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Employee Owen Haldemann rings up a customer's items at the cash register inside Sugar Exchange in downtown Janesville on Saturday during Small Business Saturday, part of the post-Thanksgiving holiday shopping season.

## A BIG DAY FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Local merchants welcome shoppers for Small Business Saturday

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Shoppers flocked to downtown Janesville over the weekend eager to participate in the annual Small Business Saturday. From clothing boutiques to candy shops to specialty stores such as art galleries and music stores, local owners welcomed guests looking to buy items for loved ones at the outset of the holiday

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Cassidy Laufenberg picks out a series of truffle chosen by Ellen Yaucher while inside Sugar Exchange in downtown Janesville on Saturday during Small Business Saturday.

## Vaccine clinic expands offerings

Former job center site to dole out more shots

By Austin Montgomery  
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The state-operated COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the former Rock County Job Center in Janesville will expand its hours of operation starting Tuesday to address higher demand with 5- to 11-year-old children starting vaccine series and more adults receiving booster doses.

Appointments can be made at [vaccinate.wi.gov](http://vaccinate.wi.gov) or by calling 844-684-1064. Walk-in appointments at the clinic at 1900 Center Ave. also are accepted.

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The new hours for the clinic will be from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays. Those hours will be offered through the end of the year except on Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1, 2022.

Shots from all three manufacturers—Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson—will be available at the clinic. Patients getting booster doses do not need to get the same a dose from the same manufacturer as their original series.

Vaccinations also are being offered at the health department office, 3328 N. Highway 51, Janesville, from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Appointments can be made by visiting [rebrand.ly/rcphd-covid-appt](http://rebrand.ly/rcphd-covid-appt) or by calling 608-352-6727.

More information on Rock County vaccinations also is available at [rockcountysot.com](http://rockcountysot.com). Residents can also contact local pharmacies or their health care providers to schedule vaccinations.

In Rock County, 57.9% of residents have received at least one vaccine dose, while 54.8% of residents are fully vaccinated, according to Wisconsin Department of Health Services data as of Friday, the day most recent data was available.

A total of 22,324 booster doses of the Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer and Moderna vaccines have been administered in the county as of Wednesday, Rock County Public Health Department data shows.

Statewide, 58.9% of Wisconsin residents have received at least one dose and 56% of residents are fully vaccinated, DHS data shows. A total of 972,208 additional and booster doses have been administered as of Friday in Wisconsin.

## Apparent gangster fan theme upsets visitors

Beloit Memorial girls basketball captain writes to Parker officials to express disappointment

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**JANESVILLE**

A Beloit Memorial High School parent and the captain of the girls basketball team

expressed anger and disappointment after students at Parker High School wore gangster-themed outfits to a girls basketball game between the two schools at Parker on Tuesday.

Parker students wore white tank tops, baggy pants that exposed their underwear, backward hats, durags and gold chains.

Mandi Franks, captain of Beloit Memorial's girls varsity basketball team, sent an email to Parker High School Athletic Director Clayton Kreger and Parker Principal Christopher

Laue expressing her disappointment with the Parker student section's attire.

Franks said the choice of outfits was problematic because they mocked Black culture and made light of gang violence, which is a serious problem in Beloit that has affected students at Franks' school.

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**TODAY'S WEATHER**

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JANESVILLE ALMANAC

Sunday's high ..... 39  
 Average high ..... 37.6  
 Sunday's low ..... 27  
 Average low ..... 22.6  
 Precipitation ..... 0 inches  
 High a year ago today ..... 48  
 Low a year ago today ..... 30

STATE FORECAST

Mostly cloudy today. A bit of snow, accumulating up to an inch; snow during the morning, accumulating up to an inch in northwestern parts and dry in the southwest. Mostly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

WEATHER TRIVIA

Q What name is given to a fast-moving storm from western Canada?



IN THE SKY

Mars is visible to the southeast just before sunrise. Mars will be close to the horizon and will require flat land to spot.

Source: Longway Planetarium

SUN AND MOON

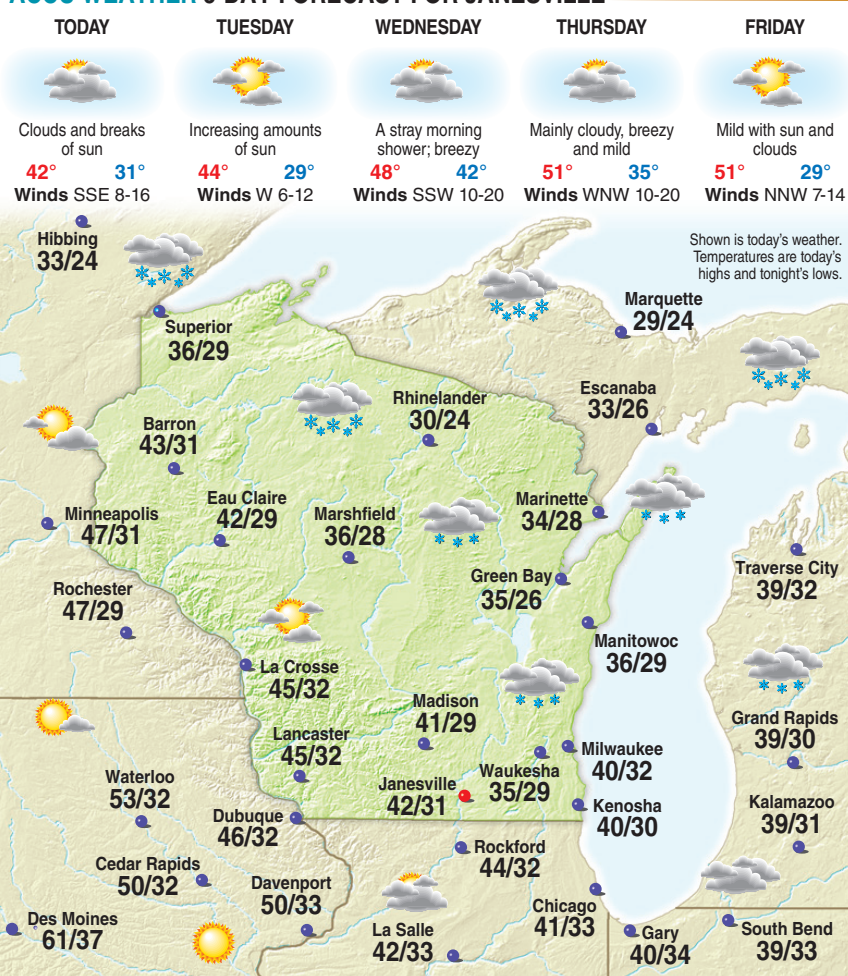
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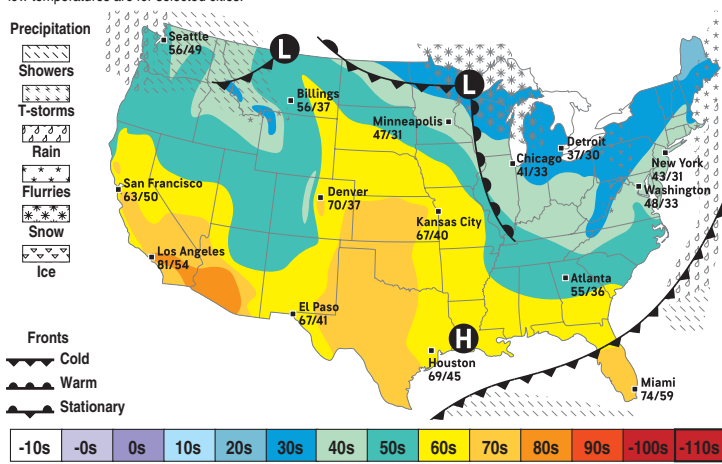
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NATIONAL FORECAST

Monday, November 29, 2021

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are for selected cities.



Another storm will move into the Great Lakes today, bringing snow as the last storm exits the New England coast with snow and rain trailing behind. Rain and mountain snow is expected to spread across the Northwest with mild conditions anticipated. Elsewhere will be largely dry as warmth builds across the Southwest and the Plains.

National extremes yesterday for the 48 contiguous states  
 High: Fallbrook, Calif. at 86°  
 Low: Saranac Lake, N.Y. at -2°

NATIONAL CITIES				WORLD CITIES			
City	Today	Tuesday	City	Today	Tuesday	City	Today
Atlanta	55/36/s	64/42/s	Milwaukee	40/32/c	43/31/s	Athens	69/56/sh
Boston	39/27/c	40/32/s	Minneapolis	47/31/pc	43/32/s	Baghdad	78/53/s
Chicago	41/33/c	45/30/s	Nashville	51/38/s	61/41/s	Beijing	46/32/sf
Cincinnati	44/35/c	48/35/c	New Orleans	67/50/s	67/50/s	Berlin	36/32/sf
Cleveland	37/31/c	43/32/c	New York	43/31/pc	42/34/c	Buenos Aires	78/62/pc
Dallas	72/48/s	74/53/s	Orlando	70/47/s	73/51/s	Cairo	91/68/pc
Denver	70/37/pc	59/38/s	Philadelphia	46/31/pc	48/33/pc	Johannesburg	80/60/s
Detroit	37/30/sn	42/27/pc	Phoenix	81/52/s	78/54/s	Kabul	57/33/pc
Dubuque	46/32/s	44/31/s	Reno	66/34/s	61/31/s	London	41/36/pc
Honolulu	83/71/sh	83/72/sh	Salt Lake City	55/34/s	51/33/s	Mexico City	70/47/pc
Indianapolis	43/35/pc	46/32/pc	San Diego	72/52/s	71/53/s	Paris	42/35/pc
Las Vegas	72/51/s	74/52/s	San Francisco	63/50/s	64/50/s	Rome	52/37/s
Los Angeles	81/54/s	81/60/s	Seattle	56/49/c	53/50/r	Sydney	70/65/pc
Marquette	29/24/sn	32/22/pc	St. Louis	59/41/s	55/41/pc	Tokyo	58/45/pc
Memphis	59/44/s	66/48/s	Washington, DC	48/33/pc	51/36/pc	Toronto	37/28/pc

OBITUARIES

Maria A. (Lindquist) Walbrandt

March 12, 1938 - November 19, 2021

**Elkhorn, WI** - Maria August Walbrandt, 83, passed to her Loving Lord on November 19, 2021 at Agrace Hospice Care in Janesville surrounded by her immediate family. She was born on March 12, 1938 in Chicago to John B and Sylvia Lindquist. She graduated 2nd in her class of 500 from Calumet High School in 1955. She attended the University of Chicago on full scholarship and graduated in 1959. Maria began her teaching career at Standard School in Homewood, Illinois where she taught gifted children for two years at the 5th grade level. She was united in marriage to Dennis Walbrandt on June 17, 1961 and they moved to Topeka, Kansas where her husband was employed.

Maria then taught military dependent children at Forbes Air Base in Pauline, Kansas just south of Topeka. A Corporate transfer to Wichita, Kansas resulted to her teaching 4th and 5th grades at Willard School. While in Wichita, she returned to academic life and graduated with a Masters Degree from Wichita State University earning a straight A average. Another corporate move to the Detroit area resulted in Maria teaching at Beverly School in suburban Beverly Hills, MI. In 1966, after another move to the Chicago area, Maria left teaching and became the mother of her two girls. She remained out of teaching until 1973, when her husband left corporate life and they moved to Elkhorn to start a new insurance business. Maria then went back to the classroom and taught for twenty-five years at Phoenix Middle School in Delavan before retiring in 1998.

Maria was a loving, caring person who was a friend to everyone. Her special love was her grandchildren who called her MorMor, which is the Swedish translation for mothers mother. She kept a file on the accomplishments of each grandchild from birth to present. She was also very proud of her Swedish heritage having visited her relatives in Sweden many times. Her license plate "DALKSOG", was the small town in Sweden of her family. Maria decorated her home with many artifacts involving the "mighty moose". She adored the animal which she fell in love with on her many trips to Sweden and Alaska. She and her husband traveled to all 50 states, 49 of which were by motorhome, as well as over 20 countries.

Maria was preceded in death by her father and mother, John and Sylvia Lindquist and is survived by her husband of 60 years, Dennis of Elkhorn, daughters, Denise (Gregory) Pigarelli of Stoughton and Melisa (Jeffery) Kowitz of Brown Deer, four grandchildren; Alex and Shae Pigarelli, Matthew and Hope Kowitz, sister-in-law, Rita Vette of Watertown and four nieces and nephews. She is also survived by many cousins in Sweden and the United States.

Funeral Services for family and friends will be held 11:00AM on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1936 Emery St. (Hwy 20), East Troy, WI. A luncheon will follow services at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made in Maria's name to Good Shepherd Lutheran School, East Troy, WI. Online guest book at www.haaselockwoodfhs.com.

Maria's Family wishes to thank the staff of Vintage on the Ponds for the wonderful care given to her as well as the passionate and loving attention she received at Agrace Hospice Care in Janesville.

Small/Season keeps businesses afloat

Continued from 1A shopping season.

This year has proved to be a challenging one for business owners and consumers alike as supply shortages and higher demand have created a bottleneck of product availability. With this in mind, people are turning to "mom-and-pop" stores to get their gifts in a timely manner and avoid lengthy shipping delays associated with purchases from bigger retailers.

As she browsed the racks at Velvet & Tulle Boutique, Janesville resident Melissa Hesser said she prefers smaller shops because they offer a more personal experience not found online.

"A good thing about these boutiques is you're able to come out and actually see new trends, new styles," she said. "You actually get to try (clothes) on, too."

As someone who works for a local small business, Hesser can relate to the importance of keeping local money local.

"It hits home wanting to help out your local community where they might be struggling," she said. "You want to make sure they keep their dream alive just as much as anybody else."

Velvet & Tulle owner Kari Reents is appreciative of customers coming into her store, especially during a time when small businesses face the prospect of closing. Aside from supply shortages and higher demand, many shopkeepers are just now bouncing back from limitations caused by the pandemic. Many stores nationwide were not so lucky, and a study by the Federal Reserve estimated around 33% more stores shut down when compared to pre-pandemic years.

Reents knows how important events such as Small Business Saturday are to her bottom line, as well as to the community and its willingness to keep local establishments afloat. Not only will holiday shopping keep her and other owners profitable, but the impact will be felt in the near future.

"The sales that we see in December can get us through the first few

months of the new year," she said.

For Chicago resident Shonnie Bilin, a stop at Raven's Wish Art Gallery in Janesville for the first time was a result of a penchant for trips to small towns in Wisconsin and a passion.

"(We) heard a lot of nice things about Janesville, so we decided to come out," she said.

As someone with a background working with independent owners in the gift and home decor industry, Bilin said she has always been a champion for small businesses and understands the importance of their presence in communities.

"People have to respect what an owner of a small business goes through and what they have to do to make their business solid and a success," Bilin said. "A lot of the large chains have come in and taken a lot of that away."

She also noted a stark difference in the customer experiences between large chain stores and those with smaller staff.

"Service is so important," she said. "You'll find that in a small business. You're not going to find that in a chain."

Raven's Wish's business model is affected less by the shortages that hamstring larger business. Owner Alicia Reid estimates around 90% of her art on display comes from local artists, but her gallery isn't completely immune. She said there have been issues with framing materials coming out of Italy. Reid said it doesn't affect the gallery's ability to sell art, but it makes it more challenging to help customers who might have a preference for frames that are on back order.

"We've made as many efforts as we could to be fully stocked to choose items that would be desirable," she said.

That includes having customers give her a ranked list of frames so they get something they want.

At The Sugar Exchange candy store, patrons know they will get an entirely different experience when they step through the doors.

"It's fun to find different things that you don't find at bigger stores," Tami Bartz said with both hands full

of candy. The Beloit resident said the trip to The Sugar Exchange was part of a larger tour of small towns in the area. Her family stopped in Janesville after visiting Elkhorn.

"It's kind of a splurge for us to come out," she said.

Because she doesn't do much online shopping, Bartz cherishes the chance to stop by locally owned businesses.

"I'd rather support the local businesses if we can, and there's a lot of nice special specialty shops to get different things that you wouldn't find anywhere else," she said.

Stores selling items such as books and music face stiff competition from online sellers such as Amazon, which is running many out of business.

Drew Metter of The Exclusive Company music store is a proponent of the in-person music shopping experience, though he said he sometimes reluctantly refers guests to the internet if they are looking for an item he doesn't have in store. Buying books and music online can undercut the expertise many owners and employees pride themselves on providing.

"I think you mostly find that in small businesses because that's how they survive," he said.

Mark and Rachel Chapman of Fort Atkinson stopped by The Exclusive Company to find vinyl records for their teenage son. Mark said that could have been done online, but this year the couple looked forward to the opportunity to support small businesses.

"A lot of these businesses are going to fold," Chapman said. "If we want to find something unique or something that's not cookie-cutter, we're definitely doing more local shopping."

Although the impact of the week-end's shopping won't be known until the end of the year, the outpouring of support for small businesses was immediately evident.

"It's the small businesses that are giving back to the community, so I think it's (coming) full circle, and people are starting to see that a little more clearly," Reents of Velvet & Tulle said.

Fans/Beloit players took Parker fans' dress 'very, very personally,' captain says

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"The deaths we mourn every day and our peers we watch go to prison every day are not jokes to us, and they should not be jokes to your students," Franks wrote in her letter to Kreger. "I don't understand how this would ever be seen as OK, so maybe Parker as a school needs to have some inclusion and diversity education to prevent this and similar situations in the future."

Franks told The Gazette a friend of hers saw a post on social media before the game announcing a "gangster" theme for those

attending. When Franks arrived at the game, she saw many Parker students in the outfits.

"I knew it was a joke to everybody, and I genuinely think they found it funny," Franks said. "This is all a joke to them and they took it very lightly. That's why in the email I mentioned that they should include some diversity and culture education or training in their school. I know at Beloit Memorial, we have assemblies all the time that embrace Black culture and Hispanic culture."

Franks said Friday she had not yet heard back from any Parker High

School official but hopes they understand why the incident was hurtful. She said no apology would likely assuage her and her teammates.

Franks said this was not the first time her team has been subjected to racially insensitive jokes. She thinks her team and Beloit Memorial more generally are targeted in this way because of the gang violence in Beloit.

"Every time we go on the road and go to things, we are the quote 'ghetto school,'" Franks said. "That's what people call us. People will come (dressed up) as police

or SWAT teams to our games. The jokes are never-ending. We're (called) 'Blood Memorial.'"

Kathy Crawford, a parent of a Beloit Memorial junior varsity girls basketball player, was also shocked by the outfits.

"I have never seen anything like that in my life," Crawford said. "I have four children that have been through sports in this area. We didn't know what was going on at first because we kept seeing all the kids with bandannas and wife-beaters (sleeveless shirts). My daughter came over and said that one young

lady (from Parker) had told her it was a 'country vs. ghetto theme.'

"Why would you guys do that? It was just so inappropriate," Crawford said.

Crawford said the outfits were in poor taste given the history of racism in Janesville and Beloit. She said the choice showed a lack of empathy and insensitivity toward Beloit Memorial.

"Parkers should make better choices when it comes to theme night," Crawford said. "They should probably take other people into account because our kids live that every day. We've had a rough year already.

Our kids are losing their friends. This is a bad decision that they made, and they have to suffer the consequences."

Franks said she hopes the school's students will learn from this.

"Everyone on my team knows people our age that have died from gang violence," Franks said. "We all took it very, very personally. That's why we are making such a big deal out of it."

Janesville School District and Parker High School officials could not be reached for comment Friday. School was out for Thanksgiving.