



School board mulls busing options for Cataract students

By PAT MULVANEY
Contributing Writer

In the wake of its decision to close Cataract Elementary School to help cover a \$2.8 million budget shortfall, the Sparta School Board addressed some fallout from that matter at its committee of the whole meeting Tuesday.

Because of that decision, some parents who sent their children to Cataract Elementary have open-enrolled those students into the Melrose-Mindoro School District. During the public input portion of the meeting two of those parents, Erin Johnson and Tyler Griffith, requested the board change its policy to allow Melrose Mindoro to provide transportation for those children.

They said they would like to see an authorized location in Cataract where Melrose-Mindoro could pick up students who will be attending that school.

In order for that to happen, the Sparta School District would have to change its current policy of not allowing other school districts to provide transportation within its borders. Johnson pointed out that the policy allows for waivers in the cases of special needs students and extraordinary circumstances.

Closing the Cataract school is an extraordinary circumstance, she said.

Among the issues Cataract parents have with the closing of Cataract is the long bus rides their children would have to endure to attend school in Sparta.

Leah Hauser, the Sparta School District's director of business services, told the board the district is looking at adding two additional bus routes in the Cataract area and one additional route around Leon at a cost of \$150,000. The district currently has 28 routes.

Hauser said with the new busing plan, the district would be close to its goal of one-hour-or-less ride times.

She also informed the board that Southwest, the district's transportation provider, has said they could use the Cataract school as a drop-off and pick-up point for students in the area to be bussed to Sparta, cutting ride times even further.

School board member Heidi Prestwood, an outspoken advocate for the Cataract school, said she supported revising the district's transportation policy to allow Melrose-Mindoro to pick up students in Cataract, adding the school board owed it to those families.

Board member Anthony Scholze, argued that allowing Cataract students that option would set a precedent that could lead to more problems

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SASD Employee investigation

By KYLE EVANS
Interim Editor

At a Special meeting of the Sparta Area School District Board of Education on Tuesday evening. The board went into closed session regarding the ongoing employee investigation and for the purpose of discussing the Board of Education's negotiations strategy with the Sparta Education Association.

When the board came out of closed session, President Anthony Scholze said, "at this time we cannot provide further information in regard to the current employee investigation. To be clear, this investigation does not have anything to do with matters regarding student health or safety. There is no concern with misallocation of district funds. We are hoping to be able to come to a resolution

and provide information as soon as it becomes available. At that time we will provide any information we can within the law."

On March 29 the board had a special meeting in which the board members voted to hire an investigator and to place an employee on administrative leave during the investigation. It is unclear at this time whether the employee investigation involves Superintendent Dr. Amy Van Deuren, who on March 31 sent a letter to district staff stating, "I wanted to let you know that I will be out of the office temporarily for personal reasons. While I am away, please direct any district-related questions to the high school Principal Sam Russ."

This is a developing story and any updates will be available as soon as we can.



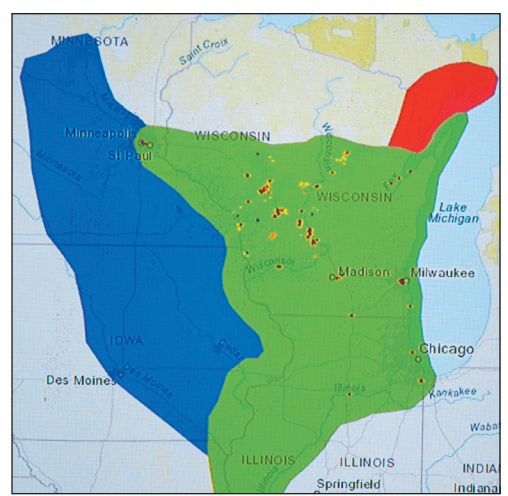
Ho-Chunk Tribal President Marlon WhiteEagle and Colonel Michael Poss, Fort McCoy Garrison Commander sign the cultural preservation memorandum of understanding. Herald photo by John Gessner.

Ho-Chunk Nation and Fort McCoy sign agreement

By JOHN GESSNER
Staff Writer

On May 10th, the Ho-Chunk Nation and Fort McCoy conducted a signing ceremony of a cultural resources memorandum of understanding at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls. The memorandum documents the procedures in handling and the protection of Native American cultural resources and artifacts found on Fort McCoy. Tribal President Marlon WhiteEagle remarked that, "he was pleased that the Ho-Chunk people were included in the process of handling cultural resources." This document is an updated version of the 1999 memorandum signifying the consistent cooperation between the Federal Government and the Ho-Chunk Nation.

President WhiteEagle further praised Fort McCoy "for the respectful relationship that the Federal Government displays on the Native American ancestral lands. The Cultural and environments sections of the Department of Public Works (DPW) are the "boots on the ground" when it comes to environmental and cultural issues." DPW Cultural Resources Program Manager, Ryan Howell said that there have been over 500 cultural sites discovered on Fort McCoy, dating back to the Interstate construction beginning in 1960. These "finds" are categorized and, if appropriate, moved to local museums or the Ho-Chunk facilities where they can be held under climate controlled conditions to



The original Ho-Chunk lands covering the majority of present day Wisconsin and portions of Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois and Missouri.

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Six seniors secure scholarships from 50 years ago

By RHONDA HESS
Contributing Writer

In conjunction with their upcoming 50th class reunion, the Tomah High School (THS) Class of 1972 presented college scholarships totaling \$15,000 to six members of the THS Class of 2022 at the Senior Scholarship Awards Program at Tomah High School Monday night. Scholarship recipients were: Braden Zingler and Matthew Hennessey at \$5,000, Ellie Krause at \$2,000 and Moriah Murray, Kaylea Cook and Alyssa Alden at \$1,000 each.

Fifty three members of the '72 THS class contributed to the scholarship project, with 92 percent of the dollars coming from classmates living outside of the Tomah school district. Managed by a committee of four '72 classmates, Jeff Pierce, Jim McGarry, Terry Grimshaw Micks and Diane Kenyon Schalow, the project had three objectives as its goal: to enhance the individual opportunities for several 2022 Tomah graduates by way of an awarded scholarship; to provide a sense of collective accomplishment for the 1972 class and to create

positive institutional change at Tomah High School by raising the standard of alumni benevolence. Pierce came up with the idea to award scholarships and he enlisted help from his former classmates. "We're just four classmates working together toward a common goal, solving each issue, large and small, as it presents itself," Pierce said. "Clear and regular communication has been key." He said "respectful disagreement" was encouraged from the outset, followed by "respectful, solution-

based dialogue," which helped them create a bond. "The committee's hope is that other THS classes will pick up the mantle and do something benevolently similar," Pierce said. "It's a worthy, fulfilling and repeatable project." To support the THS Class of 1972 Scholarship Fund, checks can be written to THS Class of 1972 50th Reunion Scholarship Fund and mailed to Bank First, 110 W Veterans St, Tomah, WI, 54660.

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Southeast Monroe County News

by Myrna Fauska



If you've been wondering where this column has been the past two weeks, wonder no more! This feisty Fauska was up in Barron helping cousin Louise Kaus after she had surgery on her right foot. After a week of hopping like a bunny, she developed some complications and, in spite of my care, needed to return to the hospital for further care. I returned home this past Wednesday evening, stopping at Black River Falls for a visit with in-laws Joe and Marg Collins and son Mike on my way south.

After returning home, I talked to Steve Schumann next door and learned that his mom, former resident Ruth Schumann, had broken her femur and is currently at the UW Rehabilitation Center in Hillsboro. She lives at Milestone Assisted Living in Hillsboro.

Getting back in the swing of things, on Thursday evening I picked up Christopher Young over near Hillsboro and we drove up to Rockton Bar and Grill for supper. Friday evening, I joined Christopher and son Kit for supper at Tabor Bar and Grill. The next morning, Christopher and I had breakfast at the Pony Express Supper Club in Kendall. On Mother's Day, he treated me to dinner at Marty's Steakhouse in Reedsburg. Before coming home, we stopped at McDonalds, where Kit was hard at work, and enjoyed some ice cream. As you can see, I haven't done much cooking since I've been home!

Up the valley, at Mary Parkhurst's, she was pleased to receive some beautiful

flowers on Thursday from Blossoms and Bouquets in Wonewoc.

Up at the end of the neighborhood, Lynette Vlasak has been recovering from her surgery a few weeks ago and on Tuesday attended the visitation for Ivan Witt at St. Matthews Lutheran Church on South Ridge. Sally Dana and Ruth Steinke were at Ivan's funeral. Wednesday, Sally joined Carol Fronk, Eileen Richie and Lori Bandle for their weekly game of mah jong. Thursday, Sally lunched at the Kendall Senior Dining Center and attended the St. John's Lutheran Church's ladies' aid meeting.

When the weekend came, cousins arrived at the Vlasak and Zellmer families. Friday evening, they gathered at the Hillsboro Brewing Company for fish supper. Those who attended were Lynette and Sally, Allan and Heather Vlasak, Lowell and Arlys Zellmer, Craig Dasse from Texas, Geoff and Kristin Larcom of Ann Arbor, Michigan and Katie Dasse and Emaael Tirgardown from Iowa City, Iowa. The next day the whole group gathered in La Crosse to help cousin Henry Leibl celebrate his 90th birthday.

What a blessing when families from near and far can gather together for fellowship and joy! God placed us on this earth to help and serve each other in our daily walks with Him. When we can take time from our busy lives to be together with loved ones, we are doubly blessed by each others' presence. God is great, God is good, and He reigns in our neighborhood. Amen.

Tomah Health announces new CEO

The Tomah Health board of directors has announced the selection of a new hospital CEO.



Derek Daly

Derek Daly will succeed hospital CEO Phil Stuart who is retiring after 50 years in health care, including 27 years at Tomah Memorial Hospital and Tomah Health.

"On behalf of the whole board, we want to thank the Search Committee and all those involved in the interview process," hospital board chair Greg Gaarder said in a prepared statement. "The Search Committee reviewed the comments and ratings of each candidate made by committee members, medical staff, managers and board members. After significant discussion, the committee recommended to nominate Derek Daly, to the full board, as the next CEO of Tomah Health. This was a very thorough process and we had excellent candidates to choose from," Gaarder wrote. Daly was one of three candidates interviewed for the position.

Daly has served the last five and a half years as CEO of Blue Mountain Hospital District including its 25-bed critical access hospital (CAH) in John Day, Oregon, a rural health clinic, long-term care facility, home health and hospice agency, and ambulance service. "I am thankful for the opportunity to join Tomah Health and work alongside all of the caregivers and team members across the organization and the Tomah health care community," said Daly.

Before his position in Oregon, Daly served two and a half years as CEO for a Sanford Health managed facility, Liberty Medical Center (LMC) in Chester, Montana, where he had executive oversight for a 25-bed critical

access hospital with on-site long-term care, a rural health clinic, and an assisted living facility. "For years, I have been aware of Tomah Health and its great reputation as a high-quality provider of health care services," Daly said. "When first visiting in person earlier this spring, I was even more impressed with the organization, services, facility and most importantly, people, at Tomah Health," Daly added.

Daly said he was "born a Badger" in Madison, Wisconsin, before later growing up in eastern South Dakota. He attended Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, where he received an undergraduate degree in Business Administration before obtaining his master's degree in Health Administration from the University of Iowa.

Like Stuart, Daly is an employee of HealthTechS3 - a health care consulting and hospital management firm based in Brentwood, Tennessee, with clients across the United States, including Tomah Health. "Tomah Health's relationship with HealthTechS3, an organization I have had great familiarity, is also a major contributing factor to making this an intriguing professional opportunity," Daly said.

"I am looking forward to officially starting in my role at Tomah Health sometime this summer and getting a chance to meet all of our internal caregivers, team members and community partners," Daly said. "My wife, Nicole, and I are looking forward to relocating our young family to Tomah, getting involved in the community, and forming personal and professional relationships in the area." The Dalys have a 7-month-old son.

Stuart originally said that he would step down in June, adding that if the transition to a new CEO takes longer, he would be available to ensure a solid handoff.

Honey in the Valley

Come see what the buzz is all about at, "Honey in the Valley", on May 14th, at Dorset Valley Schoolhouse in Wilton, WI. This family-friendly event starts at 11:00 AM, with activities for all ages. Dorset Valley Schoolhouse Restaurant, will feature a honey infused menu, incorporating honey from their farm.

A variety of vendors will "Bee" on hand at the Maker's Market, showcasing handcrafted honey and bee inspired goods. The Mercantile will offer local artisan products as well as a bottling station for their farm-fresh honey. Kids will have plenty to do at this event, while taking part in educational opportunities, dressing up in bee-suits, taking part in the Bee camp, and exploring the petting zoo.

The event will also feature Local brew and

Honeywine Mead tastings as well as live music.

If you have any questions please call, Dorset Valley Schoolhouse at, (608)343-5889.



Mr Mark Anderson, US Army Retired and Mrs Tania Anderson, proudly announce the graduation of Kristia Noelle Anderson, J. D. from the University of Wisconsin, Madison Law School. The ceremony will be at Monona Terrace at 1:00 pm on May 13th in Madison Wisconsin.

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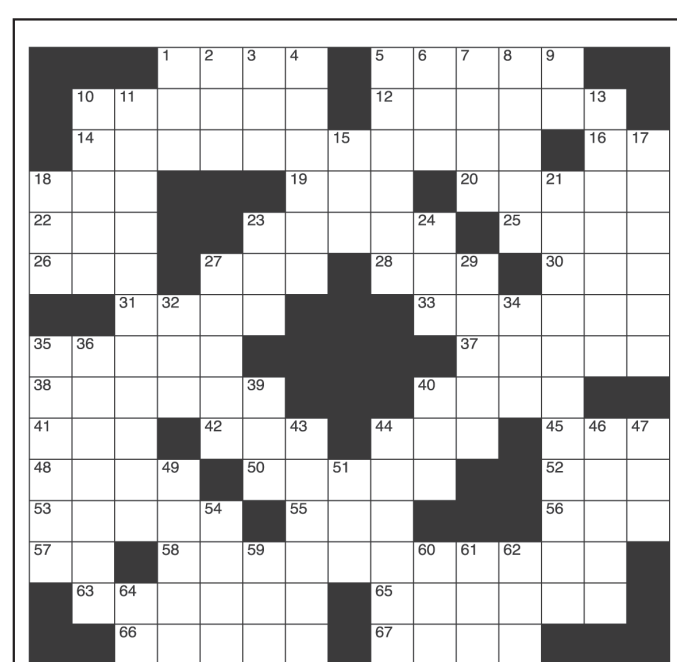
Fun By The Numbers

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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Level: Intermediate

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!



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Amounts of time
 - A ship's place at a wharf
 - Point a finger at
 - Large, burrowing rodent
 - Raises the stakes
 - Measure of illumination
 - Cast out
 - One who is staid
 - A word used for emphasis
 - Military missions
 - Wet with rain
 - Selling at specially reduced prices
 - Word element meaning ear
 - student,
 - Blood relation
 - Make into leather
 - One billionth of a second (abbr.)
 - Containing salt
 - A seat
 - A type of fine pottery
 - You're caught red- !
 - "Heat" director Michael
 - Expression of creative skill
 - Title of respect
 - Crony
 - Payroll experts
 - Actress Remini
 - Famed consumer advocate
 - Indigenous Thai person
 - Fitzgerald and Baker are two
 - Cooking tool
 - Decorate a cake with frosting
 - The seventh note of a major scale
 - Transfer from private to state ownership
 - A set of five
 - Removes
 - Foolish persons
 - Lower parts of a wall

- CLUES DOWN**
- Old EU money
 - Some put it on steak
 - Sign language
 - Sowed on the ground
 - Tags
 - Everyone has one
 - Arguments
 - N. African capital
 - Midgame (abbr.)
 - Change as needed
 - Functioning as a consonant
 - An island in the north Atlantic
 - Carpenter's tool
 - Small football player
 - Ghosts say it
 - Explain through logic
 - Having ten
 - Criticize
 - Arms of the sea
 - Belonging to a bottom layer
 - Caesar, comedian
 - Licensed health care pro (abbr.)
 - Swiss cottage
 - Cleft lip
 - Loud, unpleasant noise
 - Disfigure
 - Kayakers traverse them
 - Authored
 - Small freshwater fishes
 - Macabre poet
 - Carthaginian statesman
 - Principle underlying the universe
 - Common Japanese surname
 - The bill in a restaurant
 - Small constellation
 - Chap
 - Equal
 - One quintillion bytes (abbr.)

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Letters to the Editor



Equal treatment

Dear Editor:
 We used to live on a planet called Earth. Also known as the real world. Now, I'm not sure if it's Upside-Down-World, or Clown World. Anyone blessed with the power of reason would assume the Supreme Court decision would be seen by the right as a good thing, as it applies to Roe v Wade.
 So, why is it that CNN warns of "right wing violence" as it applies to this potential ruling? It must have been rampant right wing violence that burned down US cities in the summer of 2020. I don't want or expect special treatment. Just equal treatment. January 6 can't be defended; but neither can summer of 2020.
 With this decision, states like Illinois, California, and New York will still have abortions. It's a 10th amendment issue, and not federal. Therein lies the problem for the left. The 10th amendment is the polar opposite of federal authoritarianism.
 "When the people fear the government, there is tyranny. When the government fears the people, there is liberty."-Thomas Jefferson.

Tim Peterson
 Cashton

Tomah Lions already have 2 SPOT devices

Dear Editor:
 For over 20 years the Lions/Lionesses have provided an eye screening service to the school districts in the area. At the beginning of this service, the screening was done with the standard wall eye chart. In the past 10 years, with the event of modern technology, the screening has become more efficient with an eye screening device called the SPOT. This device has taken what had been several weeks to screen a school district, to approximately a week which also includes parochial schools and day care centers. This device is strictly a screening device which is used by the school nurse to find various abnormal eye sight conditions in children in the lower grades of school. No medications or physical closeness are required to perform the eye screening. No personal information or pictures are taken of the students with this device. It is a device that is sanctioned by optometrists and Wisconsin Lions Kids Sight for screening only.
 You may ask why I am writing this letter! The used cost of the device is approximately \$7000-\$7500. The Tomah Lions were able to purchase a device 8 years ago with the help of fundraising in the Sparta/Tomah area. Since it has been 8 years, the Tomah Lions felt it was time to invest in another device. The Tomah Lions, with the generous funding from the Etzenmueller Foundation, were able to purchase a second new device so we now have 2 devices for use throughout the area schools.

The Tomah Lions have learned that the Tomah School Nurse has placed in her budget to purchase a SPOT device. The use of the device is about 1-2 weeks a year, if the process is done efficiently. To have \$7000 sitting on the shelf for the rest of the year would be outrageous. Could this money in the school nurse budget be put to better use? The Tomah Lions device is readily available for use by area Schools with just a phone call. Call the members of the Tomah School Board and tell them not to waste \$7000 when school budgets are so tight.

Gwen Nelson
 Vision Screening Chair

Construction planned on county trunk highway pp

The reconstruction of County Trunk Highway (CTH) PP between U.S. Highway 12 and Interstate Highway 90/94 in the Village of Oakdale is tentatively scheduled to begin on Friday, May 13, 2022. The project will result in a three-lane concrete-surfaced highway with concrete curbs & gutters, storm drains and a concrete sidewalk on the east side of the highway.
 Chippewa Concrete Services of Chippewa Falls has been awarded an \$876,000.00 contract to construct the project. The project is being funded through the Surface Transportation Program and

Monroe County, and will be administered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. The project will be constructed in three stages to preserve access to local businesses and residential property. However, traffic may be subject to delays and considerable congestion. The use of alternate routes is recommended. The project is expected to be completed by August 22, 2022.
 For further information please contact the Highway Department, 803 Washington Street in Sparta, (608) 269-8740 or via e-mail at highways@co.monroe.wi.us.



From left: Monroe County Sheriff Wes Revels, Richard Gerke, Sarah Mosely, and Lance Wiersema. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

Sheriff presents Sheriff's awards

By Kyle Evans
 Interim Editor

On Monday evening, Monroe County Sheriff Wes Revels presented three Sheriff's awards at the public safety and justice meeting. This is an opportunity for the Sheriff to extend his gratitude to these people for their charitable acts.
 The first award went to Richard Gerke, of Tomah. Revels said he once asked him about hauling a large piece of equipment to Polk County. Gerke used his resources at Gerke Excavating and hauled it up there, free of charge. Gerke also extended an offer of doing that at any time free

of charge.
 The next award went to Sarah Mosely, of Warrens. Revels said, "there was a missing adult female in the Warrens area about a year ago. Sarah helped us search down a creek on her kayak for 3 hours. The trip should've been about 45 minutes, but there was a lot of brush and debris to deal with. The missing adult female was eventually found safe after a period of time."
 The last award went to Lance Wiersema, of Sparta. Lance is the Manager of Theisen's in Sparta. Revels said, "Theisen's provides dog food for our K-9's all year long, and he also has created an event that has grown into

something great in support for law enforcement and military." The event is touch-a-truck, which Theisen's holds every Fall to show their support and allow families the opportunity to see and touch the vehicles that different emergency services use.
 In closing, Revels read the plaque which says, "your support of and distinguished service to the Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the citizens of Monroe County has not gone unnoticed. The Sheriff's Office cannot continue its mission to serve and protect the citizens of Monroe County without a dedicated and reliable support system, of which you are an integral member of."



A photo near the scene of the death. Herald photo by Greg Evans.

Death Investigation in Sparta

At approximately 10:17am on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 officers from the Sparta Police Department were dispatched to a residence in the 100-block of Jefferson Avenue for an unresponsive person. Upon the arrival of law enforcement and emergency medical personnel, it was determined the subject was deceased.
 There was a heavy police presence in the area throughout the day. An investigation continues; however we are

confident there is no threat to the public.
 The Sparta police department anticipates more information will be released about this case later this week.
 Assisting the Sparta Police Department was the Sparta Ambulance Service, the Monroe County 911 Communications Center, the Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, and the Wisconsin State Patrol.

2-year old dies in farm machinery accident

Shortly before 12:00 pm on Sunday, May 8, 2022, the Monroe County 911 Communication Center received a call about a 2-year-old child, Clifford Schumaker that had been involved in a farm machinery accident at an address on Lilac Ave in the Town of Wilton. The caller indicated that the child had been run over and was non-responsive.
 Emergency personnel arrived and provided medical care to the victim. Unfortunately, despite the best efforts of emergency services, the child succumbed to the injuries at the scene and was pronounced dead.
 Clifford is the son of Nicholas and Autumn Schumaker.
 The Monroe County Sheriff's Office was assisted on the scene by the Monroe County 911 Communications Center, Norwalk Police Department, Wilton Ambulance, Wilton Fire Department, Tomah Area Ambulance, Gundersen Air, and the Monroe County Medical Examiner.
 This incident remains under investigation by the Monroe County Sheriff's and Medical Examiner's Offices.

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 B. The vacancy shall be announced in the local newspaper for a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the deadline for applications.
 C. If one or no applications are received by the deadline, the deadline may be extended by a majority vote of the Board.
 D. If more than six (6) candidates apply for the vacancy, the Board as a whole may review the applications and select six (6) candidates for consideration by the full Board.
 E. All applicants are to submit a notice of their interest, in writing, to the Board Administrative Assistant/Superintendent's Office.
 F. The Board may interview candidates to ascertain their qualifications. All applicants will be notified of their interview time and given an equal opportunity to make statements on their behalf and answer Board questions. If a candidate is unavailable during the designated meeting, the candidate may choose another person to represent himself/herself. Applicants will be requested as a courtesy to not be present while other applicants are being interviewed. Interviews of the candidates shall be done in open meeting unless the discussion involves financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data that, if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of the person.
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 All applicants will be notified in writing of the Board's decision. The candidate appointed to the vacancy upon being notified of the selection shall be deemed to have accepted the appointment unless, within five (5) days thereafter, the person files with the Board Clerk or Board President a written refusal to serve. Pending acceptance and filing the oath of office and Campaign Registration Statement, the appointed Board member shall be seated at the next meeting of the Board. The Board President will assign the appointee to a standing committee and other delegated responsibilities as necessary. Within ten (10) days after the appointment, the Board Clerk will report the name and post-office address of the new member to the clerk and treasurer of each municipality having territory in the school district.
 Interested individuals should email a letter of interest to Wendy Markgren at wmarkgren@spartan.org or drop off a letter of interest at the District Office (900 E. Montgomery Street). **All letters of interest are to be received by 3:30 pm on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.** If there are any questions, please call (608) 366-3400.

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Mark O'Connell speaks to Monroe County board supervisors and department heads on leadership. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

Monroe County Board gets a lesson on leadership

By KYLE EVANS
Interim Editor

On Tuesday, at the American Legion in Sparta, the Monroe County Board of Supervisors had an orientation meeting with all department heads of Monroe County. The meeting consisted of a presentation on open meetings, board duties and responsibilities, conflicts of interest, and other legal

topics. The board hosted a guest speaker, Wisconsin Counties Association President, Mark O'Connell. O'Connell gave a powerful speech on leadership to the board. O'Connell said, "generally speaking, about 10% of the people in any certain group are always negative, 10% of the people are always positive, and 80% fall somewhere in the

middle." O'Connell then had the room shout out negative and positive traits. He said, "the goal of that 80% should be to get rid of negative traits like anger and add in positive traits like generosity. If you try to get rid of one negative trait a month and add a positive trait, people will notice the difference." O'Connell shared his rules of leadership, his number one

rule of leadership is that "it costs you nothing to be nice." The Wisconsin Counties Association is a highly interactive service provider to county officials and other government entities offering lobbying, insurance programs, education, research, grant development and consulting services resulting in our ability to affect public policy to the benefit of county government.

Bangor Village & Municipal Utility Boards meet

John Gessner
Reporter

The Village of Bangor Board and the Municipal Utility Board held their monthly meeting on May 10 at the Bangor First Responders Building. Village President Gary Althoff called the meeting to order with the six trustees discussing normal board business. Significant items of discussion included the update of the All-Terrain and Utility Vehicles ordinance due to be adopted when the new ATV signs are in place. The ordinance will continue to allow for ATV use in the Village but brings it more in line with La Crosse County codes. The board also approved the resolution to authorize the issuance and sale of water system revenue bonds up to \$2,325,404 over a 20-year period. These



The Bangor Village Board Meeting. Herald photo by John Gessner.

bonds are common among municipalities to keep utilities current and up-to-date. In officer reports, the Department of Public Works (DPW) reported on the Lincoln Street resurfacing

project, due to begin in June with final resurfacing in the Fall. Due to a generous donation from Kathy Gjertsen on behalf of her late son Noel, the DPW has ordered and will install a new swing set in the park. Included will

be drainage improvements for safer use of the swings. Both of these projects were approved by the board. The next board meeting is scheduled for June 7 at 6:00 where a new Bangor Police Officer will be sworn in.

Monroe County National Night Out announces date, new location

This year's Monroe County National Night Out will take place at a new location. Officials say the 18th annual safety and wellness event will be held Aug. 2 from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Recreation Park in Tomah. "Due to a reconstruction project at Tomah's Winnebago Park, we felt that Recreation Park would be a great location to hold this year's National Night Out," said NNO official and Tomah Police officer Melanie Marshall. "We have already met and begun planning events for the very popular county-wide event,"

she said. National Night Out was introduced in 1984 by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) - a nonprofit, crime prevention organization that works in cooperation with thousands of crime watch groups and law enforcement agencies throughout the country. The event has heightened crime and drug prevention awareness, generated support and participation in local anti-crime programs, strengthened neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships, and sent a

message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. "National Night Out has been a fun event and a way to bring organizations together to share information on how to keep families safe," Marshall said. "It's also a unique way for emergency service personnel, like police officers, to meet one on one with residents." She said invitations will be sent soon to past participants inviting them to this year's event. More than 40 not for profit organizations took part in

last year's event with various exhibits, informational booths and displays along with the Tomah Police Department's Bike Safety Expo and Monroe County's Combined Tactical Unit demonstration. Marshall said this year's event will include a number of hands-on displays along with demonstrations and live exercises. Over the past years, the Monroe County NNO has been recognized by the National Association of Town Watch (NATW) for outstanding participation in 'America's Night Out Against Crime.'

Sparta's Wisniewski recognized as 2021-22 UW-Whitewater Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete

Ryan Wisniewski, a native of Sparta, WI, and graduate of Sparta High School, is one of 59 University of Wisconsin-Whitewater student-athletes recognized by the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and Interim Chancellor John Chenoweth as 2021-22 Chancellor's Scholar-Athletes Presented by Northwestern Mutual. Wisniewski, a member of the football team at UW-Whitewater, is majoring in physical education. Each Chancellor's Scholar-Athlete was recognized in a ceremony Tuesday at the

James R. Connor University Center by Director of Athletics Ryan Callahan and Chancellor Chenoweth. To be recognized as Scholar-Athletes, student-athletes must have maintained a 3.25 cumulative grade point average or above through the end of the 2021 fall semester. Honorees must have participated in a varsity sport for two years, must be of senior academic status and must have accumulated at least 90 degree credits. Each Scholar-Athlete received a commemorative gift.

Monroe County Records Marriage Licenses

- Damon Matthew Young and Trulee Ann Silver
- Matthew Scott Douma and Crystal Lynn Perry
- Perry J Schrock and Marilyn U Borntrager
- Brandon Michael Johnson and Kaleigh Michelle Bankston
- Michael Lee Baumgarten and Amber Jeanette-Elaine Antony
- Hayden Chad Peters and Alayna Jo Mahr
- Jennifer Lynn Rattle and Jordan Bernice Gorham
- Christopher Michael Hina and Averyll Jean Leyba
- Jeffrey Allan Schroeder and Tammie Jo Skrabel
- Jason Fuentes and Jennifer Jo Miller
- Douglas Allen Peterson and Laurie Ann Bjerke
- Jay Martin Waltemath and Angela Marie Johnson
- Craig Allen Schendel and Lisa Marie Kast
- Joni L Miller and Malinda J Yoder
- Kyle Matthew Pershing and Samantha Rae Deguire



Sparta Area Cancer Support (SACS) calendar raffle tickets are printed and being distributed. You could win up to \$500. Get a hold of a SACS volunteer to get yours today. City of Sparta Mayor Kevin Riley (left) fills out a calendar raffle ticket next to SACS co-President Gary Peterson. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

Science Made Easy by Larry Scheckel



QUESTION
My Grandpa was on a submarine in WWII and I remember him saying his submarine had to come up out of the ocean to get air. Is that true today?
ANSWER
Submarine propulsion are of two types: diesel-electric or nuclear. Often the diesel-electric is just referred to as diesel. Diesel engines need diesel fuel and oxygen. There is only so much oxygen the sub can carry, so it must come to the surface periodically to suck in some air. The crew also needs air. On early subs, a diesel engine was used for running on the surface and the electric motor employed for propulsion under water. In later practice, the submarine propellers and equipment on board was powered by batteries, and the diesel engine charged the batteries. Submarines during WWII did not have to come to the surface and betray their position. The diesel subs could come close to the surface and sent up a snorkel tube in take in fresh air and to expel waste gases produced onboard. American submarines in WWII could stay completely submerged for about two days, or 48 hours. The Germans had a Type 21 that had an underwater life of about three days. The last American diesel-electric subs were taken out of service in 1988-1990 and now our entire sub fleet is nuclear powered. Nuclear submarines rely on the power generated by the nuclear reactor on board. The reactor generates sufficient power to run the electrical systems, life support systems, and propulsion systems. Theoretically, a nuclear sub could operate underwater for decades. Of course, they would eventually run out of food. The U.S. Navy has two main classes of submarines: The 18 Ohio Class Ballistic Missile subs are 560 feet in length and 42 feet wide (abeam) and can launch the Trident missiles that have a range of 7,000 miles. These subs are termed "boomers." Some carry cruise missiles and torpedoes. Attack submarines, or hunter-killer subs, have the mission of sinking enemy ships and subs, carrying and launching cruise missiles, and gathering intelligence. If both boomers and attack subs can stay underwater for months at a time, how do they get oxygen? Oxygen in submarines is produced by putting sea water through the process of electrolysis. When DC electric current is applied to water, it breaks down into the gases of oxygen and hydrogen. Submarines typically have a couple of big oxygen tanks as well, used to quickly raise oxygen concentration if the system fails. Waste CO2 is released into the sea whenever it's possible. Sub crews are termed blue and gold. Typically, each team goes to sea for 77 days. When back in port, they have 25 days off to visit family and retrain. The USS Nautilus was the first operational submarine and was put in service in 1954. The Nautilus was the first submarine to complete a daring and dangerous mission and it has a Tomah connection. There is an inscription on a grave in the Tomah Oak Grove Cemetery for Eugene Schroeder, USN 1931-1989, MMC (Machinist's Mate Chief Petty Officer) that reads, "SERVED ABOARD USS NAUTILUS, WORLD'S FIRST NUCLEAR SUBMARINE WHEN IT SAILED UNDER THE ICE AT THE NORTH POLE AUG. 3, 1958." Source: U.S. Navy, www.military-today.com/navy

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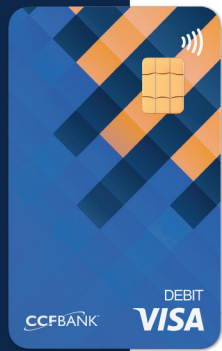
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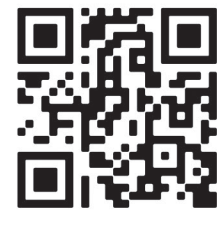
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ART AT THE MANOR, 901 McLean Ave, Tomah, Apartments 308 & 309. Saturday, **May 14th** from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

The Deke Slayton Memorial Space & Bicycle Museum will be having a **CHICKEN-Q** Saturday, **May 14** at the museum from 11am- 2pm.

WI honey producers **SPRING MEETING** in the field - Sat **May 14** at 29196 Kirkwood Ave Wilton 9 am to Noon. Live honeybee inspection. Bring bee veil/ UW Madison Dept Entomology pollination study/ honey bee mite control displays.

COFFEE & CHAT BOOK CLUB, Tuesday, **May 17 @ 11:00am - 12:00pm.** This month's adult book club is hosted upstairs at the Sparta Free Library. May's book is Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine. Copies available for checkout at the upstairs desk.

Sparta Garden Club will hold its **MONTHLY MEETING** Wednesday, **May 18th,** at 1:30 p.m., at Sparta Floral & Greenhouses, 636 E Montgomery St, Sparta. They will present their new products and follow with a Q&A session. All are welcome! Bring your questions!

TEEN CRAFTERNOON Thursday, **May 19 @ 3:30 - 5:00pm** at the Sparta Free Library, 124 W Main St.

The Tri-County Chapter #1386 of **NARFE** (National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees) is scheduled to meet at Perkins Restaurant, 1015 E. McCoy Blvd. (Hwy. 21), Tomah, WI, Thursday, **May 19, 2022.** Lunch is available at 11:30 AM - order off the menu. The meeting starts at approximately 11:45AM. All members, their guests, and interested active &

retired federal employees are welcome.

Tomah Health will be holding a two-day **BLOOD DRIVE** **May 24 & 25** from noon - 5 p.m. at Tomah's Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah.

The Tomah American Legion Post 201 **SPRING FLING CAR & TRUCK SHOW** will be on Sat., **May 28, 2022** at Winnebago Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The **CLASS OF 1969** will have its luncheon the **LAST** Thursday of the month at the **GREENS** Restaurant and Bar at noon.

S.A.C.S. Fundraisers: **May 27** - Brat sale at Theisens 10-2

June 1 - Concert in the park w/ walking tacos

June 11 - Hot dog and brat sale at Hansens 10-2

June 25 - BBQ and brat sale at Theisens 10-2.

First and Third Tuesday 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 pickup.

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.

SENIORS AT THE BARNEY CENTER, AGE 55 AND OLDER. We play 500, Euchre, & we will probably have a table of Pinochle. 1st Thursday of the month 1:00 p.m. and 3rd Saturday pot luck & cards, 11:30 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge

Winners at Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday afternoon, May 4th, were:
First place - Ken Kuhn and Maila Kuhn. Second place - Amy Bernath and Bev Wendorf. Third place - David Hollmann and Lloyd Larson.
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.



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Tickets can be purchased online at www.tomahact.com as well as at the ACT box office starting on May 9 for the two week duration of the play. Box office hours will be from 10am-3pm on Monday through Friday. You may also call us at (608)374-7469 for tickets. If nobody is there to take your call, please leave a message and someone will get back to you.

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LEFT Sparta's Brock Connelly eyes up his first shot on the second green during Monday's MVC meet in Tomah. Connelly finished tied for third.

BELOW Sparta's Layden Ott chips his way from a bunker to the green on the first hole at Hiawatha Golf Course during Monday's MVC meet.

Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



SPARTA GOLF

Connelly comes through; leads SHS with third place finish

By NATE BEIER
Sports Editor

Sparta's Brock Connelly overcame the challenge of a windy afternoon of golf during Monday's Mississippi Valley Conference meet at Hiawatha in Tomah Monday afternoon to finish in a tie for third place.

Connelly scored 10-over-par with an 82. The junior birdied hole 14 and played even on 10 others.

Ty Lietzau tied for 16th with a 90, Layden Ott recorded a 95 for 21st overall while Colton Flock tied for 22 with a score of 96. Seth Kenyon was 29th overall with a score of 113.

Sparta scored a 363 as a team, which was good enough for fourth place. Sparta will host its MVC match Friday at River Run Golf Course starting at 11 a.m.

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TOMAH GOLF

A windy afternoon on course at Hiawatha

By NATE BEIER
Sports Editor

Despite being the warmest day to date this season for high school golf, Monday's Mississippi Valley Conference contest at Hiawatha Golf Course in Tomah was also, perhaps, the windiest which gave competitors more to worry about than normal.

The Tomah five played through the blustery afternoon and made their way to a third place finish on their home links after Jake Berry led the team by tying for third overall with an 82. Berry managed two birdies - on holes 12 and 13 - and bogeyed five.

Trey Torkelson tied for tenth with a score of 86 while Ty Schanhofer and Owen Walker match each other's score at 90 strokes apiece. Carson Brieske, despite playing in the third player's spot, fell to fifth for Tomah with a score of 97 and a place of 24th overall.

Holmen's Jackson Rhoades won the meet after scoring a 79. Teammate Carter Gault was second with an 81 and Sparta's Brock Connelly tied Tomah's Berry for third. Aquinas' Sam Dobbins and Holmen's Luke Taebel tied for fifth.

Holmen's team score of 329 was good enough for first place. Onalaska was second with a 346 and Tomah was two strokes behind with a 348.

Sparta led the second half of the league with a 363 and Aquinas followed with a 367 and the La Crosse co-op 382.

LEFT Tomah's Jake Berry chips his way onto the first green during Monday's match. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

LEFT Tomah's Carson Brieske takes his first shot from the fairway to the second green during Monday's MVC match in Tomah. Brieske finished 24th Monday afternoon. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

CASHTON BASEBALL

Cashton eyes solo SBC title after moving into sole possession of first

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

The Cashton baseball team is on a tear, having rattled off six consecutive wins as the 2022 regular season enters the home stretch.

As a result, the Eagles are right where they would have wanted to be at the start of the spring: sitting atop the Scenic Bluffs standings with a potential conference championship in their sights.

Cashton currently sits at 11-2 overall and 8-1 in league play for first place in the Scenic Bluffs standings, just ahead of Bangor (11-4, 9-2) on winning percentage and a game ahead of Royall (10-4, 8-3) in the conference standings.

With just five more Scenic Bluffs games on their schedule

— road doubleheaders against Royall and Necedah and a home game against Hillsboro — the Eagles fully control their own destiny to conference glory.

Cashton has been a fine-tuned machine throughout the spring to get to this position, with its pitching depth being a big reason why.

"We have a really nice pitching rotation," said Cashton head coach Jeff Moreno. "We have five guys who pitch very effectively, which I think is really a strength in the day and age of pitch counts, especially playing as many doubleheaders as we have."

Reigning Scenic Bluffs Player of the Year Bowdy Dempsey has once again been stellar for the Eagles and

helps lead the way on offense, though they certainly have stellar complementary pieces around him.

Moreno singled out Jack Kleba in particular for his contributions hitting behind

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Cashton's Jeff Moreno has guided the Eagles into a position to win its first outright Scenic Bluffs title for the first time in a decade. The Eagles have five SBC games left, including doubleheaders with Royall and Necedah. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**



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TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

**JUSTINGER INVITE
(TOMAH)
5-10-22
SPARTA
Top 5 Finishers**

BOYS
Track.....
100M: 5 Cody Morrow
200M: Logan Walley 25.47
400M: 3 Boston Miller 59.17
800M: 4 Sam Parent
1600M: 3 Nicholas Lueth 5:13.23
110M Hurdles: 4 Conner Greeno, 5 Cooper Schauf
300M Hurdles: 4 Cooper Schauf
Relays.....
400M Relay: 3 Grant Geier, Devon Leitza, Dusty Morrow, Payton Johnson 49.33
800M Relay: 1 Brayden Siekert, Cody Morrow, Logan Walley, Dain Pitsenbarger 1:38.04
1600M Relay: 1 Boston Miller, Brayden Siekert, Cody Morrow, Conner Greeno 3:52.90
Field.....
Pole Vault: 4 Payton Johnson
High Jump: 4 Brayden Siekert, 5 Conner Greeno
Long Jump: 4 Braden Siekert, 5 Conner Greeno
Shot Put: 5 Layden Massey
Discus Throw: 4 Weston Blazek
GIRLS
Track.....
100M: 3 Evelyn Tripp 13.77
200M: Evelyn Tripp 28.81
400M: 1 Evelyn Tripp 1:05.11, 3 Josie Edwards 1:07.11
800M: 2 Amanda Jaeger 2:41.56
1600M: 1 Leah Madjeski 6:16.22, 4 Serena Swanson
3000M: 1 Araina Roderick 32.44 (w)
400M: 1 Araina Roderick 2:17.85 (w)
100M Hurdles (GIRLS): 4 Paige Williams
300M Hurdles: 3 Lily Gronemus 59.05
Relays.....
400M Relay: 3 Elaina McTaggart, Shannon Hoffman, Rylee Geier, Abigail Schell 1:56.21
Field.....
High Jump: 4 Josie Edwards
Triple Jump: 1 Josie Edwards 31-10.25
Shot Put: 1 Araina Roderick 11-4 (w)

**JUSTINGER INVITE
(TOMAH)
5-10-22
TOMAH
Top 5 Finishers**

BOYS
Track.....
100M: 1 Elijah Brown- 11.47
400M: 1 Nick Lofgren- 56.51
800M: 3 Nick Salzwedel- 2:31.59; 5 Andrew Batchelor
1600M: 1 Carl Oskar Wilcox-borg- 4:54.07; 4 Logan Larson
110M Hurdles: 3 Mitchell Schroder- 16.61
300M Hurdles: 2 Mitchell Schroder- 43.53
Relays.....
400M Relay: 4 Tomah Marco Huser, Caleb Kubik, Bryson Nichols, Jeremiah Parrott- 56.12
800M Relay: 2 Tomah Elijah Brown, Jacob Bullard, Jackson Dawley, Mitchell Schroeder- 1:38.57
Field.....
High Jump: 2 Jayden Brieske- 5-06
Shot Put: 2 Jayden Brieske- 43-6.50; 3 Atlin Steinhoff- 43-4; 4 Hunter Clark- 42-11.25
Discus Throw: 1 Atlin Steinhoff- 127-6; 2 Hunter Clark- 125-4
GIRLS
Track.....
100M: 4 Britney Janiszewski- 13.78
200M: 2 Britney Janiszewski- 28.75
400M: 2 Makayla Ueack- 1:06.67
800M: 5 Alyssa Marth
1600M: 2 Aisha Hughart Topygal- 6:27.15; 3 Madeleine Kline- 6:34.09
3200M: 1 Kaylee Miller- 14:31.67; Alyssa Alden- 16:41.03
100M Hurdles: 1 Lilly Joyce- 16.73; 3 Rebecca Van Hoof- 19.04; 5 Josie Bailly 110M Hurdles (BOYS)
300M Hurdles: 1 Lilly Joyce- 51.57; 2 Rebecca Van Hoof- 56.41; 4 Josie Bailly- 59.53
Relays.....
400M Relay: 2 Tomah Hailey Kramlich, Zandrea Mason, Ashlynn Benish, Britney Janiszewski- 55.23
800M Relay: 1 Tomah Hailey Kramlich, Zandrea Mason, Lily Joyce, Ashlynn Benish- 1:54.45
Field.....
Pole Vault: 3 Jenna Bekken- 7-0; 4 Josie Bailly
High Jump: 2 Makayla Ueack- 4-8
Long Jump: 2 Lily Joyce- 14-7.50; 4 Jenna Bekken
Triple Jump: 4 Makayla Ueack
Discus Throw: 3 Trinity Nichols- 99-10; 4 Sabin Steinhoff

**BLACKHAWK INVITE
(VIROQUA)
5-9-22
BANGOR
Top 5 Finishers**

BOYS
Track.....
100M: 1 Cody Peterson 12.35
200M: 3 Cody Peterson 24.65
400M: 4 Nolan Langrehr
1600M: 3 Gavin Benzing 4:55.6
Relays.....
400M Relay: 5 Bangor (Cody Peterson, Brandon Gilbertson, Gavin Meacham, Tanner Wells) 48.16
800M Relay: 4 Bangor (Brandon Gilbertson, Isaiah Murphy, Lucas Horman, Traevon Delaney)
1600M Relay: 4 Bangor (Traevon Delaney, Sam Crenshaw, Nolan Langrehr, Scott Zobeck)
3200M Relay: 5 Bangor (Arturo Acosta, Isaiah Murphy, Evan Buchholz, Cian Buchholz) 10:18.59
Field.....
Pole Vault: 2 Sam Crenshaw 12-06
Long Jump: 5 Gavin Benzing
Triple Jump: 3 Gavin Meacham 38-11.75
GIRLS
Track.....
100M: 2 Megan Marr 13.59
200M: 2 Megan Marr 28.19
400M: 2 Anna Fronk 1:04.1
800M: 5 Anna Fronk
3200M: 1 Anna Fronk 13:36.26
100M Hurdles: 4 Joeryn Freit
Relays.....
400M Relay: 5 Bangor (Karlei Brennan, Haley Wenthold, Katie Larkin, Aubrey Langrehr)
800M Relay: 2 Bangor (Karlei Brennan, Haley Wenthold, Katie Larkin, Aubrey Langrehr) 1:58.87
Field.....
Long Jump: 1 Megan Marr 16-02.5
Triple Jump: 3 Joeryn Freit 32-00

**BLACKHAWK INVITE
(VIROQUA)
5-9-22
CASHTON
Top 5 Finishers**

BOYS
Track.....
300M Hurdles: 3 Jack Hilden 46.86
Relays.....
400M Relay: 1 Cashton (Colin O'Neil, Onesimo Triado, Jack Hilden, Ethan Klinkner) 46.16
800M Relay: 1 Cashton (Colin O'Neil, Onesimo Triado, Jack Hilden, Ethan Klinkner) 1:36.6
1600M Relay: 1 Cashton (Onesimo Triado, Brady Hemmersbach, Brett Hemmersbach, Michael Sueppel) 3:38.05
Field.....
High Jump: 1 Jack Schlesner 6-05; 2 Jack Hilden 5-10
Long Jump: 4 Colin O'Neil
Shot Put: 1 Riley Verken 46-06; 4 Michael Sueppel
GIRLS
Track.....
100M: 1 Braylee Hyatt 13.39, 5 Maddie Klinkner
200M: 1 Braylee Hyatt 27.64, 5 Adrianna Biever
400M: 1 Adrianna Biever 1:03.99
3200M: 5 Isbell Korn
100M Hurdles: 5 Makayla Gooselaw
Relays.....
1600M Relay: 2 Cashton (Adrianna Biever, Makayla Gooselaw, Kate Gronemus, Braylee Hyatt) 4:25.28
Field.....
High Jump: 4 Makayla Gooselaw
Long Jump: 2 Braylee Hyatt 16-02
Triple Jump: 5 Isbell Korn
Discus Throw: 3 Emme Sanders 93-00

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BOYS
Track.....
100M: 2 Dan Peterson 12.36
200M: 2 Dan Peterson 24.61
400M: 5 Josh Zietlow
3200: 2 Brayden Thieman 12:08.11
Field.....
Triple Jump: 3 Wyatt Maurhoff 38-06
GIRLS
Track.....
3200M: 3 Alexis Lacy 14:46.53, 4 Alic Wiedmeyer
100M Hurdles: 3 Mckenzie Woods 17.67
300M Hurdles: 3 Mckenzie Woods 53.94
Relays.....
800M Relay: 4 Brookwood (Cora Brandau, Trinity Downing, Taylor Freed, Emily O'Rourke)
3200M Relay: 5 Brookwood (Yareni Cruz, Savanna Groom-Cruz, Alexis Lacy Emily O'Rourke)
Field.....
Shot Put: 3 Cora Brandau 31-06.5
Discus Throw: 1 Cora Brandau 107-01

Tomah's Atlin Steinhoff earned first place in discus with a throw of 127-6 on Tuesday at Tomah's home invite.



Sparta's Conner Greeno turns and runs with the handoff from Cody Morrow in the 4x400 relay. Greeno made a mad dash to overcome Reedsburg and secured Sparta's first place finish in a time of 3:52.90 at Tomah on Tuesday.



Tomah's Madeleine Klein and **Sparta's Serena Swanson** ran neck and neck for a lap until Klein pulled ahead to finish the 1600 meter in third place with a time of 6:34.09 and Swanson finished fourth in 6:40.34 at Tomah's Justinger Invitational on Tuesday, May 10.



Sparta's Hadley Thurston heaves up to 6-6 to place 8th in pole vault on Tuesday at Tomah.



Tomah's MaKayla Ueack clears the bar at 4-8 to place second in high jump on Tuesday, May 10.



Tomah's Erin Perry placed ninth in shot put with a distance of 25-9 at the home invite on Tuesday.

Tomah's Mitchell Schroeder leaps into third place in the 110 meter hurdles with a time of 16.61 at Tuesday's invite.

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Heading into the official start of summer, health care officials in Tomah are asking the public to help prepare for an increased need for blood.

"The summer kick-off of the Memorial Day weekend places unmeasurable stress on the blood supply. Increased travel and summer break often lead to higher blood usage," said Versiti Blood Center account representative Emalea Cogdill. "Tragic events or a large crisis would lead to a spike in blood usage."

To help meet the need, Tomah Health and Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin are holding a two-day blood drive May 24 & 25 from noon – 5 p.m. at Tomah's Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah.

"Versiti and Tomah Health partner to make sure that we are ready for these events as well as routine blood use by hosting blood drives every nine weeks," Cogdill said. "At this time, the blood that we have on the shelves makes all of the difference." Versiti is the sole supplier of blood to nearly 50 hospitals in

Wisconsin including Tomah Health. Cogdill said that Versiti needs on average 10,500 donors per week across the organization to maintain a three-day supply of lifesaving blood.

The drives will be held at Tomah's Recreation Park due to continued COVID visitor restrictions at Tomah Health. "We continue to thank Tomah Parks & Recreation director Joe Protz and his staff for use of Recreation Park for our drives," Tomah Health marketing & public relations director Eric Prise said. He said donors are encouraged to register for a donation time at www.tomahhealth.org.

To donate blood, a person must be in good health, at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and have photo identification. Sixteen-year-olds may also donate with parental consent. While the process for whole blood donation usually takes about one hour, the blood collection itself is usually about 10 minutes.

Cogdill said donating blood is something that people can do to help address a community health need. "A stable blood supply allows hospitals to plan treatments and be ready when unpredictable traumas happen," Cogdill added.

MONROE COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

The March meeting of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors convened at the Sparta American Legion Post #100 in the City of Sparta, Wisconsin, on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Chair Cedric Schnitzler presiding. Roll Call was called with 16 Supervisors present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Recognition of Supervisors not Seeking Next Term of Office

District 1 Alan McCoy
 District 8 Mark Halverson
 District 9 Ron Lueth
 District 10 Mark Nicolson

Motion by Supervisor McCoy second by Supervisor Von Ruden to approve the February 23, 2022 minutes. Carried by voice vote.

Public Comment Period – Nine members of the public signed up to speak to the board.

Budget Adjustments:
 Child Support/Corporation Counsel – Motion by Supervisor Balz second by Supervisor Von Ruden to approve budget adjustment. Pam Pipkin, Child Support Director explained the 2022 budget adjustment in the amount of \$33,976.00 for half-time Assistant Corporation Counsel/Child Support Attorney. The budget adjustment passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Land Records – Motion by Supervisor VanWychem second by Supervisor Lueth to approve budget adjustment. Diane Erickson, Finance Director explained the 2022 budget adjustment in the amount of \$456.36 for GPS unit cell plan. Discussion. The budget adjustment passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Dog Control – Motion by Supervisor Gomez second by Supervisor Wissestad to approve budget adjustment. Alison Elliott, Sanitation, Planning, Zoning and Dog Control Administrator explained the 2022 budget adjustment in the amount of \$5,000.00 for confiscated dogs and other animals held as evidence for criminal cases. The budget adjustment passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Jail – Motion by Supervisor Wissestad second by Supervisor Cook to approve budget adjustment. Chris Weaver, Chief Deputy explained the 2022 budget adjustment in the amount of \$13,600.00 for sound proofing panels. The budget adjustment passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Human Services – Motion by Supervisor Pierce second by Supervisor Schmitz to approve budget adjustment. Ron Hamilton, Human Services Director explained the 2021 budget adjustment in the amount of \$80,000.00 for Wisconsin Medicaid Cost Report funds. The budget adjustment passed with all Supervisors voting yes. Motion by Supervisor Lueth second by Supervisor Von Ruden to approve budget adjustment. Ron Hamilton explained the 2021 budget adjustment in the amount of \$1,342,986.58 for Children's Long Term Support program. The budget adjustment passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Health Department – Motion by Supervisor Pierce second by Supervisor Von Ruden to approve budget adjustment. Tiffany Giesler, Health Director explained the 2022 budget adjustment in the amount of \$3,500.00 for Kindness Community donation. The budget adjustment passed with all Supervisors voting yes. Motion by Supervisor Von Ruden second by Supervisor Balz to approve budget adjustment. Tiffany Giesler explained the 2022 budget adjustment in the amount of \$450.00 for United Piece Makers donation. The budget adjustment passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Rolling Hills Building Update, Rolling Hills Committee Chair, Toni Wissestad.

Rolling Hills Building Project Change Order Request – This item was pulled from the agenda.

Debbie Carney, Treasurer provided the monthly Treasurer's report and answered questions.

Diane Erickson, Finance Director provided the monthly Finance Director's report and answered questions.

Tina Osterberg, County Administrator provided the monthly Administrator's report and answered questions.

A recess was taken at 6:52 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 6:59 p.m.

RESOLUTION 03-22-01
MONROE COUNTY RESOLUTION ON CLEAN WATER
 The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Supervisor Lueth second by Supervisor Von Ruden. Bob Micheel, Land Conservation Director explained. Discussion. Motion by Supervisor Kuhn second by Supervisor Nicholson to amend The Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved paragraph to: that the Monroe County Board of Supervisors establish plans to keep clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin for the citizens of Monroe County and amend the 1st Be It Further Resolved paragraph to: in recognition to keep clean water, by actions, policies, plans and procedures of the County of Monroe will reflect the intent to conserve, protect and restore clean water. Discussion. The amendment failed by voice vote. Motion by Supervisor Nicholson second by Supervisor Cook to amend the Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved paragraph to: that the Monroe County Board of Supervisors support the right to clean water to protect human health, the environment, and the diverse cultural and natural heritage of Wisconsin for the citizens of Monroe County. A roll call vote was taken. The amendment passed (11 Y - 5 N - 0 Absent). The resolution as amended passed (15 Y - 1 N - 0 Absent).

RESOLUTION 03-22-02
RESOLUTION AMENDING MONROE COUNTY ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 47
 The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Supervisor Lueth second by Supervisor Cook. Alison Elliott, Sanitation, Planning, Zoning and Dog Control Administrator explained. Discussion. The resolution passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

RESOLUTION 03-22-03
RESOLUTION UNDER §59.69 WIS. STATS. TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO ZONING IN THE TOWN OF SPARTA
 The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Supervisor Kuhn second by Supervisor McCoy. Alison Elliott, Sanitation, Planning, Zoning and Dog Control Administrator explained. The resolution passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

RESOLUTION 03-22-04
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ESTABLISHMENT OF ONE ADDITIONAL ECONOMIC SUPPORT SPECIALTY POSITION IN THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT
 The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Supervisor Pierce second by Supervisor Halverson. Ron Hamilton, Human Services Director explained. Discussion. The resolution passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

RESOLUTION 03-22-05
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLERK OF COURTS AND SHERIFF'S SALARY RATES FOR THE NEXT TERM OF OFFICE IN 2023-2026
 The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Supervisor Gomez second by Supervisor Lueth. Ed Smudde, Personnel Director explained. The resolution passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Dr. Victoria McGrath and Malayna Halverson Maes provided the final presentation of the McGrath Compensation and Benefits study. Questions were answered.

RESOLUTION 03-22-06
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISED COMPENSATION PLAN STRUCTURE RECOMMENDED BY MCGRATH HUMAN RESOURCES GROUP
 The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Supervisor Gomez second by Supervisor Wissestad. Motion by Supervisor Gomez second by Supervisor Devine to amend on line #38 by removing the revised compensation plan and changing it to Appendix A: Recommended Salary Schedule. Discussion. The amendment carried by voice vote. Motion by Supervisor Nicholson second by Supervisor Gomez to suspend the rules of debate. The motion failed the required 2/3 vote (9 Y - 7 N - 0 Absent). Discussion. Call the question, to end discussion by Supervisor Von Ruden second by Supervisor Devine. The motion failed (5 Y - 11 N - 0 Absent). The meeting continued. Discussion. The resolution as amended passed with all supervisors voting yes.

RESOLUTION 03-22-07
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVISED COMPENSATION PLAN WAGE ADJUSTMENTS RECOMMENDED BY MCGRATH HUMAN RESOURCES GROUP
 The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Supervisor Kuhn second by Supervisor Halverson. Discussion. Motion by Supervisor Gomez second by Supervisor Cook to amend resolution by removing years served in current position to years served in Monroe County. A short recess was taken at 8:45 p.m., the meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m. Supervisors Gomez and Cook withdrew their motion to amend. Discussion. Motion by Supervisor Balz second by Supervisor Kuhn to amend lines #27 & #34 by changing elected officials to "non" elected officials. The amendment passed by voice vote. Discussion. The resolution as amended passed 15 Supervisors Voting Yes, Supervisor Nicholson voting no.

RESOLUTION 03-22-08
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHANGES TO THE MONROE COUNTY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL FOR MARCH 31, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2022 COVID-19 POLICY
 The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by Supervisor Halverson second by Supervisor Balz. Ed Smudde, Personnel Director explained. The resolution passed with all Supervisors voting yes.

Chairman's Report – None.

Chair Schnitzler adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

I, Shelley Bohl, Monroe County Clerk certify that to the best of my knowledge the foregoing is a correct copy of the March meeting of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors held on March 23, 2022. 5/12 WNAXLP

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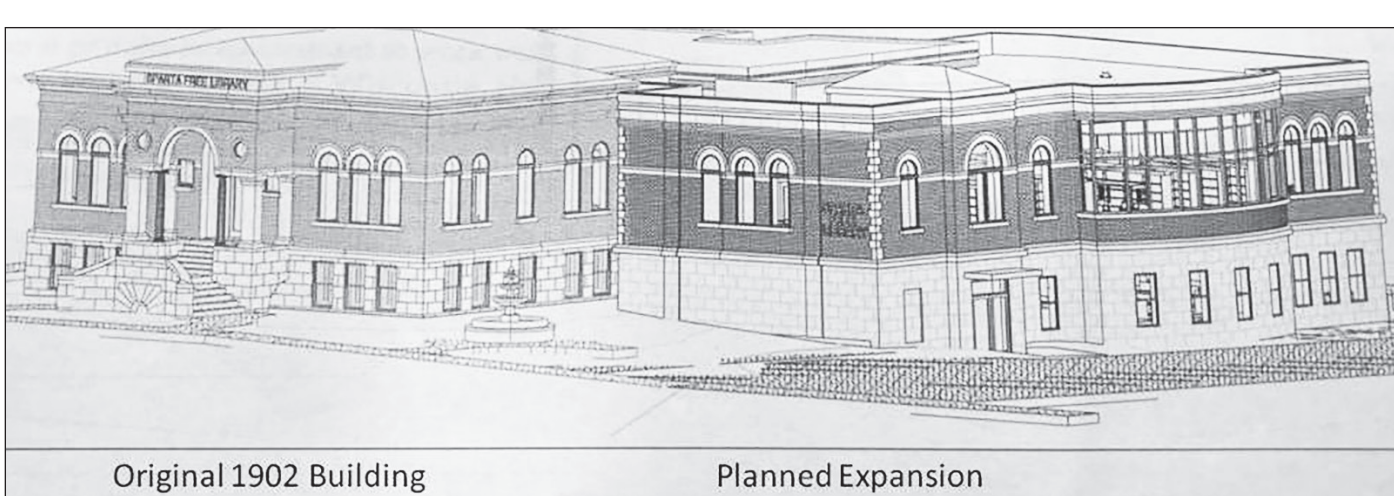
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Sparta Library expansion

John Gessner
 Contributing Writer

Soon, the Sparta Free Library (SFL) will get a new look when the expansion project kicks off in Fall of 2022. Originally built in 1902 at a cost of \$10,000 (almost \$300,000 in today's dollars), the library has gone through some renovations thus far, but nothing of this magnitude. The new expansion will cost \$5 million, of which \$1.5 million will be provided donations by the Friends of the SFL group, which has raised approximately \$1.125 million to date. The remaining \$3.5 million will be funded by the City of Sparta.

The new expansion will virtually double the size of the library from the current 11,460 square feet of usable space. The exterior of the facility will match the historic nature of the building but incorporate modern building techniques to provide for a first-class learning environment. The expansion is planned for both floors, extending to the East of the existing building. Groundbreaking will begin in the Fall of 2022, as Library Director Michelle Tryggestad stated, "a fitting tribute to the Library's 120th anniversary." The expansion has been designed and construction will be supervised by FEH Design, a company well experienced in library construction.

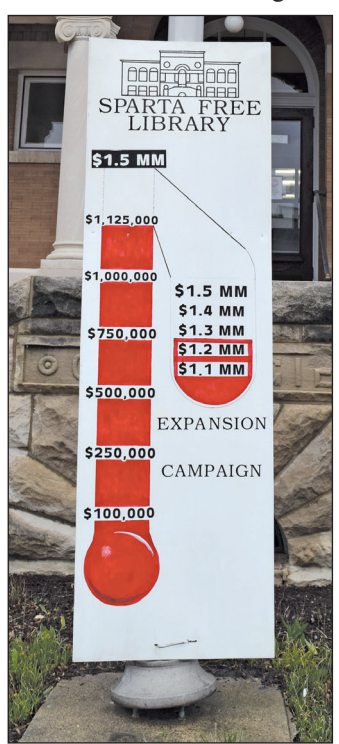
Director Tryggestad said, "During the renovation, we plan for the library remaining open, continuing to provide services to the Sparta area. Once the new expanded area is complete, materials will be shifted to the new area to allow renovations to the older portion of the facility." Director Tryggestad went on to explain some of the features of the new expanded area. Not only will the expansion double the size of the library, it will also allow for expanded shelving space and display for additional books, DVDs and numerous other materials. The new area will feature a floor to ceiling bay window, a new fireplace and seating to allow for a relaxing reading environment. In addition, the teen and children's spaces will double in size, allowing for more materials and activities.

The new entrance will be on the East side of the building

and allow for access to program rooms outside of the normal library business hours. The expansion will allow for more study and conference rooms. Local and home businesses will be encouraged to utilize these spaces for meetings and conferences. Public use computers are planned to double in quantity as well as continued WiFi accessibility throughout the building and grounds.

To give an idea of the impact of our local library, the library contains more than 29,300 books, 1600 audio books, 3200 videos, 90 games & kits, and 38 magazines and newspapers. In addition, with a free library card, patrons have access to 173,000 e-books and 65,000 audio and digital books through Wisconsin's Digital Library system. "Patrons enjoy eBooks & audios," Director Tryggestad said, "because they automatically return for you." The library has loaned over 19,000 materials to the other 41 libraries in the Winding River Library System in the past year alone, revealing the high-interest, current quality of the SFL collection.

What will remain the same? Director Tryggestad stated that the original brick fireplace with medallion will remain in the Carnegie room, as well as the beautiful woodwork and arched windows throughout



Nearing the goal of \$1.5 million donations for the library expansion. Herald photo by John Gessner.

the 1902 space, a symbol of Sparta's rich history. The outside fountain will continue to be a focal point leading patrons to the new accessible entryway. Keep an eye out for a public "sneak peek" into the expansion plans and groundbreaking for this exciting community project.



Library Director Michelle Tryggestad pointing out the Carnegie Medallion and original fireplace. Herald photo by John Gessner.

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WELCOME OUR NEWBORNS

 Kennedy Shawnel McCarthy 4/2/2022 10:27 p.m. 7lbs 7oz Karon (Bench) & Shawn McCarthy Sparta	 Conner Edward Jay Gerke 4/3/2022 11:18 p.m. 7lbs 12oz Emily Wilhite & Joseph Gerke Tomah	 Eleanor Rose Marie Hartley 4/4/2022 9:21 a.m. 7lbs 13oz Destini (Robinette) & Wyatt Hartley Tomah
 Grayson Derik Morgan 4/5/2022 10:40 a.m. 6lbs 5oz Angela Finnigan & Zachary Morgan Tomah	 Emberlee Neveida Gonzales 4/6/2022 2:06 a.m. 6lbs 11oz Michelle (Gonzales) & Matthew Daniel Sparta	 Aiden John Gage 4/6/2022 9:53 a.m. 8lbs 4oz Sadie Coryell & Matthew Gage Black River Falls
 Dawson Wayne Babcock 4/6/2022 5:39 p.m. 8lbs 12oz April (Moody) & Jeremy Babcock Kendall	 Madelyn Mae Fawcett 4/9/2022 1:42 a.m. 6lbs 14oz Jasmine Fawcett Viola	 Graesyn Brandel Trujillo 4/13/2022 12:51 p.m. 6lbs 10oz Alicia Wilkins & Martin Trujillo Tomah
 Klyde Thomas Femrite 4/16/2022 7:02 p.m. 7lbs 7oz Braden (Brookman) & Kyle Femrite Tomah	 Beckham Dean Dawley 4/19/2022 4:07 p.m. 8lbs 5oz Delaney Benz & Hunter Dawley Tomah	 Grayson Teumer 4/22/2022 5:01 p.m. 6lbs 10oz Emily Teumer Necedah

Visitor Restrictions
 As a safeguard to patients and staff, Tomah Health is limiting visitors, including to our Women's Health Services Dept.
 For details visit tomahhealth.org/wellness/coronavirus-disease-covid-19
 We regret any inconveniences!

Childbirth Education Classes
 Our Child Education Classes will be held in person at Tomah Health. Masks are required and class size will be limited. Registration is required by calling 608-377-8688.

Hydrotherapy Class	June 2, 2022	7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	\$10.00	Conf Rm 1C
Breastfeeding Class	June 9, 2022	5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.	\$10.00	Conf Rm 1B
Prepared Childbirth Education	July 7, 2022	5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.	\$20.00	Conf Rm 1B & 1C

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