

# January marks end of Sauk County COVID-19 testing sites

Public Health Sauk County has announced that Sauk County COVID-19 testing sites will be closing temporarily after January 15, due to lack of use. These sites, located in Spring Green, Reedsburg, and Baraboo, were set up in partnership with local emergency medical services.

The final testing clinic in Spring Green will be held on January 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Spring Green Fire/EMS station, located at 327 S Winsted Street. To register for a test at this location, individuals must use the COVID Connect System at https://covidconnect2.wi.gov/#/ login and also register at https://www. springgreenems.com.

"We are incredibly grateful for our partnership with Spring Green Fire/ EMS, Reedsburg Ambulance Service, and Baraboo EMS to help coordinate these COVID-19 testing sites,"



Photo by Nicole Aimone, Editor-in-Chief

EMS Chief Derek Miller, left, hands volunteer Kathy Santos a completed COVID-19 swab test December 2020 at the weekly testing site at the Spring Green Fire Department.

said Andrea Zuther, COVID Nurse Supervisor at Public Health Sauk County. "Despite these testing sites coming to an end, know that there continue to be options available if you would like to get free COVID tests." Individuals can order one free package of five at-home COVID-19 tests per month from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services at sayyescovidhometest.org, or can get four free at-home COVID-19 tests from the federal government at covid. gov/tests. For help placing an order, individuals can call 1-800-232-0233. For questions about COVID-19, testing sites, or vaccines, individuals can contact Public Health Sauk County at 608-355-3290 and select option #3 to leave a message. The COVID Response Team will make every effort to respond within 24 hours, although the phone is not monitored on weekends.

## River Valley ARTS Creative Community and Artistic Development Grant applications available

Melinda Van Slyke, River Valley ARTS

Do you have an idea for innovative arts programming that will benefit the River Valley Area? Are you an artist who would like support for your individual learning and development? If so, River Valley ARTS is here to help! Creative Community and Artistic Development grant applications will be available at www.RiverValleyARTS. org in early January 2023. Deadline to apply will be late February 2023. Maximum award amount is \$2,500.

### **Creative Community Grants**

The purpose of the Creative Community Grant is to stimulate creative and innovative arts programming in the River Valley area. Proposed projects could include public exhibits, performances, publications, and educational activities. Disciplines could include dance, theater, music, folk arts, literary arts, visual arts, video and film. Priority is given to projects that maximize community involvement and community benefit. Priority will also be given to applicants who don't

have access to other funding sources. **Funding for Creative Community** Grants is made possible by the generous support of local donors and businesses with matching funds from the Wisconsin Arts Board.

#### **Artistic Development Grants**

The purpose of the Artistic Development Grant is to support an individual's arts project or artistic learning and development. Possible use of Artistic Development Grant money could include expenses related

to projects in the visual or performing arts, to help cover short-term courses, workshops, materials and supplies, and art/music classes or camps. Any professional artist, amateur artist, or student in the River Valley is eligible to apply for the Artistic Development Grant. Criteria for evaluating Artistic Grant applications are individual benefit, educational benefit, financial need, and community benefit. Funding for Artistic Development Grants is made possible by the generous support of local donors and businesses.

## **River Valley Community Chorus welcomes new singers**

Nancy Cullen, RVCC Board Member

The River Valley Community Chorus welcomes new singers to

join them in the Musicians Unite to Fill an Empty Table concert in the afternoon, April 23, 2023, at St. Luke's Catholic Church in Plain. The River Valley Community Chorus will perform jointly with students from

the River Valley High School Music

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