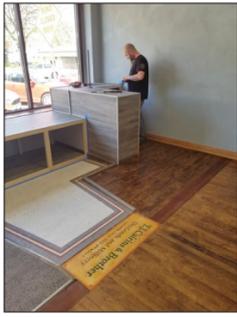


A change of feeling?

There's a new sense of optimism and confidence as a new retail store prepares to open on West Milwaukee Street in downtown Janesville. **Page 3A**



Bucks fall in Toronto

Kawhi Leonard scored 36 points to help Toronto hold off Milwaukee for a 118-112 double overtime win Sunday in Toronto, cutting Milwaukee's lead in the conference final series to 2 games to 1. **Page 1B**



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Ashley Friis and her fiancé, Josh Groetken, who recently donated a kidney to his wife-to-be. The transplant ended Friis' nearly two-year search for a kidney and the roughly nine hours a week she spent undergoing dialysis.

A donor at home

Janesville woman gets kidney from fiancé after years-long search

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JANESVILLE

Mommy and Daddy have matching "owies" on their tummies.

It isn't easy to explain a kidney transplant to a 2-year-old, so Ashley Friis chose terminology her toddler, Aidynn, could comprehend.

Those "owies" will keep Mommy alive.

Friis and her fiancé, Josh Groetken, got "owies" after Groetken donated his kidney to Friis last month.

The transplant ended Friis' nearly two-year search for a kidney.

The Gazette talked to Friis in March while she was searching for a donor for her second kidney transplant.

Shortly after the story was published, Friis and Groetken learned Groetken was a match and an "ideal donor" for Friis.

It turns out, the kidney Friis was so desperately seeking was under her roof the whole time.

A loving donor

Friis and Groetken earlier had toyed with the idea of getting Groetken tested to be a donor but waited because they were concerned about leaving their daughters with limited access to Mommy and Daddy if both had surgery.

They also feared 2-year-old Aidynn, Friis' biological daughter, might one day be diagnosed with the same rare disease that caused

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BECOMING A LIVING DONOR

To become a living kidney donor, visit UW Health Transplant program online or call 608-262-5420.

For additional information on live donation, visit uwhealth.org/transplant.

Anne Reece, a Beloit resident and kidney donor is an advocate for donation and is willing to help those considering donation. She can be reached by email at reece_brianne@gmail.com.

Southsiders intrigued by Rock County's Pick 'n Save plan, but ask:

What about a grocery store?

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JANESVILLE

It's hard to find anyone on Janesville's south side who isn't excited—or at least intrigued—by Rock County's plans to move all its social services into the former Pick 'n Save supermarket on Center Avenue.

The move would mean hundreds more people a day coming and going along the south side's main commerce strip—a potential boon for businesses in the convenience store and restaurant-heavy stretch of Center Avenue.

But it's also hard to find a southsider who doesn't muse on the thing they say remains conspicuously absent on the south side since the Pick 'n Save closed in late 2017: A bona fide, fresh

food grocery store.

The Rock County Board hasn't yet approved the county's proposal to buy the 130,000 square-foot Pick 'n Save building, and the county might not move workers into the former supermarket for at least another year, but already there are signs of chess pieces moving along the Center Avenue corridor.

Last week, Jim Pritchard, a local locksmith, was changing out locks on the former Clark gas station and express mart at 1747 Center Ave., which is directly southwest of the still vacant Pick 'n Save.

The station's electronic marquee advertises gas prices, and a sign below reads "WE ARE OPEN CLARK." The statement is not true, or at least, it hasn't

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Waitress Crystal Dickson, left, wraps silverware while speaking to regular customer Bruce 'Triple-Trouble' Pollock at Eagle Inn Family Restaurant on the south side of Janesville. Pollock, a former General Motors employee, said he likes that Rock County could buy the former Pick 'n Save grocery store and use it for offices because that could bring a boost to his favorite restaurant, but he'd like to see the south side get a new grocery store.

Trump's 'great patriot' farmers follow him into trade war



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Farmer Tim Bardole pauses for a photo as he plants a field near Perry, Iowa. While Bardole has had to cut back on equipment repairs and buying some materials for his farm, he still supports the trade policies of President Donald Trump. 'He does really seem to be fighting for us,' Bardole said.

Despite hardships imposed, some farmers remain resolute

By Sara Burnett and Scott McFetridge

Associated Press

MADRID, IOWA

Iowa farmer Tim Bardole survived years of low crop prices and rising costs by cutting back on fertilizer and herbicides and fixing broken-down equipment rather than buying new. When President Donald Trump's trade war with China made a miserable situation worse, Bardole used up any equity his operation had and started investing in hogs in hopes they'll do better than crops.

A year later, the dispute is still raging and soybeans hit a 10-year-low. But Bardole says he supports his president more today than he did when he cast a ballot for Trump in 2016, skeptical he would follow through on his promises.

"He does really seem to be fighting for us," Bardole says, "even if it feels like the two sides are throwing punches and we're in the middle, taking most of the hits."

Trump won the presidency by winning rural America, in part by pledging to use his business savvy and tough negotiating skills to take on China and put an end to trade practices that have hurt farmers for years. While the prolonged fight has been devastating to an already-struggling agriculture industry, there's little indication Trump is paying a political price. But there's a big potential upside if he can get a better deal—and little downside if he continues to get credit for trying for the farmers caught in the middle. It's a calculation Trump recognizes heading into a reelection bid where he needs to hold on to farm states like Iowa and Wisconsin and is looking to flip others, like Minnesota.

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