





# Obituaries

## DONNA JEAN APPLEMAN

Donna Jean Appleman, 73, Oconto Falls, passed away on Tuesday morning, Jan. 17, 2023, at home, surrounded by her family, following a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born Jan. 9, 1950, in Monroe to Chester and Bertha (Cleaveland-Kopplin) Lewis.

She grew up in Brodhead, where she attended school, later graduating from Blackhawk Technical College with a business degree.

She married Joseph Kundert and they had a son Daniel.

On Nov. 18, 2006, she married Stephen Appleman in Hawaii.

The couple lived in Monroe



taking tropical vacations and cruises.

As an avid camper and boater, she enjoyed socializing with all people and becoming fast friends, especially in Door County.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Stiles.

Survivors are her husband, Stephen Appleman, Oconto Falls; one son, Daniel (Valarie)

before moving to Oconto Falls 22 years ago.

Together, they enjoyed traveling to European countries, taking tropical vacations and cruises. As an avid camper and boater, she enjoyed socializing with all people and becoming fast friends, especially in Door County. She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Stiles. Survivors are her husband, Stephen Appleman, Oconto Falls; one son, Daniel (Valarie)

Kundert, Oconto Falls; three grandchildren, Christian, Daniel Jr., and Naomi Kundert; one sister, Beverly (Darrell) Pelikan, S.C.; special aunt, Anna Miller, Albany, Wis.; special uncle, Robert Cleaveland, Freeport, Ill.; special cousin, Teresa Crawford, Calif.; brother-in-law, Ronald (Kathy Shupe) Appleman, Marshfield; nephew, Capt. Brad (Nicole) Appleman, U.S. Navy, Italy; special friend, Rosalie Clark, Brodhead; her three kitties, Kallie, Susie, and Snowball; many cousins and area friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents and in-laws, Evan and Nellie Appleman.

Visitation will be held after 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at

St. Patrick Catholic Church in Stiles until the time of service.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at the church with the Rev. Fr. Walter Stumpf officiating.

Burial will take place 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 30, in Greenwood Cemetery in Brodhead.

Jones Funeral Service in Oconto Falls is assisting the Appleman family.

In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to Unity Hospice, 2366 Oak Ridge Circle, De Pere, Wis. 54115.

The Appleman family would like to thank the outstanding staff of Unity Hospice, especially Amanda, Ashley, Cheryl and Nicole.

## RAYMOND L. TRACY

Raymond L. Tracy of Juda passed away Sunday Jan. 15, 2023, at the age of 89.

He was born on April 9, 1933, to Albert and Millicent (Hamilton) Tracy.

He married Norma Brager on Jan. 15, 1959. They were married 64 years.

Together they had four children, Scott, Vance (Carolyn), Tammy (Brad) Knapp, and Colleen (Albert) Ostenson.

They lived in rural Footville for several years and later moved to their Juda home.

He was a mason in his earlier years and then started his Silo business, which he had until retirement. He loved to fish and hunt, also to spend time with his family and friends. He liked to play card games, put to-



without him.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, four brothers and four sisters.

He is survived by his wife and children, 9 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, his brother Gary, several nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

There will be a Celebration of Life for him on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Juda Community Center from 2 to 6 p.m.

Friends and family are welcome to attend.

# Juda Booster Club to host Valentines' meal

Juda Booster Club is hosting a Valentine's Day Meal on Tuesday, Feb. 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Juda School cafeteria.

The \$15 benefit meal options are the Heart-Breaker pork tenderloin or the Love potion No. 9 brisket, each of which will include a side salad, baked potato, baked beans, dessert, and milk.

A carry-out option is also available.

A Be Mine children's meal for \$6 features a hotdog, macaroni and cheese, dessert, and milk. You can substitute tenderloin or brisket for the hotdog for an additional \$2.

Up N' Smoke Bar-B-Que is providing meat for the meal.

Meal tickets are being pre-sold and can be purchased from a National

Honor Society member or the Juda School Office.

Walk ins are welcome while supplies last, and meat choices will be available while supplies last.

Juda Boys Basketball Team will play the Albany Comets after the meal, with junior varsity play beginning at 6 p.m., and the varsity game to follow.

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**FRIDAY, JAN. 27**  
-Albertson Memorial Public Library open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
\*High School girls basketball at Juda, 6 to 9 p.m.  
**SATURDAY, JAN. 28**  
-Albertson Memorial Public Library open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
-Meet new library director Melissa Everson during business hours  
-Recycling Center, 500 Ogden Ave., 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
\*Junior Comet League games, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the high school gym  
**MONDAY, JAN. 30**  
-Albertson Memorial Public Library open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
**TUESDAY, JAN. 31**  
-Albertson Memorial Public Library open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
-Children's story time at library, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.  
\*High School boys basketball at Barneveld, 6 to 9 p.m.  
-St. Patrick's Mass, 8 to 8:30 a.m.  
**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 1**  
-Albertson Memorial Public Library open 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
-Recycling Center, 1 to 6 p.m.  
-Albany United Methodist Church choir practice, 7 p.m.  
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By Joel Steinmann  
PARKVIEW-ALBANY COACH

Parkview-Albany Wrestling team placed 2nd at the Monroe invitational last week.

Janesville Parker High School, with 212.5 points, was first. Parkview-Albany's team had 156.0, and Monroe was third with 152.5 team points.

Nine Parkview-Albany wrestlers placed, and seven made the podium, with two on top, getting the cheesemaker plaque.

Danny Finley, 120 lbs. (29-5), and Wes Egan, 220 lbs. (31-1), came out of the 10-team tournament in first place.

Ian Suer, 132 lbs. (27-8); Evan Suer, 138 lbs. (18-11); and Wyatt Egan, 195 lbs. (20-3), finished in second place.

Slater Valley, 106 lbs. (23-4), and Sam Schwengels, 182 lbs. (31-2), placed third.

Nico Zamora #145 (16-9) missed the podium but still placed 4th. Sean Morales #170

(7-10) placed 5th. Simo Cenacchi #152 (4-10) wrestled hard but didn't place.

Parkview-Albany had three wrestlers competing in the Junior Varsity state competition in Wausau and one competing in the girls tournament.

Trevor Haugen #106, Connor Flippin #113 and Jayden Anderson #160 all competed in the Junior Varsity state tournament 24-man bracket with the stiff competition. They all wrestled hard and gained some great experience but did not place.

Lexi Hanson #100 went 3-2 on the day in the girls only tournament. She wrestled hard but didn't make the podium.

Hanson will be competing in the girls state series this year.

This week Parkview-Albany was set to head to Pardeeville on Tuesday, Jan. 24, for a cross over dual competition, also non-conference matches against Marshall and Water-

town Lutheran Preparatory School.

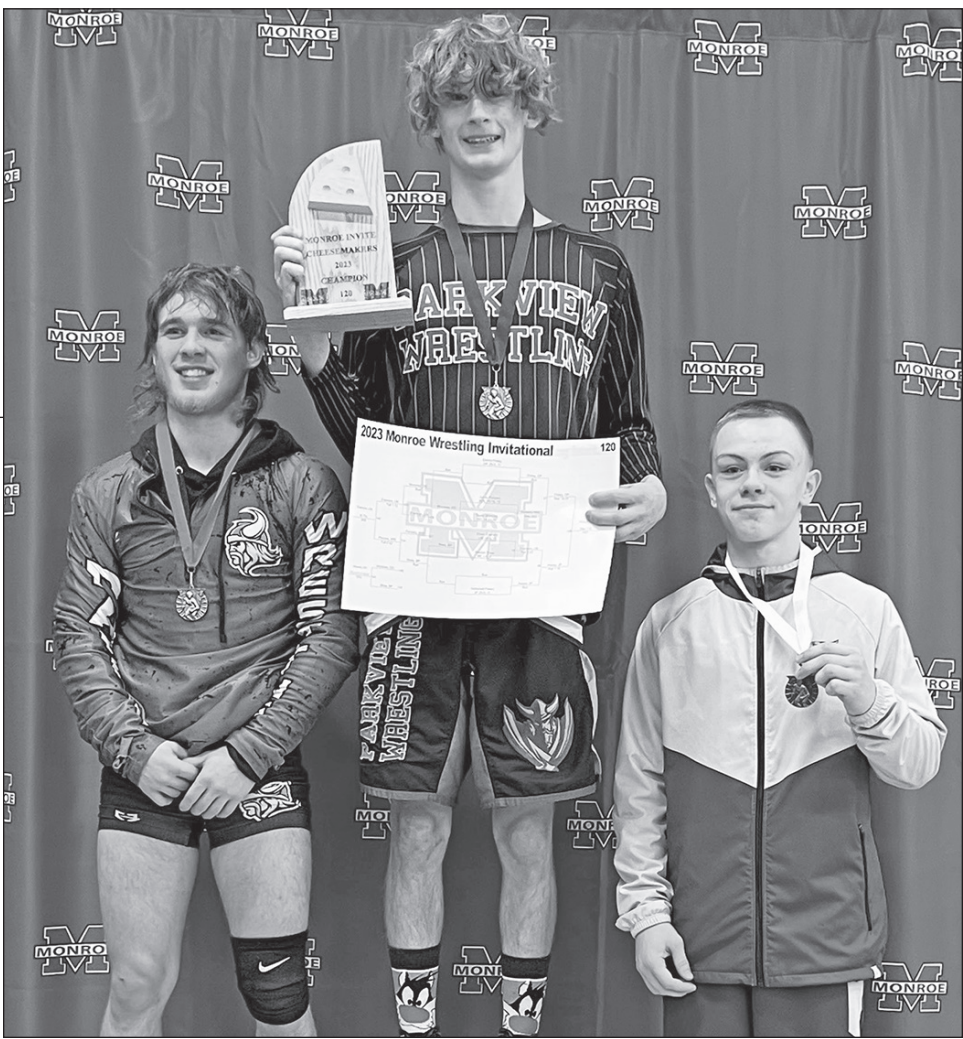
Tomorrow, Thursday, Jan. 26, Parkview-Albany wrestlers will have our final home duels with Johnson Creek, Montello and Brodhead/Juda joining to make it a quad.

A lot is on the line for the 26th. With a win over Johnson Creek, Parkview/Albany can win the south division in the Trailways Conference.

Wrestling will start at 6 p.m.

**Parkview-Albany Wrestling team placed second at the Monroe invitational last week. In the competition, Danny Finley (right), wrestling at 120 lbs. (29-5), and Wes Egan (below), at 220 lbs. (31-1), came out of the 10-team tournament in first place.**

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## Green County Sheriff's report

Green County Sheriff's Department released deputies' reports of the following incidents they recorded over the past week.

All individuals arrested or cited in this account are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**Thursday, Jan. 19**  
**Motor vehicle crash with property damage**

At 5:38 a.m., deputies responded to the 700 block of Vine Street, in the Village of Albany for the report of a single-vehicle crash.

Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Michael E. Cavin, 32, of Brodhead, was traveling westbound when he lost control of his vehicle due to snowy road conditions.

Cavin collided with a traffic sign and then entered the ditch.

Cavin reported no injuries, and he told deputies he was wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash. The airbags did not deploy.

The vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene.

**Probation, parole violation**

At 9:55 a.m., deputies responded to the 2800 block of 6th St. in the City of Monroe to assist Probation and Parole staff.

Investigation resulted in Robert P. Olson Jr., 39, of Browntown, being arrested

for a Probation and Parole violation. Olson was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

**Motor vehicle crash with property damage**

At 11:17 a.m., deputies responded to the 1400 block of State Highway 69 in the Village of New Glarus for the report of a two-vehicle crash. Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Shelbi L.A. Fritsch, 25, of Monroe was traveling northbound, when she slowed for a vehicle turning in front of her.

Fritsch was then struck by a vehicle following her vehicle. Fritsch reported no injuries and told deputies that she had been wearing her seatbelt at the time of the accident.

The airbags in her vehicle did not deploy. Fritsch's vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene.

The vehicle following her vehicle was operated by Gerald H. Beckman, 61, of Monroe. Beckman reported no injuries and also told deputies that he had been wearing his seatbelt.

The airbags in his vehicle did not deploy. Beckman's vehicle sustained functional damage and was driven from the scene.

**Wednesday, Jan. 18**  
**Warrant for arrest**

At 10:34 a.m., deputies responded to the 2800 block of 6th St. in the City of Monroe. An investigation resulted in

Shawn M. Ryan, 40, of Elizabet, being arrested on a warrant through Probation and Parole. He was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.

**Motor vehicle crash, injury**

At 6:29 p.m., deputies responded to the West 8000 block of County Highway P in the Town of Cadiz for a single-vehicle crash.

Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Gary A. Schwartz, 67, of Winslow, had been traveling westbound at the time of an accident.

The vehicle entered the north ditch and collided with a road sign.

The vehicle continued traveling west and collided with a tree.

Schwartz sustained non-life-threatening injuries. Schwartz reported that he had been wearing his seatbelt at the time of the crash, and the vehicle airbags deployed.

The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene.

**Motor vehicle crash/OWI**

At 9:12 p.m., deputies responded to the intersection of State Highway 59 and Broughton Road in the Town of Albany for the report of a single-vehicle crash.

Investigation revealed that a vehicle operated by Erik C. Melaas, 23, of Albany, had been traveling west bound on

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FROM STAFF AND RELEASE

Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc., has purchased a former school building at 825 Liberty Ave. to develop the Next Step transitional living project.

The project will serve unhoused young children and parents in Rock County.

Next Step will be located in Royce Elementary School, which the school district closed in 2011 to stave off a more than \$4 million projected budget deficit.

Next Step aims to provide safe, stable housing and on-site quality, affordable childcare.

Royce was first built in 1898, with additions in 1958 and 1967 before being rebuilt in 1976.

The school was named for the Rev. Fayette Royce, who was Beloit School superintendent, 1874 to 1875, and served on the school board. He was also director of the Episcopal Church.

A goal of the Next Step project in its new building will be to provide a safe and stable foun-

ation for families with young children so they can thrive and fully participate in the community, in turn reducing the need for other crisis-based services.

“A stable foundation is so important for all family members to thrive. Housing instability can negatively impact a child’s ability to learn, develop, and grow. There are many families that want to be productive and contributing members of our community but are unable to do so because they must focus their energy and resources on stabilizing their housing,” said Kelsey Hood Christenson, Director of Survivor Empowerment Services.

“We hope this project will serve as a safe and stable place for these families to put the pieces together and move forward with the skills and resources they need to thrive,” Christenson stated in a press release.

Plans for the Next Step project, which is slated to begin construction this spring, include a 17-unit transitional living program for families with

young children.

In addition to childcare, Next Step will provide trauma-informed supportive services, helping families with a variety of skills critical to their well-being and independence.

The services include parenting and financial counseling; accessing mental and physical health care; and obtaining education and job training.

Support for the Next Step project has been widespread, according to John Pfeleiderer, Family Services’ Executive Director.

“We are both honored and encouraged by the extent of support this project has received from a diverse group of champions throughout the county,” Pfeleiderer stated in the press release last week.

“The support we have received from our project partners and from the community-at-large is indicative of the depth of compassion and concern there is for our vulnerable neighbors.”

Upon completion, the project will include a childcare center



WISCONSIN HISTORICAL SOCIETY PHOTO *Brodhead Independent Register*

**The former Royce Elementary School, pictured in this 2015 Wisconsin Historical Society survey photo, is now to house transitional services for homeless children and parents in Rock County. The building is at 825 Liberty Ave. in Beloit.**

for newborn- to preschool-age children.

The center will serve approximately 20 children of Next Step residents and 50 additional children from low- to moderate-income families.

With separate entrances for community and administrative spaces, the facility will also include an outdoor playground

for both residents and neighborhood children.

Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc., provides financial planning; parenting support; therapy and counseling; legal advocacy; and community outreach.

Its programs include DEFY Domestic Abuse Beloit; Indi-

vidual & Family Counseling Program; Sexual Assault Recovery Program; Praxis Employee Assistance Program; Youth2Youth 4 Change; and The Neighborhood Resilience Project.

Family Services is a funded partner of United Way Blackhawk Region and United Way of Green County.

# Help protect our streams from aquatic invasive species

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources reminds anglers out for the early inland trout season to help protect our streams from aquatic invasive species. Some fishing streams may contain invasive species, and if care is not taken, those species can accidentally be transferred to another.

New Zealand mudsnails

have one of the highest potentials of spreading from one water to another. Only 4-6 millimeters in length, they can easily get stuck in the mud and picked up on boots, waders and gear. Felt-soled boots are particularly susceptible to these snails as they can lodge into and under the felt. The snails can lie in the mud along the shore, so

they can be spread without ever stepping foot into the water.

Some seeds and fragments of invasive plants can survive throughout winter under the ice. Thoroughly cleaning fishing gear before leaving a fishing site can help stop the chance of spreading invasive species.

Cold Wisconsin winters

usually help combat the spread of invasives. The DNR encourages anglers to leave fishing gear where it can freeze for eight hours or more as this will kill most species, including New Zealand mudsnails. Other methods to kill aquatic invasive species hiding in fishing gear are to steam clean the gear or to soak it in either 140° water

or 2% Virkon solution (5.4 tablespoons per gallon) for 20 minutes. Many people aware of the risks will also switch to a new set of gear for a second adventure, especially if they have been fishing in a stream known to have mudsnails.

A few minutes of preventative action can help preserve and protect waterways for generations to come. Before leaving a fishing site, anglers should:

- Inspect fishing equipment

for attached aquatic plants, animals or mud.

- Remove all attached plants or animals.
- Drain all water from buckets and containers.
- Never move live fish away from a waterbody (fish out of water = dead).

To learn more about invasive species and their impacts on Wisconsin’s waters, visit the DNR’s Aquatic Invasive Species webpage at [dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives).

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**Anglers can help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species while out during early inland trout fishing season.**

## •Police

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State Highway 59 when he lost control of his vehicle.

The vehicle then entered the ditch and collided with a stop sign.

Melaas reported no injuries from the accident and said he was wearing his seatbelt. The airbags in the vehicle did not deploy. The vehicle sustained functional damage and was left on scene.

Investigation resulted in Melaas being arrested for Operating While Under the Influence (1st-Alcohol).

Melaas was cited for Operating with a Prohibited Alcohol Concentration and Failure to maintain control of his vehicle.

Melaas was jailed pending release to a responsible party.

**Sunday, Jan. 15 Probation violation**

At 9 p.m., deputies conduct-

ed a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 2100 block of 1st Center Avenue in the City of Brodhead.

Investigation resulted in the driver, Robert G. Christianson, 60, of Brodhead, being arrested for a probation violation.

Christianson was incarcerated at the Green County Jail. Christianson was also cited for failure to install an ignition interlock device.

**Warrant for arrest**

At 10:51 p.m., deputies responded to the West 600 block of Bud Lane in the Town of Albany to assist the Wisconsin Department of Corrections.

Investigation resulted in Larry J. Stafail, 76, of Albany, being arrested for a warrant through the Department of Corrections.

Stafail was incarcerated at the Green County Jail.





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The 35,000-pound shipment of pork was received by Wisconsin Farmers Union Rural Organizer Hayden Cohan, right, and Second Harvest Foodbank Director of Marketing & Communications Kristopher Tazelaar.

# Farmers Union donates pork to regional food banks

By Danielle Endvick  
WISCONSIN FARMERS UNION

A large donation of nutritious protein found its way from family farms to Madison today when 35,000 pounds of pork was delivered to Second Harvest Foodbank. The donation by Wisconsin Farmers Union (WFO), in partnership with Farmers Union Enterprises, is part of a five-state giving spree of 180,000 pounds of pork that also includes food banks in Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

“We are incredibly grateful for this generous donation from the Wisconsin Farmers Union,” said Michelle Orge, President & CEO of Second Harvest Foodbank of Southern Wisconsin. “Our vision is that everyone in our community has enough nutritious food to thrive, and this donation fits that vision perfectly. It is a nutritious and versatile product that fits into many

different types of diets and cultural preferences.”

“This can be a difficult time of year financially for many families, and we’re glad to be able to provide some nourishment for families facing food insecurity through this donation,” said WFO President Darin Von Ruden, a dairy farmer from Westby, WI. “Our farmer members are hard at work each day producing food that we want to be sure is reaching those who need it most.”

FUE comprises several businesses – the dividends of which help fund Farmers Union organizations in a five-state area. The donated pork came from Redwood Farms in Estherville, Iowa, which supplies premium pork products to high-end restaurants in New York, Chicago and other cities across the U.S. Redwood Farms is unique in that it is focused on providing farmers the best market

pricing for hogs that may not meet the stricter size specifications of larger processing plants.

Since 1986 Second Harvest has been supporting neighbors struggling with food insecurity in southwestern Wisconsin. With a mission of ending hunger in southwestern Wisconsin, the foodbank provides those facing hunger in the community access to enough nutritious food to thrive.

Headquartered in Chippewa Falls, WFO is a statewide member-driven organization that is committed to enhancing the quality of life for family farmers, rural communities, and all people through educational opportunities, cooperative endeavors, and civic engagement.

“Farmers Union is all about working together to meet our common needs,” Von Ruden said. “We’re glad to be able to partner with Second Harvest on this effort.”

# DATCP provides tuition reimbursement for UW meat safety short course

University of Wisconsin-Madison will be hosting a Basic Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) for Meat and Poultry Establishments Short Course March 1-2.

The short course will take place at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discovery building.

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) will be providing tuition reimbursement for qualifying participants.

Participants must reside in Wisconsin. Tuition reimbursement is through the Meat Talent Development Program.

Gov. Tony Evers created the \$5 million program to connect the meat processing industry with potential employees.

The training will discuss

HACCP principles and the development and implementation of HACCP plans and programs.

These programs include new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food Safety Inspection Service (FSIS) regulations for meat and poultry establishments.

This course will include topic presentations, provide a hands-on opportunity to develop HACCP program components, and satisfy the training requirement specified in the 1996 Pathogen Reduction/ HACCP regulation.

Participants who complete the training will receive a certificate of completion. Their names will also be added to a registry of HACCP trained individuals that is maintained by the International Meat and Poultry HACCP Alliance. The registration fee is \$550 per person and includes training materials, handouts, and

lunch.

After Feb. 12, the registration fee will increase to \$600 per person.

Participants who reside in Wisconsin can request tuition reimbursement through DATCP’s Meat Talent Development Program during check-in at the event.

Tuition reimbursement is limited to three participants per meat establishment.

The training is limited to 60 participants.

Registration will remain open until the course fills.

Find details and register at [meatsciences.cals.wisc.edu/event/basic-haccp-for-meat-and-poultry-short-course](https://meatsciences.cals.wisc.edu/event/basic-haccp-for-meat-and-poultry-short-course).

Questions about the training should be directed to University of Wisconsin-Madison Meat Science and Animal Biologics Outreach Program Manager Colleen Crummy at 608-263-4891 or [colleen.crummy@wisc.edu](mailto:colleen.crummy@wisc.edu).

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Walking Through Grief is a six-week grief support group open to those ages

18+ who have experienced the death of someone special.

Sessions will be held on Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. from Feb. 16 to March 23, at SSM Health at Home’s hospice office.

The office is located at 1905 Fifth St. in Monroe. Attendance at all sessions is highly recommended.

Seating is limited and registration is requested. There

is no charge to attend.

Visit our website at [ssm-health.com/events](https://ssm-health.com/events) to register for the group. For more information or to register over the phone, please call SSM Health at Home at 608-324-1230.

SSM Health at Home holds attendees’ health and safety in the highest regard. Group participants will be required to wear a mask when attending the group.



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# You just found out ‘you’re being laid-off’ ... What’s next?

Only the super lucky among us will go an entire work-life/career without being let go from a job. In fact, according to leading job sources, over 40 percent of workers will experience a lay-off.

What will separate the ones who persevere and grow through the process from those who suffer and become somewhat diminished- physically, psychologically, emotionally and financially?

Here is some information and advice to help you work through the challenges in the process.

## The seven stages you may face

Like dealing with illness, or death, there are known ‘stages’ in the process.

According to UC Berkley they are:

- Loss and Grieving
- Depression
- Difficulty Managing Stress that comes with being let go
- Difficulty Adjusting at first-not realizing it takes time to regain your footing
- Shame
- Issues with communication-not telling Family and Friends
- Amplification of the issue such that it seems impossible to solve, when really it can be seen as a ‘Temporary-Setback’

## Support systems

It is likely that your company, community and local/federal government has programs that you can look to for assistance. It would be a healthy move to take account of these. In that way, you don’t feel that you are going it alone. Besides the obvious ones like County and Federal Unemployment and Retraining Programs, here are some that are less well-known:

- Local Civic and Community Associations
- Church, Synagogue
- YMCA, YWCA

## Age is not an issue or an excuse

*“I’m a WINNER, I’m a WINNER, I’m a WINNER.” – Gavin MacLeod, Actor, The Love Boat, The Mary Tyler Moore Show*

My transition came when I was 47-years-old. Gavin MacLeod was also in his 40’s when he landed the part of a lifetime – Maury Slaughter on the hit TV Series The Mary Tyler Moore Show. A little-known ‘bit’ actor at the time he read for the role that changed his life.

He spoke the above words of affirmation, quietly to himself as he waited to audition. For him, as for me, It never occurred like we were too old. Further, we were both so bold as to see ourselves as entirely capable.

Yes, there are those that will

judge you and not be god prospects, but there are more folks that you can identify, find and apply to that are willing to look at you and see your potential.

In fact, now with many older workers leaving the job-force, is one of the best times ever to find a job after 50 or 50.

The mental trick is to convince yourself of all of the positives here. The challenge is to believe that this is a real opportunity for you. It took me a while, but after several years and a few in-between jobs, I found my ‘2nd-Act’ by starting an online Automotive/Educational-Supply business, which I still run today.

## What does it take to succeed in a transition?

“If you think you can .... You probably can. If you think you can’t-you probably won’t” Anon

As the popular saying goes, and such it is. I think the first think thing that you need is BELIEF. At times like these, I go to my past successes and dust them off for a fresh viewing.

This reminds me of how I was a one time a ‘champion’, and thus rekindles my self-confidence-building me up for the task and fight ahead.

Here are some other attributes it will take to come out on top here:

- Old-fashioned discipline
- Imagination
- Determination
- Gathering of resources - both human and financial perspective

## Likely outcomes

*“Worry and Despair are useless emotions.” – Anon*

*“90%of what you worry about – never comes to be.” – Anon*

It is good to keep things in perspective. Of course, this is a major point in your life.

However, it is also one that can be managed. Many things will flow through your mind, and it is easy to let negative and non-helpful emotions seep in.

Keep in mind the old truism “This too shall pass.” Getting busy on the task ahead will be of great benefit in taking your mind of all of the concerning aspects of this. Believe it or not, things will probably work out OK.

So then to the question of what lies ahead. The exact nature of your personal challenge and steps ahead will vary- depending on your own personal and financial situation.

From readings on the subject and my own experience, here are some things you may see happen ahead:

- You need time is to let things settle.

- There may be a lack of progress in finding something – this can go from 3-12 months.
- No immediate clarity as to path and long-term work.
- You may want/need to get temporary work to keep the ‘lights-on’
- During this period it may be best to angle for some temporary work or gig.

Good websites to find some posts are Flex Jobs, Snag a Job, Upwork, Freelancer, Task Rabbit and Guru.

There is no shame in ‘gig’ work. Fortunately, we live in a time of UBER, Door-Dash, and Amazon. Odds are, within 60 days, you could be up and running. Of course, this is not a long-term solution – just a step to get you going and keep you moving.

This is a good idea for a few reasons:

It does you no good to sit at home and dwell on things –you can’t meet anyone, make new connections at home.

Your self-worth is a huge asset, and without work it may become depleted.

Doing something keeps you energized and in ‘circulation’

It puts dollars in your pocket by doing something else, you take the pressure off yourself. This gives your mind to subconsciously work on helping you figure things out.

## Options

*“Opportunity often comes disguised in the form of misfortune, or, temporary defeat.” – Napoleon Hill*

Being laid-off can spawn a great many new ways ahead- it can be mostly a matter of how you look at it. From personal experience, in the course of my 40-year work-life, I have been in transition numerous times and for the most part, it has been for the better. By example, I was laid off when a company I worked for was taken over by another group. I had excelled at my job and made the out-fit close to \$500,000. When I was laid-off, I had to figure out something out.

You may be surprised, when you stop and think about it, the many possibilities for you to consider. What follows are some ideas and ways to go about your transition.

## Targeting a job at a traditional business

Good regional companies are always on the lookout for loyal, trustworthy and experienced workers. One approach would be to research and contact the HR departments of these firms and get a revamped resume in front of them. Of course, you can also use online recruiters such as Zippia, Zip Recruit-

er, Career Builder, Indeed and Monster.

Local small business are a good group to look at as well. Odds are, you know them well, perhaps as a patron, and they either know you, or someone in your network as well. If you have a College or University nearby, they are excellent spots to check out. Sports teams may be in need of part-time help as well. Oh, and don’t forget High Schools and School Districts seem to always need substitutes.

Heck, just being in another job, from people there and places you go, can lead you to the real job you want.

## Targeting a job at a non-traditional business

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- It puts dollars in your pocket

By doing something else, you take the pressure off yourself. This gives your mind to subconsciously work on helping you figure things out.

## Networking

*“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers – for thereby some have entertained Angels- unaware.” – Hebrews 3:12*

It is a good idea to be networking on all levels. Pretty much anyone within an arm’s reach is a good candidate. Some common areas are:

Friends, family, past and present work contacts, Facebook and LinkedIn

Not so often used or known are:

- Local employers - both large and small
- Career Centers - both local and College
- People you meet at gym
- People you meet at local coffee shops
- Attend local events
- Scan local news for articles of what companies are expanding/hiring
- Contact companies you

want to work with

- Locate and attend networking events
- Hang out at local ship center (often business people ship there)
- Local staffing companies
- To get started, scope out and settle for seasonal work

## The internet as a tool in finding your next job

*“Lean forward into the next crazy venture beneath the skies.” – Jack Kerouac*

The internet is the new ‘high-way’ for hitchhikers and seekers worldwide. Just surveying it can open your mind to what is going on in the world. It also may just spark some new thoughts and work opportunities/directions to pursue. Often, there are news stories or articles centered on businesses. You can find a few gems there. Gmail has a settings option that can be custom-tailored for your areas of interest, and will automatically generate and send you links to important articles of interest. It is also possible to research and uncover successful businesses, within your industry.

Here are some ways to leverage the Internet in your search:

- Look at GlassDoor.com for company reviews
- Search LinkedIn for successful Local Businesses
- Look for companies where you would want to work.
- Search articles in a field of your experience or interest
- Find information and articles in local papers

## A business located ‘on-line’

*“The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.” – Alvin Toffler*

Many people have found ‘life-after-layoff’ as the owner of an online business. Manufacturing and Production facilities are updated and retooled every few years, and it may be a good thing for you to

Do the same! As part of that, you can explore and become more fluent in what’s going on online.

Online retailing and sales-termed E-commerce is a trend that is only increasing as more people stay at home or office and shop/buy online.

According to Salesforce.com, over 4 million new businesses were started in 2020 alone! Zippia Recruiters estimates the online sector accounts for 30 percent of all new enterprises. That means over 100,000, folks

every month either start or acquire an online business.

At first, starting an online business seems intimidating, but there must be some way to learn and approach it, that so many are going in that direction. The internet has sources, articles, blogs and YouTube videos from people that have overcome and real or perceived barriers. Often, for free, or, sometimes for a fee, you can get the help you need.

A leader in the field, with 25 years of experience helping people start, grow and maintain their small online businesses is Deanna Lilly of BiznessConcepts.com.

“It’s really important to have a good name - something relatable and identifiable for the business.

Try to avoid being a ‘commodity’ – something easily found with a bunch of competitors” she advises. “Most of the successful small business entrepreneurs that I have worked with feature niche products-uncommon in the marketplace, and with few competitors. By example, I have worked with people in Model Ship Building, Bingo Supplies, Custom Seafood Packages, Self-Defense Products/Training and Driver Ed Brakes for Schools/Programs offering Driver Education. If you acquire an ongoing concern, all the better! The website, domain market and customers are all there from day one. Think of it like getting a ‘franchise’ and being in charge of everything to go with it!

The good news - you’re up to the challenge every day, every week and every month- of making things happen. The bad news - you’re the one with the daily, weekly and monthly challenge.

According to Ms. Lilly, “A common mistake is to get a website and not do enough to make it successful,” she says. “You need to actively promote your product with- Social-Media, Blogs and Branded Emails.”

For more information, you could again turn to the internet for ideas.

Other good sources are:

- BiznessConcepts.com: email Deanna Lilly at Deanna@BiznessConcepts.com, call 410-536-4610
- BizBuySell.com
- Dan.com: a division of GoDaddy
- Sedo.com
- Flippa.com

By Steven Jay Blank drivertrainingproducts.com.

# •Nominations (Continued from front page)

college campuses, hospitals, and food banks.

After many years of statewide grassroots efforts, Wisconsin Act 293 established a DATCP Farm to School Program.

This formalized and provided structure to Wisconsin Farm to School and created the Wisconsin Farm to School Advisory Council.

An annual census of schools tracks trends in local food purchases.

Of the 670 School Food Authorities in Wisconsin, 477 (71%) completed the census, and of the 477 SFAs that completed the census, 373 (83%) incorporate farm to school activities into their own.

Activities include promotion, procurement, education, and school gardens.

Of SFA respondents in 2019, 6% spent some of their food budget on local foods (up from 4.86% in the 2015 Census) and this amount increased to 18.2%

when including local milk.

Just under \$75.6 million was spent on school foods in Wisconsin in 2019.

Less than \$3 million of that was spent on local foods.

The Wisconsin School Garden Network’s ‘Put Yourself on the Map’ campaign recently asked schools and organizations to add their gardens and contact information to our school garden map.

The map continues to grow, and there are approximately 850 Wisconsin school gardens on the map, which is more recorded gardens than any other state in the country.

In 2022, DATCP received \$25,000 in Specialty Crop Block Grant funding to work with Edible Cuts in Kenosha for processing and sampling 8,000 pounds of school-friendly products to Wisconsin students.

The University of Wisconsin - Division of Extension’s Food Wise Harvest of the Month program partnered to share best

practices, educational materials, and services. The project resulted in several schools transitioning potato purchases to Wisconsin from Idaho.

DATCP has applied for \$100,000 in Specialty Crop Block Grant funding.

If received, the funds will promote specialty crop producers and products and offer food safety training and Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) Certification.

The funds will also help coordinate education and procurement assistance, and foster stronger regional supply chain connections to increase farm sales of Wisconsin specialty crops to schools.

This project will engage new partners and supply chain stakeholders, increase market access for underserved growers, and expand healthy local food options that feature specialty crops to school districts with high percentages of students that qualify for free or reduced meals.



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# Bank crop insurance meetings include Rock, Green county sessions

Deadline to purchase or make changes to crop insurance for the 2023 growing season is March 15.

To help local farmers fully understand their options, State Bank of Cross Plains (SBCP) and Monona Bank – combining in February to become Lake Ridge Bank – invite farmers to attend one of three Crop Insurance Info Meetings held in late January and early February:

- Thursday, Jan. 26, begins at 10 a.m., Rex’s Innkeeper, 301 N. Century Ave., Waunakee
- Thursday, Feb. 9:, begins at 10 a.m. Johnson Tractor, 1110 US High,way 14, Janesville
- Friday, Feb. 10, begins at 10 a.m., Koning event Cen-

ter, N3051 State Highway 81, Monroe.

This is a free public event. You do not need to be a customer of State Bank of Cross Plains or Monona Bank to participate. A complimentary lunch will be served after each presentation, and all attendees will be entered into a drawing to win a Grain Moisture Tester, valued at \$200. Attendance space is limited.

Visit [sbcp.bank/crop-meetings](http://sbcp.bank/crop-meetings) or call 608-835-1248 to reserve a spot.

Crop insurance specialists Jessica Sarbacker, Heather Golz, Rachel McDonald, Emily DeLong, and Lisa Runnels will host the meetings.

Topics covered at each meet-

ing include:

- FSA Updates: What is new in government programs?
- 2023 Crop Insurance and Dairy Revenue Protection (DRP) Updates: Tips for evaluating your coverage as the cost to grow a crop continues to rise.
- Lake Ridge Bank tools for farmers, along with an overview of interest rates.
- What does the merger mean to you? As SBCP and Mono-

na Bank become Lake Ridge Bank, learn about what changes, what stays the same, and what new benefits will be introduced.

In addition, each meeting will feature a local expert to discuss current ag industry topics: Yahara Pride Farms in Waunakee, Farmers on the Rock in Janesville, and Badger State Ethanol in Monroe.

“Like most business owners,

farmers appreciate guidance on how to best tailor benefits to fit their unique needs,” says Sarbacker, who leads the bank’s crop insurance team. “The program options can be overwhelming, so we are here to answer questions, share insights, and help farmers determine the best path forward for their farm business.”

In February, State Bank of Cross Plains and Monona Bank

will merge to form Lake Ridge Bank, offering a full range of business and personal financial services, including business, real estate, agricultural, and consumer lending; crop insurance; wealth management; and financial advisory services. For more information, visit [lakeridge.bank](http://lakeridge.bank).

For additional information, contact Mark Schellpfeffer at 608-223-5141.

## Legal Notices

### TOWN OF SPRING VALLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To be held Monday, February 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm, prior to the regular monthly town board meeting at the Orfordville Fire Station meeting room for the following purpose: To consider an application by the Weihmeir Family Trust, 1825 S State Rd 104, Brodhead WI 53520, for an A1 Lot Minor Land Division and zoning change to re-zone 5+/- acres from A-1 to A-3 zoning; and to divide the same 5+/- acres from the existing 445.1 +/- acre parcel owned by Weihmeir Family Trust, for the purpose of separating the existing home and buildings from the remainder of the property in order to sell or transfer ownership. The property is tax parcel #036-001255, part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, located at 1825 S State Rd 104, Brodhead WI 53520-9700.

The Town of Spring Valley Planning & Zoning Committee will advise the Board of their recommendations following their meeting on December 26, 2022. A quorum of the Committee members may be present for information gathering purposes.

Immediately following the public hearing on February 13, 2023, the Spring Valley Town Board will consider the application at its regular meeting.

Dela Ends, Clerk  
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Zoning and Planning Meeting  
Town of Avon  
Avon Town Hall  
16513 W Beloit Newark Road,  
Brodhead, WI 53520  
February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning and Planning Board for the Town of Avon will be meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to hear and review the application submitted by Gerald & Vicki Seichter to rezone 39 +/- acres located at 6822 S Nelson Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 in section 4, SE & NE ¼, parcel number 6-1-33 & 6-1-31.1 from A to NROS.

If you approve or have an objection to this request, please express your actions by letter, telephone, or in person. If we do not hear from you, we will infer that you have no objections. Letters can be mailed to 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520. For a telephone number of one of Zoning and Planning board members, please contact Stephanie Schwartzlow at 608-921-3656.

Stephanie Schwartzlow  
Avon Town Clerk  
608-921-3656

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Town of Avon  
Rock County  
Mowing Estimate

The Town of Avon located in Southern Rock County is looking for estimates on mowing the following properties:

Avon Town Hall located on Beloit Newark Rd, Brodhead  
Avon Cemetery located on Avon Store Rd, Brodhead

Northrup Cemetery located on W Avon N Townline Rd, Brodhead

Bid to include mowing each property as needed, trimming, and weed control around structures for the months of April - October. Must provide Certificate of Insurance. Mail bids to: Town of Avon, Stephanie Schwartzlow, 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 on or by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

Stephanie Schwartzlow  
Avon Town Clerk

Town of Avon  
Rock County  
Roadside Mowing Estimate

The Town of Avon located in Southern Rock County is looking for estimates on mowing the roadsides within the township. There is approximately 44.4 miles of road in the township. Estimate to include mowing of roadside twice a year (early summer and late fall) which consist of mowing 7-10 feet from the road edge, mowing around road signs, making sure intersections are highly visible. Must provide Certificate of Insurance. Mail bids to: Town of Avon, Stephanie Schwartzlow, 15444 W Skinner Rd, Brodhead, WI 53520 on or by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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### STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT GREEN COUNTY

In the matter of the name change of: Madelyn Grace Vaultonburg

Petitioner: Madelyn Grace Vaultonburg

Co-Petitioner: Johanna Leigh Major

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing  
Case No. 23-CV-05

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:**  
A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:  
From: Madelyn Grace Vaultonburg  
To: Madelyn Grace Major  
Birth Certificate: Madelyn Grace Vaultonburg  
**IT IS ORDERED:**

This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Green County, State of Wisconsin:  
Judge's Name: Honorable Thomas J. Vale  
Place: 2841 - 6th St., Monroe, WI 53566  
Date: Feb. 8, 2023  
Time: 9:45 a.m.  
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (608) 328-9433 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.  
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**  
Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Independent - Register a newspaper published in Brodhead, WI 53520 County, State of Wisconsin.

**BY THE COURT:**  
Electronically signed by  
Thomas J. Vale  
Circuit Court Judge  
January 6, 2023  
The Independent Register  
1/18, 1/25, 2/1/2023  
WNAXLP 431548

# Registration open for Gutter Busters youth bowling event

Sheriff Fell is pleased to announce that the Rock County Sheriff’s Office will offer a Gutter Busters youth bowling event on Feb. 25, from noon to 2 p.m., at RiversEdge Bowl, 215 S. River St. Janesville.

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

Gutter Busters is a community-based program offered by the Cops and Kids Foundation to help steer youth away from crime.

The primary goal of Gutter Busters is to teach kids how to bowl. Kids will learn proper bowling etiquette, technique, and scoring. The Gutter Busters program promotes sportsmanship, integrity, and respect for others.

Advanced registration is required. There are 25 spots available for children ages 6 to 12.

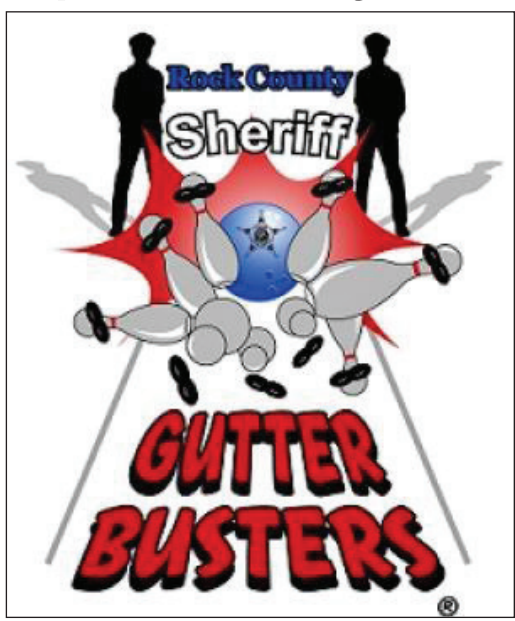
These spots fill on a first come basis. Guardians can sign up their child or children [www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/gutter-busters](http://www.co.rock.wi.us/departments/sheriff-s-office/recreational-patrol/gutter-busters).

Upon submitting the online registration form, registrants will see an onscreen confirmation message with additional information.

Two games of bowling, shoe rental, lunch, an event t-shirt, and a prize will be provided to all youth participants.

The Sheriff’s Office is also seeking sponsorships for the Gutter Busters Program.

This event is free to participants due to the generosity of financial and in-kind sponsors. To learn more, email Deputy Terry Borgwardt at [terry.borgwardt@co.rock.wi.us](mailto:terry.borgwardt@co.rock.wi.us) or call 608-757-7941.



# Cattle Feeders workshop series slated with RSVP by Feb. 6

Changes to antibiotic use and availability, updates on implant use, market outlooks for the coming year and how stockmanship and handling facilities can impact animal performance will be presented to help cattle feeders be better prepared for the upcoming year.

Presenters and topics are as follows:

An overview of the coming rule changes for purchasing antibiotics and how a valid veterinary client patient relationship (VCPR) can reduce problems with those changes, will be presented by UW Madison Extension Livestock Educators Sandy Stutgen, Amanda Cauffman, or Carolyn Ihde (depending on location).

An update on implant labels and management will be presented by: Dr. Dan Thomson, Iowa State University, via a recorded presentation.

A 2023 market outlook for livestock and grains, will be reviewed by Dr. Brenda Boetel, UW- Madison Extension Livestock and Grain Market Specialist.

And stockmanship and

handling facilities considerations will be presented by Bill Halfman, UW Madison Extension Beef Outreach Specialist.

Participants will receive a copy of the BQA Feedlot Self-Assessment Guide for identifying strengths and areas for improvement on their operations.

The Annual UW Extension Cattle Feeders Workshop contains information for beef and dairy cattle feeders/finishers and related allied industries. Attending the workshop will also earn people who are BQA certified one continuing ed credit towards their next re-certification.

Following are the Feb. 15 locations and county extension offices for registering for each location. RSVP is required by Feb. 6.

We may cancel due to low enrollment. However, we will call those who have registered in the event that happens.

Contact the host county Extension Office for that specific location for more information.

- Monroe, 1:45 p.m. registration, program begins at 2:00 p.m. Green County

Justice Center, 2841 6th St. Monroe. RSVP by Feb. 6 by calling Green County UW Extension, 608-328-9440.

- Lancaster, 6 p.m. registration, program begins at 6:30 p.m. Grant County Youth and Ag Center, 916 East Elm St.

Lancaster. There will be a \$10 registration fee collected at the door with a meal sponsored by the Grant County Cattleman’s. Again, RSVP by Feb. 6 by calling Grant County UW Extension, 608-723-2125.

# Artist registration now open for 65th annual Tallman Arts Festival

Artists of all mediums are invited to register for the 65th annual Tallman Arts Festival, set for Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 5 and 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the grounds of the Rock County Historical Society and Lincoln-Tallman House in Janesville.

More than 2,000 people attend the arts fest, which features art of all kinds – from ceramics and photography, to jewelry, mixed media and more.

The weekend includes live music, food trucks, a children’s area, beer tent, and many non-profit exhibitors. Proceeds from the Tallman Arts Festival support educational programming and preservation of the historic buildings on the RCHS campus.

Registration is now open to artists. Early registration is \$100 per booth for two days, or \$85 per booth for one day

until Feb. 28. From March 1 to June 30, open registration is \$150 per booth for two days, or \$100 per booth for one day. Late registration runs from July 1 to July 31 and rates are \$200 per booth for two days, or \$150 per booth for one day. To apply, visit [rchs.us/taf-artist-application](http://rchs.us/taf-artist-application).

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

# Tickets on sale for Blackhawk’s annual Soul Food Luncheon

Blackhawk Technical College will hold its annual Soul Food Luncheon on Tuesday, Feb. 21, in the college’s new Conference Center at its Central Campus. This will be the first time since 2019 that the event will be held in person.

Hosted by Blackhawk’s Culinary Arts Department, the Student Government Association, the Multi-Cultural Alliance and the BTC Foundation, proceeds from the lunch go to diversity scholarships for minority students. The menu is prepared by

Blackhawk Culinary Arts Students and will feature baked and fried chicken, ham, fried catfish, barbeque ribs, candied yams, collard greens, cornbread. Entertainment will be provided by Harlem Jefferson Duo.

Tickets are \$15 for the general public and \$12 for students/seniors. To purchase tickets, visit [blackhawk.thankyou4caring.org/soulfoodluncheon](http://blackhawk.thankyou4caring.org/soulfoodluncheon). For questions, contact Lenny Behnke at [lbehnke@blackhawk.edu](mailto:lbehnke@blackhawk.edu) or 608-743-4452. The reservation deadline is Feb. 14.

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the winners of

# The Independent-Register CHRISTMAS COLORING CONTEST!

**Ages 3-5:**  
**Cheyanna Jordan**

**Ages 6-10:**  
**Cadence Becker**

Thank you to everyone who participated!

They were all great!

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