies is deadly, but preventable. Help protect against rabies by taking the following precautions:

- Avoid contact with wild or stray animals, especially bats, skunks, raccoons, foxes, and coyotes.
- Be aware of rabies symptoms in animals, such as excessive drooling, aggression, or unusual behavior—for example, a nocturnal animal seen during the day.
- Teach children to never touch unfamiliar animals.
- Keep pets' rabies vaccinations current and schedule regular vet visits.
- "Bat-proof" a home by locating and sealing any potential entry points.

For anyone who has had con-

• Gardens

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Silver Morning Duo composed of Berlinda Lopez on the flute and Steve Vaughn on the guitar; The Sobacki Family composed of Emily Sobacki on the violin with Isla and Ari on a Spanish guitar; Apple Tree Duo, who are a violin and viola duet; and Fran Thorpe Peyer and students who play guitar, ukulele, and contribute vocal performances.

Admission is free for RBG members and included with general admission for non-members.

This Mother's Day, treat someone special to a beautiful experience filled with flowers, music, and meaningful moments at Rotary Botanical Gardens. For details and online donations, visit: rotarybotanicalgardens.org or contact Emily Cox at membership@rotarygardens.org.

Rotary Botanical Gardens is a 20-acre non-profit botanical garden featuring 20 unique garden styles and over 4,000 plant varieties. Located in Janesville, the Gardens provide a serene and inspiring space for visitors to connect with nature, engage in educational programs, and support conservation efforts. The Gardens rely on community support, donations, and events like this to continue their mission of horticultural excellence.

or meet new people who share your passion for making masterpieces? Let the good times and creativity flow together.

Share your love of the written word with the Sugar River Writers on May 22 at 6:30 p.m. Whether you're just starting out or have years of experience, we're rolling out the welcome mat for everyone!

Join us for our monthly book club, All Booked Up, on May 26 at 6:30 p.m. This month we will be discussing 'Beartown' by Fredrik Backman. This is a story about a town and a game, but even more about loyalty, commitment, and the responsibilities of friendship; the people we disappoint even though we love them; and the decisions we make every day that come to define us. Though the library will be closed in observation of Memorial Day, All Booked up will still meet.

The library will be closed in observation of Memorial Day on May 26. The library will re-open on May 27.

Please follow us online on Facebook at facebook.com/AlbertsonMemorialLibrary, Instagram at instagram.com/albertsonmemoriallibrary or check out our calendar of events on our website at albertsonlibrary.org for additional information.

Library learnings

Discover the Albertson Memorial Library's new collection of multilingual picture books.

tact with wildlife or unfamiliar animals – especially if bitten or scratched – immediately wash the wound with soap and water and seek medical care. A health-care provider or Rock County Public Health can assess risk for rabies and recommend further steps. If a cat or dog has had contact with a wild or unfamiliar animal, please contact Rock County Public Health immediately for guidance.

If anyone captures a dead, sick, or injured bat, they can have it tested for rabies. If possible, do not freeze or destroy the animal to allow for more accurate testing. A deceased

• Quilts

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please visit <https://rchs.us/events/>

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

• Fatality

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A total of 13 Lakeside Fire and EMS personnel responded on five units; along with law enforcement units from the Rock County Sheriff's Office who were assisting the Milton Police Department.

Many of our latest additions tell stories in English, along with Spanish or German. The picture dictionaries feature illustrations of each word, with the word written in English and its counterparts in Spanish or German. These dictionaries also include phonetic spellings to assist readers in pronouncing the words correctly.

Enhance these books by incorporating KidSpeak, an engaging and interactive online language learning program designed for young learners. KidSpeak is part of Transparent Language, a free language learning app available through the Albertson Memorial Library website. Children can explore languages such as Spanish, English, French, German, Mandarin Chinese, and Italian through enjoyable games, puzzles, and catchy songs, all guided by their very own cartoon companion.

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Herbicide spraying to combat invasive plants

The Rock County Highway Department has acknowledged a need to initiate a higher level of maintenance regarding rural roadside vegetation management, primarily the eradication of noxious invasive plant species.

Invasive species within the

road right-of-way and adjacent properties can pose significant health risks to highway workers, utility workers, emergency responders, and anyone else utilizing the right-of-way. In the coming weeks, locals may notice the Rock County crews spraying these areas to help control and eradicate Wild Parsnip and other harmful invasive weed species. The staff has been trained and certified in applying EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) certified herbicides.

These herbicides are plant specific and will not hurt native plants. This means

grasses, milkweed, and other native plants will flourish, helping wildlife and pollinators. The intention is to spray all the western county roads this year that are west of STH 51. They will also be spraying selected areas on state highways and Rock County Park trails.

The window of opportunity will be dictated by weather; however, they anticipate two weeks of spraying starting in late April.

The following herbicide formula will be used, featuring the herbicide, the EPA regulation number, the active ingredient, and the applica-

tion rate:

- TerraVue, 62719-738, Aminopyralid-Potassium, 2.5 Oz/Acre
 - Plateau, 241-365, Imazapic, 4 Oz/Acre
 - MSO, Exempt, (Surfactant), 1 Pt/Acre
 - Compadre, 228-386, (Drift Control), 3.5 Oz/Acre
- Organic growers are encouraged to contact the Rock County Highway Department with concerns and questions regarding this program. For those people who have any questions, please contact the office at 608-757-5478 Monday through Friday.

Getting into spring during story



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Albertson Memorial Library's Preschool Story Time had all kinds of fun last week. First, the stories: "Abracadabra! It's Spring!" was filled with the coolest magic words, and "It's Spring!" was filled with planting flowers and flying kites. Then, staying with the theme of magic, the youngsters made magic wands wrapping sticks with yarn and silk flowers and chased winter away. Next week starts the beginning of Mother's/Father's Day celebration at story time during May. "Are You My Mother" by P.D. Eastman is the perfect first book for this theme. "My Mommy and I" and "Mommy Hugs" are also on the list. The kiddos will work on two different worksheets connecting mommies and babies. There will be a shapes puzzle to glue together, creating a bird mom.

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How homeowners can turn attics into livable spaces



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Homeowners who would like to convert attics into livable spaces need to take certain things into consideration before starting an improvement project.

Houses typically feature various areas that are traditionally designed for storage, such as garages, basements and attics. However, with some renovation, these spaces can be transformed into livable areas.

Homeowners who would like to convert attics into livable spaces need to take certain things into consideration before starting an improvement project. While the attic may seem like it has plenty of room and is structurally sound enough to walk in, that's not necessarily so. To be converted into usable living space, an attic must be brought up to the standards of modern building codes, according to the design experts at Board & Vellum. Retrofitting beams and insulation can eat up available space in an attic. Thus, it is best to consult an expert to see if an attic can be converted.

Furthermore, an attic that was not initially designed as a room when the house was built can add extra "load" upstairs if it is converted. That could present certain structural problems. That means a structural engineer also must be consulted to see if adding beams, flooring and drywall will necessitate other changes elsewhere in the home to accommodate the extra load.

In order to have a functional attic room, building codes will dictate that it needs to be accessible by a full-size

staircase. Also, it will need to have another exit in case of an emergency so that will likely be an accessible window, according to the home information site The Fill. Homeowners' budgets and renovation plans will need to factor into these considerations. Homeowners also are advised to check local permits to determine what else may be required to go forward. It is best to follow the rules. Lack of a permit for work can affect the ability to sell a home down the line.

Individuals also should plan for heating and cooling upgrades as the home will need to have ductwork installed in the attic, or at the least, a stand-alone heating and cooling unit. As heat rises, it can get quite warm in an attic, so ventilation and comfort should be considered. The attic will need to be wired for electricity for lighting and other needs. Air sealing and additional insulation can the attic space more comfortable as well. Consult with a qualified electrician and an HVAC technician and have an energy audit done to discuss needs.

Attic renovations can give homeowners more space in their homes, which can be used as offices, bedrooms or cozy corners. This is no small undertaking and all of the right steps need to be followed to ensure a legal, safe and successful renovation.

(METROCREATIVE)



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As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

Tips to revitalize a garden this spring

Gardening is a rewarding hobby that pays a host of significant dividends. Many people love gardening because it allows them to spend time outdoors, and that simple pleasure is indeed a notable benefit of working in a garden. But the National Initiative for Consumer Horticulture notes that gardening provides a host of additional benefits, including helping people get sufficient levels of exercise, reduce stress and improve mood.

With so much to gain from gardening, it's no wonder people look forward to getting their hands dirty in the garden each spring. As the weather warms up, consider these tips to help bring a garden back to life.

- Discard the dead weight. Winter can take its toll on a garden, even in regions where the weather between December and early spring is not especially harsh. Discard dead plants that have lingered into spring and prune any perennials that need it. Branches that fell during winter storms also should be removed at this point if they have not previously been discarded.

- Test the soil. Soil testing kits can be purchased at local garden centers and home improvement retailers. Such tests are inexpensive and can reveal if the soil needs to be amended to help plants thrive in the months to come.

- Mulch garden beds. Mulching benefits a garden by helping soil retain moisture and preventing the growth of weeds. Various garden experts note that mulching in spring can prevent weed seeds from germinating over the course of spring and summer. That means plants won't have to fight with weeds for water when the temperature warms up. It also means gardeners won't have to spend time pulling weeds this summer.

- Inspect your irrigation system. Homeowners with in-ground irrigation systems or above-ground systems that utilize a drip or soaker function can inspect the systems before plants begin to bloom. Damaged sprinkler heads or torn lines can deprive plants of water they will need to

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Features to consider for a relaxing bathroom remodel

Homeowners want to view their homes as a respite from all that goes on outside their doors. Indeed, turning a home into a residents-only retreat can ensure everyone looks forward to walking through the front the door at the end of the day.

One of the more popular ways to turn a home into one's own personal retreat is to upgrade the bathroom. A renovated bathroom can completely transform how individuals feel about their homes. The following are some features to consider when remodeling a bathroom with relaxation in mind.

- Open shower: An open shower is a visually stunning addition to any bathroom. Such showers give a bathroom a more open look, thanks in part to the fact that these modern features do not feature a door or require the use of a shower curtain. The result is a clean look that many people associate with a luxury hotel. When speaking with a con-

tractor about an open shower install, homeowners can ask about a half-wall to safeguard against water splashing out of the shower. In addition, a heat lamp can help ensure residents stay warm until they're ready to leave the bathroom.

- Heated features: Additional features to keep everyone calm and warm can be considered when upgrading the bathroom. Radiant flooring can ensure everyone's toes remain toasty, and the installation of such a feature can eliminate the need for floor mats and bath mats that some homeowners may not like. Commit further to the heat theme with a heated towel rack, which is another feature associated with luxury hotels that can be just as enjoyable at home.

- Soaking tub: An open shower creates an instant feeling of luxury, but few things are more suggestive of relaxation than a soaking tub. A long day at school or the office or a day when winter winds are howling outside is

made much better with a good a soak. The National Kitchen & Bath Association notes that luxury bathrooms featuring soaking tubs are wildly popular, and that vaunted status is undoubtedly due to the relaxing benefits of a good soak.

- Skylight: Even if the goal of a luxury bathroom is to leave the outside world outside, allowing some natural light inside is a great way to add a little extra calm to the room. Floor-to-ceiling windows may seem appealing in brochures or advertisements, but such features do not create the sense of privacy many people prefer in their bathrooms. One or two skylights can create that sense of privacy and still allow for natural light to enter the room, making this an option that provides the best of both worlds.

These features and more can help homeowners transform their bathrooms into luxurious, relaxing respites from the outside world.

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There are many features to consider when remodeling a bathroom to have relaxation in mind.

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Tips to make a yard less attractive to ticks

Backyards are ideal places to spend warm afternoons soaking up some sun. Lazy days in the yard are a big part of what makes warm weather seasons like spring and summer so appealing. But those afternoons can quickly go off the rails when an unwelcome visitor makes its presence known.

Ticks can be found throughout the world, but the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention notes that only a select few types of ticks transmit bacteria, viruses and parasites, or pathogens, that cause diseases in people. But even if the number of tick species that transmit diseases to humans is relatively low, ticks that can infect humans are a notable threat. Such ticks carry pathogens that the CDC notes can cause a number of diseases, including Bourbon virus, Eh-

richiosis and, of course, Lyme disease, among others.

Human beings can come into contact with ticks in their own backyards. But humans can take various steps to make their lawns less welcoming to ticks.

- Cut your grass short and keep it that way. Black-legged ticks are transmitters of Lyme disease, which the CDC notes is the most common vector-borne disease in the United States. Lyme disease also poses a growing threat in Canada, where data from the Public Health Agency indicates human-reported Lyme disease cases increased from 144 in 2009 to more than 2,100 in 2022. Black-legged ticks do not like environments that are dry and hot, so short grass makes lawns less attractive to this type of tick. Consumer Reports advises homeowners

who have let their grass grow a little too high (around five or six inches) to bag their clippings when cutting the grass. Lots of clippings on the grass can provide a respite from the heat for black-legged ticks.

- Create a tick barrier if your property abuts woods. Woods provide a cover from summer heat that black-legged ticks crave. So properties that abut the woods may be more vulnerable to these unwanted guests than yards that do not border woodlands. A barrier of dry mulch made of wood chips between a property and a bordering wooded area can help repel ticks, who won't want to settle in often dry, hot mulch beds.

- Plant with infestation prevention in mind. Some plants can help to repel ticks because they boast certain characteristics

that ticks cannot tolerate. The fragrances, textures and oils of plants like garlic, mint, lavender, marigolds, and others create less welcoming conditions for ticks. Homeowners can speak with local garden centers for advice on tick-repellant plants that can thrive in their particular climate and on their properties.

- Remove yard debris. Piles of wood, leaves and brush can make for good conditions for ticks that transmit disease. After raking leaves and gathering brush, discard the resulting piles immediately.

These measures will not necessarily prevent all ticks from establishing themselves on a property, so individuals are urged to inspect their bodies and the bodies of their pets after a day in the yard.

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bloom and ultimately thrive once the weather warms up.

- Tune up your tools. Gardening tools have likely been sitting around gathering dust since fall. Serious gardeners know that tools can be expensive, so it pays to protect that investment by maintaining the tools. Sharpened pruners help make plants less vulnerable to infestation and infection. Well-maintained tools like shovels and hoes also make more demanding gardening jobs a little bit easier, so don't forget to tune up your tools before the weather warms up.

It's almost gardening season, which means gardeners can start on the necessary prep work to ensure their gardens grow in strong and beautiful this spring.

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General Notice
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Project# 09336063

The City Of Brodhead will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of Crosswinds Development until May 15, 2025 at 2:00 pm. 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:

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1. Call to order
2. Approval of agenda
3. Verification of proper public notice
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Reports
 - A. Supervisors
 - B. Chairman
 - C. Other reports
7. Audience communication
8. Old business
 - A. Rock County Public Works
 - B. Road work
 - C. ATV ordinance update
9. New business
 - A. Mowing estimates
 10. Future agenda items
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-vs-

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Case No. 2025SC000090

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Plaintiff(s)

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TARA OLEARY
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Local botanical gardens to feature educational series

Rotary Botanical Gardens is excited to announce the return of Naturalists in the Garden: Roaming Presentations, an engaging and informal educational series running from May through September 2025. Guests can explore fascinating nature topics while strolling through the Gardens in the company of knowledgeable local naturalists.

Led by experienced naturalists Ann Reilly, Paul Stieff, Dave Bendlin, and Ann Thompson, these roaming presentations cover a wide range of topics including Monarch migration, birdwatching, species extinction, butterflies and moths, medieval garden history, wild edibles, and more. Presentations are casual, interactive, and designed to appeal to garden enthusiasts, retirees, members, volunteers, children and families and the general public.

How it works

- No registration is required
- Presentations are included with general garden admission

- A sign will be posted near the Cottage Garden Gallery on event days with the topic and start time

- Presentations last approximately one hour and take place on various weekdays and weekends

Admission information

- Cost: Included with your Rotary Botanical Gardens admission fee
- Adult (16+): \$9
- Senior (65+): \$7
- Active or Retired Military (with ID): \$6
- Youth (6 to 15): \$5
- Children under six and RBG Members: Free

Sample dates, topics

- May 14, 10 to 11 a.m. – Bird Watching
- June 3, 10 to 11 a.m. – Medieval Gardens
- June 7, 9 to 10 a.m. – Wild Edibles and Poisonous Plants
- June 10, 10 to 11 a.m. – Species Extinction and Gardening
- July 29, 4 to 5 p.m. – Fascinating Butterflies and Moths

- Aug. 19 and 26, 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. – Monarch Migration

Full schedule available at www.rotarygardens.org.

Whether an attendee is interested in observing local wildlife, learning about garden history, or exploring the role of native plants in conservation, Naturalists in the Garden provides a meaningful and enriching way to experience Rotary Botanical Gardens.

No extra cost. No pressure. Just a great way to grow one's connection to nature.

Rotary Botanical Gardens is a 20-acre non-profit botanical garden featuring 20 unique garden styles and over 4,000 plant varieties. Located in Janesville, the Gardens provide a serene and inspiring space for visitors to connect with nature, engage in educational programs, and support conservation efforts. The Gardens rely on community support, donations, and events like this to continue their mission of horticultural excellence.

College news

Beloit student participates in academic excellence celebration

Nikos Xydakis of Beloit, Wis., participated in McKendree University's 12th annual Academic Excellence Celebration (AEC) on Thursday, April 24. The 2025 event featured presentations, poster presentations, an art exhibit, a band concert and more. Nikos co-presented "Lessons Learned Running a 5K Charity Race."

The AEC presents the culminating work of 248 McKendree students representing most academic disciplines. It includes research projects, art exhibitions, debates, readings of original writing, a performance by the choir and much more.

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Janesville student at UWW presents research at national convention

Natalie Shortreed, an Environmental Science and Geoscience major from Janesville, was one of seven students at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater who presented their undergraduate research at the 2025 American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting on March 24 to 28 in Detroit.

Austin Cox, a biology major

from Oconomowoc, Wis., and Sabrina Wolf, an environmental science major from New Lisbon, Wis., placed second in the student remote-sensing category of project presentations. In the same category, Ashton Albrecht, an environmental science major from Sun Prairie, Wis., and Shelby Paluch, an environmental science major from Rolling Meadows, Ill., finished third.

Dozens of students at UW-Whitewater annually engage in undergraduate research, a high-impact practice that gives students the opportunity to apply their knowledge outside of the classroom and dive deeper into their disciplines. Learn more about the university's Undergraduate Research Program at uww.edu/urp.

News briefs

A variety of upcoming events in Orfordville

Orfordville Rummage Sales will be Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3.

The Orfordville Fire Department will be hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast on the morning of May 3 at the Fire Station.

The Parkview FFA Alumni will have their annual spring plant sale during rummage sale days. Stop by and see them at 413 E. Beloit Street. Garden vegetables, annual plants, hanging baskets, and perennials will all be available to purchase.

The Orfordville Lions Club will be hosting a Garden Gnome Scavenger Hunt on Sunday, May 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. on the walking path. The walking path is located in the wooded area behind the Village Hall. Kids can sign up for a prize to be given away at the end.

June Days will be June 6 to 8, with fireworks being on Saturday night.

Village of Albany issues dog license reminder

The Village of Albany would like to remind residents that if they have a dog that is at least six months of age, they are required to get a dog license. These licenses are good for one calendar year and are available for purchase at the Albany Village Hall.

Please bring proof of the

dog's rabies shots. Fees are \$5 per license for spayed/neutered and \$10 for unaltered.

Licenses are now available for 2025, so please stop in at the village office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Friday. There is a limit of two dogs per property.

Electronic recycling, fundraiser in Footville

There will be electronics recycling on May 3 and 4 in Footville, and the Footville Community Park Fundraiser will be held on May 3 and 4.

Plant sale back at Rotary Botanical Gardens

Rotary Botanical Gardens invites the community to bring the beauty of the Gardens home at the Annual Spring Plant Sale, happening May 1 to 3. This highly anticipated sale offers a wide selection of high-quality plants, including heirloom vegetables, unique tomato and pepper varieties, herbs, perennials, woody plants, bagged mushroom compost, obelisks, and more.

On Thursday, May 1, the event is for members only and will be held from 4 to p.m. Non-members can come on Friday, May 2, and Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information on the Spring Plant Sale or to become a member, visit rotarybotanicalgardens.org.

Popular tours back at local botanical gardens

Rotary Botanical Gardens is delighted to announce the return of its popular "What's in Bloom" Tours for the 2025 season. Led by Michael Jesiolowski, Director of Horticulture, these exclusive guided walks offer visitors an opportunity to experience the ever-changing floral displays throughout the growing season.

Each month, attendees will embark on a one-hour tour through the Gardens, exploring seasonal highlights, hidden gems, and the unique plant varieties that make Rotary Botanical Gardens an award-winning destination. Michael will provide expert insights, answer plant-related questions, and offer inspiration for home gardeners looking to cultivate their own stunning landscapes.

The 2025 tour dates are: May 21, June 18, July 23, Aug. 20, and Sept. 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. The location is the Rotary Botanical Gardens, 1455 Palmer Drive, Janesville.

Admission and registration is free for Rotary Botanical Gardens members, so please bring a membership card. It is \$10 for non-members. Space is limited, and advance registration is required.

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THE INDEPENDENT-REGISTER
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Sky Carp welcomes new minority owner

Lance Leipold has been on an inspiring journey, transforming the University of Kansas football team from one of the least competitive in the Big 12 into a squad marked by resilience and success for the upcoming 2025 season.

Currently based in Lawrence, Kansas, Leipold and his wife, Kelly, honor their Wisconsin ties in giving back. Lance Leipold, a native of Jefferson, Wisconsin, and Kelly are now minority owners of the Sky Carp.

Quint and Rishy Studer, the dedicated owners of the Sky Carp and UW-Whitewater graduates, have shared a long-standing friendship with Lance and Kelly since his remarkable days as head coach at Whitewater. There, Leipold achieved an extraordinary record of 109-6, securing six NCAA Division III titles before embarking on a successful journey with the University of Buffalo in 2014. In six seasons with the Bulls, he established a legacy of success, including a record of three consecutive winning seasons. Hired by Kansas in 2021, Leipold has led the Jayhawks to back-to-back bowl games for only the second time in the school's history.

"Rishy and I are absolutely thrilled that Lance and Kelly have decided to join us in owning the Sky Carp," Quint Studer shared. "Our families have been intertwined for years, connecting when Lance was head coach at Whitewater. Each summer, the Leipold's would visit us in Pensacola, Florida. Both our families are deeply passionate about the communities we serve, particularly the Sky Carp



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reading program, which equips hundreds of schools in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois with essential resources to elevate their reading skills," Studer continued. "Our bond remained strong during their time in Buffalo and now in Lawrence. We cherish attending KU games."

Leipold expressed his enthusiasm about joining the Sky Carp. "We've known the Studer's for over a decade," he reflected. "They have been unwavering supporters at every stage of our journey, including in Lawrence. They are like family. While our primary focus is on football in Kansas, we pursued an ownership opportunity that reflects our commitment to the area. The Studer's fully understand that our passion lies with Kansas football, and we are excited to be involved in the local community."

Lance and Kelly will visit the Sky Carp the weekend of May 9, for the game against the Ce-

dar Rapids Kernels, with a meet and greet and press conference, marking yet another exciting chapter in their shared story.

The Beloit Sky Carp are the High-A Affiliate of the Miami Marlins and play their games at ABC Supply Stadium – the heart of the Riverbend District. Get tickets at SkyCarp.com or call the Box Office at 608-362-2272 extension 20.

Follow the Sky Carp on Twitter at @BeloitSkyCarp, on Instagram at @BeloitSkyCarp, on TikTok @BeloitSkyCarp, and Facebook via Beloit Sky Carp.

The Sky Carp journey began as the Beloit Brewers (1982-1994) before becoming the Beloit Snappers (1995-2021). The Riverbend Stadium Authority (RSA), a group of community stakeholders, was formed with the goal of developing a new stadium. In 2021, ownership changed to Quint and Rishy Studer, leading to the name change to Sky Carp. The Studer

family is dedicated to community enhancement, with ongoing stadium upgrades and philanthropic efforts.

Since the grand opening of ABC Supply Stadium in 2021, the Sky Carp have embarked on an exciting journey marked by remarkable success each year, offering family-friendly fun and entertainment to residents across Wisconsin and northern Illinois, situated alongside the scenic Rock River. The magnificent stadium has provided affordable entertainment to over 500,000 residents in both Wisconsin and Illinois. As a High-A affiliate of the prestigious Miami Marlins, the Sky Carp proudly host 66 home games each season. In addition to baseball, the versatile stadium serves as a venue for hundreds of events, becoming a central hub for community engagement.

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Sky Carp take series with 4th straight win

By Josh Flickinger
CONTRIBUTOR

The Sky Carp continued to play outstanding baseball Sunday afternoon as they took home their fourth straight win on April 27 with a tight 4-3 triumph over South Bend.

After dropping the first two games to the Cubs, the Carp triumphed in the final four to even their record at 10-10 on the season.

The Sky Carp jumped on top with a run in the fourth inning on a Garret Forrester single that plated Jay Beshears. Michael Snyder followed with a double to chase Forrester home and make it 2-0.

Jay Beshears doubled home Emaarion Boyd in the fifth to

stake the Carp to a 3-0 advantage, but the Cubs bounced back with two runs in the fifth and one more in the sixth to tie the game.

Forrester struck again in the eighth inning, singling home Beshears with the go-ahead run.

Will Schomberg got the start for the Carp and was terrific, holding the Cubs scoreless in 3 2-3 innings.

Brayan Mendoza (1-1) picked up the win with four innings of one-run ball in relief.

The Sky Carp will now head to Peoria to take on the Chiefs as their 12-game road trip continues. After an off day Monday, the Carp and the Chiefs began the series at 11:05 a.m.

on April 29.

The Sky Carp will make their return to ABC Supply Stadium on Tuesday, May 6 when they take on the Cedar Rapids Kernels. Visit Skycarp.com for tickets.

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