

# Stateline Area Business News in Brief

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## **DBA party planned**

The Downtown Beloit Association Annual Awards Party will be held at 6 p.m. Feb. 27 at La Casa Grande Banquet Hall, 618 Fourth St., Beloit.

The event will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and awards recognizing accomplishments of the past year. There also will be a gift basket raffle.

For more information, contact the Downtown Beloit Association office at 608-365-0150.

## **RoRo Expo nears**

ROCKTON — The 18th Annual RoRo Expo will be held March 15 and 16 at the Hononegah High School Dome, 307 Salem St., Rockton.

The event will feature many Stateline Area businesses and agencies who will be showing their products and services at display booths. There also will be food and special events during the two-day event.

Hours will be 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. March 15 and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. March 16.

Anyone who would like to reserve booth space or who has questions about the event can call the Roscoe Area Chamber of Commerce at 815-623-9065 or the Rockton Chamber of Commerce at 815-624-7625.

## **Foundation donations**

DETROIT (AP) — The General Motors Foundation awarded a total of \$1 million in grants to three Detroit charities on Monday in honor of the automaker's former chief executive.

The Capuchin Soup Kitchen is getting \$500,000 to feed Detroit residents and tend to their basic needs. Habitat for Humanity Detroit, which refurbishes and builds homes for the city's needy, received \$400,000, and COTS gets \$100,000 to provide services to the homeless.

The money was donated as a tribute to former GM Chairman and CEO Dan Akerson and his wife, Karin, who were known for their charity work during Dan's tenure with Detroit-based GM. He was chairman and CEO for more than three years before retiring from the company Jan. 15.

The Akersons chaired the Karmanos Cancer Institute's annual dinner, raising \$868,000. They also chaired the Capuchin "SOCK" dinner and personally donated \$250,000 and raised \$1 million for the organization.

“Although not natives of Detroit, Dan and Karin Akerson were incredibly moved by the people and circumstances they encountered in the city,” Selim Bingol, chairman of the GM Foundation, said in a statement. “They changed many lives through their significant personal donations, and we wanted to honor their commitment through these grants.”

GM Foundation President Vivian Pickard presented checks to the three charities on Monday.