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Matthew Clark tells Claire Gray about his plans for building a leprechaun trap, one of the activities offered Saturday at the Children's Museum of Rock County's Museum on Wheels event at Uptown Janesville. Gray is president of the children's museum's board of directors. The organization announced last week its capital campaign to build a brick-and-mortar museum site at 100 W. Milwaukee St. in Janesville.



### SPORTS

UW-Whitewater's women's and men's basketball teams both advance in Division III tournaments.

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### LOCAL

The Rock County Sheriff's Office said a man died in a fiery two-car crash in the town of Clinton on Sunday morning.

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## Building enthusiasm

Parents, organizers ready for children's museum upgrade

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JANESVILLE — Chad Hopkins brought his three young boys to Uptown

Janesville on Saturday for a round of mini golf.

Like many families who attended Saturday's Museum on Wheels event at the indoor mall on Milton Avenue, put on by the group planning to open a children's museum downtown, Hopkins said they're excited about the prospect of a permanent local place for families to play.

Held Saturday in conjunction with the indoor winter farmers market at Uptown Janesville, the event was a place where families could pick up supplies to make leprechaun traps at home, squeeze in a little putt-putt golf and learn about plans for the children's museum.

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## For 22nd year, Forward Janesville to honor those having positive impact

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JANESVILLE — Forward Janesville will honor organizations and individuals at its

annual awards luncheon next month that it says have made a positive community impact in the past year.

The awards luncheon, in its 22 year, is Wednesday, April 5,

at the Celtic House at Glen Erin Golf Course, 1417 W. Airport Road, in Janesville, beginning at 11 a.m.

Forward Janesville is a private community and economic

development organization that aims to "ensure the continued health and prosperity of business and industry in Janesville

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

HIGH LOW  
**48** | **32**

Mostly cloudy with a shower  
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 and Rock County,"  
 according to its website,  
 forwardjanesville.com.  
 This year, there are  
 nine award catego-  
 ries, including two com-  
 munity improvement  
 awards.

- Organizations and  
 individuals being hon-  
 ored this year:
- Liz Menz, Ambassa-  
 dor of the Year.
  - Hagen CPA, Busi-  
 ness of the Year (50 or  
 fewer employees).
  - KANDU Industries,  
 Business of the Year (50  
 or more employees).
  - GIFTS Men's  
 Shelter, Community

- Improvement Award.
- Humane Society of  
 Southern Wisconsin,  
 Community Improve-  
 ment Award.
  - PremierBank, Diver-  
 sity Award.
  - Kristin Fillhouer,  
 UW-Whitewater at Rock  
 County, Educator of the  
 Year.
  - Sean Knott, Baird,  
 Emerging Leader Award.
  - Gracie Karpes,  
 Girls Scouts of Wiscon-  
 sin-Badgerland; Entre-  
 preneur of the Year.
  - Jeff Hazekamp,  
 Lifetime Achievement  
 Award.
- Businesses that spon-  
 sor the awards, to be  
 acknowledged at the  
 luncheon, include BMO

Harris Bank; Mercy-  
 health; ABC Supply; First  
 National Bank and Trust;  
 Nowlan Law, LLP; John-  
 son Financial Group;  
 Minuteman Press; Boo-  
 merang Home Rentals/  
 KRS Investments; JP Cul-  
 len.  
 To registration and for  
 other information visit

Forward Janesville's web-  
 site: www.forwardjanes-  
 ville.com.  
 Additional parking  
 for the luncheon will be  
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 ation, 4606 S Atlantis  
 Drive, with a shuttle run-  
 ning before and after the  
 event.

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