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Ellison Leis with her parents Rachel and Amos Leis. Ellison was diagnosed with Leukemia in November of 2021 and is the SACS honorary child of 2022. Herald photos by Kyle Evans.

## SACS names 2022 honorees

By KYLE EVANS  
Interim Editor

On Monday May 9, Sparta Area Cancer Support (SACS) held a gathering at Evans Bosshard Park in Sparta to introduce their 2022 honorees.

SACS honorary child is Ellison Leis, of Sparta, the daughter of Amos and Rachel Leis. November 21, 2021 Ellison was diagnosed with a form of Leukemia, a cancer of the blood. Rachel stated, "Ellison went through phase 1 of treatment and before Christmas, they found out she was in remission." The family has been going to Rochester every other week for the last two months. Ellison will be in treatment until March 1, 2024.

Ellison was excited to learn that she gets to throw out candy in the parade at Sparta Butterfest this year.

SACS male honoree is Jeff Olson, of Sparta. In the Fall of 2019 Olson went to the doctor and eventually found out he had a tumor, the size of a butternut squash. It was a hyposarcoma which attacks the fatty cells in the body. Olson said, "the doctors just went in and cut it out." Jeff said the tumor could potentially come back, so he goes back to Rochester every 3 months, to get checked.

SACS female honoree is Angela Seubert, of Sparta, who is a breast cancer survivor. Angela had surgery in November and also at the end of April. Angela said, "hopefully the cancer is gone now."



Jeff Olson



Angela Seubert

SACS honorary couple is Jim & Darlene Pfaff, of Rockland, who were unable to attend the event last week.

SACS has a couple of fundraising events coming up this summer, including kicking cancer at the curb on June 10th. The SACS volunteers will be out on street corners, making it easy for people to donate to SACS. The organization also has a walk on August 5 in Memorial Park.

SACS is helping 50 people in the area so far this year.

## Sparta native Ryan Wisniewski achieves childhood dream with invitation to Packers rookie minicamp

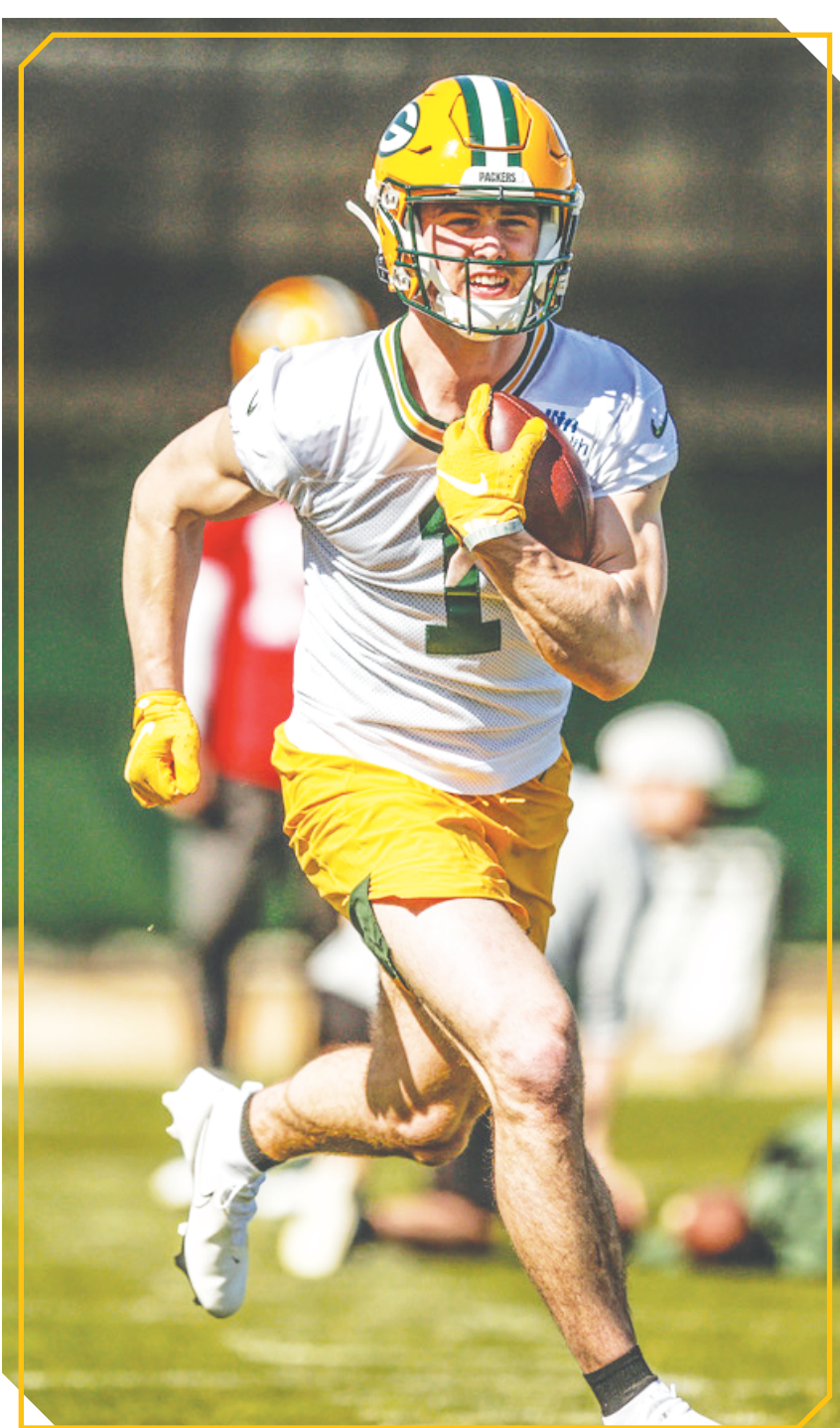


Photo: Evan Siegle, Green Bay Packers

## — GREEN & GOLDEN — OPPORTUNITY

As a Wisconsin kid born and raised and a Green Bay Packers fan, Ryan Wisniewski could have only dreamed of getting the chance to don the green and gold.

That dream became a realization for the Sparta native earlier this month when he took part at this year's Packers rookie minicamp.

The Packers hosted 51 total players at this year's rookie minicamp, with Wisniewski among the 18 tryouts players participating.

His opportunity for an NFL tryout

BY ZACH RASTALL Staff Writer

came after a decorated collegiate career with the Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks, consistently one of the top teams in Division III football every year.

At a program rich in history, Wisniewski finished his time at Whitewater in the top 10 in several career receiving categories: fourth in school history in receiving touchdowns (26), sixth in receiving yards (2,441) and tied for sixth in receptions (154) in 41 games played.

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Tim Adler

## Tomah breaks ground on \$13.5 million emergency services building

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN  
Contributing Writer

The North Glendale Ball Park in Tomah has been the site of countless baseballs and softballs beyond the fence over the years.

But May 12 will go down as a significant home run for Tomah emergency services. Ground was broken for a \$13.5 million Tomah Emergency Services Building (ESB). The site will be the combined home for the Tomah Fire Department and Tomah Area Ambulance Service.

Work actually started on the site Monday May 2 when Public Works employees started removing the fence and ball diamonds from the North Glendale Ball Park. As part of the plan Bud's Ball Park will remain intact and used for city recreational needs.

While the city is losing one ball field at the North Glendale site it will gain ball fields at the planned Flare Avenue ball complex. Plans are in place for that project to start this construction season.

Tentative completion for the ESB is the fall of 2023. Look for Gerke Excavating crews to begin with site prep soon. Steel for the building is expected to be on site sometime in August. They will be followed by countless contractors over the next few months.

The symbolic groundbreaking represents an exercise in patience for those involved, according to Tomah Public Safety Director Tim Adler.

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## Letters to the Editor



### Tough Decisions

Dear Editor:

To the families in the Sparta School District:

I grew up in rural Cataract and attended the "old" elementary school. I remember a time when schools in surrounding communities were closed, and students from these schools were integrated into Cataract. I imagine at that time parents were concerned about the change for their children: a longer distance to travel to school, new teachers, and new students they didn't know.

In 1965 I was in sixth grade at the "old" Cataract Elementary School. A new school had been built that was opening the following Fall. My dad was the janitor there for many years after he quit dairy farming. My wedding reception was held there as were community card parties, Homemakers Craft Fairs, and other events.

Cataract is a special place. The people in Cataract volunteer to keep the cemetery mowed, take up a collection for those in need, and rake someone's yard when they can't. I know firsthand that people in Cataract care.

And now, Cataract cares about their school closing. The referendum didn't pass, so very hard decisions must be made by the Sparta Area School Board. No one wants to see and feel budget cuts, and I believe all cuts affect our children directly or indirectly! Talk of another referendum in August costs money and what if it didn't pass again? Or what if it passed by only a few votes? These are hard times. Our state has reduced funds to our public schools, it seems there are more "mandates" required of teachers, and there are increasing social needs of families that schools try to meet to help the children learn. Is it an easy decision to keep Cataract school open and reduce resources for the learning of other students in the district? Is it an easy decision to close Cataract school and bus students farther and make decisions about an empty school building? I don't think so.

I'm not sure what the best solution is, but I do know that any decision will not please everyone. I also believe that what is said and written about Sparta School District is heard and felt by our children and I hope that children are seeing actions, and hearing words said in a positive manner so our children can always be proud of the adults that speak and act on their behalf!

Population changes, costs rise, and yet school districts are asked and expected to continue doing what they've done while adding even more responsibilities! It's been a crazy three years and I believe our children will grow up despite Covid, and the changes it brought. They will also grow up wherever they go to school as it is the love and support from the entire community that make our children great, not necessarily where they attend school. Thank you for listening.

Kaye Ketterer  
Sparta

## Tomah Health Schedules Water Birth, Breastfeeding Classes

New moms interested in breastfeeding their newborn can learn more about it during a class hosted by Tomah Health June 9 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Information will be presented on the advantages of breastfeeding, prenatal preparation, healthy nutrition, the partner's role and returning to work while continuing to breastfeed.

Moms interested in learning about hydrotherapy or water birthing can learn

how this technique can assist in promoting a calm, safe and relaxed birth experience during a class June 2 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Tomah Health. Attendance is highly encouraged by all health care providers, before having a water birth.

Masks are required and class size is limited for all classes at Tomah Health. There is a \$10 charge for each class. Registration is required by calling 608-377-8688.

## Monroe County is experiencing high COVID-19 Community Levels

Monroe County is now experiencing a high COVID-19 Community Level. During a high COVID-19 Community Level, there is potential for our local health care systems to be overwhelmed due to increased levels of circulating illness and severe disease. We urge every resident to take critical steps to protect their health and the health of the entire community:

- Be sure that you are up to date with COVID-19 vaccines by getting all recommended vaccinations and booster doses. It is not too late to get vaccinated!

- Know where to get tested if you develop symptoms of COVID-19 or are exposed to someone with COVID-19. Order free tests online from the federal government at [COVIDTests.gov](https://www.covidtests.gov).

- Stay home if you are feeling sick or if you test positive for COVID-19.

- Wear a well-fitting mask or respirator in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.

- If you live with someone or frequently visit someone who is at increased risk for COVID-19, protect them by:

- Wearing a well-

fitting mask around them.

- Using a self-test before gathering. If possible, it is always safer to gather outdoors.

- If you are at increased risk for severe COVID-19:

- Talk with a health care provider about whether you need to wear a well-fitting mask or respirator or take additional precautions to prevent COVID-19 including accessing COVID-19 therapeutics. To find a clinic or health care provider near you, dial 2-1-1.

- Consider staying 6 or more feet away from people in public indoor settings.

While COVID-19 continues to circulate throughout Wisconsin, Monroe County's Community Level may change. Residents can adjust their COVID-19 prevention strategies if Monroe County moves into a low or medium COVID-19 Community Level.

Stay informed about Monroe County's COVID-19 Community Level and all COVID-19 information by visiting <https://healthymonroecowwi.org/covid-19/>.



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

## Update on death investigation in Sparta

The Sparta Police Department continues to investigate the call to Jefferson Avenue on the morning of Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

Upon arrival at the residence, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel found 32-year-old Sara Latimer of Sparta deceased.

The investigation into her death is still on-going, however we do not feel there is any danger to the public.

The Sparta Police Department asks that if you

think you may have any information relevant to this investigation, you contact Detective Tovar or Deputy Chief Ferguson at (608) 269-3122.

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.

## Car show slated for Memorial Day weekend

By RHONDA HESS  
Contributing Writer

Organizers are driven to put on an impressive car show Memorial Day weekend.

The Tomah American Legion is hosting the event at Winnebago Park Saturday, May 28, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tomah American Legion Commander Todd Steffel said they are hoping to beat last year's participant numbers.

"Last year we had about 50, but we're hoping for 50 to 60 this year," he said.

Auto owners pay \$5 as an entry fee and can receive "Best Of" plaques, such as Commander's Choice or Peoples' Choice. Judging will begin at 11 a.m. with an awards ceremony at 2 p.m.

"The first 30 who show up get a dash plaque, too," Steffel said.

This is the fourth event out of the past five years, with no event taking place in 2020, due to the pandemic.

It will take place at "the

point" in Winnebago Park.

"I park all the cars around the edge," Steffel said. "It's so cool."

They are hoping for two or three food trucks for spectators and participants to buy food and non-alcoholic beverages will also be for sale.

Spectators can view the vehicles free. Organizers are looking for additional vendors, such as those who sell car-related T-shirts and other merchandise.

They are not looking for vendors who sell or trade auto parts. "It's not a swap meet," Steffel said. "But, if a parts shop would want to pass out their cards or something, that's fine. We're really just looking for anything appropriate for the car show."

He said this event is a "warm-up" for a much larger one in Warrens on Father's Day weekend.

To find out more, go to the Tomah American Legion's website at [tomahamericanlegion.org](https://www.tomahamericanlegion.org).

### MEETINGS

- The Solid Waste Management Committee will meet on Tue., May 17, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Assembly Room.

- The Administration & Personnel Committee will meet on Tue., May 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice Center.

- The Monroe County Board of Supervisors will have their finance meeting on Wed., May 18, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice Center.

- The regular meeting of the Bangor School District Board of Education will be held in the Bangor High/Middle School on Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. A link will be provided on the main page of our website ([www.bangor.k12.wi.us](https://www.bangor.k12.wi.us)) to view the meeting virtually. To participate in public comment virtually during the meeting, please contact John Magnuson, Technology Coordinator, [jmagnuson@bangorsd.net](mailto:jmagnuson@bangorsd.net).

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**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](http://www.stclaremonroecounty.org) or call 608-366-5343.

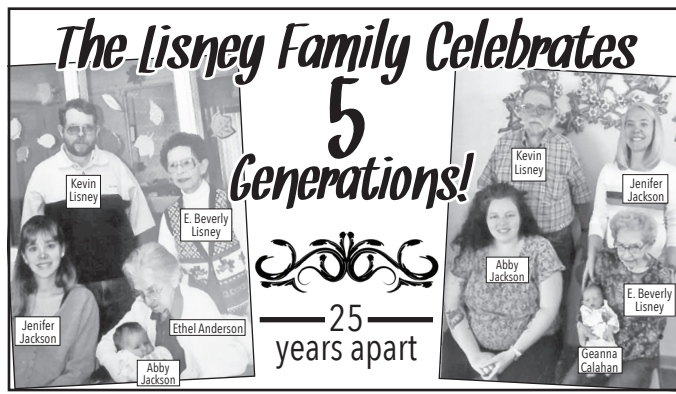
**SPARTA LIONS CLUB MEETING** Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Sparta American Legion starting at 6:30 pm. We are always looking for new members!

**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.

**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.



## The Lisney Family Celebrates 5 Generations!

### 25 years apart

By **KYLE EVANS**  
Interim Editor

### Law enforcement appreciation ceremony Friday, May 20th

A law enforcement appreciation ceremony will be held at the front of the Monroe County Justice Center on Friday, May 20, at noon. Chaplain Jef Skinner, of Blue Line Chaplains, is heading up the event. Skinner has been doing chaplain work in the area for the last 18 years. Jef is the community chaplain for law enforcement. He started with the Sparta Police Department and eventually moved into the Monroe

County Sheriff's Department, state patrol and the DNR. He also gets called in by local fire departments and EMS when there has been a traumatizing event.

At the event will be opportunities to express your appreciation. Monroe County Sheriff Wes Revels will be the guest speaker. There will be some gift bags for law enforcement and a large picnic type meal. The event is free to the public.

For more information contact Chaplain Jef Skinner at [jefskinner@gmail.com](mailto:jefskinner@gmail.com) or 608-487-0330.

### Shriners uncorked

This Saturday, May 21, the Zor Shriners will be holding a fundraiser at the Foxhole Pub on highway 21 in Sparta. The event is a wine, beer, and spirit tasting with some appetizers. Tickets are only \$20 and it all goes to the Shriners. The public is welcome.

You can buy tickets at the door on Saturday. The event will be held in the party shed behind the pub. Event organizer Al Brueggen said, "It's a fundraiser for the Shriners. We will have cornhole, and next year we are planning to have some live music."

The event has some sponsors from the local area. The Shriners will have various raffles going at the event.

Shriners is a fraternal organization for men, that do various things for the community.

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## HOROSCOPE

May 15-21, 2022

**ARIES**  
Someone will confide in you, or you'll discover a big secret. You may have to decipher a message in another language or decode a comment from your significant other.

**LIBRA**  
You'll speak your mind. If you have a secret, you may find it hard to keep it to yourself. You'll surprise yourself by realizing you have the means to do so.

**TAURUS**  
Your emotions will run high. You may experience tears of joy. One of your children may be doing something special, like taking their first steps or receiving a degree.

**SCORPIO**  
Now is an excellent time to start thin-kng seriously about buying or selling a property. You'll surprise yourself by realizing you have the means to do so.

**GEMINI**  
If you want to reach a fair agreement, you must put your feelings aside during a negotiation. You must also closely follow the laws and regulations to avoid future problems.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
At times, you'll feel as though you're being pushed around. When you're up against the wall, you'll get a lot of things settled and manage to make contact quickly. You'll be surprised to finally get a return call.

**CANCER**  
You'll have a heavy workload and won't have time to take a breather at work. If you're not at your best, take the time to rest and regain your energy to brave the storm.

**CAPRICORN**  
You'll use your imagination to create a masterpiece. You'll also attend a show or exhibition that leaves a lasting impression on you.

**LEO**  
You'll feel extremely proud after accomplishing a brilliant feat and discovering a hidden talent. Your family life may be a source of stress.

**AQUARIUS**  
You'll have a very active social life. All your friends will want to see you at the same time. You'll attend a few high-profile gatherings and will always have someone to talk to.

**VIRGO**  
You may have to spend part of the week at home. You'll paint a wall or work on a home renovation project. You may spontaneously decide it's time to move.

**PISCES**  
You may start your own business. At the very least, you'll move towards a position of power at work. You'll happily settle into this new role until you retire.

*The luckiest signs this week:*  
**Aquarius, Pisces and Aries**

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

**MAY 15**  
Stella Maxwell, Model (32)

**MAY 16**  
Danny Trejo, Actor (78)

**MAY 17**  
Jordan Knight, Singer (52)

**MAY 18**  
Tina Fey, Actress/Writer (52)

**MAY 19**  
Marshmello, DJ (30)

**MAY 20**  
Cher, Singer (76)

**MAY 21**  
Mr. T, Actor (70)

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**ACROSS**

- Ship defector
- Herring's kin
- Graceful bird
- Past
- Music system: hyph.
- Evergreen
- Hair cream
- Carney et al.
- Tiny pests
- Border
- Admission slip
- Savior
- Gravy
- Portrayal
- Brush part
- Orchestra
- Brick house
- Balloon input
- Navigated
- More mature
- Fend off
- GI's supper
- Covered passageway
- Licks
- Oceans
- Orderly
- "Tea for \_\_\_\_\_"
- Plate of glass
- Dealer's vehicle
- Line of seats
- Ran
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- Mate of hither

## Sudoku

Answers on page 11

**PUZZLE NO. 864**

**HOW TO PLAY**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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### Sparta Area School District SCHOOL BOARD VACANCY NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Sparta Area School Board will be accepting applications to fill a vacancy due to a resignation of the Board of Education.

The remaining term of this position is approximately 11 months and ends with the school board election of April 2023. The process is described in Board Policy Article 0142.5 as follows:

- Appointment by the Board to fill a vacancy shall be by the majority vote of the existing Board. All votes shall be recorded, preserved and open to public inspection to the extent prescribed in Wis. Stat. Chapter 19. Secret ballots may only be used when Board members are electing officers.
- The vacancy shall be announced in the local newspaper for a minimum of two (2) weeks prior to the deadline for applications.
- If one or no applications are received by the deadline, the deadline may be extended by a majority vote of the Board.
- 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.
- All applicants are to submit a notice of their interest, in writing, to the Board Administrative Assistant/Superintendent's Office.
- 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.
- If the vacancy is not filled within sixty (60) days of the date on which the vacancy first exists, the vacancy shall be filled by the following methods:
  - If an appointment for a vacancy is not made due to a voting deadlock of the Board at the conclusion of the initial sixty (60) day period following the date on which the vacancy first exists, the final selection will be made at the first meeting of the full Board (following the initial sixty (60) day period) by a random drawing of the candidates tied with the highest number of votes during the most recent attempt.
  - If the first solution does not apply for any reason, the Board President will appoint a candidate to fill the vacancy at the first meeting of the full Board which follows the initial sixty (60) day period.

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 [WendyMarkgren@spartan.org](mailto:WendyMarkgren@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.

# OBITUARIES

## SUSAN "SUE" M. JOHNSON

April 4, 1934 — April 10, 2022

TOMAH - Susan "Sue" M. Johnson, 88, of Tomah, died Sunday, April 10, 2022 at Serenity House in Tomah surrounded by her family. She was born April 4, 1934 to Clifford and Margaret (Barto) Stout in Wisconsin Rapids.



Susan Johnson

She was baptized and confirmed at the First Congregational Church of Wisconsin Rapids. Sue was a member of the Lincoln High School Graduating Class of 1952. She furthered her education at Wood County Normal School where she received her teacher's certification. On July 24, 1954, Sue was united in marriage to Roy R. Johnson. After her marriage to Roy, they began their lives together on their family farm in the Township of Oakdale.

She began her first job in education at Stowell Country School, Brookdale Country School, and Wyeville Elementary school. Beginning in 1961, Sue spent over a decade and a half with Mack Implement as a bookkeeper and took care of filling parts and waiting on customers. Here, she became well known within the local farming community. During this time, she and Roy also had 4 beautiful children. In her early 40's, she returned to college at UW- LaCrosse - receiving her bachelor's degree in Education. She was proud to have completed four years of college in three and a half, all while still working and raising 4 children. She returned to the Tomah Area school District for nearly twenty years until her retirement.

enjoyed traveling, spending time with her family, reading, and was an avid crafter, there wasn't anything a patch or a little Tacky Glue couldn't fix! Sue is already dearly missed by her family, they will miss her sassy nature, her endless knowledge and wisdom, her amazing storytelling, but most of all, they will miss her kind heart.

Sue is survived by her children, Melody (Robert) Greeno, Sandy (David) Linsmeyer and Scott Johnson. Son In Law, Gordon Laxton. Her grandchildren, Bridget (John) Walsh, Dana (Benjamin Riepe) Murray, Justin (Kaitlyn) Laxton, Seth (Bri) Greeno, Lucas Murray, Jewel Marie (Matt Genrich) Johnson, and Jay (Erin Wieser) Johnson. Her great-grandchildren, Declan, Kinsley, and Ember Greeno, Sydney Laxton, and Asia Riepe. Her siblings, Gary (Connie) Stout, Donn (Rena) Stout, and Sally (Leroy) Joosten.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy Johnson, her daughter Wendy Laxton, her siblings Arlene Capek and Kenneth Stout.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 21, 2022, 11:00 A.M. at the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, 310 W Elizabeth, Tomah. Pastor Scott Mann will officiate. Burial will be at a later date.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Saturday from 9:30 A.M. until the time of the service.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com](http://www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com). The family requests that memorials be given to the Tomah Hospice Touch, or Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Susan's name.

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## ESTHER ALMA BRUX SCHENDEL

7/14/1930 — 5/2/2022

Esther Alma Brux Schendel (7/14/1930 to 5/2/2022) was born in New Lisbon, Wisconsin. She was the sixth child of Rudolph Brux and Martha Tessmer.



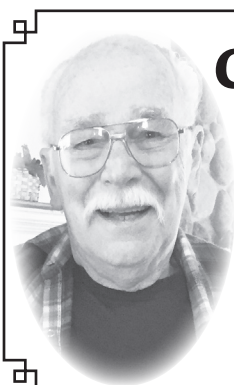
She met William M. Schendel while working at the VA hospital. They married on 6/21/1952. They had three children Sharon (Boz,) Kurt (Tami,) and Scott (Joanna.) They had seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Esther and Bill were both lifelong members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Esther worked nearly her

entire life. She retired from the Tomah VA after 35 years. She also ran an antique business called Esther's Antiques for 45 years.

She is preceded in death by her husband Bill (2004), her son, Scott (2015,) and her five siblings. The last eight years she suffered from dementia and was robbed of her brilliant mind though she kept her sense of humor and wonderful smile. She is in peace in heaven looking down on us. Esther left the world a better place.

A grave side ceremony will be held on Saturday May 21st at Oak Grove Cemetery in Tomah WI at 11AM. A lunch/reception will follow at Murray's on Main.



## Celebration of Life

for Ron Sanders  
Passed away April 27, 2022

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It's only a large graphic at this point, but pictured is what the new Tomah ESB will look like.

## TOMAH

Continued from Front Page

Adler conceded he did his fair share of "politicking" to see the building project become a reality. Countless meetings, trips around Wisconsin to see what other communities did right and did wrong in their similar building projects. It was a building just south of Tomah that became the blueprint for Tomah.

Tomah's ESB will look very similar to the recently build ESB building for Lake Delton.

"This is the start of a new beginning for emergency services programs," Adler said. "We are dialed into this site and it will take us decades into the future."

But getting the dial turned took some work. The North Glendale site was the third option. The first site was railroad land near the Tomah Chamber of Commerce. A second site was explored north of Tomah, just off Superior Avenue. The stars did not align



City officials, Keller, Inc. staff and emergency service staff toss the first shovels of dirt, although actual construction will take place not far from that location. Herald photo by Bob Kliebenstein.

for those first two choices due to cost and soil conditions.

On a humid afternoon Tomah alderman Lamont Kiefer told those in attendance, "it was a long procedure to get to this point. There were a lot of twists and turns. But maybe things happen for a reason (regarding the final location)."

Kiefer thanked architects at Keller, Inc., for their efforts to design a building to fit the chosen site.

"It took a lot of work to get it to fit this site," Kiefer said.

Kelly Clafin of Keller thanked the city for willingness to partner with them. Clafin repeated a promise made earlier before the Tomah City Council regarding building cost as the project proceeds.

"There will be no change orders (extra costs) unless the city asks for them," said Clafin who added Keller brings significant experience

building fire stations (over 50) to the site.

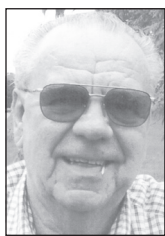
Coincidentally firefighters and TAAS staff will have a clear visual of their future home. The North Side firehouse and TAAS barn are located a short distance on Arthur Street.

Plans are still uncertain what will happen to those buildings once equipment is moved into the new building later in 2023.

## HARRIS "HARRY" C. DAHLE

October 6, 1928 — May 14, 2022

OAKDALE - Harris "Harry" C. Dahle, 93, of Oakdale died Saturday, May 14, 2022, at his home. He was born October 6, 1928, to Alfred and Julia (Hansen) Dahle. He grew up in Oakdale and was a member of the Tomah Senior High School Graduating Class of 1947.



Harris Dahle

He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in the Korean War Period. Harry was united in marriage to Alice Rudoll on Dec 27, 1953, at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. After they were married, they moved back to Oakdale to help his mother operate the Oakdale Motel. He worked at Fort McCoy as a security guard and as a fireman for 28 years, until his retirement in August of 1987.

He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed spending time hunting, fishing, especially the trips to Canada, and trapping. He served on the Oakdale Fire Department and was a member of the of the Sportsman's Club. Harry was very proud of Oakdale. He lived his whole life there and was affectionately known as the "Mayor of Oakdale." He enjoyed visiting with his many friends and neighbors.

He will be sadly missed by all that knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Alice, his children, Linda (Simba) Brueggeman of Tomah, Mark (Jody) Dahle of Minoqua, DeeDee Birkholz of Wisconsin Dells, 3 grandchildren, Ethan Dahle, Payton and Sydney Birkholz, a sister-in-law Judy Rudoll of Rosemount, MN, many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by a brother and sister-in-law Belvin and Winifred Dahle, and a brother-in-law Ronald Rudoll.

A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, May 20, 2022, 11:00 A.M. at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 525 Superior Ave. Tomah. Burial will follow in the Oakdale Cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Friday at the church from 10:00 A.m. until the time of the service. Online condolence may be sent to [www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com](http://www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com). The Family Requests that memorials be given to the Tomah Hospice Touch and St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church in Harry's name.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Kares-Just For You, Inc for all the wonderful assistance the last two years.

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## Happy May

Here's hoping May will be a happy, healthy one for all of us.

Every once in a while, I'll meet someone on the street that will tell me they enjoy my column. So now I think I'm up to 12 readers.

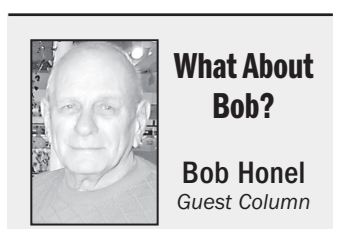
There's satisfaction, deep and true, in doing our best in whatever we do. Kindness to others will always provide a loving feeling of warmth deep inside.

The only exercise some folks get is sidestepping responsibility and pushing their luck. Life is like a mirror. If you frown at it, it frowns back, and if you smile, it returns the greeting. Children are a great comfort in old age and they help you reach it faster too. When you feel dog tired at night, maybe you growled all day. For every hour of anger you waste 1 hour of happiness. No one is all wrong, even a broken clock is right 2 hours of the time.

Take time to beware, it is the time to help others. Take time to love and to be loved as it is one of God's gifts. Take time to dream as it is what the future is made of. Take time to pray as it is the greatest power on earth.

It's too bad we can't forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings. Always remember to believe in yourself and what others think will not matter. Remember all people smile in the same language.

A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her



What About Bob?

Bob Honel  
Guest Column

parents and have dinner. After dinner, the mother suggested the men could talk while she and he daughter did dishes. So the men went to the study where they could talk. "What are your plans for the future?" the father asked, "I'm a bible scholar," said the young man. The father said "Hmm, but how will you provide a house for my daughter?" "I will study and God will provide for us." The conversation proceeded like this for quite a while with always the same last sentence by the young man, "God will provide." The ladies entered after the dishes were done and there was a lot of small talk and nothing serious. So after the couple left the wife asked her husband what he and the young man had talked about. "Well," said the husband, "he's still in school and has no job and really no plans for the future but always says God will provide. The good news is he thinks I'm God, I think, but who knows with this young generation."

Laugh and the world laughs with you. Cry, and someone yells shut up.

God's love and mine to all, Bob.

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## Robins and Hermit Thrushes: Cousins in the Woods

The hemlock forest was cool and dim as afternoon faded to evening. I hiked quickly, but with eyes and ears open, hoping to catch a whiff of spring. A flutter of movement caught my eye. Pausing, then creeping forward to see around a trunk, I was rewarded by a glimpse of the plump brown body and rusty tail of a hermit thrush. Silently, they made a series of short flights into the balsam thicket and vanished.

I smiled at the discovery that this early spring migrator had returned. And then, I listened even more carefully, hoping to hear the bird's delicate, flute-like song filter through the trees as I have on so many gray-lit walks. "Whyyyy don't you come to me, to me?" sings the lovelorn bird as the air begins to shimmer with magic. "Such soft and solemn and perfect music doesn't last for more than a few moments," wrote Mary Oliver.

And from Henry David Thoreau:

"The thrush alone declares the immortal wealth and vigor that is in the forest. Here is a bird in whose strain the story is told... Whenever a man hears it he is young, and Nature is in her spring; whenever he hears it, it is a new world and a free country, and the gates of heaven are not shut against him."

But my wish was not granted. Silence reigned.

The following morning, as the first light of dawn and my consciousness expanded in tandem, the incessant voice of a robin pierced through my closed window. Cheer up! Cheerily! Cheer UP! Cheerily! Over and over he shouted a greeting to the Sun, an invitation to the lady robins, and a challenge to his foes.

Since the robin's hedonistic exuberance left no moment in which to anticipate his next phrase, I rolled over with a grumble. He was no hermit thrush.

It's hard, sometimes, to remember that these two birds are related.

The thrush family, Turdidae, includes a few obvious members, like the hermit, Swainson's and wood thrushes. But there are also a few who are not so aptly named—American robins, veerys, and bluebirds. Of these, only the American robin is a "true" thrush in the genus Turdus.

Now, in case that made you giggle like a middle schooler... and because you know how much I enjoy teaching about scat in nature...I looked up the etymology of both words. Unfortunately, turdus is simply Latin for "thrush," while turd seems to have its origins in old words that mean "torn off" and also shares some very old roots with the word scat.

Moving on, I think it's useful to remember the things that robins and hermit thrushes have in common. Both birds

### Natural Connections

By Emily Stone  
Naturalist and Education Director at Cable Natural History Museum



are prolific singers, and you're welcome to disagree with me about the hermit thrush's song being more pleasant. Both birds have plump bodies in shades of brown and orange. They walk about with upright postures, and they often forage on the ground.

Robins, classically, run across the grass and then stop to search for worms. It may look like they are listening, with their head cocked to the side like we would, but sight seems to be more important. They find worms by spotting the disturbances they make in the soil. Observations have shown that they focus on earthworms for breakfast—presumably when the moist-skinned invertebrates are most active—and then switch to fruit later in the day. Sometimes they do double duty by selectively eating fruits that are infested with insects. Clever!

While I've seen plenty of robins in the wilderness, hermit thrushes are rarely seen on lawns. Hermit thrushes have their own fascinating foraging techniques for forest glades. They sometimes hunt by "foot quivering," where they use their feet to shake the grass and scare up insects and other small critters. One hermit thrush was observed trying to use a 1.5-inch-long salamander as baby food!

Both of these birds, and all the thrushes, build cup-shaped nests that often include mud. Robins build their nest on a horizontal surface. Branches or doorframes seem to work equally well, unless it's your front door, of course. Hermit thrushes build their nests on the ground. Bluebirds are the odd duck of the thrush family—they are the only cavity nesters of the group.

The robin woke me up again today. He'll likely be my alarm clock for the rest of the summer as he rushes to raise up to three broods of chicks. Hermit thrushes will soon join the chorus, too. Hopefully, as Thoreau predicted, "whenever he [or she] hears it, it is a new world and a free country."

Emily's award-winning second book, *Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer*, is now available to purchase at [www.cablemuseum.org/books](http://www.cablemuseum.org/books) and at your local independent bookstore, too.

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Trout are challenging and fun to catch.



When trout fishing, Mark Walters likes to be on the water at first light.



Suckers were in the peak of their spawning run on the Clam River.

## Polk/Burnett Counties trout fishing Trip

Hello friends,

This week's column is about a very cool experience where I went with a friend's advice but lost my information and completely winged it as to where to fish, camp and enjoy life.

Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>  
High 53, low 36

Quite often much of my life experiences take place real close to a day late and a dollar short. Today as I filled my gas tank in Cumberland I realized that my gasoline budget has now hit a minimum of \$200.00 a week and in reality it is more than that.

As I drove towards Clam Falls in northeast Polk County which is an area that I have never seen before I realized that I had lost my info on creeks to fish but the one name that stuck out was Clam Falls. It was 5:30 in the afternoon and I did not know where I was going to camp today or fish the following morning which was Wisconsin's state fishing opener.

I worked my way north on County O and saw a woman harvesting firewood with her children. I asked her about fishing streams and camping ideas. She told me that she was a vegetarian and did not know. Good luck came my



### An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

way when I saw a man rigging up his bass boat and I stopped and talked to him.

At first he did not know what to tell me and then he had a brainstorm and mentioned a neighbor that has land on the Clam River that in this section would be in the Mckenzie Creek State Wildlife Area.

I drove over to the neighbors house, was given permission, did an exploratory hike and oh my God did I like what I saw in the form of both a beautiful body of water for trout fishing and a remote setting.

It's now 6:30 I have to figure out the camping thing. I headed over to Clam Falls which is a super beautiful setting and found Moodys Wildwoods Campground. I met the owners, Jackie and Rod Moodys, who did not have a spot for me to camp but let me stay in the yard where they have their camper, and by God I opened up a PBR and built my camp.

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

High 62, low 37

Yesterday I found the hole I would fish and it is about a 500 yard walk through a heck of a pretty forest. I did this with my headlamp lit as if I am gonna go trout fishing. I honestly believe you should be on the water at first light. My plan would be the usual; number ten hook, split shot, 6-pound test line and a night crawler. I was literally amazed when after two hours all I had caught were 2 suckers.

I kept seeing fish surfacing down stream, but there were some deadfalls and so I waited. When I made my move it was well worth the effort as I worked a long, fast moving hole that within seconds yielded me a 12-inch brown trout. I am not fibbing when I say the next two hours was a non stop brook trout catching experience. I landed and released at least 30, and decided to head back to camp, cook a few of them over the campfire, and life was incredible considering how this trip fell into place.

Later in the day my buddy, Paul Bucher, who runs The Cumberland Advocate (buy it/advertise in it, it's a great local paper), stopped by for some quality campfire time.

The following day I was

exploring before daylight on a different section of the Clam River in both Polk and Burnett Counties, and I witnessed quite the sight as the suckers were spawning and it was a non stop show that in many cases the fish were dropping spawn within inches of my feet if I stood real quietly in the river.

I found some stretches of river in southeast Burnett County that I honestly believe, had it been earlier in the morning, would have yielded me a world record brown trout, maybe even two.

What I like about my style of trout fishing is that once I am fishing, I have nothing but time, "kind of like bowhunting". I make a point of blending with my environment and watch the world around me.

This trip had me doing a lot of hiking in chest waders and my health seemed excellent.

Finally, I want to give a tip of my hat to the folks that have done some incredible work on stream/trout habitat reclamation, most likely fisheries people in the Department of Natural Resources, and possibly with help from Trout Unlimited.

Sometimes it's good to live on the edge! **Sunset**

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## Beard business is growing

By Rhonda Hess  
Contributing Writer

It's not just all about the beard, anymore. Gwen and Adam Lamb of Warrens, owners of Wandering Sheep Beard Care, are branching out with new products and partnerships.

"Our products are all-natural," Adam said. "They're eco-friendly. We've worked environmentally that way."

The name "Wandering Sheep," pays tribute to Adam's decade in the United States Navy, that had the family "wandering" the parts of the world where he was stationed.

After his time in the military, Adam wanted to grow out his beard, but found it itchy and uncomfortable.

So, he did research, experimented with essential oils and other ingredients, and eventually created a product packaged like a glue stick (in an environmentally-friendly manner) that helps soften beard hair to create a smoother, tamed look.

Adam uses locally sourced beeswax from Cashton to make the product, which satisfied customers say smells and works wonderfully.

The business owners said their friend Liz at Black Sheep Studios in Sparta and Fox Tattoo in Tomah, started using the product as a "body butter" on her customer's tattoos, so the couple started reaching out to other tattoo shops.

They also figured out a way to make a lip butter and added that to their product line.

They said they are grateful

to 1924 Custom Soapery of Sparta for encouraging them to get out in public with their products and helping mentor them.

The couple continues to expand their business, with Wandering Sheep Beard Care adding CBD products, as well.

"The hemp flower is grown in Holcomb and it's full spectrum," Adam said. "We're also making sure that we use locally sourced, whenever possible."

Gwen said future goals include "putting more quality products out there."

Her husband added they are looking forward to getting products in every state.

"We're in several states already," he said. The pair said they are branching out in their promotional efforts, as well, by participating in gun shows, craft shows and even wedding shows.

They've also participated in some benefits, raising money for worthy causes.

To order or find out more, contact the Lambs through their website [wanderingssheep-beardcare.com](http://wanderingssheep-beardcare.com).



Owners of Black Sheep Beard Care Gwen and Adam Lamb of Warrens, center and right, help explain their products to a customer at a wedding show in New Lisbon. Herald photo by Rhonda Hess.



Lip butter is a new product being offered by Black Sheep Beard Care. Herald photo by Rhonda Hess.

## The importance of using vacation time

How many employees have wished for a shorter work week, especially when it's only Tuesday and Friday is nowhere in sight? Though many professionals wish they worked fewer days each week, those same individuals likely aren't taking advantage of their hard-earned vacation time.

According to the "2018 State of the American Vacation" report from the U.S. Travel Association, more than half of all working Americans have unused paid vacation days. According to the USTA's Project Time Off, Americans are taking roughly one less week of vacation per year than they did in the mid-1970s, and the trend continues to decline. It's not much different in Canada. A 2020 ADP survey found that 49 percent of working Canadians were taking less or no vacation time during the holiday season. Fifty percent of women and 37 percent of men reported that they took less than half of their allotted time off that year.

Workers cite several reasons for skipping vacations, including feeling an obligation to employers or worrying that taking time off may make them stack up poorly against coworkers when being reviewed for promotions or raises. However, failing to take vacation has notable consequences that should not be ignored. Here's why individuals should make vacations priorities.



### Avoid health consequences

A study published by the National Center of Biotechnology Information found that men who were at risk for heart disease and skipped vacation were 30 percent more likely to have heart attacks than those who took extended time off during the year. Similar effects occur in women. Taking little or no time off also could put individuals at increased risk for anxiety, depression, obesity, insomnia, and other stress-related illnesses, particularly among females. Simply taking a vacation or two per year can help tame stress and improve individuals long-term health outlook.

### Get a brain break

Focusing attention on new scenery and activities for a week or more can improve performance upon returning to work. The USTA also indicates having a vacation to look forward to can motivate individuals to finish a project

or report in a timely manner.

### Enjoy higher job satisfaction

The Society for Human Resource Management said that 78 percent of human resources directors found that employees who took more vacation days reported higher job satisfaction. That could be because vacations help people feel less stressed and generally happier, which can extend to the workplace.

### Develop strong bonds with family

Having fun with the family away from the distractions of daily life is a major advantage of vacationing. Few families have consistent time to spend together, but vacations enable everyone to take a break from the routine frenzy and focus on one another.

It's tempting to skip vacations to be more productive, but workers actually may be doing their productivity a disservice by failing to rest and recharge.

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# MAKING MORE POSSIBLE

## THROUGH MY LENS

### Spring tourney series starts with a 'meh'

By NATE BEIER  
Sports Editor

This week marks the start of the WIAA spring tournament season.



Softball kicks it all off with the most underwhelming first round of tournament play outside of the WIAA soccer tournament.

Oh, yes, I'm incredibly dour towards our softball tournament series and have been increasingly less excited about it each year since we decided to make it a five division system.

Here are five reasons why I find it hard to get really juiced for the softball postseason, and keep in mind, I typically love any team sport postseason series, so to make me less excited about it means something isn't being done right.

#### TOO MANY DIVISIONS

This year is like none other in that our five divisions' brackets are sparsely populated and too many teams get a first round bye.

I should say, too many teams not deserving of a first round bye (or a first round home game for that matter) get one.

The brackets for Divisions 2-4 came out throughout the past five days and most of these brackets have 9-10 teams in them. That means that 6-7 teams are getting first round bye and seeds as low as 7 and 8 are hosting a first round game.

For example, if we look in the Division 4 bracket that includes Bangor, Brookwood and Cashton, there is just a singular game scheduled for this Thursday's opening round of matchups. In fact, across all of Division 4, there are just 11 first round games.

How does that compare to girls basketball? The opening round of D4 hoops featured 32 games. The top four seeds in most brackets received a first round bye.

In 2017, the last time we had just four divisions, there were only 20 first round games. There were some five seeds that received a bye, but in most cases it was just the top three that did.

How can you build excitement for the postseason when no one really starts playing meaningful games until the second week of the tournament? Here comes the next point, the schedule.

#### THE SCHEDULE

I looked over brackets this morning and was disheartened at the layout of the regional schedule as I normally am this time of year.

The first round of action not only features a sparse schedule, but it's low seeded teams playing each other for a chance to get clubbed around by a decent team in the next round. To make it worse, the lowest seeded teams get four days to rest and recover for

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## SPARTA BASEBALL

### Sparta finally finds win column; goes 2-0 at Mauston

By NICK LEONARDELLI  
Sports Writer

After an 0-16 start to the season, the Sparta baseball team finally notched a pair of wins Saturday, May 14 at the Mauston triangular held at Woodside Sports Complex.

#### Sparta 8 Mauston 2

Sparta scored five runs in the top of the first and didn't hold back in the first round of play Saturday at Mauston.

Chris Jacobs went 3-4 at the plate with 2 RBIs. Tye Klass went 1-4 at the plate but knocked in 2 runs for Sparta. JD Olson, Ryne Brueggeman, Hayden Brueggeman and Zach Gibson all had two hits for the Spartans.

Hayden Brueggeman was the lone pitcher for the Spartans. He finished pitching seven innings, giving up 8 hits, two earned runs and eight strikeouts with only one walk.

Sparta assistant coach Brent Stoughtenger improved to 2-0 against his brother, Mauston head coach Mike Stoughtenger, as SHS won last year's meeting at the MHS triangular also.

#### Sparta 5 Royall 4

The Royall, Sparta matchup did not disappoint with the first four innings being scoreless for both teams.

Sparta began the scoring with a JD Olson single to center field to bring in Tye Klass in the top of the fifth with two outs. The Spartans would only bring in one. Royall immediately, scored three runs in their half of the fifth.

In the top of the sixth, Sparta responded with two more runs to tie the game at 3. Royall would be held scoreless in the bottom of the sixth.

In the seventh and final inning of the game, the Spartans continued to score in their third straight inning. Sparta scored two more runs off of a Nick Kent single to bring in JD Olson and a Hayden Brueggeman single that knocked in Nick Kent. Royall needed two or more runs to keep the game alive but only got one. Sparta would secure their second win of the day.

JD Olson went 3-4 in the game with one RBI. Hayden

Brueggeman had just one hit in the game that happened to be the game winning hit for Sparta. Tye Klass went 2-4 at the plate with one RBI. Sparta finished with 9 hits in the game. Ethan Storandt pitched five full innings, giving up 3 runs and had four strikeouts with one walk. Zach Gibson came in for relief in the sixth. Gibson pitched one and one third innings giving up one run and had three strikeouts. Tye Klass came in to close the game.

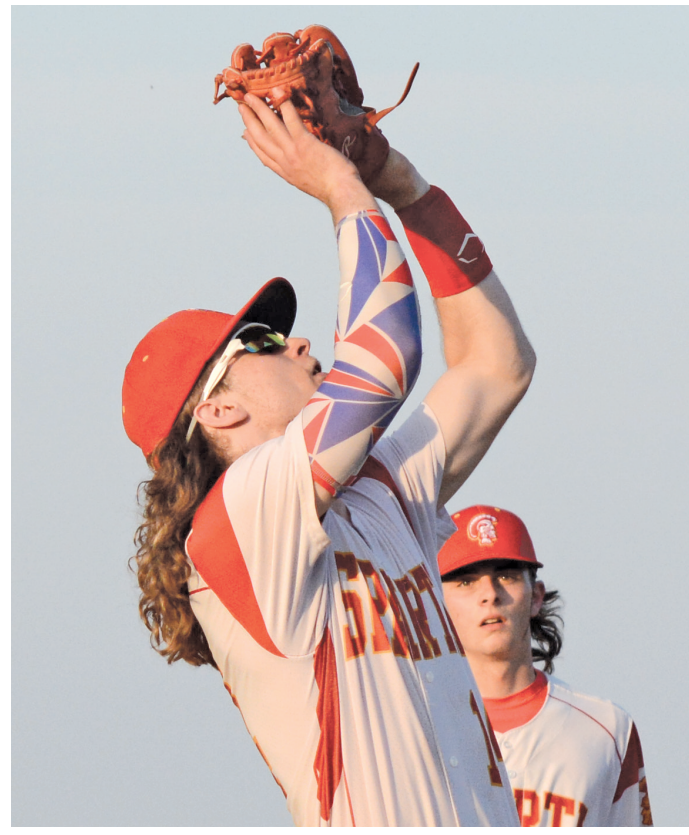
#### Aquinas 18 Sparta 2 (5)

Aquinas defeated Sparta 18-2 on Thursday, May 12 in Sparta.

Aquinas took an early 4-1 lead after the first and never slowed up. JD Olson and Chris Jacobs scored the two runs for the Spartans. Preston Alexander, JD Olson, Chris Jacobs, and Hayden Brueggeman all accounted for the four Sparta hits in the game.

#### NEXT UP

The Spartan's (2-16) next game is Monday at arch rival Tomah. First pitch is set at 5:00 pm.



Sparta's Tye Klass squeezes his glove shut on a fly ball in the infield during Thursday's game with Aquinas. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

## CASHTON BASEBALL



Cashton's Alec Wall belts out a single during Saturday's doubleheader at Necedah. The Eagles finished the week 3-1 in league play and continue to maintain a grip on first place in the Scenic Bluffs race, albeit in a tie with rival Bangor. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

### Cashton's title hopes still alive despite loss

By ZACH RASTALL  
Sports Writer

The Cashton Eagles entered their doubleheader against Royall hoping for a sweep that would let them take full control of the race for the Scenic Bluffs baseball title.

They had to settle for a split, but that was still enough to keep them right on track to control their own destiny to at least a share of the conference crown.

The Eagles (14-3 overall, 11-2 Scenic Bluffs) nabbed a split against the Panthers (12-6, 9-4) when the two Scenic Bluffs heavyweights clashed for a doubleheader Thursday, May 12 in Elroy.

#### Royall 5 Cashton 0

Royall came out strong in the opener, picking up a 5-0 victory behind Nate Vieth's five-inning shutout. The Panthers scored two runs in

the bottom of the third and three runs in the fourth in the win.

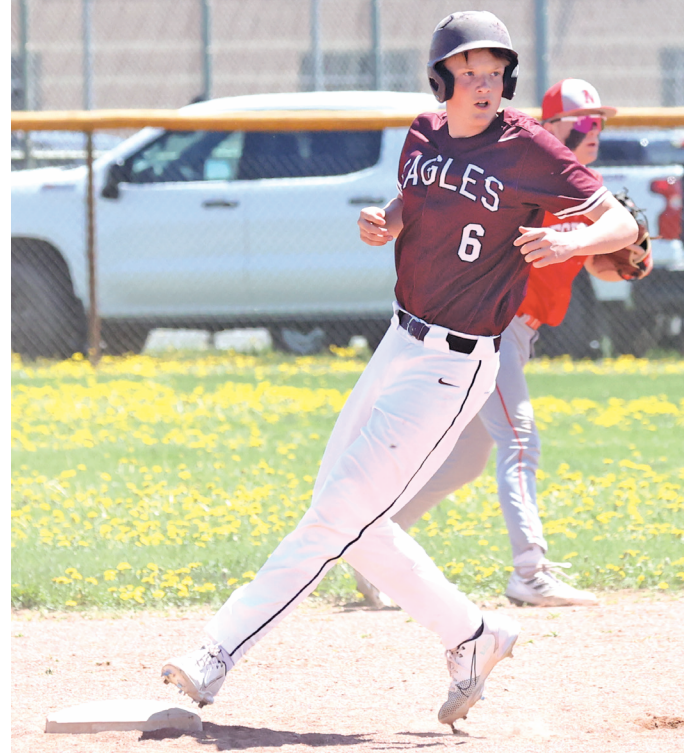
Connor Butzler, Jack Kleba and Alec Wall each got a hit for Cashton, with Kleba and Wall each hitting a double.

#### Cashton 5 Royall 4

Royall once again got off to a flying start in the nightcap by scoring three runs in the top of the first, but the Eagles responded with a four-run

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Cashton's Grayson Schmitz trots to second after sending a ball to right field for a double at Necedah. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



## BANGOR BASEBALL

### Horstman hurls no-no at Necedah

By ZACH RASTALL  
Sports Writer

Senior Ashton Michek has grabbed headlines this season for the Bangor baseball team by throwing both a perfect game and a no-hitter. Sophomore Chase Horstman decided it was his turn to get in on the action.

Horstman needed just 40 pitches to deliver a five-inning no-hitter to help power the Cardinals (12-4 overall, 10-2 Scenic Bluffs) to an 11-0 victory over the Necedah Cardinals (1-10, 1-9) Thursday, May 12 in Necedah.

The Bangor sophomore struck out four Necedah batters, and only a walk issued to Stephen Daley to lead off the bottom of the fourth kept Horstman from a perfect game.

There was run support aplenty in the all-Cardinals conference clash for Horstman, who took the mound for the first time with a 7-0 lead.

That seven-run rally in the top of the first featured a two-run double from Michek, an RBI single by Mathieu Oesterle, a two-run single from Bryce Peterson and a couple of runs scored on an error.

Two more runs scored in the second inning on another Peterson RBI single and an Evan Wolfe bases-loaded walk, followed by a final two runs in the top of the fourth thanks to Dawson Daines scoring on a wild pitch and a Michek sacrifice fly.

Wolfe finished the evening 2 for 2 with a walk, an RBI and two runs scored while Peterson went 2 for 3 with three RBIs and a run.

The Cardinals, who are a half game back of Cashton and their 11-2 league record in the Scenic Bluffs standings, will continue along in their quest for a conference championship when they hit the road to face Brookwood (7-10, 7-6) Monday, May 16 at 5 p.m. in Ontario.

They will go to Cochrane-Fountain City (7-13) Tuesday, May 17 for a 5 p.m. game.

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their next outing. Why should they get a break?

Why isn't the first and second round played back to back? If we pushed the first round off to the following Monday and the second stays the next day, then your top seeds are rewarded for what they did in the regular season.

Softball pitching mechanics allow teams to throw pitchers without a pitch count rule. Pitching back-to-back days isn't uncommon. In fact, it's expected when you get to state. So, my argument with making the first and second rounds happen on consecutive days seems logical.

Another benefit of moving the first round is that it would give teams more time to schedule non-conference games. If you look at this week's schedule, no one schedules games Thursday or Friday because they aren't guaranteed to not be playing in Thursday's regional opener. A few of the stronger teams have shown they're willing to find an opponent and will throw a game together, but most won't and, instead, opt to sit idling for nearly a week instead of garnering valuable game time for their varsity or junior varsity kids.

How does that work out for teams? Well, last year Bangor and Tomah both had byes into a regional final. Both won their respective leagues and seemed primed for a sectional berth.

Each team had at least a week off between their regular season finale and their first regional game which was the regional final.

Each team went and enjoyed Summer the next day as both were upset by lower seeded teams.

Is that disappointing? It better feel like it. To win a conference championship and then get knocked out of the WIAA tournament without winning a game should have left both teams and their fan bases wanting more.

However, can we really blame either team? My answer is no because of my third point. Our area softball teams just aren't that talented.

#### THE TALENT

Softball in the Coulee Region is lacking. It has been trending this way for a few years, actually. Our area's biggest school league, the Mississippi Valley Conference, is as weak as I've seen it in my 15 years of covering it.

We may have some pretty solid hitters. However, I think much of that is due to the lack of high level hurlers. I'll ask, the question, do we really have a knockout pitcher in our area?

I would point to Westby's Jayda Berg, Tomah's Madison Johnson or Blair-Taylor's Abby Thompson as the headliners. Seneca's Philomena Hall should be mentioned also as she was a big reason the Indians - now renamed the Royals - made a state run last year.

Berg, Johnson and Hall, however, have suffered losses this year, however. BT's Thompson is undefeated, but I'll chalk part of that up to playing in a league that is sub-mediocre.

Now, there have been some bright spots in terms of team play, for sure. Melrose-Mindoro has come around well. Cashton continues to show they can improve throughout the season. G-E-T did some work to be in the driver's seat of the Coulee Conference and Tomah has shown that it's success in 2021 wasn't just a fluke.

Outside of that, however, we don't really have many teams that can truly be counted on to make a deep playoff run. Maybe that's why I'm disappointed the most, I can't really count on any team to be a shoe-in for a sectional, let alone a state berth.

Blair-Taylor has had the most consistent success since 2017 in our area. The Wildcats have made it to state in each season played since then (and would have had a shot in the canceled 2020 season).

Beyond that, we struggle to put teams into sectional play. La Crosse Logan was the last 'big' school to do anything after winning the D2 title in 2015. Arcadia went 30-0 in 2014 in D3. C-FC qualified for state in 2014 and 16. Cashton, Arcadia, Independence/Gilmanton, Luther and Holmen have all played in sectional final games but most have been severe underdogs in those contests.

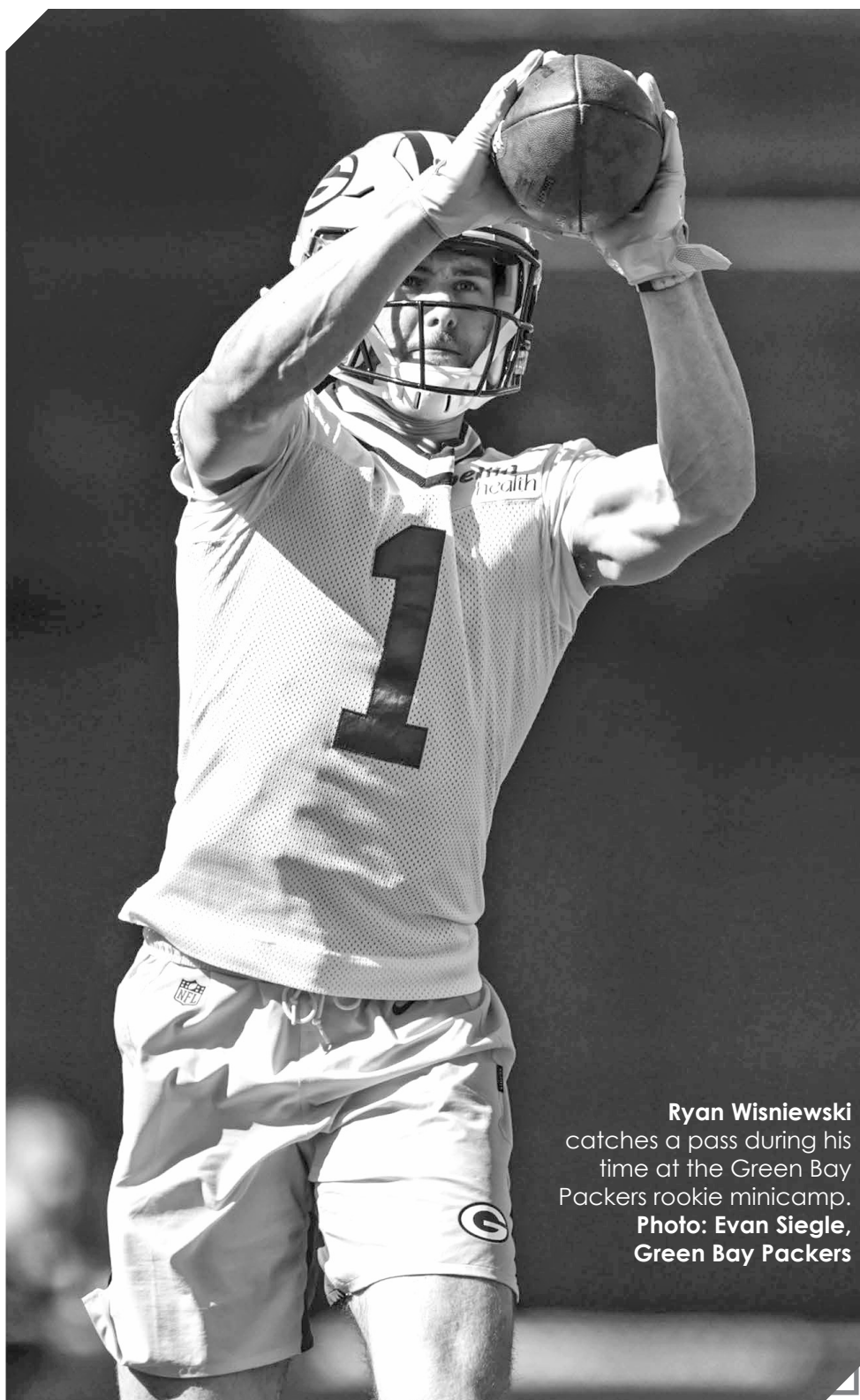
Will this year be different? I doubt it. I fully expect our area teams to win a few regional titles, but outside of Blair-Taylor, no team has shown me it possesses what it takes to turn the corner and make it to the next level.

Does this mean we can't enjoy the softball postseason? Absolutely not. I'm sure there will be some nail-biters along the way. I just think we should temper expectations of our local teams. If we can send five teams from our five area conferences to sectional play, I'll consider that a very good accomplishment based on what we have playing in our area.

If we get a two teams to a sectional final, I'll be surprised. I'll go watch with enthusiasm. Wait, I can't. The WIAA scheduled our sectional finals for the same day as sectional track meets.

The softball tournament really can't get a break, can it?

Here's to the start of the WIAA postseason. It's six weeks of hell until I can truly enjoy summer. Remember to hydrate and let's play some ball.



Ryan Wisniewski catches a pass during his time at the Green Bay Packers rookie minicamp. Photo: Evan Siegle, Green Bay Packers

## — SMALL TOWN TALENT — BIG TIME CHANCE

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Prior to college, Wisniewski was a standout as a jack of all trades with the football team at Sparta High School. In his senior season, he was named a first-team All-Mississippi Valley Conference defensive back and made the all-conference second team as a quarterback.

But he made his name at Whitewater as a wide receiver, eventually establishing himself as one of the best in Division III football. Wisniewski was an All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference first-team selection in both 2019 and 2021 (the 2020 season was lost due to COVID-19) after having been an all-conference second-team pick back in 2018.

Additionally, he was the only Division III player named to the 2022 Reese's Senior Bowl Watchlist following a 2021 campaign that saw him reel in 61 receptions for 1,050 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Given the number of scouts who were coming to practices to see him, Wisniewski figured he'd get a shot at a pro tryout. However, he suffered during the season required offseason surgery and robbed him of a chance to participate in a pro day.

"It was a tough situation because I had surgery in January and I wasn't able to go to my all-star game, I wasn't able to do a pro day," Wisniewski said. "I had probably around 20 scouts at practices, so I knew the opportunity (for a tryout) was going to be close and more likely than not. Then all that other stuff happened and that's what made the uncertainty there."

That setback would prove to be temporary. Wisniewski learned from his agent that he would be receiving an invite from the Packers — an invite he readily accepted.

"You got to go into Lambeau, it was awesome. They got you fitted with equipment, so you were ready for practice. All the food was awesome. They had all the chefs their preparing food for us," Wisniewski said. "The best part was throwing on the helmet to go hit a couple practices on the field that all the greats have."

In particular, he appreciated the chance to experience an NFL playbook and some of the new terminology that comes with it for the first time, along with getting some reps in at

special teams since he didn't do that much at Whitewater due to his importance at receiver.

"There's just so much knowledge to be taken from that camp," Wisniewski said.

The entire experience was surreal for Wisniewski — getting to go inside Lambeau Field, putting on a Packers jersey, practicing at the Don Hutson Center — but it was something that didn't really sink in for him until it was all over.

"I think it hit me when everything was kinda over with — those last few minutes walking off the field," Wisniewski said. "Just because the whole time you were there it was 'go'. It was a business trip, you had to be locked in. It was

a lot of studying, a lot of meetings. While you were there it was focusing on what you were doing.

"Afterwards, when everything was kind of wrapped up, that's when I really soaked it in."

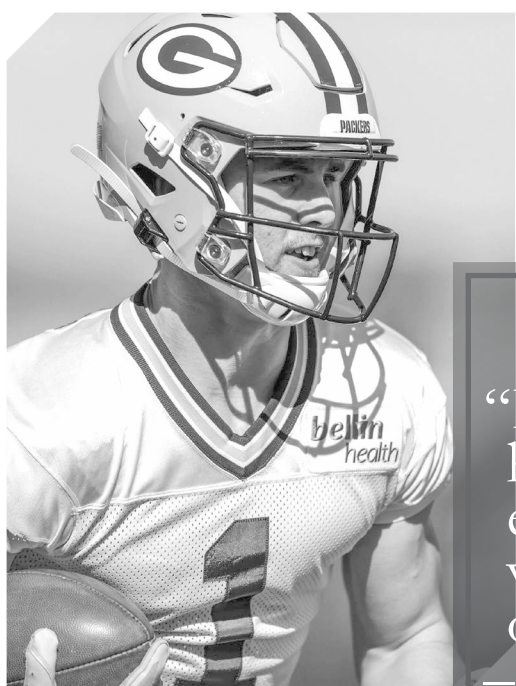


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"I think it hit me when everything was kinda over with" — Ryan Wisniewski

The 6-foot-5, 210-pound Wisniewski doesn't want the minicamp to mark the end of his pro journey. He's hoping he gets another shot and can join Buffalo Bills wide receiver Jake Kumerow and Denver Broncos guard Quinn Meinerz, the latter of whom was a former teammate of Wisniewski's, among the ranks of UW-Whitewater alumni in the NFL.

Wisniewski noted that he'll continue to train this summer in the hope that another NFL opportunity presents itself. Though regardless of what happens next, he's thankful for the opportunities he's gotten and the support he's received — especially from his hometown.

"There's been a ton of support. Everybody was reaching out, wishing me luck," Wisniewski said. "Definitely a unique experience. Small kid, small town — especially a town like Sparta — there's a lot of support behind it."

#### SPARTA SOCCER

## Sparta ends losing streak in 8-2 win over Mauston

By NICK LEONARDELLI  
Sports Writer

The Sparta girls soccer team haven't won a game since their 7-0 win against Altoona/Fall Creek back in late April. The team faced off against Mauston this past Thursday with hopes of getting back to winning form. Sparta would go on to surge past Mauston in a 8-2 blow out win.

Malory Russ had a dominant game for the Lady Spartans. Russ finished with hat trick and assisted on three goals in the game. Ellie Falkner found the back of the net twice and assisted on two goals. Elle Erickson ended the game with one goal and one assist. Kayla Fabry and Lilly Steele both found the net in the game.

After their first win in almost a month, Sparta improves to 5-7-2 overall for the season. The next time the girls hit the pitch will be Tuesday. The team faces La Crosse Logan in the end of the season MVC round robin portion of the season. The game is set to start at 4:00 pm.

#### SPARTA SOFTBALL

## SHS ends week with losses

By NICK LEONARDELLI  
Sports Writer

The Sparta softball team have had a winless 2022 campaign. The team had back to back games this past Thursday and Friday with hopes of finding one of the game being their first win of the season. Sparta welcomed Aquinas to their home field Thursday. Aquinas left with a 15-2 win. Friday, the team faced off against Holmen and got trounced the Lady Spartans 20-1.

The Aquinas game only lasted five innings. Payton Eilers was 1-3 at the plate with a double. Payton Jones went 1-2 at the plate.

Sparta only lasted three innings against Holmen. Payton Eilers went 1-1 at the plate. Emma Blackdeer went 1-2 at the plate. Sparta walked 11 Holmen batters.

The Lady Spartans fall to 0-16 for the season. Their next game is Tuesday against arch rival Tomah at Tomah beginning at 4:30.

#### TOMAH BASEBALL

## Joyce leads Tomah to split

By MAURICE SAVAGE  
Sports Writer

The Tomah baseball team split their double header on Saturday as they were able to secure a win in their opening game against DeForest, beating them 14-10. In the second game Madison La Follette was able to handle Tomah 16-5.

#### Tomah 14 DeForest 10

The Tomah baseball team was able to defeat DeForest 14-10 behind a strong five run first inning to start off the game.

In the first inning Andrew Brookman doubled on a fly ball to center field and this allowed Charles Joyce to score. Shane Prielipp singled on a line drive to left field and this helped Brookman score on the throw. Nathanael Wagenson doubled on a fly ball allowing Prielipp and Benny Pierce to score. On the next play Cody Quist doubled on a line drive and allowed Wagenson to score.

Joyce finished the game with three hits, four runs, and three RBIs. Bryan Thornton finished with three hits, one run, on RBI. Brookman finished with two hits, one run, and two RBIs.

Hunter Miller pitched for five innings. He allowed eight hits and three runs. He recorded seven strikeouts on the night. Joyce pitched for two innings. He allowed five hits and seven runs. He record two strikeouts.

Madison La Follette 16 Tomah 5 (5)

The Tomah baseball team was not able to recover from the four run first inning by Madison La Follette. Madison La Follette was able to score seven runs in the third inning en route to a 16-5 victory on Saturday.

In the bottom of the third inning Peirce lined out. Brookman was able to go in and steal home for a score. On the next play Josh Georgeson scores while Tom Hesse was hit by a pitch.

Brookman finished the night with three hits, one run, and two RBIs. Joyce was the only other player to record a hit on the night. He finished with two hits, and one run.

Hesse pitched for four innings. He allowed six hits and four runs. He recorded seven strikeouts. Wagenson pitched for two innings. He allowed twelve hits and twelve runs. He recorded three strikeouts.

#### Tomah 6 La Crosse Logan 5

Before playing their second game of the season against La Crosse Logan, the Timberwolves first had to complete their first meeting that had begun on April 19.

In a game that went well into extras, Tomah emerged with a 6-5 victory in 11 innings Thursday, May 12 in La Crosse.

The game was postponed in the ninth inning back on April 19 as darkness crept in, making continuation impossible.

Drew Brookman went 4 for 6 with two doubles and an RBI and Shane Prielipp finished 3 for 4 with a double, a walk and two RBIs.

#### La Crosse Logan 9 Tomah 7

The Timberwolves didn't fare as well in the second game that immediately followed, suffering a 9-7 loss to the Rangers. No other information was available for the second game of the doubleheader.



**TOMAH SOFTBALL**

# One win left for Tomah's outright bid at MVC title

By **ZACH RASTALL**  
Sports Writer

The Tomah softball team clinched a share of its second-straight Mississippi Valley Conference title after defeating La Crosse Logan 8-3 on Thursday, May 12 in La Crosse.

The Timberwolves can win a the MVC crown outright with a victory over rival Sparta Tuesday afternoon at home.

**Tomah 8 Logan 3**  
Logan led 2-1 after the first inning, but Tomah swarmed the Rangers the next two innings, scoring five more runs and taking control of things for good.

Lexi Hagen belted out a two-run homer in the second to put Tomah back up 3-2. In the third, Hagen singled in the third and drove in two runs on the play. Kennedy Noth scored earlier in the frame on a fielder's choice.

Tomah scored twice more in the sixth on singles by Madison

Johnson and Kennedy Noth. Johnson struck out 13 and walked just 3 in the win.

**TOMAH TRIANGULAR**  
The Tomah softball team split their doubleheader on Saturday as they lost 11-9 to Praire Du Chien before notching a 13-5 win over West Salem in the second game.

**Prairie Du Chien 11 Tomah 9**  
The Tomah softball team was not able to hold off Prairie Du Chien despite a five run first inning. Prairie Du Chien was able to come back and win the game 11-9.

In the first inning Kennedy Noth walked and this allowed for Alexis Hagen to score. Van Treese singled on a line drive to center field giving Wall the chance to score. Lauren Noth singled on a ground ball the very next play and this allowed Johnson to score. Eckelberg walked and this allowed Kennedy Noth to score. Hagen singled on a ground ball the next play which allowed Van



Tomah's Olivia Wall celebrates a two-run homer during Saturday's game with West Salem. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Treese to score. Hagen finished the night with four hits, one run, and three RBIs. Lauren Noth finished with three hits, one run, and three RBIs. Van Treese finished the night with two hits, two runs, and one RBI.

**Tomah 13 West Salem 5**  
The Tomah softball team

defeated West Salem 13-5 behind a strong showing in the fifth inning where they were able to come away with nine runs.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Alexis Hagen singled on a ground ball to center field which allowed Hannah Van Treese and Olivia Wall to go in for the score. Mackenzie

Kohn singled on a fly ball and this allowed for Hagen to go in for the score. Kennedy Noth singled on a line drive allowing Maddie Johnson and Kohn to score the play. Asha Eckelberg doubled on a pop fly and this helped Kennedy Noth and the very next player to score. On the Katie Carlson play Van Treese singled on a line drive which

allowed Eckelberg to score. Hagen finished the game with 3 hits, 2 runs, and 2 RBIs. Wall finished with 2 hits, 2 runs, and 2 RBI. Kohn finished the night with 2 hits, 1 run, and 2 RBIs. Maddie Johnson allowed 6 hits and 5 runs and recorded 9 strikeouts.

**CASHTON SOFTBALL**

# Eagles run win streak to five



Cashton's Sarah Schroeder takes off for first after laying down a sacrifice bunt during Saturday's game at Necedah. Schroeder and the Eagles won 15-3 in six innings, winning their fifth-straight game. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

By **ZACH RASTALL**  
Sports Writer

The Cashton softball team is finishing the regular season with a flourish, with a doubleheader sweep over Royall and a dominant win against Necedah running their winning streak to five.

The Eagles (14-5 overall, 10-3 Scenic Bluffs) kept rolling right along by picking up wins of 14-6 and 3-2 in the conference doubleheader against the Panthers (4-14, 3-10) Thursday, May 12 in Elroy.

**Cashton 14 Royall 6**  
In the opener of the doubleheader, the two teams were locked in a tight battle before Cashton blew it open in the final inning.

Already leading 3-1, the Eagles extended their advantage to 7-1 thanks to a four-run rally in the top of the fourth that included a Grace Leis sacrifice fly, a Chelsie Paulsen RBI single and a Teagan Hundt two-run single.

Royall responded with a five-run rally of its own in the bottom half of the inning to slice the deficit to 7-6 heading into the last inning. It was in the top of the fifth where Cashton turned things into a rout.

The Eagles pushed their lead out to 14-6 thanks to a seven-run rally that featured a Paulsen RBI double, Paulsen scoring on an error, a Sydney Helgerson RBI double, a Katie Leis two-run single and a Taylor Lukaszewski RBI single.

Paulsen led the way for Cashton by going 3 for 4 with a double, a walk, three RBIs and three runs scored, while Lukaszewski finished 2 for 3 with two walks, an RBI and three runs.

**Cashton 3 Royall 2**  
The second game of the doubleheader was a tighter affair the whole way through, requiring a fifth-inning rally and a walk-off win from the Eagles.

The Panthers held a 2-1 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth, but Cashton was quick to clog the bases. Helgerson drew a one-out walk, then Marlee Schroeder followed with a single and advanced to second on a throw in as Helgerson went from first to third.

A passed ball with Lukaszewski at the plate allowed Helgerson to score the tying run and Schroeder to move up to third. Lukaszewski drew a walk and Grace Leis was then intentionally walked to load the bases for Paulsen.

However, another passed ball on the first pitch of Paulsen's at-bat allowed Schroeder to come home and hand Cashton a 3-2 walk-off victory.

Paulsen, Schroeder and Katie Leis each recorded a hit in the nightcap for the Eagles.

**Cashton 15 Necedah 3 (6)**  
That sweep was followed with an emphatic 15-3 win over the Necedah Cardinals (5-9, 4-8) in six innings Saturday, May 14 in Necedah.

Cashton scored early and often en route to the lopsided victory, including three runs in both the first and second innings. A Paulsen two-run single in the top of the second capped off the second of the three-run rallies.

The Eagles got a Katie Leis RBI single in the third, an Ella Brueggen RBI double in the fourth and both a Hundt two-run double and a Sarah Schroeder sacrifice bunt in the fifth inning to make it an 11-2 lead after Necedah scored twice in the bottom of the fourth.

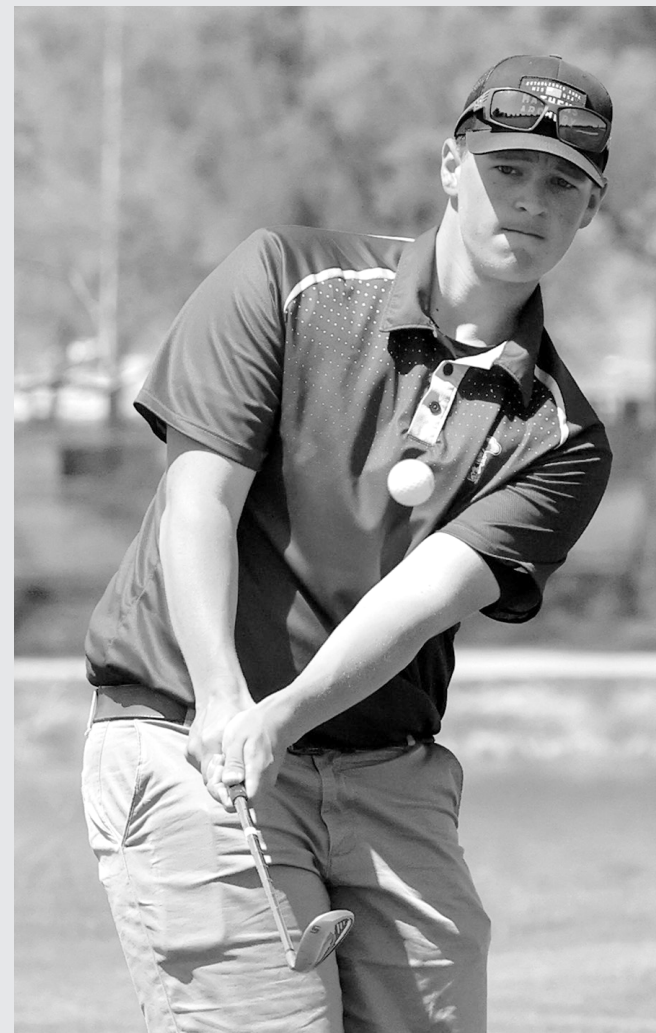
The Cardinals got one back in the bottom of the fifth, but Cashton finished the scoring in the top of the sixth with a four-run rally that included RBI triples from both Hundt and Helgerson and an RBI single courtesy of Brueggen.

Hundt finished the day 3 for 5 with a triple, two doubles, three RBIs and three runs while Lukaszewski went 3 for 4 with a walk and four runs scored in the win.

Additionally for the Eagles, Brueggen was 2 for 4 with a double, a walk, three RBIs and a run, Helgerson finished 2 for 4 with a triple, a walk, an RBI and a run and Paulsen went 2 for 4 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored.

Next up for Cashton is its regular-season finale against the Hillsboro Tigers (11-4, 9-3) Monday, May 16 at 5 p.m. in Hillsboro. A win there and the Eagles guarantee themselves solo second place in the final Scenic Bluffs standings.

**MVC GOLF**



ABOVE Sparta's Colton Flock chips his way on to the third green at River Run Golf Course during Friday's MVC meet. Flock finished second amongst Sparta golfers and 11th overall with a score of 83.

BELOW Tomah's Trey Torkelson tees off on hole 7 in Sparta. Torkelson tied for 19th with a score of 89 at Friday 's MVC meet. Herald photos by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



**(CASHTON)**  
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rally in the bottom half of the inning that featured a Bowdy Dempsey two-run triple and an Ethan Schmitz RBI single.

Cashton tacked on another run in the bottom of the second via a Kleba RBI single to make it a 5-3 lead. The Panthers were able to get a run back in the top of the fourth, but ultimately couldn't find the equalizer in a 5-4 Cashton victory.

Dempsey led the way for the Eagles by going 2 for 2 with a triple, a walk, two RBIs and a run scored, while Presley Brueggen went 2 for 3 with two runs.

Splitting the doubleheader meant Cashton wouldn't be able to control its own destiny to an outright Scenic Bluffs title, but it did allow the Eagles to continue to control

their own destiny to a share of the conference championship.

**Cashton 9 Necedah 1**  
They maintained that course with a doubleheader sweep of the Necedah Cardinals (1-10, 1-9) Saturday, May 14 in Necedah.

That sweep started with a 9-1 Cashton win in the opener. In the top of the first, Butzler scored on an error and Kleba recorded an RBI double. A three-run rally that included a Dempsey RBI single in the second made it 5-0 Eagles.

A four-run rally in the top of the fifth that featured a Schmitz RBI double pushed the advantage to 9-0. Necedah finally got a run in the bottom half of the inning but could do no more in the loss.

Dempsey led the way at the plate for Cashton by going 2 for 4 with a double and an RBI. Brueggen got the win on the mound by giving up one run on four hits and two walks

while striking out six in five innings of work.

**Cashton 6 Necedah 4**  
In the second game, the Eagles raced out to an early lead and held on for a 6-4 victory.

Cashton got things started with a three-run rally in the bottom of the first that was capped off by Jacob Huntzicker's two-run single. It became a 6-0 advantage for the Eagles after another three-run rally in the bottom of the third that featured a Henry Brueggen RBI single and a Grayson Schmitz RBI double.

Necedah did make a push with four runs in the top of the fourth to cut the deficit to 6-4 but failed to get any closer in the loss.

Huntzicker helped lead the way for the Eagles in the second game by going 2 for 2 with two RBIs and a run scored.

Cashton now sits at 11-2 in

conference play this season. The doubleheader sweep of Necedah allowed the Eagles to leapfrog over Bangor, who owns a 10-2 league record, and into solo first in the Scenic Bluffs standings.

The Eagles will get a chance to clinch themselves a share of the conference crown when they play the Hillsboro Tigers (5-9, 4-7) in their Scenic Bluffs finale Monday, May 16 at 5 p.m. in Hillsboro.

In their first meeting this year back on April 21, the Tigers scored three runs in the first inning and held a 4-2 lead through three innings, but Cashton would score the final four runs of the game to escape with a 6-4 victory.

Bangor has two remaining Scenic Bluffs contests: at Brookwood (7-10, 7-6) Monday night and home against Necedah Thursday, May 19 at 5 p.m.



Cashton's Henry Brueggen draws contact with a pitch during Saturday's doubleheader at Necedah. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

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Case No. 22 PR 46  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
MONICA E. BARAJAS LOPEZ  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth October 21, 1985 and date of death August 9, 2021, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 516 Albion Street, Cashton, WI 54619.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 15, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.

Diane Berendes  
Probate Registrar  
May 3, 2022  
Attorney Thomas R. Fortney  
P.O. Box 469  
Viroqua, WI 54665  
608/637-3517  
Bar Number 01018213  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 2022-PR-45  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

- DONALD A. PIEPER  
DOD: 3/15/2022  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
  2. The decedent, with date of birth 9/7/1934 and date of death 3/15/2022, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 897 Rose Street, Cashton, WI 54619.
  3. All interested persons waived notice.
  4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is August 31, 2022.
  5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.

Diane Berendes  
Probate Registrar  
May 4, 2022  
JOHNS, FLAHERTY & COLLINS, S.C.  
Attorney Katelyn K. Doyle  
205 5th Avenue S., #600,  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY**  
Case No. 2019CV000181  
MidFirst Bank,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
William E. Kohn;  
Midland Funding LLC;  
State of Wisconsin,  
Department of Revenue;  
State of Wisconsin,  
Department of Workforce Development,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**  
By virtue of a judgment of foreclosure made in the above-entitled action on December 27, 2019, in the amount of \$134,759.54, I will sell at public auction in the front lobby of the Courthouse, located at 112 South Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656, on **June 1, 2022, at 10:00 AM**, all of the following described premises, to wit:

Lot 1 of a Certified Survey Map recorded in Volume 13 of Certified Survey Maps, Page 145, as Document No. 489302, located in the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 18 North, Range 1 East, Town of Byron, Monroe County, Wisconsin Tax Key No. 006-00035-0000 Address: 7780 Dragonfly Road, Warrens, WI 54666

**THE PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL ENCUMBRANCES.**

- TERMS OF SALE:**
1. At the time of sale: a downpayment (CASH or CASHIER'S CHECK only) in an amount not less than 10% of the successful bid; and
  2. No later than ten (10) days after the Court confirms the sale:
    - a. The balance due on the sale;
    - b. The amount of the transfer fee due under Section 77.22, Wis. Stats., if any; and
    - c. The amount of the fee due under Section 59.43(2), Wis. Stats., to record the deed and any other document required for such recordation.

DATED: April 26, 2022.  
/s/ Wesley Revels  
Sheriff of Monroe County,  
Wisconsin  
Bass & Moglowsky, S.C.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
Bass & Moglowsky, S.C. is a law firm / debt collector representing a creditor in the collection of a debt owed to said creditor. We are attempting to collect such debt and any information obtained from this communication will be used for that purpose.  
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**CROSSWORD ANSWER**

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**Artists of the year**  
 From left to right: Seniors, Lainey Teynor, Logan Johnson, Ashlyn Rolon and Kris Small were named the 2021-2022 Artists of the Year at Brookwood High School for their exceptional art. Contributed photo.



Emma Blackdeer (middle), pictured with her parents, Sara (left) and Elliott Blackdeer was one of 900 recipients of a \$2,500 STAR scholarship from the P.E.O. Sisterhood at the awards night at Sparta High School. Chapter P, Sparta, submitted Emma as a candidate for the highly competitive scholarship. The P.E.O. Sisterhood is a philanthropic educational organization. Contributed photo.

**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW  
 STATE OF WISCONSIN  
 TOWN OF SPARTA-MONROE COUNTY**

Notice is Hereby Given: The Board of Review for the Town of Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin, shall hold the Board of Review Meeting, Wednesday, June 8, 2022 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta, Wisconsin.

Pursuant to Section 70.45 of Wisconsin Statutes, the Assessment Roll for the year 2022

will be open for examination (OPEN BOOK) on Wednesday June 1, 2022 from 12:00 – 2:00 pm at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Ave, Sparta, WI.

If the property owner is not satisfied with an assessment, the owner may file an objection form any time prior to the Board of Review. Anyone wishing to file an objection must contact the Town Clerk to complete and submit the required objection form prior to appearing before the Board of Review. Objections will be scheduled to be heard by the Board of Review in the order in which the Clerk receives the request.

Please be advised of the following statutory requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:

No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.

After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the board of review.

The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.

No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the board of review the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Sparta has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines before the first meeting of the board of review that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. Stats.

The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s.70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

Notice is hereby given this 16th day of May 2022.  
 Town of Sparta Clerk

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**NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME FROM THE FRANK G ANDRES CHARITABLE TRUST**  
 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all applications for distribution of the income from the FRANK G ANDRES CHARITABLE TRUST for the year ending June 30, 2022, must be mailed to POST OFFICE BOX 753, Tomah, Wisconsin 54660 and be post marked no later than midnight on Tuesday, May 31, 2022. Applications received after Tuesday May 31, 2022, will not be considered.

Applications are available at Bank First in Tomah, WI and CCF Bank in Tomah, WI during banking hours. Instructions regarding the filing of the application are on the applications.

No application will be reconsidered in any subsequent year. Applicants must file annually.

Only the annual income of the Frank G Andres Charitable Trust may be distributed by the Trustees. Distributions will be made as of June 30, 2022.

All distributions shall be made for charitable, scientific or educational purposes for use within the City of Tomah or the immediate vicinity thereof. Distributions may be made only to the City of Tomah or a political subdivision of the State of Wisconsin within the above described geographic area exclusively for public purposes, or for the benefit of one or more organizations within the above mentioned geographic area, which qualify as non-profit and tax exempt organization as determined by the Internal Revenue Service.

Trustees of the Frank G Andres Charitable Trust.  
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**Senior Lainey Teynor is the recipient of the 2022 Brookwood Arts Scholarship of \$1000. Lainey plans to continue to hone her skills in both piano and photography at Viterbo University.** Contributed photo.

**Learn to earn  
 Career fair  
 to be held  
 at Tomah  
 High School**

By RHONDA HESS  
 Contributing Writer

Tomah High School students can get real-life job advice Friday at a career fair in the high school gym. The Tomah Chamber and Visitors Center, the Tomah Area School District, The Upper Mississippi Manufacturing Alliance, the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, Job Centers of Wisconsin, Western Technical College and Western Wisconsin Workforce Development Board are teaming up to hosting the Job and Career Fair Friday, May 20, starting at noon.

Only students will be allowed to attend from noon to 3:20, but the event is open to the public from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

Students are advised to dress as though they were going to a job interview and are encouraged to apply for summer, afternoon or post-graduation positions.

They are also expected to ask questions of the employers.

Organizers hope to have over 50 businesses represented. Those participants can accept applications on-site and fill immediate vacancies.

There may still be time for additional businesses to participate.

Those belonging to the Tomah Chamber of Commerce pay \$50 per booth, with non-members being charged \$75. Contact organizers at bit.ly/thscarerefair22 for details.

Job seekers from the general public are encouraged to “dress for success,” research employers in advance on social media and bring several copies of their resume to the event.

**Americana Music in the Park gears for 12th summer**

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN  
 Contributing Writer

Tomah American Music in the Park (AMP) has announced its musical line up for the upcoming summer.

AMP is a non-profit music fest at Tomah's Gillett Park every first and third Wednesday of the month. This is the 12th year of Tomah's original music festival.

Along with live music there will be kids games, raffles, events by local Scouts, cultural performances, a car show, craft booths and free giveaways. AMP is geared to families and senior citizens and veterans. Alcohol is not sold at concerts but those who attend may bring it to the park (in non glass containers). There will be food trucks and beverages and treats to purchase.

All the money made from the concerts goes back into the event and to projects to benefit the Tomah community. AMP organizer Scott Wilcox has put together an entertaining group of diverse performers. AMP kicks off its season with Mark Healy from the band Badfinger June 1. On June 15 the Tingleers will perform rockabilly and American roots music. An AMP favorite, the Tommy Bentz Band comes to Gillett Park July 6 to play quality blues music.

On July 20 Gin, Chocolate and Bottle Rockets, an all-female group from Madison, will rock the AMP state. Wilcox will provide the music Aug. 3. Two solo performers, Duncan Peterson and Jackson Taylor, will close out the AMP season Aug. 17. All the concerts run from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Take some time and check out the individual performer web sites leading up to the



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concerts. Grab you lawn chairs and fill a cooler and plan on listening to some good music this summer at Gillett Park.

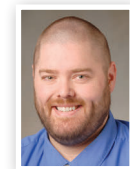
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