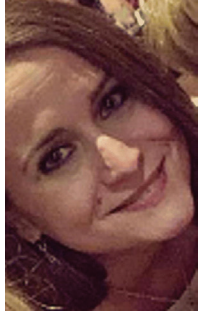


OBITUARIES

Andrea Rose Baar

July 16, 1986 - December 18, 2021

Delavan, WI - Delavan, WI - Andrea Rose Baar, age 35, passed away on Saturday, December 18, 2021. She was born in Janesville on July 16, 1986, the daughter of James and Corinne Baar. She enjoyed nature and photography.



Andrea was a loving mother to Jady and Abigail Johnson. Andrea is survived by her parents Jim and Corinne Baar; Grandmother Rosemary Cox; sister, Courtney Baar; brother, Tyler Baar; and ex-spouse Ryan Johnson and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Delavan WI.

Toynnton Funeral Home is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers please send memorials in care of James Baar, which will be used for the children college funds.

Gaylord J. Downing

December 14, 1945 - December 21, 2021

Janesville, WI - Gaylord J. Downing, age 76, of Janesville, passed away on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at Mercyhealth Hospital & Trauma Center in Janesville. He was born in Hillsboro on December 14, 1945; the son of Ernest Sr. and Stella (Rynes) Downing. Gale married Irene (Spencer) Downing on June 13, 1963, in Rockford, Illinois. He worked for the General Motors Corporation, retiring as a forklift operator in 1997.



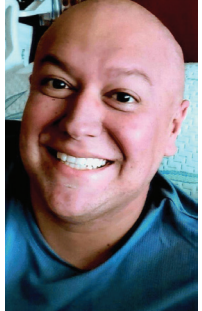
He is survived by his wife, Irene Downing; children: Russ (Shelly) Downing, Connie (Vinnie) Casale, Jim (Diane) Downing, Kandi (Robert) Dodson, and Cheryl (Darren) Brewer; grandchildren: Matthew (Amanda) Downing, Benjamin (Stacy) Downing, Daniel (Kali) Downing, Anthony (Heather) Downing, Tyler Mathews, Dylan (Marissa) Downing, Lindsay (Daniel Taylor) Downing, Koltan Downing, Ryan Dodson, Adam Dodson, Alex Dodson, Hunter Leak, and Emily Brewer; 11 great grandchildren; and brother, Nolan (Janice) Downing. Gale is preceded in death by his parents; and siblings: Ernest Downing Jr., Ronald Downing, David Downing, Roger Downing, Eugene Downing, Edward Birrd, Harley Birrd, Richard Downing, Sharon Burmaster, and Gary Downing. The Downing Family would like to express their gratitude to the staff members at Mercy Hospital.

A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 29, 2021, at SCHNEIDER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY; with visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. The family kindly requests that those in attendance wear face coverings. SCHNEIDER FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY is assisting his family. For online condolences and guestbook, please visit: www.schneiderfuneraldirectors.com

Hondo L. "Ho" Schmitt

March 30, 1981 - December 19, 2021

Janesville, WI - Hondo 'Ho' L. Schmitt, 40, passed surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at the Agrace Hospice Center - Janesville. Hondo was born March 30, 1981, in Janesville to Ron Schmitt and Sylvia (Galvan) Schmitt.



Hondo was a 1999 graduate of Craig High School. He worked for Star Auto Parts/LKQ while still attending high school. He worked up until his death.

Hondo was an avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing, and using his smoker.

Hondo is survived by his daughter Zoey Jean Schmitt; mom Sylvia Schmitt; dad Ron (Denise) Schmitt; two brothers: Gunnar James Schmitt (Heather) and Nicholas Ian Schmitt (Stephanie); his dogs Obi and Ky; cousin/godsister Gabriela; and many cousins whom he loved dearly; many aunts, uncles, and extended family. He was preceded in death by his grandmas Shirley Schmitt and Delfina Galvan; grandpa Joseph Martin; uncles Robert Galvan and Tomas Ramirez; and great aunt Edith (Jim) Brown.



Funeral service for Hondo will be December 30, 2021, at 2:00 PM at the Apfel Wolfe Funeral Home, 21 S. Austin Rd, Janesville with Pastor Tom Zillman officiating. Visitation will be held on December 30, 2021, from 10:00 AM to time of service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Janesville. For immediate family. Memorials are appreciated, which will be placed into an education trust for his daughter Zoey. Please visit www.apfelwolfe.com to send condolences to the family.

A special thank you goes out to Dr. Longo and his staff, Froedert Hospital and Clinic including the CFAC floors; Agrace Hospice-Janesville, everyone at Star Auto/LKQ, and everyone who called, stopped, or helped however you could.

LOTTERY

Wisconsin

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(Midday Friday, Dec. 24) 2-1-7
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(Evening Saturday, Dec. 25) 8-2-5-8
(Midday Sunday, Dec. 26) 6-6-0-1
(Evening Sunday, Dec. 26) 9-9-7-4

Badger 5

(Friday, Dec. 24) 3-10-20-23-31
(Saturday, Dec. 25) 2-10-13-23-30
(Sunday, Dec. 26) 4-7-14-25-31

All or Nothing

(Midday Friday, Dec. 24)
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(Midday Saturday, Dec. 25)
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(Midday Sunday, Dec. 26)
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(Evening Sunday, Dec. 26)
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SuperCash
(Friday, Dec. 24) 3-9-16-18-21-31
Doubler: No

(Saturday, Dec. 25) 14-20-26-32-37-38
Doubler: No

(Sunday, Dec. 26) 1-2-3-21-26-31
Doubler: No

Powerball
(Saturday, Dec. 25) 27-29-45-55-58
Powerball: 2 Power play: 3X
Today's cash prize: \$299.5 million
Today's annuity prize: \$416 million

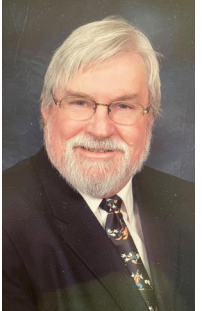
Megabucks
(Saturday, Dec. 25) 14-17-35-38-47-49
Wednesday's cash prize: \$700,000
Wednesday's annuity prize: \$1 million

Mega Millions
(Friday, Dec. 24) 16-17-25-36-37
Mega Ball: 16 Megaplier: 2X
Tuesday's cash prize: \$144.1 million
Tuesday's annuity prize: \$201 million

Rev. Dr. David J. Spong

April 19, 1944 - December 20, 2021

Lake Geneva, WI - Rev. Dr. David J. Spong Of Lake Geneva



Rev. Dr. David J. Spong was born April 19, 1944 in Whitechapel Stepney, London, England to Herbert James and Ellen (Foulkes) Spong. He stepped into glory on Monday, December 20, 2021 at Aurora Lakeland Medical Center in Elkhorn, Wisconsin.

David was an Ambassador for Christ. He loved the Lord with all his heart and all who knew David knew about his relationship with Christ, his devotion to Judy and his family. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren and doted on his great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all his family and most especially his dog, "Princess" Petra. We will miss his sense of humor and especially his Sir Albert Boxer adventure stories.

Rev. Dr. Spong is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Judith Anne (Thompson) Spong; his children Dawn (Peter) Fiedler and Darren (Lauren) Spong; grandchildren Mitchell (Dani) Heath, Michael Fiedler, Matthew (Barbara) Heath, and Alex (Fiancée Abby Ahl) Heath; great grandchildren Elaina, Isaiah, and Elijah Heath.

He was preceded in death by his parents. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 28 from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM at Calvary Community Church, Hwy 50 and Harris Rd. in Lake Geneva. The service will be at 11:00 AM.

Burial will be at Roselawn Memory Gardens. For more information call Toynnton Funeral Home at 262-275-2171

DEATH NOTICES

Eileen T. Beggs, 86, Janesville, died Saturday, Dec. 25, at St. Elizabeth Manor, Footville. Private services will be held. Apfel Wolfe Funeral Home, Janesville, is assisting the family.

Mary J. Dix, 83, Janesville, died Saturday, Dec. 25, at Mercyhealth Hospital and Trauma Center, Janesville. No services are planned. All Faiths Funeral and Cremation Services, Janesville, is assisting the family.

John S. Ellsworth, 70, Elkhorn, died Nov. 17 at Aurora Lakeland Medical Center, Elkhorn. Memorial services be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Elkhorn. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the time of services Dec. 29 at the church. Haase-Lockwood & Associates Funeral Home and Crematory, Elkhorn, is assisting the family.

Charles E. Hanauska, 80, Milton, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital-Janesville. Private services will be held. Henke-Clarson Funeral Home, Janesville, is assisting the family.

Robert A. Laukant, 59, Janesville, died Thursday, Dec. 23, at Mercyhealth Hospital and Trauma Center, Janesville. Celebration of life will be at a later date. Schneider Funeral Home & Crematory, Janesville, is assisting the family.

Myron P. Seaver, 83, Delavan, died Saturday, Dec. 25, at home. Visitation will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, at Monroe Funeral Home, Delavan.

Frederick G. Shadoski, 84, Milwaukee, died Dec. 19 at Ruth Hospice, West Allis. Arrangements are pending. Max A. Sass & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, Franklin, is assisting the family.

Robert J. Skinner, 75, Janesville, died Saturday, Dec. 25, at Mercyhealth Hospital and Trauma Center, Janesville. Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at Roxbury Church of Christ, Janesville. Visitation will be from 11:30 a.m. until the time of services Dec. 29 at the church. Henke-Clarson Funeral Home, Janesville, is assisting the family.

Sheila M. Stirmel, 58, Darien, died Thursday, Dec. 23, at Aurora Lakeland Medical Center, Elkhorn. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 29, at First Baptist Church, Delavan. Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. until the time of services Dec. 29 at the church. Monroe Funeral Home, Delavan, is assisting the family.

Ty N. Thayer, 30, Janesville, died Thursday, Dec. 23, at home. Celebration of life will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 3, at Schneider Funeral Home & Cremation Services Life Celebration Center, Janesville.

PUBLIC RECORD

Rock County Arrests

- **ZACK M. MACKEY**, 17, 1703 Mayfair Drive, Janesville, at 1:24 p.m. Monday, Dec. 20, in the 1700 Block of Mayfair Drive, Janesville, on suspicion of one count of possession of less than 200 grams of marijuana with intent to deliver. The arrest came during a police response to a "municipal alcohol violation," according to police arrest reports.
- **HANNA L. COBB**, 21, 19 Falling Creek Drive, Janesville, at 1:19 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 26, at Racine and Washington streets, Janesville, on suspicion of possession of a Schedule I or Schedule II narcotic and battery or threats to an officer.
- **ALEXANDER J. BUCZKO**, 60, 2633 N. Lexington Drive, Janesville, at 7:42 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 25, at home, on suspicion of two counts of felony reckless endangering safety during an incident residents reported to police as a man wielding a knife, according to reports.
- **LAUREN K. SCARBOROUGH**, 57, 2529 Riverdale Drive, Janesville, at 7:26 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, in the 2000 block of Humes Road, Janesville.
- **SHANE C. JOHNSON**, 44, Clinton, at 5:51 p.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at 2922 Pontiac Drive, Janesville.
- **TROY J. GORDEE**, 40, town of Rock, at 3:11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, at Washington Street and Rockport Road, Janesville. Also cited for felony possession of cocaine base and possession of drug equipment. It was his third offense.
- **MIKE A. ERDMAN**, 30, Janesville, at 2:25 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Ruger Avenue and Martin Road, Janesville. Also arrested on probation violation.
- **ARLEIGH K. SWANSON**, 58, 1707 Morningside Drive, Janesville, at 2:25 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 22, at home after police found him asleep and "possibly intoxicated" inside his running vehicle, which was parked in a parking lot.
- **DUSTIN J. CARLSSON**, 40, 574 S. Main St., Janesville, at 6:29 a.m. Dec. 19 in the 2300 block of Milton Avenue, Janesville.



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'Everything I've worked for is lost,' said John Twing as he stood across the street from his home at 808 W. Holmes St., Janesville, after a fire started in the back of the home Sunday. Five residents within the home, along with three cats, were able to escape the fire.

Residents displaced by fire in Janesville

Fire department investigating cause

By Neil Johnson

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JANESVILLE

Fire crews from multiple departments flocked to a fire in the Fourth Ward neighborhood Sunday night that burned the rear of a house and displaced two residents, a Janesville Fire Department official said.

Janesville Fire Department Deputy Chief John McManus told The Gazette that firefighters were still investigating what caused a fire at a two-story home at 808 W. Holmes St. that dates to the 19th century.

McManus said police from Janesville arrived to the residence shortly after 5:24 p.m. Sunday to see the back of the house "fully engulfed" in flames.

A resident told a Gazette reporter on scene that five people were in the house when the fire broke out and that everyone evacuated safely. McManus said fire trucks, equipment, an ambulance and some crews remained on scene after 7 p.m. Sunday.

It's not immediately clear what caused the fire, and the extent of the damage wasn't immediately

known, but a resident who said he lives in the house's basement indicated he lost some clothing and electronics in the fire.

A Gazette reporter saw police and fire officials work to extinguish another small fire that appeared to have started on the ground in the backyard of a house a few residences away. It wasn't immediately clear if that fire was related to the one at 808 Holmes St.

McManus said the American Red Cross was assisting two residents who were displaced by the fire.

One resident told a Gazette reporter that three cats were safely evacuated but more might have been in the house as it burned. The reporter observed firefighters on scene attempting to use an oxygen tank and mask to revive at least one cat.

A resident a few doors down told a Gazette reporter he heard a "gunshot"-type noise around the time the fire is thought to have broken out.

The man said he told his family member to "get down," and then heard police and fire department sirens coming toward the Fourth Ward.

Fire departments from Milton, Footville and Evansville assisted in the response, McManus said.

Guns/20 shootings, four fatal, reported in Beloit in 2021

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forever changed," Payton said. "Hopefully this will prompt some changes in the community and start the planning for stopping gun violence here."

Since 2019, 46 shootings in which people were injured or killed by gunfire have been reported in the city of Beloit. That total includes two incidents from December 2019 and December 2021 in which police officers shot people, according to gun violence data tracked by Adams Publishing Group based on Beloit Police Department figures.

So far in 2021, 20 shootings have been reported in Beloit, including four gun-related homicides. That total is up from 2020 when 18 shootings, including two gun-related homicides, were reported. In 2019, seven shootings, including four gun-related homicides, were reported.

A total of 11 gun-related homicides have been reported in Beloit since 2018.

No arrests have been

made in four of the 11 fatal shootings (36.3%). The rate of gun-related homicides that resulted in arrests and prosecutions (63.7%) is near the national average for homicides from 1965 to 2020 (65.8%), according to the Murder Accountability Project, a group dedicated to tracking homicides across the country.

"We wanted to give these families a safe, open place to come talk and know that they will be heard," Payton said.

Beloit Police Chief Andre Sayles said Thursday he would not personally attend the scheduled meeting.

"The city of Beloit Police Department values the voices of those impacted by violence," Sayles said. "We understand that many in our community are grieving due to gun violence, and we will continue to actively investigate these cases. We intend to hold community forums in multiple locations this spring that will be professionally moderated."



Sayles