

The joy of art

Drawing offers a powerful calming effect for Janesville student Kora Conrad. 'It helps me cope with my stress,' she says. **Page 2A**



Craig advances three wrestlers

Led by Keanu Benton's title, the Cougars had three members advance to the WIAA state wrestling meet. **Page 1B**



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Sharing stories

Veterans, family members participate in video project

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JANESVILLE

They were sitting ducks. Two young men crawling across a minefield—one with a missing foot, the other a medic with six weeks of first-aid training and a bag of crude battlefield medicine. Exposed and moving across a field of schu-mines, the medic helped the wounded man crawl back to safety. That was Germany, 1945. On Saturday, 74 years after that incident, the story of those two young men was recorded as part of a Janesville Leadership Academy project, "Through the Eyes of Rock County Veterans."

The academy is working with Drywater

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The evolution of presidential speaking style

Why American voters were primed for a president who talks like Trump

By Melissa Healy
Los Angeles Times

When in the grips of oratorical passion, President Barack Obama liked to paraphrase the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. about the "long arc of history" bending toward justice.

But when it comes to the oratory of American politicians, history's long arc is bending away from such lofty rhetorical flourishes. New research finds that the punch-and-jab style of President Donald Trump's public speech—pugnaciously declarative, larded with personal pronouns, and light on the kinds of phrases that soften a claim or elevate an idea—appears to be just where presidential discourse is headed.

The sweeping linguistic analysis of American leaders suggests far from being an aberration, Trump's style of communication—called "intuitive" because it closely resembles ordinary conversational speech—is the most recent exemplar of a

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Dan Janes stands inside his shed filled with farm-related memorabilia near in Evansville.

Farms gone by

Agriculture slowly becoming just a memory as dairies begin to vanish

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EVANSVILLE

Rock and Walworth counties have lost dairy farms every year since at least 1975, and Dan Janes' is among them.

Janes, 63, has lived his entire life on his farm along Cemetery Road just outside of Evansville. He remembers a time when four farms on the 1½-mile stretch of pavement milked cows.

Now, there are none. Janes grows 500 acres of crops, hiring somebody else to do the planting and harvesting. He plans on selling his equipment in a few years.

It's no secret agriculture is struggling, and dairies are bearing the heaviest burden. One state official said farmer stress levels are "at least as bad" as they were during the 1980s agriculture crisis.

When his wife's in-home daycare is in session, Janes passes time in his shed, filled with memorabilia



Gary Finley with Badger Auctions calls for bids on farm equipment Jan. 23 during an auction north of Orfordville. Auctions are becoming increasingly common on farms as businesses are forced to end operations.

from national companies—Pepsi-Cola, Days Inn. Others are local—Case Feed, Avalon Farmers Supply.

He has collected most of these keepsakes at auctions over the past several years. What catches his eye?

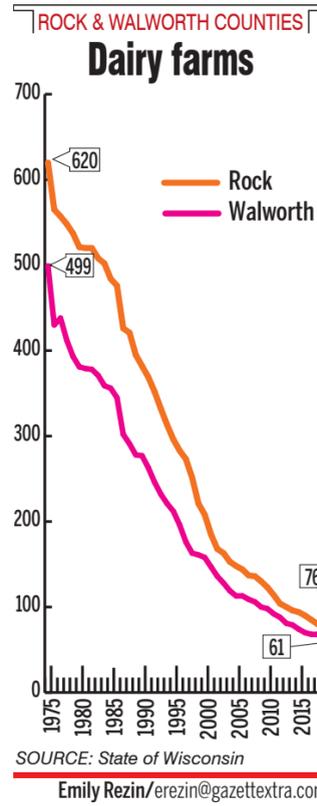
"Things that look cool or remind me of my childhood," he said.

Antique tools and

appliances cover his tables. He points out a grease gun, a wagon brake and a three-in-one Maytag washing machine—it could do laundry, churn butter and grind meat, Janes said.

Not everything inside the shed is agricultural, but the farming influence is obvious. Many items are a nod

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