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# Daycare uses positive words to build confidence

Providing childcare is nothing new for Christina Becker.

She's been a certified childcare provider in Monroe for almost 26 years.

She started in childcare in 1996, after her first son was born with congenital heart disease. Becker said her own heart guided her to be a stay-at-home mother for her son (who is now "thriving with his heart health") and "care for the children of our future generations."

Last fall, she became a licensed family daycare provider, enabling her to accept up to eight children, ages 2 months to 9 years old.

"I honestly care for each child as if they were my own," she said.

She makes sure to introduce new, healthy foods to those in her care.

"It's so important for children to have good, healthy eating choices," she said.

Becker also makes sure to teach basic skills, like setting the table and meal prep, "with smiles and bear hugs and positive words."

There's much to enjoy about working with children and families, she said.

Knowing children are learning in different areas of child development is one



Christina Becker

of her favorite things.

She also loves making memories with the children and providing a sense of feeling loved in a healthy environment while their parents and guardians are working.

Transition times can be challenging when working with infants, toddlers and even older children.

Becker has developed her own method to deal with these periods and help children ease from one activity to the next.

"I sing positive words and keep faith in myself for each transition," she said.

This positivity is important to Becker, who stresses other affirmations such as "sharing is caring" and "be a kind soul" to keep a calming atmosphere.

Becker said she hopes more people can focus on how childcare has evolved over the years.

"We're not babysitters - with the secondary education we do and yearly continuing education training in areas of child develop-

ment, we're trained professionals," she said.

She encourages the entire community to support childcare by showing respect and appreciation for the work that childcare educators do.

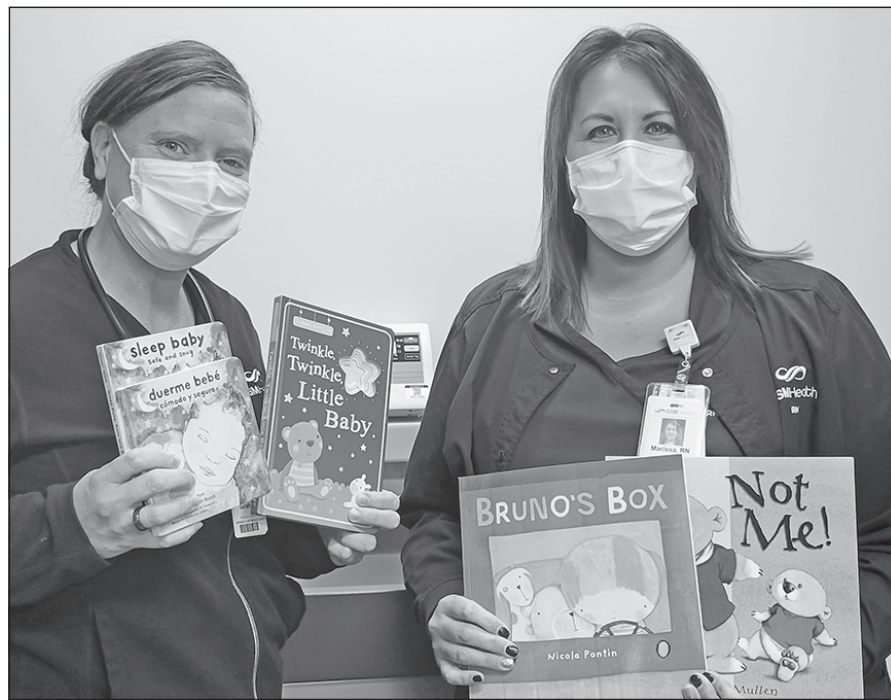
It impacts everyone because the work they do is vital for the health of communities, she says.

"With the blessed circle of early childcare professionals, parents and guardians are able to provide for their families, and businesses have employees," Becker said. "This allows businesses to remain open on a positive path forward."

*Editor's note: This is the tenth in a series of profiles on Green County-based childcare programs penned by the Green County Development Corporation.*

**"I sing positive words and keep faith in myself..."**

**- Daycare provider Christina Becker (on her approach with caring for youngsters)**



SUBMITTED PHOTO Brodhead Independent-Register  
 Sarah Kluck (left), primary care medical assistant, and Marissa Eaton, pediatric registered nurse, show off a variety of Reach Out & Read books.

## Reach Out & Read SSM Health gave more than 5,000 books out to children last year

To foster a lifelong love of reading, SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group provides free books to pediatric patients, through the Reach Out & Read Program.

The program encourages families to celebrate literacy as part of healthy childhood development. Through this initiative, children receive a free book at each of their well-child visits, from age 6 months through 5 years. Books vary depending on age and are selected based on stages of development.

In 2021, a total of 5,174 books were given out at SSM Health Monroe Clinic Medical Group. This included 164 in Brodhead, 48 in Durand, 489 in primary care, 12 in Albany, 1,010 in Freeport, 466 in Lena, 349 in New Glarus and

2,636 in pediatrics.

This program is possible through sponsorship of the Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation, a member of SSM Health.

"By giving our patients these books, we are helping to create a special opportunity for them to bond with their families and share all the benefits of reading together," said Jane Sybers, Monroe Clinic & Hospital Foundation Executive Director, in a press release. "It is moving to provide resources and partner with local organizations to fund the books for our littlest patients to receive."

Monroe Optimists, Monroe Kiwanis and Monroe Lions Club helped to fund the Reach Out & Read program.

# Highly-pathogenic avian influenza confirmed in Rock County backyard flock

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) has announced April 2, a confirmed case of highly-pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in a backyard flock in Rock County.

This is Wisconsin's second confirmed case of HPAI in a domestic flock this year.

Samples were tested by the Wisconsin Veterinary Diag-

nostic Laboratory and confirmed by the National Veterinary Services Laboratories. DATCP and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) are working closely with animal health officials on a joint incident response, according to a DNR press release.

Birds on the property have been depopulated to prevent the spread of the disease.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, HPAI does not present an immediate public health concern. HPAI also does not pose a food safety risk; properly handling and cooking poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165°F kills the virus.

DATCP encourages poultry owners to register their prem-

ises and practice enhanced biosecurity.

Producers are encouraged to move their birds indoors when possible to prevent contact with wild birds and their droppings.

To report increased mortality or signs of illness among domestic birds, contact DATCP at (608) 224-4872 or (800) 943-0003, after hours and weekends.

### About HPAI

HPAI viruses are a form of avian influenza that has been found to be highly contagious and often fatal to domestic poultry. It can be spread by contact with infected birds, equipment, or clothing worn by those working with the animals.

Signs of HPAI in infected birds include:

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- Lack of energy or appetite
- Decrease in egg production; soft, misshapen eggs
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(We will not debate protocols or politics regarding the pandemic.)

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# Obituaries

## RANDY ABING

Randy Joseph Abing, age 66, of Brodhead died peacefully, surrounded by his family on March 29, 2022.

He was born on Sept. 19, 1955 to the late Cyril and Florentine (Wallenhurst) Abing.

He graduated from Lancaster High School in 1973 and, in 1975, graduated from Southwest vocational school in ag mechanics.

In 1987, he pursued a new career and graduated as a line technician from Moraine Park Technical School in Beaver Dam.

He married Jane Carl on Oct. 4, 1975 in Platteville. He and Jane farmed in Lancaster from 1974-1980. He worked for Larry's Welding from 1979-1988 and then worked as a line technician and eventually a foreman for Alliant Energy until his re-



tirement in 2010. He was a volunteer wrestling coach in Brodhead for 26 years and enjoyed donating blood to the Red Cross more than 20 times which resulted in over 25 gallons in total blood given.

He enjoyed giving hayrides, four-wheeler rides, mushroom hunting, taking care of his cats, watching The Andy Griffith Show, watching the Packers, spending time at libraries and driving around town with his wife and visiting with people.

He was also patriotic, known to be driving around in around his car displaying his U.S. and Packers flags.

Most of all, he enjoyed

spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren, and watching and attending all of their school sports and activities.

He is survived by his ever-so-patient and loving wife, Jane Ann; two children, Shane (Terri) Abing and Brandi (Buddy) Malcook; grandchildren, Brooke (Quinn) Malcook, Cody Malcook, Alexis Abing and Hayden Abing; his siblings, Mary Kay Abing (Jim Breuer), Peggy Sturmer, Charles "Chuck" (Kim) Abing, Keith (Lisa) Abing, Kevin (Deb) Abing, Ellen (Randy "Zippy") Koeller, Marty (Jenn) Abing, and Kurt Abing; sister-in-laws, Terri Abing, Lois (Alan) Morrison, Rita (Kelvin) Luna and Alleine Carl; a god daughter, Kaley (Knapper) Johnson, special friends Mitchel and Megan Wiesenberg and sev-

eral aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends.

He was further preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie Abing, two brothers in law, Dave Sturmer and Danny Carl; his mother and father in laws, Lawrence and Frances Carl and his step father, Danny Joyce.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Brodhead Public Library, Orfordville Public Library or the Lancaster Wrestling Team.

A celebration of life was held at the Bridges Bar and Grill in Brodhead on April 2.

Another celebration of life will be held in Lancaster, at Zippy's Brass Rail, 120 East Maple St., on Saturday, April 9, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead is assisting the family.

## GARY BURRINGTON

Gary Lee Burrington, age 71, of Brodhead, died at the Monroe Clinic Hospital, Monroe, on March 29, 2022 after a short battle with lung cancer.

He was born on Nov. 28, 1950 in Freeport, Illinois to the late Donald and Dolores (Wiesenberg) Burrington.

He worked for more than 30 years at the Foundry in Brownstown before retiring.

He loved fishing, playing



solitaire, watching old westerns and building model planes and cars.

He is survived by his three children, Kurt (Jana) Burrington of Illinois, Karassa (Dave) Hendrickson of Illinois and Kendra (Jay) Clark

of Brodhead; four step children, Kim (Justin) Luebke of Fort Atkinson, Melissa Paulson of Janesville, Brenda Kothe of Beloit and Becky (Shawn) Schiller of Boston; 17 grandchildren, Ciara, Kody, Korey, Ashley, Damian, Cassie, Trent, Brianna, Connor, Garrett, Mariah, Keegan, Connor, MacKenzie, Tyler, Dylan, Violet and Maddie; two siblings, Michael and Ann Burrington; his ex-wife,

Nancy Burrington (whom he wanted to re-marry) and his dog, Paco.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to the family.

Services were held at the DL Newcomer Funeral Home in Brodhead on April 3.

Cremation rites will be accorded and his cremated remains will be buried at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead at a later date.

## JACOB BOEGLI

Jacob R. "Jake" Boegli, age 28, of Darlington, formerly of Brodhead, died unexpectedly March 27, 2022, at his home in Darlington.

He was born Nov. 4, 1993, in Monroe to Jerry Boegli and Tracy Schade.

He grew up in Brodhead where he lived until moving to Darlington. He received his G.E.D. from Blackhawk Technical College and had been working for the Darlington Whey Plant for the past two years.

When he wasn't working, he was living life to the fullest, according to his family. He was a kind man who was known to he make everyone's life just a little bit better with some smart-aleck comment.

He was always willing to lend a hand, whether to help put up a fence, pay rent, or drink a case of beer - friends could call Jake.

He had a passion for hunting and fishing. If there was a season for it, he had a license for it. He shared his love for the outdoors with his dad, uncles, brothers, cousins, and friends.

His love for riding can also not be forgotten. His four-wheeler and dirt bike were a sense of pride, and riding with people was at the top of the list of favorite things to do. "But be clear, he would not condone to drive them like he did," according to family.

He was funny, witty, and always up for a good time. He cherished the time he spent with his family and friends, sharing stories and "shootin' the breeze."

He will be deeply missed but the stories that can be told of his adventures will live on.

He is survived by his parents: Jerry (Missy Boeck) Boegli of Monroe, and Tracy (Glen Pinson) Schade of Be-



loit; childhood spouses of parents: Shanon Edge of Juda, and Terry Namminga of Beloit; his brothers: Sean (Samantha Bevan) Winters of Edgerton, Zacharie Schade of Janesville, Tyler Youngs of Juda, Tyler Schade of Las Vegas, Max Namminga of Beloit, and Luke Namminga of Beloit; his sisters: Emi (Dakota) Rumery of Beloit, Savannah (Kennan Gibson) Boegli of Platteville, Courtney Schade of Las Vegas and Kayli Namminga of Beloit; his maternal grandparents: Robert and Deborah Kauffman of Janesville, his paternal grandfather: Henry Boegli of Blythedale, Missouri; his honorary grandparents: Perry (Eilene) Edge of Juda, Marjorie (Kim) Cherrey of Monroe, and Melvin (Sandra) Namminga of Beloit; his uncles: Randy (Julia Rielly) Liddicoat of Darlington, Matthew (Kristi) Kauffman of Beloit, and Carl (Kari) Liddicoat of Darlington; his aunts: Suzie (Dan) Sullivan of Rockford, Illinois, Jennifer Boegli of Blythedale, and Michelle Eastin of Leon, Iowa; and his nieces and nephews that he adored: Serenity, Sawyer, and Liam Rumery.

He was preceded in death by one sister: Hannah Boegli; and his grandparents: Roger and Ardith Liddicoat.

A visitation was held Monday, April 4 at First Baptist Church in Darlington. A memorial fund has been established in Jake's name.

The Erickson Funeral Home in Darlington is assisting the family. For online condolences, visit [www.ericksonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ericksonfuneralhome.com).

## NORA MCMANUS

Nora Kreher McManus, 95, died April 3, 2022 at Kettle Park Senior Living in Stoughton.

She was born on Feb. 12, 1927 on a remote farm in Hamilton County, Illinois to the late Joseph and Madgalena (Karcher) Kreher.

In order to attend high school, at age 14, she moved to McLeansboro, Illinois where she worked as a domestic for room and board.

She graduated as salutatorian of her class. She was the first person in her family to attend college, earning a B.S. degree in botany and an M.S. degree in botany and education at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

In 1950, her master's thesis was the first ever submitted in the Department of Botany (later Plant Biology) at SIU.

While at SIU she met and married Charles McManus.

She was an elementary school teacher in Missouri and Wisconsin in the 1950s and 1960s and continued as a substitute teacher in Brodhead through the 1980s.

With her husband, she owned and operated McManus Oil Company in Brodhead for 26 years.

She volunteered in her community and church in many capacities. She served as a Cub Scout Den leader and Girl Scout Troop leader, as president of the American Legion Auxiliary, and as an election poll worker.

For many years she chaperoned Brodhead sixth graders on their annual outdoor education trip to Camp MacLean, where she shared her expertise in botany and passion for the natural world.

She was a member of the St. Rose of Lima Catholic



Women and taught catechism at St. Rose.

In the late 1980s she was recognized as Outstanding Woman

of the Year by the Brodhead Jaycees.

She enjoyed nature and wildlife, reading poetry, and working crossword puzzles and other word games.

She maintained a beautiful yard and flower gardens that always drew compliments from passersby.

Above all, she was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

She was further preceded in death by her husband and a son-in-law, James Klein.

Survivors include her son Philip (Sandra) McManus of Albany; daughters Kathleen Klein of Edgerton; Carolyn (Timothy) Tiller of Blue River; Mary (Scott) Laube of Brodhead; and Patricia (Murray Clayton) McManus of Middleton; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

The family expresses deep gratitude to the staff of Kettle Park Senior Living for providing her with excellent care and friendship.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 1005 West 2nd Avenue in Brodhead on Tuesday, April 19 at 11 a.m. A visitation will also be held at the church on Tuesday, April 19, from 9:30 a.m. until the time of Mass.

Burial will conclude at Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

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From left: Telina Gratz, from Young Americans 4-H, won Best of Show in her level for her fruit pie; Aubrie Blum, Washington Center 4-H'er, earned Best of Show for her pizza; Emily Goers, from Washington Center 4-H, earned the merit award for her quiche.

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# 4-H'ers cook up delicious competition at Foods Revue

Members of the Green County 4-H Foods & Nutrition and Exploring projects recently participated in the annual Green County Fair Foods Revue.

The Foods Revue, held March 26 at the Green County Justice Center, is considered a pre-fair event of the Green County Fair and is judged by a licensed fair judge with ribbons awarded to participants.

Participants are divided into four levels based on grade and can bring two food items to be judged at Foods Revue. Examples of entry options this year were mini pizzas, skillet meal, fruit based dessert and quiche.

This year's participants included Mickaelynn Andrews, Washington Center; Aubrie Blum, Washington Center; Alexys Crooks, Washington Center; Jack Follett, Cheese Country Clovers; Emily Goers, Wash-

ington Center; Peter Goers, Washington Center; Telina Gratz, Young Americans; Aleczander Johnson, Next Generation; Isabella Johnson, Next Generation; Mykenna Jordan, Next Generation; Jacklyn Kubly, Next Generation; Sadie Mitchell, Washington Center; Adelynn Monson, Jolly Mixers; Myka Rufer, Next Generation; and Brandon Straws, Next Generation.

Best of Show from each level included Jack Follett for his mini pizzas; Aubrie Blum for her pizza and Telina Gratz for her fruit pie.

The overall Merit Award was given to Emily Goers for her quiche.

For more information about Green County 4-H or the Foods & Nutrition or Exploring projects, contact Ellen Andrews, 4-H Youth Development Educator, at 608-328-9440, or visit [green.extension.wisc.edu](http://green.extension.wisc.edu).



Jack Follett, from the Cheese Country Clovers, earned Best of Show for his mini pizzas.

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# DATCP accepting nominations for Produce Safety Advisory Council until April 20

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is accepting nominations for the Produce Safety Advisory Council (PSAC) until Wednesday, April 20.

Seats are available in the following categories: producers of underserved communities, consumer advocacy, and at-large. Members serve two-year terms, and the council meets quarterly.

The council chair will evaluate nominees in consultation

and recommends solutions to challenges facing Wisconsin produce growers in complying with the Produce Safety Rule.

Nomination forms should explain why nominees would be valuable additions to the council and preferably include two letters of support.

Send completed nomination forms to Joanna Kahvedjian, DATCP, P.O. Box 8911,

Madison, WI 53708 or email to [joanna.kahvedjian@wisconsin.gov](mailto:joanna.kahvedjian@wisconsin.gov).

For more information, call Joanna Kahvedjian, DATCP produce program and policy analyst, at (608) 977-0974.

Nomination forms and more information about the council is available at [datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About\\_Us/ProduceSafetyAdvisoryCouncil.aspx](http://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/About_Us/ProduceSafetyAdvisoryCouncil.aspx).

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-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
\*Softball game at Potosi-Cassville, 5 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
\*Albany schools PTO Carnival, 5:30 p.m.  
\*Softball game at Brodhead, 5 p.m.  
\*Baseball game vs. Wisconsin Heights, 5 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
\*High school track meet at UW-Whitewater, 9 a.m.  
-Albany's 37th annual Easter Egg Hunt, for kids up to fourth grade, at the school, 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**  
\*Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.

**MONDAY, APRIL 11**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
\*High school track meet at Monroe, 4:30 p.m.  
\*Baseball game vs. Monticello, Barneveld, 4:30 p.m.  
\*Softball game at Monticello-New Glarus, 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
-Children's Storytime hosted by the library on Facebook, 10 a.m.  
\*Softball game vs. Black Hawk, 5 p.m.  
-Albany Town Board meets, 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13**  
-Albertson Memorial Library open 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
\*Albany School District, early release, 2:37 p.m.  
\*Zumba in the Cafeteria, School District, 6 p.m.

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# CROP Hunger Walk Blackhawk Tech news to step off April 24

Area walkers will help end hunger one step at a time on Sunday, April 24, when the annual walk returns to its pre-COVID format.

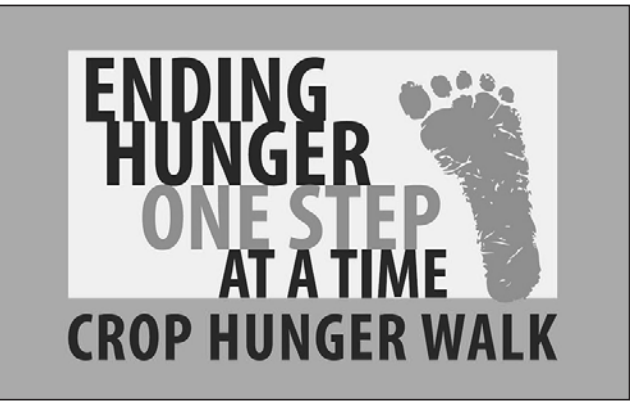
The 2020 and 2021 walks were virtual with people walking in small groups because of the need for social distancing during the coronavirus pandemic.

But the 45th annual Janesville Area CROP Hunger Walk will be a community event with walkers starting and ending the trek at Cargill United Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Avenue, Janesville.

Organizers hope to raise \$50,000, and ECHO again will be the recipient of 25% of the total amount donated.

The remaining funds help the efforts of Church World Service (CWS), a faith-based organization that fights hunger and poverty in communities around the globe.

Instead of everyone starting the walk at the same time as in previous years, COVID safety measures will be taken to prevent hundreds of people from gathering at the start line. Each team will be assigned a specific time to start the walk.



"We hope that the staggered start times will help keep everyone healthy," event coordinator Kathy Holcombe stated in a press release. "It also will promote team unity because team members will be walking together."

Walkers can choose from a 5K route that makes a loop along Milwaukee Street, Randall Avenue, Racine Street, through Palmer Park and back to the church via Lexington Drive or a shorter 2.5K route.

Last year's Janesville area walk raised more than \$49,000 with about \$12,250 going to ECHO, a Janesville-based organization that helps provide

temporary housing, food and transportation to people in need.

Walkers can sign up online, individually or as a team at [www.crophungerwalk.org/janesvillewi](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/janesvillewi) and click on "Register."

There is no registration fee to participate, but walkers are encouraged to collect donations to support the cause.

Those who cannot participate but would like to make a tax-deductible online contribution can at [www.crophungerwalk.org/janesvillewi](http://www.crophungerwalk.org/janesvillewi).

For more information, call Holcombe at 608-752-8117 or email [janesvillecropwalk@charter.net](mailto:janesvillecropwalk@charter.net).

## Blackhawk Technical College adopts more inclusive diversity policy

Blackhawk Technical College's District Board recently adopted a formal statement that prioritizes diversity at the college and reflects Blackhawk's investment in cultivating an on-campus culture of inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility.

The statement reads: "In an effort to provide flexible education and a supportive environment, Blackhawk Technical College aspires to create a climate in which all students, employees and community members feel welcomed, valued and included. To that end, the College strives to use inclusive and accessible practices to create a community of diverse ideas, abilities, cultures and lifestyles."

The first in the college's history, the diversity statement was crafted by Blackhawk's Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Committee, which was formed about three years ago to celebrate and promote equity, diversity, inclusiveness, accessibility, civility and non-discrimination across all college programs and services.

"This statement formalizes our commitment to creating a campus community that embraces and responds to an increasingly diverse and globalized world," Dr. Tracy Pierner, president of Blackhawk, stated in a campus press release. "The work is ongoing, and this statement will serve as a guidepost as we continue to promote a diverse and inclusive environment for all."

The statement represents only a portion of the work that the committee, college leadership, enrollment staff and others have been engaged in over the past few years.

Other initiatives, which are also outlined on a new webpage at [blackhawk.edu/diversity](http://blackhawk.edu/diversity), include:

- The Blackhawk Equity Access & Motivation (BEAM) program: This program works in partnership with K12 leaders to help close equity gaps in higher education.

- Blackhawk 101: As part of the BEAM program, Blackhawk 101 is a summer readiness and support program for students of color.

- The IDEAL Opportunity Scholarship program: The BTC Foundation awards a full-tuition scholarship to a person of color who intends to study Industrial Maintenance Mechanic, Electromechanical Technology, Automotive Systems Technology, Nuclear Technology or Criminal Justice.

- Addition of "inclusive" to Blackhawk's values: In February 2022, the IDEA Committee and the Executive Council added a sixth value - inclusive - to the college's core values, which play into the college's mission and vision. The District Board also formally approved the new value on Wednesday.

In addition, the college will open a new multicultural student space near its remodeled student commons this summer.

Called The Unity Room, the space will be run by Blackhawk's Multi-Cultural Alliance and be a place where all are welcome to hang out, host events and hold meetings.

The college also will soon begin work on a land acknowledgment statement to honor and recognize the Indigenous peoples who historically were the stewards of the lands on which Blackhawk now stands.

Blackhawk was recently recognized for its diversity and equity work by Forward Janesville.

The college received the 2021 Large Business of the Year Award from the organization in part for its support of policies, practices and attitudes for the advancement of women, social justice, racial equality and diversity throughout the community.

"Blackhawk has and will continue to approach diversity work as mission critical," Pierner said.

## BTC celebrates its positive impact during #CCmonth

Blackhawk Technical College will join #CCMonth, a monthlong grassroots education and stigma-busting campaign in April coordinated by the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT).

The primary goals of #CCmonth are to improve awareness of the economic, academic and equity advantages of attending community colleges, and to bust longtime stigmas wrongly associated with

public two-year colleges. "Community colleges are engines of diversity, equity and inclusion," said ACCT President and CEO Jee Hang Lee. "They give opportunities to all students, and they support all students throughout their educations, whether they attend to attain an associate degree or certificate, intend to transfer on for a bachelor's or higher degree, or they take one or a few courses to learn a new skill or expand their horizons."

Public community colleges are a uniquely American educational model that was designed to guarantee access to affordable, high-quality higher education for all people.

They are the primary educators of life-saving nursing and other healthcare professionals among many others.

They also serve as an on-ramp to bachelor's, master's and higher-level degrees for many students, and particularly for the most demographically and socioeconomically diverse students.

They guarantee fair admissions for all students. They offer supports for adult students who have to work to support their families. And without community colleges, many American students would not be able to access higher education at all, according to the BTC press release.

For more than 100 years, Blackhawk has been a center of education and training in Rock and Green counties.

With more than 60 programs, Blackhawk offers associate degrees, technical diplomas, certificates and workforce training at its three campuses in Janesville, Milton and Monroe, as well as classrooms at the Beloit Public Library.

Students also can participate in BTC's MyEdChoice, which allows them to take courses face-to-face, online or hybrid.

Providing a flexible education in a supportive environment is the cornerstone of Blackhawk's mission, and over the past few years, Blackhawk also has become more intentional about its work around inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility.

Most recently, the college adopted a new diversity statement and added "inclusion" as

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## Village yard waste site open

The Orfordville Department of Public Works yard waste site and pickup service is back for the season.

The site, located at 702 W. Brodhead St., will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. all week. Do not leave trash, yard

waste in plastic bags, or any other items not relating to yard waste.

Proof of village residency is required for those using the site and service.

Only organic yard waste will be accepted.

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The site closes Thursday, Nov. 24 for the season.

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## Viking Times

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- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Varsity softball at Fall River, 5 p.m.
- Varsity baseball at Fall River, 5 p.m.
- School District Finance Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8**

- Orfordville Public Library open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Children's Storytime, 11 a.m.
- High school track invitational at Marshall, 4 p.m.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9**

- Orfordville Public Library open from 9 a.m. to noon
- Varsity softball doubleheader at Deerfield, 10 a.m.
- Varsity baseball doubleheader at Deerfield, 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10**

- Orfordville Public Library closed
- Parkview Clay

Schwackers Trapshooting meet, Horicon Rod & Gun Club, W5612 Prospect Road, Horicon

**MONDAY, APRIL 11**

- Orfordville Public Library open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Spring break, no school
- Varsity boys golf at Horicon Hills Golf Course, 3 p.m.
- Varsity softball at Belleville, 5 p.m.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12**

- Orfordville Public Library open, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Teen Tuesdays 3:30 p.m.
- Spring break, no school
- Varsity baseball vs. Hustisford/Dodgeand, 5 p.m.
- Varsity softball vs. Hustisford/Dodgeand, 5 p.m.

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# Healthful hint

## You have the power to protect

By Janalyn Eisele  
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National Infant Immunization Week is April 24-30.

The Rock County Public Health Department would like to remind parents and caregivers that it is important to keep young children up to date on immunizations to help protect the health of our community.

National Infant Immunization Week is an annual observance highlighting the importance of protecting children 2 years and younger from vaccine-preventable diseases.

This year, it is crucial that families stay on track with their children's routine checkups and recommended vaccinations following disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

A Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) report found a troubling drop in routine

childhood vaccination during the pandemic due to families staying at home and not going to routine doctor visits.

Rock County also experienced a decrease in immunizations for children aged 2 years and younger. Although the rate began to increase in 2021, many children in Rock County are still behind on their vaccinations.

Higher vaccination rates decrease the chances of these diseases re-emerging or becoming more prevalent in our community.

### Why are vaccines important for infants?

• On-time vaccination is critical to protect against potentially life-threatening diseases. Giving infants the recommended vaccinations by age 2 is the best way to protect them from 14 serious childhood diseases, like pertussis (whooping cough), measles, and polio.

• Vaccines have been proven to be a successful and cost-effective tool to prevent disease and death. Vaccines help prevent and reduce the spread of infectious diseases, which helps protect both individuals and communities. Among children born during 1994-2018, vaccination will prevent an estimated 419 million illnesses, 26.8 million hospitalizations, and 936,000 deaths over their lifetimes.

• Vaccines work. In the decade before 1963, when the measles vaccine became available, most children got the disease by the time they were 15. Up to 4 million people in the United States were infected each year, 400-500 people died, 48,000 were hospitalized, and 4,000 suffered encephalitis, or swelling of the brain. Now, two doses of measles vaccine are about 97% effective at preventing measles if someone is exposed to the virus.

### Are vaccines safe for infants?

• Vaccines are safe, and scientists continually work to make them even safer. Each vaccine undergoes extensive testing before it is licensed for use and continues to be tested and monitored while in use.

• Most side effects from vaccination are minor, such as soreness at the injection site or a low-grade fever. These side effects are a normal part of the body's immune response and do not typically last long.

• Serious reactions are very rare. The risks involved with getting a vaccine-preventable disease are far greater and much more dangerous than the small risk of a severe vaccine reaction or side effect.

### What can parents and caregivers do to ensure their infants are up to

### date on vaccinations?

• View the CDC's Recommended Immunization Schedule for Children at [www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html).

• Look up your child's immunization record on the Wisconsin Immunization Registry. Parents can access their child's records by going to [www.dhfs.wis.gov](http://www.dhfs.wis.gov), clicking on "Public Immunization Record Access," and entering the needed information.

• Schedule a well-child exam to catch up on immunizations.

• If you do not have insurance or your insurance does not cover vaccines, contact the Rock County Public Health Department at 608-757-5440 and make an appointment to get your vaccines at an affordable

price. The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend that parents stay on track with their children's well-child appointments and routine vaccinations.

If you are behind, be sure to make your appointment today.

Janalyn Eisele is a Public Health Nurse for the Rock County Public Health Department. If you would like to ask a health-related question to be answered in a future column, email [RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:RCHealthDept@co.rock.wi.us) with *Healthful Hint* in the subject. The Rock County Public Health Department reserves the right not to answer any questions deemed unsuitable. For more information, follow us on social media @rockcountyPHD.

## ADRC news

### ADRC offers falls prevention workshop for elderly

Falls may not seem an obvious topic for a casual gathering of active older adults.

But mention the subject, and it quickly takes center stage. For one person, it's the story of an older relative whose fear of falling keeps them home-bound.

For another, it's their worry about a spouse who won't admit that falling has become a problem.

No matter the variety of personal experiences, however, everyone will agree: older adults don't want to become a fall-injury statistic.

And their concern is well placed.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that falls are by far the most common cause of accidental injury for older adults in the U.S.

Each year, 2.3 million adults 65 and older has a fall, leading to serious injuries in about one in three cases.

At a local level, the picture is even more grim.

For those older than 65, just living in Wisconsin increases their risk of dying from an accidental fall by more than twice the national average, according to CDC data.

Icy winters and the state's high standards for tracking fall-related injuries don't fully explain the startling statistic.

Public health experts say that's made it difficult to address the causes of the disparity.

Beyond the alarming numbers, however, there's another side to falls that older adults need to know.

"Falls are preventable and they are not a normal part of aging," said Betsy Abramson of the Wisconsin Institute for Healthy Aging.

Abramson's organization supports training and research

for falls prevention programs in Wisconsin communities, including a class called Stepping On.

"Studies in Wisconsin have shown Stepping On reduced participants' likelihood of falling by 30% after taking the class," she said. "That's a lot of bruises, or even more serious injuries that people avoid. It's very good news because it shows older adults there are effective ways to protect themselves from falls."

"Nobody wants to fall," says Laura Steiner, Wellness & Prevention Specialist who leads Stepping On.

"People want to be proactive, but they need to know how to recognize their risk in the first place. Classes like Stepping On make people aware of hazards they take for granted at home or out in the community. Instead of scaring them, though, Stepping On puts the problem-solving in their hands. Participants come out of the workshop having more confidence."

Stepping On workshops meet two hours, once a week, for seven weeks. Participants hear from community safety experts like physical therapists, pharmacists, police officer, and vision specialists, and learn exercises to improve balance and build strength.

Anyone older than 60 who has fallen or is concerned about falling should consider taking a Stepping On workshop.

The next class will be held at Zwingli United Church of Christ, 416 E Lake Avenue, in Monticello, on Thursdays from 2-4 p.m.

The class will run from April 14 through May 26.

There is no cost to participate but registration is required to determine eligibility.

For more information, or to register, call the ADRC at 608-328-9499 or visit [adrcgreen-county.org](http://adrcgreen-county.org)

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### ADRC offering diabetes management series

More than 100 million adults in the U.S. are now living with diabetes or pre-diabetes, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

While that statistic is startling, there is good news.

People with diabetes or pre-diabetes can improve their health by joining a Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop sponsored by the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Green County.

The program has been researched and proven to improve the health of adults with diabetes or pre-diabetes.

Those who live with adults who have diabetes, but may not have diabetes themselves are also encouraged to take the workshop.

In just six consecutive weeks, Healthy Living with Diabetes gives participants strategies for managing diabetes including techniques to deal with symptoms and information about healthy eating, appropriate use of medication, exercise, and working effectively with healthcare providers.

Participants learn to make realistic, achievable action plans, share their experiences, and help each other solve problems.

The next Healthy Living with Diabetes workshop will be held on Tuesdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m. starting April 19 and running through May 31, at Glarner Lodge, 900 Glarner Drive, in New Glarus.

There is no cost to participate, but registration is required with limited spots available.

For more information, or to sign up, contact the Green County ADRC Office at 608-328-9499 or email [resource-center@gchsd.org](mailto:resource-center@gchsd.org).

## Blackhawk

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one of its core values. The new diversity statement and new value are both supported by many initiatives and activities at the college.

The college also is building a new Public Safety + Transportation Center at its central campus in Janesville to address inadequate, under-

sized, or the absence of, critical hands-on training facilities for Blackhawk students, municipalities and workforce development partners in the region.

The new center includes a fire tower, emergency vehicle operator course and a new building for Blackhawk's

diesel and automotive programs.

By June, nearly all of the projects on the main training grounds are expected to be complete and open for use, which will be a significant enhancement for Blackhawk's safety and transportation programs, the release stated.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, GREEN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Betty L. Edgar

Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)

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

Form completed by: Michael A. Faust, Consigny Law Firm, S.C.

NOTICE OF STORAGE LIEN SALE

Sugar River Storage located at 600 Dixon Drive, Albany, WI 53502 will conduct a lien sale at 4 p.m. on April 15, 2022.

Town of Avon Public Notice

The Town of Avon is giving notice to please remove any graveside decorations by April 15th, 2022 from the gravestone at the AVON CEMETERY located on Avon Store Rd.

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, DANE COUNTY

Plaintiff(s): Mariner Finance, LLC 6771 University Avenue Suite 104 MIDDLETON WI 53562

Defendant(s): Dawn Rea 911 10th Ave Monroe WI 53566

Publication Summons and Notice (Small Claims) Case No. 2022SC000817

TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S): You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s).

judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date.

Town of Spring Valley ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 2021, 6 pm

ORFORDVILLE FIRE DISTRICT MEETING ROOM 173 N. WRIGHT ST., ORFORDVILLE WI ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA 1. Call to order

Town of Avon Regular Monthly Meeting Avon Town Hall Tuesday April 12th, 2022 - 7:30 p.m.

Agenda: 1. Call to Order 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Minutes from March's Meeting

TOWN OF AVON ANNUAL MEETING Avon Town Hall 16513 W BLOIT NEWARK RD, BRODHEAD, WI April 19th, 2022 - 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA: 1. Call to Order 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Minutes of 2021 Meeting

PUBLIC LEGAL NOTICE The Board of Canvassers of the Brodhead School District will meet in the District Office, at 2501 West Fifth Avenue, Brodhead, WI on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

election. David Novy Superintendent Brodhead School District The Independent Register 4/6/2022 WNAXLP 415518

AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 HIGH SCHOOL L.M.C. 2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 5:30 P.M.

AGENDA I. REVIEW BILLS II. REVIEW BUDGET UPDATE

AGENDA I. CALL TO ORDER II. ROLL CALL III. NEXUS SOLUTIONS PRESENTATION OF LONG-TERM FACILITY PLANNING

AGENDA BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER II. ROLL CALL III. NEXUS SOLUTIONS PRESENTATION OF LONG-TERM FACILITY PLANNING

BRODHEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, April 13, 2022 DISTRICT OFFICE BOARD ROOM 2501 West 5th Avenue, Brodhead, WI 7:00 P.M.

JOIN WITH GOOGLE MEET: https://meet.google.com/oiv-jiji-tnh JOIN BY TELEPHONE: +1 727-325-2066 (PIN: 996403637)

I. CALL TO ORDER II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE III. ROLL CALL IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

AGENDA: 1. Report on Election Results 2. Oath of Office/Swear in Newly Elected Members

AGENDA: 1. Call to Order 2. Approval of Agenda 3. Minutes of 2021 Meeting

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Rock County park has hidden eggs and 'eggs-ercise' activity

Rock County Parks is hosting an I-Spy Egg Hunt & Eggs-ercise event at Beckman Mill Park now through Sunday, April 17.

Participants are invited to take a walk and be on the search for 19 eggs at Beckman Mill Park, 11450 S County Road H, Janesville.

Each egg location will include an "eggs-ercise" challenge. Eggs are visible from the trail and should not be tampered with.

Snap a picture or selfie with an egg to be entered into a drawing for a prize basket. One winner will be drawn from all entries.

Photos can be sent to parks@co.rock.wi.us or to Rock County Parks Facebook Messenger to be entered into the drawing.

Green County Republicans meet Saturday

The Republican Party of Green County will hold its a regular monthly breakfast meeting at the American Legion, 1627 12th Avenue, Monroe, at 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 9.

For more information, contact Bruce Kloeping at 608-897-8395.

ADRC hosting virtual memorial program

Research has confirmed that people of all ages – even those in their 80s – can improve cognitive function and even reduce their risk of Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias through certain lifestyle behaviors.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) is now taking registrations for its next program series: Boost Your Brain and Memory.

Boost Your Brain and Memory is a program developed by Mather Lifeways: Institute on Aging.

This program uses a unique, whole-person approach to brain fitness, providing participants with healthy practices that helps with memory, organization, better attention, and reducing stress – as well as reducing the risk of dementia

The program consists of eight, 90-minute sessions that will take place on Mondays from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. starting April 11 and ending on May 23.

The class will be held virtually via ZOOM. This class is free of charge but pre-registration is necessary.

To register or for more information, contact the ADRC at 608-426-4295 or email bbeam@gchsd.org.

Dementia caretakers program offered Wednesdays

Being a caregiver of a family member or loved one with dementia is overwhelming and a balancing act to provide needed- and selfcare.

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin is now taking registrations for its upcoming SAVVY Caregiver program.

Participants will learn how to be more effective in

their caregiving and finding support resources while also taking care of themselves.

SAVVY Caregiver is an evidence-based program that helps family caregivers acquire and strengthen knowledge, skills, and attitudes empowering them to be more intentional, strategic, and responsive in their caregiving role.

Taking care of a person with dementia is specialized work. To do this, caregivers need special skills, knowledge and a positive attitude that helps them to care for themselves as well.

Through this seven-week class, caregivers learn to manage daily care, new approaches, and gain confidence.

The program will be held virtually on Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., April 27 - June 8.

For more information or to register, call Bonnie at 608-426-4295.

Community Conversations: Tough Talks series begins April 19

The Aging and Disability Resource Center of Southwest Wisconsin will host a monthly virtual series tackling topics to help work on many tasks associated with legal, financial, health, mental health and emotional issues.

Living with a disability, living in an aging body, living with mental health struggles: all require 'Tough Talks,' according to the ARDC. Tough talks are not easy, but they are necessary.

The series is led by Roger Reynolds, who grew up on a farm in Crawford County and has lived in Southwest Wisconsin most of his life.

He lives with civilian PTSD, depression and anxiety. He is a Mental Health Peer Leader and has participated in, designed and led mental health support groups and skills groups.

The series kicks off Tuesday, April 19 at 11 a.m. on Zoom with "I Am Tired of the Pandemic. And It is not Over, Yet!"

To register, call 608-328-9610 or email dhay-skatum@gchsd.org.

Brodhead Evening Garden Club offering scholarship

The Brodhead Evening Garden Club is offering a \$400 scholarship to local high schoolers seeking higher education in the agriculture field.

Since 2006, the club has awarded scholarships to graduating students in the area. As with previous years, the scholarship is available to current seniors who attend Brodhead, Juda, Albany or Parkview high schools and qualified home-schooled students who are pursuing degrees in agriculture, with a preference in horticulture, plant science, landscaping or turf science.

Students may attend a four- or two-year program and the scholarship will be awarded after completion of the recipient's first semester. Students can pick up applications in their school's guidance office. Applications, plus a two-page essay highlighting achievements, extra-curriculars, future goals and objectives is due no later than Friday, April 15 to Ronald Massen, E314 23rd St., Brodhead, WI, 53520.

Green County Dairy Youth Auction offers scholarship

The Green County Dairy Youth Recognition Auction Committee will present scholarships to qualifying youth who are active members of 4-H or FFA in the dairy project in Green County.

These scholarships will be awarded on the basis of information provided by the applicant. Applicants are not required to have previously participated in the Dairy Youth Auction to qualify for this scholarship.

To qualify, applicants must be a senior of a Green County area high school or a resident continuing their education after high school.

The scholarships will be awarded after the student has successfully completed one semester of study and has sent the scholarship committee proof of re-enrollment for the next semester.

Scholarships have been awarded to qualifying Dairy Project members for over 17 years to further pursue their education.

Application deadline is Saturday, April 30 and recipients will be announced in May.

For more information or for an application, contact Jackie McCarville, ag educator, at the Extension Green County Office at 608-328-9440. Applications are also available at green.extension.wisc.edu

Green County Master Gardener's offering scholarships

Green County Master Gardener Association (GCMGA) will present scholarships to qualifying youth who are enrolled in secondary education in a horticulture-related field of study.

Applicants may attend a four-year university or a technical college.

To qualify, applicants must be a graduate of a Green County area high school or resident continuing their education after high school. Scholarships will be awarded after the student has successfully completed one semester of study and has sent the scholarship committee proof of re-enrollment for the next semester.

Up to \$1,000 will be distributed annually at the discretion of the Green County Master Gardeners Association. Application deadline is Friday, April 30, and recipients will be announced in May.

For more information or to obtain an application contact Jackie McCarville, Ag Educator, at the Extension Green County Office at 608-328-9440. Applications are also available at green.extension.wisc.edu

Indoor flea market at Rock County Fairgrounds Saturday

Rock County Fairgrounds, 1301 Craig Ave, Janesville, will host Rock County Mega Sales indoor flea market Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The sales will take place inside the Craig Center building and boasts more than 45 vendors selling rummage, antiques, vintage, collectibles, handmade items/crafts, art, baked goods, and direct sale company items. Food concessions and drinks will also be available for purchase. Admission and parking is free of charge.

For more information, email rcmegasales@gmail.com or contact Deanna at 608-201-8217.

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