

BRIEFS

Docs Who Rock event scheduled

JANESVILLE—On Friday, local healthcare providers will showcase their musical talents for Docs Who Rock, a benefit concert for HealthNet of Rock County.

This annual event runs from 6 — 10 p.m. at the Janesville Performing Arts Center.

Featured acts include the GoDeans, the Mercynaries, Hogtied to the Misfit, and a brand-new acoustic duo, Fred and Ginger. Each band is composed of at least some members from the medical field.

The concert will help raise funds for HealthNet of Rock County, a non-profit that provides free and low-cost medical, dental, and behavioral health services to uninsured and low-income county residents.

General admission is \$30 for adults and \$10 for children 17 years of age and younger. Tickets can be purchased through the Janesville Performing Arts Center by going to www.janesvillepac.org.

UW-Whitewater sets Mark Drama

JANESVILLE — Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship will present “The Mark Drama” March 5 — 6, offering an innovative and entertaining way to experience the Gospel according to Mark.

The theater in the round presentation about the story of Jesus will be presented at 7 p.m. on March 5 and March 6 at the University of Wisconsin — Whitewater in the Hamilton Room, 190 Hamilton Green Way, Whitewater, and at 7 p.m. March 7 in the Frank Holt Gymnasium at UW-Whitewater at Rock County, 2909 Kellogg Ave., Janesville. The presentation is free.

The story of Jesus is brought to life with no props or costumes. The public is welcome to attend.

For more information, visit the website at www.uww.edu.



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An instructor leads a senior exercise class at the Statelyne Family YMCA in Roscoe. The Statelyne YMCA is asking for the community's help during their annual community campaign. They hope to raise \$50,000 for community members in need.

YMCA community campaign starts

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Beloit- The Statelyne Family YMCA is asking for help to raise \$50,000 during its Community Campaign fundraising event.

“This will kick off our Annual Community Campaign, which raises funds for the YMCA’s scholarship program,” said Danielle Marx, Statelyne Family YMCA Director of Human Resources. “Our mission is to provide programs that encourage a healthy spirit, mind and body for all. This fund works to remove the financial barrier so that everyone can experience all the Y has to offer. We run the Annual Community Campaign every year, but have never hosted a designated Day of Giving.”

The Day of Caring event was held Wednesday, kicking off the annual campaign to raise money towards memberships and program scholarships at the Statelyne Family YMCA.

This fundraiser will help members at all of Statelyne Family YMCA branches including Beloit and Roscoe, according to Marx.

“Funds raised during our Annual Community Campaign are used in our scholarship program, which provides membership and program assistance to make sure that everyone, regardless of age, income or background, has the opportunity to be healthy, confident, connected and secure,” Marx said.

People can contribute in a variety of ways.

The organization expanded to include options to donate on Facebook and Instagram as well as virtual booths throughout the Statelyne Family YMCA facilities.

There are numerous ways to donate including:

- Making a one-time or recurring donation online: <https://operations.daxko.com/online/4022/OnlineGiving/Donation.mvc>
- Add-on to your monthly membership payment (stop at the front desk)
- Fill out a pledge form at one of our branches and turn-in to the front desk.
- Call 608-365-2261 or stop-in to the Beloit or Roscoe branch.

Through donations from the community, the Statelyne

Family YMCA hopes to raise \$50,000 overall, according to Marx.

The organization will be pursuing donations during the months of March and April to make the biggest impact, according to the organization’s news release.

Last year the Statelyne YMCA distributed over \$144,000 in membership and program scholarships.

“Each year, we provide more financial assistance than we raise in donations through our Annual Community Campaign and other donations,” Marx said. “For example, last year we raised around \$40,000 in the Annual Community Campaign but gave over \$144,000 away in scholarships.”

Book sale planned to support library

Other events planned for coming weeks

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BELOIT- The Beloit Public Library recently announced several upcoming events set for March, including a book sale.

The Friends at Beloit Library (FABL) will host a book sale at the community room of the Beloit Public Library on March 9 from 2 — 6 p.m. and also on March 10 and March 11 from 10 a.m. — 4 p.m.

Amy Mitchell, marketing and communications coordinator for the Beloit Public Library said the book sale used to be held every month, but now the library doesn’t have storage space for the books to be sold.

“FABL expects to host one to two warehouse sales per year, depending upon the inventory of books that have been donated,” Mitchell said. “The group hosted several sidewalk sales during our Wednesdays at the Library programs over the last two years, and



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Customers pick through thousands of books available during last year’s FABL Warehouse Book Sale. Proceeds from the sale support programs at the Beloit Public Library for both adults and children.

those were successful as well.”

Hardcover books will be sold for 50 cents each and all other books will be sold for 25 cents each. On Saturday a bag of books will only cost \$1 and bags will be provided.

“The books in this sale are either donated from the public or discarded from the library’s collection,” Mitchell said. “In order to make room for new books, libraries always have to be looking at their collections and ‘weeding’ out items that are dated, no longer get checked out, and, in some cases, damaged.”

At the previous FABL

warehouse sale, 6,075 books were sold, according to Mitchell.

“All profits are returned to the library to fund projects and programs such as our Summer Reading Program and Booklegger Program, among many others,” Mitchell said. “In 2023, FABL has committed \$20,330 in library funding.”

The FABL warehouse book sale is just one event of many proposed during the month of March.

“The Throwback Thursday Teen Movie Nights is a new event to the library and so is the Teen Advisory Board,” Mitchell said. “We have

a brand new Youth Activity Programmer who has hit the ground running and is eager to engage the teens at the library with new programming options.”

The Throwback Thursday Teen Movie Night this month will showcase “Freaky Friday” on March 30 from 4:30 — 6:30 p.m. Free refreshment will be included and the library plans to continue this event monthly with a different movie each month.

The Teen Advisory Board will meet once a month to help decide on fun teen programming. The upcoming meeting will take place from 4:30 — 5:30 on March 15.

Mitchell wanted to highlight a LEGO showcase that will take place from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. on March 25 at the library.

“The Wisconsin LEGO User Group Showcase is a really neat event when adults set up massive LEGO creations, some of them 8-foot-tall, some with motorized parts, and all very unique,” Mitchell explained. “It’s true that no one is too old to play with LEGOs, and this group proves it. It’s fun to sit in the room and watch everyone’s faces as they first enter the room.”