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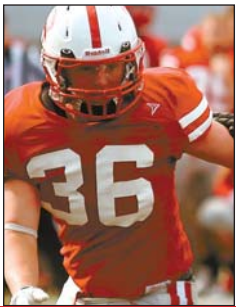
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COVER STORY

Talk of the town

Learn about local lore at unique specialty museums in our backyard

BY DENNIS HINES
STAFF WRITER

FOOTVILLE — The Art Institute of Chicago last week was named the best museum in the world, according to a survey done by the website TripAdvisor.com.

It's true that the museum is well known, particularly here in the Midwest, and features classic works of art such as Grant Wood's "American Gothic" and "A Sunday on La Grande Jatte" by impressionist Georges Seurat.

But what if you'd like to see an authentic 5-cent phone booth or find out why tobacco was the cash crop of the last century?

For that, you'll have to visit one of the many off-the-beaten-path museums that can be found in communities throughout our area.

The Messenger stopped in at several recently, and here's what we found:

Footville Telephone Company Museum

The telephone industry has played an important role in the history of Footville for more than a century.

Residents can relive that history and view some classic telephones at the Footville Telephone Company Museum, 115 W. Centre St. The little museum features antique crank phones, wall phones and desk phones, as well



DENNIS HINES/STAFF

Myron Bohn, a member of the Luther Valley Historical Society, stands next to a selection of telephones that are housed at the Footville Telephone Company Museum. The museum features antique crank phones, wall phones and desk phones, as well as some more modern phones that have been donated by area residents. The museum's hands-on policy is popular with young visitors, Bohn said.

as early cellular phones from the 1980s and phones featuring cartoon characters such as Mickey Mouse, Snoopy and Garfield.

"(The telephones) all have a story," said Myron Bohn, a member of the Luther Valley Historical Society. "We have old crank phones and a candlestick phone because it looked like a candlestick. (One phone) looks like a modern phone, but it's a crank phone... We've even got modern ones that don't work anymore."

The museum features a 5-cent phone booth, which was one of the last such operating phone booths in the country.

"They had that here for years," Bohn said. "Even after everyone went to the quarter phone booths, they were still using the nickel phone booth."

The museum, which is open for tours and field trips, also includes a Morse code machine

and antique switchboards. Children who don't even remember phones with a cord attached to the wall can tour the museum and try some of the phones.

"It's popular with kids. They usually have a class on communications and school kids come through," Bohn said. "This is probably one of the only hands-on museums that I know of where kids can crank the phones, operate the switchboard and touch anything in here."

Adult visitors seem to enjoy the telephone nostalgia, as well, he said.

"These phones are popular with a lot of people, because a lot of people remember having these on grandma's farm," Bohn said.

Most of the phones have been donated by area residents.

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IN BRIEF

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■ **Dorsey drops out of race:** The Republican candidate for the 44th Assembly District has dropped out of the race. Jacob Dorsey, 19, recently apologized for "hurtful" comments that he had posted on Twitter in December. Dorsey also allegedly made derogatory comments on YouTube about two years ago. Dorsey was set to face Rep. Deb Kolste, D-Janesville, in the Nov. 4 election. His name still will appear on the ballot. Dorsey has said that he regrets the comments and now plans to pursue a college degree. He had been attending Brigham Young University-Idaho, but took the semester off to focus on his campaign.

■ **Police investigate liquor store burglary:** Janesville police responded to the Liquor Cabinet, 1924 E. Milwaukee St., about 12:40 a.m. Monday after an alarm went off in the store. Police said video surveillance shows a man and a woman throwing something through the store's front glass window. The man then entered the store and took several bottles of liquor.

■ **Sheriff's office to increase patrol during homecoming weeks:** The Rock County Sheriff's Office is set to increase patrols during the homecoming weekends of Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11 and Oct. 18. The sheriff's office recently received a state Bureau of Transportation Safety grant to pay for overtime costs. Sheriff's deputies will be assigned to areas that are known to be dangerous for inexperienced drivers.

CORRECTION

Last Sunday's story on the Janesville Fire Department Explorer Post included an incorrect contact telephone number. For more information on the program, call 608-755-3050 or email erdmanc@ci.janesville.wi.us.

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Canon man Col. Mike Lesko gets fans ...

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UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-WHITWATER PHOTO BY CRAIG SCHREINER

Mike Lesko's cannon sends a thundering salvo of fire into the night air at Perkins Stadium in celebration of a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater touchdown against UW-Eau Claire last season. Lesko has been firing the Civil War-era replica cannon at UW-Whitewater home games for 20 years now, a tradition that's cherished by Warhawks fans and sometimes scorned by opponents.

Making home games a blast for 20 years

BY IAN GRONAU
 STAFF WRITER

WHITWATER — As any NCAA Division III team can tell you, it's bad enough playing against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks, currently ranked first in the division, on their home field, but nothing punctuates that feeling better than the booming cannon fire that erupts right after they've scored on you.

Mike Lesko, affectionately known as "The Cannon Man," has been making that victory blast possible for the past 20 years. Lesko, at the command of his 2 1/2-inch-bore confederate mountain rifle replica, has fired a powerful 6-ounce gunpowder shot to celebrate every single Warhawks touchdown during a regular season home game over his long tenure as the team's artilleryman. The university's football tradition is so entrenched that it predates much of the current athletic department's staff.

"I'm actually not 100 percent sure how he first got started shooting off the cannon, but I am really glad he does," said Amy Edmonds, director of athletics. "He brings a nice element to the excitement of the game. When Mike shoots off his cannon, it really tops off the experience for everyone; it's phenomenal."

Lesko said that of the four people who helped initiate the tradition, only one — Bob Lanza, the assistant athletic director and business manag-

er — is still working at the university.

"Over 20 years ago I had just gotten out of the Army, and I was going to school at Whitewater and I was taking classes with ROTC," Lesko explained. "Every year a different organization would sponsor the game ball, and that particular year it was going to be ROTC that would sponsor it."

"So one of the instructors knew me previously and knew that in the military my specialty was demolitions, and asked if there was some way I could come up with some noise; like did I bring anything back from the Army. I was like, 'I didn't bring back any C4 or anything if that is what you mean.'"

Luckily though, Lesko had been dabbling in Civil War cannons and doing re-enactments for several years. He had a piece that he thought would be perfect. He got permission to drag in the cannon and fire it at a game, but he had to deal with the hurdle of getting it out to fire it after every touchdown, which was no easy task.

"The idea was that when we scored, we would roll the cannon out to the big W on the north end of the field and fire it off," Lesko said. "In theory it sounded great, but in reality, the cannon is a muzzle-loaded weapon and if you move it, you have to have the barrel pointed down, so you can't preload it."

"So after the touchdown we dragged it out and loaded it, but by the time we fired it they had already kicked off for the next set of downs, so Whitewater got penalized. We pulled it back and said, 'Well that's about it, this isn't going to happen anymore.'" Chancellor Gaylon

Greenhill, at the time still fairly new to the university himself, had other ideas. Greenhill was so impressed by the cannon, he recommended that Lesko set it up at the south end zone where it could remain on the field and pre-loaded the entire game. Lesko agreed, and 20 years later he still sets up at that same spot.

Edmonds agreed, saying that the cannon often gives all of Perkins Stadium a charge, and it doesn't escape the opposing team's notice either.

"The one challenge we had was when we started making it into the NCAA postseason competition," Edmonds said. "We didn't get very far along before they put an end to it. The NCAA indicated that we couldn't have him within the facility so we simply moved him outside the facility. But it eventually came to a point where they said we couldn't have it at all."

However, Warhawks fans don't let this deter them from

enjoying their tradition.

"The first year I wasn't allowed to shoot it during the postseason, the crowd did the work for me. Every time we scored, the crowd would stand up in the bleachers and yell 'boom,' so I was there in spirit," Lesko said. "We've actually had teams complain that it was an unfair advantage. Fine, you don't want to hear it? Don't let us score."

From the sidelines Lesko even has brushed elbows with a few celebrities. Kevin Bacon fired off a shot to celebrate a touchdown about 18 years ago, and Daniel Travanti from the 1980s television drama "Hill Street Blues" also had a go on it.

"Most of the university's chancellors have shot it off over the years as well, but I'm still working on Chancellor Telfer, though," Lesko said.

The next opportunity to see the cannon in action will be in the Warhawks game against La Crosse on Saturday, Oct. 4.

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Police to address Fourth Ward concerns

BY DENNIS HINES
STAFF WRITER

JANESVILLE — The Janesville Police Department is working to address concerns in the Fourth Ward.

Police Chief David Moore, during a news conference Wednesday, outlined several initiatives to help officers become more aware of what is occurring in the Fourth Ward and to work more closely with residents to help reduce crime in that area.

During the past few months, the department has received more reports in the Fourth Ward of groups of people in the street blocking traffic, abandoned vehicles and suspected drug houses, as well as reports of gunshots being fired, Moore said. During the past few months, the department has spent an additional \$6,000 in overtime costs to help patrol the area.

"The Fourth Ward is the most patrolled area in the city, and it's been that way for at least five years," Moore said. "We have more officers assigned to that area than any other in the city. We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in the Fourth Ward to keep it safe."

Moore said one of the initiatives the department plans to implement is to

develop small neighborhood groups within the Fourth Ward. He said the groups would provide better communication among the officers and the residents.

"Those partnerships will help build relationships in the area with officers. We can develop some email groups with those small neighborhood groups," Moore said. "Certainly, there's some social media opportunities with Nixel. It also will help with accurate and timely information."

The department recently named a line-level supervisor, Sgt. Todd Kleisner, to work with the different units of the department to address issues in the Fourth Ward.

Moore said the department also plans to work more closely with property owners to address ordinance violations. He said if a property receives a second violation, an information letter would be sent to the landowner. A warning letter would then be sent after the third offense, and after a fourth offense action will be taken against the tenant.

Moore said if a property



Moore

has been identified as a drug house, the landlord would be notified and asked to take action against the tenant. He said if a landlord has a second property that has been identified as a drug house, he or she would be publicly identified.

The department also plans to offer training to property owners, which would provide information about screening tenants, keeping properties safe and reducing crime.

Moore also announced several initiatives to help improve lighting in the area, including finding a partner to donate high-efficiency light bulbs. The city also plans to trim trees that obscure street lights. Moore announced the "Operation Porch" campaign to encourage residents to leave their porch lights on during the evening hours.

"We know areas that aren't lighted are more prone to crime. It's pretty simple. We're just going to encourage the Fourth Ward neighbors to leave their porch light on at night," Moore said. "We think that would help lighten up the neighborhood. We would like the Fourth Ward to be a bright and welcoming neighborhood."

Moore said the department also will continue with some of its current initiatives such

as the foot and bike patrols.

"Neighbors really enjoy seeing an officer walking in the Fourth Ward and likewise with the bikes," Moore said. "It certainly allows for more interaction with the citizens and the officers. We like to build those relationships."

The department also plans to continue its bike rodeo event at Wilson Elementary School.

"A lot of kids in the Fourth Ward attend it, and we're able to build a good relationship with them," Moore said. "A lot of kids walk out of there with a bike."

Moore said crime has remained steady in the Fourth Ward during the past few years.

"We believe that things have remained steady during the past five years," Moore said. "We have glitches at times, but typically it remains pretty steady."

Moore said he hopes working more closely with residents will help them feel safer in their neighborhood.

"We have citizens that are concerned out there," Moore said. "We understand that, and that's why we want to put together these strategies. We want everyone to feel comfortable in their home and feel comfortable in their neighborhood."

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Without a will, a probate court decides where your property goes; it can take months — sometimes years. Money you intended for heirs and good causes may go to pay lawyers.

Do you have young children? If your will doesn't name their guardians, a court will do it. And what about Fido and the kitties? Their future is up for grabs if your will doesn't spell it out. To truly sort out your estate planning, prepare these nine documents and your heirs will thank you eternally:

- A will gives you a voice when you're gone. Use it to appoint guardians and to distribute possessions, like money and jewelry. Make requests, like having your ashes scattered on Mount Kilimanjaro. Hire an attorney or make a simple will yourself, using a book or software, and have an attorney review it. Make updates as life changes — when you marry, for instance, or divorce or have children.

- A revocable living trust can help you pass assets to heirs, sidestep probate, reduce estate tax and minimize potential lawsuits. Your trustee manages your estate when you're gone. Unlike a will, a trust won't become public record in a lawsuit.

- A health care power of attorney and living will — Name someone to make medical decisions in case you cannot, and to enforce your wishes about treatments you do and don't want. Combined, these documents are an "advance directive."

- Dependable power of attorney — Appoint someone you trust unquestioningly to make legal decisions if you can't.

- Beneficiary designations — When you open bank accounts or buy financial products, you name beneficiaries to inherit the assets. These simple forms trump even a will. Update them as your life changes.

- Life insurance — If your death would financially devastate loved ones, you should consider buying life insurance. You may purchase enough for 10 times your annual salary. "Term" insurance (for a limited time) is often cheapest.

- Provision for digital assets — What do you want done with your computer's hard drive, electronic photos, data stored in the cloud and online accounts? Include your passwords.

- Letter of intent — A letter has no legal force, but you can use it to convey private requests, thoughts, wishes or perhaps information you didn't share in life.

- List of documents — List the important stuff: life insurance policies, deeds, pensions, retirement accounts, bank accounts — all of it. Include account numbers, passwords and tell where they're stored. Keep the list separate — somewhere easy to find — to tell survivors where your documents are stored.

Keep in mind that life insurance policies contain exclusions, limitations, reductions of benefits and terms for keeping them in force. Your financial professional can provide you with costs and complete details.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT

'No limits on your creativity'



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Mike Goril, owner of 1 Touch Photos, shared his photo entertainment business with visitors at the Wisconsin State Fair this summer.

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Type of business: Photo entertainment or what we call "phototainment"
When did the business open? April 2014

Why did you start this business? I'm an entrepreneur at heart and am always looking for new opportunities and challenges. One day while searching the Internet for interesting business opportunities, I discovered a new twist on the old-fashioned photo booth. It sounded interesting, so I did some research. What I found was there are plenty of providers of the traditional photo booth, but there were almost none that featured the latest available technology.

Sensing a promising new business opportunity, I decided to create a new photo-entertainment company that offers unmatched service, cutting-edge technology and fun.

How did you get into this line of work? My other company, BattlefieldLive Wisconsin, provides mobile laser tag entertainment and is mostly seasonal. When I decided to look for a complementary opportunity, I wanted it to be a year-round business.

1 Touch Photos is a natural business addition for me because I've been involved in photography for as long as I can remember. I received my first camera for my eighth birthday, a Kodak Brownie Hawkeye with a flash. When I was about 19, I bought my first SLR, which led me into portrait and wedding photography. I've worked with medium format cameras and video cameras as well as the everyday Instamatics. Today, the photo kiosk

combines the digital camera with video, photo printing, social media and live entertainment all in one fun package.

What types of products or services does your business offer? 1 Touch Photos specializes in wedding and event photo entertainment. We offer professional phototainment anywhere, anytime, indoors or outdoors. We've taken away the box from the traditional photo booth and brought it into the 21st century digital era. That means no walls, no ceilings and no limits on your creativity. Just pose, one touch and your photo appears on screen almost instantly.

We've combined touch-screen technology and social media with digital photo sharing. Guests can take unlimited high-quality photos and make them their own by adding Instagram-type filters, virtual props and personal messages with the touch of a fingertip. When they're finished they can print them and share via email, social networks and text. The photos also can be customized with the event name and corporate logo.

Your 1 Touch Photos attendant is on hand at all times to see that things go smoothly. After the event our client receives all of the photos on a custom USB drive. The photos also are uploaded to a private online photo gallery and free downloads are available to invited guests. They are printed on the spot. Duplicate prints can be gathered in a photo album for lasting memories. We only use professional dye-sublimation printers, which means our clients get professional, archival quality photographs.

What has been the biggest challenge in your business? As it is with any new business, marketing. Getting the word out and developing a customer base is always the biggest challenge. Creating a website to develop

our Internet image, interacting on social media, press releases, free events such as the dairy breakfast and speaking to groups have all been effective strategies, to a degree. The real challenge is to get the referral and word-of-mouth wheel spinning. Once someone tries our photo kiosk, the difference becomes obvious.

What aspect of the business do you enjoy most? I get invited to some of the best parties and events around. As a family business I get to work with my wife and two sons; what could be more enjoyable than that? I discovered a long time ago that nothing is more important in life than your family, and 1 Touch Photos gives me the opportunity to run another fun business with my family. It also gives me a chance to share fun family entertainment.

Our motto is "No limits on your creativity." Many times I have the pleasure of watching multigenerational families gather together in front of my photo kiosk and create a photo of 25 or more family members for the first time. You can't do that in a traditional photo booth.

From what cities do your customers come? We are mobile and can go anywhere. Although our service area is generally within 50 miles of Lake Geneva, we have serviced clients throughout southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois.

What are your plans for the business? Grow the business by getting in front of as many people as possible. I think this can be best accomplished by displaying at bridal shows and business-to-business events. Another way is by offering our services to well-attended civic and community events. Our company mission is to provide the most fun and exciting brand of phototainment in the industry along with an outstanding level of customer service and no limits on your creativity.

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CALENDAR

Do you have an event that you would like publicized? Send your calendar submission by 9 a.m. on Friday for inclusion in Wednesday's edition or by 9 a.m. Wednesday for inclusion in Sunday's edition. Send your item to Calendar CSI, 1555 Willowbrook Road, Beloit, WI 53511 or e-mail it to dhines@communityshoppers.com.

Saturday-Sunday, Sept. 20-21:

Art Infusion 2014, Sept. 20-21, Lower Courthouse Park, Main and Court streets in Janesville. Featuring a chalk art creation by master chalk artist Lee Jones and a competition for all ages. Register at the amphitheater at Lower Courthouse Park to be assigned a sidewalk square and receive your supplies. 608-757-3171, JanesvilleCVB.com.

Sunday, Sept. 21:

Sunday disc golf individual handicapped league, Sept. 21, Lustig Park, 1500 Riverview Drive, Janesville. Check-in is at 10 a.m., event starts at 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23:

Disc golf random draw doubles, Sept. 23, Lustig Park, 1500 Riverview Drive, Janesville. Check-in is at 5:15

p.m., event starts at 5:45 p.m.

AARP Smart Driver Course, Sept. 23, 12:30 p.m. at Rock County Council on Aging, 3328 N. U.S. Highway 51, Janesville. For more information, call 608-757-5472 or go to AARP.org/drive.

"I Can't Wait to be a Girl Scout" sign-up night, Sept. 23, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Cargill United Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Ave., Janesville. For more information, call 608-362-8922, ext. 3029.

Child safety seat inspection, Sept. 23, 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Janesville Fire Station No. 5, 1414 Newport Ave., Janesville. For more information, call 608-921-3786.

Autumnal Equinox Picnic and Hike, Sept. 23, 5:30 p.m. at Happy Hollow County Park, 1731 W. Happy Hollow Road, Janesville. The deadline to register is Sept. 22. For more information, call 608-361-1377.

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Wednesday, Sept. 24:

Senior citizen fraud prevention presentation, Sept. 24, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Janesville Senior Center, 69 S. Water St., Janesville. The deadline to register is Sept. 22. For more information, call 608-755-3040.

Thursday, Sept. 25:

Book to Movie Club meeting, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. at Creekside Place, 102 Maple St., Evansville. Featured movie is "Catching Fire."

Discussion with Mike McCabe of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, Sept. 25, 6 p.m. at the Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 Pontiac Drive, Janesville. Hosted by the Janesville League of Women Voters. McCabe will discuss his new book, "Blue Jeans in High Places."



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Team USA celebrates winning its second consecutive World Water Ski Show Tournament on Sunday, Sept. 14, at Traxler Park in Janesville.

Back-to-back world champs

BY ANDREA ANDERSON
THE GAZETTE

JANESVILLE — Team USA is the back-to-back world ski show champion after sweeping the competition last weekend at the World Water Ski Show Tournament in Janesville.

"We have a veteran ski team and when they get together it's a lot of work and down to business," Dave Rezin, coshow director said after Sunday's competition concluded.

The team took the lead Saturday and maintained it Sunday. Team USA had nearly 450 more points Sunday than second place Team Australia and nearly 600 more points than last place Team Belgium.

Team Australia was followed by Canada, China and Belgium.

Team USA did not ski as well as it could have because of the cool weather, Rezin said.

On Saturday, the team came out strong with jumps back-to-back, but was riddled with falls and couldn't

find its initial energy after two stops in the show — one for an injury and one for a mechanical problem.

The team had fewer falls Sunday and used the crowd's support for more energy than the day before.

"It was tough for us," Rezin said. "But the team all persevered and did real well. Did we ski to our full potential? Probably not. But everybody went ahead and gave 100 percent every day."

The team practices for 6 1/2 days before the competition — half the days in Wisconsin, the rest in Florida. The other four teams ski together year-round, Rezin said.

Duane Snow, tournament director, asked the International Waterski & Wakeboard Federation to consider switching the event to August because Wisconsin weather in September is unpredictable. The request was denied, Snow said.

The biennial tournament will take place again in 2016, Snow said. Janesville plans to bid on hosting the event for the third time.

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Strength through unity

In his speech last week outlining his plans to use military force against the jihadists of the Islamic State, President Obama gave Congress only passing mention. "I have the authority to address the threat from ISIL," he said. "But I believe we are strongest as a nation when the president and Congress work together."

He's right, of course. But that's not the half of it.

We live in troubled times, and over the past decade or two our military has been deeply involved somewhere in the world: Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Yemen, Libya, Syria ... It's a long list that will only grow longer as we're called upon to use force in the future.

Our process for deciding to use force, however, hasn't caught up with these dangerous times. It has been decades

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since Congress asserted any meaningful role — pretty much everyone in the country, including most members of Congress, consider military intervention to be the president's prerogative. Congress has been far too deferential: its members prefer to avoid a potentially difficult political vote,

let the president take the lead and then criticize him if he was wrong.

At the moment, much of the debate in the press and in Washington about the president's intentions revolves around the legal justifications, which I find slightly amusing. The fact is that presidents always find the legal authority to take whatever action they believe is in the country's best interest, and they have plenty of cards in their deck — self-defense, national security, protecting Americans and their constitutional role as commander in chief.

Indeed, there are occasions when the president must act alone. If we've been attacked or hostilities are imminent or some emergency presents itself for which force is the only response, we'd expect the president to respond effectively.

But there are powerful political reasons for making the decision to use force abroad a joint one with Congress in all but emergencies.

When our nation must deal with controversial, complicated questions, there is great value to making the president articulate his analysis of the situation and the reasons for his decisions and to test that thinking beyond close advisers who naturally tend to support him.

The best place to do so is in Congress, where fresh eyes and an independent point of view will produce tough questions.

This is unequivocally what Americans want. Even now, as a large majority of Americans support military action against ISIS, they also want Congress to weigh in, with more than 70 percent in a recent CNN poll believing Obama should seek Congress' backing for military strikes.

This may be because Americans understand innately that military action supported by both the president and Congress carries more legitimacy at home and more conviction abroad. Internal debate on foreign policy unsettles our allies, who begin to doubt the sustainability of our chosen course. The U.S. is in a far stronger position before the world if it is clear that the branches of government are unified and that we are speaking with one voice as a nation.

Though my chief concern is with the politics of authorizing force, there is one legal argument I find paramount. It is common wisdom that our Constitution is ambiguous on this subject, because it makes the president the commander in chief, yet gives Congress the ability to declare war. By giving a role to each branch, it clearly considers the use of force to be a shared decision.

This imposes a responsibility on Congress. Our system is built on the notion that Congress cannot be a bystander when it comes to the grave decision to use our military abroad. It, too, needs to take ownership of decisions to use force, for the good of the American people's understanding and acceptance of the issues at stake, and for the benefit of the nation's profile abroad.

But Congress needs to assert this role, not hide behind the expediency of letting someone else make the decision. And the president should embrace it.

YOUR VIEWS

We Energies' war on solar

To the editor,

We Energies is attempting to destroy the solar industry. In its latest request being presented before the Public Service Commission on Oct. 8, which only is a panel of three people appointed by the governor, We Energies is seeking a 75 percent increase in the fixed charge affecting all customers.

They also are requesting to impose user fees on customers

generating their own electricity with solar energy.

In my case, with a 10 kilowatt hour solar system, I would be paying We Energies \$456 a year just to produce my own power, while getting paid 3 cents per kilowatt hour for my surplus power and We Energies selling it for 18 cents average depending on rate schedule.

These and other proposals being brought before the PSC will make solar and other renewable energy sources an unprofitable investment and could lead to the end of all renewable energy in

Wisconsin — just the opposite of what we all should be doing.

Now that solar has become competitive with fossil fuels and facing competition from the solar industry, We Energies is trying to crush it instead of moving forward with clean renewable energy.

Call or write your state representatives to voice your concerns. For more detailed information, to sign a petition and learn how to take action, go to RenewWisconsin.org

Rodney Wuttke
Elkhorn

NEWS ANALYSIS

Report: Municipal spending down slightly

WISTAX study analyzes post Act 10 municipal finances

MADISON — The impact of the benefit and bargaining changes in 2011 Act 10 on city and village finances is apparent in recently released 2012 municipal spending data. After rising an average of 2.2 percent per year during 2006-'11, net operating spending, a broad measure of municipal spending that excludes debt service and capital expenditures, fell 3 percent in 2012 to an average of \$823 per capita in 244 of Wisconsin's most populous municipalities.

These figures are from MunicipalFacts14, an exclusive annual study just released by the Wisconsin Taxpayers Alliance (WISTAX). WISTAX is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization devoted to public policy research and citizen education.

A second measure of municipal spending features only the four largest categories of municipal spending: general government, street maintenance, police and fire-ambulance expenditures. Combined, expenditures in these four basic service areas fell 1.7 percent in 2012 to \$552 per capita.

Among these basic categories, per-capita spending in general government registered the only increase, rising just 0.2 percent. Despite the increase, general government spending per capita was at its 2008 level (\$81). Net expenditures for police protection, accounting for more than 40 percent of municipal spending, fell 0.1 percent to \$227 per person in 2012, its only decline in the past

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five years. Net fire-ambulance spending, which accounts for roughly one-quarter of expenditures, fell 0.5 percent in 2012 to \$137 per capita. Generally, firefighters and police officers were exempt from 2011 Act 10, though non-union police or firefighters were required to contribute to their retirement. Finally, after a 3.8 percent increase in 2011, street maintenance expenditures dropped 7.5 percent in 2012 to \$107 per person.

On the revenue side of the ledger, shared revenues (state income, sales and excise taxes shared with local governments) dropped 6.7 percent from \$136 per capita in 2011 to \$127 per capita in 2012. Of the 244 municipalities studied, shared revenues declined in 233. Additionally, per capita debt rose 0.6 percent from \$1,538 in 2011 to \$1,548 per capita in 2012. Debt grew an average of 2 percent per year between 2008 and 2012.

JANESVILLE

Closer to home, spending on municipal operations in Janesville was \$836 per capita, a .4 percent decline from 2011 versus the 3 percent decline among the municipalities studied by WISTAX. In 2012, average law enforcement spending was \$227 per resident, while police spending in Janesville was \$203. Street maintenance spending totaled \$51 per capita, compared to \$107

elsewhere. While net fire and ambulance expenditures averaged \$137 statewide, they averaged \$164 per person in Janesville.

MILTON

Spending on municipal operations in Milton was \$579 per capita, a decrease of 2.9 percent from 2011 versus the 3 percent decline among the municipalities studied by WISTAX. In 2012, average law enforcement spending was \$227 per resident, while police spending in Milton was \$172. Street maintenance spending totaled \$98 per capita, compared to \$107 elsewhere. While net fire and ambulance expenditures averaged \$137 statewide, they averaged \$29 per person in Milton.

EDGERTON

Spending on municipal operations in Edgerton was \$726 per capita, a 2.4 percent increase from 2011 versus the 3 percent decline among the municipalities studied by WISTAX. In 2012, average law enforcement spending was \$227 per resident, while police spending in Edgerton was \$193. Street maintenance spending totaled \$97 per capita, compared to \$107 elsewhere. While net fire and ambulance expenditures averaged \$137 statewide, they averaged \$35 per person in Edgerton.

WHITEWATER

Spending on municipal operations in Whitewater was \$600 per capita, a 5.2 percent decrease from 2011 versus the 3 percent decline among the municipalities studied by WISTAX. In 2012, average law enforcement spending was \$227 per resident, while police spending in Whitewater was \$228. Street maintenance spending totaled \$71 per capita, compared to \$107 elsewhere. While net fire and ambulance expenditures averaged \$137 statewide, they averaged \$56 per person in Whitewater.

Correction: An editor's note in last Sunday's letters section incorrectly and incompletely described the 11th State Senate District.

In Walworth County, the district includes the village of East Troy. A portion of northeast East Troy Township as well as Whitewater and Whitewater Township fall outside of the district.

In Rock County, the district includes the east

side of Beloit, a northeast portion of Janesville and the village of Clinton.

Mukwonago and Eagle in **Waukesha County**, as well as Palmyra, Jefferson and Fort Atkinson in **Jefferson County** also are part of the district.

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IN BRIEF

Autorama show is Sunday: The 38th Annual Beloit Autorama will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, at Preservation Park in the town of Beloit. The event will include a car show, car corral, parts swap and arts and crafts fair. For more information, go online to BeloitAutoRama.com.

Child safety seat inspection scheduled: The Janesville Fire Department will host a child safety seat inspection from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Fire Station No. 5, 1414 Newport Ave. Technicians from Janesville fire and police departments will be available to check child safety seats. For more information, call 608-921-3786.

JPAC schedules bus trip: The Janesville Performing Arts Center will host a bus trip to Paoli and Epic Systems in Verona from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1. Paoli features several shops and galleries. The trip will include a lunch at Quivey's Grove in Verona. After lunch, the trip will include an hour tour of Epic Systems, featuring several pieces of artwork. The deadline to register is Monday, Sept. 22. For more information, call 608-754-4544.

Smart Driver course offered: The Rock County Council on Aging will offer a Smart Driver Course at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at the council on aging office, 3328 N. U.S. Highway 51 in Janesville. Participants are asked to arrive at least 15 minutes early. For more information, call 608-757-5472.

Learn to protect yourself against fraud: The Janesville Police Department will host a senior citizen fraud prevention presentation from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 24, at the Janesville Senior Center, 69 S. Water St. in Janesville. The deadline to register is Monday, Sept. 22. For more information, call 608-755-3040.

Event benefits rescued cats and dogs: The fourth annual Hogs for Rescued Cats and Dogs will be held from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27, at Kutter Harley-Davidson, 3223 Pontiac Drive in Janesville. The event will include live music by Johnny Can't Stop, beer garden, bake sale, silent auction and raffle drawings. Registration for a poker/trivia ride will be from 10 a.m. to noon. The proceeds will benefit Friends of Noah.

Take an equinox hike: The Welty Environmental Center will host an Autumnal Equinox Picnic and Hike at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, at Happy Hollow County Park, 1731 W. Happy Hollow Road in Janesville. The event will include a walk through wetlands, grasslands and woodlands. The deadline to register is Monday, Sept. 22. For more information, call 608-361-1377.

Edgerton chamber hosts fall festival: The Edgerton Chamber of Commerce will host a fall festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27. The event will include baked apple pie contest, decorated scarecrow contest, crafts, children's games and fall produce. For more information, call 608-884-4408.

JANESVILLE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH

Here's what is going on at Janesville Community Bible Church

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SCHOOLS BRIEFLY

High school early release set: Early release for Janesville Craig and Parker students is scheduled for the afternoon of the third Wednesday of every month this school year. The next date is Oct. 15. High school students will be released at 2:34 p.m. on early release days. Teachers will be involved in professional development activities after students are released.

UW-Whitewater project receives funding: OptSolv of the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater is among the latest round of University of Wisconsin faculty, staff and student teams to receive funding through the Ileadvance Seed Fund.

The teams receive up to \$25,000 each in grants, startup training and business mentoring to help them develop business models for ideas and technologies generated at UW campuses.

"There is no question that innovation is taking place at UW campuses throughout the state," Gov. Scott Walker said in a news release. "One of the unique aspects of Ileadvance is that it provides students, faculty and staff at campuses outside of Madison with the training and additional resources they need to help to turn those great ideas into job-creating companies."

The teams that complete the first stage of Ileadvance activities will be eligible for stage two funding starting in December, which offers grants up to \$50,000.

"Ileadvance encourages ideas from all disciplines, including the humanities, social sciences and liberal arts," according to a release.

CLASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY:
■ Evansville:
 7 p.m., National Honor Society induction ceremony, Evansville High School

TUESDAY:
■ Janesville:
 6 p.m., school board
■ Evansville:
 fundraiser orders due, Theodore Robinson Intermediate School

THURSDAY:
■ Janesville:
 7 a.m., band marching practice, Craig High School
■ Janesville:
 3:15 p.m. to 5 p.m., Market Day pickup, Harrison Elementary School
■ Milton:
 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., picture retake day, Milton East Elementary School

FRIDAY:
■ Janesville:
 7 a.m., band marching practice, Craig High School
■ Janesville:
 picture day, Wilson Elementary School
■ Janesville:
 11:30 a.m., school picnic, Lincoln Elementary School
■ Janesville:
 Mustang Fun Run, Monroe Elementary School
■ Janesville:
 6 p.m., PBIS Carnival, Kennedy Elementary School

SATURDAY:
■ Janesville:
 homecoming dance, Craig High School

MUSEUMS

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"Anybody that has a phone and they don't know what to do with it, they can donate it," Bohn said. "We have a donated switchboard and a lot of donated antique phones."

Footville Telephone Co. was established in 1902 and originally operated out of several homes until a building was constructed for it in 1914.

"They had a switchboard in the house, and as they got more and more customers, they needed more space, and they built (the telephone company) building," Bohn said. "This building was actually run by a family, too. There was a bedroom and the night operator was there."

"At night you couldn't make a phone call, but if there was a fire or an emergency, they would get the night operator out of bed. It was a mother, father and two daughters."

The telephone company included a siren system to alert volunteer firefighters when there was an emergency.

"They had a switch in here where they could turn on the siren alert ..." Bohn said. "It was a necessity for fires and for medical emergencies and for communications."

"These old operators that were in here, they told people everything. They even told the weather report."

Bohn said there also were party lines, which the operators could use to share information with up to 20 people.

"There were 20 people on the line, and you could pick up and talk. One person had to be talking and the other people listening," Bohn said. "People would eavesdrop, because they would pick up the phone and listen to people talking. They had to wait to get off the line to use the phone, but instead of getting off the line they would stay on the line. Everyone knew everything."

The Footville Telephone Dial Building, which is still used as a meeting area, was constructed behind the phone company building in 1954 to accommodate dial telephones. The Footville Telephone Company was sold to the Northwest Telephone Company in 1983. The company closed the building in 1988, and it was renovated for the museum in 2001.

To schedule a tour of the Footville Telephone Company Museum, call 608-752-1104 or 608-876-6892.

Banking on history
 The former Footville State Bank building, 158 Depot St., also is open for tours. The building has been restored to its original condition and includes tellers' windows, vaults and safes. The bank building also includes a collection of photographs, genealogical materials, township journals, church records and books, as well as information about a bank robbery that occurred in 1965.

"(The building) is in good shape," Bohn said. "It's got the old bars in the tellers' windows and everything... They had the gun to the robbery at one time, but I don't think they have the gun anymore. They have an old safe in there. ..."

"They did a beautiful job on



DENNIS HINES/STAFF

Paula Carrier, vice president of the Edgerton Chamber of Commerce, stands next to some of the items that are featured in the Tobacco Museum. The museum highlights the history of the tobacco industry in Edgerton and includes artifacts, newspaper articles and photographs of Edgerton's past.

the building."

Tours of the bank building are offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday and Saturday. For more information, call 608-752-1104.

"If you want to go through both (the bank building and the telephone museum), they will accommodate both," Bohn said.

Tobacco heritage preserved

The city of Edgerton once was known as the tobacco capital of the world, a distinction that still is celebrated in the community.

"It was the sole reason that people moved here," said Paula Carrier, vice president of the Edgerton Chamber of Commerce. "Growing the tobacco, the farmers did everything from the harvesting and stripping of it to the shipping of it. It's been told that our tobacco leaf was used for cigar wrapping. It wasn't used for cigar filler. It was actually the healthy leaves that were used for cigar rolling."

The Tobacco Museum, 20 W. Main St., located next to the Depot Café, highlights the history of the tobacco industry in Edgerton. The museum features tools that were used for growing and harvesting tobacco, tobacco-rolling equipment, pipes, cigar molds and photographs of tobacco farmers.

The museum also includes artifacts and photographs related to the history of businesses, churches, schools, sports teams and bands that were once located in Edgerton, as well as information about Sterling North, a well-known author who lived in Edgerton.

"A lot of this is put together as a collaboration of what was Edgerton all about, everything from our hospital to our school district," Carrier said.

Most of the items in the museum have been donated by area residents, who are welcome to contribute their items, Carrier said.

The museum is operated by the Edgerton Chamber of Commerce and local volunteers. More volunteers are needed so the museum could expand its hours, Carrier said.

"I think the people who know

If you go: Local museums

- **Footville Telephone Company Museum:** Call 608-752-1104 or 608-876-6892 to schedule a tour.
- **Footville State Bank building:** The building is open for tours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays. Call 608-752-1104 for information.
- **Edgerton Tobacco Museum:** Call 608-884-4408 for information.
- **Sterling North Home and Museum:** Located at 409 W. Rollin St. in Edgerton, this was the boyhood home of North, a well-known author who lived from 1906 to 1974. North wrote more than 30 books, but his best known was "Rascal," about a boy who befriends a raccoon. For more information, call 608-884-3731 or go online to SterlingNorthSociety.com.
- **Eager Economy Building Micro Museum:** Located at 7 E. Main St. in Evansville, the museum showcases Evansville artifacts, including two restored Baker-Monitor windmills. For more information, call 608-882-5131 or go online to EvansvilleChamber.org.

the history are older, and it's harder for them to commit. A lot of people who are volunteering are volunteering for four or five different things, so it's really hard to find that time," she said. "I have complete confidence that this will grow. We will get the help that we need, eventually. We try to be open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That's our goal."

The city highlights the history of its tobacco industry each year by hosting Edgerton Tobacco Heritage Days in July.

Carrier said there are local farmers who still raise tobacco. "They still go through the whole process of the setting, hoeing, topping, cutting, stringing, stripping and selling," Carrier said. "It's very, very hands-on. It's a delicate plant, so it requires hand touch and it's not like other crops where you can bring in equipment to take of it. It actually has to be taken care of by manual labor."

For more information about visiting the Edgerton Tobacco Museum, call 608-884-4408.

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League of Women Voters to host Mike McCabe talk

JANESVILLE — The Janesville League of Women Voters invites the public to hear Mike McCabe discuss his new book, "Blue Jeans in High Places," at 6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Pontiac Convention Center. McCabe is the director of the

Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, a watchdog group that tracks money and exposes corruption in state politics. "This program is not only for political people, but for those who vote holding their nose and for those who don't vote at all," said Amy

Golackson, president of the Janesville LWV. "These last two elections have shown us there are plenty that don't even go the polls." The 15 percent turnout at the August primary and the 18 percent turnout in the spring shows a pretty "non

active" electorate, Golackson said. "We have to try something different to get our neighbors and fellow citizens caring about our government and we thought Mike's message may resonate with people," she said.



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- There are 1,200 community-based United Ways nationwide and each is separately incorporated and independently governed by local volunteers.
- United Way Blackhawk Region was formed in 2012 as a result of the unification of United Way of North Rock County and Stateline United Way.
- United Way focuses on education, income and health because they are the building blocks for a good quality of life.
- United Way funds 94 programs throughout Rock County, WI and northern Winnebago County, IL.
- United Way is local. 99% of all contributions raised in the Blackhawk Region, stay in the Blackhawk Region.
- United Way is accountable. 86% of all United Way contributions are invested in programs that show measurable success.
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- » More than 12,600 youth participated in afterschool, athletic or summer activities.
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INCOME



- » 51,190 adults and children received basic needs or were connected to emergency resources
- » Approximately 275 adults made significant gains in literacy skills and/or learned English as another language in order to become more self-sufficient.
- » More than 10,000 shelter nights were provided to victims of domestic violence.
- » 223 individuals received employment training and placement services.

HEALTH



- » More than 6,000 children increased peer refusal skills and knowledge of the harmful effects of alcohol, tobacco and drug use.
- » Nearly 4,000 individuals improved their health by receiving medical, dental or mental health services.
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It's the season of eggplant, also called aubergine

LYNN GREENE
LYNN'S PLACE



I had an eggplant dress when I was a kid that I just loved — I still remember throwing a hissy fit when it had to be cut up for rags because it was falling apart I had worn it so much. Now that was before I even knew what eggplant tasted like; I guess I just liked the deep purple color and the shape of the eggplants on the cotton.

Now I know what eggplant tastes like and I love it for just being itself — a great vegetable to cook with.

You'll find plenty of eggplants at the farmers markets right now because they love the summer and this is their high season. They are also called aubergine, which comes from the French by way of the Middle East, where they know how to do more than one thing with this vegetable.

For one thing, eggplant loves olive oil, which also originates in the Middle East. When you cook with eggplant, do it a favor and use olive oil.

I like medium-sized eggplants that seem heavy for their size — this usually means they are fresh because they haven't dried out. If you've got a wrinkly eggplant, you've got an old eggplant.

Eggplant is part of the nightshade family, which also includes potatoes and tomatoes. This family of plants contains the glycoal-

kaloid solanine, which some people, especially those with rheumatoid arthritis, may have trouble digesting. The only way to find out if you should avoid these foods is to eliminate them from your diet for at least two weeks and observe any improvement or worsening of your symptoms.

That said, eggplants contain an impressive array of vitamins and minerals, including fiber, folate, potassium and manganese, vitamins C, K and B6, phosphorus, copper, thiamin, niacin, magnesium and pantothenic acid, so include it in your diet if you can.

Vegetarian Moussaka with eggplant & quinoa

— Moussaka is traditionally made with lamb, but this recipe uses the quinoa as a protein substitute.

- Serves 4
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 medium eggplant
- 1 large onion
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup fresh parsley, chopped
- 1 Tbsp. oregano, dried
- 1/2 tsp. red pepper flakes
- 1/2 tsp black pepper
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- Salt to taste
- 1/2 cup water or more
- 2 cups cooked quinoa
- 2 red tomatoes, cubed

For custard:

- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup yogurt or cream
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 5 green onions, diced

Peel and dice the eggplant. Clean and dice the onion and red pepper. Cut these ingredients in the same size cube — 1/2-inch is a good size. Heat olive oil in a large skillet until hot, add the eggplant, onion, minced garlic and red pepper. Cook until eggplant begins to soften and gets brown around the edges. Add parsley, oregano, red pepper flakes, black pepper and cinnamon. Add salt to taste. Stir in the water, cooked quinoa and cubed tomatoes.

Stir all ingredients well. Add more water to the skillet if sauce is too thick. Simmer on very low heat for about five minutes, then adjust seasoning, adding more salt if needed.

Pour into a casserole dish.

Mix up the custard: Whisk together egg, yogurt and ketchup. Pour this mixture over the top of the casserole and sprinkle the diced green onions on top. Bake in 350 F oven until the custard is cooked and firm — about 25 minutes.

Serve with pita bread.

Pita bread

Pita is a flat bread that can be made at home and baked in an oven or on an outdoor grill. If you use a "quick" yeast or fast rising yeast, it's possible to make these and have them ready to eat in less than two hours.

Baking the bread at high temperatures (475 F), the dough puffs up dramatically. When you

take them out of the oven, they deflate, but the layers of baked dough remain separated, which allows the bread to be opened like a pocket.

Pita is popular in Middle Eastern, Greek and Balkan cuisines, although it can be called different things. In Turkey it's called pide, on the Arabian peninsula it is called chubz arabi or ordinary Arabic bread. It can be used as a wrap or to scoop sauces or dips.

- Makes 8 pitas
- 1-1/2 cups water, 110 F
- 1 Tbsp. honey
- 1 package yeast
- 2 Tbsps. olive oil
- 1 cup whole-wheat flour
- 2 cups unbleached flour
- 1-1/2 tsps. salt

In a small bowl, combine water, honey and yeast, whisking the yeast in so it can dissolve. Let this mixture rest until the yeast is activated — it will foam up.

Sift flours and salt together and put in larger bowl, making a well in the center. Add the activated yeast mixture and stir together to form a ball.

Once all of the ingredients form a ball, place the ball on a floured counter and knead the dough for approximately 10 minutes. The dough should be smooth and elastic.

Place the dough in a bowl that has been lightly coated with oil. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap or a damp kitchen towel and set aside to rise until it has doubled in size, approximately 90 minutes.

When it has doubled in size,



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punch the dough down to release some of the trapped gases and divide it into eight pieces. Roll each piece into a ball, cover the balls with a damp kitchen towel and let them rest for 20 minutes.

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. If you have a baking stone, put it in the oven to preheat as well. If you don't have a baking stone, use a cookie sheet.

After the dough has relaxed for 20 minutes, spread a light coating of flour on a work surface and place one of the balls of dough there. Sprinkle a little bit of flour on top of the dough and use a rolling pin or your hands to stretch and flatten the dough to form a round about 1/4-inch thick. Open the oven and place the pitas on the hot baking surface. They should be baked through and puffy after three minutes. Serve warm.

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C.J. Box brings back some favorite characters in this collection

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER
THE BOOKWORM SEZ



You're stuck. Trapped in an elevator, office, front seat of a car, wishing you were someplace, anyplace, else. The people with you are getting on your last nerve. You've heard the same phrases over and over and over and you want to scream.

We've all been there. We've all lived through the irritation, but what's funny is that it's not at all chafing to read about it happening to someone else. And that's just one of the themes in "Shots Fired," a book of short stories by C.J. Box.

Throughout the years, says Box, fans have asked where they could find some of his shorter works, wondering why there wasn't an anthology.

Now there is, with favorite characters and a few new faces.

Take, for instance, "One-Car Bridge," in which a ranch owned by a big-city bully is on the edge of Game Warden Joe Pickett's territory. Joe has bad news for the owner, but it could be worse news for the ranch's manager: He could lose his job over some-

thing that's not his fault. Could help come from the U.S. mail?

Pickett, of course, is one of Box's best-loved characters — maybe because Joe cherishes his neighbors so much. In "Dull Knife," one of Wyoming's finest basketball players is dead. Joe remembers the girl, and he mourns what she could have been. How she died is an even bigger issue.

Joe's friend, Nate Romanowski, also appears in this book and he's loaded for bear — or, in this case, for a rich Saudi who seems to think he owns the rogue falconer and can buy what he demands. In "The Master Falconer," fans will be surprised to see that Nate toes the line. Or not.

Revenge is a dish best served cold, they say, but not necessarily in a canoe. In "Every Day is a Good Day on the River," a long-awaited fishing trip turns into a nightmare when something unexpected shows up on the waters.

And in my favorite story here, "The End of Jim and Ezra," two trappers are caught for the winter in a cabin high in the mountains. It's 1835 and it's been three ... long ... months of living practically on top of one another. Stir-crazy ain't the word for it.

You know how it is when you want a book, but not the whole

"Shots Fired"



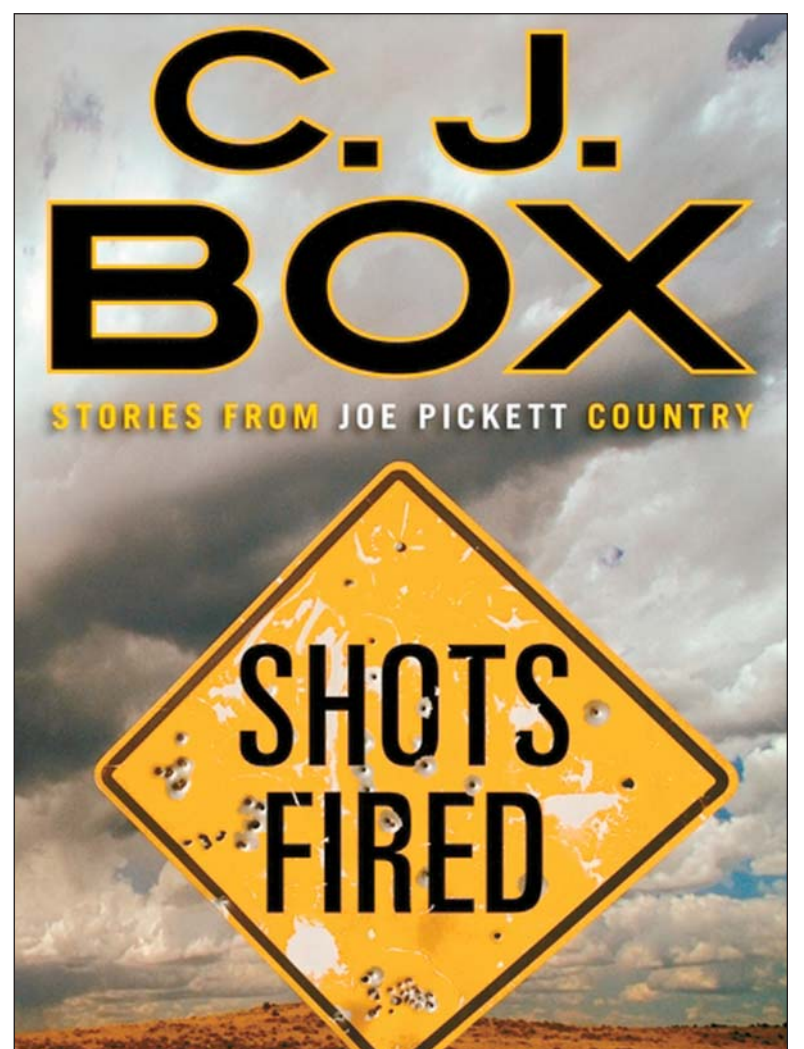
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book? That's when you reach for this: With its 10 short stories, "Shots Fired" will just fill that nagging, want-to-read hunger.

And yet, what's nice about this book is that you can make it last. Most of Box's tales are short enough to read in one sitting but not so involved that you won't feel bad putting a bookmark in them for a minute. And that's about how long you'll need a bookmark, because these mystery-western-human-interest tales are awfully addicting. If you're a Box fan, this is a must-have. If you've never read his works, you'll be a fan in short order.

Terri Schlichenmeyer is The Bookworm of La Crosse, Wis. She has been reading since she was 3 years old and lives with two dogs and 12,000 books.



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C.J. Box brings together 10 short stories in this collection that quickly will find a place on your night stand.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Prep rivals become college teammates

Parker, Craig grads starting at Ripon

By TODD MISHLER
SPORTS EDITOR

Austin Schleisner and Decker Thompson used to be cross-town football rivals in Janesville, the former at Craig and the latter at Parker.

Now they're college teammates at Ripon College, defensive starters and juniors majoring in business management.

"It is pretty cool playing with someone I guess you could say I considered my 'enemy' on the football field in high school, especially because I played quarterback and he was a linebacker for Craig," Thompson said. "Even though we were rivals, here at college we see things similarly on and off the field."

Schleisner agreed that times have changed.

"It's very cool playing on the same team and starting on defense with Decker," Schleisner said. "We actually played on the same Little League team when we were 9 years old but then never became great friends until meeting back up in Ripon. We both take pride in representing our schools well and the community overall. We still occasionally talk about the rivalry games and crack some jokes, but after high school graduation the whole Craig-Parker rivalry seems to fade away."

Both said playing at the NCAA Division III level took adjustments, but they said competing in the Big Eight Conference helped make that transition smoother.

"I think the Big Eight is one of the best conferences in the state," Schleisner said. "Every

Friday I played against future college athletes, and the competition helped me adjust to the college level quicker than other incoming freshmen teammates that played in other conferences."

"The biggest difference in entering the Midwest Conference is that everybody is good at the college level," Thompson said. "Playing in a tough conference like the Big Eight prepared me well for college competition. Playing eventual college football players week in and week out was challenging, but it made the transition to college easier due to playing (against) good players in high school."

Both players earned all-league recognition as prep standouts, but in addition to picking up the college game, Thompson has converted from quarterback to safety.

"I had a strong preference for quarterback ... I played it my whole life and truly love playing the position," Thompson said of changing his mindset. "I feel I have performed fairly well thus far in college, and switching positions has to be the biggest difference and change for me. I have learned a ton on the offensive and defensive sides of the ball due to my position change."

The 6-foot-1-inch, 200-pounder didn't play as a freshman and was used sparingly last year, rushing for 12 yards on four carries and completing his only pass attempt for 33 yards.

However, through the Red Hawks' first two games —



Thompson



Schleisner

they're 1-1 heading into their Midwest Conference opener against Cornell on Sept. 27 — Thompson has recorded nine total tackles and intercepted a pass.

"I have improved greatly as an all-around football player," he said. "I play on all the special teams and on defense. I did none of this in high school, so I feel I have developed a decent grasp of all areas of the game because of this. Austin has helped me greatly in my adjustment to defense. We've also been roommates for the past three years, which has made it that much easier to switch."

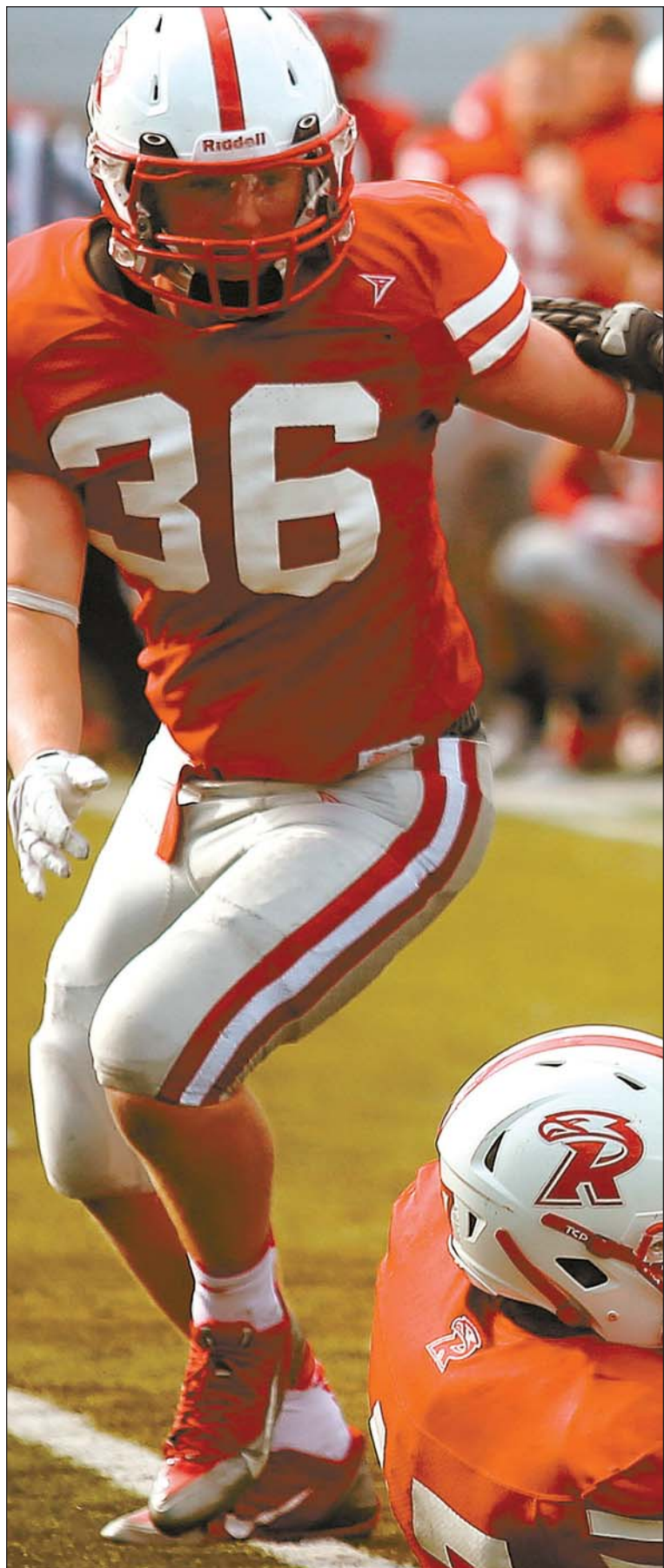
Meanwhile, the 6-2, 225-pound Schleisner started one of his eight games in 2012, registering 30 tackles, including two sacks. Last year the all-academic choice finished with 29 tackles while appearing in all 10 outings.

Schleisner also has switched positions, although not making as drastic of a move. He is a middle linebacker after playing outside his first two campaigns.

"The biggest difference is the speed of the game and longer seasons," said Schleisner, a two-year starter at fullback and ILB at Craig. "I'm more physical and watch a lot more film. I feel I've performed well, but there's always room to improve."

Both players agreed that Ripon has proven to be the right choice for them.

"I really liked Coach (Ron) Ernst," said Schleisner, who also considered some Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference and out-of-state D-II schools. "I couldn't turn down the opportunity to graduate in four years at a top academic school and play as a freshman compared to graduating in five or six years and having to possibly wait a couple of years to play at other programs."



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Austin Schleisner has recorded 12 total tackles and one sack in Ripon College's first two games this year after switching from outside to inside linebacker.

Ducks Unlimited holds its annual banquet Thursday

With the waterfowl season fast approaching and early goose having started, there is a great opportunity to support your sport. Stateline Ducks Unlimited is hosting its 35th annual banquet Thursday, Sept. 25, at the Eclipse Center in Beloit.

Cocktails start at 5:30 p.m. and the dinner is at 7 p.m. Once again they are offering a great array of door prizes, auctions and raffles after dinner. There will be more than 50 guns, including door prizes, the four-gun shotgun board and a pistol board. For tickets contact Steve Edwards at 608-365-4520 or 608-361-7371.

For sponsor information or details about its unique recycling program, contact Jim Wilson at 608-365-5300 or 608-754-0222.

Ducks Unlimited is one of the older environmental/conservation groups in the country, founded in 1937 by a group of waterfowl hunters. Since then it has



JIM CHEADLE
SCALES AND TAILS

become nationwide and has one of the strongest and largest groups in the country. It is the only conservation organization that performs duck habitat work throughout the northern breeding grounds, migratory routes and wintering grounds.

The work that is done is science-based and is focused on the needs of North American waterfowl. In Wisconsin, they have restored, enhanced or protected more than 100,000 acres of waterfowl habitat. To accomplish this they have invested more than \$18.5 million in Wisconsin conservation projects. To date, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more

than 12.5 million acres of habitat in North America.

While this group's priority is waterfowl, more than 900 other wildlife species benefit from their work. Here's the bottom line statistic that many folks are concerned with: Ducks Unlimited is committed to spending at least 80 cents of every dollar collected on its conservation mission.

• Naturally, waterfowl are not the only birds on the move. The fall migration is starting, especially for some of the early travelers. Most of the birds leaving now are heading to Central America. Nighthawks are an early migrator moving south, so keep your eyes to the sky in the evening.

The avian parade continues with hummingbirds, warblers and vireos beginning their migration south, providing Wisconsin birders some great viewing opportunities. Birds heading to Central and South America will be leaving during

the next three weeks.

• The season is open on another of my favorite game birds, the wild turkey. Last year's harsh winter doesn't seem to have affected the population much, because they are appearing everywhere.

More than 130 youngsters got to participate in the Youth Outdoor Skills Day sponsored by Pheasants Forever, Magnolia Game Farm and many other sports groups and businesses. Along with the various skills stations it included a two-bird pheasant hunt. Watch for next year's event; any child interested in the outdoors should not miss it.

The wild goose says: The hummers are still around, so keep the feeders full, upping the sugar to one cup sugar to three cups water.

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Art Infusion 2014, Sept. 20-21, Lower Courthouse Park, Main and Court streets in Janesville. This two-day event will feature a chalk art creation by master chalk artist Lee Jones and a competition for all ages. Register at the amphitheater at Lower Courthouse Park to participate. (608) 757-3171, JanesvilleCVB.com.

38th annual Beloit Lions Autorama, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Preservation Park, 3444 U.S. Highway 51, Beloit. More than 1,200 cars. BeloitAutorama.com.

Wine Tasting & Luminary Walk, Sept. 26, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., in the Fountain Garden, Klehm Arboretum & Botanic Garden, 2715 S. Main St., Rockford. (815) 965-8146, Klehm.org



Courthouse Hill Walking Tour, Sept. 26, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Rock County Historical Society sponsors this tour covering Janesville's best preserved Victorian neighborhood. Court House Hill, one of the highest points in the city, has attracted Janesville's wealthiest residents since the 1850s. The tour covers Janesville's first cemetery, the home of a

Vice Presidential candidate, and the site of Wisconsin's first state fair. Meet at Jefferson Park, corner of Van Buren and Atwood streets. (608) 756-4509. RCHS.us/JVLWalkingTours



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View antique, classic and vintage boats Sept. 26-28 at the Antique and Classic Boat Show in Fontana. BlackhawkACBS.com

Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show, Sept. 26-28, sponsored by the Blackhawk Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society. View antique, classic and vintage boats, plus artist's fair, boat parade at 4 p.m. on Saturday. People's Choice on Sunday at 2 p.m. BlackhawkACBS.com

Brodhead AutumnFest, Sept. 27, with chili contest, music by the State Line Play Boys, children's activities, petting zoo, beer tent, food booths and sidewalk craft vendors. Contact the Brodhead Chamber of Commerce at (608) 897-8411, BrodheadChamber.com

Fourth annual HOGS 4 Rescued Cats and Dogs fundraiser, Sept. 27, at Kutter Harley Davidson, Pontiac Drive, Janesville. Everyone is welcome to attend this free event, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., which includes a silent auction, raf-

files, bake sale (with goodies from Rolling Pin Bakery), live music by Johnny Can't Stop, a beer garden, soft drinks and water. Scenic Poker/Trivia Ride. All proceeds go to Friends of Noah-WI, an all-volunteer organization caring for rescued animals. To donate or for more information, call Shiela at (608) 295-7907, or visit JanesvilleHog.com or FriendsOfNoah-wi.org.



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East Troy Electric Railroad Dinner Train, Sept. 27. Boarding is at the East Troy Depot at 2002 Church St., East Troy. The train takes a leisurely trip to Phantom Lake, pauses on the shoreline, and then returns to East Troy. 262-642-3263, EastTroyRR.org

Edgerton Fall Fest, Sept. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with craft vendors, fall produce, apple pie contest, scarecrow contest, kids games. Depot parking lot, downtown Edgerton, (608) 884-4408, EdgertonChamber.com

Outdoor Adventure Day, Sept. 27, from noon to 4 p.m., Fellow Mortals Nature and Education Center, N5146 North Road, Burlington. Learn interesting facts about your favorite animals and see different birds while exploring the grounds

on a guided bird walk. Admission at gate: \$10 per person. Children under 5 enter free. I, includes all activities except for face-painting and prize games.

21st annual Fall Color Festival, Sept. 27, with more than 300 mountain bicyclists on the John Muir Trails, hosted by WORBA, Trek, Wheel and Sprocket and the LaGrange General Store/Backyard Bike Shop. Fundraiser for trail maintenance. 262-495-8600, FallColorFestival.org

26th annual Apple Fest, Sept. 27-28, Apple Barn Orchard and Winery, W6384 Sugar Creek Road, Elkhorn. Pick-your-own apples, crafters, gift shop, petting barn, wagon rides to the orchard. 262-728-3266, AppleBarnOrchardAndWinery.com

Alpaca farm open house, Sept. 27-28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Willow Glen Farm, 21000 Leroy Center Road, Capron, Illinois, a few minutes from Edwards Apple Orchard. Learn about these inquisitive, unique animals, plus shop for a variety of alpaca items. 815-979-3072, WillowGlenAlpacas.com

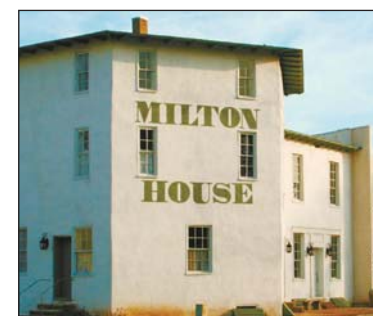
Janesville Historic House Tour, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Rock County Historical Society, in cooperation with residents of the Columbus Circle neighborhood, share the unique history and architectural elements of their homes. Tickets are available at the Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center at 426 N. Jackson St., Janesville or (608) 756-4509. RCHS.us.

Wolf Lake Trail Run/Hike, Sept. 28, from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Richard Bong State Recreation Area, 26313 Burlington Road, Kansasville, Wisconsin. Enjoy a 3.8 mile hike or run while raising money for the park. Door prizes, music and refreshments. (262) 878-5600,

BongNaturalistAssociation.org

Milton Historic Walking Tour, Sept. 28, sponsored by the Historic Preservation Commission. This tour begins at 1 p.m. and covers Merchant Row Downtown District in Milton. Tickets available at (608) 868-6900

Look West Walking Tour, Oct. 4, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Rock County Historical Society sponsors this tour. You will stroll through a grand neighborhood on a bluff overlooking the Rock River. The architecture that includes Italianate mansions, Gothic styled homes, a small chapel, tobacco warehouses, and the Lincoln-Tallman House, a grand Italianate mansion, built in 1857 and visited by Abraham Lincoln in 1859. Meet at the front porch of the Lincoln-Tallman House, 426 N. Jackson St., Janesville. (608) 756-4509. RCHS.us/JVLWalkingTours



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The Milton House Museum is the site of Heritage Days Oct. 4.

Milton Heritage Days, Oct. 4. Take a day trip to the past with demos from a wheelwright, fur traders, basket weavers, spinners and blacksmith. Plus, kid's games and activities, corn husking. Milton House Museum, 18 S. Janesville St., Milton. (608) 868-7772, MiltonHouse.org

Decorating tips to the most of small spaces

No matter where you live, you want to make the most of your available living and storage space.

This is especially true for residents in urban areas who typically have smaller living spaces. And urban living is on the rise. As of 2010, more than half of all people lived in an urban area, and by 2030 it is anticipated that six out of every 10 people will be living in a city, according to the World Health Organization.

But less space doesn't mean that you have to go without, say experts.

"A few simple adjustments can help you maintain your comfort in a small home," says Robin Wilson, celebrity interior designer with expertise in creating healthy spaces.

There are plenty of ways to "open up" your living spaces to create more room.

The living room

Choose furniture for a small living room that is appropriate for the space. For example, avoid sofas with skirts and select couches which are raised off the floor to create a more open look.

A large, strategically placed mirror can also help create the illusion that your living room is actually much larger than it is. The same goes for lack of clutter. Be sure to keep a small space organized with a daily once-over.

Storage

Living simply can go a long way toward making your home feel larger. Every season, go through your closet and toss aside items that are worn out, no longer fit, or are out of style.

Use creative storage solutions to make more space. For example, an ottoman that doubles as a trunk is a great place to store old photos and keepsakes. A bike rack that mounts to the wall can clear valuable floor space in your foyer.

The kitchen

The kitchen often is the heart of the home, particularly if you like entertaining or love to cook. Unfortunately, kitchens can get overcrowded quickly by excessive gadgetry.

"If counter space is at a premium, consider highly functional appliances that have multiple uses," says Wilson.

If you love the smell and flavor of freshly-ground coffee beans, a multi-function coffee and spice grinder will start your morning right. It also grinds fresh spices in a snap, using double-blade technology so you get the exact consistency you need for any ingredient.

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For example, an over-the-range microwave oven makes efficient use of space in your kitchen by stacking the microwave and stove, while also incorporating lighting and ventilation in the structure of the microwave itself.

When installing a new microwave in this position, it's best to have the ventilation already installed. If you don't, that's a job for professionals — amateur installation risks leaks of fumes from below and rain from above.

A small home or apartment is no excuse for feeling cramped. With a few interior design strategies in place, you can make even the smallest space feel larger in size.



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The VTech Kidzooom Smartwatch, for example, is great for capturing a digital photo scrapbook of kids' out-

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■ Taking your entire library with you to the park for story time may not have been possible when you were a kid, but these days, the answer is at your fingertips. Tablets designed just for kids, offer tough and rugged designs, with features that lend themselves to exploring the great outdoors, through a camera or video recorder for on-the-go creativity or just relaxing outside with an e-book.

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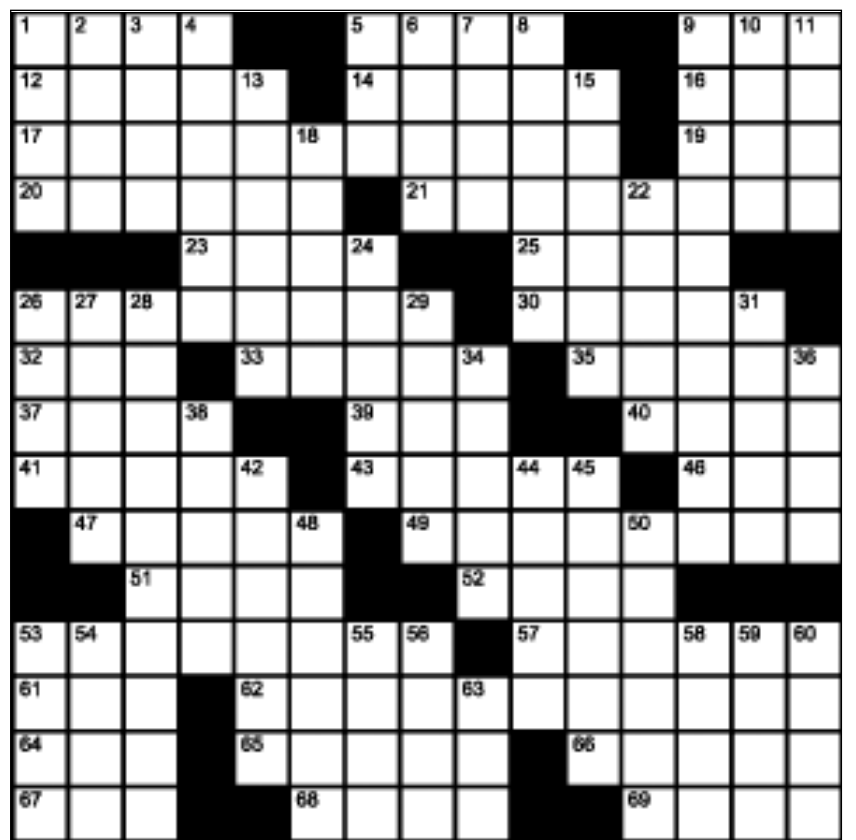
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- 19. "Baloney!"
- 20. Smoke out
- 21. Members of Parliament
- 23. Bergman in "Casablanca"
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- 26. Officers' quarters on a warship
- 30. Moisture-absorbing body powders
- 32. A pint, maybe
- 33. Representative
- 35. Marine ____
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- 40. Arid
- 41. Ridge of land forced upwards between two faults
- 43. Go over
- 46. Moray, e.g.

- 47. Slap target, sometimes
- 49. Exploded artillery shell fragments
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- 52. Bolted
- 53. Manitoba's capital
- 57. Kind of seat
- 61. Monopolize
- 62. Expressing profound respect
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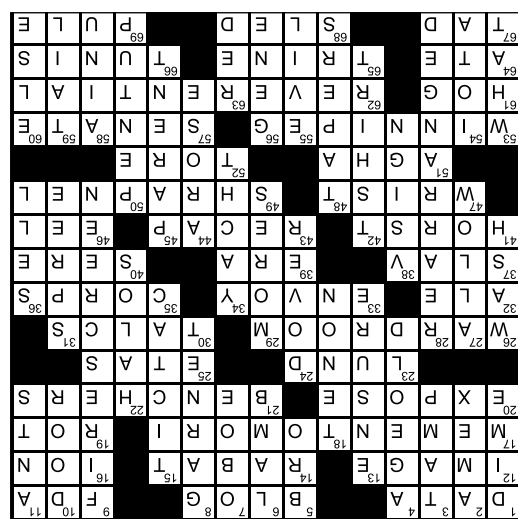
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- 4. Ancient (hyphenated)
- 5. "My man!"
- 6. Follower of Mary
- 7. "O" in old radio lingo
- 8. January's birthstone
- 9. Decorative, protective object on a hearth (2 wds)

- 10. It may get into a jamb
- 11. Aardvark fare
- 13. Check
- 15. It's always sold in mint condition (2 wds)
- 18. Join securely
- 22. Meteorological effects
- 24. White Cliffs of ____
- 26. Cleanse with water
- 27. Grant
- 28. Put into a new order
- 29. Conventions
- 31. Bender
- 34. Marina sight
- 36. Unload, as stock
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- 42. Casual top (2 wds)
- 44. Ascended
- 45. Bring up
- 48. Slender candles (hyphenated)
- 53. "Come again?"
- 54. Bit
- 55. "... there is no ____ angel but Love": Shakespeare
- 56. Characteristic carrier
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DRAWING BOARD

2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata: It has been a long time coming but the next-generation MX-5 will likely arrive in North America by next spring. The roadster has completely shed its retro styling and is slightly smaller and about 200 pounds lighter than the previous MX-5. Powerplant details are lacking, but it's expected that a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine will play a role.

WHAT'S UP, AUTO DOC?

Most thinking human beings are concerned about the amount of carbon dioxide (CO₂) gas emitted by their cars. It's a byproduct of burning gasoline inside the engine and is not arrested or converted into something less harmful by the catalytic converter like other pollutants such as oxides of nitrogen. Therefore, no matter the vehicle, the amount of CO₂ produced is in direct proportion to the amount of fuel burned, or its fuel-economy rating.



A vehicle that burns twice as much fuel as another puts out roughly twice as much CO₂ if driven the same distance. Simple. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates 19.4 pounds of CO₂ per gallon of gas burned (22.2 for diesel), actually much more than the weight of a gallon of gas because carbon gains two atoms of oxygen in the combustion process (oxidation). The molecular weight of carbon is 12 and CO₂ more than three times that at 44. If the average 30-miles-per-gallon car is driven 12,000 miles a year, that's 400 gallons (multiplied by 19.6 pounds per gallon), or 3.9 tons of CO₂ emitted. So, buy a car that will stretch a tank of gas as far as it can, yes, but the most important number in the equation is the miles driven. Don't drive at all and there's zero CO₂ emissions, no matter how bad the car is on gas. Not driving at all is not likely possible, but curbing use is really the key.

WHO AM I?

To guess his secret identity, read the following clues!

- 1) As a racing driver, he triumphed in many disciplines, from Formula One to NASCAR, to Trans Am.
- 2) In 1965, he combined forces with Carroll Shelby, creator of the Cobra.
- 3) His team, the All American Racers (AAR), built its own Eagle brand of race cars.
- 4) With it, he became the first driver to win a race in a car that I had designed and constructed.

STILL STUMPED?

Dan Gurney is one of the most versatile racing figures in the history of auto racing: from driver to engineer.



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Honda S2000: 2000-'09

HISTORY: Honda's first sports car was the tiny 1960s-era S600 micro-roadster that was briefly available in Canada. It would take more than 35 years for the follow-up S2000 to make its global debut, but it copied a similar formula of offering a lightweight package as well as a relatively small-displacement, high-revving powerplant. From 2000-'03, the S2000 ran with a 240-horsepower 2,000-c.c. (2.0-liter) four-cylinder — hence the "2000" designation — that was matched to a six-speed manual gearbox. Employed from 2004 onward was a 2.2-liter engine that was also rated at 240 (later revised to 237) horsepower, but generated peak power at 7,700 rpm instead of the previous engine's 8,300 revs. Following 10 seasons of relatively low-volume sales in this country, the S2000 was retired following the 2009 model year.

THE GOOD STUFF: The S2000 was a perfectly balanced, rev-happy (9,000-rpm limit) machine that embodied nearly all of the qualities one could ever want in a sports car. The roadster originally cost \$48,000, which was about \$2,000 more than a base BMW Z3 roadster. But the Honda was quicker and its suspension was geared for more aggressive maneuvering on twisty roads. The precise-shifting manual gearbox was a delight to row and the relatively effortless clutch was easy on the left leg. Stability control, a feature that helped keep the S2000 headed on the correct path in poor traction conditions, became part of an lengthy standard-equipment list for 2006 that already included air conditioning, leather-covered seats, push-button starter and a power-operated top.

HEADS UP! The early S2000 came with a plastic rear window, but by the 2002 model year a heated glass window had been installed along with added door-panel storage pockets and an upgraded sound system. Missing from all years was a glove box, however. Although the 2.2-liter engine arrived for 2004, the lack of seat-of-the-pants torque remained particularly noticeable below 5,000 rpm. To get the most out of the S2000 required vigorously exercising the tachometer. Trunk capacity — about the same volume as that of a Mazda Miata — could put the brakes on any cross-country treks. With no automatic transmission available, stick-shift proficiency was mandatory.

OVERALL: The S2000 is a cut or two above the Mazda MX-5 Miata (itself a pretty good sports car) and certainly worth the extra premium required to park one in your driveway. Select an S2000 that, regardless of mileage, hasn't been abused, and you'll have a neat runabout that will deliver more smiles per mile than just about any other car on the road.

VITALS: Engines: 2.0-liter DOHC four-cylinder (240, 2000-'03); 2.2-liter DOHC four-cylinder (237, 2004-'09). Transmission: Six-speed manual; Layout: Front engine, front-wheel-drive; Body: Two-door convertible.

Variations

2009 S2000

S2000 engine

Two-place interior

The wait is over and it's as if the 2014 Ford Mustang and the Ford Evos concept car had a baby. The new 2015 Mustang takes on much of the Evos's styling while still looking pretty much like a Mustang. The new car has the same space between the front and rear wheels as the 2014 car, but it's a little lower and wider. Mechanically, an independent rear suspension replaces the live axle while a new turbocharged four-cylinder joins the V6 and a 5.0-liter V8 that has been reworked for 435 horsepower.

EVOS
Concept was the acid test for imminent changes to the Mustang.

AutoGraph
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Roof section might remind you of the Chevrolet Corvette.

Wheels set apart a further four centimetres, side to side.

Narrow roof section and wider track make for a big fender bulge.

High angle, deeply sculpted tail panel with extruded lamps; modern, yet still Mustang-y.

2015 MUSTANG

Interior redesign brings the Mustang up to speed with higher-quality materials.

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FOUR-CYLINDER JOINS 3.7 V6 AND 5.0 V8

2.3-liter turbo four-cylinder makes 310 horsepower, which is more than the base 300-horse V6.

"Twin scroll" turbocharger is driven by a split exhaust manifold that sharpens throttle response.

Two smaller passages increase exhaust velocity, which makes the turbo more sensitive to the throttle input (less lag).

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