



ECHO marks 50 years

The organization held a block party Saturday to celebrate its 50 years of service to the Janesville community.

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Runs come late for Brewers in win

Milwaukee scored three times in the eighth and again in the ninth to beat San Francisco at Miller Park on Saturday. Page 1B

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Remembering Apollo 11: Three share unique stories

JANESVILLE

Fifty years ago, Jack Bussa leaned close to the radio and hung on every word from Cmdr. Neil Armstrong.



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BETWEEN THE LINES

Bussa, a young 1st lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and his wife, Marilyn, were stationed at an air defense missile installation in Germany.

They held their breath during the tense moments when Apollo 11 astronauts touched down on the moon. So many things could

go wrong. So many things were unknown.

On July 20, 1969, more than 500 million people worldwide anxiously watched and listened on television and radio as Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the lunar surface.

The Eagle lunar module landed at 5:17 p.m. Central Time, while Michael Collins waited for its return in the Columbia command module orbiting the moon.

As the 50th anniversary approaches, many people such as Bussa remember the landmark moment of human endeavor.

Bussa, John Wolfram and Paul Ruffedt, who was born

after the moon landing, shared their unique stories with The Gazette to mark the occasion.

Bussa described himself as incredibly alert and unable to speak as he listened to Armstrong on Armed Forces Radio.

He did not have access to a TV, but he vividly imagined the descent.

Only when Armstrong said, "Houston, Tranquility Base here, the Eagle has landed," did Bussa realize the module had touched down safely.

Bussa felt relieved and thrilled.

"It was for the whole world to see," he said. "I was a very proud American. I think



Submitted photo

John Wolfram, right, was a young Navy SEAL frogman who played a key role in the recovery of the Apollo 11 astronauts when they splashed down in the Pacific Ocean.

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HOME, SWEET HOME

County report describes role housing plays in employment and education

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A new countywide housing report indicates housing can perpetuate or worsen racial and ethnic disparities in income and opportunity.

Where people live can affect employment, impact education levels and restrict access to transportation, according to the report.

Janesville, Beloit and Rock County governments collaborated on the fair housing report analyzing local impediments to fair housing.

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Punishing the poor?

Fines, jail, probation, debt: Court policies hurt poor people

By Travis Loller
Associated Press

LIBERTY, TENN.

Johnny Gibbs has been trying to get a valid driver's license for 20 years, but he just can't afford it.

To punish him for high school truancy in 1999, Tennessee officials told him he would not be able to legally drive until he turned 21. He drove anyway, incurring two tickets and racking up more than \$1,000 in fines and fees.

Like other low-income defendants in similar situations across the country, Gibbs couldn't pay and ended up serving jail time and probation. That incurred another cost: a monthly supervision fee to a private probation company.

Rather than risk another arrest, Gibbs, now 38, decided to quit driving, which he said makes it nearly impossible to work. He said he spent several years living in a motel room with his mother, his disabled father and his sister before they all became homeless. In August, the family found housing in a dilapidated

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