

County adopts new compensation plan

Adjustments to salaries and wages designed to make it more competitive

By PAT MULVANEY
Contributing Writer

The Monroe County Board last week approved a new compensation plan that it hopes will help retain current staff as well as recruit new employees.

In July 2021, the county commissioned a \$79,000 wage study by McGrath Human Services Group (MHSG). CEO Dr. Victoria McGrath and Senior Consultant Malayna Halvorson Maes presented the firm’s findings and recommendations at last week’s monthly meeting.

Maes told supervisors the firm looked at comparables from other counties and municipalities as well as from the private sector. The study didn’t look at health insurance, focusing solely on wages.

It found Monroe County was significantly behind in its wage and salary scale with beginning minimum pay for 93% of positions behind the average market minimum. Another 50% of non-minimum paid positions

are being compensated under the market average.

The study also found the county will be facing a recruitment bubble in the near future. Maes said 27% of staff is approaching retirement age, while another 40% is under age 40, a group she called the “mobile workforce”, employees who don’t have tenure and are willing to leave their jobs for better positions elsewhere.

“You are going to continue to have ongoing turnover if you don’t make some adjustments,” said Maes.

The recommended adjustments to wages and salaries that the county board adopted was a market average, which would make it neither the highest nor the lowest paying employer in the area.

According to Personnel Director Ed Smudde, Monroe County, like most other counties, has trouble recruiting in certain areas such as the nursing home, jail, dispatch and social work. The new compensation structure will go a long way to address that problem, he said.

Supervisors voiced concerns over the fiscal sustainability of the new compensation plan, which goes into effect June 26..

The county will be using one-time funding from money it received from the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA)

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Fire blazes in Tomah Wednesday morning

At 2:00 a.m. Wednesday morning, the Tomah fire department was paged to the 1200 block Kilbourn Ave for a structure fire. The 2 story home was used as a rental and was vacant at the time of the fire.

Tomah Fire Chief Tim Adler said, “most of the crews departed by 8:30a.m. as most of the fire was out at that point. The Tomah Fire Department was putting out hotspots throughout the afternoon. We were there investigating until 10p.m.”

There were about 35 firefighters on the scene to fight the fire. No injuries were reported. The structures to the north and south of the fire faced façade damage from the heat of the flames. The rental property is a total loss.

Tomah Fire Department was assisted by Oakdale Fire



Remnants of the house on the 1200 block of Kilbourn Ave. Contributed photo.

Department, Fort McCoy Fire Department, Tomah Police Department, Tomah Ambulance, and the Monroe County Sheriff’s Department. The fire remains under investigation.



Bethany Ahnen, of Cataract, talks to a room full of people at Cataract Sportsmen’s Club. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

Cataract Elementary School on the chopping block again

By KYLE EVANS
Interim Editor

Talks about closing Cataract Elementary School are happening—again—and a number of people shared input about reasons to keep it open during a special meeting Monday evening at Cataract Sportsmen’s Club.

The Cataract Elementary School is on the menu of recommended reductions for the Sparta Area School District. School Board members John Hendricks, Ed Lukasek and Colin Burns-Gilbert were present, along with School Board candidates Pat McKenna, Marla Leverich, Amy Lopez and Todd Wells.

Bethany Ahnen, of Cataract started off the meeting by saying how it’s like family at Cataract Elementary School.

“The staff at Cataract Elementary are part of our family, they help us out, we help them out. It’s really hard for us Cataract residents to feel like we’re a part of the Sparta School District when we’re always on the chopping block. Cataract takes care of Cataract,” Ahnen said.

Krista Anderson of Cataract said she is concerned about how long bus rides would be if Cataract closes its doors.

“Much of the kids that currently go to Cataract would have to ride the bus much longer than they currently do. How far is too far of a bus ride for a 4-year-old?” Anderson said.

School Board candidate McKenna said the issue reaches beyond Cataract.

“I was an Angelo kid when the Angelo school closed. Every parent knew every kid, and I’m sure that’s the same with Cataract,” McKenna said. “This school is unique; the board and administration should find ways to make it work.”

McKenna said, “Let’s be real here. If we closed Cataract Elementary School, we’re going to lose kids to Melrose-Mindoro School District, Black River Falls School District and to home schooling. So that \$437,915 in annual savings of shutting down Cataract is not the actual number; it’s actually less than that because the district would lose students from closing the school.”

Kevin Schaitel of Cataract had a message for board members.

“We need you school board members, we don’t just need you today, we need



Cataract Elementary School sign. Herald photo by Greg Evans.

you to remember this,” he said. “I want to avoid the fear of Cataract Elementary being on the chopping block every time the district looks at budget cuts. There are millions of dollars in all these separate funds the Sparta Area School District has, yet we’re here talking about closing the Cataract Elementary School to save \$437,915.”

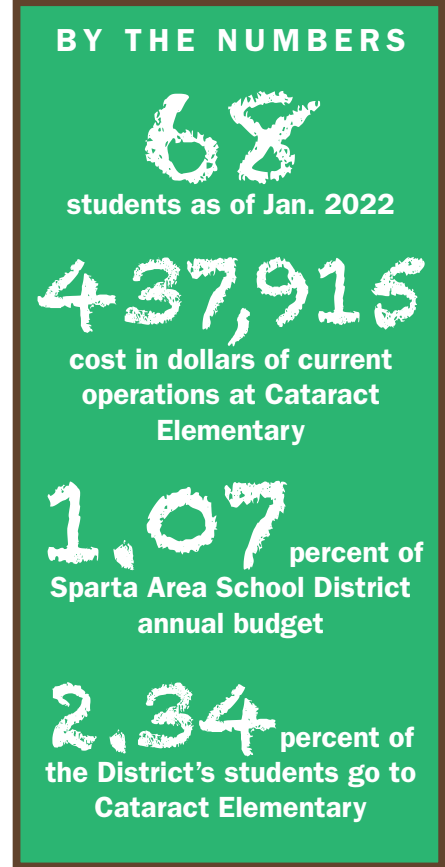
John Hendricks suggested people vote for the upcoming referendum if they want to save the school.

“If there’s a bad guy in the room, it’s me. I can’t speak for the whole board or administration, but from my perspective when I was the superintendent and this school was on the list of possible budget cuts; at that time there was not room in our schools to add the Cataract students, now there is,” he said. “I am speaking for myself only, but I am confident that no board member or administrator wants to see Cataract School closed.”

“The number one thing you can do to ‘save’ Cataract School is to vote for the referendum.” The Sparta Area School District has an operating referendum on the ballot on Tues. April 5th. The District is asking for \$4.2 million split between the next two years to maintain current operations.

Hendricks went on to say, “It’s a hard argument for most of the taxpayers in the city limits to keep the Cataract School. I’m an advocate for not using one-time funds for long-term problems. Using ESSER (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund) funds to ‘save’ the Cataract school delays the problems.”

McKenna added, “how much do we care about the 68 kids here in Cataract?



Cataract Elementary makes up around 1% of the annual budget of the Sparta Area School District. There has to be other cuts that can be made before closing Cataract’s doors.”

SASD Superintendent Dr. Van Deuren on leave

Today (Thursday), Sparta Area School District Superintendent, Dr. Amy Van Deuren sent a letter to the Sparta Area School District administrative team stating she is temporarily out of the office for personal reasons. Any district related questions can be sent to Sam Russ, Principal at Sparta High School. As soon as the Herald receives the press release on the matter, it will be available at monroecountyherald.com.



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For Mayor of Sparta

From the desk of Kevin Riley

As a life-long resident of the City of Sparta, I bring a wealth of experience and knowledge of the city to every council and committee meeting that I attend. Not only do I bring knowledge and experience, I bring passion along with it. I have attended 100% of the city council meetings for the past 13 years, and over 99% of the committee meetings that I sit on (well over 500 committee meetings). I have also attended the vast majority of committee meetings for those which I am not a sitting member. I pride myself on being informed on all issues that come before the council and to do this you must do the research and be present.

When I first ran for city council, I shared that my plans were to create a new aquatic center for the kids and community, and improve the library. I was thrilled to bring the aquatic center project to life, and our library expansion project is moving forward as a cooperative effort between the city and citizens of Sparta, who have shown good support and fiscal backing of this project.

We need to continue to work on the city's infrastructure and fiscal planning. We must continue to look for and plan for additional growth to improve our tax base. These are not new issues, but issues that need to be continually addressed year after year. We are doing a good job, and need to strive to improve each and every year.

Sincerely,

Kevin Riley

Vote Riley
on April 5th

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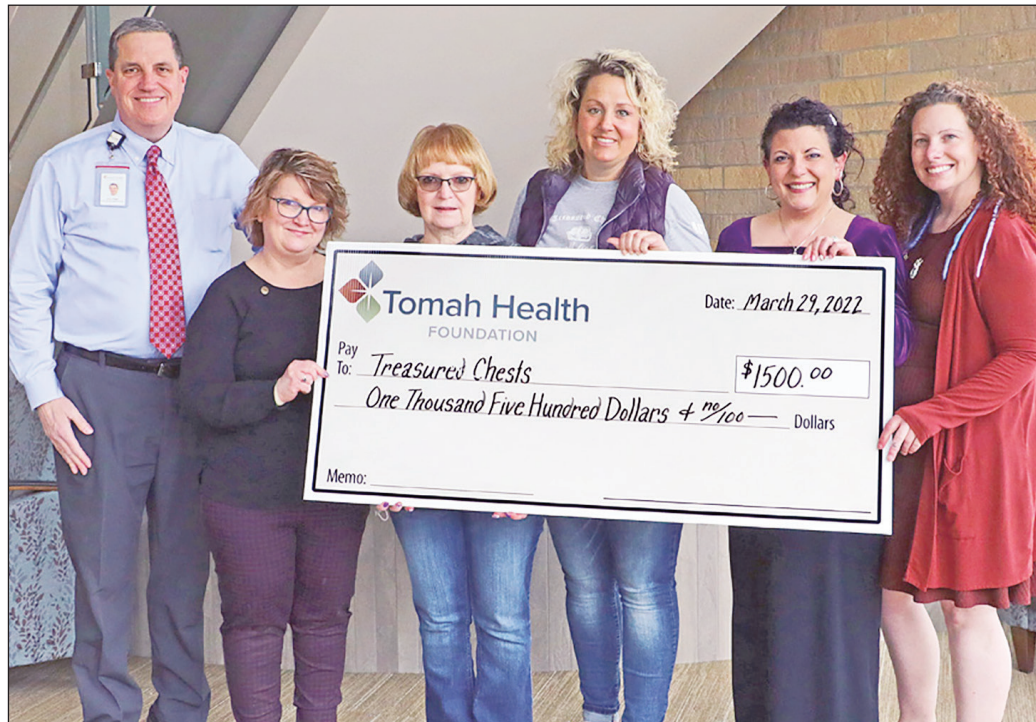
- 13 Years as a City Council member for the 8th Aldermanic District
- Current City Council President
- Graduate of Sparta High School and UW-Eau Claire
- 2 daughters and 3 grand-children all living in Sparta

Key Accomplishments

- Kept taxes down while retaining high-level city services
- Lowered or kept taxes level 10 of the 12 years as Finance Chairman
- Successful bonding to lower the debt load for many projects including:
 - Sparta Fitness Center
 - Sparta Aquatic Center
 - New Police Station
 - South Pointe Business Park

Committee Experience

- Finance & Personnel Committee (Chairman for 12 years)
- Historical Commission (Chairman for 7 years)
- Extra-Territorial Zoning Committee (Chairman for 6 years)
- Joint Review Board (Chairman since inception; 4 years)
- Public Works (Vice-Chair the past 8 years)
- Planning Commission
- Blue Ribbon Committee for the Library Expansion
- Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Sparta Aquatic Center
- Chairman of the Blue Ribbon Fire Department Unification Committee
- Library Committee
- Park and Recreation Board
- Block Grant Committee



Tomah Health Community Foundation ex-officio Eric Prise, left, presented a ceremonial check to members of Treasured Chests, including president Stefanie Walker, vice president Denise Prissel, treasurer / secretary Autumn Garrels, and members Ann Schleicher and Sadeana Miller recently. Walker said the funds will help support more than 1,500 women throughout Monroe County who received breast cancer treatment this past year.

Tomah Health Community Foundation supports Treasured Chests

The Tomah Health Community Foundation is helping women in Monroe County who are undergoing breast cancer treatment. Foundation members donated \$1,500 to Treasured Chests of Monroe County March 29. Treasured Chests president

Stefanie Walker said the donation will help to make a positive difference in the lives of those affected with breast cancer. "I want to thank the Tomah Health Foundation for the \$1,500 donation," Walker said. "It is awesome."

Walker said they help

patients by donating gift cards for gas to help offset transportation costs as well as purchasing wigs and other needs during treatments. "These funds are very important," said Walker, who survived breast cancer 10 years ago. "I had to drive for my treatments so gas cards were great," she said.

Walker said they assisted about 1,500 women in Monroe County this past year. She said the group recently held its biggest fundraiser of the year; "Ladies Night Out", which raised \$24,000 to help support their mission.

Tomah Health Community Foundation ex-officio Eric Prise said organization's donation meets its mission to support health and wellness programs in Monroe County. "This is a perfect example of how the foundation's work meets the health needs throughout the county," Prise said.

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Orrin Peterson Memorial S.A.C.S. Team

18th Annual Spring Bake Sale

Sat., April 2 • 8:00 a.m.-12 Noon

At Leon Town Hall on Jackrabbit Ave.

All proceeds go to support the Sparta Area Cancer Support, INC. (S.A.C.S.)



1st Community Credit Union holds 61st Annual Meeting

1st Community Credit Union held its 61st Annual Meeting on March 28, 2022 at Sparta American Legion Post 100 in Sparta, WI. The 48 member-owners attending the meeting elected two directors, Douglas Allen and Nicholas Greenwell, to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. They join board members Scott Herrman, Phil Yahnke, Doug Billings, Wendy Whitehead, and Joe Belling.

Chairman Wendy Whitehead reported on the credit union's growth in 2021, which brought assets to over \$223 million dollars. 1st CCU's new Tomah branch continues to grow, and a property in Holmen was purchased in 2021 with an eye toward expansion in future years. Overall during 2021 the credit union increased loans by 19%. 1st Community Credit Union has loaned out over \$1.5 billion dollars since it was organized in 1961. Treasurer Scott Herrman reported on the Credit Union's Financial Condition. President Brad Bauges spoke about the Credit Union's current projects, including the addition of online account opening and our upcoming enhancements to online banking, mobile banking, and online lending. He also stressed 1st CCU's commitment to volunteerism and community involvement by the employees and board members. More than 900 hours

of community involvement was logged by staff during the past fiscal year. Josh Roberts, Vice President of System Collaboration & Development for the Wisconsin Credit Union League, was the guest speaker. Mr. Roberts spoke about the current state of credit unions in Wisconsin, and he praised 1st CCU for their unprecedented growth during 2021. Roberts also spoke about all Wisconsin credit unions' dedication to meeting challenges such as cyber security, talent retention, and succession planning.

Bauges announced that Mark Mulder and Terri Lenselink are stepping down from the Board and he recognized them for their years of service: Mulder has served on the board since 1995 and Linselink has served since 2013. Sandy Anderson, VP Human Resources, presented by Cora Jothan, Accounting Manager, with the 2021 Outstanding Service Award. Anderson also recognized several staff members for their combined 110 years of service: Diana Mack-30 years, Barb Burnham-20 years, Shelly Sawvell-15 years, Scott Herrman-10 years on the board, Leianna Melde-10 years, Sue Stellick-10 years, Kyle Bahl-5 years, Jodi Lovgren-5 years, and Brad Bauges-5 years.

Following the annual meeting a re-organizational meeting was held to elect the officers of the board.



Teen crafters at Sparta Free Library (left to right): Celia, Claire, and Addy. Contributed photo.

During National Library Week April 3-9, connect with your library

(MonroeCounty,Wisconsin) – Area libraries continue to go above and beyond to keep communities connected by expanding resources and embracing inclusion in their programming, resources and collections. April 3-9, 2022, is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Connect With Your Library," a slogan that promotes libraries as places where community members can connect to one another, where users can connect to broadband or public computer stations, and where anyone can connect with countless resources and trusted sources of information.

Public libraries in the Winding Rivers Library System span seven counties in Western Wisconsin, and, while no two of the 34 connected libraries are exactly

the same, each offers a wide array of programs, classes, and services that are available in person or from the comfort of home, including book clubs, children's activities, tools and resources for jobseekers and business owners, book and material selection assistance, and online subscription service access.

This National Library Week, the public can show their appreciation and support for libraries by visiting their library in person or online or following them on social media.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For more information and to connect with your local library, visit Winding Rivers Library System online at www.wrlsweb.org/find-my-library/.

Southeast Monroe County News

by Myrna Fauska



Welcome to the end of March and April Fool's Day! Hopefully, the weather will warm up and we will be seeing the farmers busy in their fields getting the crops in. Here at Fauska's Funny Farm, in past years we were plowing and working up the ground to sow the oats. I always enjoyed driving the tractor in the spring, getting my first suntan of the season. Good memories.

Last Monday, my nephew and niece Jim and Helena Boles of Racine stopped in on their way home from their digs in Iron Mountain, Michigan, and brought me a new television. My old one had died the week before and I was going into TV withdrawal. By the end of the week I recovered, after watching my favorite shows, and on Sunday I joined Christopher Young for a trip to Elgin, Illinois, to return his youngest son August to his mother after having him for two weeks.

Steve Zirk has been in the Sparta hospital for several months and will be continuing his stay for the foreseeable future. Allan Vlasak visited Steve on Thursday and reports that although his body is not cooperating, he is in good spirits in spite of it. Cards and notes can be sent to him at Mayo Clinic Heath System, 310 W Main Street, Sparta, WI 54656, and would be welcome to let him know that his relatives and friends are thinking about him and praying for him.

Friday, Chip and Brett Marty were at the State Wrestling Tournament where Brett competed. Although Brett didn't win, it was a good experience and there's always next year to look forward to! Saturday, the Marty family was at Hillsboro High School, where Layla competed with the Royal 6th grade girls' basketball tournament and did well. Lynette Vlasak and Sally Dana were also there to cheer for Lynette's great-niece.

Last Monday, Lynette and Sally lunched at the Moose Jaw Restaurant with some of Lynette's former colleagues from the Mt. Horeb school. Tuesday, Lynette was at the Double R Bar and Grill in Elroy for a Kendall Lion's zone meeting. Friday evening, the Kendall Public Library hosted the movie "Crossfire Trail" at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church fellowship hall. It was a good old-fashioned western and was enjoyed by all who attended. Sunday after church, Allan joined his sister Lynette and Sally for lunch with Evan and Trudie Roloff to celebrate Evan's birthday.

What a blessing it is to live in this community of southeast Monroe County, extending the area to include crossing the border to Hillsboro and Wonewoc. We continue to pray for each other and thank and praise the Lord for his loving kindness and care for His creation as we travel this sod.

What's Happening Upcoming Area Events

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS POLICY: Groups that earn profits from their event are asked to place a display ad in the MC Herald in order to be included in "Upcoming Area Events." Any non-profit adult organization or church will get a 25% discount on advertising. Half price ads are available for second run. There is no charge for youth groups. Items placed in "Upcoming Area Events" cannot contain prices, and the word "raffle" is prohibited. Regular consumption events must be run as a paid advertisement. We appreciate your cooperation. Call 608-269-9797 to place your item or e-mail to julie@monroecountyherald.com

SWING INTO SPRING - SHOP TOMAH April 1-2 & 8-9. Head to your favorite Shop Tomah store for their Swing Into Spring Open Houses! Two weekends of shopping and dining fun -

check out what's new for spring and watch for who is offering special discounts and door prizes. Support your local businesses!

The Orrin Peterson Memorial S.A.C.S. Team **BAKE SALE** will be **Sat., April 2 from 8 a.m. till noon at the Leon Town Hall on Jackrabbit Ave.**

Tomah Parks and Recreation Department's 33RD ANNUAL FARM TOY & HOBBY COLLECTABLES SHOW - April 2 from 9 am - 3 pm at 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah. The Consignment Auction of Toys will take place at 4:30 pm.

SPRING FLING - TOMAH Area Community Theatre, Murray's On Main: 810 Superior Ave. April 2 from 9 am - 3 pm. Make plans to stop at two different locations for great spring crafts at the Craft and Vendor Fair!

CASHTON COMMUNITY CLUB'S 5TH ANNUAL

SPRING FLING-O will be on Sunday **April 3, 2022** at the Cashton Community Hall from noon to ?

SHRINERS 2ND ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT on **Sat., April 9, 2022 1-4 p.m.** at the Tomah Masonic Lodge, 520 E. Saratoga St.

1st Annual Community **EASTER EGG HUNT** at **Congregational United Church of Christ**, 201 N Water St., Sparta, Sunday **April 10 at 11 a.m.** All children 12 and under are welcome.

Sparta Area Cancer Support **SCRAP IT DAY** is on **April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Chamber

DOGGIE EASTER EGG HUNT, Easter Sunday April 17th 1P-3P, Egg Hunt Begins at 2:00 at **Justin Trails Resort**, 7452 Kathryn Avenue, Sparta ***Dogs must have current vaccinations, stay on leash and be dog social.**

There will be a **CONCERT IN THE PARK** put on by S.A.C.S. on June 1st.

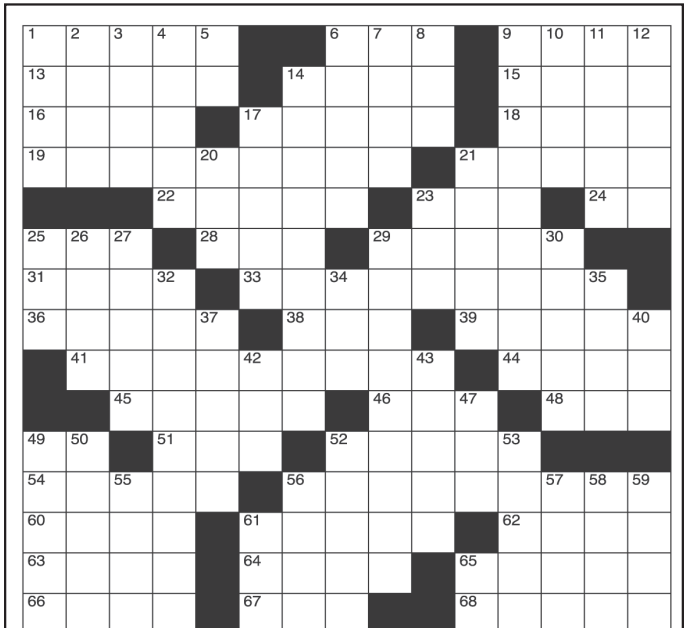
evenings. St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County provides **FREE MEDICAL CARE** for uninsured adults. Registration 5-6:30 p.m. at Mayo Clinic, 310 W. Main St., Sparta. For more information about services and eligibility, visit www.stclaremonroecounty.org or call 608-366-5343.

SPARTA LIONS CLUB MEETING Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Sparta American Legion starting at 6:30 pm. We are always looking for new members!

SPARTA GROUP #1 (AA) has meetings Monday through Fridays at NOON. There are also meetings seven days a week at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The meetings are held at the Masonic Valley Lodge on the corner of Montgomery and South Court streets. Use the side entrance. Hotline Numbers: 608-784-7560 OR 1-866-491-8004

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY is in **Sparta** on the third Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the **Sparta Hockey Rink** (1121 E. Montgomery St.); the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the **Tomah Fairgrounds** (1625 Butts Ave.); and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the **Norwalk Village Hall** for curb pick up.

Every Tuesday, 7 p.m. Are you struggling with someone else's drinking? **AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** is there to help. Meetings are held at the Sparta United Methodist Church, 210 N. Court St.



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Hillsides

6. A way to ingest

9. Large number

13. Southeastern Minnesota city

14. Cronies

15. Having sufficient skill, knowledge

16. Supplements with difficulty

17. Former VP nominee Palin

18. Cambodian monetary unit

19. Where coaches work

21. Secret political clique

22. A type of lute

23. Tan

24. Empire State

25. Where golfers begin

28. For each

29. Muslim inhabitants of the Philippines

31. Bird genus

33. Popular Dave Matthews Band song

36. Domesticates

38. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen

39. Asian antelope

41. One who takes apart

44. Kin

45. Dresses

46. Says something about you (abbr.)

48. Doctor of Education

49. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

51. Overcharge

52. Sailboats

54. Indian musical patterns

56. Predisposition to a condition

60. Share a common boundary with

61. Wide

62. Skin disease

63. Monetary unit of Samoa

64. Source of the Blue Nile

65. Instrument

66. Red deer

67. Unidentified flying object

68. Bar or preclude

- CLUES DOWN
1. Flying insects

2. Strong alcoholic spirit

3. Old

4. Moves in slowly

5. Symbol for tin

6. Having certain appendages

7. Expression of sorrow or pity

8. Type of hormone (abbr.)

9. One with an unjustified mistrust

10. Hebrew calendar month

11. Pure

12. LSU football coach

14. Unbroken views

17. Fathers

20. Part of a race

21. Hairstyle

23. Fifth note of a major scale

25. Body art

26. Amounts of time

27. Designed chairs

29. Sensational dramatic piece

30. Arrangement of steps

32. Classifies

34. Young child

35. Oh, no!

37. Astronomical period of about 18 years

40. Not or

42. Poke fun at

43. Consisting of roots

47. " _ Humbug!"

49. A way to remove

50. A confusion of voices and other sounds

52. Keyed instrument

53. Varnishes

55. Unpleasantly sticky substance

56. Unable to hear

57. A short erect tail

58. Indicates interest

59. Flow or leak through

61. British thermal unit

65. Iron

SUDOKU

Answers on page 19

Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

OBITUARIES

RAMALA KIRKING

February 17, 1924

CASHTON - Ramala Kirking, 98, of Cashton, WI, died peacefully at her home, surrounded in love by her family. Ramala was born on February 17, 1924, to Joe and Catherine Schwellenbach. On June 25, 1942, Ramala married the love of her life, Lester Kirking. Together, they had eight children: Francis; Donavon; Karen (Jerry Green) from Black River Falls; Donna (Gary Peterson) of Sparta; Jim (Debbie Rezin); Lester "Sonny" (Jeannie Tracz) of Round Lake Beach, IL; Cathy (Bill Meyers) of Cashton; and Kevin (Kathy Mitby) of Cashton. Ramala was a lifelong gardener. She had a green thumb for every flower, but her favorite flowers were her African violets. She had a beautiful talent for sewing and made many quilts for her loving family. Ramala had a special place in her heart for her animals, including her pet raccoon, Coonie, growing up. She enjoyed working on word searches, finishing puzzles, coloring, watching her birds, and spending time with her best friend, her cat, Prim.



Ramala will be missed dearly by 20 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren—with one on the way— and 10 great-great-grandchildren. Her family would describe Ramala as caring, hardworking, strong, and loving. She had a giving heart and a sharp mind. She was preceded in death by her parents, Joe and Catherine Schwallenbach; her husband, Lester; three sons, Donavon, Francis, and Jim; a daughter-in-law, Debra Kirking; and one grandchild, John Peterson. A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Ramala's life will be held Friday, April 1, 2022, 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Cashton. Father Michael Klos will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Family and friends are invited Thursday, March 31, 2022, beginning with a prayer service at 3:45 followed by visitation from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Cashton, WI. Visitation will also be held from 9 a.m. until 10:15 a.m. at the funeral home. Ramala was thankful for the wonderful support of the hospice program. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com. **Torkelson Funeral Home**

CHESTER (CHET) WILLIAM SCHANHOFFER

July 7, 1942 — March 27, 2022

SPARTA - Chester (Chet) William Schanhofer, age 79, Sparta, WI, passed away on Sunday, March 27, 2022 at his second home in St. Petersburg, FL surrounded by his family. Chet was born in Sparta, WI on July 7, 1942, he was the oldest son of the late Donald Schanhofer and Veronica Brueggeman. He was also preceded in death by wife, Janet (Tucker) Schanhofer. Chet was most proud of the legacy he and his late wife, Janet created over their 53 years of marriage; as high school sweethearts, they married when he was 18 and raised three children. Initially, Chet provided for his family by hauling milk with his life-long friend, Gene Ostrem from 1963-1968; however, Chet was not destined to be the "milkman." In 1968, Chet changed career paths and started working with Severson and Sprain (S&S) Distributing, whose trade including the selling and distributing of Budweiser products. It was in this profession that Chet found his passion as the "beer man", purchasing S&S from Herbert Severson in 1976. Excellent socializing skills and a great business acumen, helped Chet and Janet grow S&S Distributing, to include a second distributor in Marshfield, WI, and its Anheuser Busch product portfolio, a household name. Once the beer business ran like a well-oiled machine, Chet needed another challenge. Having been raised on a farm, he decided farming would be his next big adventure in life. If you knew Chet, his motto was "go big" or "go home" and this suited his approach to farming. What began as a small, hobby farm would eventually expand into a much larger operation benefitting area farmers and business owners within the local farming community. Chet would rent cropland from area farmers and would lend his equipment or his time to assist with planting and harvesting around the county. He loved his farm equipment and was a big supporter of "Team Red" (International Harvester) machinery. While most farmers will experience equipment issues from time to time, Chet had Degenhardt Implement and his son-in-law on speed dial, both of whom believed he would often break something just so they could fix it! Some might describe Chet as a perfectionist in the way his home was always kept, the lawns perfectly manicured, the vehicles or machines running efficiently or the pristine condition the warehouse was maintained. He was a loyal and respected man and he had high expectations, for both his family and his employees, and seeing the fruits of their labor gave him a great sense of pride. His loyalty was reciprocal and those fortunate to have known him, will carry his legacy forward for years to come. Chet was an avid gun collector and loved to hunt, whether locally or out west, he enjoyed the sport and its associated bragging rights. For years, he would venture out west to Colorado hunting and the stories of the group's adventures were often larger than life, as were some of the trophies hung on display within his home or farm shop, too. As the years went on, Chet and Janet became "snowbirds" and would escape the cold winter months by vacationing at Islands End in St. Pete Beach, FL. In 2012, they purchased their retirement home on the bay in St. Pete Beach, where they would host family and friends to escape the frigid temperatures of a Wisconsin winter. Chet and Janet were the life of the party and they enjoyed generously entertaining for visitors and neighbors alike, eventually hosting an annual, neighborhood Valentine's Day party that was all the rage for those fortunate to attend. Chet married Violeta Jone Gamble January 14, 2022, at her home in Palm Island, FL, where they celebrated with family and friends. Little did they know that this would be the last party Chet would throw. Having received some devastating health news, Chet requested his children, and their spouses, travel to Florida on March 8, 2022, to spend two weeks with him and Jone. If you know Chet, then you know he always got his way and so on Sunday, March 13, 2022, David, Jane, Jake, Danelle, Steve and Deanna all arrived where they would spend the next two weeks together until Chet passed on Sunday, March 27, 2022. He got his way! Surviving are his wife, Jone Gamble, his children, David and Jane Schanhofer, Steve and Deanna Rickert, Jake and Danelle Jacobson; grandchildren, Jessica, Jennifer, Jared and Allison Rickert, Melisa, Michael, Colin and Rachel Jacobson, John Kast and Kellie (Trent) Hagen; and ten great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Janet, granddaughter, Melinda Jacobson and his grandson, Ryan Jacobson. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Sparta, with Father Eric Berns officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Sparta. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2022 at Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, and from 11 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday at the church. Online condolences may be offered at schanhoferfh.com. Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation



ARLA JEAN REDMAN

January 26, 1936 — March 20, 2022

Arla Jean Redman 86, passed away Sunday, March 20, 2022 at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse. Arla was born January 26, 1936 to Henry and Lela (Kupper) Stannard in Sparta, WI. She spent the first years of her life in Sparta, graduating from Sparta High School in 1953. She met Wayne Redman shortly after high school while working in Reedsburg, WI. They were married August 20, 1955 in Sparta in her parents' home. Arla and Wayne had 3 children, Theresa, Linda, and Stephen. Arla worked over 30 years in the banking industry, employed at banks in Sparta, Frederic, and Siren WI. She retired in 1998 when employed at the bank in Siren. Following Wayne's retirement, Arla and Wayne moved to Onalaska WI. Arla quickly became involved volunteering once settled in Onalaska. She became a volunteer at Gundersen Health System in 2004 and worked in the hospital's gift shop until 2018. She was proud to have accumulated over 4000 hours of service during her time as a volunteer and so happy with the network of friends she met there. Arla and Wayne also enjoyed traveling. They took several Jay Buckley's baseball tours around the country. They were inaugural season ticket holders for the La Crosse Loggers and enjoyed several years of entertainment and good baseball at the field. Arla loved baseball as much as Wayne and continued to watch and root for the Brewers after Wayne's passing in 2013. She also enjoyed watching the Packers and Badgers, making calls to family and friends during halftime to talk about the game. But Arla's first and true love was her family. She loved seeing her children and their families: sharing holidays with them, taking in a play, watching their concerts or sporting events, black Friday shopping, talking on the phone with those who lived far away, the cards and pictures she received by mail—she loved her family and for her that was what it was all about. Arla is survived by her two daughters, Theresa (Charles) Goodman and Linda (John) Sullivan, daughter in law Laura Redman, 12 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, sister Gayle Schermitzler, sister in law Carol Schultz, and several nieces and nephews who where a big part of her life and several special friends. She was preceded in death by her spouse, Wayne, her son Stephen, brothers Earl Stannard and Lewis Stannard, her parents and parent in laws. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on Friday, April 8, 2022 at The Gathering Place, 133 Mason St. Onalaska. Pastor Becky Goche will officiate. Visitations will be held from 4:00 pm until 6:00 pm on Thursday, April 7 at The Gathering Place and from 10:00 am until the time of the service on Friday. Arla will be buried in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Sparta at a later date. Memorials could be made to Gundersen Heart Institute, Gundersen Partners, English Lutheran Church, or charity of your choice. Our family would like to thank two special friends who have been there for mom the last several years, Marilyn and Kim, as well as Phil, the RN in critical care at Gundersen who made a very difficult day manageable, Dr. Ward Brown and Dr. Amy Strain for mom's ongoing care over the years, nieces Sharon and Susan who were in constant contact with mom, and everyone who has reached out the last several weeks to share their thoughts about mom. **Coulee Region Cremation Group**



WALLACE HAROLD DUTTON

March 15, 1947 — March 25, 2022

SPARTA - Wallace Harold Dutton, Sparta, age 75, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2022 at the Tomah VA Medical Center surrounded by his loving Wallace Dutton sons. He was born March 15, 1947 in Sparta to the late Ralph and Yolanda (Rocco) Dutton. Wally graduated from Sparta High School and was a life-long resident of Sparta, WI. On July 25, 1971, he married JoAnne Armstrong at Trinity Lutheran in Sparta. Wally served his country in the Navy during Vietnam. He then worked for many years as a Nursing Assistant at the Tomah V.A. Hospital. His family was his greatest love and joy. He loved watching his children and grandchildren participate in wrestling and baseball – most recently following his grandsons' baseball games using his iPad. Wally is survived by his two sons: Joel (Kathy) Dutton of Kenosha, WI and Kevin (Miriam Santiago) Dutton of Chicago, IL. Grandsons: Reese, Riley and Rory Dutton. He is further survived by his sisters Pam (Mike) Fisher, Margie (Steve) Morawiec and Terry Waterworth; his sisters-in-law Edith (Leonard) Richmond and Patricia Armstrong, and brother-in-law Milt (Johnny) Armstrong; many family relatives, nieces, nephews and friends. In addition to his wife, JoAnne, of 48 years, Wally was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Yolanda Dutton; sister Bonita Dutton; father and mother-in-law Milton and Alvera (Johnson) Armstrong and sister-in-law Donna Travis. There will be no services at this time; an interment will be held in the Summer. Remembrances may be made in the form of an act of kindness to continue Wally's unselfish love. To share a tribute message, please visit www.schanhoferfh.com. *Wally's family would like to thank his doctors, nurses and staff at the Tomah V.A. for the excellent and loving care he received. We are forever grateful.* Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with arrangements. **Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation**



GLORIA JEAN KABERLE (STAHL)

March 20, 2022

On Sunday March 20, 2022, angels came and took a lifelong believer Gloria Jean Kaberle (Stahl) age 73 to heaven. Always quick with a joke, multi-talented Gloria who was raised in the extreme poverty of Northern Minnesota never gave up on making it in life. Preceded in death by parents Inger and Clifford Stahl, Gloria was the youngest of five siblings. Gloria was also partially raised by Paul and Laura Rostvit (her uncle and aunt). After high school in Chisolm Minnesota, Gloria attended nursing school in Duluth Minnesota, achieving her nursing license. She was maid of honor at her Cousin and future Brother in law's wedding when she met best man Daryl L. Kaberle (Talmoon, MN). They married December 24, 1969. They have two children, Daryl R. Kaberle (Mauston, WI), and Daniel (Janet) Kaberle (Denver, CO). Most of their working lives were spent living on 80 acres outside of Tomah Wisconsin where they both could put their talents to use. Gloria worked at the VA hospital in Tomah for a majority of her long nursing career. Truly adventurous spirits, they traveled throughout the country and moved to multiple locations after retirement to include Arkansas and Northern Minnesota where Gloria's life adventure ultimately has ended. Gloria's love for God could not be overstated, she tried to live in his honor and spread the word as best as she could. Her nurses were amazed at how she stayed humorous to the end and her talents will be missed by all of us she leaves behind. Thanks to all the friends and family who touched her life. So many brought joy to her life, she returned that Love with a joke, a smile and probably a cookie or two. **John 11:25 Jesus said to her "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die."**



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ALVERA CAROLINE ECKELBERG

February 2, 1924 — March 28, 2022

KENDALL - Alvera Caroline Eckelberg, 98, of Kendall, was called to her heavenly home on Monday, March 28, 2022 with her children at her side. She was born on February 2, 1924 to Otto and Susie (Bindschaedel) Westphal on the family farm on Dorset Ridge in Clifton, Township, Monroe County. Alvera was baptized at home and confirmed at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church on Dorset Ridge. She attended the Dorset Ridge Elementary School and was a member of the Kendall High School Graduating Class of 1942.

Alvera married Loren Eckelberg at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church on August 23, 1958. Together they farmed in rural Kendall where they raised 3 children. He preceded her in death on July 2, 1992. Alvera was a faithful member of St. John Ev. Lutheran Church and taught Sunday School for 25 years. She assisted at the Village of Kendall for the elections for many years. After Loren passed away at the age of 70, she decided to get her drivers license and did so at the age of 72. The driving instructor told her she took the award for being his oldest student.

Having practiced cooking all her life, her delicious home baked bread and home baked goods were deserving of blue-ribbon status, we especially loved her cracked ice salad. In her later years, she often sat in her rocker with her Bible, a good Karen Kingsbury book or cryptograms in her hand. Alvera will always be remembered as the heart of the family that kept them strong and bound together. Alvera had a constant faith and was the ultimate example to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for how they should live their lives.

She is survived by her children, Audrey (Chad) Marti of Wilton, Gary Eckelberg of Kendall, and Mark (Debra) Eckelberg of Wilton, 8 grandchildren, Sarah (Shawn) Squires, Christopher Marti, and Elizabeth (Bryan) Debaets, Jessica (Steven) Blankenship and Aaron (Ayaka) Eckelberg, Justin (Jesana) Eckelberg, Drew (Alysa) Eckelberg, and Alex (his fiancé Katie Dockery) Eckelberg, 9 great-grandchildren, Theodore and Ellieanna Marti, Eden, Aspen, and Haven Blankenship, Evalyn Eckelberg, Harper, Hadley, and Hayden Eckelberg, and 2 expected great-grandchildren, a brother Carl (Carol) Westphal of Mary Esther, FL, 1 brother in law, Reinold Eckelberg and 3 sister in laws, Ruby Butterfuss, Lucille Hemerley, and Gladys (Roger) Kaus, along with many beloved nieces and nephews, and special friends Kenneth and Phyllis Toivonen, and the Vetter family.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a son Arden, her sisters Gertrude Westphal, Ruth Cook, and Doris Matias, her brothers, Edward, Henry, Louis, and Lloyd Westphal, her sisters-in-law Irene, Blanche and Florence Westphal, and brothers-in-law Alvin Cook and Earl Matias.

A Service will be held on Friday, April 1, 2022, 11:00 A.M. at the St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, 297 E S Railroad St Kendall. Pastor Jacob Limpert will officiate. Burial will be in the Glendale Cemetery immediately following the service.

Relatives and friends are invited on Friday from 9:00 A.M. until the time of the service. Online condolences may be sent to www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com. The Smith-Nelson Funeral Home of Kendall is assisting the family with the arrangements.

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COUNTY

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to bridge the transition into the new compensation plan for the next two years. When that funding is depleted in year three, the county has to come up with \$1.3 million to offset the impact on the budget.

According to County Administrator Tina Osterberg, that figure should begin dropping because of staff retirements and resignations. In addition, she said the new Rolling Hills senior care facility should be covering salaries and wages of its staff through its own revenue.

McGrath said her firm only recommends fiscally sustainable plans, but admitted she can't predict the future.

"The problem is I can't tell you what the economy is going to do by the end of the year, let alone what the economy is going to look like three years from now," she said. "If you had asked me on March 13, 2020, I could have given you a three-year plan. I'm sorry, the economy is very different today than it was in 2020 and who knows what it's going to be in 2025 or 2026."

Speaking to the Herald, Smudde said the alternative to approving the new compensation plan wasn't sustainable either. "If we don't have staff here we can't provide services, so we can't sustain the county."

Wisconsin Guard looks back on role in Operation Allies Welcome

The Wisconsin National Guard played an important supporting role in Operation Allies Welcome, the nearly six-month mission to resettle thousands of Afghan nationals, which ended last month at Fort McCoy, Wisconsin.

Operation Allies Welcome is an effort led by the Department of Homeland Security, supported by the U.S. State Department, the Department of Defense and U.S. Northern Command, to provide transportation, temporary housing and general support for Afghan evacuees at suitable facilities in the United States.

According to the Fort McCoy public affairs office, more than 12,600 Afghan nationals arrived at Fort McCoy beginning Aug. 22, 2021. The military base provided temporary housing, food, clothing, medical services, and helped process immigration benefits as part of the effort to resettle the Afghans in communities across the United States.

The Wisconsin National Guard's Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center was a key part of that process. Airfield managers, refuelers and security forces worked around the clock to receive several flights per day of evacuees heading to Fort McCoy for a total of 93 flights between August and October.

Brig. Gen. Joane Mathews, Wisconsin's deputy adjutant general for Army serving as dual-status commander, greeted arriving individuals, and Wisconsin National Guard linguists created signage in Dari and Pashto languages. Designated relief agencies used Wisconsin National Guard facilities to receive and stage supplies bound for Fort McCoy.

Additionally, Wisconsin National Guard COVID-19 teams spent 141 mission days at Fort McCoy — sometimes working 14-hour days — collecting 42,076 specimens from Afghans and administering 1,451 vaccines.

"I believe that the Wisconsin National Guard provided critical COVID mitigation support to the entire Operation Allies Welcome mission," said Svea Erlandson, strategic plans and policy officer with the Wisconsin National Guard's directorate of domestic operations. "Although COVID-19 was not the only epidemiological concern on site, the Wisconsin National Guard provided a reliable, consistent and professional capability in both the testing and vaccination spheres. With regard to testing, [we] showed exemplary ability to integrate with both the active duty forces and the contractors on site to develop processes and systems to perform surveillance testing of the Afghan guests. With regard to vaccination, [we] provided a unique and critical capacity to the disease mitigation on site."

Erlandson said the Wisconsin National Guard COVID-19 teams administered COVID vaccines to Afghans independent of medical screening procedures, but also provided crucial support for multiple mass vaccination events. According to Fort McCoy public affairs, Afghans received approximately 87,000 vaccines — besides COVID-19, these included measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, polio and the flu.

"In my opinion," Erlandson said, "being able to perform all of these functions allowed the active duty, governmental and non-governmental partners to provide the attention that these measures would have required toward other important concerns on base."

Lt. Col. Cory Newmann spent two months at Volk Field, serving as the liaison officer for the Wisconsin National Guard Joint Staff. He also managed a team of Army and Air Force linguists who assisted with translation.

"The United States had a responsibility to help the Afghans and their families that supported our mission in Afghanistan," Newmann said. "It was an incredible honor to help with this mission."

Newmann said this mission was "incredibly meaningful" to him as it provided an opportunity to help those in

dire need.

"I have sharp memories of evacuees arriving late at night, walking off our aircraft carrying only a few belongings in plastic bags," Newmann said. "Some were injured, possibly from the dangerous escape from Afghanistan. As tired as they all appeared to be, they were appreciative as we helped them off the aircraft and onto the bus to Fort McCoy. Children were holding hands and they walked barefoot into their new life in the United States."

"I will never forget it as long as I live."

Though the Wisconsin Army National Guard's 107th Support Maintenance Company was deployed in Europe, its armory in Sparta, Wisconsin supported Operation Allies Welcome as the main collection and distribution point for donated items for Afghan evacuees.

"Once a donation was dropped off, it was sorted into its respective category, then sent to Fort McCoy to be distributed to the guests," said 1st Lt. Brittnei Swanson, facility manager and part of the 107th Support Maintenance Company's rear detachment staff.

The armory accepted donations from Sept. 1, 2021 through Jan. 21 of this year — seven days per week until December, then weekdays after that.

"For weeks, we were receiving multiple semi-truckloads per day, along with several community members donating truck and trailer loads of essential items," Swanson said. "They'd finish unloading their donations and ask, 'What else is needed?' and show up again the next day with those critically needed items."

"It was amazing to witness our community come together to provide clothing, personal hygiene items, toys and books for the kids, and formula and bottles for infants," Swanson continued. "I am overwhelmingly proud to be part of this community, and thankful to have had the

opportunity to be involved with this mission."

The last group of Afghan nationals left Fort McCoy Feb. 15, according to the Department of Homeland Security.

"I would like to thank the federal staff, service members, volunteers and members of the local community whose dedication was critical to the success of our mission at Fort McCoy," said Robert Fenton, Jr., Operation Allies Welcome senior response official. "With the help of our partners across government and non-profit organizations, the 12,600

Afghan evacuees who were temporarily housed at Fort McCoy have now joined their new communities."

Angie Salazar, Department of Homeland Security lead for the Operation Allies Welcome mission at Fort McCoy, echoed that sentiment.

"With community donations, support from many organizations and close coordination with surrounding hospitals and public safety," she said, "the mission accomplished the remarkable feat of resettling nearly 13,000 at-risk Afghans — including 65 newborn U.S. citizens."

Tomah Coach charged with 2 felonies

On Tuesday, the Tomah Police Department and the Tomah High School received information related to an athletic coach allegedly engaging in sexual conduct with a child/student. The Tomah Police Department and school administration immediately commenced an investigation. The Police investigation revealed that Tomah High School Power Lifting Coach Kaitlyn Sankey (26 - Elroy, WI) engaged in sexual conduct with a student who was 17-years-old.

Sankey will have the following charges referred to the Monroe and Juneau County District Attorney's Offices:

1. Sexual assault of a child

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THOUGHTS ON APRIL 5th SPARTA AREA SCHOOLS ELECTIONS

I recommend that voters in the Sparta School District elect on April 5th the following candidates to the Board of Education: John Hendricks, Anthony Scholze, Todd Wells and Tanya Morene.

Other candidates have continually said "time for a change", "SASD needs change", we need a "change in direction", but they never seem to indicate "what" they will CHANGE. Hopefully, it's not to relive last spring's issues when the former school board enacted the necessary MASKING protocol. We lost 2 GREAT board members because (for political/religious reasons?) some people didn't like to be told what to do. That board was dealing with a PANDEMIC! They voted for a safe and healthy environment for ALL students and staff. Thanks to threats on the Solberg and Sikorsky families and businesses they had to resign - before recall petitions came into place. Fortunately, the SASD filled their open positions with two very good board members. (These two individuals are on this spring's ballot.) A wise man told me it's easier to "criticize" "than create". That seems to be what is going on.

"THE4" and their alliance - Sparta Citizens for Real Progress committee (SCRPC) evidently don't understand how school taxes are formulated. Tax rates, assessed valuation, mill rate, etc. have been explained SO many times to them, but they don't want to hear facts. The referendum will NOT increase school taxes paid by residents in the SASD. The "mill rate" stays the same or decreases (much under the current state average of \$8.64). The referendum will not add or increase services/programs, and as Kyle Evans from the Monroe County Herald has said "the referendum is to maintain current operations".

"Better leadership" has been included in "THE4" and "committee" member's ads. I believe that our superintendent and business manager have done an excellent job - as led by the board. My school taxes have gone from \$1292 in 2009 to \$1530 in 2021. That's 2% per year. (Teacher raises of at least 2% and "normal" inflation of 2% were addressed). During that time period we have built a much needed elementary school.

The "committee" has attacked our superintendent with a paid ad questioning her "credentials". To me, that was almost libelous. But the LOWEST event occurred a couple Fridays ago when children were sent to homes to advocate for a NO vote on the upcoming referendum. All this while parents cowardly stayed in their cars. One other issue with the "committee" is that they once put out "misinformation" regarding the amount of money being requested on the school referendum. They later said it was a TYPO. Can we say "nice try" or "oops"?

People might be tired of the large ostentatious(gaudy) signs for THE4 at every intersection. They've been taking up space for 3 months. Hopefully when the election is over, these signs will be immediately removed. (Unlike the TRUMP/PENCE signs that still remain.) Isn't it ironic that the signs across from Rudy's are Vote4 and vote NO. Vote "for" and "against"?

Sparta has been a very progressive community! We have a new justice center, new elementary school, new police station, great golf course, aquatic center, hockey rink, Boys and Girls Cub and the Senior Center, etc. For a conservative county, that's pretty good. LET'S PROGRESS, NOT REGRESS!

The referendum is necessary. Cataract school is at risk. The Leon community knows about this kind of situation. The Board of Education needs positive, not negative members leading the district.

Please elect Hendricks, Scholze, Wells and Morene to the SASD Board of Education on April 5th and vote YES for EDUCATION!

*From a county taxpayer, an advocate of education,
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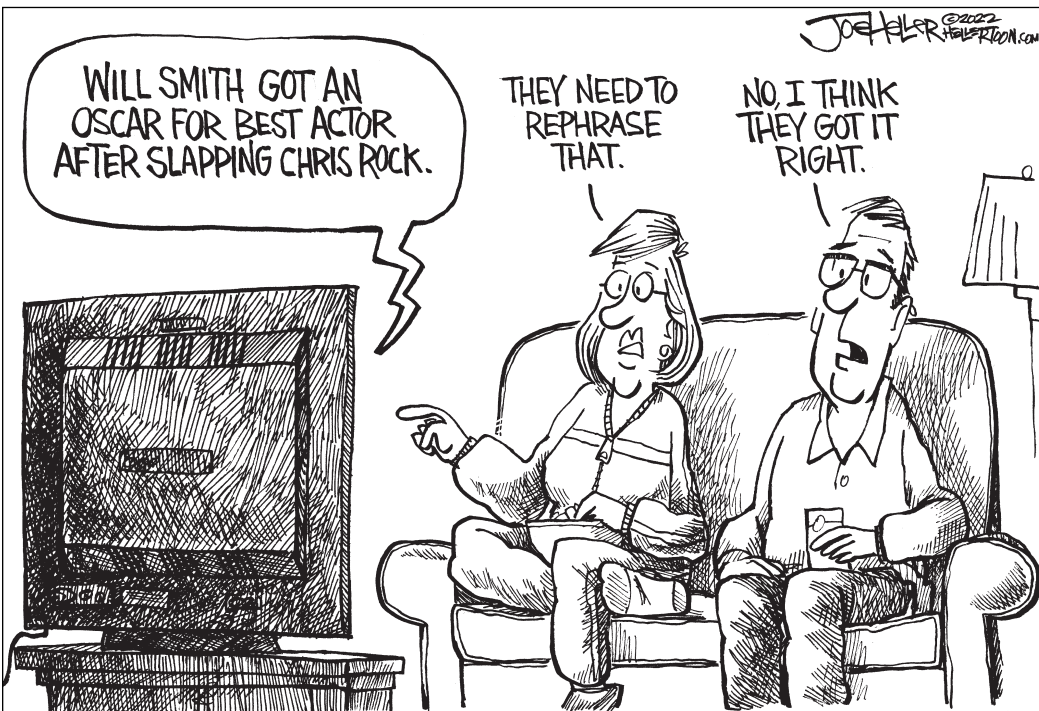
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Guest Column

Our District Needs New Management Analytics

Recent test scores show our School District in the bottom 50% of School Districts in Wisconsin, according to publicschoolreview.com. For years we have been laden with referendums to spend money, but this money has not supported our teachers and has not translated to better education. This is a management problem, not likely a money problem.



Jim Leverich

they told the public and now we can see that we have overbuilt. Our schools are currently operating at 65% to 75% of their capacity.

I was not against building a new school, but asked for budget information that would show how this spending of nearly \$30 million would make our school district operations more efficient so as to make this investment of \$30 million pay off in reduced operational costs. When I was on the school board before Meadowview Middle School was built, we developed cost analytics for all our schools. This information was essential to allow our district to manage our costs. These types of analytics are not available today, but are essential to guiding the management of our school district and need to be implemented again.

The latest idea from the previous administrator is to close Cataract. We are the Sparta Area School District, not the Sparta School District. Cataract school should be allowed to stay open and if they need to close a building, they may need to move their administrators to a school and close Maplewood.

Spending more money is fine if you know what you are spending it on. At the annual meeting of the school district, I asked for simple information on how much we are spending on each type and grade level of school and they could not answer this simple question. I have waited 5 months since the annual meeting and that information is still not available. This type of information is essential for an administration to manage its expenditures and to help the board set priorities for where our money should be spent. I'm not sure anyone in management really knows where the money is going if they can't answer these simple analytical questions.

In the recent budget exercise, the district has based

their total budget needs on an inflated enrollment number which makes it look like they need more total budget dollars than they actually need. If they were to use actual enrollments, their budget estimates would be lower and they wouldn't need to try sell you on a \$2.1 million referendum.

Administrators are misleading the public with the statement we are moving money from one bucket to another bucket and not raising taxes. The bottom line is they are spending more tax dollars, otherwise they wouldn't have to go to referendum to ask for approval to spend more money. They will be spending more money annually and deferring the payment of debt so you will be paying longer.

All these issues have come from the current and previous administration, so it's definitely time for change of management and new board members that will hold the administration accountable. Our school district needs to learn how to analyze how it spends our money and the Board needs to ask probing questions to really understand where monies are being spent.

This does not mean lowering teachers' salaries or closing Cataract, it means operating our district with proper student/teacher ratios and paying our teachers competitively to other districts. We may need to reduce the number of administrators and unessential budget items or simply budget more accurately by asking more probing questions to make better decisions.

It's time to be fiscally responsible, especially with the ridiculous inflation that our taxpayers are facing. We should be able to operate more efficiently with our new buildings and not expect our community to come up with more money anytime things are mismanaged.

Jim Leverich is a former Sparta Area School District Board member and a resident of Sparta.

Letters to the Editor

It's time for new leadership in the Sparta Area School District

Dear Editor:

From the Department of Education,(DPI),"it's best to have transparency on school operations finance". Here is finance 101:

A superintendent and school board approve operational budgets. This money is put into "Fund 10". At the end of the year, Fund 10 is emptied to spend down to zero because it is beneficial for getting more state aid next year. In January 2016,per Leah Hauser ,(Director of Business Services at SASD), Fund 46 is started by then Superintendent, John Hendricks ... The contribution from left over budget money in Fund 10 to Fund 46 (Long Term Capital Improvement Trust Fund) is recorded as the expenditure for shared cost and equalization aid purposes. But Ms. Hauser says it was only about \$100. Future expenditures from Fund 46 are not part of shared costs. A school board is prohibited from removing money deposited into Fund 46 for a period of five years. After the initial five year wait period is over, funds may only be used for the purposes identified in plan. One can learn more through Open Records Act.

The sale of older school properties is about 1.4 million dollars. It could have been used to pay some principal of school debt that was at \$27,749,324--(millions). Our Monroe County Herald (Jan 2022) states the now \$3.25 million Memorial field project gets Sparta Gridiron Club support of roughly \$350,000. The city of Sparta has voted to give \$82,436 in Federal American Rescue Plan Act money. I firmly believe that an expense of a 3.25 million dollar project should have been a tax payer referendum. My property tax bill is 52% designated for local schools. Even if you rent, you pay toward your landlord's tax.

Dr. Van Deuren takes over in July 2017 as superintendent . In July 2017, Mr. Hendricks becomes Sparta Chamber Director. He quits in 2020 and Heidi Prestwood becomes Sparta Area Chamber Director. Ms. Prestwood stated, "the Memorial Field renovation project is at the top of the communities wish list."

Two vacant school board seats are quickly filled by Hendricks and Scholze ,voted in by other school board members. The Forward Facilities Committee (membership?) want to prioritize improvements to the field. (Oct. 21,2021).

It takes courage, conviction and time to stand up for our school. Our teachers are the heart and soul of our students success . The current school board puts us in this situation of referendum We need change for the future. I want less fear-mongering that puts staff on edge. Do you want honest teacher and staff support? You will get it from new leadership on the board. I also wish we could establish a nonvoting seat for a teacher on the school board. Let's get back to the importance of education on April 5th. Please vote for J-A-M- Packed equals Jason-Amy-Marla- Pat. I am proud of their courage.

**Donna Peterson
Sparta**

Money for education? You bet!

Dear Editor:

As a retired middle school teacher, I've always been proud of my profession, and hope that others are, too. People don't become teachers because they want to get rich; they do it to make a positive difference in the lives of children in their community.

When covid-19 raised its ugly head in March of 2020, teachers switched to virtual learning in a matter of two weeks, a change they were NEVER taught to do, yet, education continued. The effort was heroic on EVERYONE'S part!

Now our Sparta School District is in need of a \$4,200,00 operating referendum to maintain current operations. This is not frosting on the cake; this is maintenance! Did you ever not maintain your car? No gas? Doesn't run! No money? No education!

Investing in the education of our children and grandchildren is the best way to spend a buck that I've ever heard of. It's a fact that education equals money in your pocket. If you're not satisfied with your income, perhaps you need a bit more education!

A well educated public supports a skilled workforce which in turn generates a strong economy. Where will the doctors, plumbers, mechanics, and yes, teachers of the future come from? They come from the education system we are being asked to support.

Sparta receives less money from the state since the passage of Act 10 in 2012. In 2002 Wisconsin's total spending per pupil was 12th in the nation; by 2018 it had fallen to 24th. Are we even aware that Wisconsin's trend is downward? Are we happy going down the ladder instead of up?

With the state investing less in K-12 public schools, it's left to local school districts to hold referenda to fund their schools. Money for education? You bet! I vote YES!

**Anita M. Jensen
Sparta**

Vote for responsibility for District 8

Dear Editor:

I write this letter in support of Zachariah Zebell, who is running for District 8 County Board Supervisor, which represents the Towns of Sparta and Angelo. Zach shows great responsibility and integrity, and he just wants his sons to grow up in a safe and responsible county. Zach will support the county growth while protecting the rural way of life that so many people love about this area. Monroe County needs someone like Zach with common sense, experience in the construction industry, and fiscally responsible behavior. Zachariah Zebell would be an excellent leader on the County Board.

**Lisa LaBarre- Zebell
Sparta**

Increased Real-Estate Taxes

Dear Editor:

In addition to what we are currently being taxed on our Real-estate, *Debt Service on the **\$24,000,000**. County Nursing Home. *Monroe County Highway Funds **\$5,300,000**. *If it should pass on April 5th -SASD Referendum **\$4,200,000**. Will impact the 2022 -2023 Real-estate tax bills. **How much can we continually put on the backs of the taxpayer and property owners?**

Vote No Tuesday April 5th on the Sparta Area School District Referendum.

**Gene Treu
Sparta**

Todd Sparks would represent District 9 well

Dear Editor:

I would like to say a few words about Todd Sparks who is currently running for Monroe County District 9 supervisor. Todd and his wife, Shannon, have three children. He is a Monroe County native. He had a 20 plus year career in the United States Air Force. Todd is a very patriotic American and would represent District 9 with the best of his ability. He is very fair, honest, and would listen and relay concerns of District 9 residents. So, please get out and vote on April 5.

**Ernie Thackeray
Tomah**

Vote for consistency with Riley

Dear Editor:

I am pleased to be writing a letter of recommendation for Kevin Riley as he seeks the position of mayor of Sparta. Kevin is a persistent and detailed orientated person. He is a lifelong resident of the City of Sparta and has served our community for the past thirteen years as a city council member. Kevin is currently the city council president and was elected by his peers on the council. In the past thirteen years Kevin Riley has not missed one single city council meeting. Over one hundred eighty meetings without missing a single meeting is an impressive record and shows his commitment to our city and its people. Kevin's impressive record of accomplishments are lengthy to say the least. He has been directly involved in many outstanding projects in his thirteen years. Here are just some that confirm his community spirit and exemplifies his passion for moving Sparta forward; a new aquatic center, new fitness center, the South Pointe Business Center, and the restoration of the dam at Perch Lake. Kevin Riley is the right choice for mayor and I hope you join me on April 5th and vote for Kevin Riley for mayor of Sparta, WI.

**Joan Sullivan
Sparta**

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- \$150,000 property **\$354.45** per year.
- \$250,000 property **\$590.75** per year.
- \$350,000 property **\$827.05** per year.

Currently 50% of our Real-estate tax bill is for Sparta School District and the referendum will add even more.

EXAMPLES

	<u>Current Tax Bill</u>	<u>Sparta School Portion</u>	<u>Referendum</u>
\$150,000 property	\$2,170.00	\$1,065.00	+\$708.90
\$250,000 property	\$3,618.00	\$1,775.00	+\$1,181.50
\$350,000 property	\$5,066.00	\$2,485.00	+\$1,654.10

Please note that any previous debt prepayment made by the school district should not be viewed as a basis to introduce another tax obligation (\$2.1/\$4.2-million-dollar referendum).

The taxpayers have been told that the mill rate won't increase, but keeping the mill rate the same will increase tax dollars due to new construction and reassessments, which should result in lowering the mill rate.

Why has the freeze on State aid not causing the other 90% of the 422 School Districts in Wisconsin to need a non-recurring referendum on the April 5th ballot.

The SASD needs to reevaluate fiscal responsibility.

VOTE NO TUESDAY APRIL 5TH, 2022



2022 WB Youth State Qualifiers

Pictured are all the state qualifiers from the West Salem Bangor youth wrestling team. Contributed photo.

West Salem Bangor youth wrestling team has 24 state wrestlers

The West-Salem Bangor wrestling team attended a regional qualifying meet in Westby on March 19th to qualify for state. The team had 24 kids qualify for the Wisconsin Wrestling Federation Folk Style Tournament, on March 25 & 26 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Nine of the wrestlers made the podium. Listed is the who qualified

for the state tournament, their weights, and how many times they've qualified in their years of wrestling.

#50 Hazel Anderson (2X)
#55 Tenley Wells
#57 Avram Schniepp-Duffy (2X)
#63 Craig Schaller (2X)
#63 Walter Callum (2X)
#69 Deacon Meyers
#72 Hank Pfaff (2X)

#75 Noah Chambers
#85 Sophia Anderson (2X)
#88 Ryan Arntson
#90 Taylor Whitacre
#95 Ihlee Schniepp-Duffy (3X)
#97 Gunner Eckland
#100 Charlie Kasinger (2X)
#100 Warren Callum (3X)
#115 Evans Smith (4X)
#120 Mason Chambers (2X)
#120 Justice Elam (3X)
#125 Caden Anderson (2X)

#130 Kaden Langrehr
#135+ CJ Harris (3X)
#140 Ryan Wells (2X)
#165 Isaac Arentz (4X)
#210 Kaiden Stello (2X)
The state tournament podiumed the top 6 kids in their weight class (bracket). Here is a list of the kids that placed at State:

Champions
#50 Hazel Anderson

#57 Avram Schniepp-Duffy
#135+ CJ Harris
2nd place
#90 Taylor Whitacre
3rd place
#72 Hank Pfaff
5th place
#85 Sophia Anderson
#95 Ihlee Schniepp-Duffy
6th place
#55 Tenley Wells
#120 Justice Elam

Duplicate Bridge

Winners at Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday afternoon, March 29th, were:

First place - Lowell Peterson and Mary Jo Peterson. Second place - Ken Kuhn and Maila Kuhn. Third place - Doug Furnier and Sandra Schaefer.

This group meets regularly each Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Hospitality House of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Interested participants are welcome. Partnerships can be arranged. Contact Bev Wendorf at 269-6405 or 608-633-7655.

Bear Creek News



by Pat Christensen
608-372-6207

Pat Christensen met Carol Rusnak, and Darlene Tralmer in Tomah on Wednesday for coffee.

Joe and Cara Potter from Rome entertained on Saturday evening, for dinner. Cardell and Emily Potter from Wisconsin Rapids, Grandad and Gram Christensen from Rome. We celebrated Cardell and Emily's first wedding anniversary, Cara's birthday and Grandads birthday. A special dinner was enjoyed by all.

Ken and Colleen Bolchen, Kollin Bolchen and friend from New Lisbon, Bonnie Hedding and Dan Batten from Bear Creek, Kate Batten from Shennington, Doug and Ruth Murray from Tomah enjoyed a Friday night Fish Fry together.

Randy and Alicia Waltemath from Wyeville visited Bonnie Hedding on Saturday evening.

Sue Olsen attended a Women's Legion Auxiliary Conference at the Tomah American Legion Hall on Saturday.

Ken and Sue Olsen attended the FFA Card Party at the KC Hall on Saturday evening.

Bonnie Hedding visited her mom Kate Batten at Shennington on Sunday after church.

Ken and Sue Olsen went to Aleva on Sunday to visit Sue's Granddaughter Devyn Prielipp and Fiance Braeden.

Well with the cold this week we rally need to think SPRING,



Contributed photos

Tomah Middle School Vandalized

Over the weekend, the Tomah Middle School had numerous windows and doors damaged. The suspects did not enter the building but caused extensive exterior damage. There are no exterior cameras. The footage from the interior cameras didn't offer any leads.

The Tomah Police Department received information from a couple of community members that has helped them identify the involved parties. We have determined that four juvenile persons were involved. Two of them have already presented at the PD to take responsibility for their actions. Assistant Police Chief Eric Pederson said, "We thank our community for their support. We also thank the families of the involved kids who brought their children to the PD."

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Wilton couple's lives enriched by art

By PAT MULVANEY
Contributing Writer

Gary “W.D.” Finke and his wife Rochelle met over a butcher block at a meat processing plant in Phoenix, AZ back in the 1980s. The two complemented each other – Rochelle was a wrapper and W.D. was a cutter.

Fast forward four decades and that mutual bond still exists between the couple. Only now they use their talents to create art in the basement studios of their home in the Arrowhead Subdivision in Wilton.

The Finkes moved to the area in 2003, to be closer to their children who lived in La Farge and Viroqua. “Our children started having grandkids and we didn’t want to miss out on that,” said Rochelle.

The children have moved away but the Finkes have ties to the community and W.D. still works as a meat cutter for Hansen’s IGAs around the area.

Instead of wrapping meat with paper, Rochelle now wiles away the hours making paper into works of art, while W.D. temporarily replaces his knife and butcher block with a paintbrush and canvas.

Rochelle, a native of Arizona, calls herself a mixed-media artist but the bulk of her work involves paper. She attributes her affinity for the medium to her father’s occupation as a paper representative of the Zellerbach Paper Company.

She said she always had paper samples in her hands as a youngster, creating her own “childish masterpieces”. She later studied art in Glendale, AZ and has since gone on to create hundreds of pieces, including framed works, note cards and bicycle cards.



Gary “W.D.” and Rochelle Finke pose in front of a wall of W.D.’s artwork on display at the Dorset Valley Schoolhouse & Mercantile on Hwy. 71 east of Wilton.

Rochelle describes her technique as “an assemblage of deliberative structure to increase the status of a textured surface.” She cuts, tears or sorts paper, often embellishing it with flower petals or other natural world media, and turns it into works of art.

W.D. originally hails from Creighton, Neb. While he inherited his nickname from his father, he developed his zeal for oil painting from his good friend the late Patrick Cunningham, a master painter of Western art he took lessons from in Sun City. W.D. said he

and Cunningham often would go into the desert to paint landscapes.

One can see Cunningham’s influence in W.D.’s work, which includes Western landscapes, horses, cattle and wildlife. His collection also has a few depictions of the

bike trail and Kickapoo River Valley. He says his “hogwash-like technique” gives his work a very recognizable style.

Much of W.D.’s work these days is commissioned. However, he displays and sells pieces from his collection, including signed

and numbered prints, in the Dorset Valley Schoolhouse Restaurant & Mercantile east of Wilton on Hwy. 71.

Rochelle’s work is on display at River City Gallery and Art Market in downtown La Crosse. Both can be contacted at (608) 343-4481.



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THROUGH MY LENS

Sparta football looking for new home after DNR study

By NATE BEIER
Sports Reporter

All those excited about the upcoming changes to Sparta's Memorial Field have been dealt a major setback in the project's completion.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources did a study recently of Sparta's Memorial Park in preparation for the renovation to the football field area of the park and found that the space is part of the necessary natural habitat for water fowl that live in the Perch Lake area and therefore needs to remain as close to its current state as possible.

That has led to the renovation project, which includes new bleachers, new lights and a turf field for both Sparta football and soccer, to be halted indefinitely.

Furthermore, the study by the DNR has concluded that football games in that area have been detrimental to local animal life and will have to be played elsewhere next year and beyond.

So, essentially, Sparta football will be homeless in 2022 as the team looks for alternative sites for competition. There are several solutions that have been proposed to remedy the situation, however, with ideas ranging from the plausible to the outlandish.

Most reports indicate Sparta will just play its schedule entirely on the road.

One of the more outlandish ideas was to suspend the season altogether and push current football athletes to play soccer or run cross country or to focus on academics.

Another was to combine with Tomah to create a super team of sorts and make playoff qualification easier for both programs.

A third notion was offered to build a floating island of sorts on Perch Lake that would be large enough for a football field. The idea gained some traction when it was suggested that fans would be forced sit on the banks of the lake so coaches and officials wouldn't have to hear dissenting comments from the crowd during game play.

Oh yes, Friday, April 1 is April Fool's Day. If you read this far, good for you and I hope you like jokes.

However, as much fun as this was, there's still the issue of the Memorial Park

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CASHTON TRACK AND FIELD

Hilden turns heads in TRIUMPHANT RETURN

By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

When Jack Hilden started his high school track career, he had no idea what a story he'd encounter along the way.

Hilden, who began his high school track and field career at Cashton in 2019, has had a wild and unique ride just to get to competition in 2022. The senior dealt with the loss of a sophomore season due to the COVID-19 pandemic, then was extremely limited last year due to injuries sustained in the basketball season. Still, despite all the setbacks and time away from the sport, Hilden has still managed to do what every high school athlete in his position works for - the chance to come back better than before.

"After dislocating my knee last year, it's been a long journey and it feels good just to be able to compete again, especially at the level I'm competing at," said Hilden after finishing third in the high jump and setting his second personal record of the season at last weekend's indoor meet at UW La Crosse.

"I was a little worried about how it was going to go, worried if my knee would hold up but so far it's going really well. I'm excited to see where I can go from here."

Hilden, along with sophomore teammate Jack Schlesner, have been raising eyebrows with their performances in the vertical jumps. The duo have packed a 1-2 wallop in the event with Schlesner winning the event in both outings and Hilden trailing closely behind, finishing second and third in the first two meets. Both meets, however, yielded personal bests for Hilden.

A year ago, that reality seemed far-fetched.

Hilden's injury - a dislocated knee in

that occurred in the second half of the 2020-21 basketball season - severely limited his opportunities on track and field. As a junior he participated in some running events, but high jump was out of the question.

His road to recovery took 5-6 months to get back in the gym for basketball. As a junior he competed in a couple track meets and recalled trying the 100 meter dash, but said he could tell he wasn't anywhere near being a complete athlete at that time. Hilden said that

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Cashton's Jack Hilden has returned from injury better than ever. Hilden has set 2 PRs this season and has helped create one of the area's best high jumping tandems.

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SCHLESNER PICKS UP WHERE STATE BERTH LEFT OFF

By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

Jack Schlesner has his head in the clouds.

It's not literal, mind you, but the sophomore high jumper has been adding height to his already impressive vertical hop which may seem like his head is in the clouds.

After just two meets this year, however, Schlesner has two wins and is hungry for more.

"It feels pretty good. I hope by the end of the year to be higher," said Schlesner after winning last weekend's invite which was held at UW La Crosse.

Schlesner cleared 6-02, which was a new personal record, and tied New Lisbon's Nikita Shankle for the top spot. Schlesner was granted the top spot due to criteria - the number of missed jumps prior to exiting the event. The sophomore admitted he was a little shaky early on in Saturday's meet and missed 5-06 twice and nearly bowed out of competition shortly after. His third try at 5-06 was good and he didn't miss again until he took an attempt at 6-04.

In the season opener at UW Platteville a week earlier, Schlesner won the

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Cashton indoor

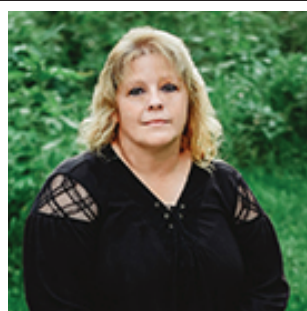
Cashton's Jack Schlesner set a new PR of 6-02 and won his second high jump competition of the season last week at the Eagles' indoor meet held at UW-L. Herald photo by Nate Beier



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Cashton's Jack Hilden prepares to take a jump during last week's high jump competition at UW La Crosse. Hilden set a PR after clearing 6-00 and finishing third overall. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

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past basketball season went well and was a springboard for early success in track.

This year he returned to the event and surprised himself.

"I kind of wanted to prove to myself that I could still do it, prove to myself that I could come back from injury and do even better," said the senior.

He did.

As a freshman, Hilden said he was high jumping and clearing 4-10 or perhaps 5-00 on a good day. In his first meet of 2022, he jumped 5-08 and last week, the senior cleared 6-00.

CHANGE OF FOCUS

Despite a two-year hiatus, it is evident Hilden has done something right to get back on track - both literally and figuratively.

Even though the pandemic prompted the cancellation of the 2020 season and high jump wasn't in the towels for 2021, Hilden didn't throw in the towel. Instead, his focus actually became clearer.

"I think I've put a lot more into track than I did in past years" said the senior high jumper.

Hilden said he's been looking at changing various parts of his technique and has been open to coaching to best aide him in succeeding. He said the Cashton coaching staff has changed his steps up some and he's been working on his speed in his approach as well as his back bend as he clears the bar.

The attention to detail and drive to succeed this year is a product of his own growth in the sport.

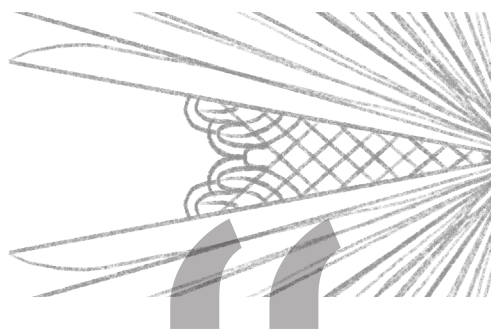
Hilden said he went out as a freshman just because it was sort of expected. After all, Hilden is the third boy from his family to take on track. His oldest sibling, Cody Dahl, was a multiple time state champion hurdler and his next oldest brother, Kristt, was an integral part of the Eagles' track team that captured a share of the Scenic Bluffs Conference title in 2019.

"I feel like now, I've matured into a role of being excited to be here and to compete."

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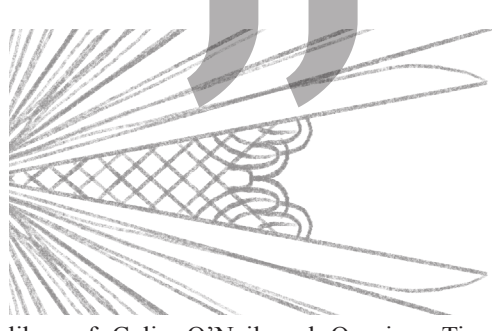
Cashton's jumping Jacks have proven they're a reliable scoring source for an Eagles team that has plenty of potential this spring. The team will need more reliable point sources if they hope to knock off defending conference champion, New Lisbon this spring.

The sprint corps are well-stocked with the



I feel like now, I've matured into a role of being excited to be here and to compete.

JACK HILDEN
CASHTON TRACK AND FIELD
HIGH JUMPER



likes of Colin O'Neil and Onesimo Tirado and a number of role players who will fill out competitive relays. There are also several mid-level performers in the field that will produce crucial points. However, the Eagles' throwers are perhaps the strongest in the Scenic Bluffs Conference. Michael Sueppel, Riley Verken and Logan Perry may put a stranglehold on the top spots in both shot put and discus the SBC when the conference meet rolls around.

No matter what role they may play, Hilden understands how important he and high jumping partner Schlesner are to the team's goals.

"Obviously we want to win conference. We didn't quite get there last year," said Hilden. "Scoring high points in the jumping events is really going to help us and hopefully we can compete well in all aspects and see where it can take us from there."

HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AND FIELD

Brookwood boys second at Cashton indoor meet

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

Late March is the time of year where indoor track and field meets mark the beginning stages of the spring sports season.

Bangor, Brookwood and Cashton all kicked off their track schedules in La Crosse at an event hosted by Cashton.

All three Scenic Bluffs schools were among those competing at the Cashton Invitational held Saturday, March 26 at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse's Mitchell Hall.

The Falcons found the most success with a trio of first-place finishes at the event.

Dan Peterson won the boys' 400-meter run with a time of 55.20 seconds and Cora Brandau took first in the girls' shot put with a winning throw of 29 feet, 0.75 inches.

Peterson was also part of the winning team in the boys' 4x400-meter relay, where he, Marshall Doll, Franklin Wildes and Brady Hansen posted a time of 3 minutes, 53.99 seconds.

Wildes (57.35) was just behind Peterson in second in the 400-meter run. They had a similar showing in the boys' 200-meter dash, where Peterson (24.77) and Wildes (25.14) placed second and third, respectively.

In the girls' 4x400-meter relay, Mackenzie Woods, Lainey Teynor, Katie Gruen and Amelia Muellenberg finished in second with a time of 4 minutes, 36.03 seconds. Bangor's Bliss Knox, Anna Fronk, Marissa Eckland and Molly Bachmann came in fourth in that same race.

In the girls' 4x800-meter relay, Alexis Lacy,

Tyana Kaufmann, Yareni Cruz and Alice Wiedmeyer posted a time of 12 minutes, 54 seconds to place third. Cashton's Julia Boisen, Lily Gronemus, Lana Gretebeck and Katie Gronemus were behind them in fourth.

Brookwood had third-place showings in both the boys' and girls' 1,600-meter runs courtesy of Dylan Powell (4:50.00) and Kimberlee Downing (5:56.27).

The Falcons had a trio of individual fourth-place finishes: Amelia Muellenberg in the girls' 400-meter run, Brady Hansen in the boys' 800-meter run and Lainey Teynor girls' 800-meter run.

CASHTON

Host Cashton had a couple of first-place finishes in individual events on the day: Braylee Hyatt (7.75) in the girls' 55-meter dash and Jack Schlesner (6-2.00) in the boys' high jump.

Hyatt also placed third in the girls' 200-meter dash with a time of 28.67 seconds.

Makayla Gooselaw came in second in the girls' 55-meter hurdles for the Eagles with a time of 10.07 seconds and Jack Hilden (6-0.00) came in third in the boys' high jump.

BANGOR

Bangor's day was headlined by a first-place finish in the girls' 4x200-meter relay, where Megan Marr, Bliss Knox, Joeryn Freit and Katie Larkin posted a winning time of 1 minute, 58.84 seconds.

Freit had third-place finishes in the girls' 55-meter hurdles (10.19) and triple jump (31-8.50). Madisyn Herman was right behind Freit in the 55-meter hurdles in fourth while Gavin Benzing took fourth in the boys' long jump.



Cashton's Jack Schlesner waits for his turn to jump during the 2021 WIAA state track and field meet. Schlesner cleared 5-10 and finished 13th overall. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

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event with a height of 5-10.

Schlesner said the coaching provided by first year head coach Beth Lee has been instrumental in his growth in high jump this season.

As a freshman, Schlesner qualified for the WIAA state meet where he cleared 5-10 and finished 13th overall in the last meet of the year. Wauzeka-Stauben's Gavin Ralph won the event with a height of 6-03, but had to win on criteria as three others also matched that height. Of the 12 competitors that finished ahead of Schlesner at state, seven graduated last year. That would mean the sophomore standout could be in line for a podium finish if things continue to trend in the right direction.

What may seem like a big 'if' isn't that far from the truth, however, and Schlesner has yet to jump in a true outdoor

environment yet this year either.

JACK AND JACK

Schlesner emerged as one of the area's leading high jumpers last year and his state berth was further evidence of his prowess in the pouncing pit.

However, Schlesner isn't alone in turning heads this year. His vertical vault teammate, Jack Hilden, has made a recovery from a knee injury and has helped to not only bolster the team's point total by ruling the high jump, but has given the sophomore someone to jump with and learn from.

"It feels great to see what he can do and what he can accomplish at such a young age still," said Hilden about his younger counterpart. He went on to acknowledge the state berth Schlesner had last year and said that success is something both can piggy back off of this year as they try to reach their zenith in the event.

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renovations that have been planned for this summer. Is it an issue? I guess it depends on who you are or where you sit on the issue.

I'll preface this by saying this is my opinion; you know, because I just got you to read an April Fool's story.

The renovations at Memorial Park are definitely warranted. In fact, several of the cosmetic changes are at least a decade or two overdue.

I've complained about the lights for years and have basically blackballed SHS football when it comes to covering them at home in normal nighttime game conditions. I don't know of anyone that could photograph in that cave of a space, therefore, it's not worth my time to try to struggle through it when I can visit other places and shoot...with greater ease. Tomah's sort of in the same boat. They, too, have one of the poorest lit fields of the 40-50 fields I deal with.

My point of contention, and I understand I'm months behind in making any statement, is that even though these renovations are needed, it shouldn't be done. At least, not at the current site.

I would argue that the renovations proposed would serve a much greater number of people if it were all done at the high school.

Yes, I know I'm breaking away from the tradition of playing football in the park down by the lake, but I feel as though more could be done if the football field were moved to the high school.

The money involved would serve more of the population it was intended for - students of the Sparta school district.

Hear me out with an open mind before you throw stones.

Sparta football should be played at the high school. It makes more sense for visiting teams and fans. It keeps the football team more connected to the school community because it's 50 yards away from the building. It helps create a more central campus for everything.

Turf. Absolutely. That's the right idea in this day and age.

Turf the inside of the track. Play soccer there. Play football on it. Practice on it. However, you get your money's worth if you use it for gym classes. Let the band march on it. Have it available for spring sports practices as the soggy ground dries out. Baseball, softball and track would all benefit. It's an all-season surface that would be used by more than just a sports team.

Lights would go in at the school field, meaning football and soccer would still have home games. That's great.

Add up the number of home games you'd actually use lights for, though. Football may get 5 home games a year and soccer - if you combine boys and girls - would maybe have 15 home dates. That's a total of 20 game day uses. Wait, let's check soccer again. Of those 15 dates, the early games for boys soccer in the fall and the second half of the season for the girls has enough daylight to play at least half a game with natural light, so does it truly warrant playing under the lights? Anyways, you've got 20 home games in a calendar year with 365 days that you're actually using lights.

Let's add another group to the mix - track and field. What could change if the Sparta track had lights? The could host different meets, including a regional or sectional competition. Again, we're meeting the needs for more student athletes this way.

I've heard some complain about parking at the school currently. I'd argue that it's still more convenient than clogging up all the side streets around Memorial Park, or walking a mile from the parking lots in the park for any current football game.

However, here's another solution that could work.

The current soccer field could become a parking lot to serve the purposes of the new athletic facility.

The middle tier of land, the space that the current varsity baseball field occupies, could be converted in to green space so football and soccer would have a practice field when they're not using the turf space inside the track. Varsity baseball then moves to Memorial Park to be played

The early-season success has been good to both Hilden and Schlesner. The pair have pushed each other early on this season and have created what some may call a dominating jumping force as they play off of each others' success in the high jump.

Cashton's Jumping Jacks have accrued 34 of the team's 80 total team points this year. The pair scored 18 of the 28 points at UW Platteville and tallied 16 of the team's 42 at UW La Crosse last weekend.

In both meets, Schlesner may have been the final jumper standing, but he had his newfound event teammate and mentor, Hilden, along for the ride the entire time. That's something new, and yet very welcomed for the 2021 state qualifier.

"It makes it feel way more comfortable," said Schlesner. "It's like I'm not out there by myself. I've got a teammate with me. It feels good to have a teammate out there jumping with me."

50 yards from where varsity softball is played to create better synergy between both programs in the spring, again making it easier for both home and away parents who may have an interest (or kid) playing in both sports.

The current land space at the school could be reorganized and used better to help serve the needs of more students within the school. Sure, the community could still use the track for walking/running and maybe it's better if they do it at the school site to keep them connected to the school in some way, shape or form.

Again, with the space in Memorial Park, the school is out of sight, out of mind. There may not be a connection from certain community members to the school that way.

I see too often how tradition tends to blind some communities from doing the right thing. Sure, it's nice to have the football field where it's always been. However, what tradition truly exists there? Sparta football has only made the playoffs eight times in its 125 year history. The program hasn't won a conference title since 1982 when it was in the South Central and before that it won back-to-back titles in 1967 and 68. Maybe that tradition is okay to break.

No, this isn't an indictment of the current Sparta football program or its coaching staff. They're working to change the culture of the program.

However, you can't deny the facts that the program hasn't been a beacon of success. It's had a few recent brushes with greatness, but unfortunately, the team struggles to win.

I know it's too late to change what will happen in Memorial Park. Those changes are needed and I'm curious to see what it's like when it's done. I'm a fan of a high school venue nestled in the middle of a community - that's why I love Whitehall's baseball field, it's in the middle of town. I just can't help but think Sparta missed the boat on serving as many of its students and student-athletes as it could have had everything been done to create a unique, unified complex at the school for absolutely all to enjoy.

TOMAH BASEBALL

BACK TO THE BALLPARK

Tomah boys top BRF 6-2 in season opener

By MAURICE SAVAGE
Sports Writer

Tomah's Drew Brookman and Charlie Joyce helped ring in the new baseball season by combining for a no-hitter against Black River Falls Tuesday, March 29.

Tomah won 6-2 in the non-conference opener to move to 1-0 on the year.

In the bottom of the first Charlie Joyce wore a pitch and moved to first as the first baserunner of the year.

Brookman was able to advance to first base on a walk. Shane Prielipp singled to center to load the bases. A patient Benny Pierce earned an RBI as Joyce scored on a walk.

In the Bottom of the fourth Hunter Miller hit a double to center field which was followed by a Bryant Thorton bunts and reaches, allowing Miller to score on an error by the catcher, making it 2-0. Brookman tallied an RBI as he ground out to third which allowed Thorton to score to take a 3-0 lead.

Pierce singled to start the party in the fifth. Tanner Matthias walked and a sacrifice bunt by Cody Quist, moved the two runners ahead one. Thorton hit a single to center field as Pierce scores to make it 4-0 game. Joyce singled on a ground ball to a third base, allowing Matthias to score to make it a 5-0 game by the end of the inning.

Black River Falls scored its first run in the sixth inning.

Josh Georgeson doubled in the bottom of the sixth and scored on a Pierce ground out to second

The Tigers threatened again in the the top of the seventh by scoring on a walk, but wouldn't come any close to a comeback as a light drizzle fell on a chilly Tuesday evening.

On the day, Shane Prielipp finished the night with 3 hits in 4 at bats. Joyce finished with 1 hit, 1 run, 1 RBI on 3 at bats. Georgeson finished with 1 hit and 1 run on 4 at bats. Pierce finished with 1 hit, 2 RBI's, and 1 run on 3 at bats. Thorton finished with 1 hit, and 1 RBI on 2 at bats. Miller finished with 1 hit on 3 at bats.

On the bump, Brookman pitched for 5 innings and held BRF to 0 hits and 7 strikeouts. Charlie Joyce pitched 2 innings and allowed 2 runs and 2 strikeouts but kept the visitors' bats cold with 0 hits..

Black Rivers Falls starter Chris Muir pitched for 4 innings, let up 3 runs and had 3 strikeouts.

Tomah's next game is scheduled for Friday, April 1 at Reedsburg and will be followed by the Mississippi Valley opener Monday at Aquinas.

Weather may impact the upcoming schedule, so be sure to visit mvconference.org for the most up to date schedules.



Tomah's Josh Georgeson scoops a throw to first for a put-out of Black River Falls' Wilbur Blackdeer in Tuesday's season opener. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



Tomah's Shane Prielipp tries to lay a tag to prevent a steal of second in the sixth inning of Tuesday's game with Black River Falls. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

SPARTA TRACK AND FIELD

Modjeski, Morrow capture first place finishes

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

The Sparta track and field team officially got their 2022 season officially underway with an indoor meet, where the Spartans nabbed a pair of individual first-place finishes.

Leah Modjeski and Cody Morrow each had first-place showings when the Spartans took part in the Golden Eagle Invitational Saturday, March 26 in La Crosse. The event was hosted by Mauston and held at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse's Mitchell Hall.

Modjeski posted a time of 1 minute, 55.77 seconds to come in first in the girls' 600-meter run. She also took fifth in the 1,000-meter run.

Morrow finished first overall in the boys' 400-meter run with a time of 56.16 seconds. In that same race, Boston Miller placed fourth overall.

Nicholas Lueth notched a third-place showing for Sparta in the boys 2,000-meter run by posting a time of 6 minutes, 57.46 seconds. Kate Gilbertson came in fourth in the girls' 400-meter run.

Fifth-place finishes for the Spartans included Conner Greeno in the boys' 600-meter run and Josie Edwards in the girls' high jump.

Among the relays for Sparta, the team had a second-place showing in the girls' 4x200-meter relay along with finishing in third in the boys' 4x200-meter relay and the girls' 4x400-meter relay.

In the team rankings, the Sparta girls were seventh with 41 points and the Spartans boys tied for seventh at 36.5 points.

Overall team winners were the Holmen girls and boys with 122 and 112.5 points, respectively.



Sparta's Josie Edwards takes the baton from Evie Tripp to start the anchor leg of the 800 meter relay. The Spartans finished second at Mauston's indoor invite held at UW-L on March 26. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

SPARTA GIRLS SOCCER

Russ duo lead Sparta over Portage in season opener

By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

2022 SCHEDULE

The Sparta girls soccer team is off to a 1-0 start after a four-goal performance by the Russ sister, Malory and Amelia.

The Russes combined to score all four goals for Sparta in a 4-1 win on Tuesday, March 29 in a home victory against Portage.

Malory Russ, the reigning Mississippi Valley Conference player of the year, scored two goals in the first half and added another shortly after the halftime break to complete her first hat trick of the year.

The first and third goals were assisted by Elle Erickson.

Amelia Russ finished the scoring for the home team with a strike in the 46th minute on an assist by sister Malory.

Portage's lone goal came in the 70th minute on a kick by Ellie Cotter.

UPCOMING GAMES

The Sparta girls soccer team is set to hit the road for its next three games and will be back at home on Tuesday, April 12 when they host La Crosse Logan in the MVC opener.

MARCH

31 @ Altoona

APRIL

1 @ Menomonie

4 @ Richland Center

12 La Crosse Logan

14 @ Tomah

18 Baraboo

19 West Salem

21 @ Holmen

26 @ Onalaska

28 La Crosse Central

29 @ UWL tny

30 @ UWL tny

MAY

3 @ Aquinas

5 TBA

10 MVC tny

12 Mauston

14 @ Waupaca tny

17 MVC tny

24 MVC tny

31 WIAA Regional

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TOMAH SOFTBALL

BRF hands Tomah loss

By MAURICE SAVAGE
Sports Writer

Tomah softball allowed five runs in the fifth inning which led to a 7-2 defeat in their season-opener against Black River Falls on Thursday, March 24th.

In the bottom of the first Olivia Wall walked in her first at bat. Hannah Van Treese grounded out to second and Wall advanced to second. Cami Herricks reached on an error and scored Wall scores to make the game 1-0.

Black River Falls belted out a two-run homer make the score 2-1 in the third.

Tomah went back to work later in the inning as Wall tripled on a fly ball to left field early in the frame. Hannah Van Treese manufactured an RBI on a sac fly and Wall scored again to tie the game at 2.

Black River Falls' big inning came in the fifth. The Tigers used a walk and two singles to load the bases. A pair of errors and couple of wild pitches by Tomah allowed four runs to score in the inning.

Olivia Wall for Tomah finished with 1 hit on 2 at bats. Lauren Noth finished the night with 1 hit on 2 at bats. Noth collected three bases along the way, as did Wall.

As a team, Tomah was limited to just the two hits. The offense struck out 11 times

Maddie Johnson pitched all 7 innings for Tomah, giving up 5 hits and 4 walks while and recording 10 strikeouts.

Tomah is scheduled to play at Onalaska on Thursday, March 31 and at Baraboo April 1, weather permitting. Visit mvconference.org for updated schedules.

TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS	
<div>CASHTON INVITATIONAL 3-26-22 BANGOR Top 5 Finishers</div> <div>BOYS</div> <div>Relays.....</div> <div>800M - 4 Sam Crenshaw, Cody Peterson, Gavin Meacham & Isaiah Murphy 1:45.29</div> <div>Field.....</div> <div>Pole Vault - 2 Sam Crenshaw 11-6.00</div> <div>Long Jump - 4 Gavin Benzing 18-0</div> <div>GIRLS</div> <div>Track.....</div> <div>55M - 5th Megan Marr 7.90</div> <div>1600M - 2 Anna Fronk 5:49.68</div> <div>55M Hurdles - 3 Joeryn Freit 10.19, 4 Madysyn Herman 10.24</div> <div>Relays.....</div> <div>800M - 1 Megan Marr, Bliss Knox, Joeryn Freit & Katie Larkin 1:58.84</div> <div>1600M - 4 Bliss Knox, Anna Fronk, Marissa Eckland & Molly Bachmann 4:49.91</div>	<div>CASHTON INVITATIONAL 3-26-22 CASHTON Top 5 Finishers</div> <div>BOYS</div> <div>Track.....</div> <div>55M - 5 Colin O'Neil 7.07</div> <div>400M - 5 Jake Wall 1:00.43</div> <div>Field.....</div> <div>High Jump - 1 Jack Schlesner 6-02, 3 Jack Hilden 6-00</div> <div>GIRLS</div> <div>Track.....</div> <div>55M - 1 Braylee Hyatt 7.75</div> <div>200M - 3 Braylee Hyatt 28.67)</div> <div>55M Hurdles: 2 Makayla Gooselaw 10.07, 5 Paige Hoeft 10.26</div> <div>Relays.....</div> <div>3200M - 4 Julia Boisen, Lily Gronemus, Lana Gretebeck & Katie Gronemus 13:46.73</div>
<div>MAUSTON INVITATIONAL 3-26-22 SPARTA Top 5 Finishers</div> <div>BOYS</div> <div>Track.....</div> <div>400M - 1 Cody Morrow 56.16, 4 Boston Miller 59.64</div> <div>600M - 5 Cody Greeno 1:41.31</div> <div>2000M - 3 Nicolas Lueth 6:57.46</div> <div>Relays.....</div> <div>800M - 3 (no names submitted) 1:45.62</div> <div>Field.....</div> <div>High Jump - 3 Brayden Siekert 5-06</div> <div>GIRLS</div> <div>Track.....</div> <div>400M - 4 Kate Gilbertson 1:13.23</div> <div>600M - 1 Leah Modjeski 1:55.77</div> <div>1000M - 5 Leah Modjeski 3:44.25</div> <div>Relays.....</div> <div>800M - 2 (no names submitted) 1:59.51</div> <div>1600M - 3 (no names submitted) 4:43.84</div> <div>Field.....</div> <div>High Jump - 5 Josie Edwards 4-06</div>	<div>CASHTON INVITATIONAL 3-26-22 BROOKWOOD Top 5 Finishers</div> <div>BOYS</div> <div>Track.....</div> <div>200M - 2 Dan Peterson 24.77, 3 Franklin Wildes 25.14</div> <div>400M - 1 Dan Peterson 55.20, 2 Franklin Wildes 57.35</div> <div>800M - 4 Dylan Powell 2:14.98</div> <div>1600M - 3 Dylan Powell 4:50.00</div> <div>Relays.....</div> <div>1600M - 1 Marshall Doll, Franklin Wildes, Dan Peterson & Brady Hansen 3:53.99</div> <div>GIRLS</div> <div>Track.....</div> <div>400M - 4 Amelia Muellenberg 1:06.62</div> <div>80M - 4 Lainey Teynor 2:40.94, 5 Katie Gruen 2:40.99</div> <div>1600M - 3 Kimberlee Downing 5:56.27</div> <div>Relays.....</div> <div>1600M - 2 MacKenzie Woods, Lainey Teynor, Katie Gruen & Amelia Muellenberg 4:36.03</div> <div>3200M - 3 Alexis Lacy, Tyana Kaufmann, Yareni Cruz & Alice Wiedmeyer 12:54.00</div> <div>Field.....</div> <div>Shot Put - 1 Cora Brandau 29-0.75</div>

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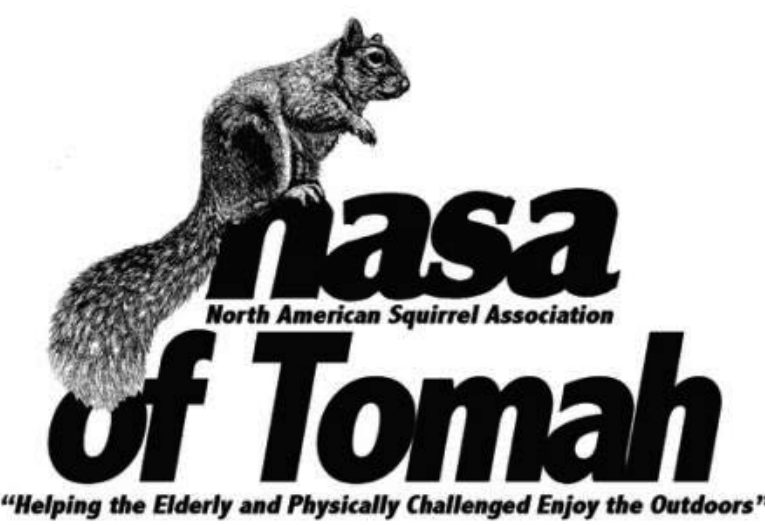
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ABC-WXOW	Shark Tank		20/20				News	Jimmy Kimmel Live!		Nightline							
CBS-WKBT	Undercover Boss		Magnum P.I.		Blue Bloods		News 8	Late Show-Colbert		Corden							
FOX-WLAX	WWE Friday Night SmackDown				News		TMZ	Sheldon	Mom	Mom	Last Man						
NBC-WEAU	The Blacklist "Eva Mason"		Dateline NBC				News	Tonight Show-J. Fallon		Seth Meyers							
PBS-WHA	Wash		Here Now		The Fall		Bancroft	Independent Lens "Writing With Fire"		POV Shorts							
A&E	The First 48		Cold Case Files		American Justice		The First 48 "Family First"		The First 48								
AMC	*** "National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983, Comedy)				*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"		*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"		*** "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"								
APL	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out				Insane Pools: Deep End		Insane Pools: Deep End		TM: Branched Out								
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park						
DSC	Gold Rush "Cleaning Up a Hot Mess" Todd reunites with an old nemesis.						Gold Rush: Freddy Dodge		Gold Rush								
ESPN	NCAA Women's Basketball		NCAA		2022 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament				SportsCenter								
FREE	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The 700 Club		Simpsons	Simpsons							
LIFE	Castle				Castle		Castle		Castle								
PARMT	(6:00) *** "Independence Day" (1996)		*** "Django Unchained" (2012, Western)		Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio.												
SYFY	(6:00) "Shaun of the Dead"		*** "Zombieland" (2009, Comedy)		Woody Harrelson.		*** "The Midnight Meat Train" (2008) Bradley Cooper.										
TNT	(6:15) *** "Kingsman: The Secret Service" (2014)				All Elite Wrestling		*** "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker" (2019)										
WGN-A	Prime With Marni Hughes		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		NewsNation Prime: Special		Dan Abrams Live								
WTBS	*** "Gemini Man" (2019, Action)		Will Smith, Mary Elizabeth Winstead.				** "Suicide Squad" (2016, Action)		Will Smith, Jared Leto.								

SATURDAY EVENING										APRIL 2, 2022							
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30							
ABC-WXOW	Shark Tank		American Idol The search for the next star continues.		News		Chicago Fire			Chicago Fire							
CBS-WKBT	Whitney, A look Back		The Equalizer		48 Hours		News 8	Weather Gone Viral		Storm of							
FOX-WLAX	9-1-1 "Wrapped in Red"		The Cleaning Lady		News		Big Bang		I Can See Your Voice	Sheldon							
NBC-WEAU	Law & Order		Dateline NBC		Troubled Water: Full Ct.		News	Saturday Night Live									
PBS-WHA	Father Brown		Death in Paradise		Miss Scarlet and the Duke		Granthchester			The Fall							
A&E	*** "The Magnificent Seven" (2016, Western)		Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt.		Neighbor.		Neighbor.	"The Magnificent Seven"									
AMC	Breaking Bad "Fly" Walt refuses to cook.		Breaking Bad "Abiquiu"		Breaking Bad		Breaking Bad			Con Air							
APL	Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV		Dr. Jeff: RMV			Dr. Jeff: RMV							
COM	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld			South Park	South Park						
DSC	Homestead Rescue Marly constructs a massive yurt.				Homestead Rescue "A Golden Opportunity"				Homestead Rescue								
ESPN	ESPN Films		ESPN Films		SportsCenter				SportsCenter								
FREE	(5:40) "The Other Woman"		*** "The Heat" (2013, Comedy)		Sandra Bullock, Melissa McCarthy.				*** "Date Night"								
LIFE	"Fallen Angels Murder Club: Friends to Die For" (2022)		"Fatal Fandom" (2022) Chaley Rose, Pete Ploszek.						"Fallen Angels"								
PARMT	(6:00) "The Twilight Saga: Eclipse" (2010)		*** "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1" (2011, Romance)		"Twilight Saga-2"				"Twilight Saga-2"								
SYFY	(6:00) "Zombieland" (2009)		*** "Krampus" (2015) Emjay Anthony, Adam Scott.		*** "Jeepers Creepers" (2001, Horror)		Gina Philips.										
TNT	Basketball	2022 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament: Tar Heels vs Blue Devils				Imp. Jokers	*** "Die Hard 2" (1990) Bruce Willis.										
WGN-A	NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		NewsNation Prime								
WTBS	Basketball		2022 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament: Tar Heels vs Blue Devils				Inside March Madness		Imp. Jokers								

SUNDAY EVENING										APRIL 3, 2022							
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ABC-WXOW	Judge Steve Harvey		Abbott Elem		black-ish		To Tell the Truth		News	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline						
CBS-WKBT	Sheldon		United-AI		How We Roll			Bull "The Diana Affair"		News 8	Masters	Late Show-Colbert					
FOX-WLAX	MasterChef				Call Me Kat		Welcome to	News	TMZ	Sheldon	Mom	Mom	Last Man				
NBC-WEAU	Law & Order				Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: Organized		News	Tonight Show-J. Fallon	Seth Meyers					
PBS-WHA	WI Foodie		How She		Midsomer		Midsomer Murders		Rick Steves	Expedition With Steve		Nature "Hippo King"					
A&E	The First 48 "Snapshot"				After the First 48			Nightwatch		The First 48		The First 48 "Snapshot"					
AMC	*** "Ocean's Twelve" (2004, Comedy-Drama)				George Clooney, Brad Pitt.			*** "Ocean's Thirteen" (2007) George Clooney.									
APL	Deadliest Catch				Deadliest Catch			Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch					
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park						
DSC	BattleBots The final eight bots face off.				BattleBots Eight bots stake their claim.			BattleBots		BattleBots		BattleBots					
ESPN	2022 Masters Tournament First Round.							SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter					
FREE	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office	The 700 Club		Simpsons	Simpsons						
LIFE	The Mentalist				The Mentalist			The Mentalist "Red Run"		The Mentalist		The Mentalist					
PARMT	(6:00) *** "Django Unchained" (2012, Western)				Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz.			*** "Django Unchained" (2012) Jamie Foxx.									
SYFY	(5:05) *** "Fast Five"				*** "Copshop" (2021, Action)			Gerard Butler, Frank Grillo.		*** "Law Abiding Citizen" (2009)							
TNT	NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks.							NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors.				In NBA					

The Herald sent questionnaires to both candidates for Member from at Large for Bangor School Board. Joanie Wilcox and Stephen Huffman are running. Here is what they had to say:

BANGOR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMBER FROM AT LARGE

Name: Joanie Wilcox

Background: I have lived in the Bangor school district my entire life, which means I was a student here as well as my 3 grown children. I am currently Vice President-Administration with The First National Bank of Bangor, where I've been employed for nearly 38 years.

Why are you running for school board? I joined the board in 2015 to fill a mid-term vacancy that nobody was signing up for. I was always a very involved school parent so I took the challenge to learn and give back to the school and community. We have a lot of great things happening in our district and I want to keep that momentum going.

Why do you believe you are qualified? I believe in our kids, our teachers and our district. I believe ALL students can achieve academic success when given the resources they need, including a nurturing school environment. My role as a board member is to guide policy to that end, while serving the district stakeholders. As a lifelong resident, I am vested in this community and feel my tenure at the bank has helped me make connections with folks in all stages of their lives and priorities. These connections help guide me to make decisions that are reflective of community values. I feel my strengths include problem solving, fiscal responsibility,



Joanie Wilcox

trust, compassion and integrity, all of which serve me well on the board.

What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the school district needs to address and why? Teacher shortage, particularly for specialists. We are the smallest district in La Crosse County so we are competing for talent in a shrinking market. We currently have a great mix of veteran and young teachers that are so very important to our success.

Operating Referendums, we have had very good support from our community in the past when we've gone to referendum to exceed the imposed revenue limit. This takes voter confidence and can't be taken for granted.

How would you address the issues you described? Teacher shortage: Competitive wages/benefits, a positive culture, time for collaboration and holding to our core values are all key to keeping BSD a great place for educators to share their craft.

Operating Referendums: Strong communication and transparency in our operations is important at all times so we can continue to offer programs and student support at a high level. A neighboring district is outlining massive cuts that will be necessary should their voters say "no" and I don't ever want to be in that position.

Name: Stephen Huffman

Background: I have lived in the Bangor School District since I was 10. My wife Gabby and I currently live on a small hobby farm in the Town of Burns and are the parents of three children currently enrolled at Bangor. I have worked in the construction industry for over 20 years and am currently a Superintendent for RHI Construction. Additionally, I also run two small businesses: Huffman Construction Unlimited and HHI Properties. We are currently working on restoring the apartment complex across from the Elementary School.

Why are you running for school board? As a father of three children in the Bangor School District, I am running for school board to ensure that the interests of students are represented on the school board and that they receive the best education we can provide. Having grown up in the Town of Burns, I've seen firsthand how tight knit this community is and I'm proud of the strength and resiliency I've seen especially during the past two challenging years.

Why do you believe you are qualified? I believe I am the right candidate for school board since I currently have children in the district and am in-tune to the issues our students experience these days. Serving my neighbors and community is second nature to me. I've volunteered with the La Crosse Youth Livestock Group that encourages kids to get involved with 4-H and specifically their livestock projects. I've also served as a



Stephen Huffman

coach for Bangor Youth Sports since 2015. I will work to advocate for the best interests of our children and would be honored to represent my community as a member of the school board.

What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the school district needs to address and why? As any parent or teacher knows, there are multiple issues that deserve our attention when it comes to our children's education. I believe we must prioritize keeping our students as the number one focus and help them regain some of the learning losses that may have occurred during school closures caused by the COVID 19 pandemic. I also believe transparency is crucial as we encourage parents to be active participants in their kids schooling. I believe teachers, staff and school district members should do everything they possibly can to partner with parents to meet the needs of students.

How would you address the issues you described? If elected as a school board member, I would make every effort to listen and understand the concerns of the teachers and staff and balance what I hear with concerns and idea of the students and parents. As an active community member currently, I welcome thoughtful conversations at any time. Listening to parents' concerns and representing their interests as well as students' interests is a large reason I am running for school board and I will make every effort to make myself available and accessible.

The Herald sent questionnaires to both candidates for the Member from the South for Bangor School Board. Mandi Young and Shelly Piske are running. Here is what they had to say:

BANGOR AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MEMBER FROM THE SOUTH

Name: Mandi Young

Background: Professional background: Administrative Assistant. No political background.

Why are you running for school board? I am running for school board to be an advocate for our children. Bangor is such an amazing community and we need to keep the best interest of students at the forefront of every decision made. I hope to bring new intuitive ideas to the board to keep our school district on the amazing path we are heading on.

Why do you believe you are qualified? As a current parent of 2 students in the school district I believe that makes me a good candidate, as I can speak on what currently is happening with our children. My professional background as an Administrative assistant



Mandi Young

will help keep me organized and knowledgeable.

What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the school district needs to address and why? Bangor is a growing community, and a time in the future is going to come where we don't have the space to accommodate our growing size.

Retention and hiring of the best educators for our district.

How would you address the issues you described? We need to take a good look at all options available with our current space and buildings to make sure we can accommodate the growing size.

We need to remain competitive with compensation to keep good educators in our district, as well as making sure we are looking at and hiring the best candidates for every job in the district.

Name: Shelly Piske

Background: Lived my entire life in the Bangor school district. My husband and I both graduated from Bangor, our children graduated from Bangor and our grandchildren will be starting this year at Bangor. We have farmed South of Bangor for 34 years. I was on the maintenance staff at Western technical college for 18 years and a Union Stewart for 16 years. I am currently employed with the city of LaCrosse waste water and am the lead vac jet truck operator.

Why are you running for school board? I am very proud of our community and our school district. I enjoy being involved in the community and seeing our kids grow and thrive. I've spent more than 20 years coaching our youth and seeing their accomplishments. I believe education is the most valuable thing we can give to our youth and having the tools in place to have our students thrive is very important. I believe I have a very wide range of abilities and experience to make educated decisions to keep our great district moving forward.

Why do you believe you are qualified? I have 18 years in the maintenance department at an educational institution, I have the knowledge of what our facilities need to keep running efficiently. I also have 16 years as a Union Stewart; I have working knowledge of negotiations on both sides of the table and understand compromise and the importance of working together. I also have a deep understanding of budgeting



Shelly Piske

and planning having a 5 year plan and working different fiscal years with our farm.

What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the school district needs to address and why? 1) The teacher shortage is very troubling for our school district. Without teachers we have no education. The shortage may be driven from early retirement, fatigue or pay.

2) As our facilities age some major repairs coming up need to be kept on the radar. The keeping up on building safety for our students, the inner utilities of our buildings and the roof on our middle high school.

3) The growth that is happening right now. How do we handle the growth that is happening in Rockland and Bangor? We love to see growth but we need to be ready to handle the growth.

How would you address the issues you described? The staff need to feel appreciated; we need to take the concerns and work to find middle ground to keep our staff happy as well as our taxpayers happy.

We are doing a facilities study now and will be working with the community on a plan to handle the major repairs and the growth coming forward.

All of these take time and patience and will be important to make the best fiscal decisions possible while keeping our great staff at Bangor. Making Bangor a go to district now and in the future.



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Sparta Police respond to car vs. house crash

Around 8am Wednesday, Sparta officers were dispatched to the 600 block of S. K Street for a motor vehicle crash involving a house. The caller to 911 told dispatch the vehicle had fled the scene. After investigation, officers learned 50 year old Jeffrey Phinney, of Sparta, was the driver of the vehicle. Jeffrey and the vehicle were located. Phinney was cited for hit & run, failure to report accident, and operating without insurance.

Mock Crash Simulation Event at Sparta High School

On April 5, 2022, Sparta High School will hold a mock crash simulation for sophomore, junior, and senior students in the northwest parking lot beginning at 9:15 am and concluding at 9:55 am. The simulation will include high school students and the following collaborators: Gundersen Integrated Center for Education, Sparta PD, Sparta Fire Department, Sparta Area Ambulance Service, Gundersen Air, Rush Hour Towing, Lanham Schanhoffer

Funeral Home, and Kelly Luethe. Montgomery Street will be closed from Drake Street to Tyler Street for the duration of the event.

Meetings

- The Monroe County Board of Canvassers will convene on Mon., April 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice Center.
- The Monroe County Climate Change Task Force will meet on Mon., April 4, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the Justice Center.

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3/24/22 – 3/30/22

Town Of Byron

Beverly E. Gonzales A/K/A Beverly E. Robinson to Hi-Crush Wyeville Operating Llc, 9543 Copper Rd., \$282,500

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Town Of Clifton

John Edward And Karen A. Arzt to Jeffrey Arzt, 24902 County Highway W, \$180,000

Town Of La Fayette

Christopher & Lisa J. Olson-McDonald to Gordon & Teresa R. Isensee, Eckberg Ave., \$0

Town Of La Grange

Katherine M. Oliver, Philip G. Schreiner, Paul M. Schreiner to Robert, Jr Lang, Tammy Turnmire, 23626 County Road ET, \$209,900

Brian T Pedersen, Deneen R Pedersen to VOP North, Llc, 7569 County Highway N, \$775,000

Town Of Sparta

Jonathon & Amy M Gauthier to Benjamin D Jacobs, Sydney H Weibel, 16861 Igloo Road, \$310,000

Town Of Tomah

Mathy Construction Company, A Wisconsin Corporation to Juston T Kahl, \$500,000

Village Of Cashton

Northern States Power Company to Owen And Catherine Brueggeman, Wisconsin St. And Albion St.

City Of Sparta

Tammy L. Turnmire to Kevin Andraska, 418 Pine St., \$142,000

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Tomah Lumber, Inc. to Julie A. Kemnitz, 557 North Lawrence Ave., \$40,000

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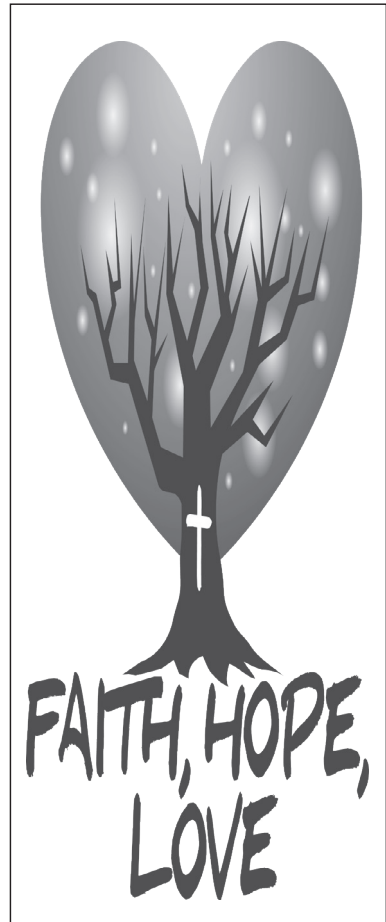


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School: 608-269-6001
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www.sjsparta.com
Pastor Jonathan Hackbarth
Thursday, March 31: 10:00am – Bible Study
Sunday, April 3: 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship
Service with Communion, 9:30am – Confirmation
Examination
Monday, April 4: 7:00pm – Elders Meeting
Tuesday, April 5: 9:30am – Women's Bible
Study
Wednesday, April 6: 6:30am - Men as
Christians at Sparta Family Restaurant, 8:00am -
School Chapel, 1:00pm – Ladies' Aid Meeting,
6:00pm – Midweek Lent Service, 6:45pm –
Catechism, 7:00pm – Senior Choir Practice

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**Wednesday Evening-
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Soup Suppers – 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the
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Sunday: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
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Saturday: 3:30 p.m.
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March 31:
7:00 – Portland Council Meeting
April 2:
4:00-7:00 - Brush Creek Church Pancake
Supper
April 3:
9:00 – Brush Creek Worship Services
10:00 – Brush Creek Sunday School
10:00 – Portland Faith in Action
11:00 – Portland Worship Services
April 6:
9:00 – Portland WELCA
5:30 – Confirmation Class at Brush Creek
Church
7:00 – Lenten Services at Brush Creek
Church
April 10:
9:15 – Fish Creek Worship Services /
Coffee following services
10:00 – North Coon Prairie Sunday School
11:00 – North Coon Prairie Worship
Services / Confirmation / Dinner following
services
April 13:
5:30 – Confirmation Class
April 14:
7:00 – Maundy Thursday Services at Fish
Creek Church
April 15:
1:30 – Good Friday Services at North Coon
Prairie Church
April 17:
6:30 – Easter Services at North Coon Prairie
8:00 – Easter Services at Brush Creek
9:30 – Easter Services at Portland
11:00 – Easter Services at Fish Creek
April 20:
No Confirmation Class
April 23:
1:00 – North Coon Prairie Cemetery
Clean-up Day
April 24:
9:00 – Portland Worship Services/ Coffee
following services
10:00 – Portland Faith in Action
10:00 – Brush Creek Sunday School
11:00 – Brush Creek Worship Services
April 26:
6:00 – Fish Creek Council Meeting
April 27:
5:30 – Confirmation Class
April 29:
2:00 – Brush Creek Spring Clean-up Day

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9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday Discussions for Adults
WEDNESDAY:
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Free meal for Kids Kingdom children and
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6-7 p.m. Women's Bible study; free nursery
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7-9 p.m. Youth Group for students in grades 7-12
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10:00 a.m. DISCOVERY LAND (Sunday
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9:00 a.m. Wednesday--mid-week Bible
study-fellowship hall
Holy communion-monthly on the 1st
Sunday.

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Holy Week Worship Services
Palm Sunday, April 10 – Trinity Lutheran
Church, 10 a.m., Parish Worship with
presentation of Bibles; 9 a.m. Sunday School.
Maundy Thursday, April 14 – Trinity Lutheran
Church at noon & 6:15 p.m.
Good Friday, April 15 – Immanuel Lutheran
Church, 6:15 p.m.
Easter Sunday, April 17 – Bethany Lutheran
Church, 7 p.m.; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 8:30
a.m.; Trinity Lutheran Church 10 a.m.
IMMANUEL
Apr. 3 – Worship at 8:30 a.m.
April 10 – No Worship, Parish Worship at 10
a.m. at Trinity
April 15 – 6:15 p.m. Good Friday worship
April 17 – Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
April 27 – Resume Wednesday evening worship
at 7 p.m.
TRINITY
Apr. 3 - Worship at 10 a.m.
Apr. 6 – Midweek Lenten worship at noon and
6:15 p.m.
April 10 – Family Sunday School at 9 a.m.; Palm
Sunday Parish Worship at 10 a.m.
April 14 – Maundy Thursday, noon and 6:15 p.m.
April 17 – Easter worship, 10 a.m.
BETHANY
April 17 – Easter worship, 7 a.m.
April 24 – worship at 8:30 a.m. w/annual meeting
to follow
May 1 – worship at 8:30 a.m.

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15. Worship will be taped at Trinity Lutheran
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Tuesday 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday
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Friday, April 1 Church Office Closed; 8:00
a.m. Men's coffee at Family Restaurant; 8:30
a.m. Women's coffee at Don's Super Restaurant,
all are welcome; 9:30 a.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden
Rm;
Sunday, April 3: 9:00 a.m. Worship and
Sunday school, Holy Communion will be
observed. Immediately following Worship
service, Trustees Mtg., small kitchen. 11:00 a.m.
El Buen Pastor Worship in Chapel off K Street
entrance and Hispanic children's Church in small
kitchen.
Monday, April 4: Free bakery available-9:00
a.m. – 3:30 p.m., inside the church at the “K”
street entrance. The public are welcome. 4:30
p.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden Rm;
Tuesday, April 5: 5-6 p.m., Tuesday Soup
Supper, “K” street entrance, open to the public.
6:30 p.m. Summit Spirits Mtg., Library. 7:00
p.m. Alanan Mtg., Garden Rm.
Wednesday, April 6: Viewing and discussion
of Pastor Adam Hamilton's DVD series, “Final
Words From the Cross. This night will be “I
Thirst” We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.
Thursday, April 7: 6:00 p.m. Nurture Mtg.,
Library.
Friday, April 8 Church Office Closed; 8:00
a.m. Men's coffee at Family Restaurant; 8:30
a.m. Women's coffee at Don's Super Restaurant,
all are welcome; 9:30 a.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden
Rm;
Sunday, April 10: 9:00 a.m. Worship and
Sunday school. 11:00 a.m. El Buen Pastor
Worship in Chapel off K Street entrance and
Hispanic children's Church in small kitchen.

Monday, April 11: Free bakery available-9:00
a.m. – 3:30 p.m., inside the church at the “K”
street entrance. The public are welcome. 4:30
p.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden Rm;
Tuesday, April 12: 1:00 p.m. Lois Circle Mtg.,
small kitchen; 5-6 p.m., Tuesday Soup Supper,
“K” street entrance, open to the public. 6:30
Wesleyan Circle Mtg., Gathering Place. 7:00
p.m. Alanan Mtg., Garden Rm.
Wednesday, April 13:9:00 a.m. Records &
History Mtg., Library. 6:00 p.m. Viewing and
discussion of Pastor Adam Hamilton's DVD
series, Final Words From the Cross. This night
will be “It Is Finished...Into Your Hands I
Commit My Spirit.” We will meet in the Chapel.

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LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF SPARTA
BID NOTICE

Notice is hereby given: The Town of Sparta will be accepting bids for the following materials. This material will be hauled and delivered to the appropriate site for road maintenance and/or stockpile in 2022. Bids requested in tonnage for ¾ inch and 1 inch gravel, Rip Rap, Breaker Run size rock, 3/8 or 7/16 Granite chips/ pea gravel. Paving with hot or cold mix, sealcoating. All materials should be 100% Virgin material. Please submit bids and Proof of Liability Insurance by 6:00 pm on April 19, 2022. Bids should be submitted to the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Ave, and marked as "BIDS". Bids will be opened and reviewed at the April Town Board Meeting at 6:30 pm, April 19, 2022. The Board meeting will follow the Town of Sparta Annual Meeting which starts at 6 pm. The Sparta Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Or to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the town. Any questions should be directed to Town Chairman, Kevin Raymer, 608-633-3944.

Town of Sparta Clerk
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22 PR 28

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

Gary L. Kenyon
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-7-1952 and date of death 2-3-2022, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 14345 County Highway B Sparta, WI 54656.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 30, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.

Diane Berendes
Probate Registrar
March 15, 2022

Attorney Jack D. Buswell
101 W. Oak St.
P.O. Box 349
Sparta, WI 54656
608-269-1200
Bar Number 1008176
3/17, 24, 31 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Monroe County Sanitation, Planning & Zoning Committee will examine at a public hearing the application of Kyle Schmitz for a conditional use permit for an Archery Range/Clubhouse located at 12833 County Hwy XX, Norwalk, WI., in part of the E ½ , Section 28, T16N, R3W, in the Town of Wells, 200 acres. The adjoining land use is woodland and agriculture.

This hearing will be held on April 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1st Floor - Room #1200, 112 South Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656. (Please use the South Side/Oak Street Entrance). Any person may appear in person by his/her agent or attorney, to give testimony for or against this matter.

Alison Elliott
Monroe County Zoning Administrator
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STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
Order Setting Time
to Hear Petition for
Administration and Deadline for
Filing Claims
(Formal Administration)
Case No. 22 PR 29

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

Jerry D. Panama
February 25, 2022 - Date of Death

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth January 22, 1946 and date of death February 25, 2022 was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 366, Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665.
THE COURT ORDERS:
1. The Petition be heard at the Monroe County Courthouse, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room By Zoom conferencing, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Mark Goodman, on May 2, 2022 at 2:15 p.m.
You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.
2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 30, 2022.
3. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 South Court St., Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.
4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.
5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown. If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-269-8701 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Hon. Mark L. Goodman
Circuit Court Judge
March 18, 2022

Attorney Kimberley J. Ward
Ward Law Office
PO Box 346
Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665
608-637-2246
Bar Number 1021055
3/24, 31, 4/7 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
Order and Notice for Hearing
on Petition for
Summary Settlement
(Formal Administration)
Case No. 21 PR 68

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Gregory J. Cottone
A Petition for Summary Settlement was filed.

THE COURT FINDS:
The decedent, with date of birth 6-28-1978 and date of death 8-2-2021, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 329 Hilltop Circle, Warrens, WI.
THE COURT ORDERS:
The Petition be heard at the Monroe County Courthouse 112 S. Court Street, Sparta WI, Wisconsin, Room 2300, before Judge Ziegler, Court Official, on May 23rd, 2022, at 2:15 P.M.
If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-269-8745 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.
Hon. Todd L. Ziegler
Circuit Court Judge
March 24, 2022

Atty Matt Klos
101 W Oak St
PO Box 349
Sparta, WI 54656
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Bar Number 1095319
3/31, 4/7, 14 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND
SAMPLE BALLOT
April 5, 2022

OFFICE OF THE TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK
TO THE VOTERS OF THE TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in the city, villages, towns and election precincts of the Tomah Area School District, comprising the towns of Adrian, Byron, Clifton, Grant, Greenfield, LaGrange, Lincoln, Oakdale, Ridgeville, Scott, Tomah and Wilton, in Monroe County; the towns of Bear Bluff and Knapp, in Jackson County; and the towns of Cutler, Kingston and Orange, in Juneau County; and the City of Tomah and the Villages of Wyeville, Oakdale and Warrens, in Monroe County; and the Village of Camp Douglas, in Juneau County, on the 5th day of April, 2022, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for school board to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are as follows:
Pam Buchda
Wayne J. Kling
Catey Rice
James C. Newlun

Information to Voters
Voters will vote in their regular polling places during regular polling hours. All polling places will open at 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.
Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:
• state their name and address
• show an acceptable form of photo identification*
• sign the poll book**
*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.
**If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."
If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter presents proof of residence.
Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.
Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the voter in marking their ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.
A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.
An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting
A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of the labor organization which represents the voter.

Where Paper Ballots are Used
The voter shall make a mark (X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used
The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line.
When using an electronic ballot marking device ("Automark," "ExpressVote," "Clear Access" or "ImageCast Evolution-ICE") to mark an **optical scan ballot**, the voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

Where Touch Screen Voting is Used
The voter shall touch the screen or use the tactile pad to select the

Notice of Spring Election and
Sample Ballots
April 5, 2022

Office of the Monroe County Clerk
To the voters of Monroe County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring election to be held in Monroe County on April 5, 2022, at which the officers named below shall be nominated. The names of the candidates for each office, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

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name of the candidate of their choice for each office for which they intend to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of their choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

After Voting the Ballot
After an official **paper ballot** is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show. The voter shall deposit the voted ballot in the ballot box or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit and shall leave the polling place promptly.
After an official **optical scan ballot** is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve, so the marks do not show. The voter may insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve or deliver to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.
After an official **touch screen ballot** is cast, the voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

Spoiled Ballot
If the voter spoils a **paper or optical scan ballot**, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter. If the ballot has not been initiated by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the voter shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place.
The voter may spoil a **touch screen ballot** at the voting station before the ballot is cast.
The following is a sample of the official ballot:

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office
April 5, 2022

TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials. (See back of ballot for initials.)

Instructions to Voters:
If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help. (Absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk.)

To vote for a name on the ballot, make an "X" or other mark in the square next to the name, like this: ☐

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in."

School Board Members
Vote for not more than 2

☐ Pam Buchda
☐ Wayne J. Kling
☐ Catey Rice
☐ James C. Newlun

write-in: _____

write-in: _____

Gary R. Grovesteen
School District Clerk

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City of Tomah 819 Superior Ave., Tomah, WI
Town of Adrian 15937 Cty. J, Tomah, WI
Town of Bear Bluff W919 Cty. Rd., HH, Warrens, WI
Town of Byron 23286 St. Hwy. 21, Warrens, WI
Town of Clifton 31819 Cty. Hwy. A, Camp Douglas, WI
Town of Cutler N10846 2nd Ave., Camp Douglas, WI
Town of Grant 3975 Cty. Hwy. E, Warrens, WI
Town of Greenfield 11575 Fisher Rd., Tumbled City, WI
Town of Kingston N13844 Cranberry Rd., Mather, WI
Town of Knapp W3981 Cty. Rd. O, Warrens, WI
Town of LaGrange 22731 Flint Ave., Tomah, WI
Town of Lincoln 506 Hartwell Dr., Warrens, WI
Town of Oakdale 228 Ballpark Dr., Oakdale, WI
Town of Orange N8242 6th Ave., New Lisbon, WI
Town of Ridgeville 309 Main St., Norwalk, WI
Town of Scott 28788 Buckley Ave., Warrens, WI
Town of Tomah 24381 Heritage Ave., Tomah, WI
Town of Wilton 23988 Hwy. 71, Wilton, WI
Village of Camp Douglas 304 Center St., Camp Douglas, WI
Village of Oakdale 133 Well Dr., Oakdale, WI
Village of Warrens 301 Main St., Warrens, WI
Village of Wyeville 215 Wyeville Ave., Wyeville, WI

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voter shall touch the screen at "no" if opposed to the question.

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Spolling Ballots
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The voter may spoil a **touch screen** ballot at the voting station before the ballot is cast.
The following is a sample of the official ballot:(Insert official Spring Election Ballot).

Ballot ID: 2064

City of Sparta, Ward 1

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and Referendum
April 5, 2022

Notice to voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two (2) election inspectors. If you are voting absentee, your ballot must be initiated by the municipal clerk or deputy clerk. Your ballot may not be counted without initials (see end of ballot for initials).

General Instructions

If you make a mistake on your ballot or have a question, ask an election inspector for help (absentee voters: contact your municipal clerk).

To vote for a name on the ballot, fill in the oval next to the name like this: ☐

To vote for a name that is not on the ballot, write the name on the line marked "write-in" and fill in the oval next to the name like this: ☐

Judicial

☐ Brian Blanchard
☐ write-in:

Court of Appeals Judge
District 4
Vote for 1

☐ Mark L. Goodman
☐ write-in:

Circuit Court Judge
Branch 2
Vote for 1

☐ Mark L. Goodman
☐ write-in:

County

☐ Anthony Scholze
☐ Maria Leverich

County Supervisor
District 7
Vote for 1

☐ Mary A. Von Ruden
☐ Toni Wissestad
☐ write-in:

Municipal

**Mayor
Vote for 1**
☐ Kevin Riley
☐ Kristen Gust
☐ write-in:

**Alderperson
District 1
Vote for 1**
☐ Jim Church
☐ write-in:

**Municipal Judge
Vote for 1**
☐ Joseph P. Brown
☐ write-in:

School District
**School District of Sparta
School Board Member
Vote for not more than 4**
☐ Anthony Scholze
☐ Maria Leverich
☐ John Hendricks
☐ Tanya L. Morene
☐ Amy Lopez
☐ Todd S. Wells
☐ Pat McKenna
☐ Jason Perry
☐ write-in:
☐ write-in:
☐ write-in:

Referendum

To vote in favor of a question, fill in the oval next to "Yes," like this: ☐

To vote against a question, fill in the oval next to "No," like this: ☐

School
Question: Shall the Sparta Area School District, Monroe and Jackson Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,100,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2024 school year and ending with the 2023-2024 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of funding staffing, technology and maintenance of district facilities?
☐ Yes
☐ No

Continue voting at top of next column, Continue voting at top of next column,

Page 1 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot continues on other side. ➡

Page 2 of 2-sided ballot. Ballot begins on other side. ➡

Official Ballot
Nonpartisan Office and
Referendum
April 5, 2022
for
City of Sparta, Ward 1
Monroe County
Ballot ID: 2064

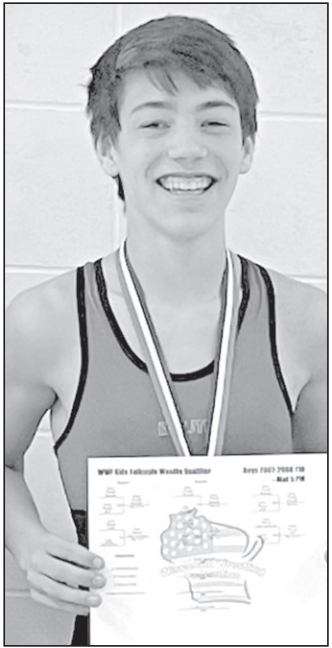
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Signature of assistor _____

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☐ Overvoted
☐ Damaged
☐ Other
If this is the Original Ballot, write the serial number here: _____
If this is the Duplicate Ballot, write the serial number here: _____
Initials of inspectors who remade ballot _____


Norwalk youth
wrestlers go to state

March 19th the WWF Kids Folkstyle Regional Qualifiers for Youth Wrestling were held around the state (8 locations), with one being in Westby, WI. At the Regional Qualifier in Westby; Drew Powell (8th grade) of Norwalk took 1st Place in the Boys 2007-2008 110lb Division and Matias Pyykkonen (2nd grade) of Norwalk took 1st Place in the Boys 2013-2014 48 lb Division.

March 25 & 26 the WWF Kids Folkstyle State Championships were held in Madison; Drew Powell did not place. Matias Pyykkonen took 2nd Place in the State Championship, winning 3 matches (2 by decision and 1 pin) losing his last match by only 1pt.



Drew Powell 1st place
qualifier for State at Westby,
boys 2007-2008 110lbs.



Matias Pyykkonen showing off
his 2nd place trophy at state

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• Log into <https://wecan.education.wisc.edu> and create an account. Applicants can view openings and complete the appropriate online application and cover letter of the desired posting before the application deadline.

• Openings can also be viewed on the Tomah School District website at <https://www.tomah.education>.

*Click on "Employment" under the "About" heading.

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90 HELP WANTED

CHILD SUPPORT SPECIALIST -

Do you have a strong attention to detail and the great communication skills? If so, the Monroe County Child Support Department might have the job for you. We are hiring a full-time Child Support Specialist. Successful candidates will have an associate degree in Human Services, Business Administration, Finance, Legal Secretary, Paralegal, or another related field. A minimum of two years child support, family law, or other closely related court experience is preferred. Computer experience is a must. Candidates with an equivalent combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and abilities can be acquired may also be considered. Our Child Support Specialist assists in the establishment of paternity for non-marital children and in the establishment, enforcement and collection of child support from non-custodial parents through utilization of the state-wide federally-funded KIDS system. Our Specialists create and maintain caseload files by documenting all actions, composes, drafts, and

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LEGAL NOTICES

Election Notice

Town of Adrian

The Town of Adrian Polling place will be open for voting on April 5, 2022 for a Nonpartisan Office and a Referendum. Hours will be 7:00 am to 8:00pm. The polling place is handicapped accessible. You must show proof of ID at the polling place to vote. Kathy Schmitz, Adrian Town Clerk 3/31 WNAxLP

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The City of Sparta will receive and accept bids ONLY through QuestCDN.com via the online electronic bid service (QuestvBid) for the construction of Wellhouse #9 Chemical Feed Systems until 2:00 p.m., April 26, 2022. All bids will be downloaded and publicly read aloud during a virtual public bid opening that will be held at the day and time of the bid closing. All planholders will receive information via Quest on how to join the virtual meeting prior to the bid opening.

A pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 a.m., local time on April 19, 2022 at Wellhouse #9 which is located at the west end of Stannard Drive in the City of Sparta. Representatives of OWNER and ENGINEER will be present to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

The work for which bids are asked includes the following:

Construction of two (2) chemical rooms within the existing Wellhouse #9 building, consisting of CMU walls and wood-framed ceiling cap; furnish an install two (2) new liquid chemical feed systems; relocation of one (1) existing liquid chemical feed system; modifications to existing gas chlorination system; electrical instrumentation and control; modifications to existing supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system; and miscellaneous heating, ventilation, plumbing, electrical, and lighting improvements.

Planholders list will be updated interactively on our web address at <http://www.msa-ps.com> under Bidding.

Copies of the BIDDING DOCUMENTS are available at www.questcdn.com. QuestCDN Vbid system requires Bidders to purchase BIDDING DOCUMENTS from QuestCDN. You may download the digital plan documents for \$40.00 by inputting Quest eBidDoc #8164276 on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information.

No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. BIDDER is required to deliver the original certified check or bid bond within the 72 hours of bid opening to MSA Professional Services, Inc., Attn: Daniel F. Greve, P.E., 1230 South Boulevard, Baraboo, WI 53913. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the OWNER as liquidated damages.

No bid may be withdrawn within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

Pursuant to Section 66.0903, Wisconsin Statutes, the minimum wages to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by local wage rates.

OWNER reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

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Notice of Election
Town of New Lyme

The Spring Election for Judicial Officers, County Supervisor, Sparta School Board and Black River Falls School Board and Sparta School Referendum will be held Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 at the New Lyme Town Hall. Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote. The New Lyme Town Hall is accessible to elderly and disabled voters. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

Lisa Green
Town Clerk
3/31 WNAxLP

LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE

Case No. 21-CV-000112
Community Loan Servicing, LLC
f/k/a Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.
Theresa M. Thorhaug and John Doe Thorhaug
Defendants.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on February 1, 2022 in the amount of \$26,258.73 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: May 4, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted). The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: Front Lobby of the New Justice Center in the City of Sparta
DESCRIPTION: THOSE LANDS AS SET OUT IN VOL. 8 CERTIFIED SURVEY MAPS, PAGE 50, DOC. 407650, LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF LAFAYETTE, MONROE COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8431 County Highway I Sparta, WI 54656-6463

DATED: March 2, 2022
Wesley D. Revels
Monroe County Sheriff
Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
16345 West Glendale Drive
New Berlin, WI 53151-2841
(414) 224-8404

Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt. 3/31, 4/7, 14 WNAxLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Monroe County Sanitation, Planning & Zoning Committee will examine at a public hearing the application of Neal Troyer for a **conditional use permit** for a Dog Kennel, at 24741 Logan Rd Wilton, WI in part of the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 35, T16N, R1W, Town of Wilton, parcel number 048-00762-0000, 10 acres. The adjoining land use is agriculture and woodlands.

This hearing will be held on April 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1st Floor - Room #1200, 112 South Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656. (Please use the South Side/Oak Street Entrance). Any person may appear in person by his agent or attorney, to give testimony for or against this matter.

Alison Elliott
Monroe County Zoning Administrator
3/31, 4/7 WNAxLP

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID REQUEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Leon requests bids for ¾" Rock, 1¼" Rock, Hot Mix, Cold Mix, Seal Coating, Crack filling and Re-Claimer for town roads.

Bid in TONS for hot mix, rock, stone, gravel, chips, breaker run, and shot rock, using 100% virgin material, hauled, placed and furnished. IMPORTANT: No fuel surcharges should be included in submitted bids.

For specifications, please contact Chairman Greg Selbrede at (608) 487-2411.

Sealed bids and quotes must be received at the Leon Town Hall, 8108 Jackrabbit Ave., Sparta, WI 54656 by 5:00 p.m. on MONDAY April 11, 2022. Bids will be opened, copied to distribute to board members prior to the meeting and read aloud during the Monthly Town Board Meeting on April 13, 2022 which will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Leon Town Hall. The Leon Town Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept that bid deemed most advantageous to the Town.

Kristy Brown, Clerk
Town of Leon
3/24, 28, 31 WNAxLP

PUBLIC NOTICE
TOWN OF WELLS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Wells will open the polls for the upcoming Spring Election on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 at 7:00 a.m. The Spring Election will determine the chosen candidates for the local school boards for the Cashton, Sparta and Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School Districts, a referendum for the Sparta Area School District and the County Supervisors. There are also candidates for the Court of Appeals Judge and Circuit Court Judge to be chosen. The polls will close at 8:00 p.m. The Town of Wells polls are located at 11754 County Hwy XX, Norwalk, WI 54648 and are handicapped accessible.

Diane Schwarz
Clerk-Town of Wells
3/31 WNAxLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
PUBLICATION AMENDED
SUMMONS

Case No. 22-CV-000006
The Honorable
Richard Radcliffe
Case Code 30404
(Foreclosure of Mortgage)
The amount claimed exceeds \$10,000.00

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC
1525 Ponce De Leon Blvd
Mailstop MS5/251
Coral Gables, FL 33146
Plaintiff,
vs.

Ryan J. Jones
904 Angelo Rd
Sparta, WI 54656-1416
Defendant.

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
To each person named above as a defendant:

You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after March 31, 2022 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the amended complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 112 S. Court Street, Room 2200, Sparta, WI 54656-1778 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345 West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not demand a copy of the amended complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the amended complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the amended complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff

Robert M. Piette
State Bar No. 1018058
Case No. 22-CV-000006
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Monroe County Sanitation, Planning & Zoning Committee will examine at a public hearing the application of Tabitha Gnewikow for a **conditional use permit** for a Dog Kennel, located at 21514 Kent Ave, Wilton, in part of the NW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 24, T16N, R2W, in the Town of Ridgeville, Tax Parcel ID# 034-00514-2000, 10 acres. The adjoining land use is agriculture.

This hearing will be held on April 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1st Floor - Room #1200, 112 South Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656. (Please use the South Side/Oak Street Entrance). Any person may appear in person by his/her agent or attorney, to give testimony for or against this matter.

Alison Elliott
Monroe County Zoning Administrator
3/31, 4/7 WNAxLP

TOWN OF GREENFIELD
MONROE COUNTY
ELECTION NOTICE
POLLING HOURS AND
LOCATION

Notice is hereby given that the Spring Election will be held at the **Greenfield Town Hall**, 11575 Fisher Road, Tomah, WI on **Tuesday, April 5, 2022**. Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., accessible to elderly and disabled voters. Electors will be voting for Court of Appeals Judge, Circuit Court Judge, County Supervisor and Tomah School Board.

Notice of Meeting of the
Local Board of Canvassers

At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the Election Inspectors at each polling place will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

Clerk: Kathy Von Haden
(608) 372-1814
(608) 343-6298
3/31 WNAxLP

SPRING ELECTION NOTICE
TOWN OF TOMAH

Notice is hereby given that a Spring Election will be held on April 5, 2022 in the Town of Tomah. You will be voting for Court of Appeals Judge (District 4), Monroe County Circuit Court Judge, Monroe County Supervisor District 9 & 10, and Tomah School Board members.

Polls will be open from 7 A.M. until 8 P.M. The polling place is accessible to elderly and disabled voters. The Town Hall is located at 24381 Heritage Avenue. Any questions, call the clerk, Breanne Zaremba, at 343-5499.

Breanne Zaremba, Clerk
3/31 WNAxLP

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CROSSWORD ANSWER

LEGAL NOTICES

Election Notice Town of Adrian

The Town of Adrian Polling place will be open for voting on April 5, 2022 for a Nonpartisan Election and a Referendum. Hours will be 7:00 am to 8:00pm. The polling place is handicapped accessible. You must show proof of ID at the polling place to vote.

Kathy Schmitz,
Adrian Town Clerk
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Notice of Election Town of New Lyme


The Spring Election Judicial Officers, County Supervisor, Sparta School Board and Black River Falls School Board and Sparta School Referendum will be held Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 at the New Lyme Town Hall. Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote. The New Lyme Town Hall is accessible to elderly and disabled voters. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

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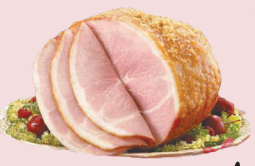
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NASA banquet goes off without a hitch

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The North American Squirrel Association of Tomah held it's fifth annual fundraising banquet on Saturday March 26th at Recreation Park. 400 people attended the event along with 65 volunteers who assisted guests with numerous raffles throughout the night. Local businesses and individuals helped nasa give away over \$ 65,000 in prizes to over 200 winners. One lucky winner went home with over \$ 3,000 from the 50/50 raffle! All money raised at the banquet will support annual events and activities in the Tomah area for the disabled, elderly and veterans.


A few highlights of the banquet included an accessible bus recently purchased thanks to a generous donor called the Ground Squirrel. The bus will be made available to area nursing homes and veterans for assisting in transportation needs in and around Tomah.

Another new addition to nasa activities is the Flying Squirrel, a light sport aircraft that soars over Tomah piloted by John Glynn. The Flying Squirrel is available to disabled, elderly and veterans who wish to take flight. For information and to schedule your flight email us at tomahsquirrels@gmail.com


Other presentations included the Inclusive Park and All-Abilities Playground which were completed and dedicated to the City of Tomah in June of 2021. The All-Abilities Playground is located in Butts Park on the shore of Lake Tomah and contains a special surface making it accessible to wheelchairs, scooters and walkers. The Park is also the location of an accessible shelter and the S.S. Squirrel, an accessible pontoon boat capable of accommodating up to four wheelchairs. The S.S. Squirrel is free to disabled, elderly and veterans and their families and may be reserved on nasa's website, www.tomahsquirrels.org.

Hunting and fishing events for disabled children and adults rounded out the presentations. Next up for nasa is a UTV raffle. First prize is a 2022 Polaris 570 Ranger. Tickets go on sale April 1st and will be available until sold out. Only 1300 tickets will be sold. For ticket information call Dan Boehm at 608-427-6453 or join nasa on April 23rd at the Breakroom Sports Bar and Grill to see the UTV and purchase tickets. Other sale locations include All American Do It Center on May 14th, The Body Shop in New Lisbon on May 28th, The Stagecoach Saloon on June 11th and Molters Fresh Market on June 18th. The UTV will be given away on Saturday July 9th at Squirrelfest in Winnebago Park in Tomah.


For more information on nasa, upcoming events, donating or volunteer opportunities please visit www.tomahsquirrels.org.



Pete Reichart (right) and another NASA volunteer selling 50/50 tickets/ Herald photo by Greg Evans.



It was a full house on Saturday at the Monroe County Fairgrounds building. Herald photo by Greg Evans.



David Stutzman (left) of Nasa accepts a donation from Al Bernhardt (right) on behalf of Oakdale Electric Community Fund Operation Round Up for \$500. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.