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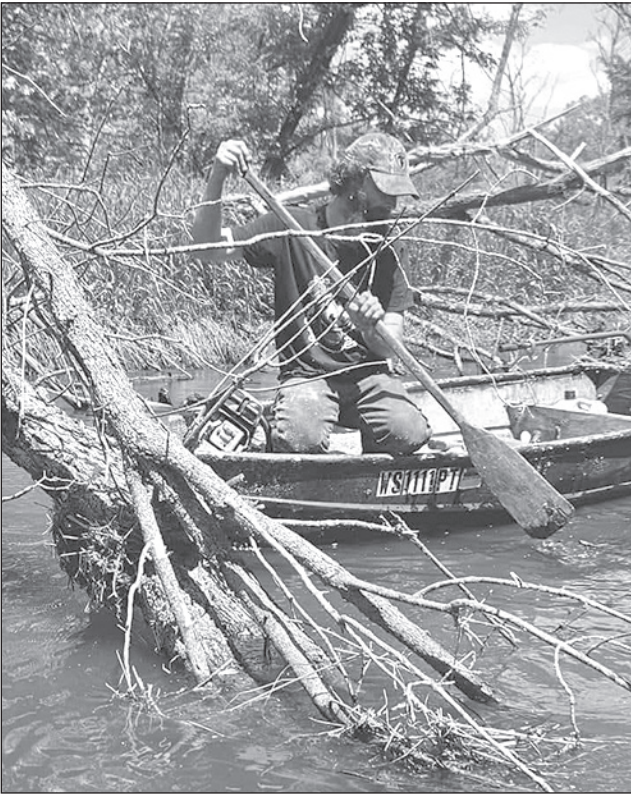
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Volunteers needed to clean up the Sugar River



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Dangerous log jams like these that totally block navigation are made safely passable for paddlers by volunteers.

Do you love the Sugar River? Do you like to see it clean of refuse and not full of trash? Do you like it free of dangerous treefalls and safe for kids to navigate?

If the answer to these questions is yes, then why not come out and join in on Saturday, May 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the annual Sugar River Cleanup. They will have canoes available to use, so basically it's a free canoe trip where all volunteers have to do is pick up trash or clear branches. Shuttle service will be provided.

The Lake Winnetka Sugar River Improvement Association, Inc., will hold its annual Sugar River cleanup in Albany. On May 17 they will meet at 9 a.m. at the Albany American Legion Hall at 300 N. Water St.

The goal is to remove as much garbage as possible from the river and its banks, and also to clear a path through fallen trees that totally block navigation of canoes and create hazards.

Categories of work vary from walking the banks, or riding in canoes, kayaks, or boats and picking up trash or cutting tree branches and handing them to people on shore. Please indicate the category of work one would like to do when registering on the pre-registration page.

Equipment needed is canoes or small boats, chain saws, bow saws, and waders. The association will provide trash bags and local businesses will provide food and refreshments.

Volunteers will get organized at 9 a.m. and begin cleaning up at 10 a.m. or sooner; however, a representative will be on premise at the Legion to direct those who want to come later. Students and scouts can earn community service points by helping out.

Please volunteer help or equipment. Anyone interested can contact them for more information by e-mail at lwsria@aol.com or on the association Facebook page at



This volunteer filled a kayak with trash from the Sugar River in the stretch from Crazy Horse Campgrounds to the Clarence canoe launch near Bluff View.

[Facebook.com/lwsria](https://forms.gle/7X-KrWKfbx1HfvM8N9), or call 773-418-7123 and leave a message including name and phone number and they will return the call.

Organizers also have a pre-registration page where anyone can pick their work category and hours they can work at [https://forms.gle/7X-](https://forms.gle/7X-KrWKfbx1HfvM8N9)

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Come on out and help clean up while enjoying the great outdoors after a long dull winter. Food and refreshments will be served to all volunteers as a token of appreciation. Organizers hope to see many locals there helping clean up.

Blackhawk nursing graduates honored in pinning ceremony

With family, friends and faculty in attendance, 22 nursing students were recognized the evening of Thursday, May 8 at Blackhawk Technical College for successfully completing their two-year nursing degree at a celebratory pin-

ning ceremony.

"This ceremony isn't just about receiving the pin. It is about honoring the journey we've taken to become nurses," said Charnetha Bell-Johnson, Nursing graduate and student speaker.

Charnetha also was honored with the Student Choice Award, sponsored by the Nursing faculty. This award, determined by peer votes, is awarded to the graduate deemed most trustworthy to care for a loved one.

"We aren't just marking the end of nursing school. We are stepping into a profession that demands courage, empathy and excellence. Let this pin be a daily reminder about the responsibility we carry, the lives we'll touch, and the difference we'll make," Charnetha said.

Fellow graduate Breanna Santiago was also recognized for receiving a \$3,000 Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship to study nursing in London this summer.

The event, held in the Conference Center at the Beloit-Janesville Campus, also featured Nursing Instructors Patty Aronson and Mary Mather, who offered words of encouragement and shared advice from their own experiences in the profession. They reminded graduates of the value of community and camaraderie among nurses.

"Your nursing friends will become an indispensable part of your life as nurses," Mary said.

Following their remarks, each graduate participated in the traditional pinning cere-



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Front row from left: Natasha Olson, Tia Burri, Karen Nicholson, Kristi Davis, Kristen Lee, Kristal Hying, Nichole Robertson. Second row: Nikki Lehr, Naudiana Jensen, Lisa Dykstra, Breanna Santiago, Dani Ekhtiari-Hein, Cassandra Weldy, Marissa Drost, Charnetha Bell-Johnson. Third row: Jaclyn Hayes, Carmillia Duling, Jessica Erickson, Jon Powers, Erica King, Megan Ottinger, April Washecheck.



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The new commons floor mat at Albany School.

Albany School District gets big boost from local FFA alumni

By Tony Ends
CORRESPONDENT

Albany FFA Alumni Association members have given \$32,000 to Albany School District.

The funds are refurbishing the district's greenhouse. The donation also provided a new set of floor mats in Albany's kindergarten through 12th grade school building.

Welcoming and Comets logo floor mats are already greeting visitors, students, and staff in the commons area and the main entrance to the school.

The greenhouse project will be completed sometime this

summer, according to Albany School Superintendent Kurt Soderberg.

Jeff McNeely, president, and Kelly Dunphy, vice president, lead the local Albany's chapter of the Future Farmers of America. Albany FFA is part of a national youth agricultural preparatory and leadership formation organization that is approaching its 100th anniversary.

The Albany FFA alumni members host an annual fund-raising event, McNeely and Dunphy said in a joint statement about the donation to the

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Innovator summit will come to Janesville

Contour Consulting in partnership with Forward Janesville and Cambian Solutions, is proud to announce the launch of a new professional development opportunity that will be hosted at the Janesville Performing Arts Center on June 17 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This workshop, titled the Inside Innovator Summit, will bring best-selling author Louis Gump to the Rock County area to facilitate a discussion surrounding intrapreneurship, the concept of inspiring employees to behave like entrepreneurs in the workplace. Louis Gump is an award-winning industry leader who has experience working with powerhouse companies such as CNN, Cox Media, and the Weather Channel. His book, *The Inside Innovator*, is a best-seller.

The Inside Innovator Summit is hosted by Contour Consulting, led by Forward Janesville Entrepreneur of the Year, Kelsey Paasch. It will be hosted by Paasch and Business Coach and local Intrapreneur, Nathan Burkart, along with Gump from Cambian Solutions. The presenting sponsor for the event is Quint and Rishy Studer who continue to invest in the local community by supporting local non-profit initiatives and development activities. For-

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The Inside Innovator Summit is a day-long event that will provide solutions to the Rock's entrepreneurship, the concept of the workplace.

“We’re excited to bring world-class talent to Janesville,” said Kelsey Paasch, founder of Contour Consulting. “Hosting Louis Gump, with his extensive leadership experi-

ence at CNN and Cox Media, represents our belief that Janesville businesses deserve the same caliber of training found in major metropolitan areas, eliminating barriers to growth for local organizations.”

Tickets for the summit can be purchased online by visiting the event page on Contour

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Author Louis Gump from Cam-
scussion surrounding intra-
village like entrepreneurs in the

Consulting's website: Inside
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sponsorship packages are avail-
able by contacting events@
contourconsulting.com. Tick-
ets are limited in availability,
and businesses and individuals
wishing to participate should
reach out as soon as possible

News briefs

Job fair on May 21 at Rock County Job Center

An in-person job fair is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Rock County Job Center located at 1717 Center Ave. in Janesville. The event will have 20 employers from Rock County and the surrounding area with a reported 250+ job openings.

Individuals may update and print their resumes in the Resource Room prior to the event. For a list of employers, please visit: <https://wisconsinjobcenter.org/events/>. Individuals having questions can email: DETWDA11BusinessServices@dwd.wisconsin.gov.

Albany gives notice about noxious weeds

Notice is hereby given to each and every person who owns, occupies, or controls land in the Village of Albany, County of Green, State of Wisconsin, to cut or destroy all Canada thistle and marijuana that is not to be grown or cultivated for lawful commercial purposes, as well as English Charlock or Wild Mustard, Field Bindweed, commonly known as "Creeping Jenny", Goatsbeard, Quack or Quitch grass, and harmful Barberry, filed Dodder, Indian Mustard, Oxeye, Snapdragon or Butter and Eggs, perennial Sow Thistle and leafy Spurge, on all lands occupied or controlled by the resident in said village, at such time and in such manner as shall effectively prevent them from bearing seed or spreading to adjoining property, as required by Section 66.0407 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Adopt a Flower Pot in Orfordville before June

Orfordville is holding their Adopt a Flower Pot again. Help beautify the village by sponsored a flower pot. The flower pots will be displayed on prominent street corners and in the local parks.

There is no need to worry about upkeep. Simply sponsor a pot for \$25 by filling out a form. Please return the form to the Village of Orfordville with a \$25 sponsor fee before June 2 to participate.

Sponsors will be mentioned in an appreciation post on Facebook, and will also be provided with a certificate of appreciation.

Green County Amateur Radio meeting May 17

The Green County Amateur Radio meeting will be held on May 17 at 9 a.m. in Monroe Fire Station Number 1, 601 W. 17th Street, Monroe. All interested and Licensed Amateurs are welcome. Use side door. For more information, call 608-558-0629, Craig Zentner.

Clean Sweep on June 28 for hazardous chemicals

The Clean Sweep drop-

offs for hazardous household and farm chemicals will be in Beloit on Saturday, June 28, and Janesville on Saturday, Aug. 23.

Drop-off events are open to all Rock County residents. Space is limited so advance registration is required by calling the Rock County Land Conservation Department at 608-757-5588. Acceptable wastes include pesticides, mercury, solvents, oil-gas mixes, old gasoline, and contaminated vehicle fluids to name a few. No latex paint, motor oil, electronics, or batteries as all can be recycled locally. Information on what to save for Clean Sweep and what to do with common household chemicals are all at the Rock County Clean Sweep website at www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/land-conservation/clean-sweep, or can be mailed by request.

Rates for household, non-ag chemicals: \$5 for one small five quart pail

one small five quart box of items; up to two boxes/5-gallon buckets of items are \$10 each; three boxes or 5-gallon buckets is \$40 for all; vendor rates apply for more than four boxes/buckets. County residents can get free disposal for up to 200 pounds or 30 gallons of agricultural chemicals with inventory required in advance.

Bring unknown items to show and tell on May 20
The Albany Historical Society presents "Show and Tell" on Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m.

Have an item that has an interesting story? Have an unknown item? Bring the

item or items to this program. Come see what items others have brought.

All are welcome and there is no charge. The program follows a brief general meeting.

The museum is located at 119 North Water Street in Albany. Call or text 608-214-8289 with questions.

Join Community Action in celebrating 60 years

Community Action, Inc. of Rock and Walworth Counties is hosting a special event. Join them for CAI's 60th Anniversary Celebration and Community Cook-out on May 24, at 11 a.m. at Telfer Park.

It will be a day of fun, food, and festivities.

Please register and secure a free ticket. This event is open to the public, so please feel free to register any guests.

Walk for MS event on May 18 in Janesville

The Walk for MS will be held on Sunday, May 18. The site will open at 9 a.m., with the ceremony held at 9:50 a.m., and then the walk kickoff time will be at 10 a.m. The event will take place at Palmer Park, 2105 Palmer Drive, in Janesville. There will be an after party at Sidelines Pub and Grill immediately following.



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The annual bike ride will feature a tour of the northwestern parks of Rock County this year.

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The Friends of Rock County Parks are hosting their Annual Bike Ride on Saturday, May 17, from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. They are featuring a tour of the northwestern parks of Rock County this year.

The ride begins and ends at Gibbs Lake County Park at 9103 West Gibbs Lake Road in Janesville. Participants can choose from different routes, ranging from 14 to 77 miles, traveling on low-traffic roads and visiting up to six parks, depending on the selected route. Registration is \$25 per person or \$40 per family. Anyone interested can register online at BikeSignup or on the day of the race.

An emergency sag wagon will be on standby, and cue sheets and maps will be provided.

Restrooms and snacks will be available at the following

parks:

- Gibbs Lake County Park
 - Magnolia Bluff County Park
 - Rock River Heritage County Park
- Restrooms are also available at:
- Murwin County Park
 - Evansville’s Lake Leota Park
 - Indianford County Park

Friends of Rock County Parks serves as the umbrella organization for Rock County Parks. They promote and support all parks, acting as the “friends” of those without dedicated groups. Their efforts include providing financial assistance and volunteer support.

For any inquiries, please reach out to Carl Lange, President of Friends of Rock County Parks, at 414-350-4935.

Local humane society receives investment

The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin is set to receive a \$40,000 grant investment from national nonprofit Petco Love in support of their lifesaving work for pets in Southern Wisconsin.

Petco Love is a national nonprofit leading change for pets by harnessing the power of love to make communities and pet families closer, stronger, and healthier. Since its founding in 1999, Petco Love has invested nearly \$410 million in adoption and other lifesaving efforts. And Petco Love helps find loving homes for pets in partnership with Petco and more than 4,000 organizations across North America, with nearly 7 million pets adopted and counting.

“Our investment in the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin is part of more than \$12M in investments recent-

ly announced by Petco Love to power local organizations across the country as part of our commitment to create a future in which no pet is unnecessarily euthanized,” said Susanne Kogut, president of Petco Love. “Our local investments are only part of our strategy to empower animal lovers to drive lifesaving change right alongside us. We launched Petco Love Lost, a free national lost and found database that uses photo-matching technology to simplify the search for lost pets.”

“Petco Love’s investment in our organization means that we are not only able to continue helping pets go home, but helping them stay home too. This investment supports our efforts to help provide the care for our community that our community desperately needs – low-cost vet care, access to pet food, and

more,” said Kaitie Swedlund, Shelter Services Director of The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin.

The Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin is a nonprofit organization that is dedicated to helping pets go home again in the Southern Wisconsin region. Since 1910, the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin has listened closely to the local community to develop programs to meet their needs, maintained a healthy no-kill status for more than a decade, and remained focused on serving the pets and the people that love them all over the Southern Wisconsin region.

For more information about the Humane Society of Southern Wisconsin, visit PetsGoHome.org. Learn more about Petco Love here: petcolove.org.

Carp comeback falls just short

By Josh Flickinger
BELOIT SKY CARP

The Sky Carp came up just short of their third straight series victory Sunday afternoon, falling 6-5 to the Cedar Rapids Kernels.

A fantastic Mother’s Day crowd at sun-splashed ABC Supply Stadium watched the Carp nearly rally from a 5-1 deficit to defeat the Kernels.

Cedar Rapids plated four runs in the top of the first inning, but the Sky Carp pecked away at the lead, scoring one in the

first, two in the third and one in the fourth to cut the deficit to 5-4.

The teams traded runs, with the Kernels scoring once in the fifth and the Carp answering with a run in the sixth before both teams were held scoreless in the final three frames.

The Sky Carp bullpen was again outstanding, throwing six 1-3 innings and allowing just one unearned run. Gabe Bierman went the first one 1-3 in relief of Will Schomberg (0-4), while Brayan Mendoza (four innings) and Holt Jones

(one inning) finished it out.

The Carp’s offense was again an effective unit, picking up nine hits. Payton Green, Gage Miller and Eric Rataczak each finished with two hits to pace the attack.

The Carp will now travel to Grand Chute to take on the Wisconsin Timber Rattlers for six games. The team will return home to face Quad Cities, with the first game starting at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20.

Visit Skycarp.com for tickets.

College news

Brooklyn student named to Knox College Dean’s List for 2025 winter term

AnMarie Armstrong of Brooklyn has been named to the Knox College Dean’s List of distinguished students for the 2025 Winter Term. To be named to the Dean’s List, a student must have earned at least 2.5 credits in the term, with a grade point average of 3.6 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Founded in 1837, Knox College is a national liberal arts college in Galesburg, Ill. Knox enrolls students from nearly every state and more than 50 countries and is one of the Colleges That Change Lives. Knox’s “Old Main” is a National Historic Landmark and the only building remaining from the 1858 Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Janesville student a

leader in UWW student government in 2024-25

Zaib Khan, a biology major from Janesville at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, was part of Whitewater Student Government during the 2024-25 academic year.

Khan served in the role of Associate Director of Student Affairs for WSG, a student-led organization that works to advocate for students and improve life on campus.

Responsibilities of the WSG including legislation, student advocacy, and programming, including sexual assault prevention education and sustainability on campus. WSG is part of the university’s shared governance groups, which also include the Faculty Senate, University Staff Council, and Academic Staff Assembly. Each group meets monthly and selects

liaisons to each of the other groups.

Beloit student earns all-conference in track and field at UWW

Kobe Chandler, a physical education major from Beloit, was one of 20 members of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater track and field program who combined to collect 25 all-conference accolades at the 2025 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships on May 2 to 3 in Oshkosh.

Overall, the men’s team finished fourth with a total of 121 team points and the women’s team finished fifth overall with 97 team points. Over the two days, UW-Whitewater took five individual titles, two runner-ups, and eight third-place finishes.

Grants awarded to over 150 causes, nonprofits

In its first community grant cycle of the year, Alliant Energy and the Alliant Energy Foundation awarded over \$715,000 to various causes and nonprofits across Iowa and Wisconsin.

“Alliant Energy and the Alliant Energy Foundation build stronger communities by supporting organizations in the communities we serve,” said Andy Kitslaar, executive director of the Alliant Energy Foundation. “Our intentional approach is guided by serving our customers through focused areas of giving and our community grants help advance short and long-term goals of nonprofit partners. The passion Alliant Energy has for customers can be directly seen through the work of our Foundation and we are thrilled to provide 158 organizations with support so far this year.”

All community grant recipients seek to make an impact

in Alliant Energy’s four focus areas: Community safety and engagement, environmental stewardship, workforce readiness, and hunger and housing.

• Community safety and engagement: Improvements for emergency services and over \$114,000 in grants covered 33 communities for many first response organizations including police and fire/EMS departments as they plan for vital new or upgraded equipment. Support will also be provided to initiatives that bring communities together such as special events like fairs and building playgrounds.

• Hunger and housing: Clothing, household needs, as well as food pantry support including food delivery and meal outreach programs were awarded over \$102,000 in grants in 20 communities. Organizations focused on emergency shelter support, transi-

tion and permanent housing, and transportation were also included in these grant opportunities.

• Environmental stewardship: Protecting wildlife spaces and planting trees and prairies - including creating and protecting habitats - received grants of over \$355,000 in nine communities. Alliant Energy also supports public education, workshops and school programs focused on environmental issues, endangered species and wildlife protection, as well as updated park and trail projects.

• Workforce readiness: To aid in the development of a solid workforce and attract future employees, over \$140,000 in grants were awarded to 25 communities for youth agriculture programs, school gardens, farm education and innovation, as well as libraries and bookmobiles, STEM programming, workshops, and festivals.



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Celebrating mothers during story time



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It was all about Mother’s Day last week at Albertson Memorial Library’s preschool story time. “Are You My Mother” by PD Eastman held the attention of all the preschoolers and the activities all centered around this book. A maze worksheet helped the youngsters find the mother bird, and geometric shapes turned into the mother bird. Then the preschoolers used these geometric shapes to put together their own mama bird. Next week will be the last of the preschool story times until next fall. Mother’s Day was so successful, it’s logical to read some books about Father’s Day. And especially important, since story time doesn’t meet in June. The book list for this day includes “Dad, Are You the Tooth Fairy?” and “I love my Daddy Because...” The preschoolers will get out their fingerprints again and work on a heart stencil that could become a Father’s Day card. On June 3 will be the Summer Library program: “Color Our World.” Four- to six-year-olds should come to the library at 10 a.m. for age-appropriate activities and school agers’ grades two through five will meet at 1 p.m.

•Nursing (Continued from front page)

mony – a rite of passage with roots tracing back to Florence Nightingale in the 1860s. Inspired by the Red Cross of St. George medal she received from Queen Victoria, Nightingale began presenting medals to her students, a practice that evolved into the pinning ceremonies held at nursing programs around the world today. At Blackhawk, graduates select a loved one to present their pin. Students also recited the Nightingale Pledge, a commitment to uphold their profession with care and dedication, similar to the Hippocratic Oath taken by physicians. Many of these new nurses have already secured positions serving patients in a wide

range of healthcare settings, including labor and delivery, emergency departments, hospice care, geriatric psychiatry, intensive care units, cardiovascular care and acute care facilities. Congratulations to the May 2025 Nursing Graduates: Charnetha Bell-Johnson, Tia Burri, Kristi Davis, Marissa Drost, Carmillia Duling, Lisa Dykstra, Dani Ekhtiari-Hein, Jessica Erickson, Naudiana Jenson, Jaclyn Hayes, Kristal Hying, Erica King, Kristen Lee, Nikki Lehr, Karen Nicholson, Natasha Olson, Megan Ottinger, Jon Powers, Nichole Robertson, Breanna Santiago, April Washecheck, and Cassandra Weldy.

•Alumni (Continued from front page)

school district. Money raised at that event is distributed to Albany FFA members in many ways. The funds support activities, such as conferences, speaking events, and conventions. The benefit proceeds also help Albany student FFA participants defray FFA jacket expenses and cover other costs. “These projects are another opportunity to continue to support the FFA kids, the FFA advisor, Albany School, and the Albany Community, which is our mission,” McNeely and Dunphy stated. “Having a functional greenhouse helps students understand and learn where food comes from and the impor-

Botanical gardens expand youth camps with new grant funding

Rotary Botanical Gardens is excited to announce that, thanks to additional funding, two more youth summer camps will be offered in 2025 – further enriching their expanding lineup of youth educational programs. These grants, including continued support from the Janesville Morning Rotary Club, help ensure families have access to creative, engaging, and nature-focused experiences that inspire the next generation of garden stewards. This year’s lineup features dynamic summer camps, all supported in part by Janesville Morning Rotary funding.

Literacy Camp: Garden Quest – Stories in Bloom

Literacy camp takes place July 29 to 31, from 9 a.m. to noon, and is intended for children ages 5 to 8. The event is facilitated by Edie Baran of ArtSpark Productions, supported by Kim Lewis, RBG Education Specialist

This three-day, movement-based literacy camp blends storytelling, creative dramatics, and nature exploration. Children will learn to bring stories to life using voice, movement, and imagination, all while discovering the wonders of the Gardens.

Through re-telling stories, creating characters, and exploring self-expression, campers will build confidence and a deeper connection to the natural world.

Water Exploration Adventure

The Water Exploration Adventure event takes place on July 12, from 9 a.m. to noon, and is intended for children ages 9 to 12. The event is facilitated by Dave Bendlin, Naturalist and former teacher, as well as supported by Kim Lewis, RBG Education Specialist.

Children will dive into the aquatic side of the Gardens – literally and figuratively – as they explore the koi pond, north shore fishing area, and nearby stream habitats. This hands-on adventure includes catch-and-release fishing, wildlife netting, and water-based exploration, capped off with an optional swim at Lions Beach. The camp provides a fun and educational look at freshwater ecosystems, giving participants a greater appreciation for aquatic life.

Why these programs matter to education

These new camps are part

of Rotary Botanical Gardens’ strategic effort to expand youth and family programming. Each camp fills unique gaps in traditional garden education by integrating literacy, performance arts, and environmental science into a nature-based experience. The support from the Janesville Morning Rotary Club is critical in helping RBG keep programming accessible, enriching, and centered on community. Through their investment, children gain opportunities to create, explore, and learn in an environment that fosters growth, imagination, and connection to the natural world. For registration and details about the camp and the full lineup of 2025 youth programs, please visit www.rotarybotanicalgardens.org. Rotary Botanical Gardens is a 20-acre, award-winning non-profit botanical garden located in Janesville, featuring 20 themed garden spaces and more than 4,000 plant varieties. Committed to horticultural excellence, conservation, and community engagement, the Gardens offer dynamic programming for all ages, fostering learning, creativity, and a deeper connection to the natural world.



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Visitors, families, students, and staff are being welcomed into Albany School this spring with new floor mats in the main entrance, seen here, and commons thanks to a donation from Albany FFA Alumni Association. Important dates upcoming include: Wednesday, May 21, Senior Awards Night (7 p.m.); Friday, May 23, Graduation Ceremony (7 p.m.); Saturday, May 24, Class of 2025 Albany Alumni Association Scholarship Banquet (6 p.m.).



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Graduates of Blackhawk Technical College's Dental Assistant and Dental Hygienist programs were recognized on the morning of Friday, May 9 during a pinning ceremony held on the Beloit-Janesville Campus. Both groups will also participate in Blackhawk's upcoming Commencement Ceremony on May 17.

"The education that you've received in this program, the degrees and credentials that you have earned, are keys that will open doors that will change your lives," said Lisa Johnson, Dental Hygienist instructor.

Nine students completed the Dental Hygienist program, which prepares graduates for licensure through written and clinical examinations overseen by the State Dentistry Examining Board and the American Dental Association's Joint Commission. During the ceremony, several students were recognized for outstanding achievement:

Lexi Graber received the Dental Hygienist Rising Star Award for demonstrating exceptional growth throughout the program.

Maddy Byrne earned the Golden Scaler Award for exhibiting remarkable skill and talent in clinical practice.

Abbey Bauer was recognized as a recipient of a scholarship from the Wisconsin Hospital Association.

Fifteen graduates from Blackhawk's Dental Assistant program were also celebrated at the event.

"Many of you overcame obstacles during your time at Blackhawk," said Kristin Ziegler, Dental Assistant Instructor. "Together, we've met

“Many of you overcame obstacles during your time at Blackhawk.”

– Dental Assistant Instructor, Kritin Ziegler

those challenges head-on and succeeded in preparing highly skilled graduates ready to make a difference.”

Congratulations to the following Dental Hygienist graduates: Rachel Bailey of Janesville, Abbey Bauer of Milton, Maddy Byrne of Janesville, Lexi Graber of Monticello, Tess Nafzger of Monroe, Julia Pyles of Johnsbury, Ill., Kylie Redman of Orfordville, Stephanie Stettin, and Stephanie Von Obstfelder.

Congratulations to the following Dental Assistant graduates: Emma Beutin of Milton, Grace Brown of Williams Bay, Emma Cary of Sharon, Natalia Castillo Perez of Beloit, Rama Chennamaneni of Sun Prairie, Madeline Inman of Avalon, Elizabeth McQuality of Elkhorn, Samantha Nabar of Wisconsin Dells, Allison Notbohm of Fort Atkinson, Olivia Pohlmeier of Lake Geneva, Bobbi Prehn of Woodstock, Ill., Riley Robinson of Delavan, Payton Teubert of Milton, Nanci Turrubiates of Beloit, and Kaelyn Whitehead of Milton.

To learn more about the Dental Assistant program, visit blackhawk.edu/dentalassistant.

To learn more about the Dental Hygienist program, visit blackhawk.edu/dentalhygienist.



Dental assistant graduates, from left: Samantha Nabar, Olivia Pohlmeier, Rama Chennamaneni, Payton Teubert, Kaelyn Whitehead, Natalia Castillo Perez, Emma Cary, Nanci Turrubiates, Bobbi Prehn, Allison Notbohm, Emma Beutin, Grace Brown, Elizabeth McQuality, Madeline Inman, Riley Robinson.



Dental hygienist program graduates, from left: Stephanie Van Obstfelder, Rachel Bailey, Stephanie Stettin, Madelyn Byrne, Abbey Bauer, Tess Nafzger, Julia Pyles, Lexi Graber, Kylie Redman.

Blackhawk's radiography graduates recognized in pinning ceremony



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Front row, from left: Jacquelyn Lopez, Taylor Carnes, Tessa Papcke, Adrianna Herrera, Haley Arneson, Mallory Miller, Alyssa Carmichael, Alicia Brunton. Second row: Tessa Bauman, Maggie Becker, Adam Dazey, Ezekiel Tishler, Sean O'Donnell, Kristin Gehrke, Ashley Camling.

In celebration of the completion of their degree, 15 radiography students were recognized on the afternoon of Friday, May 9 with a pinning ceremony on Blackhawk Technical College's Beloit-Janesville Campus.

"We always made sure to push each other and support each other through these last two years through fears and tears. I'm so proud of everyone making it to today. All I can see is amazing and bright futures ahead for every one of us," said Haley Arneson, student speaker.

Other speakers at the event included John Ursem, Radiography instructor, Mike Vingers, Staff Technologist at SSM Health, Katie Church, Radiography Program Clinical Coordinator, and Ali Liezert-Dale, Radiography

Program Director.

"There are times in the field when you will witness the sad, the bad and the ugly. But there also will be joy, the wonderful and the beautiful," Ali told the graduates.

Blackhawk's Radiography program is a 62-credit associate degree course that trains students to use X-ray imaging machines to demonstrate body parts on X-ray for diagnostic purposes, including diagnostic radiology, bedside and trauma procedures, pediatric radiography, and special procedures.

Congratulations to the following graduates: Haley Arneson of Monroe, Tessa Bauman of Elkhorn, Maggie Becker of Beloit, Alicia Brunton of Monroe, Ashley Camling of Oregon, Alyssa Carmichael of Rockford, Taylor Carnes

of Belleville, Adam Dazey of Rockford, Kristin Gehrke of Verona, Adrianna Herrera of Beloit, Jackie Lopez, Mallory Miller of Janesville, Collin O'Donnell of Sharon, Tessa Papcke of Delavan, and Ezekiel Tishler of Evansville.

Learn more about the Radiography program at blackhawk.edu/radiography.

Blackhawk will hold two main commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 17, at The Dream Center, 2460 Milwaukee Road, Beloit. The 9 a.m. ceremony will include graduates from Blackhawk's University Transfer, Business, and Manufacturing, Apprenticeship, Technology and Transportation division programs. The 11:30 a.m. ceremony will include graduates from Health and Public Safety programs.



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Shake Rag Alley Center for the Arts will kick off the fifth year of the Alley Stage Reading Series on Sunday, June 8. This season's playwrights include Phil Darg of Maple Grove, Minn., Richard Conlon of Wheaton, Ill., and Robert Lynn of Dubuque, Iowa.

Under the artistic direction of playwright Marcia Jablonski, the Alley Stage Reading Series highlights the voices of Midwestern writers, focusing on the creative ecosystem of the Driftless Area, and provides a unique opportunity for playwrights to share their works-in-progress and receive valuable feedback with a staged reading and talkback session at the intimate outdoor theater Alley Stage. Besides being fun to watch, a staged reading is an important way a playwright can get important feedback from an audience and determine what their next steps are with the script. This helps Shake Rag Alley fulfill a key part of its mission: cultivating the creativity that thrives in our rural community.

Each of the staged readings will take place at 4 p.m. on Sundays, followed by a talkback and reception at the Art Cafe. Rain space is the Sardeson Studio at 220 Commerce St. in Mineral Point. More information and tickets available at <https://shakeragalley.org/alley-stage/>



Phil Darg

June 8: AI Gore Rhythm by Phil Darg

In the future, AI will do everything for us ... except make us happy. AI Gore Rhythm explores the current trajectory of humanity's relationship with technology – specifically, the deeper integration of computer tech into daily life, the explosion of AI-generated content, and the ever more sophisticated software algorithms that increasingly affect the many aspects of human existence.

Phil Darg is the author of many plays and musicals including: Sasquatched! The Musical (NYMF 2013 Next Link); The Pound: A Musical for the Dogs (2017 Theatre Now New York Sound Bites); The ABC's of LGBT at the Rainbow Valley B 'n' B (winner, 2020 Robert J. Pickering Award); The Diary of Anya Drozdova (O'Neill semi-finalist, 2023; Judith Royer Excellence in Playwriting Award, finalist); Evolution (winner, 2018 William Faulkner Literary Competition); Hyard Ed (finalist, B Street Theatre, 2019); Thespius (finalist, 2020 Tennessee Williams One-Act Play Contest; Hero (Alternative Theater, New York); Facility (2017 William Inge); "Til Death (Darkhorse Dramatists).

Aug. 17: One Time by Richard Conlon

Sometimes it takes a lifetime of stories to tell the story of a lifetime. Unrequited love, religious epiphanies, posing in the nude, an abusive marriage, and the secret powers of nuns ... these are just some of the stories Sonia and Mason tell



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Last year, Shake Rag Alley Center held events on the alley stage. This will be the fifth year of the Alley Stage Reading Series.

each other from their individual lives. Now, can they complete the story of a common past they once shared more than three decades earlier?

Richard Conlon is a proud Lifetime Member of the Dramatists Guild and Resident Playwright Alum at Chicago Dramatists where his social satire, 7 Minutes to Live, received an extended-run world premiere last August. Kerry Reid of the Chicago Reader called it: "Highly entertaining, funny, sexy, action-packed" with "whip-smart dialogue" and "the edgy, high-talent ingredients Chicago storefront theatre is famous for." He is an O'Neill Semi-Finalist, and was selected as a 2020 Kennedy Center Playwright. Richard's work has won several awards and been published by Next Stage Press, Eldridge Publishing, Smith and Kraus, and Flowersong Press. His sci-fi play Memory, Speak was produced in April in Otherworld Theatre's Paragon Festival in Chicago. Earlier this year, he was selected to create a new play as part of "Uncovered Scenes from Ukraine". The play, A Harvest Truth, was awarded The Vinnytsia Citation by the Festival Producer and Ukrainian Jurors.

Sept. 7: Stop the Monsanity! by Robert Lynn

Written to be performed by one man and one woman, this political comedy can be performed by up to seven actors. Elise has been promoted to spokesperson for the largest social justice non-profit in the country. Her husband Michael has just learned that his job as publicist will now be limited to only one client – Monsanto. This puts the couple at odds as they try to negotiate their new lives, complicated by divorced next door neighbor Kyle, who has his eyes on Elise, Michael's clueless assistant Darcy, Michael's unforgiving boss, Joan, Elise's steadfast boss Sage, and a mysterious corporate insider who taunts Michael.

Robert Lynn's Christ-

mas-themed comedy, The Regifters won the New American Comedy Festival and is published by Heuer Publishing, as is his comedy With Friends Like These. His play, The Stupid Economy, was performed at the United Solo Artists Festival at Theatre Row (NYC) in 2013. Mother's Wishes was the winner of the Aloha Performing Arts Center's 24th Original Play Festival (Kealahou, HI) and a finalist in the Reva Shiner Comedy Award. His play, The Back Porch Test, was voted audience favorite in the Lakeside Players Theatre 10-minute Play Festival (White Bear Lake, MN) in June, 2017, The Coriolis Effect was performed in 2018, and Like Crazy was voted audience favorite in 2019. He was twice named a finalist for the Midwest Dramatists Conference. He is a member of the Dramatists' Guild of America, Inc.

Upcoming events and workshops

The Kao Kalia Yang Book Reading will be May 16 at Lind Pavilion. Kick off the 9th Annual Mining Your Stories Writing Retreat with a visit from Kao Kalia Yang reading from her NEA Big Read The Late-homecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir. Yang's visit is part of our Big Read programming. Join in at the Lind Pavilion at 411 Commerce St. in Mineral Point at 6 p.m. Free and open to the public.

The Faculty Reading and Open Mic will be May 17 at Republic of Letters Books. Join faculty from the Mining Your

Stories Writing Retreat, including Rebecca Jamieson, Sheree L. Greer, Raki Kopernik, and C. Kubasta, for a night of sharing at Republic of Letters Books at 151 High St. in Mineral Point at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public.

Makers and Shakers Art Party: Pink Eraser Block Printing will be held May 21 at Lind Pavilion. Join in for a night of making art using pink erasers. Attendees will learn how to sketch and carve designs into erasers, then ink and stamp them onto paper. The carved designs can be used to make tiny art prints, greeting cards, gift tags, for art journaling, and more. Bring carving tools, though they will have some available for use. All other materials are provided. Project fee is \$5.

The Tour of Fairy Homes will be held June 7 at Shake Rag Alley. Stroll the magical grounds at Shake Rag Alley to see original fairy homes and all sort of fairy fun. In addition to the special fairy homes hidden about campus, they'll have fairy house and cookie workshops, and more surprises in store! There is a \$5 admission for guests 12 and over, while 11 and under are free. Join in for this fun family-friendly event and fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information and updates throughout the year, see please www.ShakeRagAlley.org, call 608-987-3292, subscribe to twice-monthly e-newsletters and follow Shake Rag Alley on Facebook and Instagram.

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN,
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GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER
OF THE ESTATE OF
MARY M. PRIBBLE

Notice Setting Time to Hear
Application and Deadline for
Filing Claims
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025PR24

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal
administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date
of birth 11/24/1942 and date of
death 02/01/2025 was domiciled
in Green County, State of Wis-
consin, with a mailing address
of W360 Rock Hill Road, Brod-
head, WI 53520.
3. The application will be
heard at the Green County Jus-
tice Center County Courthouse,
2841 6th Street, Monroe, Wis-
consin, Branch 2, before Hon.
Jane E. Bucher, on June 10,
2025 at 11:30 a.m.
You do not need to appear
unless you object. The appli-
cation may be granted if there
is no objection.
4. The deadline for filing a
claim against the decedent's es-
tate is August 4, 2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the
Green County Justice Center
County Courthouse, 2841 6th
Street, Monroe, Wisconsin.
6. This publication is notice to
any persons whose names or
address are unknown.
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accommodations due to a dis-
ability 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 transpor-
tation. Please check with person
named below for exact time and
date.
DATE SIGNED:
April 24, 2025

Electronically signed by
Jane Bucher
Circuit Court Judge

Form completed by:
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Janesville, WI 53545

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Public nuisance declared. The
Common Council finds that
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weeds on lots or parcels of
land within the City of Brodhead
which exceed eight inches in
length adversely affect the pub-
lic health and safety of the
public in that they tend to emit
pollen and other discomforting
bits of plants, constitute a fire
hazard and a safety hazard in
that debris can be hidden in the
grass, interfere with the pub-
lic convenience and adversely
affect property values of other
land within the City. For that
reason, grass or weeds on a lot
or other parcel of land which ex-
ceeds eight inches in length is
hereby declared to be a public
nuisance, except for property
located in a designated flood-
plain area and/or wetland area
or where the lawn, grass or
weed is part of a native land-
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TOWN OF JEFFERSON

Notice is hereby given
that the Open Book for the
Town of Jefferson, Green
County, WI, will be held on
May 21, 2025. The assessor
will be available at the Juda
Community Center from
11am-1pm.

Notice is hereby given that the
Board of Review for the Town
of Jefferson, Green County,
WI, shall hold its meeting on
May 28, 2025, from 6-8 pm at
the Juda Community Center.

Please be advised of the
following requirements to
appear before the board of

review and procedural re-
quirements if appearing be-
fore the board:

1. *No person will be allowed
to appear before the board of
review, to testify to the board
by telephone, or to contest the
amount of any assessment of
real or personal property if the
person has refused a reason-
able written request by certi-
fied mail of the assessor to en-
ter onto property to conduct an
exterior view of such property
being assessed.
2. After the first meeting of the
board of review and before
the board's final adjournment,
no person who is scheduled
to appear before the board of
review may contact or provide
information to a member of
the board about the person's
objection, except at a session
of the board. Open book shall
occur no less than 7 days prior
to the board of review.
3. The board of review may
not hear an objection to the
amount or valuation of prop-
erty unless, at least 48 hours
before the board's first sched-
uled meeting, the objector
provides to the board's clerk
written or oral notice of an in-
tent to file an objection, except
that upon a showing of good
cause and the submission of
a written objection, the board
shall waive that requirement
during the first 2 hours of the
board's first scheduled meet-
ing, and the board may waive
that requirement up to the end
of the 5th day of the session or
up to the end of the final day
of the session if the session is
less than 5 days with proof of
extraordinary circumstances
for failure to meet the 48-hour
notice requirement and failure
to appear before the board of
review during the first 2 hours
of the first scheduled meeting.
4. Objections to the amount or
valuation of property shall first
be made in writing and filed
with the clerk of the board of
review within the first 2 hours
of the board's first scheduled
meeting, except that, upon evi-
dence of extraordinary circum-
stances, the board may waive
that requirement up to the end
of the 5th day of the session or
up to the end of the final day
of the session if the session is
less than 5 days. The board
may require objections to the
amount or valuation of prop-
erty to be submitted on forms
approved by the Department

of Revenue, and the board
shall require that any forms in-
clude stated valuations of the
property in question. Persons
who own land and improve-
ments to that land may object
to the aggregate valuation of
that land and improvements to
that land, but no person who
owns land and improvements
to that land may object only
to the valuation of that land
or only to the valuation of im-
provements to that land. No
person may be allowed in any
action or proceedings to ques-
tion the amount or valuation of
property unless the written ob-
jection has been filed and that
person in good faith present-
ed evidence to the board in
support of the objections and
made full disclosure before
the board, under oath, of all of
that person's property liable to
assessment in the district and
the value of that property. The
requirement that objections be
in writing may be waived by
express action of the board.
5. When appearing before the
board of review, the objecting
person shall specify in writing
the person's estimate of the
value of the land and of the im-
provements that are the sub-
ject of the person's objection
and specify the information
that the person used to arrive
at that estimate.
6. No person may appear before
the board of review, testify to
the board by telephone, or ob-
ject to a valuation if that val-
uation was made by the asses-
sor or the objector using the
income method of valuation,
unless no later than 7 days
before the first meeting of the
board of review the person
supplies the assessor with all
the information about income
and expenses, as specified in
the assessor's manual under
s. 3.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that
the assessor requests. The
Town of Jefferson has an ordi-
nance for the confidentiality of
information about income and
expenses that is provided to
the assessor under this para-
graph that provides exceptions
for persons using information
in the discharge of duties im-
posed by law or the duties of
their officer or by order of a
court. The information that is
provided under this paragraph,
unless a court determines be-
fore the first meeting of the
board of review that it is in-
accurate, is not subject to the
right of inspection and copying

under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. Stats.
7. The board shall hear upon
oath, by telephone, all ill or
disabled persons who pres-
ent to the board a letter from
a physician, surgeon, or osteo-
path that confirms their illness
or disability. No other persons
may testify by telephone un-
less the Board, in its discre-
tion, has determined to grant a
property owner's or their rep-
resentative's request to testify
under oath by telephone or
written statement.
8. No person may appear before
the board of review, testify to
the board by telephone, or con-
test the amount of any assess-
ment unless, at least 48 hours
before the first meeting of the
board, or at least 48 hours be-
fore the objection is heard if
the objection is allowed under
s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that
person provides to the clerk of
the board of review notice as
to whether the person will ask
for the removal of a member of
the board of review and, if so,
which member, and provides
a reasonable estimate of the
length of time the hearing will
take.
Notice is hereby given this 28th
day of April, 2025 –
Amy McCullough,
Town Clerk/Treasurer

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NOTICE OF STORAGE
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on June 15th, 2025. Following
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sonal property
Unit 98, Kim Pitman - tools,
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Sale is subject to minimum bid
and cancellation or reschedule.
Units may be redeemed by pay-
ing owner, Sugar River Storage,
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anytime prior to sale. Excess
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urer. For information call 608-
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NOTICE
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Notice is hereby given that ap-
plication has been received by
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tur, County of Green, State of
Wisconsin, for a "Class B" Beer
& Liquor License for James
E. Hanly, Crazy Horse Camp-
ground, located at N3201 Crazy
Horse Lane, Brodhead, WI, for a
period from July 1, 2025, to June
30, 2026.
Emma Brugger
Clerk/Treasurer
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30, 2026.
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Wednesday, May 14, 2025

Historic truss bridge offered for relocation

Rock County, with assistance from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT), is offering the historic Turtleville Iron Bridge free of charge for relocation. The recipient must be willing to:

1. Relocate this bridge from its current location on Lathers Road over Turtle Creek in the town of Turtle; and
2. Maintain its historic integrity at a new location for a minimum of 10 years.

The Turtleville Iron Bridge is a single-span, wrought-iron, pin-connected Pratt through truss. Erected in 1887, the bridge is approximately 142 feet in overall length with a deck width of 14 feet. Additional information on the historic bridge is available at tinyurl.com/ye5ya7nn. Limited financial assistance – up to \$175,000, the estimated cost of demolition – is available to assist in re-

moval of the bridge from its current location. The recipient of this bridge must agree to relocate the bridge to a suitable location and assume all future legal and financial responsibility for the bridge. Potential recipients include private citizens, nonprofit organizations, and town, city, and county governments. Before a recipient can acquire a bridge, they must prepare and submit a proposal for WisDOT and SHPO review. Pro-

posals should follow guidelines specified in the information package, which includes instructions and deadlines for submittal. Proposals will be evaluated, and the recipient will be selected based on the feasibility of the relocation and funding plan. Ownership of the bridge will be trans-

ferred at no cost after review and approval. An information package on the structure with proposal guidelines and instructions is available. Requests for information packages must be submitted to the address or email below no later than Monday, June

16. Requests received after this date cannot be guaranteed consideration. Proposals will be due 30 days from receipt of the information package. Please contact Erin Kelly, Mead & Hunt, Inc., 2440 Deming Way, Middleton, WI 53562; erin.kelly@meadhunt.com; 608-443-0325.



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The historic Turtleville Iron Bridge is being offered free of charge for relocation.

Small businesses and entrepreneurs honored during National Small Business Week

The Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) was proud to recognize and support the vital contributions of small businesses across the state during National Small Business Week, which was observed May 4 to 10. Small businesses are the backbone of Wisconsin's economy, fostering innovation, creating jobs, and strengthening local communities. National Small Business Week acknowledges the important contributions of America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. The DOR Small Business Outreach Team (SBOT) was created in 2022 to connect with the small business community in Wisconsin. The team's goal is to educate small business owners and aspiring entrepreneurs on how to properly register a business with DOR, how to stay compliant, withholding tax, sales and use tax,

electronic filing, and MyTax Account. They provide a variety of resources for small businesses, focusing on diversity and undeserved communities in Wisconsin. "Wisconsin's small businesses are essential to our state's prosperity," said Juan Carlos Reyes, Customer Communications Outreach Coordinator for DOR. "We understand that managing taxes can be a challenge for new and growing businesses. That's why we offer a range of resources to help small business owners and entrepreneurs across the state understand their responsibilities and focus on what they do best – running their businesses." Since its formation, the SBOT has been hosting successful small business webinars and seminars throughout the state of Wisconsin, promoting DOR's values of innovation, inclusivity, em-

pathy, and knowledge in three different languages, including Spanish and Chinese-Mandarin, with a goal of adding the Hmong language to presentations beginning this year. DOR supported over a dozen organizations and hundreds of small businesses and entities through its SBOT presentations last year alone. The SBOT not only provides external education to Wisconsin entrepreneurs; it also educates internal DOR members by hosting special guests during team meetings. These efforts help the team build bridges with external partners, creating and reinforcing relationships between DOR, other agencies and non-profit organizations and community leaders. To learn more about the SBOT and DOR's small business resources, visit the website at www.revenue.wi.gov/Pages/Businesses/Seminars-home.aspx.

Rock County Historical Society welcomes new executive director

The Rock County Historical Society (RCHS) is pleased to announce the appointment of Kathe Crowley Conn as its next Executive Director. Conn is a visionary and dynamic leader with over 25 years of experience in nonprofit management, strategic planning, and program innovation in museums and cultural institutions. With a distinguished career spanning grassroots initiatives to nationally recognized programs, Conn brings a wealth of expertise in institutional advancement, fundraising, and audience development. She has a strong history of fostering strategic partnerships and leading transformational growth within cultural and educational organizations. "We are thrilled to welcome Kathe to the Rock County Historical Society," said Don Handrow, President of the RCHS Board of Directors. "Her extensive experience in nonprofit leadership, coupled with her passion for history and community engagement, makes her the ideal person to guide our organization into its next chapter."

work connecting businesses, educators, and community stakeholders through innovative programming and strategic partnerships. She has served in a variety of nonprofit leadership roles, including founding President and Executive Director of the Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Madison, where she spearheaded the organization's growth and developed award-winning educational initiatives and partnerships. Additionally, she started up the education innovation partnership We Think Big and has held leadership roles at the Center for the Great Lakes, the Chicago Academy of Sciences, University of Chicago and Northwestern University. She has been recognized by local press and organizations for her innovative approach to public programming. As Executive Director of RCHS, Conn will oversee the organization's strategic direction, fundraising, and community engagement efforts. She will work closely with

the Board of Directors, staff, volunteers, and local partners to enhance RCHS' mission of preserving and sharing Rock County's rich history. "I am honored and excited to work together with Rock County Historical Society's leadership, its volunteers, dedicated team and supporters," said Conn. "Rock County has a vibrant and diverse history, and I look forward to expanding our outreach, strengthening partnerships, and creating new opportunities for engagement that make history even more accessible and meaningful to all." Additionally, Conn is the author of the Wisconsin Historical Society Press' Badger Biography, Juliette Kinzie: Frontier Storyteller, is a frequent speaker on Midwest history, and was awarded the Wisconsin Historical Society Award of Merit for programming during Wisconsin's Sesquicentennial. She has been a founding board member of several historical and educational organizations as an advocate for cultural preservation and education. Conn's appointment comes at an exciting time for RCHS, as the organization looks to expand its programs, exhibits, and partnerships. The Board of Directors is confident that her dynamic leadership will drive the organization's continued success and growth.

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