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**COVER STORY**

**BRACING FOR WINTER**

Preparation, participation, patience are key to surviving season

BY DENNIS HINES  
STAFF WRITER

JANESVILLE — According to the old joke, there are only two seasons in Wisconsin: winter and road construction.

And while area crews might still be working on highway improvements, they'll have to make way soon for snowplows and salt trucks.

In the city of Janesville, those trucks will be ready, with 1,300 tons of salt on hand and another 3,000 tons due to arrive in the next few weeks, said John Whitcomb, operations director.

"We're shored up for winter," said Whitcomb, who noted that the city also has about 4,000 tons of salt on order through the state and an option to purchase an additional 1,200 tons.

The city typically uses between 4,000 tons and 5,000 tons of salt each winter, he said. However, last winter's persistent snow caused salt usage to spike to about 7,000 tons.

"It snowed almost every other day. We had three freezing rain events. Those are substantial. They take a lot of resources. It takes more salt to melt the ice," Whitcomb said. "Last year was a bad one. We hope we don't have a repeat of it this winter."



Janesville public works employee Bruce Thurner directs a fellow employee to dump a load of road salt at the city's operations center last week. The snowplows are on and salt is being stockpiled as crews brace for days of ice and snow.

TERRY MAYER/STAFF

The city begins planning its salt order through the state in April. "We were at the tail end of last season, and we were already asked about our salt needs for the next season," Whitcomb said.

The price of salt has increased by about 15 percent from last year, he said.

"Whenever there's a national

shortage of salt, it's based on supply and demand," Whitcomb said. "When usage is up on a national level, the mines are going 24/7. It's become a bigger percentage of the cost for snow removal."

The city of Janesville has 30 vehicles available for plowing and salting. It usually takes about 10 hours to clear the streets of snow,

he said.

"It depends on the nature of the event," Whitcomb said. "I recall in January 2005 it snowed for 40 hours straight. We got about 12 inches of snow, but the fact that it snowed for 40 hours straight, we had to be creative in moving peo-

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**"NO SURGERY FOR ME!"**

I was suffering from excruciating back pain for 8 months. I would have to sit down to cook, turning in bed would kill me. I would sit down often to get relief but I had sharp stabbing pains getting out of bed or a chair. I could hardly function. I saw a M.D. whom suggested I get a shot for the relief. Instead I came to Clinton Chiropractic Clinic. I went on the DRX Decompression table along with the adjustments Dr. Dittmann gave treated me with, I was so much better in 2 weeks! I couldn't believe it! Just one month later and I'm doing great! Thank you!!  
-Becky H

I suffered for over 2 years with severe debilitating back pain. My MRI showed multiple disc bulges, the specialist said he wanted to replace 3 of my discs. I couldn't function without Vicodin constantly in my system. Even with the drugs I hurt all the time. If I were to go without them I would hurt so badly I would feel like I would throw up. I tried Epidurals, Physical Therapy, everything, and nothing helped. Two weeks after starting treatments here I was taking only one pain pill. I couldn't believe the changes. I felt so much better. Today I feel 95% better. I hurt here and there, but it's getting less each week. I'm not taking any pain drugs.  
-Dennis F

Three years ago I injured my back at work. I went to several doctors and all they wanted to do was surgery. After that my back stopped me from doing simple tasks, such as bending, kneeling and standing for any length of time. I could not even put on my socks and shoes. Then I started going to Dr. Dittmann and his DRX Decompression tables. Thanks to that, I am virtually pain free, and can now do what I enjoy, working in my garden which I couldn't do for three years.  
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**IN BRIEF**

**JANESVILLE**

■ **Janesville hires deputy city manager:** The city of Janesville has hired Ryan McCue as its deputy city manager.

The newly created position replaces the former assistant city manager position which was last held by Jay Winzenz, who left the city in July to accept a job in Eau Claire.

McCue will begin his new job on Jan. 5. He currently works as the city administrator for Wautoma and has served as the mayor for Cudahy.

■ **Adams Elementary School adds fifth-grade teacher:** A new fifth-grade teacher will be hired for Adams Elementary School.

The Janesville School Board Tuesday approved hiring a third fifth-grade teacher. The teacher-to-pupil ratio at the school is 1-to-31 for fifth grade. The district's board policy states that class sizes should not exceed 25 students to one teacher in kindergarten through third grade and 30 students to one teacher in fourth through eighth grade. The school will have an average of 20.6 students per teacher at the fifth-grade level with the hiring of an additional teacher.

■ **Werner announces plans to run for re-election:** Rock County Circuit Court Judge Richard Werner has announced plans to run for re-election in the spring.

Werner is one of three county judges whose terms will expire in 2015. The other two judges, Michael Fitzpatrick and Kenneth Forbeck, have not announced plans for re-election.

Candidates for the spring nonpartisan elections can begin circulating nomination petitions on Dec. 1, and they are required to file their nomination papers by Jan. 6 to have their names placed on the ballot.

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**Delavan-Darien School District offers a dual language program. Read the story at CommunityShoppers.com.**

WEB POLL RESULTS

**Question:** Compared to last year, how much do you plan to spend on holiday gifts this year?

More ..... 0 percent  
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# Volunteers needed to ring in the season

## Red kettle campaign funds local Salvation Army programs

JANESVILLE — Volunteers are needed this holiday season to help the Janesville Salvation Army make a little noise for its largest fundraising effort.

It's common to raise one-third of the organization's entire budget during the red kettle bell-ringing campaign, said Janesville Salvation Army Major Bob Fay.

"The income raised during Christmastime enables us to continue our programs of community service and emergency assistance throughout the year," Fay said.

Fay pointed out that the fundraiser runs on the backs of its enthusiastic volunteers, and that becoming involved is not only a service to your community, but a chance to help keep the Salvation Army's efforts alive.

"Some families even do it together as a tradition," he said. "We also get Boy Scouts, church choirs, school groups, service clubs and business owners.

"We have the shifts broken off into two-hour blocks. That way it's worth someone's while to stop out and help, but not so long



FILE PHOTO

**Salvation Army red kettles will be appearing soon around the area and volunteers are needed to ring the bells. In the file photo above, the Rockford Salvation Army band plays in the background as a volunteer mans the red kettle during the Sharon Victorian Christmas event.**

that they freeze. We start at 10 a.m. and finish at 8 p.m."

So if your family or group is in search of a new tradition that not only brings you comfort and joy, but spreads it throughout the community, contact your local coordinator and help ring in the season of giving.

To volunteer as a bell ringer, call 608-757-8300.

### Can you help?

#### Find out about being a volunteer bell ringer:

- **Rock County:** 608-757-8300
- **Delavan area:** 262-728-6519
- **East Troy area:** 262-352-8552
- **Elkhorn area:** 262-723-3246
- **Lake Geneva area:** 262-248-5745
- **Walworth area:** 262-275-6468
- **Burlington area:** 262-308-6825
- **Walworth County (for areas not listed above):** 920-980-7938

## THEATER

# Young actors to stage 'Emperor's New Clothes'

BELOIT — The troupe from Kids Fun and Drama is gearing up for its new show "The Emperor's New Clothes."

The young actors range in age from second to 12th grade. This show will be performed for three days, Nov. 21 through Nov. 23 at the Head Start Theater in Beloit. The KFAD Singers and Dancers also will perform.

Before it was known as KFAD, this little drama group was just a bunch of kids who were eager to put on musicals in an old church sanctuary. A contest was held to see who could come up with the best name for the group.

When the girl who won the contest was asked how she came up with the name, she said, "It was easy. All I did

was say what it was. It's kids having fun and doing drama."

Tickets for this show are on sale now, \$10 for adults and \$8 for children and seniors.

Tickets are available for purchase at the door or from any KFAD actor.

- **When:** 7 p.m. Nov. 21 and Nov. 22; 2 p.m. Nov. 23
- **Where:** Head Start Theater, 1221 Henry Ave., Beloit
- **Tickets:** \$8 students and seniors, \$10 adults, available at the door

### LIVE ONSTAGE

■ **Beloit Head Start Theater**, 1221 Henry Ave., Beloit, 608-774-4140, KidsFunAndDrama.com  
• "The Emperor's New Clothes," Nov. 21-23

■ **Beloit Civic Theatre**  
1225 Fourth St., Beloit  
608-362-1595, BeloitCivicTheatre.org  
• "A Talent for Murder," Jan. 29- Feb. 1 and Feb. 5-7

■ **Janesville Armory**, 10 S. High St., Janesville, 608-741-7400, JanesvilleArmory.com  
• **Friday night comedy**, For those 18 years and older, 8 p.m.

■ **Janesville Performing Arts Center**, 408 S. Main St., Janesville, 608-758-0297, JanesvillePAC.org  
• **James Sewell Ballet**, Nov. 23  
• **"The Boys Next Door,"** Nov. 16

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## GO FIGURE

### How much do you need for retirement?

Calculating a retirement savings goal is one of the most important steps investors can take to help determine if they are on pace to meet that goal. However, most American workers haven't tried to figure out how much money they will need to accumulate for retirement. What about you?

#### PLANNING MATTERS

What's important to realize is that the exercise of calculating a retirement savings goal does more than simply provide you with a dollars and cents estimate of how much you'll need for the future. It also requires you to visualize the specific details of your retirement dreams and to assess whether your current financial plans are realistic, comprehensive and up-to-date.

#### ACTION PLANS

The following four strategies will help you do a better job of identifying and pursuing your retirement savings goals.

- **Double-check your assumptions.** Before you do anything else, answer these important questions: When do you plan to retire? How much money will you need each year? Where and when do you plan to get your retirement income? Are your investment expectations in line with the performance potential of the investments you own?

- **Use a proper "calculator."** The best way to calculate your goal is by using one of the many interactive worksheets now available free of

**Double-check your assumptions. ... Are your investment expectations in line with the performance potential of the investments you own?**

charge online and in print. Each type features questions about your financial situation as well as blank spaces for you to provide answers. An online version will perform the calculation automatically and respond almost instantly with an estimate of how much you may need for retirement and how much more you should try to

save to pursue that goal. If you do the calculation on a paper worksheet, however, you might want to have a traditional calculator on hand to help with the math. Remember that your ultimate goal is to save as much money as possible for retirement regardless of what any calculator might suggest.

- **Contribute more.** Do you think you could manage to save another \$10 or \$20 extra each pay period? If so, here's some motivation to actually do it: Contributing an extra \$20 each week to your plan could provide you with an additional \$130,237 after 30 years, assuming 8 percent annual investment returns. At the very least, you should try to contribute at least enough to receive the full amount of your employer's matching contribution (if offered). It's also a good idea to increase contributions annually, such as after a pay raise.

- **Meet with an adviser.** A financial professional can help you determine a strategy — and help you stick to it.

Retirement likely will be one of the biggest expenses in your life, so it's important to maintain an accurate price estimate and financial plan. Make it a priority to calculate your savings goal at least once a year.

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## IN THE SPOTLIGHT

# Wrap up a great gift at Cinnamon Stick



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**Jill Schultz, owner of Cinnamon Stick Gift Shoppe, displays some of the Christmas items at her business. Cinnamon Stick Gift Shoppe is located at 1308 Highland Ave. in Janesville. Schultz has been in business since 1996. For more information, call 608-752-5625.**

## Collectibles, cards, holiday items sprinkled throughout Janesville store

**Business name:** Cinnamon Stick Gift Shoppe

**Owner:** Jill Schultz

**Address:** 1308 Highland Ave. in Janesville

**Phone:** 608-752-5625

**Hours:** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

**Type of business:** General and holiday gift shop

**When did business open?** June 1996

**Why did you start this business?** Because Janesville did not have a store like mine.

**How did you get into this line of work?** I was tired of not finding the items I sell and knew it could be an adventure. It has been for 18 years.

**What types of products and services does your business offer?** I sell all holiday decorative and gift ware. I have floral arrangements already made and I make to order. I sell greeting cards, paper products, framed prints and baby items — too many items to list.

**What is the biggest challenge you face in your business?** The biggest challenge is the ever-changing world. It has become an electronic soci-

ety and the sentimental gift giving is becoming a thing of the past. Our youth do not find all the cute collectibles a necessity.

**From what cities do the majority of your customers come?** Mostly from the local area. I get some customers from Madison. I have some people come from Lake Geneva, so mostly from the local area.

**What are your plans for the business?** I plan on being open as usual, and I hope we have a turnaround with our economy because I still think Christmas is a beautiful time of the year.

**"I sell all holiday decorative and gift ware. I sell greeting cards, paper products, framed prints and baby items — too many items to list."**

## BUSINESS BRIEFLY

■ **St. Mary's Janesville program receives national certification:**

The cardiovascular rehabilitation program at St. Mary's Janesville Hospital recently was certified by the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation.

Cardiovascular rehabilitation programs are designed to help people with cardiovascular problems recover faster and improve their quality of life. Programs include exercise, education, counseling and support for patients and their families.

"The process of earning certification is extremely detailed and rigorous, as every single policy and procedure, as well as staff qualifications, are evaluated before a program can become certified," Dean & St. Mary's Janesville preventive cardiologist Dr. Jane Pearson said in a news release. "The certification is truly a vote of confidence, both for our patients and for the providers who refer their patients to us."

■ **Wastewater operators score high marks:**

Janesville wastewater operators Jeff Wellnitz, Josh Shere and Marc Zimmerman placed first among teams from the southern Wisconsin district in a competition at the recent Wisconsin Wastewater Operators' Association annual conference.

The competition included events such as laboratory, process control, collection system and pump maintenance. The events were timed and accuracy was included in the scoring.

The Wisconsin Wastewater Operators' Association helps educate the state's treatment plant operators to make decisions that will ensure high quality of the state's water resources.

■ **Director tabbed at Community Action:**

Cecilia Dever has been chosen to take over as executive director of Community Action Inc. in the new year. Dever has served as deputy

director of Community Action since January.

"Dever has demonstrated strong leadership skills over the past year as deputy director and she has a true passion for working with families to create pathways out of poverty," Jennifer Wood, Community Action board chairwoman, said in a news release.

Dever has a bachelor's degree in social work and a certificate in nonprofit management. She previously worked for Rock Walworth Comprehensive Family Services (Head Start and Early Head Start) and the Staline Boys and Girls Club.

Community Action is a nonprofit that operates programs in Rock and Walworth counties that are aimed at reducing and preventing poverty. Go online to community-action.org for more information.



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# Cooperation or gridlock, What's your guess?

Americans love an office pool. In our newsroom, we've been debating which way the winds of Congress will blow after the Republican drubbing of Democrats in the midterm elections of two weeks ago.

In some ways, the representation in the readership area for our three papers mirrors the nation. In the House of Representatives, Republican Paul Ryan still represents the eastern half of Rock County and Walworth County. Democrat Mark Pocan still represents the western half of Rock County and Republican Adam Kinzinger still represents northern Winnebago County, Illinois.

Nationally, Republicans picked up additional House seats, and more significantly, at least seven seats in the Senate, which now gives Republicans majorities in both chambers of Congress.

Congressional leaders and the president have vowed a new era of bipartisan cooperation.

"I would love to see us do something in the area of tax reform," Sen. John Thune, R-South Dakota, said recently on CNN. "I think initially at least, coming out of the gate, things on jobs, trade policy, energy policy, energy gives us a very competitive edge, very important to the economy,

and that's something that I think the president, I would hope, would sign into law."

But that sounds a lot like previous promises of bipartisan cooperation — cooperation that went nowhere.

So here's the big question around our water cooler: Will Republicans and the president work on issues where there is general agreement, or will the American people have to endure another two years of gridlock?

The first bills sent to the president will reveal the tenor of the next two years. If Republicans send the president bills that they know he will pass, the future looks bright for those Americans who favor moving forward. If, however, Republicans send the president bills they know he'll veto, prepare for two years of finger pointing and political posturing.

I've interviewed Ryan, as well as U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wisconsin, in recent months and it's clear that some of their positions align with the Democrats. Yet they've always packaged those proposals with some sort of poison-pill legislation, guaranteeing that they will go nowhere.

Now there may be Republicans out there who smell blood and hope to put an end to Obama and the Democrats once and for all. Firebrands like Sen. Ted Cruz of Texas already have said as much.

Personally, I'd rather see a responsive government that could find some middle-ground policies to move forward. From what I hear from readers, I don't think I'm in the minority.

If you think that Congress will move toward more bipartisanship, here's what Democrats and Republicans tend to agree on:

■ **Jobs:** Ryan urges consolidation of the many federal job training programs and giving states more leeway in implementing job-training programs. Democrats likely could agree.

After the unemployment rate dropped to 5.8 percent last month, the real issue with jobs is wages. Johnson recently noted that local manufacturers are hiring, and at wages well above minimum wage. Democrats and Republicans could easily work together to find ways to help get workers into those higher paying jobs.

■ **Tax reform:** Shouldn't this be a no-brainer? Wage disparities also can be addressed as part of tax reform. It's clear that Republicans would never move a minimum wage bill, but they could address wage disparities through tax reform. For example, there is no tax penalty for large employers who pay so little that their workers need to take advantage of taxpayer-supported programs. There's also is

DAN PLUTCHAK  
EDITOR



no tax incentive to raise wages. But there could be if packaged with a reduction in the corporate tax rate and elimination of need-less tax loopholes. Ryan regularly notes that large corporations like GE paid no taxes in 2010, for example. By eliminating loopholes, GE and others would end up paying more of their fair share of taxes, even with a lower tax rate.

■ **Social Security and Medicare:** Despite all of the doom and gloom, this so-called crisis is no surprise. As the baby boomers retire, there aren't enough new workers to make up the difference.

However, the systems technically can't "go broke" as long as there are workers paying in. Among Ryan's proposals in his "Path to Prosperity" budget that passed the House in 2013 are some, such as privatizing portions of Social Security or providing health care payment vouchers, that never would see the president's signature. But there are some minor adjustments that, if not completely solving the funding gap, would significantly improve it. If Republicans unbundled those proposals, they'd have a real chance of passing.

■ **Keystone XL:** This might be the toughest one for Democrats to stomach. The environmental risks are real (Remember the Gulf oil spill, or even the Three-Mile Island meltdown?) and the promise of significant job growth is overstated, but it would continue to move the United States toward greater energy independence. An Obama administration state department report concluded Keystone won't have a significant impact on the climate.

On the other hand, if you're the cynical type, here's what you can expect:

For starters, Republicans will send the president a bill repealing the Affordable Care Act.

In a Wall Street Journal op-ed the day after the election, House Speaker John Boehner and incoming Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell vowed to do just that.

They'll then argue that Democrats are the real obstructionists, and the only way to move legislation forward is to elect a Republican as president in 2015.

I'm curious about what Republicans would do if they really had a chance to repeal Obamacare? Do you think the insurance companies and health care giants who now are profiting from all of their new customers would be yelling, "Not so fast"?

For his part, Obama, in concert with the Democratic members of Congress, could veto every piece of legislation that comes his way, taking a page of the Republicans' playbook when Obama first was elected.

We've seen it both ways. For the most part, little got done after Republicans won control of the House in 2010.

That is until Ryan and Sen. Patty Murray, seemingly out of nowhere, crafted a budget bill a year ago that easily passed the House and Senate and was signed by the president.

So, it can be done.

Expect plenty of posturing and running proposals up the flagpole during the lame-duck session ahead, but when the new Congress begins work Jan. 3, it won't take long to find out what kind of two years the American people can expect from their representatives.

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## YOUR VIEWS

### President should work with Republicans

To the editor,

President Obama was defiant at his news conference the day after he led the Democratic party to historic losses. Obama always blames someone else for his failures. Obama blamed Democrats' big losses on dysfunction in Washington, not on liberals' failed policies or his failed leadership. He ignores the dysfunction caused by his inflamed rhetoric or the Democrats' refusal to bring hundreds of House-passed bills up for a vote in the Senate.

I hoped the complete rejection of liberal ideas shown in an election where Republicans took the majority in the Senate, expanded their advantage in the House and won four governorships from Democrats would have caused Obama to pivot

to moderation like Bill Clinton did in similar circumstances.

Obama said, "To everyone who voted, I want you to know that I hear you." Then he blamed everyone but himself for the Democrat losses. He said he will work with Republicans on things they agree on. But he is unwilling to compromise on things they don't agree on. He warned it's his way on things like immigration reform or he'll use executive orders to circumvent Congress before the end of the year.

Obama has no plan to secure the border. Americans watched thousands of kids stream across the border from Central America. What happens if an Ebola epidemic breaks out there? What about Islamic terrorists?

Obama's policies were repudiated in this election. Obama should put his executive pen away and work with Republicans for the good of America.

Mike Hanus  
Milton

## NEWS ANALYSIS

### Budget overhauls funding formula

MADISON — "Across the state in school districts large and small, urban and rural, we've heard that Wisconsin's school funding system is broken. It's not serving our state well," according to State Superintendent Tony Evers as he introduced his 2015-'17 state education budget. "By reinvesting in our schools, we can create a path to prosperity for our children, our citizens and our future," he added.

The budget centerpiece, "Fair Funding for Our Future," contains a number of provisions to fix the funding formula by investing in all students, protecting rural and declining enrollment districts, making adjustments in the aid formula to account for poverty, providing property tax relief and increasing general school aid.

The budget was outlined in a news release Monday.

The Fair Funding plan is woven into the state superintendent's larger budget, which increases funding for students with disabilities, invests in rural schools, supports English language learners, bolsters transitions to postsecondary opportunities and other targeted learning offerings and supports public libraries. The budget also includes responsible revenue limit growth, tied to the Consumer Price Index. The revenue limit adjustment would be \$200 per pupil in the first year of the budget and \$204 per pupil in 2016-'17.

"Wisconsin has a long and proud tradition of strong public schools and libraries," Evers was quoted as saying in the news release. "My budget supports those priorities."

Overall, the budget makes important investments in vital programs, which include special education and high-cost special education aid; bilingual-bicultural aid; Student Achievement Guarantee in Education, or SAGE funding, and grants for science, technology, engi-

neering and mathematics, gifted and talented education and tribal language revitalization. New aid programs in the second year of the budget would provide \$100 per student to all districts with English language learners, award \$2 million in grants for district safety programs and provide \$1 million for matching grants for digital content and software.

Additionally, the budget focuses on career readiness for all students with \$4 million for career pathways to boost students' occupational skills. "Agenda 2017 is our goal to ensure all students graduate college and career ready," Evers said. The budget proposes \$5.8 million for transition and incentive grants and \$1.5 million for job development grants to improve outcomes for students with disabilities.

"Increasing support for students with disabilities and students learning English is frankly, the right thing to do," Evers stressed. His budget represents the first increase in special education funding since 2008 and would address school district costs that have increased each year while state funding for students with disabilities has been frozen. Bilingual-bicultural aid has been cut repeatedly and is lower now than in 2005, even though this student population is growing rapidly.

While implementing Fair Funding is a critical first step to restoring stability to rural schools, the education budget also would improve transportation, sparsity and high-cost transportation aid programs, to address the disproportionate impact these issues have on rural schools. Rural districts educate more than 40 percent of the state's students and are the lifeblood of their communities. "If our rural schools close up shop, we are so much the poorer for it," Evers said.

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## Big Brothers mentors needed

ROCK COUNTY — "All I want is for someone to take my son fishing." These are the words of Holly as she describes her son, Liam.

Liam's father used to take him fishing, but the fishing equipment has sat gathering dust since the death of Liam's father.

Liam is a Little Brother on the waiting list in the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rock, Walworth and Jefferson Counties program. He needs a Big Brother mentor to do "guy stuff" with him.



Liam

Liam is an intelligent young man who likes soccer, basketball, science fiction and exploring the outdoors. Any Big Brother volunteer must be



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able to take Liam fishing.

Liam is one of more than 30 boys between the ages of 6 and 14 who are the waiting list in Rock County.

As a Big Brother, volunteers commit to spending time with their Little Brother once every week or two for a year.

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**MONDAY:**  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 6:30 p.m., PTO meeting, Harrison Elementary School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 6:45 p.m., PTA meeting, Roosevelt Elementary School  
 ■ **Milton:**  
 late start, all schools

**TUESDAY:**  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 4 p.m., PTA meeting, Jackson Elementary School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 5:30 p.m., girls basketball parent/player meeting, Craig High School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 6 p.m., PTA meeting, Lincoln Elementary School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 6:30 p.m., PTA meeting, Monroe Elementary School  
 ■ **Milton:**  
 6 p.m., parents group meeting, Milton East Elementary School  
 ■ **Milton:**  
 6:30 p.m., Friends of Northside meeting, Northside Intermediate School  
 ■ **Edgerton:**  
 6:30 p.m., RCC meeting, Community Elementary School  
 ■ **Parkview:**  
 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Market Day pickup, Parkview Primary School

**WEDNESDAY:**  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 6:35 a.m., jazz ensemble rehearsal, Franklin Middle School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 7:50 a.m., student council meeting, Lincoln Elementary School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 3 p.m., Boy Scouts meeting, Jackson Elementary School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 6:30 p.m., girls swim team awards banquet, Craig High School

**THURSDAY:**  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 6:45 a.m., show choir rehearsal, Franklin Middle School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Market Day pickup, Harrison Elementary School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 7:30 p.m., "South Pacific," Parker High School  
 ■ **Parkview:**  
 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., second-grade chorus concert, Parkview Primary School

**FRIDAY:**  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., PTO school store, Harrison Elementary School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Rec Night, Franklin Middle School  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 7:30 p.m., "South Pacific," Parker High School  
 ■ **Milton:**  
 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Kidz Bop Dance, Milton East Elementary School  
 ■ **Edgerton:**  
 7 p.m., "High School Musical On Stage," Edgerton High School  
 ■ **Parkview:**  
 6 p.m., National Honor Society initiation, Parkview Junior/Senior High School

**SATURDAY:**  
 ■ **Janesville:**  
 7:30 p.m., "South Pacific," Parker High School  
 ■ **Edgerton:**  
 7 p.m., "High School Musical On Stage," Edgerton High School



TERRY MAYER/STAFF

**A Janesville city worker dumps salt in one of the storage sheds last week. The city uses between 4,000 tons and 5,000 tons of salt on city streets during a typical winter, however, last season required about 7,000 tons.**

## WINTER

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ple in and out and giving employees a break while we were trying to make the streets passable."

During a snowstorm, Rock County Highway Department crews sometimes work 16-hour shifts to clear the roads, said Ben Coopman, Rock County public works director.

"We usually start at 4 a.m. and end at 8 p.m.," Coopman said. "Depending on the event, we usually pull our crews at 6 p.m. or 8 p.m., then we have them back again at 4 a.m. if needed."

County officials, too, are keeping an eye on the salt supply, with about 3,000 tons on hand and more on the way, Coopman said.

"We usually figure between 8,000 tons to 9,000 tons a year," Coopman said. "We usually slow down in February and March, but last year we came close to running out."

Whitcomb reminded drivers to keep a safe distance from the plows while they are taking care of the roads.

"They're big trucks. They don't stop on a dime. I advise drivers to keep a safe distance," Whitcomb said. "Try not to pass a snowplow. A lot of accidents occur when people try to overtake a plow truck or a salt truck."

"People should be patient. It takes time to plow the roads and for the salt to work. People should allow for extra time."

### Making the best of winter

In addition to battling the elements, some people have to battle feelings of depression when shorter days are often gray, cold and just plain ugly.

"For some people, reduced light levels make a difference" during the winter, said Dan Deslover, a counselor for Mercy Health System. "There's probably also a behavior component because people are less active.

They're less engaged in recreational activities. It's hard to pin down specifically what the cause is."

Some symptoms of winter blues include feeling depressed, having less energy, isolating yourself from social activities, noticing a lack of interest in normal activities and having difficulty concentrating, Deslover said.

"If those symptoms are going on for more than a couple of weeks, they should probably consult with their physician," he said. "They can, of course, see a mental health counselor to rule out depression."

"There's a tendency for people to minimize it and to say, 'Well, it's just something that happens to me at wintertime.' Then, unfortunately, they end up suffering for quite a long time."

One way to combat the winter blues is to interact with friends and family members more often, Deslover said.

"I think it's an opportunity for people to increase contact with friends and family and do more socializing indoors, because people do feel more trapped," he said. "Reaching out to family and having those times with friends and family is great for combating depression."

People also can increase their winter activity by exercising indoors or participating in outdoor activities.

"Some people go to the gym in the winter as a way to get out and get their activity level up," Deslover said. "The cold and winter bring out new activities like cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, downhill skiing and ice skating. Those are nice opportunities that we have here in Wisconsin."

And despite how frustrating winter weather can be, people should try to stay calm and accept the fact that there's nothing we can do to change the weather, he said.

"I think this winter is more anxiety-provoking because last winter was so cold," Deslover said. "Using a tolerant mindset toward it is helpful. It makes a difference if you deal with it



Deslover



Coopman

because you can't change it."

The winter blues can affect people of all ages and it can be hereditary, he said.

"I don't know the research of whether it affects males or females more often, but it certainly affects both genders," Deslover said. "Depression certainly has a hereditary component, so if your family members — parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles — have depression, there's an increased likelihood that an individual would, too."

"In my experience, those who receive treatment for depression, oftentimes in subsequent winters, don't feel as depressed or seem to do better with the winter."

### Shelter from the cold

For others, getting through winter is a matter of survival. That's where programs such as the GIFTS Men's Shelter step in to help. GIFTS offers overnight shelter, supper and breakfast to local men from October through April.

Volunteers at 14 Janesville churches help to host the shelter for a week at a time. Sometimes, members of another GIFTS congregation help at other locations to provide volunteers and food, said GIFTS Director Stephanie Burton.

"Some host sites have enough volunteers where they don't

## At a glance

### GIFTS Men's Shelter

■ **To help:** The shelter is in need of men's hats, gloves and long underwear. To donate or get more information, call 608-371-3735 or 608-728-0140.

■ **More online:** For a shelter schedule and more details, go online to [gifts-shelter.org](http://gifts-shelter.org).

need assistance," Burton said. "Other churches aren't as big as other host sites, so they require assistance."

Most churches have the capacity to serve about 25 men.

GIFTS posts a schedule of the host sites at the Janesville Police Department, Janesville Mass Transit building, at local hospitals and on its website at [Gifts-Shelter.org](http://Gifts-Shelter.org).

The shelter also includes a resource center, Burton said.

"We have resources that help them work on improving their skills," she said. "Clients are matched with a mentor, and they work on a life improvement plan and how to make that happen."

"We believe in giving people a hand up and not a hand out."

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## Early Classified Deadline

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**Sunday, Nov. 16:**  
**Agrace Hospice Holiday Remembrance Program, Nov. 16, 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.** at Agrace Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 2901 N. Wright Road, Janesville. The

program, which is open to the public, is to give people an opportunity to honor loved ones who have died and to learn how to cope with grief during the holidays. For more information,

call 608-327-7118.

**Consulting minister Jim Jaeger will present "Gratitude," Nov. 16, 6 p.m.** at First Congregational Church, 54 S. Jackson St., Janesville. UnitarianRockCounty.org.

2909 Kellogg Ave., Janesville.

**Green-Rock Audubon Society presents "Wildflowers in the Smoky Mountains and Wisconsin Gardens," Nov. 18, 7 p.m.** at First Congregational UCC, 54 S. Jackson St., Janesville. Dave Bendlin will present slides of wildflowers taken on his trip to the Smoky Mountains and suggest native plantings for local gardens. For more information, call 608-752-8342.

**Monday, Nov. 17:**  
**Rock Valley Chapter Barbershop Chorus reunion night, Nov. 17, 7 p.m.** to 9:30 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 4224 Whilden Court, Janesville.

**Self-defense, Awareness, Familiarization and Exchange class for women, Nov. 17, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at Mercy Center at Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center, 1000 Mineral Point Ave., Janesville. For more information, call 608-756-6100.

**Mercy Hospice Care Widow's Coffee Support Group meeting, Nov. 17, 10 a.m.** at Citrus Cafe, 208 S. Main St., Janesville. For more information, call 608-754-2201.

**Blackhawk Technical College one-stop admissions event, Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at BTC Central Campus, 6004 S. County Highway G, Janesville. Participants will complete the financial aid process and COMPASS testing and meet with advisers. To schedule an appointment, call 608-757-7719. Space is limited.

**Tuesday, Nov. 18:**  
**Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra concert, Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m.** at Edgerton Performing Arts Center, 200 Elm High Drive, Edgerton. For more information, call 608-561-6200.

**Mercy Hospice Grief Care support group, Nov. 18, 6 p.m.** in the lower level of Mercy Walworth Hospital and Medical Center, located at Wisconsin Highway 50 and Wisconsin Highway 67 in the town of Geneva. For more information, call 888-39-MERCY.

**Disc golf glow leagues random draw doubles, Nov. 18** at Lustig Park, 1500 Riverview Drive, Janesville. Check-in is at 6 p.m., and event starts at 6:30 p.m.

**Department of Transportation Interstate 39-90 expansion project informational meeting, Nov. 18, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** at Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville. For more information, go to 139-90.wi.gov.

**Rock County Genealogical Society presents "The Wisconsin Historical Library and Archives: What's in it? Everything," Nov. 18, 6:30 p.m.** at Tallman House, 430 N. Jackson St., Janesville. For more information, call 608-752-3274.

**"Sharks: Where Fear 'Meats' Fascination," Nov. 18, 7 p.m.** at University of Wisconsin-Rock County, Allen Hall, Room 106, at

**Wednesday, Nov. 19:**  
**Friends of Riverside Park meeting, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.** at Commercial Bank, 1400 Black Bridge Road, Janesville. For more information, call 608-752-2676 or go to jlvriversidepark.com.

**StrongWomen and Men appreciation dinner, Nov. 19, 6 p.m.** to 8:30 p.m. at Pontiac Convention Center, 2809 N. Pontiac Drive, Janesville. Guest speakers include Dr. Miriam Nelson and Angela Flickinger. Call 608-757-5696.

**Rock County Snowmobile Club meeting, Nov. 19, 7:15 p.m.** at Ding-A-Ling Super Club in Hanover.

**Janesville Central Fire Station project forum, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.** at Janesville Fire Station No. 1, 303 Milton Ave., Janesville. For more information, call 608-755-3182.

**UW-Extension Rock County presents "Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?" Nov. 19, noon** at Rock County Courthouse, second floor conference center, 51 S. Main St., Janesville. Presentation will include information about making inheritance decisions prior to a loved one's death. For more information, call 608-757-5694.

**Sons of Norway, Nordland Lodge No. 544 meeting, Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.** at the lodge, 418 W. Milwaukee St., Janesville. The meeting will include a video program about Norway.

**Thursday, Nov. 20:**  
**Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Nov. 20, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.**, The Alibi, Bonnie's Bar & Grill, 1180 Madison Road, Beloit. 608-365-6069.

**Home Health United-Hospice "Grief Through the Holidays" support group, Nov. 20, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at St. Mary's Janesville Hospital, 3400 E. Racine St., Janesville

**Blackhawk Technical College student and teacher culinary arts demonstration, Nov. 20, 1 p.m.** at Janesville Woman's Club, 108 S. Jackson St., Janesville.

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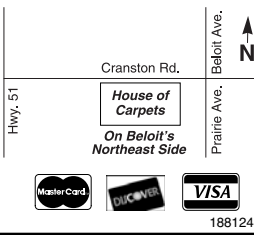
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 Nov. 17: at Concordia University, 7 p.m.  
 Nov. 19: Loras College, 7 p.m.  
**Nov. 22: Grinnell College, 1 p.m.**  
**Nov. 25: at Carroll, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 3: at Lawrence, 5:30 p.m.**  
 Dec. 6: at Elmhurst College, 1 p.m.  
**Dec. 9: Ripon College, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 18: at Cornell, 5:30 p.m.**  
 Dec. 30: at Rockford Univ., 7 p.m.  
**Jan. 7: at Lake Forest, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Jan. 10: Knox College, 3 p.m.**  
**Jan. 13: at St. Norbert, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Jan. 15: at Monmouth, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Jan. 17: Illinois College, 3 p.m.**  
**Jan. 21: Lake Forest, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Jan. 24: at Grinnell, 1 p.m.**  
**Jan. 27: Carroll, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Feb. 4: at Illinois College, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Feb. 7: St. Norbert, 2 p.m.**  
**Feb. 10: Lawrence, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Feb. 14: Monmouth, 3 p.m.**  
**Feb. 18: at Ripon, 5:30 p.m.**  
 Feb. 27-28: MWC Tournament, TBA

**Men's schedule**

Nov. 15: Marian University, 1 p.m.  
**Nov. 22: Grinnell College, 3 p.m.**  
**Nov. 25: at Carroll University, 7:30 p.m.**  
 #Nov. 29: at University of Chicago, 3 p.m.  
 #Nov. 30: vs. Bethany College and Denison University, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.  
**Dec. 3: at Lawrence University, 7:30 p.m.**  
 Dec. 6: Milwaukee School of Engineering, 3 p.m.  
**Dec. 9: Ripon College, 7:30 p.m.**  
**Dec. 18: at Cornell College, 7:30 p.m.**  
 Dec. 31: at UW-Whitewater, 1 p.m.  
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Sophomore Mykenzie Larsen of Orfordville Parkview hopes to make bigger contributions at Beloit College this season.

# Bucs ready to begin

## Rosters stocked with area talent

BELOIT — The Beloit College men's and women's basketball teams kicked off their 2014-'15 seasons this weekend (Nov. 15) with nonconference home games at Flood Arena. Brian Vraney's Buccaneer men are looking to improve

their 7-11 showing in the Midwest Conference and 9-14 overall record.

Beloit's roster includes 6-foot-3 senior Laramie Wieseman of Lake Geneva Badger, sophomore Tanner Smith of Janesville Parker, junior Chandler Stevenson of Clinton and freshman Ryan Sughrue of Hononegah.

Meanwhile, Jennifer McCormick's women's squad

also finished 7-11 in league competition, but it dropped all five nonconference outings to end up 7-16. This year's roster includes Stateline area players Lana Wieseman, a 6-1 junior from Badger, and 5-10 sophomore and fellow forward Mykenzie Larsen of Parkview.

Wieseman led the Bucs in scoring (15.8), field-goal percentage (52.8) and rebounding (6.0).

## SPORTSLINE

■ **Jets among nominees:** The North American Hockey League recently announced its monthly award winners for October.

Three members of the Janesville Jets made the honorable mention lists at their respective positions: Zach Lavelle at forward, Alex Smith on defense and Matt Jurusik at goaltender.

Meanwhile, Jets forward Brandon Schultz was an honorable mention selection for North Division Star of the Week for the week ending Nov. 2.

■ **Warhawk women picked second:** The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater women's basketball team has been selected to finish second in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference by the league's coaches and sports information directors.

The Warhawks are ranked 14th in the D3hoops.com preseason poll.

UW-Whitewater finished third in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division III Championship last season. The Warhawks, 27-5 overall, were 16-0 in the WIAC to secure the program's seventh and second consecutive league title in 2013-'14.

The Warhawks return starting shooting guard Abbie Reeves, a junior, and sophomore forward Lisa Palmer also returns to the court after missing last season due to injury.

■ **Bucs participate in food drive:** The Midwest Conference, including Beloit College, are conducting the first MWC Canned Food Challenge.

Schools are responsible for reporting a weekly and cumulative count to the conference office each Wednesday through Dec. 3, and weekly updates and final results will be posted on the league's website each Thursday.

At the conclusion of the challenge, each Student Athlete Advisory Committee will donate the items to a local food bank, shelter or other predetermined agency of need. While the SAAC that collects the most items will be highlighted on the MWC website and receive a banner of recognition, the ultimate goal is to assist those people who lack food security.

# It's the time of year to give special salute to our veterans

Now is the time that many lucky hunters have been waiting for — registering their harvests. If you are having your deer tested for chronic wasting disease, there are limited places that will take them. But none are that far away. The Department of Natural Resources will be taking animals from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 17 and Nov. 18.

In Rock County, you can take deer to the Express Center in Janesville or Milton Bait and Tackle. In Walworth County, take them to Lakeside Bait and Tackle in East Troy.

As the deer opener is precious to many, so too is Veterans Day. Most veterans I know are interested in outdoor sports.

I've included a soldiers prayer that many folks have passed on to those who serve.

I also am proud to see the various businesses and organizations that thank veterans in many ways.

**JIM CHEADLE**  
SCALES AND TAILS



This outpouring of support is much different than when I was discharged in the '70s; I observed many coming back from various assignments only to be greeted with disdain. This may explain the condition of the government's running of the military today.

Many of those '70s protesters are now in wing-tipped shoes telling boot-footed generals how to fight a war.

I hope you all enjoy this and will pass it on. Thank you from vets of all branches for your caring.

I'm sure you've seen the cutout of the kneeling soldier. I've seen these in many yards. This prayer is for that image.

*Brave warriors, should fate find us in*

battle

*May our cause be just.  
 May our leaders have clear vision.  
 May our courage not falter.  
 May we be triumphant and earn victory*

*as we show mercy to our enemies  
 May our efforts bring lasting peace.  
 May our sacrifice be always appreciated*

*by those we serve.  
 May we return to our loved ones unharmed.*

*Should we be harmed,  
 may our wounds heal.  
 Should we perish in the struggle,  
 may God embrace us and find for us a place in his kingdom.*

**The wild goose and I salute all veterans.**

Write Jim Cheadle at 4108 W. Spring Creek, Beloit, WI 53511. Or email him at cjtheadle@gmail.com.

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# All-Rock Valley fall sports athletes announced

The Rock Valley Conference recently announced its all-league selections for fall sports. Here are the Stateline-area honorees.

**RVC South football First team offense**

Quarterback: Derek Severson (POY), Clinton, Sr. Running backs: Zack Ostermeyer, Palmyra-Eagle, Jr.; Brandon Hausner, Big Foot, Sr. Linemen: Travis Poulson, P-E, Sr.; Will Utesch, Big Foot, Sr.; Brenden Taylor, Clinton, Sr. Wide receivers: Zach Kaminski, Clinton, Sr.; Chandler Hehr, Big Foot, Sr. Place-kicker: Zak Greco, Big Foot, Jr.

**Second team offense**

Quarterback: Brett Morris, Big Foot, Sr. Running backs: Hunter Marshall, Parkview, Jr.; Paul Larson, Beloit Turner, Sr.; Jordan Jones, Clinton, So. Linemen: Nate Carpenter, P-E, Sr.; Jon Reborn, Big Foot, Sr.; Evan Graham, Big Foot, Sr.; William Churchill, Clinton, Sr. Wide receiver: Michael Heidenreich, Big Foot, Jr. Tight end: Marc Elizewski, Clinton, Sr.

**First team defense**

Lineman: Will Utesch (POY), Big Foot, Sr. Tackle: Brenden Taylor, Clinton, Sr. End: Quinn Dixon, Big Foot, Sr. Linebackers: Travis Poulson, P-E, Sr.; Ben Bauer, Big Foot, Jr. Backs: Luke Risse, Clinton, Sr.; Zack Greco, Big Foot, Jr.; Anthony Williams, Big Foot, Sr. Punter: Juan Reyes, Turner, Fr.

**Second team defense**

Tackles: Cole Ciochon, Clinton, So.; Dylan Stehno, P-E, Jr. Ends: Justin Hansen, Turner, Jr.; William Churchill, Clinton, Sr. Linebackers: Simon Carpenter, P-E, So.; Aaron Hatlevig, Parkview, Jr.; Rorick Austin, Clinton, Sr.; Backs: Sam Behm, Turner, So.; Mason Roscizewski, P-E, Jr.; Zach Kaminski, Clinton, Sr. Punter: Derek Severson, Clinton, Sr.

**Honorable mention**

Big Foot: Nigel Manning, Sr.; Mark Schauf, Jr.; Cody Menolascino, Sr. Clinton: Connor Campbell, Sr.; Mitch Vanderkooi, Jr.; Zach Moen, Jr. Palmyra-Eagle: Keith Bump, Sr.; Ty Poulson, Jr.; Brady Olson, So. Parkview: Jess Gearhart, Sr.; Josh Marick, Sr.; Chris Ritter, Sr. Turner: Tyler Burt, So.; Sam Papendorf, Sr.; Ethan Burns, So.

**Rock Valley North football First team offense**

Quarterback: Charlie Kutschenreuter, East Troy, Sr. Running backs: Ricky Williams (back of year), Edgerton, Sr. Linemen: Kyle Bavery, Edgerton, Sr.

**Second team offense**

Running backs: John Saylor, Whitewater, Sr.; Kaleb Kruckenberg, Edgerton, Sr. Wide receivers: Bryan Parker, Whitewater, Jr.; Zach Zewiske, East Troy, Jr. Linemen: Adrian Radtke, Edgerton, Sr.

**First team defense**

Linemen: Owen Goedland, East Troy, So. Linebackers: Kaleb Kruckenberg, Edgerton, Sr.

**Second team defense**

Linemen: Adrian Radtke, Sr. Linebackers: Ben Hudrik, Edgerton, Sr.; Juan Tovar, Whitewater, Sr. Backs: Nick Ruffalo, East Troy, Jr. Punter: Josh Nast, Whitewater, Sr.

**Honorable mention**

Edgerton: Ethan Richardson, So.; Jacob Taylor, Jr.; Logan Hein, Sr. East Troy: Jake Remsza, Jr. Nick Biersack, Jr.; Truman Kent, So. Whitewater: Jordan Peterson, Jr.; Peter McCrea, Sr.; Tyler Hill, Sr.

**RVC boys soccer First team**

Forwards: Mark Cuevas, Whitewater, Sr.; Christian Munoz, Big Foot, Sr. Midfielders: Jacob Haeft, Whitewater, Sr.; Tavo Hernandez (POY), Big Foot, Sr. Defenders: Chamath Gunawardena, Whitewater, Sr.; Ashton Caputo, Whitewater, Sr.

**Second team**

Midfielders: Alonzo Banda, Whitewater, Sr.; Diego Lavariega, Big Foot, Sr. Defenders: Denver Roberts, East Troy, Fr.; Eder Lavariega, Big Foot, Fr. Goalkeeper: Nico Tovar, Big Foot, Sr.

**Honorable mention**

Big Foot: Cory Shea, So.; Adrian Hernandez, Jr. East Troy: Ryan Griffa, Jr.; Billy Dominski, So.

Edgerton: Hunter Hancock, Jr.; David Kim, Jr. Whitewater: Keagen Stoneworth, Sr.; Jake Riemer, Jr.

**RVC North volleyball First team**

East Troy: Katrina Santos, Jr.; M.E. Dodge, Jr. (POY); Chloe Jakscht, Jr. Edgerton: Kellan Schmidt, So.

**Second team**

East Troy: Carly Atchison, Jr.; Katie Hodges, Sr. Edgerton: Ashlyn Oren, Fr.

**Honorable mention**

East Troy: Natalee Bearce, Sr.; Jenna Hodges, Sr. Edgerton: Kathleen Reilly, So.; Lacy Knott, So. Whitewater: Kailey Reynolds, Sr.; Myriama Smith-Traore, So.

**RVC South volleyball First team**

Big Foot: Samara Enz, Sr.; Rachel Heidenreich, Sr. Clinton: Kendra Holte, Sr. Parkview: Cassidy Fitzgerald, Jr.

**Second team**

Beloit Turner: Camila Hallmann, Fr.; Emily Adas, Jr. Big Foot: Gloria Esarco, So. Clinton: Erica Wellnitz, Sr. Parkview: Hanna Kearns, Jr.; Emily Cox, Jr.

**Honorable mention**

Turner: Alexi Sandwick, Jr.; Shelby Davies, Sr. Big Foot: Payton Courier, Fr.; Julia Gilstrap, Jr. Clinton: Arta Ashiku, Sr.; Samantha Mullooly, Jr. Palmyra-Eagle: Rosalie Jrolf, Jr. Parkview: Alex Thole, So.

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## Milton women support library

MILTON — A 100 Women Campaign, which has so far garnered \$150,000 in pledges, is the first

major community fundraising campaign for a Milton Public Library improvement project. A \$2.5 million renovation and expansion will return 22,500 square feet to library space and add 15,000 square feet.

“As the needs and wants of communities change, so do libraries,” Library Director Lisa Brooks said in a press release.

About \$1 million will be used to bring the building up to code and increase energy efficiency. Other renovations will include more room on the second floor for children and families to listen to stories, read and learn. The first floor will have an area for the growing number of teens and young adults using the library, and a creative space known as Spark Lab. The lower level will have a meeting room that holds up to 100 people.

“The primary reason for libraries’ existence will always be to promote literacy,” Brooks said. “Early literacy is so important.”

For that reason, she said the story time area is fundamental

to the renovation.

According to Brooks, women became the focus of the first fundraising campaign because women interested in promoting literacy were instrumental in founding the library more than a century ago.

The idea for the campaign itself came from The Sweeney Group, a consulting firm working with the library. Jodi Sweeney of Madison is the president of the consulting firm that works with nonprofit organizations. Sweeney developed the campaign with the YWCA in Janesville and refined it as needed for use in other Wisconsin community campaigns.

The goal of any 100 Women initiative is to secure pledges, over five years, from 100 women, Sweeney said.

“The power of women coming together for something they believe in is amazing,” Sweeney said. “Milton has a great spirit and its library was started by women. This is just continuing the tradition or, as the campaign theme says, ‘writing the next chapter.’”

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# With these recipes, you'll wish for more Thanksgiving leftovers

LYNN GREENE  
LYNN'S PLACE



Thanksgiving is right around the corner and that means I'll be cooking my big Hubbard squash. As big as it is, I know I'll have plenty left after Thursday's dinner.

What should I make with the leftovers? That's the dilemma — there are so many good recipes to consider.

Once your squash is baked and mashed, maybe a little butter, brown sugar and salt added, it can be used in any recipe that calls for pumpkin.

All of these recipes are flexible enough to allow for more or less butter and sugar to your squash. However, if you like your squash served with marshmallows on top, remove the marshmallows before proceeding with these recipes because the marshmallows can turn into hard little pieces of molten sugar/gelatin.

The finished product won't look right and you'll have a mystery on your tongue when you come across one of those hard marshmallow bits.

## Fall-in-love cookies

Makes 3-1/2 dozen  
1/3 cup butter or margarine  
3/4 cup brown sugar  
2 large whole eggs  
1 tsp. vanilla  
1 cup prepared squash  
2-1/4 cups flour  
4 tps. baking powder

1/4 tsp. salt  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1/2 cup raisins (optional)  
1/2 cup chopped nuts or toasted pumpkin seeds

Preheat oven to 350 F. Cream together butter and brown sugar. Beat in the eggs, vanilla and squash and mix until creamy. Sift together the flour, baking powder, salt and cinnamon. Stir in by hand until smooth, then add raisins and nuts if desired.

Drop by teaspoon onto a greased cookie sheet and bake 12 to 15 minutes or until the bottom is lightly browned and cookie is dry.

Once the cookie is cool, you can drizzle a little powdered sugar icing over the top.

## Mother Hubbard quick bread

— Makes 3 mini loaves or one regular size bread loaf

2 whole eggs  
1-1/2 cups sugar  
1 cup prepared squash  
1/2 cup salad oil  
1/4 cup water  
1/4 tsp. baking powder  
1 tsp. baking soda  
3/4 tsp. salt  
1/2 tsp. cloves  
1 tsp. cinnamon  
1-2/3 cups flour

In mixer bowl, cream together eggs, sugar and squash. Mix in salad oil and water. Sift together dry ingredients and add gradually while continuing to beat. Mix until smooth. Divide batter between greased and floured

bread pans. Bake in preheated 350 F oven for 45 minutes to an hour (smaller loaves will take less time).

The bread is done when you push on the center with your finger and the bread springs back. If you leave an indent, it is not done. You also can test for doneness by inserting a toothpick into center of loaf. If it comes out clean, it is done. Cool for five minutes in pan, then run knife along edges of pan and invert to remove loaf. Complete cooling on a bread rack.

The reason you want to cool the bread on a rack is so the bottom doesn't get soggy, which will happen if left sitting flat on a counter or pan.

## Fall harvest pie

1 unbaked 9-inch pie shell, bottom only. Use a 4-cup, deep-dish pie shell.

### Squash layer:

1 cup prepared squash  
1/3 cup granulated sugar  
1 large egg  
1/4 tsp. cinnamon  
1/4 tsp. ginger  
1/4 tsp. nutmeg

### Pecan layer:

2/3 cup maple syrup  
1/2 cup granulated sugar  
2 large eggs  
3 Tbsps. butter  
1/2 tsp. vanilla extract  
1 cup pecan halves or pieces

Preheat oven to 350 F.

For bottom (squash) layer: Combine squash, sugar, egg and pumpkin pie spice in medium bowl; stir well. Spread over bottom of pie shell.

For pecan layer: Combine maple syrup, sugar, eggs, butter and vanilla extract in same bowl. Spoon over pumpkin layer. Sprinkle pecans on top.

Bake for 50 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool on wire rack.

## Squashed empanadas

— This recipe is adapted from "Muy Bueno," written by three generations of Texas-born cooks. Check out their recipe blog at [muybuenocookbook.com](http://muybuenocookbook.com) for other great Mexican and Tex-Mex recipes.

Makes 24 empanadas

### Squash filling:

2 Tbsps. butter  
3/4 cup dark brown sugar  
2 cups prepared squash  
1 tsp. ground cinnamon  
1/8 tsp. ground cloves  
1/8 tsp. ground nutmeg

### Empanada dough:

3 cups flour  
2 tps. baking powder  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/2 cup shortening  
2 eggs  
1/2 cup milk  
2 Tbsps. sugar

To make the filling: Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Stir in the brown sugar until it dissolves with the butter. Stir in the squash and the spices. Continue to stir over medium heat for about 10 minutes. Make sure the filling is not too watery; otherwise let it cook for a couple more

minutes.

Remove the saucepan from the heat and let it cool down. After it's cooled off for about 15 minutes, put the filling in the refrigerator to help it set for 30 minutes or overnight.

To make empanada dough: Mix flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut in the shortening with the dry ingredients. This works better if you use your hands. Add the eggs, milk and sugar. Continue to work in with your hands. Split the dough in half, wrap in plastic wrap and put into the refrigerator for about 20 to 30 minutes. Take out one-half of the dough and split it into 12 balls of dough.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Roll out the dough into small, round circles. Add a small dollop of filling on one-half of the rolled out dough. Wet the bottom edge of the dough with water to help seal the two halves. Fold over the dough to seal. Seal off the edges with a fork by pressing down along the two edges.

Brush each empanada with egg whites, sprinkle with sugar and puncture each empanada with a fork to allow steam to escape while baking. Spray a large cookie sheet with cooking spray, place the empanadas on the cookie sheet and bake for 15-20 minutes on medium rack in the oven. If after 15 minutes you notice the bottoms of the empanadas starting to brown, move the cookie sheet to the top rack and continue to bake for the last five minutes.

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# Elephant tale takes plenty of twists in 'excellent' new Picoult book

TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER  
THE BOOKWORM SEZ



A good mother loves her child unconditionally. She cares for her little one, making sure the baby is dry, safe and comforted. She feeds her child and tends to him, no matter what time of day or night.

You can add to this list at will, because we all know what a good mother does. But as in the new book "Leaving Time" by Jodi Picoult, a good mother does not abandon her child.

Thirteen-year-old Jenna Metcalf had a routine that she kept every morning: She got dressed and logged on to the Department of Justice website to see if her mother had been found yet.

A decade before, after one of the caretakers at their elephant sanctuary was accidentally trampled, Jenna's mother, Alice, was found unconscious nearby and was taken to the hospital. When she regained her wits, Alice bolted from the building and disappeared.

It haunted Jenna ever since. What kind of mother abandons

her little daughter? Was Alice hurt or killed? That was something Jenna absolutely needed to know — and so, old enough to have saved money from babysitting and birthday gifts, she hired a psychic and a detective.

Once upon a time, Virgil Stanhope was proud of his career. He'd been one of the lead detectives on the death of the elephant caretaker and the disappearance of Alice Metcalf — but he knew back then that he'd done a hack job. Why hadn't he dug further into this case?

It had been a long time since The Dead had spoken to Serenity Jones, and she missed it. But when Jenna showed up on Serenity's doorstep asking for help and messages began whispering in Serenity's head, what could the seer do but listen?

For most of her life, Alice Metcalf was devoted to the study of elephants. They were fascinating to her and the ultimate reason her life had turned out as it had. She saw so many parallels between pachyderms and humans.

Got a calendar?

Clear it. Cancel your plans. Once you've got "Leaving Time" in your hands, you won't want to do anything but spend time with this book.

Through the voices of four main characters, Picoult gives

### "Leaving Time"



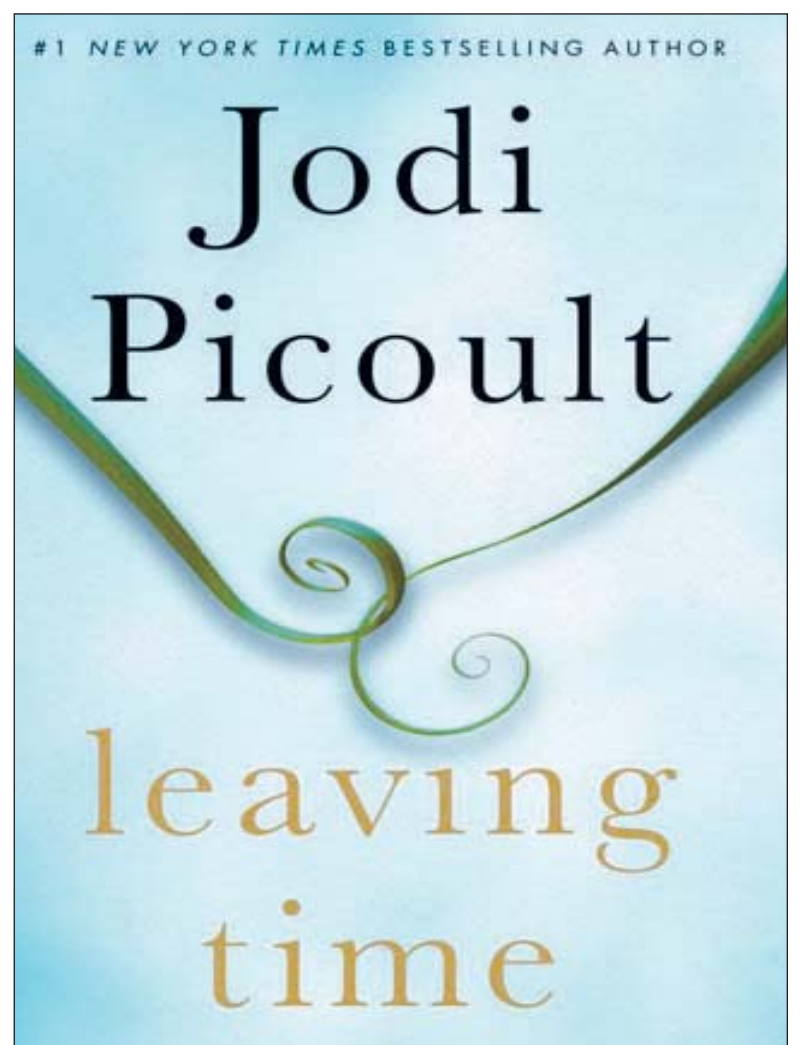
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readers the kind of novel they've come to expect, but with a twist: There's some mystery in this book. We aren't sure what happened to Alice, if she's a killer, a victim or something else. That keeps-you-guessing factor appears in every Picoult novel, but in this book, it'll make you page back to see how you didn't catch the clues and to marvel at where you went in the meantime.

And I'm going to stop there. I can't bear to ruin your enjoyment of unwrapping the layers in this excellent book. Just know that if you've got "Leaving Time," you'll only want everyone to leave you alone to read.

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



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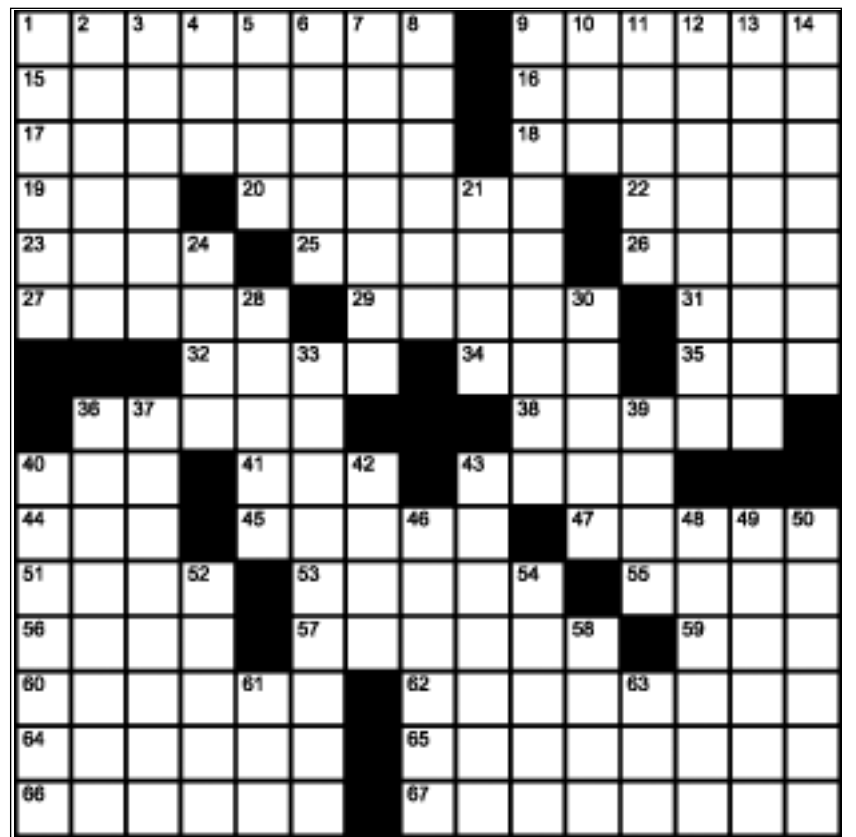
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- 9. Runs off (with)
- 15. Guard
- 16. Appetizer
- 17. Not morally pure
- 18. One who works strenuously
- 19. "Much \_\_\_ About Nothing"
- 20. Physician
- 22. Be a kvetch
- 23. "\_\_\_ of the Flies"
- 25. Deck out (2 wds)
- 26. Halftime lead, e.g.
- 27. Contemptuous look
- 29. Young seal
- 31. Setting for TV's "Newhart"
- 32. Economical
- 34. Ed.'s request (acronym)
- 35. After expenses
- 36. Plagiarizes
- 38. Cheese choice
- 40. Formerly known as
- 41. "C\_\_\_ la vie!"
- 43. "Absolutely!"
- 44. C.S.A. state
- 45. 200 milligrams

- 47. Character
- 51. O. Henry's "The Gift of the \_\_\_"
- 53. Examines closely
- 55. "That hurt!"
- 56. Bad day for Caesar
- 57. Wet slapping sounds
- 59. Drone, e.g.
- 60. Dwarfed, ornamental tree
- 62. Capable of being reduced
- 64. Sequentially (2 wds)
- 65. Sour cherry trees
- 66. Holdings
- 67. Cuspids

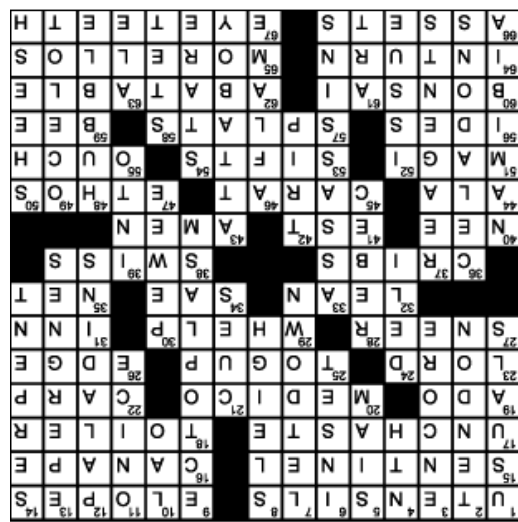
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- 1. Customary things
- 2. Sinew
- 3. "More!"
- 4. \_\_\_ power
- 5. Thailand, once
- 6. Atlas enlargement
- 7. Anticlimax
- 8. Santa's conveyance
- 9. Substance emanating from medium during trance
- 10. \_\_\_-tzu

- 11. Chilled (2 wds)
- 12. Defenders of causes
- 13. Large table centerpiece with branching holders
- 14. Snake
- 21. Hints
- 24. Kosher \_\_\_
- 28. Renaissance fiddle
- 30. N. Am. flycatcher
- 33. Murderers
- 36. Pale green-glazed Chinese porcelains
- 37. Substances used in chemical reactions
- 39. "What's gotten \_\_\_ you?"
- 40. African country whose capital is Windhoek
- 42. Excursion
- 43. "Way to go!"
- 46. Burning
- 48. \_\_\_ Space Telescope
- 49. Feral feline
- 50. Expression of mild annoyance
- 52. Any Time
- 54. Gawp
- 58. "Let it stand"
- 61. "A jealous mistress": Emerson
- 63. A pint, maybe



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**Education group selling calendars:** The Rock County Association of Home and Community Education is selling 2015 calendars featuring barn quilts of Rock County. Calendars can be purchased at the University of Wisconsin Extension at the Rock County Courthouse, Life's a Stitch Quilt Shop in Janesville, Loose Threads Quilt Shop and Dave's Ace Hardware in Milton, Kari's Sew Unique Quilt Shop in Whitewater, Dave's Ace Hardware and Grove Quilts in Evansville, Anew Insurance in Edgerton and Vaughn Johnson in Shopiere. The cost for a calendar is \$10, and the proceeds will be used to purchase books for the Rock County Head Start program.

**Rock County taking orders for tree sale:** The Rock County Land Conservation Department is accepting orders for its annual tree and shrub sale. Trees and shrubs come in single species bundles of 10, 25 or 50. Plants will be ready for pickup in mid-April. For more information, call 608-754-6617, ext. 3 or email pakes@co.rock.wi.us and put "Trees" on the subject line.

**Theater group presents 'The Boys Next Door':** The Janesville Little Theatre will present "The Boys Next Door" at 2

p.m. Nov. 16 at the Janesville Performing Arts Center, 408 S. Main St., Janesville.

**Agrace offers holiday remembrance program:** Agrace Hospice will host a holiday remembrance program from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 16, at Agrace Center for Hospice & Palliative Care, 2901 N. Wright Road, Janesville. The program, which is open to the public, is to give people an opportunity to honor loved ones who have died and to learn ways to cope with grief during the holiday season. For more information, call 608-327-7118.

**Self-defense class set:** The Janesville Police Department will host a Self-defense, Awareness, Familiarization and Exchange training program for women from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 17, and Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Mercy Center in Mercy Hospital and Trauma Center, 1000 Mineral Point Ave., Janesville. For more information, call 608-755-3133.

**Art league hosts holiday show and sale:** The Janesville Art League will conduct its annual Holiday Art Show and Sale, featuring artwork from its members, from Nov. 17 to Jan. 5 at the Janesville Performing Arts Center, 408 S. Main St., Janesville. A reception will be held from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5.

**UW-Rock County begins registration for spring semester:** The University of Wisconsin-Rock County is accepting applications for the spring semester, which begins Jan. 26. Newly accepted students may register for courses

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**Symphony members to perform in Edgerton:** Edo de Waart, music director of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, will perform at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Edgerton Performing Arts Center, 200 Elm High Drive, Edgerton. The concert also will feature Francesco Lecce-Chong, associate conductor of the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, and Jeanyi Kim, associate concert master of the orchestra. Tickets are available at Edgerton Pharmacy, Edgerton Piggly Wiggly, Knaptown Musik Knotes in Janesville, Voigt Music Center in Janesville, by calling 608-561-6093 or by going to iTickets.com.

**Learn about interstate project:** The state Department of Transportation will host a public information meeting regarding the Interstate 39-90 expansion project from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at Holiday Inn Express, 3100 Wellington Place, Janesville. For more information, go to i39-90.wi.gov.

**Genealogical society presents historical society program:** The Rock County Genealogical Society will present "The Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives: What Is in It? Everything" at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 18, at the Helen Jeffris Wood Museum Center, 430 N. Jackson St. in Janesville. For more information, call 608-752-3274.



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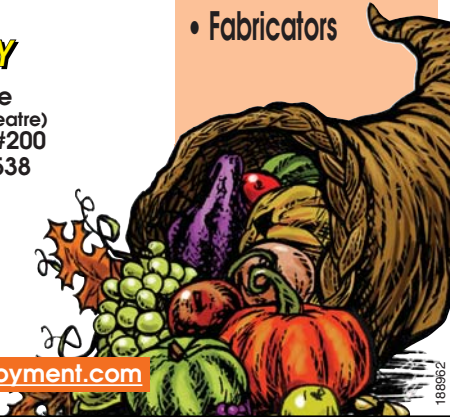
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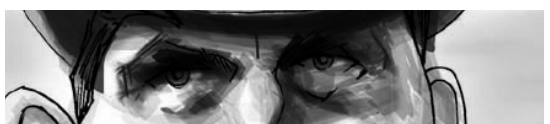


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Although we keep hearing about a world that's going electric, there's still only a handful of electric vehicles for sale with Nissan Leaf being one of the most popular. It has a maximum range of about 75-85 miles on a full charge, which makes it good for running local errands. The range is affected by how you drive, the accessories you have running, whether you're stuck in traffic and, of course, the temperature (cold is bad). As a battery electric, it only charges by plugging into an outlet of some sort. The lengthy charge time and relatively short range can lead to the "range anxiety" phenomenon where running out

power spells doom because you can't simply bring power to the Leaf. It will have to be taken home on the back of a truck for charging. Still, more than 140,000 have been sold since 2010.

## 2015 NISSAN LEAF

The electric motor drives the front wheels and makes 110 horsepower and 210 pound-feet of torque that's available from the moment the accelerator is touched. In a conventional internal-combustion engine, torque begins at zero pound-feet and rises to a peak before falling.

To keep you from forgetting how important it is not to run out of power — and perhaps inducing a bit of paranoia in the process — the Leaf broadcasts the remaining electricity in the center display.

You're also shown how long it will take to get to a full charge from the current charge.

The Leaf's heavy lithium-ion battery assembly is located below the floor so that it doesn't adversely affect handling. It contains 192 separate cells.

Charging at 240 volts takes about eight hours. At 120 volts, it's about 21 hours. A quick-charge option can get the Leaf to 80 percent in 30 minutes.

Lift up the cover at the nose to plug in the Leaf.

The electronic "shift" lever resembles a computer mouse. There are no gears, just forward and backward.

A center control stack also keeps tabs on the Leaf's various systems and also provides information such as history.

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