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What brings together 60 area students on the Janesville Performing Arts Center stage each week?

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Creative talents shine at high school art show



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A little song dance

Janesville Youth Choir prepping for Nov. 25 show

> By Dennis Hines STAFF WRITER

JANESVILLE — Way before Toyland opened and Christmas decorations appeared in every store, a group of young performers was getting in the swing of the

Members of the new Janesville Performing Arts Center Youth Choir have been rehearsing since September for their "Santa's Rockin' Christmas Eve" show, set



From the left, Leah Sodeman, Faith Puckett, Hailey Congdon, Claudia Lasiowski, Rylie Arensdorf and Lydia Morgan rehearse a number from "Santa's Rockin' Christmas Eve" last week at JPAC. Their performance is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at JPAC.

for Tuesday, Nov. 25, at JPAC.

The 7 p.m. program will feature Christmas carols, performance skits and dance numbers.

"It's like a musical revue with some acting in between the songs," said Vickie Neitzel, musi-

Neitzel was among those to help organize the new choir.

"We were overwhelmed," she said. "We were hoping for 30 children and we got twice as many."

The singers and dancers have been working hard to learn music and dance numbers, she said.

"I think they're (audience members are) going to enjoy the children's excitement and efforts," Neitzel said. "I think they will

enjoy the music and the acting. (The children) love music so much, and that's why they're in the group."

Live accompaniment will feature Cindy Riley on piano and Neitzel's husband, Paul, on the

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Evaluate 2014, make financial adjustments for the new year

s 2014 draws to a close, you may want to look back on the progress you've made this past year in various areas of your life — and that certainly includes progress toward your financial goals. At the same time, you may want to make some end-of-year moves that can close out 2014 on a positive note while paving the way for a productive 2015.

Here are a few such moves to consider:

■ BOOST YOUR RETIREMENT PLAN CONTRIBUTIONS

You have until April 15, 2015, to contribute to your Roth or traditional individual retirement account for the 2014 tax year. Nonetheless, the sooner you get extra dollars working for you in your IRA, the better. You can put in up to \$5,500 to your IRA (or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older) for 2014. If you are self-employed or run a small business, you also have until April 15 to contribute to a retirement account, such as a SEP IRA or a SIMPLE plan. In addition to helping you build resources for retirement, these types of plans can offer you tax advantages.

■ SELL YOUR "LOSERS"

If you own investments that have lost value since you purchased them, you can sell them before 2014 ends and use the tax loss to offset some capital gains you may have earned in other investments. If you don't have any capital gains, you can use up to \$3,000 of your tax loss-

Try to determine if your portfolio is still appropriate for your risk tolerance — not too aggressive or too conservative.

es to offset other ordinary income. And for a loss greater than \$3,000, you can "carry over" the excess and deduct it from your taxes in future years. If you still like the investment that you sold at a loss and you want to keep it in your portfolio, you could repurchase it,

but you'll have to wait 31 days to avoid violating the IRS' "wash sale" rules. Keep in mind that these suggestions only apply to investments held outside your employer-sponsored retirement account; you can't take a tax deduction on capital losses in a 401(k) or similar plan.

■ EVALUATE YOUR 401(K) INVESTMENT

You may be able to adjust the investment mix in your 401(k) as often as you like. So when evaluating your 401(k), make sure your holdings aren't concentrated in just a few investments and try to determine if your portfolio is still appropriate for your risk tolerance — not too aggressive or too conservative. Also, if your plan offers a Roth option, consider taking advantage of it — with a Roth, you won't be able to deduct your 401(k) contributions from your taxes, but once you retire, you won't be taxed on your withdrawals.

■ REVIEW YOUR INSURANCE COVERAGE

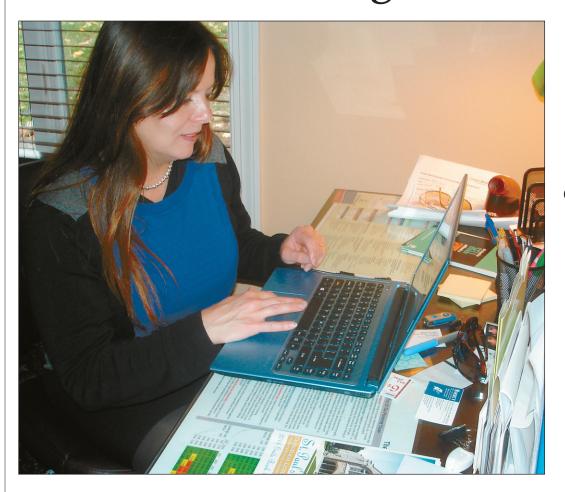
If you've experienced any changes in your life in 2014 — new spouse, new child, divorce, new job, etc. — you may need to review your life insurance coverage to make sure it's still sufficient for your needs and that you have the correct beneficiaries in place.

By making these and other moves, you can say a fond farewell to 2014, knowing that you've done what you could to help bolster your financial position — for 2015 and beyond.

This article was written by Edward Jones for use by Edward Jones financial adviser David L. Messling, 2020 E. Milwaukee St., Janesville,

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Focused on serving customer needs



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When did business open?
September

Why did you start this business? I was recruited. I was looking into getting into finance through a more traditional route — banking — and it came to someone's attention that's what I was looking into doing. They said, "Come try this" and it kind of stuck.

How did you get into this line of work? I was looking for a challenging career, something I could build but also something with some flexibility. This was a perfect match. I'm always learning, always challenged. If I want to go on a field trip (with my children), I just don't schedule something that

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For seven years, prior to last year, I was a personal trainer and fitness instructor at the YMCA, then prior to that I was a stay-at-home mom. I have five children. Before I stayed home with the kids, I was a high school teacher. So, I've had a few careers.

I think I bring that teaching part (to my business). I still teach people. I don't tell them what to do. I educate them about their choices and options and help them find the best one based on what they've learned.

What types of products and services does your business offer? I'm a service provider. I do financial planning, so I do small business planning, 401(k) and personal insurance. I also work with individuals on their planning, retirement planning, college funding and retirement spending, which is often overlooked. I even help people with the paperwork.

I really try to be a service provider, which means I'm not an insurance salesman. I don't sell products. The products I use are tools. I believe I provide a service to people, and the insurance products I sell are the tools I use.

What is the biggest challenge you face in your business? One of the challenges is people have an idea of what they need to do but spending money on insurance, especially with the way the economy has been, is one of the last things they want to do or saving for retirement is on the bottom of the list or saving for college is on the bottom of the list. So, I'm hoping that the economy turns around. That would be less of a challenge, and people would be able to invest more into those things.

What aspect of the business do you enjoy the most? The people. I love meeting new people. It's a fun job.

I'm very active in Forward Janesville. I recently joined the Beloit Chamber of Commerce. I'm a founding member of Girls Night Out Rock County, which raises money for charity.

From what cities do the majority of your customers come? I serve all of Rock County, so I serve Beloit, Janesville, Edgerton and Evansville. I have clients in Brodhead. I even go out of Rock County a little bit. We don't have districts like other companies do, so I'm available wherever someone needs me.

What are your plans for the business? I would like to be successful enough to have a full-time assistant and an office downtown. I would love to have an office downtown and be a part of the downtown community.

BUSINESS BRIEFLY

■ Mercy garners nursing honor:

Mercy Health System recently was granted Magnet Recognition by the American Nurses Credentialing Center. Mercy is one of a few organizations in the country to achieve magnet status for an entire health care system, according to a news release.

The Magnet Recognition Program recognizes health care organizations for quality patient care, nursing excellence and innovations in nursing practice. The required evaluation included a review of nursing practices and interviews with more than 80 percent of Mercy's nurses as well as with physicians and other members of the health care team.

"Mercy demonstrates to patients, their families and the community they provide efficient, expert care at the highest level possible,"

Deborah Zimmermann, Commission on Magnet Recognition chairwoman, said in the release. "This honor is a testament to Mercy's commitment to doing what's right for their patients."

■ Extension hosts beef cattle meeting:

The Walworth, Rock and Jefferson County University of Wisconsin-Extension offices will host the Winter Beef Cow-Calf Meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9. The meeting will be at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Innovation Center, 1221 Innovation Drive, Whitewater.

Topics of discussion include winter feeding for beef cattle and retrofitting retired dairy facilities for beef production.

The registration fee is \$10 if registered by Tuesday, Dec. 2, or \$15 if registered after Dec. 2. The fee includes dinner and educational

handouts

For more information or to register, go online to walworth.uwex.edu/2014/11/05/tri-county-winter-cow-calf-meeting or call Nick Baker at 608-757-5698.

■ CPA joins Summit Accounting Group:

Susan Pohlman recently joined Summit Accounting Group Inc. in Janesville. Pohlman is a certified public accountant with more than 10 years' experience in taxes and more than 20 years' experience in accounting.

Summit Accounting Group is a full-service CPA firm that specializes in tax preparation and planning, auditing, business consulting, monthly accounting and payroll needs. For more information, call 608-756-5354 or go online to summitaccounting.net.

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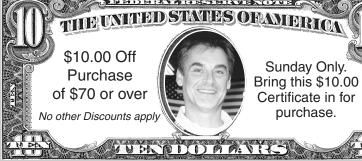
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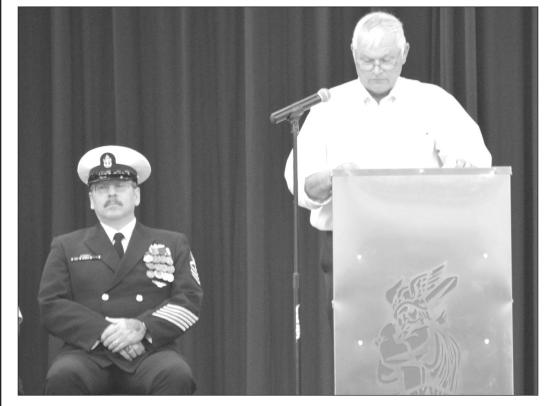
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Veterans Day program held at Parkview High School



Kurt Stuvengen, left, and Mike Eggleston talk to students at Parkview High School during the Wells-Davis-Young-Neal Post 209 American Legion Veterans Day ceremony on Nov. 11. The post is located in Orfordville. Stuvengen served as the master of ceremonies. Parkview student Robbie Klitzman led the pledge of allegiance.

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 email it to dhines@communityshoppers.com.

Friday-Sunday, Nov. 21-23

Oak Village Garden Center Customer Appreciation/Christmas Open House, Nov. 21-23, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Nov. 21, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 22 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 23 at 4727 N. Wisconsin Highway 26, Janesville. Featuring live Christmas music, book signing by local authors, refreshments, sales and more. Call 608-754-1100 for more information.

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 21-

Evansville Olde Fashioned Christmas, Nov. 21-22, with carriage rides, a visit with Santa, live music, storefront decorations and more. Downtown Evansville. 608-882-5131, EvansvilleChamber.org

Sunday, Nov. 23: **James Sewell Ballet** performance, Nov. **23**, 2 p.m. at Janesville Performing Arts Center, 408 S. Main St Janesville

Unitarian Universalist

Fellowship of Rock County Annual Soup Feast and Thanksgiving Meditation, Nov. 23, 6 p.m. at First Con-

gregational Church, 54 S. Jackson St., Janesville. Participants are asked to bring bread, salad or dessert to share. For more information, go to

UnitarianRockCounty.org.

Monday, Nov. 24: **Adult Writing Group** meeting, Nov. 24, 6 p.m. at Eager Free Library, 39 W. Main St., Evansville.

Tuesday, Nov. 25: Disc golf glow leagues random draw doubles, Nov. 25 at Lustig Park, 1500 Riverview Drive, Janesville.

Check-in is at 6 p.m., and event starts at 6:30 p.m. **American Association** of University Women Holiday Auction, Nov. 25, 6:30 p.m. at Janesville Woman's Club. 108 S. Jackson St. Janesville. Items include

baked goods, hand-crafted

artist Diane Adams will fea-

items and artwork. Local

national AAUW scholarships. For more information, call 608-473-2998. Book launch event, Nov. 25, 6 p.m. at Raven's Wish Gallery, 101 W. Milwaukee St.. Janesville. Author Jerry

Peterson will launch his new

ture "Spring Sunset," an ab-

stract view of a wooded sun-

ceeds are used for local and

set in copper tooling. Pro-

Wednesday, Nov. 26: Medicare seminar, Nov.

book, "Rubbed Out."

26, 1:30 p.m. at Mercy Health Mall, Room 1, 1010 N. Washington St., Janesville. For more information, call 800-895-2421.

Thursday, Nov. 27: Thanksgiving meal, Nov.

27. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Janesville Salvation Army, 514 Sutherland Ave., Janesville. Doors will open at 8:30 a.m. for people to watch the parade, and karaoke will be held after the dinner.

Monday, Dec. 1: **Love Light Tree Lighting** Ceremony, Dec. 1, 6 p.m. at Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center, 1000 Mineral Point Ave., Janesville.

Tuesday, Dec. 2:

Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease presentation, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. at Edgerton Hospital, 11101 N. Sherman Road, Edgerton. For more information, call 608-884-1607 or go to EdgertonHospital.com.

Wednesday, Dec. 3:

Hospice volunteer orientation, Dec. 3, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Agrace Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 2901 N. Wright Road, Janesville. For more information, call 608-314-2922.

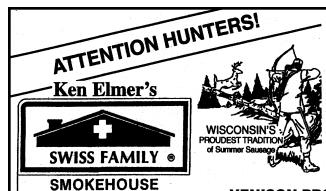
Parkinson' support group meeting, Dec. 3, 2 p.m. at Cedar Crest, 1702 S. River Road, Janesville. For more information, call 608-754-5749.

3, 1:30 p.m. at Mercy Health Mall, 1010 N. Washington St., Janesville. Call 800-895-2421.

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What makes a strong lobbyist

Because of its power to influence public affairs, the press long has been known as "the Fourth Estate." But I think the media may have been displaced. These days, it's lobbyists who seem to carry the most clout in Washington.

Here's a case in point. When Congress closed at the beginning of August for its end-of-summer recess, it faced wide-scale derision for having accomplished next to nothing during the year. In fact, the Pew Center ranked the session as the least productive in two decades.

But it wasn't entirely unproductive. Just before they left town, members of Congress did manage to get three things done: they passed a Veterans Administration reform package, they increased aid to Israel and they kept highway construction projects around the country from losing fund-

Why did these three measures find success when so many others did not? There's a two-word answer: Powerful

They understand that at heart, lobbying is about **establishing relationships** long before any particular issue affecting them comes up.

lobbyists. Veterans, supporters of Israel and the combined weight of highway construction interests and state and local governments are among the most influential forces in Washington.

Last year, some 12,000 active lobbyists spent \$3.24 billion on trying to influence the federal government, according to the

Center for Responsive Politics. I don't know of any other country where lobbyists have those kinds of numbers, spend that kind of money or get the kinds of results they're able to achieve here — in Congress, in the executive branch and, increasingly, in statehouses around the coun-

But even among all those lobbyists, some stand out for their effectiveness. The National Rifle Association, the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, veterans' groups, the AARP — all are very good at obtaining laws and policies in their interests and blocking laws and policies they consider harmful.

I don't mean by this that they're all-powerful. They don't win every battle. But they do win most of them.

How do they do this? To start, lawmakers have to get elected. Good lobbyists don't just provide large amounts of money for campaigns, they provide early money and expert help. They donate, they introduce you to other donors and they help you establish connections that can help during your campaign and later on. Early money in politics is better than late money. Candidates remember that sort of thing. They also remember that if you oppose these organizations' views, they'll come at you hard.

Good lobbyists and their organizations also provide information in easily digestible form. They'll assign particular staffers to develop relationships with members of Congress — people who can write a speech or testimony or legislative language quickly. They and their colleagues are sophisticated observers of public affairs who know whether, when and how to approach government policy makers, along with the particular policymaker who can help them best.

They are deeply knowledgeable about the process of government and have a wide network of friends on Capitol Hill, in the agencies and in members' districts — often, their most effective voices aren't Washington lobbyists, but the grassroots networks they've built back home. They understand that at heart, lobbying is about establishing relationships long before any particular issue affecting them comes up, so that when they go to talk about a bill, they're going in to see a friend.

They build relationships in several ways. There are all kinds of approaches to members — the annual policy conferences to which members of Congress flock, the sponsored trips and meetings in out-of-the-way resorts where a lobbyist can get a few days of a member's undivided attention. But the best lobbyists also are friendly, approachable people who know how to talk to members and policymakers of both parties.

The best lobbyists are masters at making the system work for them. My guess is that their influence over policy surpasses the media's clout, and they have now become the fourth branch of government.

Your Views

Don't expect much

To the editor,

We have re-elected a governor who is anti-environment, demonizes public education and has little concern for the poor and middle class. Expect little change in our poor job creation figures. Our governor's emphasis on austerity and trickle-down economics is not

Expect our tea-party legislators to bring forth laws recommended by the American Legislative Exchange Council. Renewed efforts will be made to reinstate a voter ID law (Jim Crow law). Don't anticipate any changes in our governor's attitude toward sand fracking and mining, even though these activities will pollute our lakes, rivers and marshlands. Manure and fertilizer runoffs also are causing pollution and algae in our lakes.

Don't expect our governor to be serious about signing a bill raising the beer tax, because the alcohol lobby is very powerful. Most of the politicians in Madison do not have the courage to vote for this type of bill. So we will continue to wink and blink when it comes to Wisconsin's high rate of alcoholism and act as though it does not exist. Where are you Frances Willard? (Willard was a Janesville temperance movement leader.)

Expect our legislators to do little to deal with our infrastructure problems, such as poor city and county roads and fragile bridges.

Large sums of money from outof-state millionaires will continue to influence what happens to us as citizens and will lead to corruption, favoritism, greed and cronyism. Everyday, hard-working people will continue to be left out of the equation. Don't you wish we

had a governor who cared about all of our state's citizens?

> Leon K. Freeburg Janesville

Why no jobs agenda?

To the editor,

Gov. Scott Walker and legislative leaders Robin Vos and Scott Fitzgerald have announced their agendas for moving Wisconsin forward. The top priority is given to drug testing those seeking unemployment benefits and food stamps. Other items at the top of the agenda include expanding the taxpayer-funded school voucher program, revamping the Government Accountability Board, reigning in John Doe procedures, raising campaign donation levels and repealing Common Core educational standards.

There is no jobs agenda even as Walker failed to fulfill his 250,000 jobs promise and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corp., his economic development agency, produced only lackluster jobs numbers. During Walker's first term, middle-wage jobs were lost and even high-wage jobs declined. The employment gains that did occur were concentrated in lowwage occupations. Real median earnings remained stagnant and living wage jobs scarce.

Despite Wisconsin's low-wage economy, the Walker agenda contains little mention of job creation and growth. The agenda favors changing campaign finance laws, reducing funding for university research and refusing federal aid to expand health care coverage.

The jobs policy most important to our newly elected leaders is to require those without a job or not earning enough to feed their family to urinate in a cup. It is difficult to believe that this is the plan to move Wisconsin forward.

> Jerry Hanson Elkhorn

Gifts for children worldwide

To the editor,

On behalf of hundreds of needy children worldwide who will receive a gift this year, I would like to thank all of those who have donated time, talent and treasures to bring joy to the world.

Special thanks to the wonderful residents at Vintage on the Ponds, Inspiration Ministries, Whispering Willows, Brookdale Manor, Sylvan Crossing in Jefferson, Fairhaven, Sophos and Pinebrook Manor and many others. These seniors and youth donated items and packed boxes that will go to some of the world's most needy children. You showed that the power of love has no age limit and never fails.

Operation Christmas Child brings joy to needy children worldwide in more than 100 countries. Many of these children are victims of war, natural disaster, disease and abject poverty. For many, it is the first gift they have ever received. For those suffering from AIDS, it may be the last.

We are collecting Beanie babies, small stuffed animals and toys. school supplies, McDonald's toys, bars of mild soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and children's clothing in like-new condition. If you have any of these items to donate, please call Annette at 262-473-5586. Thank you all and Merry Christmas — early.

> Annette Wynn Whitewater

OTHER VIEWS

New rules accompany deer hunters

The 2014 gun deer hunt is underway, with the first hunters in the woods the morning of Saturday, Nov. 22.

I know I don't have to remind deer hunters out there about that as you've probably been making plans for some time now. The hunt is a special time of year to spend with family and friends, create new stories and relive old ones. It's your tradition and part of our state's culture.

While the excitement and preparation for the hunt haven't changed much over the years, there are some changes in how this year's hunt will be run and we want to be sure you are familiar with them and know where to go if you have any ques-

The changes come from your input on how we can make the season more enjoyable and more convenient with fewer and simpler rules and regulations and fewer big shifts in rules from one season to the next.

We have a number of ways for you to get familiar with the season's rules.



WISCONSIN DNR First, there's the Wisconsin

Deer Hunting Regulations pamphlet you probably picked up when you bought your license; it's also available online. There's also a short two-page summary of the 2014 rule changes available on our webpage, dnr.wi.gov; use the keyword "deer." You'll find both publications there under the header, "Tools for your

We also have customer service representatives available from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. by phone at 888-936-7463 seven days a week. You can even call from your deer stand if need be.

And we have our fish and wildlife mobile app for smartphones. It includes links to the regulations and calculates daily hunting hours based on the date and your location. It's a free

download available from our webpage, dnr.wi.gov.

We appreciate your understanding and flexibility during this first year of these new rules. One of the biggest changes for longtime hunters is the move to county-based deer management units and the start of a shift from in-person to phone-in carcass registration. Some of you already may be part of the pilot program we're using this season to work out any bugs in a phonebased system.

So, are you excited — are you ready?

With the new rules and tools you've helped us set up for you, it is our sincere hope that the biggest concerns you have are sighting-in your gun, verifying your landowner permissions and checking and packing the gear you'll need.

Good luck, be safe and above all, have fun.

Mark Aquino is the Department of Natural Resources secretary's director for south central Wis-

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Lee Hamilton is director of the Center on Congress at Indiana University. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.



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■ GoFundMe page started for displaced residents: Teenagers playing with flammable materials are responsible for a Saturday night fire on Marion Avenue that caused \$75,000 in damage, according to police. Two boys were lighting spray paint and hairspray on fire and experimenting with lighter fluid in the garage, Janesville police Lt. Terry Sheridan told the Gazette. Fire, smoke and water damage have displaced Tabitha Rein and one other occupant of the duplex. A GoFundMe.com page is at www.GoFundMe.com/hcwif8 to help with expenses for Rein, who lost everything in the fire.

■ JPAC seeks new leader:

Elizabeth Horvath, executive director of the Janesville Performing Arts Center, will leave her post to accept a position at Blackhawk Technical College effective Dec. 12. Horvath will be the college's new director of advancement and community relations. She said she would continue to volunteer at events at JPAC in January and February, as well as continue her involvement in the Riverfront Amphitheater project on the committee level.

MILTON

The Bank of Milton is the first local business to make a sizable donation to the Milton Public Library's expansion campaign, Library Director Lisa Brooks said. The bank gave \$10,000 to the library. The bank is pleased to support the effort and hopes others join in supporting this "important community project," Dan Honold, bank president, said in a press release. The campaign has raised \$348,000. The library at 430 E. High St. will undergo a \$2.5 million to \$2.7 million overhaul.

MESSENGER ONLINE



The holidays kick off next weekend in Beloit with the annual Grand Lighted Holiday Parade. Read the story at CommunityShoppers.com.

WEB POLL RESULTS

Question: Retailers say they're opening on Thanksgiving Day because of customer demand. Would you miss out if stores remained closed?

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STUDENT ART HITS THE ROAD

Show features Rock Valley Conference artists

BY DENNIS HINES
STAFF WRITER

EVANSVILLE — Ben Haegele's charcoal drawing of the famous photograph showing boxer Muhammad Ali standing over Sonny Liston is just one of the pieces on display at the annual Rock Valley Conference traveling art show.

The art show features drawings, paintings, jewelry, pottery work and sculptures from Evansville, Parkview, FJ Turner, Brodhead, McFarland, Palmyra-Eagle, Big Foot, East Troy, Clinton and Whitewater high schools.

The art show will be on display at Evansville High School until Wednesday and then will move to FJ Turner in the town of Beloit. The show is at a different school in the conference each month throughout the school year.

Haegele, an Evansville
High School
student, said
he is honored
to have his
drawing selected for the
exhibit.



Haegele

"I'm very happy about it, because I'm hoping to get some other things featured in the future," Haegele said. "I do a lot of pieces. My teacher picked (the drawing), and it's great to be recognized for doing artwork like that."

Haegele said the charcoal drawing took him about two weeks to complete, working on the project during his art

"I like doing sport pieces, and I wanted to capture a picture that everyone knew well," Haegele said. "I'm a huge fan of Muhammad Ali. You see that photo everywhere, so I'm trying to take it and make it my own."

Art teachers at each high school select two pieces for the exhibit during the spring. Evansville student Melissa Ornelas' painting of Lana Del Rey also is featured in the exhibit.

"Both are fantastic pieces," said Tony Riel, Evansville art teacher. "This is my first year here at Evansville High School, so the previous art

teacher selected the pieces. The rest of the pieces are amazing. There's a great variety of work and skill level."



Riel

Riel said the show gives students an opportunity to view the work of other students, and it may give them ideas for their own pieces.

"I think it's a chance for students in the school to see what other conference high schools are doing and what they're





Above: The Rock Valley Conference traveling art show will be at Evansville High School through Wednesday, Nov. 26, before moving to Beloit Turner High School.

Left: Evansville High School artist Ben Haegele re-created the famous photograph showing boxer Muhammad Ali standing over Sonny Liston.

DENNIS HINES/STAFF

creating," Riel said. "It's a huge honor to be selected for the show, because only two pieces are being selected from each high school. It's really cool, and it inspires students to possibly want to create work for the traveling exhibit."

Before Evansville, the art show was featured at Parkview Junior/Senior High School in Orfordville.

Lauren Kultgen, art instructor at Parkview, said having the exhibit at the school is a good learning opportunity for her students, because they are able to critique the different pieces.

"I have my art classes go and look at it, and they do some critiques," Kultgen said. "It's an exciting time. Students can get some creative ideas from it. It's really a neat thing for schools to be able to do."

Kultgen said that near the end of the school year,
Parkview hosts an art show, and students and parents help to select which pieces will be featured in the traveling exhibit.

"We allow students and parents to vote," Kultgen said.
"The students then have the option of whether they want their work to be featured in the traveling art show. It's a huge honor for the students to have their work put in the show."

Kultgen said she is impressed with all the different artwork.

"Teachers are encouraged to

submit all types of artwork," Kultgen said. "You see a lot of paintings and drawings. We get a couple of ceramic pieces and jewelry pieces. A lot of students don't like to submit dimensional pieces because they travel around so much and they're nervous about them getting damaged."

Haegele said he has been interested in art since his childhood.

"Both my grandmas are really good artists and they kind of taught me from a very young age how to use the different mediums like charcoal drawings and paint," Haegele said. "Charcoal drawings are

If you go

Rock Valley Conference traveling art show

- Nov. 26 through Dec. 10: Beloit Turner
- Dec. 10 through Jan. 5: Clinton
- Jan. 5 through Jan. 21: Big Foot
- Jan. 21 through Feb. 11: East Troy ■ Feb. 11 through March 4: Palmyra-
- March 4 through March 25:
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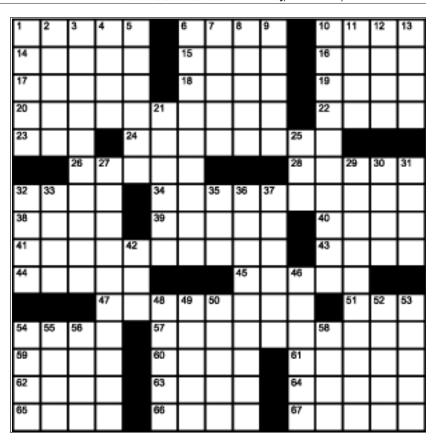
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- 14. Avoid
- 15. Fencing sword
- 16. Length x width, for a rectangle
 - 17. Bridal path
 - 18. Give shape to
- 19. In ___ of
- 20. Container
- 22. Actor's goal
- 23. Chain letters?
- 24. High
- 26. Tough, durable wood
- 28. Cover, in a way
- 32. Messy dresser
- 34. Forward roll
- 38. Coaxes
- 39. Be bombastic
- 40. "I had no ___!"
- 41. Refraining from drinking alcohol
- 43. Granite-like rocks that form the earth's crust
 - 44. Long
 - 45. "Four Quartets" poet
 - 47. Disconnect
- 51. Mozart's "L'___ del Cairo"

- 54. Blocks
- 57. Antiviral protein produced by cells
 - 59. Profligate
- 60. Pinocchio, at times
- 61. Breezing through
- 62. Aardvark fare
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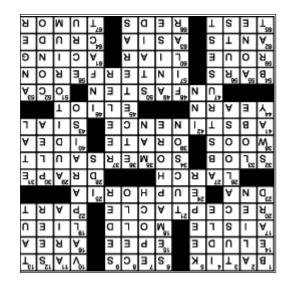
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- 1. Santa Claus feature
- 2. Roswell crash victim, supposedly
- 3. Former capital of Alabama
- 4. Doing nothing
- 5. Fish large enough to be legally caught
- 6. Signalling system using flags
- 7. Age
- 8. Quartet member
- 9. Exodus commemoration

- 10. City in Chile and Indiana
- 11. "Mi chiamano Mimi," e.g.
 - 12. Merlin, e.g.
- 13. Drawn tight
- 21. Popular retirement destination
- 25. Driver's lic. and others
- 27. Most difficult to under-
- 29. Large building for public performances
 - 30. "Guilty," e.g.
- 31. And others, for short
- 32. Go to and fro
- 33. Brain area
- 35. "Gee whiz!"
- 36. Sundries
- 37. Staggerer
- 42. Setting for TV's
- "Newhart"
 - 46. Actually (2 wds)
 - 48. Having threads
 - 49. Biscotti flavoring
 - 50. Composed
 - 52. Complex unit
 - 53. A deadly sin
 - 54. No angel
 - 55. Bang-up (hyphenated)
 - 56. Dead-end jobs
 - 58. Almond



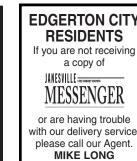
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Tickets cost \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors. Advance tickets are on sale now in the activities office at the high school.

Gardening project grows into award winner: A project in the

Brodhead School District was among those recognized recently with a Standing Up for Rural Wisconsin award through the state Department of Public Instruction.

The A Little Dirt Never Hurt program offered a summer school course to about 100 elementary school children, who learned about traditional and alternative gardening methods and where their food comes from. In addition, students donated the locally grown produce to the local food pantry and to the school food service program. Seventh-through 12th-grade students served as classroom helpers for the summer program.

Some of the other award-winning projects included adding Wi-Fi to rural bus routes, providing weekend meals for families in need and creating a manufacturing academy for high school students.

Languages teacher honored:

Milton Middle School teacher Michele LaPean-Usher has been chosen to receive the American Association of Teachers of French Award of Recognition.

"I am very pleased to see that the AATF has recognized Michele for her commitment, dedication and passion for teaching," District Administrator Tim Schigur said in a news release. "The work Michele does is important and of great value to us."

CLASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY:

■ Janesville:

2 p.m., musical performance, "South Pacific," Parker High School

■ Edgerton:

2 p.m., musical performance, "High School Musical On Stage," Edgerton High School

MONDAY:

■ Janesville:

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., CPR/AED/first aid training for building emergencies, Craig High School

Parkview:

6:30 p.m., school board meeting, Parkview Junior/Senior High School

TUESDAY:

■ Janesville:

4 p.m. to 6 p.m., CPR/AED/first aid training for building emergencies, Craig High School

TUESDAY:

■ Janesville:

3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Market Day pickup, Kennedy Elementary School

WEDNESDAY through FRIDAY:

- Janesville:
- no school
- Milton: no school
- **■** Edgerton:
- no school

Parkview: no school

CHOIR

Continued from page 1

"It's been wonderful and exciting," Neitzel said about working with the 9- to 14-yearold choir members. "This is my passion, so it's just working really well to have such wonderful kids."

Neitzel said she also appreciates the help she has received from assistant choir directors Kim Murphy and Becca Dutcher, and Dawn Chowaniec, who has worked on the costumes. Craig High School student Mera Howen also has helped with the production.

"All of the assistants I work with are wonderful," Neitzel said. "There's a whole lot of people behind the scenes."

Mindy Curtis, education and outreach director for JPAC, said she, Neitzel and Riley discussed plans for offering a youth choir in the community.

"We thought it was a great idea, and we went for it," Curtis said. "We thought it was something that was lacking in the community."

Neitzel, who recently retired from the Janesville School District after 23 years as a music teacher, said she has been amazed by the response to youth choir.

"A lot of the kids are my former students, so it really warmed my heart to see so many kids who still wanted to do something like this," she said. "It knocked my socks off."

Curtis said she hopes the choir becomes a regular JPAC offering

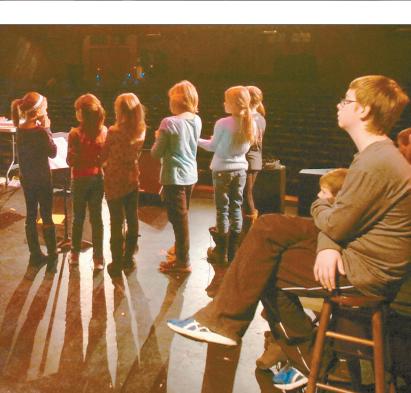
"We plan on having another 12-week semester in the spring and then again next fall," Curtis said. "We plan on doing it every spring and every fall during the school year."

Curtis said children of all experience levels from throughout the area are welcome to join

"Our goal is to include every child in the area who wants to sing," Curtis said. "There's no (required) experience level or talent level. They're welcome to come as long as they're willing to practice and learn the songs."

Being involved with the choir gives students additional opportunities to perform and allows





Hunter Rich, right, who plays the announcer in the show, watches as the elves rehearse a number. The choir features children ages 9 to 14.

them to work with other children their age, Neitzel said.

"They get additional performance opportunities outside of school and additional times to perform," Neitzel said. "For these kids that love it, it's invaluable. They get to meet new kids who are outside of their own school, so their social skills are boosted and their selfesteem is boosted.

"They get a chance to shine

on stage at JPAC, which is such an incredible facility to perform in. They get more music and acting opportunities."

For Neitzel, the choir is a great opportunity to share her lifelong love of music and performing.

Besides teaching for many years at Lincoln Elementary School, Neitzel also taught at schools in Lake Geneva and Kenosha.

Vickie Neitzel demonstrates a dance move during last week's rehearsal for "Santa's Rockin' **Christmas Eve."** The **Janesville Performing Arts Center Youth Choir** performance is at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25, at JPAC. PHOTOS BY DAN

Musical director

PLUTCHAK/STAFF

If you go

"Santa's Rockin **Christmas Eve**"

- Who: Janesville Performing Arts Center Youth Choir, a 60-member group of singing and dancing 9- to 14-year-olds
- What: a musical revue also featuring skits
- **When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 25
- Where: JPAC, 408 S. Main St., Janesville
- How much: \$3
- To get tickets: Go to the JPAC box office, go online to janesvillepac.org or get tickets at the door the night of the performance

She remembers how her

interest in music was inspired

by seeing a Broadway produc-

tion with her mother as a child.

"I said, 'Mom, that's what I

want to do,' so from that point

on I took as many music les-

sons as I could and I was in

productions," Neitzel said. "I

went to college for (music). You

never know what opportunities

or what things happen that will

spark the rest of your life."

Ianesville family hoping meatball recipe is a national winner

JANESVILLE — A Janesville family's cooking video has earned it a spot among 25 finalists in a national contest that could award their son's school cafeteria \$30,000.

In the Thurner family's video, Elijah Thurner, an eighth-grader at St. William Catholic School, demonstrates how to make "Eli's Porcupine Meatballs," with help from his family.

The contest is sponsored by Uncle Ben's Rice and was developed to encourage children to make healthier choices by getting them interested in cooking.

Online voting in Ben's Beginners Cooking Contest can help the Thurners capture one of five prizes of \$15,000 for the family, \$30,000 for their school cafete-

ria and a hometown celebration featuring celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson. Voting is open through Wednesday, Nov. 26.

Eli has talked about becoming a chef, his mother, Christine, said. and he received the chef's hat he wears in the video for his birth-

Christine said she liked the porcupine meatballs her mother made years ago, and the recipe had been on her mind. She searched online to come up with a recipe she could modify.

The contest is all about getting families to cook together and teaching children how to cook, she said, so Eli's father, Steve, and his brother, Mitchell, make appearances in the video.

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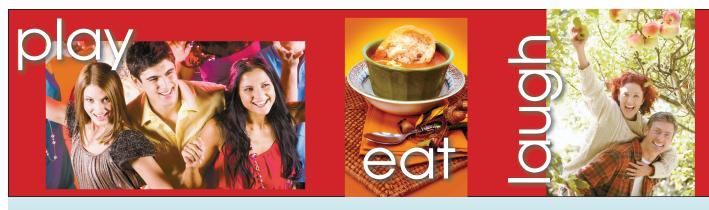
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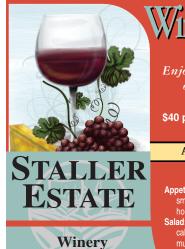
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JANESVILLE — Choral Union celebrates its 133rd anniversary with two performances of "Elijah," an oratorio by Felix Mendelssohn. Concerts will be held at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 6, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 7, at Cargill United Methodist Church, 2000 Wesley Ave. in Janesville.

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Soloists include Marie Severing, Sarah Leuwerke, Alex Gmeinder and Dan Richardson.

Advance tickets may be ordered for \$12 by calling (608) 741-5074 or from Choral Union members. Tickets are \$15 at the door on both performance days. For more, go online to ChoralUnion Janesville.com.









Ready that turkey for Thursday's big feast

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pies, pies and more pies.

As we all know, everyone has their favorite, so there usually is way too much food. But that's OK, because it all makes good leftovers,

The important thing is to get the main event cooked properly, and probably the most important thing turkey wise is not to overcook the bird. If you cook the turkey to an internal temperature of 160 F, you'll be good. Remove the roaster from the oven, cover the bird with aluminum foil and finish making up the gravy and getting all your other dishes to the table while the turkey rests at least 15 minutes. This is an important part because that resting period allows the bird to reabsorb all those juices that otherwise just spill out once you start carving.

The most important thing is to enjoy family and friends — all the rest is really just gravy.

I suppose everyone has their favorite stories about Thanksgiving dinner — here are some I've gathered throughout

Turkey time

The best advice for gauging whether a turkey is done is to use a meat thermometer and cook the bird to an internal temperature of 160 F. Here are roasting times for a whole turkey cooked in a 325 F conventional oven:

Weight:	Cooking time:		
8-12 lbs.	3 to 3.5 hours		
12-14 lbs.	3.5 to 4 hours		
14-18 lbs.	4 to 4.25 hours		
18-20 lbs.	4.25 to 4.75 hours		
20-24 lbs.	4.75 to 5.25 hours		
24-30 lbs.	5.25 to 6.25 hours		

the years.

One exasperated woman was looking over the turkeys at the grocery store. Her gathering had picked up momentum at the very end and now she needed a big turkey to feed everyone.

"Don't these turkeys get any bigger?" she asked hopefully. "No, ma'am, they're dead."

My Grandma always said, "You know everything is good when the chatter stops and the food starts disappearing."

The late talk show host Johnny Carson explained Thanksgiving this way:

"Thanksgiving is an emotional holiday. People travel thousands of miles to be with people they only see once a year. And then discover once a year is way too



FILE

Giving thanks before the traditional Thanksgiving meal is an important holiday tradition for many families

often."

Here's a thought from philanthropist Bill Gates:

"You may have heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. There's another day you might want to know about: Giving Tuesday. The idea is pretty straightforward. On the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, shoppers take a break from their gift-buying and donate what they can to charity."

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Hikers persevere despite falling temperatures, wet weather

Russ Helwig Weekly Walk



n Tuesday, Nov. 12, five of us walked around Lake LaGrange via the Ice Age Trail and horse trails. It was cold and cloudy but comfortable hiking weather. The sun set as we hiked, even though we could not see it. There were patches of ripples on the water and we stopped a couple of times to view the lake.

We finished shortly after the end of twilight, but our eyes had adjusted and there was enough residual light to see the trail. It was a good hike.

Marvin Herman reports on Wednesday's long hike:

When we met at the U.S. Highway 12 trailhead, it was partly sunny with temperatures in the mid-20s. Fourteen long-distance hikers regrouped at the Nordic trails on County Highway H to hike just under six miles in reverse over the purple, blue and green trails. Hiking in reverse allowed us to warm up early in the hike because the "alps" always are certain to get the heart beating at an accelerated rate. We finished the hike in just under two hours.

Along the trail we saw various



Norwin Watson

There's nothing like a hike in the great outdoors to put a person in their place in the bigger scheme of things.

wild and domestic scat, a large mushroom turning gray and, at the end of our walk, a flock of sandhill cranes heading south. Another hiker reported seeing geese flying south.

Wednesday short walk by Ellen Davis:

Ellen Davis:
Thirteen chilly hikers carpooled to the Muir bicycle trails for the short hike on the coldest day of the fall so far. We chose the three-mile white trail, and found it lined with a bit of frost but dryer than expected after the rain the previous day. Jake

Gerlach set a good pace and we hurried to get off the ridge and out of the wind.

Two of our newest hikers asked what to expect on this trail. The answer was twists, turns, hills, rocks, roots, a kettle lake and wonderfully varied terrain. We experienced all that and more. Coming out of the woods into the meadow we heard — and saw — a flock of migrating sandhill cranes silhouetted against white clouds far overhead. A large cream-colored bracket fungus sported a pattern that remarkably looked like a print made by

an athletic shoe. Occasional patches of slippery mud tested our balance, and ice-coated puddles promised more ice to come.

We returned to the trailhead warm and energized, eager to discuss the merits of ice cleats and other cold-weather gear over soup, coffee and sandwiches at the General Store.

Russ Helwig is a volunteer with the Walworth/Jefferson County Chapter of the Ice Age Trail Alliance. He leads hikes on Wednesdays and on Tuesdays when desired. All ages are welcome. (262) 473-2187, www.iceagetrail.org.

OUTDOOR EVENTS

Note on deer hunting: There are gun deer seasons Nov. 22 through Dec.10, and again Dec. 24 through Jan. 1. During that time the long hike will be at Lapham Peak where hunting is not permitted. We will still meet at the U.S. Highway 12 Ice Age Trailhead to carpool, or you may meet us at the Lapham Evergreen Shelter at 11:15 a.m. All hikers during this time should wear some blaze orange or other bright colors. Bright colors also are advisable through January because there are other hunting seasons during this time.

■ Volunteers needed: Volunteers with a love for the outdoors who would like to assist present adopters in maintaining sections of the Ice Age Trail in Jefferson/Walworth counties. If interested, contact Bonnie at 262-495-3412.

■ Tuesday and Wednesday weekly walks: Russ Helwig leads hikes at 4 p.m. Tuesdays and 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at the U.S. Highway 12 Ice Age National Scenic Trail crossing located about four miles east of Whitewater, about a quarter mile east of the intersection of U.S. 12 with Sweno Road. The parking lot is at the west end of Sherwood Forest Road, which is a short road that intersects U.S. Highway 12 at each end. Walks of different distances are held on Wednesdays and also on Tuesdays when desired. All ages are welcome. A current state park pass is required to park a car at the U.S. 12 meeting place.



JIM CHEADLE SCALES AND TAILS



Anticipation over: Nine-day gun deer season begins

can't think of anything or any event in Wisconsin more anticipated or planned for Lthan the traditional nine-day gun deer season. Oops, how could I leave out fishing? That's maybe even more of a family favorite. Oh well, who cares — let's leave the jury out so we can say we were right regardless of our preference.

This year, many locations have excellent snow cover for opening weekend. One thing we all know and should work harder at is scouting and preparing our individual areas. This is true regarding hunting and fishing. Scouting the territory can be an enjoyable hobby year-round. Not only does it almost always pay off, but the feeling of being well prepared gives one that extra confidence and often that edge to do well.

Wisconsin has a great way for you to start scouting. On a blustery night, you can get started indoors. The Department of Natural Resources has made available a public access lands atlas. Many folks shun the thought of hunting public lands, thinking it's scrub land and overly crowded. I agree about the description of the terrain, but that's where the big bucks live. They're not standing on a picturesque, grassy knoll waiting for you to take

... the atlas is a great resource and comes in handy for many endeavors, including hunting, fishing, hiking and finding access to various waters.

Also keep in mind, areas with easy access and walking are the most popular and sometimes crowded. But after all the slamming of car doors, the talking, breaking branches underfoot and waving flashlights, how many bucks do you think are going to hang around?

Nevertheless, the atlas is a great resource and comes

in handy for many endeavors, including hunting, fishing, hiking and finding access to various waters. The atlas includes all DNR properties, as well as nearly all federal and county-owned lands.

You can download and print these maps for free from your home computer. The atlas contains 441 maps, two indexes, a glossary and extensive contact information to help you connect with land managers to learn more about the properties. The atlas identifies state, county, federal and other land accessible to the

It's always a good idea to scout the area and contact the nearest farmer to verify the land is public. If you score, be sure to share your bounty with them and I'll bet you'll have some extra land to hunt.

The University Bookstore digital storefront provides a web-based option for those interested in purchasing an atlas. The cost is \$89.95. Atlases also are available for each of Wisconsin's 72 counties for \$24.95. Lastly, a DVD with more than 450 pages of public lands access data is available for \$5.95.

Hunters also can acquire one through the DNR website at dnr.wi.gov or order one by phone at 800-993-2665, ext. 5929.

The wild goose says: Good luck, aim well and make sure you know what is behind your target, and respect fellow hunters and the precious resources you're pursuing.

LEADING

Senior Bailey McKillips, above, and junior Molly Gross, below, are the undisputed leaders of this year's Rock County Fury girls hockey team.

Rock County Fury ready to compete

By TODD MISHLER SPORTS EDITOR

outh definitely will be served with the Rock County Fury girls hockey team this winter. So, coach Darrel Moore is relying heavily on two players to get his young squad through any rough stretches during a long season.

And Bailey McKillips and Molly Gross welcome the challenge of their leadership roles.

McKillips, a defenseman, scored two goals and registered four assists for six points last year as the Fury fin-

ished 12-11-2 overall.

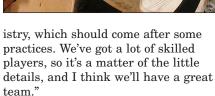
The Beloit Turner student is the only senior on a roster of 21 and could see action at forward because of her speed and quickness.

"We have a lot of

freshmen out this year, but they've played a lot of hockey together," McKillips said. "But I hope to help show them how to play (at this level) and make it easier for all of the underclassmen blend in. We all have to learn to play together."

Gross moved from Monroe and is in her first year at Beloit Memorial. She is the Fury's last line of defense at goalkeeper, finishing 8-4-2 with a 2.45 goals against average, .917 save percentage and two shutouts last year.

"I believe we have seven freshmen, including our other goalie, McKaylie (Buescher)," Gross said. "They have skills and have played together, so that definitely could help with chem-



Rock County opens its season Tuesday, Nov. 25, at home against Middleton.

Moore is hoping that his youthful bunch, which also features players from Parker, Craig and Milton, jells enough to tackle a tough schedule. But he knows that his top tandem is up to the task of leading.

"The big thing about Molly is that she plays big," Moore said of Gross. "She's improved in being in position for rebounds and things in front of her, but she has to keep working on being ready for that second shot.

"Bailey could be at forward or back ... we'll have to see how things fall into place, but the big thing with her is her speed. She doesn't get beat one on one. She is strong as a person and is a good teammate.

"We lost five seniors, so we're looking for more kids to step up," Moore added. "We're looking for players to lead by example instead of big rah-rah types."

Moore is confident that his group can reach some lofty goals.

"Sun Prairie is the team to beat in the conference and Middleton has been strong, and everybody would say that University School in Milwaukee is the cream of the crop in the state,' Moore said. "We have a lot of freshmen, but they can play, and we have some athletes. We also have more depth this year. My expectations are to finish in the top three in conference and crack the top 10 in the state, which has 34 programs, or at least in the top 15."



■ SportsLine

■ Craig's Donagan shines: Janesville Craig's Erin Donagan capped her record-setting freshman season with a nice showing at the WIAA Division 1 girls state swimming meet in Madison last weekend.

Donagan placed ninth in the 200-yard individual medley with a 2:08.61 and 14th in the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.93.

Cougars' iunior Kendall Cawkins finished 21st in the 50-vard freestyle at 24.85 and 23rd in the 100 free in 54.98.

Craig's 200 free relay team of Cawkins, seniors Maggie Gorman and Sierra Rhodes and Donagan grabbed 13th with a 1:40.43 clocking. Its 400 free relay unit, with the same foursome, finished 21st in 3:42.65. The top 16 places scored points. Craig ended with 20 points, good for 26th out of 43 teams.

In Division 2, Milton scored 19 points to finish 24th out of 36 squads. Red Hawks' sophomore Olivia DeRemer took 10th in the 200-yard individual medley in 2:15.61 and seventh in the 100 breaststroke with a 1:07.55.

■ Homers for a good cause: The Beloit Snappers and West Bend Mutual teamed up this past season to raise money for the Stateline Community Foundation.

During the 2014 season, anytime a Snappers player hit a home run at Pohlman Field, \$50 was donated by West Bend up to \$1,500. By the end of the season, the Snappers hit 52 homers.

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