

## Kindness calendar aims to aid charities

The city of Janesville is helping area nonprofits develop and collect items that can help residents in need this holiday season. **Page 3A**



## Pack wins in snow again

Aaron Rodgers threw four touchdowns, and Green Bay scored a 31-13 win Sunday over the New York Giants in Rutherford, N.J. The win improved the Packers to 9-3 on the season. **Page 1B**

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## Seeking a strategy

Fundraising group forms for proposed indoor sports complex

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### JANESVILLE

A proposed indoor sports complex with a \$33 million price tag has raised questions about who could oversee private fundraising for such a massive project.

Bill McCoshen has an answer.

A group of a dozen or so business leaders has created Friends of the Indoor Sports Complex, a fundraising group that will try to secure private donations to help build the complex.

McCoshen, president of the Janesville Jets, the junior hockey team that calls the Janesville Ice Arena home, announced the group's formation last week.

The Friends group will funnel the money it raises through the Janesville Foundation. It will devise a fundraising strategy at its first meeting in December, McCoshen said.

City officials have suggested that the \$33 million project could be funded through a 50-50 private/public partnership.

In October, McCoshen said he did not believe the private sector could raise half the amount needed for the project. In a recent interview, he said he stands by that statement but hopes the private sector will surprise him.

The group hopes to raise \$8 million to \$12 million in the next six months and to have major commitments locked in by the end of February, McCoshen said.

If the private sector cannot raise enough to offset what the city would be willing to borrow, the city council must decide whether to change the scope of the project, he said.

"I think it is critical for the project we all be as transparent as possible," McCoshen said. "I do not want to oversell it, and I don't think anyone on this committee does."

A small nucleus in the group has been working on fundraising for the last couple of months and has met privately with potential donors, McCoshen said. He declined to offer

### FRIENDS OF THE INDOOR SPORTS COMPLEX

Members of the fundraising group Friends of the Indoor Sports Complex include:

■ Bill McCoshen, president, Janesville Jets.

■ Edward Chady, president, Janesville Youth Hockey.

■ Christine Rebut, executive director, Janesville Area Convention & Visitors Bureau.

■ Will Springer, attorney, Brennan Steil; vice President, Janesville Youth Hockey.

■ Sean Kennedy, president, Rock Road Companies.

■ Tom Schaffner, vice president of North American sales, Prent Corp.; Janesville Bluebirds parent.

■ Bob Schaffner, retired.

■ Lindsey Lentz, owner and founder, Wisco Insurance.

■ Mason Lyttle, vice president of business development, Janesville Jets.

■ Ryan Callahan, interim athletic director, UW-Whitewater.

■ Oakleigh Ryan and Larry Squire will serve as advisers to the group.

The Friends group also is seeking members from Milton and Beloit.

more details.

The Friends group will start fundraising by securing naming rights for the complex, each of the two ice rinks and the flexible court space, McCoshen said.

At its Nov. 12 meeting, the city council authorized city staff to begin negotiations with Janesville Mall owner RockStep Capital to locate the sports complex at the mall.

Mall officials have said the former JCPenney store on the east side of the mall—a location not visible from the Milton Avenue business corridor—would be the easiest space for construction.

McCoshen told The Gazette he does not think the project will attract as

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## White House says no

It won't participate in impeachment hearing Wednesday, calling it 'baseless'

By Hope Yen

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### WASHINGTON

The White House declared Sunday it would not participate in the first impeachment hearings before the House Judiciary Committee as Democrats prepared to approve their report Tuesday making the case for President Donald Trump's removal from office.

The Democratic majority on the House Intelligence Committee says its report will speak for itself in laying

out possible charges of bribery or "high crimes and misdemeanors," the constitutional standard for impeachment. After receiving the report, the Judiciary Committee would prepare actual charges.

That committee's first hearing was already set for Wednesday and was expected to feature four legal experts who will examine questions of constitutional grounds as the committee decides whether to write articles of impeachment against Trump, and if so, what those articles would be.

The White House was invited to

attend the Wednesday hearing, but its counsel declined in a fiery letter released Sunday evening.

"This baseless and highly partisan inquiry violates all past historical precedent, basic due process rights, and fundamental fairness," said White House counsel Pat Cipollone, continuing the West Wing's attack on the procedural form of the impeachment proceedings. Trump himself was scheduled to attend a summit with NATO allies outside London on Wednesday.

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## Invisible no more



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Former Marine and current UW-Whitewater student Kelly Alicea recently shared her military story in a Veterans Day art exhibit named 'Whitewater Women of Valor' at the Roberta A. Fiskum Art Gallery in the school's University Center.

## UW-Whitewater student veteran opens up about sexism in the Marines

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### WHITewater

One of the girl scouts Kelly Alicea leads really wants to be a Marine—just like she was.

Alicea wants to support her. She wants to tell her how to make it in the Marines.

But it's complicated. She remembers what she saw—the immense sexism, the inappropriate comments, the self-doubt, the rape culture, the unequal power dynamics.

"I really want us as citizens who are outside of the military to start working on that because we shouldn't be afraid to send our daughters to serve their country," she said in a recent

interview.

Alicea, now 39, served in the Marine Corps reserves out of Green Bay from 1999 to 2007. She went to Iraq in 2003 during the presidential call-up as a combat engineer.

Now, she's a senior in liberal studies at UW-Whitewater, which as part of its events recognizing veterans last month hosted a Women of Valor art exhibit at Roberta's Art Gallery inside the University Center.

The university in its description of the exhibit said despite serving in all five branches of the military, the service from women has been "invisible." To address that issue, the university displayed uniforms from UW-Whitewater students who served throughout the military.

Alicea spoke at that exhibit on Veterans Day. On that day, she was glad to be there sharing her stories. But going back just a year before, she said in her speech she could not have found her voice.

"I didn't feel pride in my service," she said in her speech. "For years I have struggled with depression and anxiety related to my time in the military."

The sexism was toxic and pervasive, she said. This went well beyond a few slights.

"I feel honestly that most of my service, most of the time that I spent in service, was shaded by the fact that I was a female Marine," she said. "Being

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