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Council approved Tomah TID 9 for additional lighting by Wal-Mart Distribution

By JAYME BAHL
Staff Writer

Tomah city council approved \$16,203.95 from Tax Incremental District (TID) 9, for additional lighting by the Wal-Mart Distribution Center (DC), located at 525 Industrial Avenue. The five new lights will shine at the DC's two entrances on Industrial Avenue, and at the Rusch Street intersection.

Let there be Light

Back in September 2024, assistant general manager of the DC, Travis Scholze, sent a letter to Kirk Arity, Tomah public works and Senior Executive Team member. In the letter, Scholze asked for additional lighting in front of the DC. *"Our commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of our associates and drives is of utmost importance, and I believe that the installation of streetlights will significantly contribute to achieving this goal,"* Scholze wrote.

Scholze explained issues the DC is currently having at the entrance, particularly during evening hours. "The dimly lit conditions can create challenges for associates and drivers navigating the street, as well as for those using alternative transportation, to and from the facility," Scholze pointed out. The DC is a 24-hour-a-day and 7-days-a-week facility.

Scholze was particularly concerned about the potential increased risk of accidents and of criminal activity, due

to the darkness. "By installing streetlights in front of the DC, we can significantly improve the overall safety and security of the area," Scholze concluded.

Scholze added that the lighting would also add to the aesthetics along the street.

Plan and Cost Estimated

Peter Fritz, engineering technician at Alliant Energy, worked with Arity to create a plan for lighting at the DC entrance. The lighting project requires:

- Five concrete poles (\$1778.23 a pole, to total \$8891.15)
- 1430-foot duplex cable (750 free footage, 680 billable feet at \$0.96 to total \$652.80)
- Trenching 1180 feet (750 free footage, 430 billable feet at \$6.75/foot to total \$2902.50)
- Directionally drill 250 feet of road and driveway (\$16.93/foot to total \$4232.50)
- Each pole has a light allowance of \$95, which reducing the cost by \$475. Therefore, the overall upfront cost estimate is \$16,203.95.

In addition to the upfront cost to build the lighting, there will be an annual cost for the concrete poles (\$67.20) and a fixture charge (\$40.50-43.00 per year depending on the size of the light).

The committee of the whole approved the use on Monday, October 14th, 2024, of the TID 9 funds for lighting and sent the motion to city council.

Conversation at Council

On the following evening,

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At SASD's annual budget hearing Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024, around 30 electorates voted unanimously to approve a mill rate of \$7.02 per \$1,000 property tax and resolutions to support the district and community. Seen on the far left of stage at Meadowview Middle School cafeteria, per last year's request, the district asked Ben Richter of Wisconsin Association of School Boards to help answer any concerns during the hearing. Seated to the right is the selected chairperson for the evening and school board member, Colin Burns-Gilbert. To the right of Burns-Gilbert, superintendent Sam Russ and Leah Hauser, Director of Business Services, to the far right. Herald photo by Jayme Bahl.

SASD annual budget meeting approves suggested \$7.02 and \$7.14 mill rate

By JAYME BAHL
Staff Writer

On Tuesday, October 22nd, Sparta Area School District (SASD) held a quiet and agreeable community 2024-25 budget hearing, at 6:30 p.m., in Meadowview Middle School's cafeteria. Sam Russ, SASD superintendent, began the meeting by explaining the annual hearing procedures and expectations. Then, attendees unanimously elected a chairperson, Colin Burns-Gilbert, to hold the hearing. Burns-Gilbert welcomed Russ to give an official message from the superintendent. Then, Leah Hauser, director of business services, presented the treasurer's report and 2024-25 SASD budget.

The community service levy, which the electorate was

present to set, totaled \$920,000 and included: \$20,000 to the Parenting Place, \$610,000 to the What I Need (WIN) after and before school care program, \$120,000 to Middle School Co-Curricular, \$50,000 for community open gym, and \$120,000 for two school resource officers.

After the presentations from Hauser, public input provided no input on the budget

The attending group of around 30 constituents unanimously approved a suggested mill rate of \$7.02 for the 2024-25 total school tax levy. The total tax levy amounted to \$13,773,829.

Constituents also unanimously approved the district to provide transportation to area private schools, including Saint Patrick's Catholic School,

Saint John's Lutheran School, and Hylandale Adventist Elementary School; to spend appropriate funds to provide school lunches to students; for board of education members to be compensated and awarded travel reimbursement; and to set the 2025-26 budget hearing to take place at 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, October 21st, 2025.

Official Starting of Business

To begin the annual meeting, Patrick McKenna, president of SASD board of education, called the room to order and led everyone in the pledge of allegiance. Sam Russ, superintendent, next took the lead, and read the SASD mission statement as follows, *"To educate all students academically, emotionally, and socially, to inspire curiosity and resilience."*

Russ welcomed the

electorate to the meeting as the 2024-25 budget hearing. "This is the meeting of the electorate, attendees who are eligible to vote, and are residents of the Sparta Area School District may participate," Russ said.

Russ introduced himself and reminded everyone that the meeting was not an official school board meeting, but rather a community meeting where electorates vote. Russ also stressed that, "If the budget is approved, it is an advisory document – not a binding one. That is, it will be the board of education's blueprint for moving forward financially and may require adjustments to actual expenditures when

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Sparta Free Library to see two-week closure in November

Expansion efforts give way to remodel endeavor

By JAYME BAHL
Staff Writer

At the Monroe County Board meeting, on Wednesday, October 23rd, Sparta Free Library director, Michelle Tryggstad, provided an update on the library program and construction on the facility. According to Tryggstad, the

library packed the month of October with programing and events for the community, in anticipation of the upcoming move. The librarians expect everyone to stop into the Sparta Free Library in their Halloween costume for the annual contest. The contest is divided into age categories and voted on by the staff. Everyone will get a treat and opportunity for a photo.

Tryggstad shared that programing has been momentarily set to half, because staff will be busy packing for the long-

anticipated expansion move. "We [Sparta Free Library] are taking a break in November because we have exactly two weeks to pack a library," Tryggstad quipped. "We will be squeezing into the new space. Starting on [Friday,] November 15th, we will be closed to the public."

Sparta Free Library will remain closed for two weeks, until Saturday, November 30th, 2024, while the new space is prepared and organized for the community.

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Expansion efforts at the Sparta Free Library will now give way to the remodel portion of the Carnegie structure. From November 15th to November 30th, the library will be closed. Herald photo by Jayme Bahl.



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Country gift show returns to Sparta High School

The Monroe County Historical Society is having its 97th Arts/Crafts Country Gift Show, this coming Saturday, November 2nd, at the Sparta Senior High School, on North Black River Street, on the corner of Hwy's 27 & 21 from 8:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. There are over 225 booths registered, from four states. There is free and handicapped parking available, free admission, and lunch will be available. Proceeds are used to preserve Monroe County's rich history.

This Fall Craft Show has a grand array of handmade gifts and Christmas decorating ideas. There will be oak and primitive furniture, featuring corner shelves, cabinets, spoon racks, quilt racks, Lazy Susan's, chests, birdhouses, and barn board crafts.

Handmade sewing items include alpaca yarns and apparel, quilts, crocheted and beaded items, sweatshirt jackets, Tie Dye, baby bibs and blankets, tote bags, aprons, afghans, rugs, table runners, linens and needlework.

There will be American Girl Doll and Bitty Baby clothes, fabric covered books, Tupperware, paper towel holders, bird feeders, yard stakes and solar lights. There will also be prepackaged baked goods, homemade fudge, peanut brittle, Carmel sauce, toffee and local honey, all which make great take home treats. Jewelry is always a great find, whether it is handmade, beaded glass, art glass, sterling, crystal, magnetic, copper, sea glass or pearl. There will be handmade soaps, pottery, posters, plaques and even cosmetics.





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On Saturday, November 2nd, the Sparta Senior High school will be hosting the 97th Annual Historical Society Arts and Crafts Country Gift Show. The show will open its doors at 8:30 a.m. and run through 3:30 p.m. Over 225 booths will keep perusers and purchasers entertained and amused, while they shop for Christmas gifts and personal craft items. Contributed photos.



97th Annual Arts & Crafts Show

Presented by Monroe County Historical Society

Saturday, November 2, 2024
8:30 a.m-3:30 p.m.

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What's Happening

Upcoming Area Events

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

SPARTA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WILL BE HOSTING A BUSINESS TRICK-OR-TREAT SLATED FOR OCTOBER 31 FROM 3-5PM ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2024 AT PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES..

Hello 69ers! The class lunch will be the last Thursday of the month in **October, October 31.** Lunch will start at noon at Leon Country Tavern. Lookin' forward to it.

AREA COMMUNITY THEATER "ESCANABA IN DA MOONLIGHT" BY JEFF DANIELS. 901 Kilbourn Ave., Tomah. **Nov. 1, 2, 7, 8 @ 7p.m. & Nov. 3, 9, 10@ 1p.m.**

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES BY AREA COMMUNITY THEATER NOV. 9 & 14 @ 7 P.M.. Brick Sip House. 800 Superior Ave., Tomah.

Sparta Lady Butter-fest Ladies Night Out Nov. 21. Doors Open 5pm- Club 16
Contact Marlene Sunday for tickets
608-487-6114

CASHTON VFW AUXILIARY'S 39TH ANNUAL CRAFT, VENDOR, AND BAKE SALE. SATURDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2024. 9AM - 2PM. Cashton Community Hall. Lunch Available.

TOMAH AMERICAN LEGION POST 201 Legion and Auxiliary meeting every 2nd Thursday of every month. Doors OPEN at 6:00pm, meetings start at 7:00pm.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #100 in Sparta has their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7PM. The Auxiliary starts at 6:30 on the third Wednesday of the month. All veterans and families of veterans are welcome to join the legion. Stop by 1116 Angelo Rd for more information.

VFW POST 2112 monthly membership meeting, **first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.** Auxiliary meeting **second Tuesday at 7:00pm.** All meetings at the Post Home, 121 South Husk.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9438 MIDDLE RIDGE – BANGOR – WEST SALEM monthly meeting. 1st Tuesday each month, 6:00 pm St. Teresa Parish, West Salem.

THE SPARTA GARDEN CLUB meets monthly the **3rd Wednesday of the month at both 1:30pm and 6:00pm** at the Sparta Barney Center, 1000 East Montgomery St., featuring a speaker or program. Visitors welcome.

THE TRI-COUNTY CHAPTER #1386 OF NARFE (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES) MEETS MONTHLY (March thru November) the 3rd Thursday

of the month at Perkins Restaurant, 1015 E. McCoy Blvd. (Hwy. 21), Tomah, WI. Lunch is available at 11:30 AM – order off the menu. The meeting starts at approximately 11:45AM. All members, their guests, and interested retired federal employees are welcome.

SPARTA FREE LIBRARY hosts **TR-I-N-G-O (BINGO Trivia)** at **VFW Post 2112 (121 S. Rusk)** on the **4th Wednesday of the month.** Game starts at **5:30pm.** No admission fee. Join the fun as we play four games, each game being a different category.

CLASS OF 64 Breakfast will be the first Monday of the month unless its a holiday then it will be the second Monday, 9 a.m. at the Family Restaurant.

BANGOR VFW POST 8278 monthly meeting. **3rd Tuesday each month,** 7:00 pm Legion clubrooms. New members welcome.

BANGOR AMERICAN LEGION POST 40 & LEGION AUXILIARY monthly meeting. **2nd Tuesday each month,** 7:00 pm Legion clubrooms. New members welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) is not about dieting or selling a special food plan. We give support and tools to make lifetime changes. Join us Mondays from 3:00-3:45 at the Methodist Church. Call Nila at 608-797-2784 with any questions.

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

SPARTA LIONS CLUB MEETING Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Sparta VFW 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 the third Monday of each month at **2:30p.m.** at the summer (May to Oct.) location in **Memorial Park (access pickup line from Montgomery St. to Osborne St.);** the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00p.m. at the **Tomah Fairgrounds (1625 Butts Ave.);** and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00a.m. at the **Norwalk Village Hall** for curb pickup.

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

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

4-H in Downtown Sparta to host a fun open house on Halloween

Not Just for Farmers: come see how 4-H can be scaled and tailored to fit your family's interests

By **JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ MORAN**
Contributing Writer

This Halloween, Thursday, October 31st, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., the Monroe County 4-H Office, located at 206 South K St in Sparta, invites the public to come in for some festive Halloween fun, while learning more about what 4-H looks like in 2024. One of the biggest misconceptions about 4-H is that 4-H is all about farming and animals and is relegated mainly to rural participation. 4-H has such a broad spectrum of opportunities and activities to learn from and participate in, many of which urban kids can easily participate in and enjoy, garnering the gift of friendships, knowledge, social interaction, and a compassionate leadership core.

Today, 4-H members can learn about archery, woodworking, photography, gardening, arts and crafts, science, and more. 4-H can be what we want it to be, with community volunteers stepping up to share their skills and talents through leadership, and community youths invited to take part in any of the clubs, activities, and projects that interest them. Youth are encouraged to start a project and are enabled to complete it, with support of the 4-H community and the University of Wisconsin Extension. Monroe County 4-H has 300 enthusiastic members today and it continues to grow, fast tracking the organization to not only become stronger, but provide even more opportunities for skill learning and leadership opportunities.

The 4-H office, located at

206 South K Street in Sparta, is a residential building reimagined, neighboring other downtown Sparta destinations, such as the County Administrative Center, Sparta City Hall, and the Justice Center. Although it has signs on the doors identifying it as both Monroe County 4-H and a University of Wisconsin Extension Office, and there is a large administrative building right next door, it can easily be mistaken for another neighborhood home.

Inside, it is a bright, modern, clean, and inviting office space. A lot of planning, organizing, and communications happen here, and the kind folks behind the desks here are ready to share what they have to offer with Monroe County residents. There is fun and learning, from A-Z. Monroe County 4-H shares that, *"Current topics include aerospace, animals, arts, bicycling, child development, citizenship, clothing, clothing decisions, Cloverbuds, communications, computer, dairy, electricity, entomology, health, international, natural resources, photography, plants, small engines, theatre arts, and woodworking."* Check out their office or their website to learn more and to see how you can fit into the supportive community that is 4-H.

The 4-H Pledge explains so much. 4-H explains that Head, Heart, Hands, and Health are the four Hs in 4-H, and they are the four values members work on, through fun and engaging programs." The 4-H Pledge is: *"I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to larger service, and my Health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world."*

The Monroe County 4-H Office explains even more on their website, including why their office is unique and how joining 4-H here is such a special opportunity. It is also affordable, with



Jason Hornickel and Vicki Kast pause for a photo to show the public both a peek at some Halloween crafts they will have at their Halloween Open House, as well as greeting cards they will have for sale. The cards feature incredible photography by Monroe County 4-H-ers: Note the calf, kitten, sunset, flowers, landscape and nature pictures captured by our talented and observant local youth. The Sparta 4-H Office is located at 206 S K Street and is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Herald photo by Jennifer Rodriguez Moran.

annual 4-H memberships costing just \$1.50. University of Wisconsin-Extension programs in 4-H Youth Development give young people opportunities to learn new skills, gain self-confidence and contribute to their communities. Backed by the knowledge and research base of the University of Wisconsin, 4-H Youth Development educators design educational, leadership and citizenship experiences for youth. These programs are delivered directly through

more than 20,000 adult volunteers in neighborhood 4-H clubs or groups and by collaborating with other local organizations. If you have any questions regarding 4-H Youth Development in Monroe County, please contact: Jason Hornickel Monroe County 4-H Educator Extension Monroe County 206 South K Street Sparta, WI 54656 Phone: 608-269-8722 jason.hornickel@wisc.edu

ELF Notice: Elves, "A Regard, to Our Celebration!"
Your Sweets to Savory are needed be upon a start, and be ready, in the Elves' Kitchen's Pantry. "Be Full with Baker's Ingredients, cheeses to even the meats, is Our Goal!" The Elfin Pastry Chefs, had said, to all! **The Celebration: "The Elves' Sagittarius," Date: November 3rd and Peak Time, 8:43:48 am,** Luck is Abundant Rain! Elder Elf's, in wit, Resight Aloud, to Hold Interest, to Thy Pageantry, of our, "The Elfin Creed." The "Creed of Our Wisdom and Understanding." Elves, Our Art of Calligraphy is, "I know." Elves, this remains in each of us, Our Auspiciousness, for even taming the Wild Animals too Beasts are Affixed, at Time: I, "A heed again, No drunken-ness to wine or to beer, today." Later, our Goals, before, Sunset are Us Elves to Play the Games, having thy Music, all shall Dance, to Story.

HOROSCOPE

October 27-November 2, 2024

ARIES
Negotiations always require effort and compromise. You'll make some significant changes that will promote your health and improve your quality of life for years to come.

TAURUS
Significant success and recognition await you, whether in the form of a promotion or a professional change. You'll also have a health win after a difficult period.

GEMINI
You may have the opportunity to find a more spacious property for your family this week. You must make changes to your daily routine to become more efficient, which will prevent conflicts among your family members.

CANCER
Don't forget to charge your electronic devices every night to avoid communication mishaps from a dead battery. Expect to play taxi driver for your family this week.

LEO
Your honesty will shine this week as you openly express what others are thinking. You won't hesitate to point out your partner's excessive spending or impulse buys.

VIRGO
You'll feel great this week! You must swiftly handle an urgent situation at work to avoid complications. You'll be promoted, and despite the changes and stress associated with this change, you'll be happy.

LIBRA
You'll soon finish a task you've been putting off. To avoid health issues, take some time to rest before taking on new challenges.

SCORPIO
Waiting for medical test results for yourself or a loved one will be stressful. However, you'll receive a positive response, which will help alleviate your worries. The prospect of a bright future will dispel anxiety and allow you to sleep peacefully.

SAGITTARIUS
Tread carefully when dealing with family or professional matters. You may need to adjust your schedule to accommodate a promotion. The pay and nature of the work will make your decision easy.

CAPRICORN
It's time to start thinking about your end-of-year vacation! Booking things in advance, regardless of whether you're going alone or with family, friends or a significant other, will make things easier and avoid complications.

AQUARIUS
You may be responsible for international assignments or training at work. You might find it challenging to communicate with people who aren't comfortable speaking English.

PISCES
You must communicate openly with your partner to reignite the spark in your relationship. You'll need to make some adjustments to avoid emotional conflicts.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS	
OCTOBER 27 Lonzo Ball, Athlete (27)	OCTOBER 31 Vanilla Ice, Rapper (57)
OCTOBER 28 Frank Ocean, Singer (37)	NOVEMBER 1 Penn Badgley, Actor (38)
OCTOBER 29 Gabrielle Union, Actress (52)	NOVEMBER 2 Jordan Love, Athlete (26)
OCTOBER 30 Ashley Graham, Model (37)	

Coffee break

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Sudoku

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PUZZLE NO. 990

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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Letters to the Editor



Thank You, and Go Spartans!

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank all of the community members who were part of our facility referendum informational sessions, either at municipalities-, organizations-, or District-sponsored engagement sessions. The discussions were positive, productive, and even though we may not always agree on the path, we all agree that we are Spartans, and our students need our support.

As a reminder, our District will be asking voters on the November 5th ballot if they would support an \$87 million facility referendum. If you have any questions about the referendum, or anything else about our District, please visit our website, and/or contact me at (608) 366-3401 or sruss@spartan.org.

As a reminder, please visit www.myvote.wi.gov for all voting information, and please make sure you flip the ballot over, as there may be additional questions. Thanks, and Go Spartans!!!

Sam Russ

SASD Superintendent

Vote Yes for Success!

Dear Editor,

First, I hope you’re having a good day. As the November 5th election draws near, I am reaching out as a community member, to encourage everyone to vote. And to please consider voting “Yes” for the Sparta Area School District facilities referendum!

As always, I can only speak for myself, not any other role or affiliation or group. But I personally believe the more voices included in our community, the better! I ask you to register yourself and others to vote: Search “Vote411” or “MyVote Wisconsin” on your web browser, to find resources and links that allow you to easily register for the first time or update voter information after address changes.

Please review SASD facilities referendum information and resources provided by the school district and their collaborators, at spartan.org/2024-facility-referendum

Sparta Area School District has an \$87M facilities referendum on the ballot. A few quick facts about the facilities referendum are below, but please take the time to watch the informative videos on the “Resources” link, at the district website above. You’ll get most of your questions answered there.

All of the studies and reports referenced below can also be found at the district website.

- 1) In 2023, the Board of Education approved and received a thorough facilities study, highlighting several structural issues at Sparta High School and issues at other buildings across the district (HVAC, plumbing, electrical, etc.)
- 2) In Fall 2023, the Board of Education gave the entire community a survey, with possible facilities projects and priorities. In that survey, the community favored an \$87M project (~55% approval), while all project ideas combined at \$140M only received ~18% community support.
- 3) Part of that facilities study included compromised parts of the old high school - Most of the \$87M (~\$78M) will go to constructing new 2-story classrooms for the structurally-challenged 1960s portion of the building that currently houses social studies, and English classrooms; library and special education environments; career and technical education classrooms, art classrooms, locker rooms, and a safer main entrance at Sparta High School.
- 4) The remaining remodel of the referendum will go to upgrading safety/entrances at Meadowview Middle School, Southside Elementary School, and ADA improvements district wide. All but one of our school buildings were designed pre-Columbine and more Grandparents than ever are watching their littles at co-curriculars. We need to prioritize student/staff safety and accessibility for all our community members.
- 5) The last part of the referendum will go to the “red” items, from the 2023 facility study across the district, which include ensuring sewage pipes don’t break and disrupt our students/staff learning and work environments - the more we put these important upgrades off, the more issues we’ll face with less flexible, more costly options to choose from. Our employees don’t get paid enough to crawl through sewage and our students/staff deserve the best learning environment possible.
- 6) Now is the time to add these important upgrades for our students and staff, because we can do so while only adding a maximum of 0.12 cents to the mill rate. That’s ~\$24 per \$200,000 of property value, pending your specific variables, for the first year. The mill rate impact is projected to decrease in cost every year after it passes, due to sound fiscal stewardship and debt management practices by the district.

The mill rate, one of the only tax variables school districts can choose to adjust, has steadily decreased every year since 2019, the year it spiked after the Herrman referendum was approved. But instead of spiking back up to over \$9.00, a YES on November 5th adds just 0.12 cents higher, around \$7.14 total.

Because this referendum question spans multiple buildings and meets multiple district needs, it is easy to pick out specific pieces from each building or project. Know that there will be 1+ years of planning to allow community input and local board decisions on fixtures, furnishings, and other specifics that are difficult to pinpoint without a voter-approved budget. The district staff can answer those specific timeline questions and more!

For my family of 4 to eat at McDonald’s today, it costs \$32. The only reason why my house is worth more than \$200k is because of the outrageous real estate landscape we’re living through.

To me, our students and staff deserve the best possible tools to learn. That includes the spaces used for thousands of hours each school year. Giving up one meal at McDonald’s per year, or the purchase of one new hat, or a fishing license or two over the course of a year – it is worth it to set our district facilities up for success for the next Spartan generations to come.

If you’re still reading this far, thanks for considering voting yes and regardless of which way you feel/vote, thank you for being an active member of our community!

Colin Burns-Gilbert

Sparta



Trump is a Stronger Choice, Keeps his Promises

Dear Editor,

Resilient, steadfast, patriotic, intelligent, capable, and bold are just a few words that describe President Trump. Once in the White House he began to keep his campaign promises to the American people. He was committed to interpreting the constitution according to the original meaning of the words. He promised to not allow people of faith to be targeted or silenced, he recognized Jerusalem as Israel’s capital, he moved the US Embassy from Tel-Aviv to Jerusalem, he stood up to China, he strengthened our military, withdrew from the misguided Paris Control Accord.

Under Trump we were energy independent, producing more energy than we consumed. He kept his promise to promote school choice, advocating for free speech on college campuses, cancelling the Obama-era regulations that required schools to allow biological boys to enter girls restrooms and locker rooms in high school, reduced regulations to open up businesses, tax cuts resulting in job and wage growth, replaced NAFTA with US - Mexico Canada Agreement into law, launched Space Force, 2.5 trillion dollars on completing the military, withdrew from Iran’s Nuclear deal, and secured 300 miles of border walls.

He worked to take down human trafficking, he deported 20,000 gang members and 500,000 criminal aliens, pulled in the reins on big pharma to lower drug prices, passed prison reform, standing for life, gaining approval for the Keystone pipeline, and helped American workers by calling on companies to expand programs to educate and train.

All the while being barraged by social media, progressive liberals, the deep state and those that are striving for one world government. Trump is not perfect. Are any of us? I do not support his coarse words at times. His towering accomplishments for the good of the nation far outweigh his language. The alternative leans toward socialism/ communism and socialism does not have a good track record. I want a country that is proud of their heritage, who looks up to their forefathers who gave up their lives, families and money to secure a nation under God, with Liberty and justice for all. I agree with our Declaration of Independence that liberty is an “unalienable right” that has been bestowed on us by our creator. I am eager and proud to vote for President Trump again.

Debra Dorzok

Tomah

Van Orden is an Angry Disruptor, I am Voting for Rebecca

Dear Editor,

I recently read an article online in the Wisconsin Independent. The article described a meeting held in September in Washington, D.C. with Republican Congressman Derrick Van Orden and members of the National Farmers Union. The intent of the meeting was to discuss agricultural policy and allow the farmer members to share their experiences. Two farmers from western Wisconsin were in attendance, Dylan Bruce and Darin Von Ruden. They reported that the meeting began as a civil discussion with one of the Congressman’s aides but when Van Orden joined the meeting he almost immediately narrowed in on Von Ruden for having previously criticized him for failing to support family farms.

When questioned by Dylan Bruce about the farm bill, Van Orden became agitated, slapped his desk and referred to the Congressional Budget Office as “Democratic liars” and the report Bruce had referred to as “bullshit”. Bruce expressed concern that he felt the Congressman’s policies were supporting a feedback loop of bigger and bigger farms.

He and others felt frustration that the delegation had not been able to tell their stories. The description of this interaction with Van Orden is becoming all too familiar. While he claims to be a champion for farmers and agriculture in our state, his actions don’t support that contention. We have an alternative that has a real farm background and has shown she will listen and seek the answers we need to keep small farms sustained.

Donna Swanson

Platteville

Send your news tips to:
editor@monroecountyherald.com

Klein, Schnitzler Excellent Candidates

Dear Editor,

The Legislative District maps in the Coulee Region are dramatically different than they were two years ago after the Supreme Court got involved and the Governor redrew the maps. The 95th Assembly District was virtually the City of La Crosse, but now stretches from the Mississippi River east to Cashton, Sparta, and southwestern Monroe County.

In the 32nd Senate District, which includes the 95th Assembly District, challenger Stacey Klein is the better candidate. Klein is a former Trempealeau County farm girl that is now in her second term on the Trempealeau County Board. She is a financial advisor who understands the economic needs of Coulee Region families. Klein would rather have a conversation than a confrontation. Her opponent is a career government bureaucrat and political operative in his first term.

In the 95th Assembly District, challenger Cedric Schnitzler is the better candidate. Schnitzler is the Monroe County Board Chairman, with experience on the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission and the Wisconsin County Association Board of Directors. He runs a cow-calf beef operation and ran a recycle business for more than a decade. Schnitzler believes in the importance of the “grass roots” and local governments. His opponent has spent a dozen years in the Assembly, representing just the City of La Crosse.

Klein and Schnitzler both have the confidence and competence to be excellent legislators. They have the experience to effectively represent the Coulee Region in Madison. Join me and vote for them!

John Christy

Sparta

What Really Matters

Dear Editor,

Kamala Harris, speaking to the Baptist congregation, to which she belongs, said, “We have learned, from the parable of the good Samaritan, that we should live a life where in the face of a stranger, we see a neighbor. But this is not what we hear from my opponent in this election. He is constantly berating, belittling, and name calling. Through our life experiences, and from what we have been taught, we have come to the knowledge that ours is a loving God. Good work should be done in the spirit of understanding. Our strength is not based on who we beat down, as my adversary would suggest. Our strength is based on who we lift up, and that spirit is very much at stake in these days before our election.”

Kamala has promised to have bipartisan people in her cabinet, so she hears all points of view. Her rival has stated that his administration would have people who are loyal only to him. As a prosecutor, she identified herself in court each day as “Kamala Harris, for the people”. She still stands for us, the people. Kamala is my choice for President because she has the intelligence, strength, vitality, people skills, empathy, and faith, to represent us to the world, and to lead the USA with integrity.

Anita Brooker

Norwalk

Schnitzler is a Collaborative Leader

Dear Editor,

Cedric Schnitzler, candidate for the 95th Assembly District, is a collaborative leader. Don’t be fooled by that multi-syllable word as it simply means to work together. As Monroe County Board Chair, he represents his own district constituents but also makes sure the 15 other Board Supervisors work together to attain the best results for the entire county.

Monroe County citizens know that Fort McCoy sits right in the middle of the northern half of the county and understand the positive economic impact it has for Monroe and surrounding counties. As Chairman of the County Board, Schnitzler has a vested interest in Monroe County maintaining good neighbor relations with Fort McCoy.

For over twenty-five years on the Mississippi River Regional Planning Commission, he has represented the interests of Monroe County, while working with the representatives of eight other counties (including La Crosse) to address common problems and find regional solutions together.

Schnitzler is on both the Wisconsin County Association (WCA) Board of Directors and the WCA Insurance Board of Directors. Once again, he is working with a diverse group of people for common solutions for the good of the people.

As the next Representative from the 95th Assembly District he should have little problem working collaboratively with the other 98 Representatives for the good of the citizens of the entire District, the Coulee Region, and the State of Wisconsin. Vote for Schnitzler on Election Day, November 5th, (or before).

James Bialecki

Onalaska

CAROL A. ISENSEE

February 25, 1946 — October 16, 2024

Carol A. Isensee was born February 25, 1946 in Black River Falls to Marvin and Doris (Miller) Peterson. She passed away on Wednesday October 16, 2024, at the age of 78.



Carol married her high school sweetheart, Lawrence “Bub” Isensee Jr on April 30, 1966.

She is survived by her three children, Annette (Paul)

Johnson of Cataract, Michael Isensee Sparta, and Amanda Mitchell of Onalaska ; 7 Grandchildren; 15 Great Grandchildren, along with many other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence “Bub” Isensee Jr; a son-in-law Timothy Mitchell Jr and a Grandson, Ryan Johnson.

Per Carol’s request, private family services will be held at a later time, with a burial at the Cataract Cemetery next to her husband, Cataract, WI.

MARJORIE H. “MARGIE” KORN

December 19, 1931 — October 19, 2024

Bangor – On the beautiful fall day of Saturday, October 19, 2024, Marjorie H. “Margie” Korn, 92, of Bangor, died at Mulder Health Care in West Salem. She was born on December 19, 1931, at home in Bangor, Wisconsin to Paul and Margaret “Gretta” (Ziegler) Schaller.



Margie attended Bangor High School and graduated in 1949. On July 10, 1957 Margie married Harvey J. Korn at St. Mary’s Catholic Parish in Bangor, Wisconsin. Together they spent time having fun with family and friends. You could find them at trap shoots, ball games, bowling, and in local establishments such as their family’s bar, Leo & Leona’s, having a beer. After the sudden death of her husband Harvey, Margie’s mother and siblings surrounded her with love and included her in many of their family’s and children’s activities. As time passed and so did more loved ones, Margie was the glue that held the family together and took on a more maternal/grandmotherly role. Through the years Margie worked in La Crosse as a bank teller, and then came closer to home working at Bangor’s Farmers State Bank until retirement. Margie’s Catholic faith was very important to her. She was an active member of St. Mary’s Church in Bangor and its PCCW for many years. Many people will remember Margie for her outgoingness, thoughtfulness, and generosity. She kept in close touch with family and friends through her many greeting cards, social outings, and phone calls. She loved having a cold Old Style or two, shaking 6-5-4, eating out with the “Bank Girls,” and feeding her neighborhood’s birds and other wildlife. As one friend put it, “She had a good run here on Earth, but now she’s in an even better

place!” Thank you, Lord, for the wonderful members of the Paul & Gretta Schaller family. We are truly blessed to belong to such an incredible family with so many wonderful memories of lives well lived.

She is survived by her sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Florence Schaller, Jeanette Schaller, Arthur Sommerfield, and Tom Althoff as well as many special nieces, nephews, and their families.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harvey; her parents, Paul and Gretta; her siblings, Lyle Schaller, Eldred Schaller, Eunice (William) Gerke, Eugene (Judy) Schaller, LaVerne (Rose) Schaller, Mavis Sommerfield, Armand “Ham” Schaller, and Judith Althoff; her mother and father in-law, John (Salome) Korn; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Eugene (Dottie) Korn and Leona (Leo) Cavadini; and additional loved ones.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, November 4, 2024, at 11:00 AM at St. Teresa’s of Kolkata Catholic Church, 210 E. Hamlin St., West Salem. All friends, relatives, and neighbors are warmly invited to gather and celebrate Margie’s life at a visitation remembrance starting at 9:00 AM and concluding with a rosary at 10:30 AM. Monsignor Jeffrey Burrill and Deacon Robert Zietlow will officiate. Burial will be in Saint Mary’s Catholic Cemetery in Bangor. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be given to Bangor Area Sunshine on the Trail, Bangor First Responders, or the Bangor Fire Department.

Online condolences and expressions of sympathy may be offered at www.FredricksonFuneralHomes.com

Fredrickson Funeral Home, Bangor Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Fredrickson Funeral Home

JAMES FREDRIC ADKINS

October 16, 2024

SPARTA- James Fredric Adkins, 71, of Sparta, Wisconsin, peacefully entered eternal rest on October 16, 2024. His wife and four daughters were by his side.

Please join us to celebrate Jim’s life on Saturday, November 2, at Torkelson Funeral Home in Sparta, Wisconsin. The visitation will take place at 1:00 p.m. with a memorial service at 3:00 p.m. Jim’s family invites you to join them for a meal following the service. Please crank your tunes on your way to his farewell!

Online condolences may be shared at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com

Torkelson Funeral Home

RICHARD HANSON

October 24, 2024

SPARTA- Richard Hanson, 89 of rural Sparta, WI, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Tomah Veteran’s Hospital.

Funeral Services will be held Tuesday, October 29, 2024, 1:00 p.m. at the Portland Lutheran Church, rural Cashton. Pastor Patrick Ziems will officiate. Burial with full military honors will follow in the church cemetery. Family and friends are invited for visitation Monday, October 28, 2024, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Cashton. Visitation will also be held Tuesday from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service at the church.

The Torkelson Funeral Home of Cashton, WI, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

Torkelson Funeral Home

RICHARD O. HANSON

June 4th, 1935 — October 24, 2024

SPARTA- Richard O. Hanson, 89 of rural Sparta, WI, passed away Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Tomah Veteran’s Hospital.



Richard was born June 4th, 1935, to Edwin and Agnes (Erickson) Hanson in Halls Valley, near Cashton WI, the youngest of ten children. Richard attended Cashton High School before joining the U.S. Navy. He was active in the Navy from 1953-1956, becoming a gunner’s mate while serving on the USS Newport News during two tours of the Mediterranean Ocean. Near the end of his service, while stationed in Green Cove Springs, Florida, Richard met Donna Raines. Richard and Donna were united in marriage on June 9, 1956, and remained married for 68 years until Richard’s passing. Relocating to Wisconsin together upon their marriage, Richard and Donna soon had three boys, Henry, Mike, and Ron. Richard partnered with his brother Gordy for a time as owners of a service station in Middleton WI, then was an officer in the Sparta Police Department for two years, before becoming sales manager for United Auto Supply in Sparta, where he worked for 36 years until his retirement.

Richard was active in the community for most of his life. He was a lifetime member of the VFW in Cashton, elected to the role of Post Commander multiple times. He was also a lifetime member of The Fraternal Order of Eagles and was elected president of the Sparta WI Eagles Aerie for multiple terms.

During his life Richard pursued a wide variety of hobbies and interests. He loved wildlife, fishing, horses, hunting, dancing, and listening to music. Richard was a gifted natural musician, playing multiple instruments by ear, including violin, mandolin, guitar, accordion, concertina, and several others. His favorite music was bluegrass and country. Restoring cars, pickups, and Allis Chalmers tractors was a passion. Richard loved all things Allis Chalmers and named his driveway Allis Chalmers Road, complete with a custom Allis orange road sign that to this day marks the entrance to the driveway of the home he shared with Donna. Richard hunted deer in Wisconsin

annually, joined by his sons beginning when they were teenagers. His brother-in-law William (“Boots”) was a regular deer hunting partner in the early years. Richard took nearly annual trips to hunt deer and elk in Montana - for many years with a group of his friends from the Sparta area, and many more years with Henry, Mike and Ron; nephew Edwin joining some years. Richard loved fishing. He belonged to Black River Bass Masters for many years, competing in local and regional fishing tournaments. Horse and buggy teams were another passion of Richard’s. In retirement he formed a special bond with a matched pair of Shire draft horses. Richard always needed a big project to be working on. One of his last completed projects was a full restoration to like new condition of a vintage manure spreader, of all things.

Richard is survived by his wife Donna of Sparta WI; children Henry of Lake Mills WI, and Ron (Mary) Hanson of Sparta WI; seven grandchildren, Kami (Chad) Ayres, Kristin (Troy) Turner, Kelly (Craig) Erickson, Reid Hanson, Justin (Molly) Hanson, Danielle Hanson, Keni (Tyler) Theisen; ten great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Richard was preceded in death by his son Michael, infant granddaughter Kasi, his parents, stepfather Kenneth Johnson, brothers, LaVerne (Lola), Albion (Frieda), Raymond (Edna), Gordon (Lorraine) and sisters Elverda (Otis) Anderson, Vessie (Arnold) Westby, Ivadell (Vernon) Suhr, Junella (Lawrence) Callum and Marlene (William) Waters.

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The Torkelson Funeral Home of Cashton, WI, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

Torkelson Funeral Home

RITA M OLSON

March 19, 1940 — October 22, 2024

Rita M Olson, age 84, of Tomah and formerly of Black River Falls, passed away peacefully surrounded by family Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Touch of Home in Tomah WI.



Rita was born on March 19, 1940, to Frank and Gertrude (Watson) Rowlee. She married Larry Olson on May 4, 1958, in Black River Falls. Rita had various jobs as a waitress at Grandma Smrekar’s, cashier at Millston Gas Station, clerk at Mosser Lee all in Millston. She was also the first female rural mail carrier in Black River Falls and worked for the postal service from 1973 to 2000. She was very proud of her reliable, consistent, and friendly service on her rural postal route and many patrons still share how much she is missed.

At the heart of Rita’s world was her family. She was a loving wife to her husband for 61 years, Larry, with whom she shared countless treasured moments and many on a motorcycle. Together, they raised their family of four children instilling the

values of kindness, hard work, perseverance, and the importance of family.

Rita enjoyed a life so beautifully lived and a heart so deeply loved by family and many friends.

Rita is survived by her children: LaVonne Smith, Deb (Tim) Frost, Larry (Butch) Olson, and Glen Olson; eleven grandchildren; Brooke, Derek, Nikki, April, Shane, Sarah, Amy, Bridget, Logan, Nick and Joe; along with 22 great grandchildren.

Rita was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father and all her brothers and sisters, and son-in-law.

The family would like to thank the staff/residents of Touch of Home and Tomah Health Palliative Care and Hospice Touch for the care given to Rita.

The memorial service for Rita will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 2, 2024, at Torgerson’s Funeral Home in Black River Falls. A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow in Brookside Cemetery in Millston.

Torgerson’s Funeral Home

JOSEPHINE M. (JO) BARTZ

June 8, 1922 — October 24, 2024

MAUSTON- Josephine M. (Jo) Bartz, age 102 of Mauston and formerly of Wilton, passed away on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at the Fair View Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Mauston, WI. She was born on June 8, 1922, to Joseph and Maude (Johnson) Druschba in Griggs County, North Dakota where she began to develop the strong will and determination she will be remembered for. Life on a small farm on the Prairie was difficult and brought many challenges, but she always felt love and her values of faith and family grew. After graduating from high school as Valedictorian of her class, Josephine attended vocational business training. On September 17, 1949, she was united in marriage to Kermit L. Bartz in Shell Lake, WI. He preceded her in death on February 21, 1983. In addition to raising their children, they spent their early years together on a farm raising chickens and then opening and operating Kermy’s Supermarket in Wilton. Later, Josephine worked at Fort McCoy in the civilian personnel department until retiring from Government Service. She continued to work at various jobs including Burnstads Department Store and Tupperware sales. She lovingly helped care for her grandchildren, filling their hearts with sweet joy and lasting memories. With a gracious and giving heart, she volunteered for many years with Church functions, Pro Life groups, and while in Champaign, IL with The Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.



She was a faithful and devoted member of St. Johns and St. Patrick Catholic churches. She was a member of the Hanson-Stark-Leath-Peth Post 508 Ladies Auxiliary. Although she came from humble beginnings, she always shared what she had with numerous charities. Life to her was not about things but rather sharing time and talents.

In her spare time, Josephine enjoyed quilting and sewing. Her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren were blessed with beautiful handmade clothing, quilts, and creative crafts and toys. Her works were very often gifted to others and will live on in their memories. Her workmanship was detailed, and her creations filled with love. She was also a fabulous baker and cook and loved to can and freeze all kinds of produce from Kermy’s garden.

She will be remembered by all who knew and loved her for her longevity, her strong faith, her love of God, family, and country, her wit and humor, and her giving and compassion for those less fortunate than herself. She truly represented what many call “The Greatest Generation,” and her presence in this world made it a better place.

She is survived by her children, Michael (Wanda) Bartz of Fitchburg and Ann (Christopher) Graham of St. Joseph, IL; 6 grandchildren Kyle (Anna) Bartz, Jessalyn Bartz, Derek Bartz, Ashley (Ben) Gorman, Rachael (Austin) Dallas, Hannah (Steve) Oxley, Morgann Graham; 4 great grandchildren Lincoln Bartz, Chase Gorman, Jack Gorman, and Olivia Oxley. She was preceded in death by her parents Joseph and Maude Druschba, her husband Kermy, two sons Daniel and John, her sisters Leone Haas & Edna Peterson, and her brother Leonard Druschba.

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, 11:00 AM at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 504 Enderby Street, Wilton. Father John Ofori-Domah will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited for a time of visitation at the church on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. The Smith-Nelson/Sonnenburg Funeral Home is assisting the family. Online condolences can be offered by visiting www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com.

Memorials in Josephine’s memory can be given to St. Patrick Catholic Church, Mauston and St. John’s Catholic Church, Wilton.

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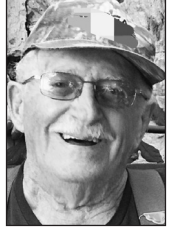
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AND DEATH NOTICES

WAYNE S. SOLBERG

September 17, 1927—September 13, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce that the Leader of the Band, Wayne S. Solberg, 96, passed away in his Wayne Solberg home 4 days shy of his 97th birthday, on September 13, 2024, with his family and faithful dog Max III, by his side.



Wayne was born an only child on September 17, 1927 (at 9:15 am, as he liked to report) In Sparta, WI to Edwin Solberg and Lila (Evenson) Solberg. He grew up in Fish Creek Valley, just outside of Rockland. Wayne enlisted in the Navy during WWII when he was just 17.

Much of his younger life was devoted to raising prize winning mink. Wayne also, drove semi for 30+ years hauling steel from the Chicago area and then proudly hauling Old Style Beer to Chicago for Gobel Freight Lines. After he “retired” from driving, he ran Dutch Mill Trucking out of Sparta for many years.

One of Wayne’s proudest accomplishments was starting a Polka Band when he was just 16 years old, that continued for 75 years. His band played at locations such as The Avalon, Moon Light Pavilion and so many other ballrooms and establishments around the area.

In Wayne’s last days, he asked that we thank all those that had hired his band for weddings, anniversaries, and miscellaneous events. He wanted them to know that it was a privilege and a pleasure to have played so many dances for so many

wonderful people for so many years.

Wayne is survived by his children and grandchildren, Sons, Stuart (Nancy) Solberg, his sons Terry and Christopher (Dawn) Solberg. Peter (friend Jeannett) Solberg, his children Holly (Jamie), Bethany (Al), Kaitlyn (Aaron) and Keagan Solberg. Edward (Laurie) Solberg, their children Scott (Heide) Solberg and daughter, Karissa Solberg. his Daughters, Laurie (Doug/ Gus) Krueger, her daughter Lindsay Severson. JoLynn (Todd) Oliver, their children Shelby (Robert) and Zachary (Kailee) Oliver. Son-in-law Keith Zwack, and grandson Philip (Johnna) Mackey. He is further survived by his 16 Great Grandchildren and A sister-in-law, Carol (Paul) Mitby.

Wayne was proceeded in death by his parents, wives, Judith (Judy) and Beverly, Daughter, Geraldine (Jeri) Zwack and great granddaughter Alexis (Lexi) Hanson.

A celebration of Wayne’s life will be held on November 3, 2024, at Club 16 in Sparta,

with a short prayer service and remembrance at 12:45 and

open house from 1:00 to 4:00 in the afternoon.

Wayne’s band equipment will be set up for those musicians who wish to come play a few sets with the family a little later in the afternoon. We wish to thank the wonderful Nurses with Gundersen Lutheran Hospice, whose care and compassion was beyond incredible and also Wayne’s gracious neighbors who brought meals and treats over to him.

SASD

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they occur.”

Russ explained that at the annual hearing, electorates would be voting on more than the budget. Constituents needed to authorize the board of education to, “Transport, feed, and provide instructional materials to students, along with setting the board salary and expense reimbursement.”

Russ introduced the school board by name: Anthony Scholze, John Hendricks, Ashley Berendes, Colin Burns-Gilbert, Amy Lopez, Patrick McKenna, and Todd Wells. Russ then introduced the district administration: Leah Hauser – Director of Business Services; Kyla Manske - Director of Instructional Services; and Lisa Molland - Director of Student Services. Present with Hauser and Russ on stage, was a sharp dressed man sitting to his right. Russ introduced the man as a lawyer. “As requested from last year’s annual meeting, I would like to welcome, Mr. Ben Richter, of the Wisconsin Association of School Boards, as our district attorney.”

Russ then reviewed the procedures the meeting would follow, such as hand voting and how to make or second a motion, and that electorates would have the opportunity to speak during the hearing’s public input. “All comments must be respectful, and not targeted directly or indirectly to anyone,” Russ stressed. “This is extremely important so that our annual meeting can run smoothly and be a positive experience for all. Please know and respect that if a comment that is made is inappropriate, this will be addressed.”

Finally, the electorate selected a chairperson to conduct the annual hearing. McKenna nominated Burns-Gilbert to chair the meeting. With no other nominations presented, all were unanimously in favor of Burns-Gilbert to chair.

Superintendent’s message

After electors selected a chairperson, Burns-Gilbert asked Russ to present the SASD superintendent’s message. Superintendent Russ began this segment stating, “I would like to thank our community for their continued support of education in our district. Our district is coming off a successful operating referendum, and whether it is donating one’s time, talent, or resource, our district has a lot to thank you for.”

Then, Russ addressed challenges over the last year, and how the district and community have made strides for SASD students and staff. “I know that we may not always agree, but through positive communication, we have had the opportunity to understand different perspectives.”

Russ shared with the community that staff has been working in the best interest of each child every day. “Our dedicated staff continue to work tirelessly to provide a safe, enriching, learning environment, despite the challenges that we are facing across the state and country.”

Russ reminded the electorate that SASD is preparing the whole person and, “Building a positive relationship with students, families, and our community and prioritizing the wellbeing of our students, ensuring that they have the tools and support needed to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.”

The issues staff are dealing with include addressing changing state requirements, implementing new curriculum, and discovering new, budget-conscious opportunities for students. One new opportunity SASD has developed this year is all day 4K, which helps to address the community need for safe childcare.

Russ stated that the district is addressing the changing needs by working towards, increased

academic relevance, engaging activities, increased business partnerships to focus on careers, and a new curriculum and assessment resources.

Next, Russ reminded the voters that SASD has financial and capital setbacks that both need addressing, to continue sustaining the district. “The budget that you will see tonight, plans on using over \$1 million of our fund balance, which is not sustainable,” Russ said. Russ also added that, “Much of our student technology has passed its useful life and will need to be updated at a high cost.”

For these reasons, the SASD has created a comprehensive plan to address the facility needs and lower costs for the district overall, through investing in the \$87 million capital referendum on November 5th, 2024. If passed, there will be an additional \$0.12 added to the mill rate, electorates recommended at the hearing. The district has been engaging with the community for the last few weeks, to educate and show transparency. “We [administration and the board of education] feel this investment gives the facility improvement we need to set our district up for strong facilities for many years to come.”

Finally, Russ encouraged the community to come forward at any time with any questions, ideas, or suggestion by reaching out to him or by attending a school board meeting. “I am confident that by working together, we can continue to create a stronger, more resilient community that we can all be proud of,” Russ concluded.

Yearend treasurer’s report

Next, Burns-Gilbert reintroduced Hauser to present the treasure’s report, as of June 30th, 2024.

Before beginning, Hauser was sure to point out to attendees that the budget may change. “These financial statements are currently being audited by an independent accounting firm, so the numbers presented are considered ‘unaudited.’ Once the audit is complete, the audit report will be published on the school district website.”

Hauser reviewed the seven separate funds that represent district activities: Fund 10 - All financial transactions relating to operations; Fund 21- Gifts, donations, and fundraising; Fund 27 - Account to provide any excess costs for special education or services provided to a student with a disability; Fund 39, Debt repayment; Fund 46 - Long range capital improvement savings; Fund 49 - Expenditures financed through referendum approved debt; Fund 50 - revenue for and expenditures related to

student food services; and Fund 80 - Programs with the primary function to serve community. Each fund has unique rules and regulations per the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, or D.P.I.

Explanation of the 2024-25 budget

After taking a quick drink and pause, Hauser began to present the budget. Three separate levies make up the district’s total tax levy: the revenue limit levy, including Funds 10 and 27; debt service levy, including Fund 39, and the community service levy, Fund 80. Hauser estimated that the total school levy for 2024-25 was \$13,773,829 at an increase of \$1,395,087 or 11.27% of the 2023-24 levy.

The revenue limit levy is determined by the state. Each district has a set, maximum amount that they may levy for general operations, which is equal to the revenue limit minus the state aid. For the 20214-25 school year, the revenue limit levy presented was \$6,293,829. Last year, the revenue limit levy was \$1,150,087 lower or 22.36%. The increase is a result of the passed \$750,000 operating referendum and an additional \$653 allowed per student from the Act 141 penalty no longer imposed on the district.

The debt service levy has been set at \$6,560,000 for the last two years. The district pays a \$1,8883,025 for principal and interest payments and \$4,676,975 for debt defeasance. SASD’s current debt for Herrman Elementary still owed was \$13,795,000 on July 1st, 2024. The SASD board of education prioritizes defeasance because it reduces the amount of debt outstanding, saves on future interest costs, and increases state equalization aid the following year.

Hauser noted that if the November \$87 million facilities referendum were to pass, the district would not use \$4,676,975 for debt defeasance but rather apply it to the new debt. The debt service levy would then increase by \$282,900 for a total 2024-25 debt service levy of \$6,842,900.

Russ took over for Hauser, to give her a break from presenting. The community service levy for 2024-25 presented totaled \$920,000. The community service levy included: \$20,000 to the Parenting Place, \$610,000 to the What I Need (WIN) after and before school care program, \$120,000 to Middle School Co-Curricular, \$50,000 for community open gym, and \$120,000 for two school resource officers.

According to Russ, the levy increased by \$245,000 but will cover additional district needs including increased staffing for before and after school WIN, increased travel expenses for middle school

co-curriculars, and the hiring of two resource officers.

Russ explained, “We currently have one school resource officer for our entire district, and that is currently being paid out of Fund 10. We are recommending a transferring out of Fund 10 into Fund 80, because currently our officer does service our parochial school and other adolescents in our community. We are also requesting a second officer.”

Subsequent Sparta Mill Rate Requested

Hauser jumped back into her presentation to explain the estimated average mill rate of \$7.02 per \$1,000 property value based on the total school levy of \$13,773,829, which has increased \$0.10, or 1.47% of the 2023-24 rate.

Hauser reminded the taxpayers that when the operating referendum passed in spring of 2024, the district estimated that the mill rate would increase to \$1.30 per \$1,000 of property. “We are happy to present that those projections were very conservative, with the actual total increase being \$0.10. Keeping in mind that this \$0.10 also accounts for the increased services in fund 80 that Sam just described.”

The 2024 equalized property value was \$1,961,147,297 across the 14 municipalities within the district boundaries, an increase of 9.49%. As a result, the total school levy was divided by a larger equalized property value than projected. “As equalized property values grow, the mill rate will decrease because the tax levy is being spread out amongst more value,” Hauser explained.

Approving the Tax Levy and Resolutions

Russ began with requesting the approval of \$13,773,829 total tax levy and a mill rate of \$7.02 per \$1,000 property tax. Also, in the event the community approves the November \$87 million capital referendum, the district asked for the approval of \$14,056,729 and a mill rate of \$7.14 per \$1,000. McKenna made a motion to approve. Hendricks seconded the motion. All voted, by hand, in favor of the proposed tax levies and mill rates.

The electorate voted unanimously to approve all resolutions presented by the board at the 2024 budget hearing, including student transportation to public and parochial schools, the district to provide school lunches and appropriate funds associated, authorization to provide textbooks, annual compensation for board members, reimbursement to school board for travel expenses, and to set the 2025 board hearing for Tuesday, October 21st, 2025, at 6 p.m.

The hearing then adjourned.

Tomah Health Parkinson’s Support provides dietary advice

Dietary guidance for people with Parkinson’s disease will be the topic for the Tomah Health Parkinson’s Support Group meeting on November 5th, 2024, from 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m., in the first-floor conference rooms 1B/1C, at Tomah Health, which is located at 501 Gopher Drive, in Tomah. Davis Phinney Foundation Executive Director Polly, Dawkins, will discuss nutrition and Parkinson’s as part of a Live Well Today webinar.

The support group is designed for patients with Parkinson’s and their caregivers and is held on the first Tuesday of each month, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Tomah Health.

For more information, visit www.tomahhealth.org/community-outreach or contact Tomah Health Speech Pathologist, Kristen Gerke - MA, CCC-SLP, at 608-377-8353 or TH Community Outreach Health Educator, Whitney Sanjari - CHES, at 608-377-8615.

LIGHTING

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Tuesday, October 15th, 2024, the Tomah City Council unanimously approved the lighting project at Tomah DC. Before approval, the council had a small discussion about the project slated at the business entrance and along Industrial Avenue. Nellie Pater, district 7 alderperson, asked for verification that the lighting is along the city street.

Mayor Paul Dwyer answered, “It is out at the DC. It is a dim light intersection, and they just asked for a little more lighting, to brighten it up and to reduce accidents for the street.”

Pater thanked the mayor for clarification.

The motion to spend \$16,203.95 from TID 9 for the DC lighting project unanimously passed.

LIBRARY

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Everything will need to be out of the current building, as the old Carnegie is next to be remodeled. “Not extensively,” Tryggestad added.

One big change is that the current children’s area will now be used for programming and community space. Additional study rooms will be added, and other minor changes will take place. “We do have some great plans for it,” Tryggestad remarked.

Tryggestad said that Mathy’s Construction was at the library that day, to smooth, build, and pour blackout onto the parking lot and alleyway. “We are hopeful that that will be open and available the first

weekend of Kristkindlmarkt, for parking,” Tryggestad stated.

Tryggestad was also hopeful that the Sparta Free Library will open on Monday, December 2nd, 2024. “We are not going to do a grand opening at that time, because it is going to look a little hodgepodge,” Tryggestad confessed. “We will reconfigure in February.”

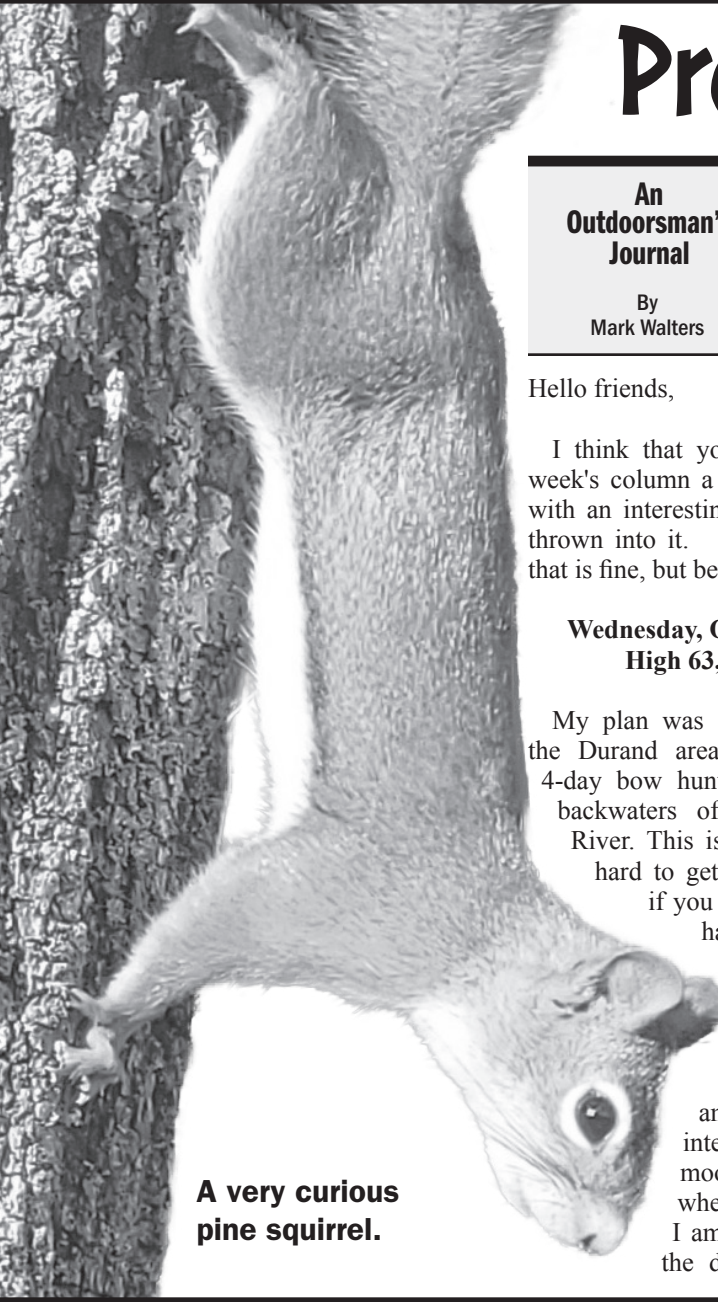
The Monroe County supervisors applauded Tryggestad, and she was thanked by Cedric Schnitzler, the county chair. Stay tuned to the *Herald* for any changes to the upcoming library schedule and the future grand opening of the Sparta Free Library.



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A very curious pine squirrel.

An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters



Hello friends,

I think that you will find this week's column a tad bit different with an interesting point of view thrown into it. If you disagree, that is fine, but be nice.

Wednesday, October 16th
High 63, low 27

My plan was simple, drive to the Durand area for a 3-night, 4-day bow hunting trip on the backwaters of the Chippewa River. This is a remote, very hard to get to location and if you are blessed with harvesting a deer, getting it out of the swamp can be a challenge. First set back, I am driving on the interstate and my mood is excellent when I realize that I am one day off on the date that I have

to leave for my Montana elk and mule deer hunt. Staying three nights on this hunt would only give me 48 hours at home before I have to leave. This hunt is now cut short to 2 nights.

Here is the zinger for this hunt. On my elk and deer hunt, both Selina and I have deer and elk tags, I am thinking we are going to make some meat. What I would like to harvest on my Chippewa River hunt is a buck or a very young deer. Why a young antlerless deer? Because the quality of the meat is absolutely incredible. Think about it this way, the taste of a 27-inch walleye compared to a 15-incher. A rooster compared to a young fryer, a steer compared to an old bull.

On this hunt I paddle to where I set up my portable stand and I have seen some beautiful bucks here. On my afternoon hunt, I saw very little sign of the rut but was well past due to sit in a tree and watch the world. A half hour before dark, I had a very large doe cross a marsh and come right at me. I made and stood by the decision that she was going to live because I want a young deer or a buck.

Thursday, October 17th
High 72, low 35

I recently rebuilt my 14-foot

duck skiff that had way too many leaks. Unfortunately, it still has a leak but as long as I pull it out of the water when I get to my stand and back to camp, I am fine. For myself the adventure is what I seek in my bow hunts, I am pretty sure that by this point in my life I could have found a cush situation for bow hunting and put a hurting on some big bucks but that would bore me.

This morning I did not see a deer. This afternoon a humongous doe offered me an easy shot at 17-yards. She was actually smelling where my shoulder had brushed up against a tag alder branch, no matter what you think or do, they can smell you. This doe was the largest that I would have harvested in my life but she was given a free pass and I had no regrets.

Friday, October 18th
High 73, low 41

My paddles to the stand are either going to the stand in the dark or back in the dark and as I have written in the past, I paddle by a beaver lodge and it is crazy funny and interesting how the local beaver family attacks me by splashing their tails in the water as loud as they can and in some cases I even get water on me. In the dark

you have to have nerves of steel and keep on paddling.

I am always on my stand a half hour before daylight and I have to admit that for this hunt, I was simply too early for the rut but had no choice as I am heading west. Just after daylight a young deer appeared from out of nowhere and was 7-yards away. It was too close to pull back on and then was in the brush. I had no cares, but it was the kind of animal that I am looking for, the big, old stuff will come in Montana.

About an hour later I give a grunt on my grunt call and a deer comes at me pretty steady from across a marsh and I am thinking, tasty critter. At 10-yards I let an arrow fly that made perfect contact and thus my goal of a young deer was met. I hunted another 2 hours for a buck and had no luck. I dressed my deer, paddled it back to camp and in 45 minutes had it skinned, quartered and iced. In the future I am going to harvest more young deer as no matter what anyone try's to say, the quality of the meat is supersedes the "I've gotta shoot the old, tough as leather goat".

Montana and mountain adventure, here we come!

Sunset

Natural Connections

By Emily Stone

Naturalist and Education Director at Cable Natural History Museum



After hiking up to the Harding Ice Field in Kenai Fjords National Park, I wanted to do more than just look down onto the complex world of glacial ice from high above. Through a friend from Northland College, I discovered that Adventure Sixty North, a guide service in Seward, runs sea kayak trips to the toe of a calving glacier.

I was glad for my brand-new, bright green

rain jacket as I boarded a water taxi the next morning in the cold, steady drizzle I've come to expect from Alaska. Back at the Adventure Sixty North shop, our guides, Sunny and Nick, had outfitted us with dry bags for our stuff, and supplied any other gear we didn't already own. After two-and-a-half months in Alaska, I was well-prepared with the ubiquitous brown Xtratuf boots, rain pants, and my cheerfully green jacket.

The water taxi ride itself was spectacularly filled with sea otters, orcas, two kinds of puffins, rocky cliffs and crags, sea lions, a bristle-thighed curlew, hot coffee, and good conversation. We landed on the gravelly beach of a glacial moraine about two miles from the current glacial terminus to switch from one type of boat to another. Then we began paddling among bobbing chunks of glacial ice in kayaks.

As we glided through the maze of mini-bergs, Neoprene pogies—which are little hand pockets that Velcro around the paddle shaft—kept our hands warm despite the ice water. About a half-mile from the glacier's front we paused and floated, admiring the huge, pale-blue tongue

of ice that reached down out of the clouds and into the sea.

Suddenly, thunder rumbled. A little bubble of excitement rose up in my chest. I love thunderstorms, and I've missed them while in Alaska. This was even better. The ice was rumbling. We searched the blue cliff at the water's edge for movement, but found none. The movement must have been farther up the glacier, or deep within. After a few moments, thunder rumbled again. This time we watched a chunk of ice tumble into the sea. A small white avalanche of crushed ice poured in behind it, and a wave spread out from the glacier. We gasped and cheered.

Glaciers are constantly moving; that's what makes them glaciers. During the hundreds of years that snow built up and compressed older snow beneath it, pressed out all the air bubbles, and caused the crystals to reform into dense ice, it wasn't a glacier. Finally, when that huge mass of ice began to flow downhill or out toward their margin under their own weight, a glacier was born.

Aialik Glacier, the one we were scanning for action, moves forward two to four feet per day. Under pressure, ice can bend and flow. Near the glacier's surface,

however, the brittle ice must crack to accommodate the hidden topography below. A glacier's speed is due to a combination of the ice's thickness, the gradient of its valley, and the presence of water at its base. Add in the fact that Aialik is a tidewater glacier that ends in warm, constantly fluctuating seawater, and you have a very dynamic system.

We studied the heavily crevassed surface of the glacier, and all made guesses about which section would go next. Sunny had explained that the spires of ice formed by intersecting crevasses were called seracs. Three out of the seven paddlers in our group pointed to the same, precarious-looking section. Minutes later, thunder rumbled and that heavily fractured serac splashed into the sea. After several minutes more, we bobbed on its wake.

Thunderous calving into the ocean was exciting, but I still wanted to get up close and personal with big icebergs. A few days later I filled the last spot on another kayak trip, this time with Anadyr Adventures in Valdez, Alaska. This adventure skipped the water taxi and delivered us by van right to the shore of a little proglacial lake right outside town. The Valdez Glacier had scoured a deep valley, dammed one end with a moraine, and melted back. Even though this lake wasn't affected by tides like Aialik Glacier, water still lubricated turmoil at the toe.

We launched inflatable kayaks onto mirror-calm water in a dense fog. Huge icebergs loomed in the shallows. Someone made a joke about the Titanic, but that didn't stop us from paddling up for a closer look. Most bergs were heaped with blankets and piles of wet, brown sediments, which indicated that they were floating upright, in the same orientation as when they'd been attached to the glacier.

Where chunks had broken off to reveal their inner ice, though, the crystals were huge, sparkling, and made luminous patterns of white and blue.

Glacial ice is dense, with very little air. As light passes through it, the wavelengths of red and yellow light are absorbed, and blue light is scattered and reflected back to our eyes. The deeper the light penetrates into the ice, the more blue it appears. Snow and ice with more air among their crystals scatter light back from their surface.

A few bergs were pure white, at least from a distance. Those had rolled over, exposing their cleaner core of ice (which gains air as they melt, making them white instead of blue), and dumping their sediment load into the lake. Today, the ice dripped placidly, melting bit by bit. Our guide, though, has watched these behemoths split, roll over, and shatter. As I ran my hand along the smooth, wet side of one berg, I was grateful for the contrasting lack of thunder on this adventure.

After lunch, the fog burned off and revealed a brilliant blue sky. We scrambled up a canyon wall to get a better look at the glacier. The brown and white striped river of ice flowed from around a corner and into view. At the terminus lay a jumble of broken, dirty ice chunks, in the process of detaching fully into the lake. With bright sun illuminating everything, the lake seemed small; in the fog, we might have been on an endless sea.

Ever since I discovered how to read the glaciated landscape of Northern Minnesota and Wisconsin, I've been fascinated by these massive forces of nature. Admiring them from afar, seeing them up close, paddling among icebergs, touching their ice...glaciers are even more amazing than I'd expected... and I'm not done exploring them!



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Sept 14, 2024 – Jan 5, 2025

No bucks may be harvested during the antlerless-only hunts identified below.

Gun hunt for hunters with disabilities: *This is not a statewide season.*

Oct. 5 – 13, 2024

Youth deer hunt

Oct 5 – 6, 2024

Gun

Nov 23 – Dec 1, 2024

Muzzleloader

Dec 2 – Dec 11, 2024

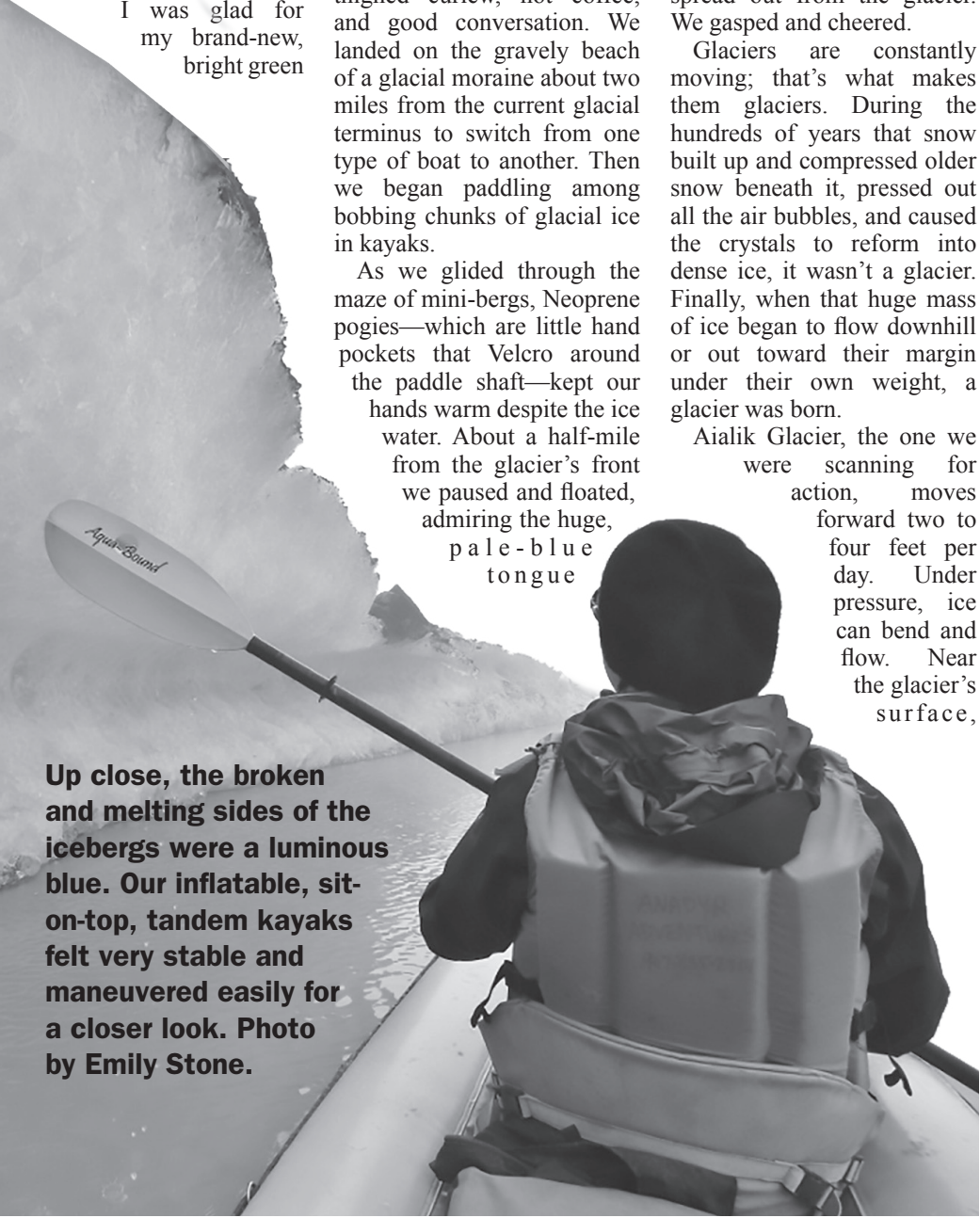
December 4-Day Antlerless-Only Holiday Hunt

Dec 12 – 15, 2024 *Open only in select Farmland (Zone 2) counties.*



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Up close, the broken and melting sides of the icebergs were a luminous blue. Our inflatable, sit-on-top, tandem kayaks felt very stable and maneuvered easily for a closer look. Photo by Emily Stone.



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Traveling Chef passes through Monroe County, stops at Cranfest

118-year-old Veteran-owned Wisconsin-based company promotes healthy cooking and eating

By BENNY MAILMAN
Editor

With the crown jewel of Monroe County festivals now appearing in the rearview mirror for 2024, memories of the three-day adventure festival have been made and stored in cerebral spaces. The very entertaining and heartfelt evocations of these recollections will arise in future conversations, over hot teas and coffee, or invoked through spirits, and they will amass momentum in the collective of Monroe County's energy bank, moving forward into future Cranfest celebrations.

While some will recall the amazing selection of food items, other attendees will embellish the remarkable uniqueness of the crafts they bought, giving more credence to their purchases, allowing their spouses to better wrap their heads around the monies that were spent to attain them.

One of the coolest characteristics at Cranfest, one that adds greatly to the ambience of the festive weekend, which festgoers adore but probably recognize in less regard than other happenings over the weekend, is the entertaining salespersons that bark out hilarity, to draw in passersby and transform them into customers.

One such professional entertainer was Chef Jim Evans, who pulled passersby in by the dozen with his smooth-flowing perfectly rehearsed spiel on Kitchen Craft Waterless Cookware. Chef Evans im-

pressive presentation skills are backed up in full by his soulful belief in the healthy eating and well being of all people, and that it is possible to retain the full nutrient and vitamin value of vegetables and meats through the use of proper pots and pans and a bit of education on how to prepare these food items to near perfection.

In the Beginning - 1906

The beginning for Kitchen Craft Waterless Cookware began 118 years ago, in 1906. It will not come as a shock to the citizens of Wisconsin that the business started in a barn. The barn sat in the lush green of West Bend, and two farmers, actual brothers who were skilled creators of metal work, hand-crafted waterless cookware. They designed a water seal rim around the edge of the utensil, which would eventually change the way the health-conscious cooks of America prepared meals for friends and family.

The two-brother team engineered fasteners on the cover that would seal in the natural flavors and nutrients of the fresh, organic vegetables, which they grew on their farms.

From their website, Hutchen Craft states, "*Frying without grease reduces calories, cholesterol, and artery clogging plaque. The waterless and greaseless method is the healthiest method of cooking ever because the cookware's even heat distribution does the cooking instead of the water and grease distributing the heat.*"

The Chef and the Interview

Although Jim Evans has been a South Dakota resident for many years, for the past five years he has been spending a great deal of time on the road for his work. "I have 170 show days on the road, so I stay quite busy. I winter down in Florida because, well, Florida is awesome," Evans informed the Herald.

A single reply from Evans, on a question relating to what he did prior to working for Kitchen Craft, laid a foundation of integrity down for what he is doing now. When posed the question, Evans stated, "Before I started hitting the road, I was an organic produce farmer." Evans exudes a strong sense of healthy eating and a determined effort to protect people from lower grade products that invite toxins and unwanted chemicals into our bodies.

A Warning from the Chef

In the Herald interview, Evans iterated and reiterated, "You should stop using coated cookware. It is truly harming us. Like I said in my show, we are just never taught that what touches our food matters. This is a quality made American product that you buy once, or you buy the poisonous junk pots and pans forever."

When pressed on the process of how these high-quality pots and pans are made, Chef Evans explained, "All of this cookware is handmade; it is not made on an assembly line. There are 61 individual hand processes they all go through. I am not saying that we don't use machines, but there are 61 processes that a human is touching, to make sure it stays a high quality American product. These can actually be handed down from generation to generation — They are that good."

The Owner – Vietnam Veteran

The owner of Kitchen craft Waterless Cookware is Dave Hurley, a Vietnam Veteran. To honor the armed forces and local heroes, Hurley's company came up with pot and pan knobs that represent each branch of the military, as well as law enforcement and fire fighters. These high-quality knobs can be personalized.



Chef Jim Evans displays colorful vegetables, which means that healthy nutrients and vitamins remain inside. Utilizing Kitchen Craft's Waterless Cookware, Chef Evans cut all the vegetables in front of the crowd and put them into the pan, without water, and cooked them on low heat. While the vegetables were reaching a tasty tender disposition, Chef Evans gave a brief rundown of the companies 118-year history and spoke to the importance of using safe and healthy cookware to prepare our food. Herald photo by Benny Mailman.



The owner of Kitchen Craft Waterless Cookware, Dave Hurley, is a Vietnam Veteran. All of the cookware goes through a 61-step process, in West Bend, Wisconsin. American made, Wisconsin made, Dave's company offers knobs for the covers in any American Armed Forces logo, as well as law enforcement and fire fighters. Herald photo by Benny Mailman.



With a \$2,000 donation to Sparta Area Cancer Support, we're proud to support families dealing with cancer. Your visit to Butterfest next June helps make these donations possible. Save the date, June 5th – 8th, 2025! SpartaButterfest.com In the photo we see Butterfest President, Kim Smith, present a check for \$2,000 to Cheryl Isensee, who accepted the check on behalf of SACS. Contributed photo.



A big thanks to the Sparta Fire Department for their dedication! Butterfest donated \$3,000 toward new FD walkie talkies, for improved communication. Help us keep giving back—see you June 5-8, 2025, at Butterfest! More at SpartaButterfest.com Butterfest Board Member, Randy Pfaff, presented the check for \$3,000 to Fire Chief Mike Arnold, to go towards the fire department's radio communication project. Contributed photo.



Sparta Butterfest is proud to donate \$1,000 to Sparta High School Varsity Volleyball, helping the team get new warmup jackets! Join us next June 5th – 8th, 2025, at Butterfest, to keep supporting our community. Learn more at SpartaButterfest.com! In the photo we see Sparta Butterfest Board Members, Mel Hemmersbach and Kim Smith, present the Sparta Volleyball team with the check for \$1,000. Contributed photo.

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EDITORIAL

THROUGH MY LENS

Now do we look to winter sports?



As mentioned last week, we're down a sports writer following the departure of Zach Rastall. We have something coming that I'm pretty excited about, but in the meantime, I'm trying to shoulder the load on my own. Even with a downturn in active sports to cover, there's still things we should be covering and sharing in these pages. However, I'm very limited with what I can actually do because of other obligations.

I'll pre-emptively apologize for any interruptions in publishing sports on a regular basis. I expect us to miss almost an issue a week as I try to manage the four publications we produce. There's just not enough of me to go around.

We do have a new writer ready to roll, but he/she/they aren't going to debut until next week and even then, I can't expect to hit the ground at 100 miles an hour. Once we get them going, though, I think we'll be able to offer the same high-calibre sports content you've (hopefully) come to expect from us.

The transition process is a tricky one. It's my first big change since being here. When I had a chance to get Zach rolled into our sports clique here, I knew that we'd not all stay together forever. We should go seek out other professional opportunities - especially if there's room for growth.

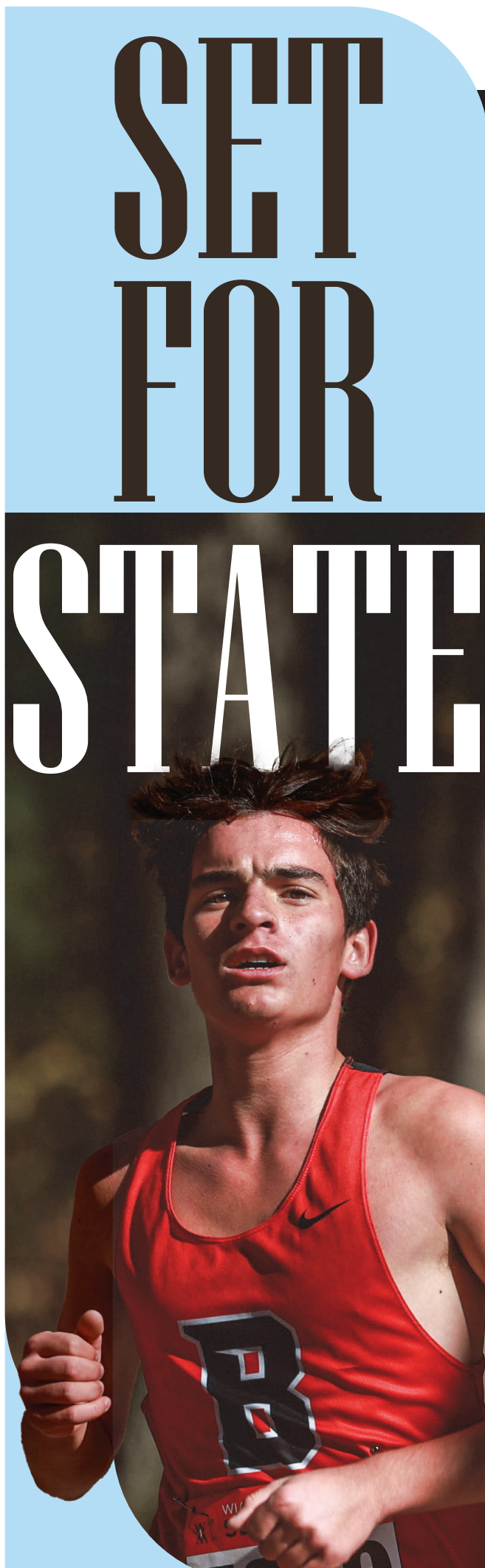
Zach was good at what he did here and I'm very grateful for his contributions. There's no way our sports sections would have been as impressive as they have been without his willingness to put his pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) to knock out story after story...many of which were mundane, repetitive and dry tales of a squad losing or winning in a really uninteresting manner. That's sports.

But then there were the really bright spots.

I'd like to think our collaborative efforts culminated in last year's 14 page special section commemorating Wonewoc-Center's state championship run in volleyball. Zach churned out four features and a couple of season recaps for this beast of a piece. It was a load of work, but worth it. He bought into the vision and accentuated it with some real substance.

That's what Zach provided to our readers. Real substance through story and that's hard to find in today's version of some newspapers.

WIAA CROSS COUNTRY SECTIONAL



Bangor's Evan Buccholz advanced to the WIAA state meet after putting together a top-ten performance at last weekend's sectional in Westfield. **BELOW Bangor's Anna Fronk** accepts a hug from Jaycee Michek after qualifying for state for the fourth-straight season. **Herald photo by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.**



Area quintet punch tickets to state cross country championships

By NATE BEIER
Sports Editor

The chance to run at the WIAA state cross country championships is a goal that most dedicated runners would love to check off their bucket lists.

Five area athletes can do just that after qualifying for the final race of the season in last weekend's sectional round of competition.

Of the five, however, three have previously ran at the WIAA state meet. Bangor's Anna Fronk and Brookwood's Cooper Powell both ran as individuals last year. Fronk also made it the two previous seasons.

Fronk qualified this year after taking eighth overall at the Westfield sectional on Saturday, October 16. Fronk secured the fourth qualifying spot with a time of 20:34.4.

Brookwood's Powell finished fourth overall at the Prairie du Chien sectional on Saturday with a time of 17:08.3 and was the third individual qualifier. The top five individuals not part of the state qualifying teams advance to state.

Joining the duo is Bangor senior Evan Buchholz who took the fourth individual qualifier spot at last weekend's sectional in Westfield.

The state course won't be anything new to Buchholz who helped the Bangor boys' team run at the last meet of the season in each of the last two seasons.

This year Buchholz made it through as an individual qualifier after running to a tenth place finish in a time of 18:25.1.

However, the BHS senior won't be alone as teammate Grayson Truskowski finished 11 at Westfield, taking the fifth individual qualifier spot.

The freshman ran the five kilometer course in a time of 18:30.9 to add to Bangor's recent success on the cross country raceways.

The final area runner to punch a ticket to the state meet is Brookwood freshman Sami Markee.

Markee dashed across the course at the Prairie du Chien County Club in a time of 20:18.9 - eighth place overall - and took the fifth and final state spot. Markee will run with Bangor's Fronk in the first race of the day at state. The Division 3 girls race is set for 12 p.m. on Saturday, November 2 at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

Bangor's boys and Brookwood's Powell will run at 2 p.m. that afternoon.

AREA ROUNDUP

A number of area teams will compete for state championships after pushing ahead in last weekend's sectional round of the WIAA tournament.

In Division 3 the Westby girls won the Prairie du Chien sectional.

Aquinas captured both the boys and girls titles at the Westfield sectional. Necedah's boys team was second and will run this weekend.

In Division 2 the West Salem boys and girls both won sectional titles at the Black River Falls sectional.

Mauston also qualified for state on the boys side after taking second.

In Division 1, Holmen pushed a pair of girls through with Sabrina Lechnir and Naomi Wedan taking sixth and 10 at the Verona sectional.

Onalaska's Manny Putz - the defending D1 champ - won the Verona sectional. Holmen's Matthew Hoff and La Crosse Central's Bode Nesler also qualified.

WIAA VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP



Brookwood's Ruby Muehlenkamp leads a celebration during Saturday's Division 4 regional final match in Hillsboro. Brookwood lost to the Tigers 3-0. **Herald photo by Logan Everson/GX3 Media.**

Cashton, Brookwood fall in regional finals

By NATE BEIER
Sports Editor

Two area volleyball teams were aiming for history Saturday night when they took the court for their WIAA regional championship matches.

The Brookwood volleyball program had its eye on the program's first-ever regional title when it traveled to face Scenic Bluffs Conference champion, Hillsboro.

Cashton's volleyball program went to Mineral Point looking for redemption after letting a chance to win a share of this year's SBC slip away in the final week of the regular season.

In both cases, the visiting teams would make quick exits from the regional final round of the WIAA postseason.

Brookwood (20-11, 10-4) was swept by Hillsboro (25-7, 12-2) by scores of 25-27, 17-25 and 17-25.

Reagan Muehlenkamp led the Falcons' offense with 12 kills and also picked up 13

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WIAA REGIONAL FINAL SOCCER DEFOREST 4 TOMAH 0

Defeat at DeForest: Tomah suffers season-ending loss in regional championship

By NATE BEIER
Sports Editor

The end to a season is always a bittersweet affair. On Saturday, October 26, the Tomah boys soccer team was dealt a tinge of that bitterness by taking a 4-0 loss at DeForest in a Division 2 regional final match.

The Norskies, winner of the Badger Large Conference, took control early on by building a 3-0 lead before halftime. From there, DeForest stayed the course, adding one more goal for good measure in the second half.

Brennan Brown was busy in goal for Tomah, making 13 saves over the course of the 80 minute game. On the other end, DeForest keeper, Kolby Herschleb, made one save.

Tomah head coach Scott Cozemius said, "DeForest was a solid team and they were very good at putting us under constant pressure. We simply weren't able to play with the intensity we needed to match their style of play."

"With that stated, we made some good adjustments at halftime to limit their attack, but unfortunately unable to create a consistent attack."

AREA ROUNDUP

Aquinas (14-2-4) scored two first half goals to defeat Arcadia (11-7-2) 2-0 for a regional title.

Holmen (14-3-3) was tied 1-1 with Marshfield (8-7-5) and lost in a shootout 5-4 Saturday at Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau.



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WIAA VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

Bangor edged in five sets; Sparta, Tomah falter in regional openers

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digs in the loss.

Calista Zimmerman recorded 10 kills, 10 digs and a block.

Hillsboro's Michelyn Hansen finished with a game-game 16 kills. Hansen was named this year's SBC Player of the Year this fall.

CASHTON 3 MINERAL POINT 0

Cashton's season came to a close following a 3-0 loss at Mineral Point Saturday evening.

The Pointers, runners-up in the Southwest Wisconsin Activities League, held the visiting Eagles to scores of 20, 10 and 22.

Vivie Dempsey ended with 10 kills in 30 attempts.

Brielle O'Neil tallied 13 digs.

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS

CASHTON 3 FENNIMORE 2

Dempsey had 27 kills in the Eagles' 3-2 win over Fennimore (17-13, 6-6) in a Division 4 regional semifinal on Thursday, October 24.

Sammi Kleba chalked up 26 assists

and 29 digs in the win.

Fennimore won the opening set 25-22, but CHS rallied for wins of 25-19 and 27-25 to take a 2-1 lead. Fennimore pressed the issue with a 27-25 win in the fourth set, but Cashton held on for a 15-13 victory in the fifth.

BROOKWOOD 3 KICKAPOO 0

Brookwood (20-11 10-4) compiled 88 team digs - led by Ruby Muehlenkamp's 32 - in a sweep of Kickapoo (10-10, 7-4)(25-22, 25-23, 25-13) on October 24.

LOYAL 3 BANGOR 2

Bangor faced a 0-2 deficit and rallied to force a fifth set against top-seeded Loyal in a D4 regional semifinal on Thursday.

The Cardinals (9-24, 4-10) fell behind 25-17, 25-18 before winning sets three and four 25-23 and 25-12. The Greyhounds (23-7, 5-2) regrouped for the fifth set, winning the decisive set 15-6.

DEFOREST 3 TOMAH 0

Tomah (10-20, 4-8) had its season come to a close with a 3-0 loss at DeForest (30-11, 6-1) in a Division

1 regional semifinal on Thursday, October 24.

Tomah was held to scores of 17, 14 and 9 in the loss.

No statistical information by Tomah was shared.

MADISON MEMORIAL 3 SPARTA 1

Sparta took the opening set at Madison Memorial 26-24, but failed to repeat the performance.

Memorial (27-8, 6-3) rebounded with a 25-12 win, then clipped the Spartans (14-16, 4-8) 25-21 and 25-13.

Brooke Evans landed 11 kills and 12 assists for Sparta. Ellie Falkner paced the defense with 16 digs, followed by Loren Schanhofer with 13 and Ayrael Dearman with 12.

Cashotn's Brielle O'Neil steps in to make a play on a ball during Thursday's regional semifinal match with Fennimore. **Herald photo by Logan Everson/ GX3 Media.**



THIS WEEK SPORTS PREVIEW



Sami Markee, Brookwood. Markee qualified for the WIAA state meet and will be joined by teammate Cooper Powell in Saturday's cross country finale in Wisconsin Rapids. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/ GX3 Media.**

Friday, October 25

Bangor will host River Ridge in a Division 7 Level 2 playoff game Friday.

The two teams have scrimmaged each other the past several seasons, but haven't squared off in an actual game since the 2009 playoffs. Bangor won that Level 1 matchup 30-14.

Saturday, October 19

The WIAA state cross country meet cross country sectionals are set to go off at The Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

The Division 3 girls race kicks off the event with a start time of noon and will be followed by the Division 2 and 1 girls races approximately every 40 minutes after.

The Division 3 boys race is set to start at 2 and will be followed by the Division 2 and D1 races.

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WIAA DIVISION 7 FOOTBALL BANGOR 49 IOWA-GRANT 14



Bangor's Eli Tucker fends off Iowa-Grant's Hayden Aultman while finishing a run along the sideline in the second quarter Friday. The run would set up the third score of the night for the Cardinals. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

Playoff surge

Bangor finishes off Iowa-Grant after falling behind early

By NATE BEIER
Sports Editor

Bangor. Playoffs. Winning.

Those three words have been tied together more often than not over the past 15 seasons of high school football.

Friday night, the Cardinals added to their playoff legacy by carving out a 49-14 win over visiting Iowa-Grant.

The Cardinals' ground game looked impressive in its first drive as BHS received the opening kick off and drove down the field with relative ease before Dylan Mathison bullied his way into the endzone on a 26-yard run.

Iowa-Grant created some drama on its first drive, though. The Panthers used a balanced air and ground attack to move the chains into the red zone. An 11-yard pass from Gavin Hinderman to Sam Lundell in the back of the endzone put the visitors on the board. A successful two-point conversion try allowed I-G to take an 8-6 lead.

Bangor regained the lead before the end of the first quarter as Mathison capped a drive with a one yard score.

Quarterback Hayden Massman helped the team go up 21-8 in the second quarter.

Eli Tucker scored in the third, but so did I-G as the game tightened to 28-14, but the comeback threat was short lived.

Mathison scored in the waning minutes of the third, Massman crossed the plane for another touchdown in the fourth and Tanner Wells wrapped up the scoring with a one yard strike with six minute to play.

Senior running back Eli Tucker rushed for 213 yards and a score on just 17 carries.

Dylan Mathison was the

beneficiary of Tucker's production as he was able to catch the Panthers' defense off guard, rushing for 88 yards and three scores on 13 tries.

Josef Gasper and Bryce Peterson each recorded a sack in the win. Mathison had 12 total tackles while Tanner Wells and Landon Phillips each recorded 8.

UP NEXT

Bangor will try to continue to hold seed in the WIAA playoffs when the Cardinals host River Ridge Friday at 7:00 p.m.



Bangor's Gabe Cropp sets a block against Iowa-Grant's Aiden Friesen at the line of scrimmage. **Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

WIAA DIVISION 7 FOOTBALL RIVER RIDGE 55 CASHTON 14

Visitors offer CHS quick exit from playoffs

By NATE BEIER
Sports Editor

The 2024 campaign for the Cashton football team came to a close Friday night following a 55-14 loss to River Ridge.

The fourth-seeded Eagles (5-5, 4-3) fell behind early as the fifth-seeded Timberwolves (8-2, 5-2) scored less than a minute into the game on a two yard run by Andrew Nies.

The visitors would tack on two more scores in the first quarter and a pair in the second to take a 35-0 halftime lead.

Cashton continued to allow points by RRHS in the second half as the deficit swelled to 49-0 before the home team could find a way to score.

Jack Christensen would score on a seven yard run in the third quarter to break up the shutout bid. Landon Laufenberg would run 73 yards for a score in the fourth quarter to set the final tally at 55-14.

River Ridge ran for 311 yards overall. Andrew Nies accounted for 123 of those yards. Nies also passed for 50 yards and a pair of touchdowns and intercepted a pass and returned it for a score in the second quarter.

AREA ROUNDUP

Scenic Bluffs' Conference champion, Ithaca narrowly held off Randolph 7-0.

Ithaca and Bangor were the only two SBC teams to win Friday night.

Royall held a 22-20 lead over second-seeded Johnson Creek late, but lost 26-20.

Hillsboro was defeated by fourth-seeded Cambria-Friesland 48-12.

Four of the five Mississippi Valley Conference champions are still alive after the first round of the playoffs.

Holmen bested La Crosse Central 31-14 in a Division 2 game.

Third-seeded La Crosse Logan cruised past Waupaca 42-28 and second-seeded Onalaska escaped with a home win over Merrill 13-8.

Onalaska will host Logan in a Division 3 Level 2 game this Friday.

Reedsburg its D3 opener after surviving a shootout with Whitnall 62-48.

In Division 4, top-seeded Aquinas won 14-10, West Salem defeated Platteville 30-27 and Arcadia lost at Columbus 52-0.

In Division 6, Luther advances to play Cloverbelt champion Eau Claire Regis after turning back Ladysmith 43-14. Westby's season came to a close after being stopped by Lancaster 29-7 Friday night.



Candidate Profiles



By NICOLETTE NAUMAN *Sentry-Enterprise Editor*

US Senator

Candidate: Tammy Baldwin
Political Party: Democratic
Running For: U.S. Senator (Incumbent)

Originally from Madison, Tammy Baldwin began her political career in 1986, filling an aldermanic vacancy on the Madison Common Council as she attended law school. She served four terms on the Dane County Board of Supervisors before being elected to the State Assembly in 1992, where she served three terms. She was then elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2012, Baldwin moved from the House to the Senate, and was re-elected to the Senate in 2018.

For Baldwin, the key issues in this election cycle focus on job creation, inflation relief, and

healthcare, specifically reproductive healthcare. During her previous two terms in the U.S. Senate, Baldwin has championed her Made In America bill and related policies to focus on rebuilding America's manufacturing industry and creating "good paying" jobs.

If re-elected, Baldwin plans to continue on drafting and introducing legislation focused on cutting costs for housing, childcare, and other everyday needs. She is currently working on her Women's Health Protection Act, which seeks to codify Roe into federal law.



Tammy Baldwin

Candidate: Eric Hovde
Political Party: Republican
Running For: U.S. Senator (Challenger)

Another Madison-raised candidate, Eric Hovde is the CEO of Hovde Properties, a real-estate company founded by his grandfather in 1933. He is also CEO and chairman of H Bancorp, a banking company, and is the CEO of Sunwest Bank, a predominately western U.S. company. He has highlighted his charitable endeavors, from his founding of the Hovde Foundation (alongside his brother) to supporting research for a multiple sclerosis cure, which he was diagnosed with back in 1991.

Hovde has no known political experience, but

did run in the Republican primary in 2012 for the U.S. Senate seat, which he lost to former Governor Tommy Thompson.

On his campaign website, he identifies cost of living, immigration, foreign policy, and healthcare reform as his top priorities. He has also been vocal against abortion, supporting the overturn of Roe in his 2012 campaign, and has also called for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act.



Eric Hovde

Candidate: Phil Anderson
Political Party: Disrupt The Corruption
Running For: U.S. Senator (Challenger)

Originally from Beloit, Phillip Anderson is running for Senate under the 'Disrupt the Corruption' party. He identifies himself as an Eastern Orthodox Christian and a libertarian, and served as a combat medic in the Army during the late 1980s. He works as a real estate broker.

While he has no political experience as an elected candidate, Anderson has run in multiple elections dating back to a bid for the 47th Assembly District in 2014, which he lost to Democrat Robb Kahl. His platform encompasses a variety of issues, from education and

immigration to ending qualified immunity and resisting regulation of digital currency.

As a libertarian, much of Anderson's platform amounts to remove government wherever possible. For example, in his website's section on the Farm Bill, Anderson plans to eliminate commodity programs, remove SNAP, privatize crop insurance, and eliminate corporate influence. Anderson also calls for abolishing the Department of Education and the CIA.



Phil Anderson

Candidate: Thomas Leager
Political Party: America First
Running For: U.S. Senator (Challenger)

Originally from Milwaukee, Thomas Leager is running under the America First party. He was a main organizer for ReOpen Wisconsin 2020, opposing COVID-19 lockdowns and advocating to strip Governor Evers' emergency powers.

His platform calls for closing America's borders, prioritizing American markets and workers, and reducing the size of the federal government. He also advocates for ending mandatory spending, recalling all U.S. troops currently overseas, and has express his support of

former president Trump.

If elected, Leager aims to employ the use of tariffs, promote deregulation, and ban foreign acquisition of U.S. farmland. He also plans to end both Social Security and Medicare, fire "life long entrenched bureaucrats," and end corporate welfare. Leager's goals also seek to end "the practice of world policing" by bring home U.S. troops.



Thomas Leager

Wisconsin 3rd Congressional District

Candidate: Derrick Van Orden
Political Party: Republican
Running For: U.S. Congress – Wisconsin 3rd District (Incumbent)

A retired Navy SEAL, Derrick Van Orden was first elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2022, beating Democrat Brad Pfaff for the seat vacated by then-Representative Ron Kind's retirement. He had run in 2020 against Kind, but lost in the general election.

As a freshman representative, Van Orden voted for the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023, the Lower Energy Costs Act, and the Fiscal Responsibility Act of 2023. Van Orden has also put forth several proposed amendments to the Constitution during his freshman term. These proposed amendments include prohibiting Congressional members from collecting compensation during a period of government shutdown, imposing term limits on Congress,

and requiring a balanced budget.

Van Orden has also introduced a bill seeking to amend the 2018 Agriculture Improvement Act to reauthorize dairy business innovation initiatives. In June of last year, Van Orden introduced a bill focused on adding 15 rail investigators, called the Rail Inspector Safety Act.

In his platform, Van Orden identifies issues such as the economy and healthcare costs as key issues. He is vocal against increasing taxes, and has stated that he aims to ensure that those with preexisting conditions remain protected "when Obamacare is fully repealed." Van Orden is also in favor of imposing term limits on all legislators.



Derrick Van Orden

Candidate: Rebecca Cooke
Political Party: Democratic
Running For: U.S. Congress – Wisconsin 3rd District (Challenger)

Originally from Eau Claire, Rebecca Cooke grew up on a dairy farm. As an adult, she opened her own business, Red's Mercantile, and founded the Red Letter Grant in 2016, a nonprofit focused on supporting female entrepreneurs. With five years of its founding, the nonprofit had helped launched 23 women-owned businesses.

Cooke was appointed to the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation, where she served as co-chair of the Entrepreneurship and Innovation committee. She made her first bid for Wisconsin's Third Congressional District in 2022, though she lost in the Democratic pri-

mary to Brad Pfaff. Her platform focuses on issues such as healthcare, economic development, and protecting democracy.

She plans to expand Medicare to cover vision, dental, and hearing, provide tax credits to organizations willing to build low-income and mixed-income housing, raise the federal minimum wage to \$15, and enact the Freedom to Vote Act and the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. Cooke also aims to end Citizens United and crack down on corporate dark money in U.S. elections, as well as banning members of Congress from trading stocks while in office.



Rebecca Cooke

Wisconsin State Senate District 14

Candidate: Joan Ballweg
Political Party: Republican
Running For: Wisconsin State Senate – District 14 (Incumbent)

Originally from West Allis, Wisconsin, Joan Ballweg currently lives in Markesan. She began her political career in 1984, chairing the Markesan Revitalization Committee before being elected to the Markesan City Council in 1986. She was later elected the city's mayor in 1990, serving until 1997.

Ballweg has served eight terms in the State Assembly, representing the 41st Assembly District, before being elected to the Wisconsin State Senate in 2020. In the current legislative session, Ballweg chairs the Committee on Agriculture and Tourism. She is also a member of the Committee on Finance; the Committee on Mental Health, Substance Abuse Prevention, Children and Families; and the Committee on

Universities and Revenue. Ballweg also sits on the Joint Committee on Finance.

She has worked on the Suicide Prevention Taskforce, and passed the Like Kin program aimed at keeping children in foster care in their home communities by allowing placements with community members who are like family to them.

If Ballweg returns to Madison, she plans to continue working on getting legislation passed to expand coverage for mothers on Medicaid from 60 days to 12 months, which has passed 32-1 in the State Senate but failed to make it through the Assembly. She is also an advocate for loosening regulations on businesses and simplifying the hiring process.



Joan Ballweg

Candidate: Sarah Keyeski
Political Party: Democratic
Running For: Wisconsin State Senate – District 14 (Challenger)

A first-time candidate, Sarah Keyeski was raised on a Cashton dairy farm by a father who managed the farm and worked on the Burlington Northern Railroad and a mother who worked part-time as a nurse. She left the Cashton area to attend college, studying counseling psychology and becoming a licensed professional counselor. Currently, she and her family live in Lodi.

In her campaign, Keyeski has identified three key issues: education, reproductive freedom, and rural communities. For education, Keyeski advocates for increasing state funding to public schools and lifting revenue limits, and oppos-

es using public funds to subsidize private school vouchers.

With regard to reproductive freedom, she supports codifying Roe into law and continued access to abortion care, IVF, and birth control. Keyeski is also interested in expanding mental health services and childcare access in Wisconsin.

She cites her rural upbringing with regards to her position on supporting rural communities, identifying the need for investment into infrastructure such as broadband and roads as well as supporting small business.



Sarah Keyeski

Wisconsin State Senate District 24

Candidate: Patrick Testin
Political Party: Republican
Running For: Wisconsin State Senate – District 24 (Incumbent)

Raised in Marinette, Patrick Testin began his political career by pursuing a degree in political science through the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point. His first attempt at entering into an elected office was a race in 2012 for the 71st Wisconsin State Assembly District, which he lost to Democrat Katrina Shankland, 38.9% to 60.8%.

Four years later, Testin ran for the Wisconsin State Senate's 24th District, beating incumbent Julie Lassa 52.35% to 47.65%. He was re-elected to the State Senate in 2020, and made a bid

for Lieutenant Governor in 2022, though he lost in the primaries to Republican Roger Roth.

In the Senate, Testin has most recently served as chair for the Committee on Labor, Regulatory Reform, Veterans and Military Affairs; co-chair for the Tax Exemptions Committee; and vice chair for the Senate Health Committee.

Testin is in favor of expanding school choice and encouraging school districts to invest more in technical and apprenticeship resources.



Patrick Testin

Candidate: Collin McNamara
Political Party: Democratic
Running For: Wisconsin State Senate – District 24 (Challenger)

The son of a volunteer firefighter and a civically engaged mother, Collin McNamara learned early in life the importance of community service. In 2016, McNamara, then a high school student, became team captain for campaign efforts in his community, and the experience made him aware of what he describes as "deep resentments" in politics. He remained politically active through high school, graduating in 2018.

As a student at UW – Stevens Point, McNamara became involved with student government, campaigning to save humanities and

liberal arts programs that had been facing elimination. He was also involved with a committee focused on developing university policy regarding future program elimination considerations. He graduated with a degree in political science and went on to become a campaign manager.

In his platform, McNamara highlights the importance of building a strong economy and affordable healthcare, the need for high-quality public schools and safe communities, and the importance of supporting infrastructure projects.



Colin McNamara

Wisconsin State Senate, District 32

Candidate: Brad Pfaff
Political Party: Democratic
Running For: Wisconsin State Senate, District 32 (Incumbent)

A native of La Crosse County, Brad Pfaff officially began his political career in 2020, running for the 32nd State Senate District against Republican Dan Kapanke, winning 50.3% to 49.7%. He went on to launch a bid for Wisconsin's Third Congressional District in 2022, following the retirement of then-Representative Ron Kind, but lost to Republican Derrick Van Orden, 48.1% to 51.8%.

Pfaff supports expanding BadgerCare and has introduced legislation to cap insulin costs and create Wisconsin's first-ever Office of Prescription Drug Affordability. He is a member of the Task Force on Broadband Access, supports affordable childcare and increasing workers' wages, and has been involved in efforts to remove PFAS contamination from Wisconsin drinking water.



Brad Pfaff

Candidate: Stacey Klein
Political Party: Republican
Running For: Wisconsin State Senate, District 32 (Challenger)

Hailing from Trempealeau County, Stacey Klein currently works as a financial representative and serves on the Trempealeau County Board. She is a graduate of Carthage College in Kenosha and had lived in the Milwaukee area for several years following graduation before returning to western Wisconsin.

This is her first foray into state politics, though she had briefly considered running for

the U.S. Senate against incumbent Tammy Baldwin before opting to run for the Wisconsin State Senate's 32nd District. She identifies her top issues as easing cost of living, securing parental rights in school, and prioritizing mental health.

In addition to her top issues, she is also a supporter of the military and veterans and seeks to return the state's surplus to the taxpayers.



Stacy Klein

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Candidate Profiles

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN *Sentry-Enterprise Editor*

Wisconsin State Assembly District 41

Candidate: Julia Henley
Political Party: Democratic
Running For: Wisconsin State Assembly, District 41

Julia Henley has lived in southwestern Wisconsin for nearly three decades. She is a business owner—of Woodshire Studio, an architectural and interior design consultant—and has engaged with project management, community development, and professional planning over her career.

Henley is the current president of the River to Valley Initiatives, a 501c3 focused on development projects in the Driftless Region, particularly with regards to housing, infrastructure,

and economic development. She is also a founding member of Sustainable Driftless, an organization focused on promoting and advocating for resource conservation efforts and sustainability in the Driftless Region.

She is in favor of expanding Medicaid and addressing the rural healthcare crisis, restoring funding to public schools and ensuring teachers are paid a living wage, and advocating for sustainability.



Julia Henley

Candidate: Tony Kurtz
Political Party: Republican
Running For: Wisconsin State Assembly, District 41

An Army vet with twenty years of service to his name, Tony Kurtz and his family opted to settle in southwestern Wisconsin following his retirement from the Army. Today, they operate an organic farm outside of Wonewoc.

With changes made to the Wisconsin district maps earlier this spring, Kurtz will be running for the 41st Assembly District—seeking

re-election while technically not an incumbent. Since 2020, Kurtz has served in the Assembly as part of the Finance and Joint Finance Committees.

In his campaign, Kurtz priorities issues such as education, infrastructure, accessible and affordable healthcare, and support for the agricultural industry.



Tony Kurtz

Wisconsin State Assembly, District 70

Candidate: Nancy VanderMeer
Political Party: Republican
Running For: Wisconsin State Assembly, District 70 (Incumbent)

Nancy VanderMeer entered into state politics back in 2012, running to represent the 70th State Assembly District. While she won in the Republican primary, she ultimately lost to incumbent Amy Vruwink. However, in a rematch in 2014, VanderMeer won the seat from Vruwink, and has retained the seat ever since.

She serves as chair for the Committee on Transportation, as well as vice chair for the Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs and is the co-chair for the Joint Legislative Council. Committee assignments in the current session include the Committee on Agriculture; the Committee on Health, Aging, and Long-

Term Care; the Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention; the Committee on Rural Development, and the Committee on Transportation.

As a representative, VanderMeer has supported investments in expanding broadband internet access, particularly in rural areas, and has advocated for inclusions in the bi-annual budget to fund improvements in Wisconsin roads and education. Legislative successes for VanderMeer include the passage of the Physician Assistant Licensure Compact and the Suicide Prevention Grant Program.



Nancy VanderMeer

Candidate: Remy Gomez
Political Party: Democratic
Running For: Wisconsin State Assembly, District 70 (Challenger)

A Tomah native, Remy Gomez is a current member of the Monroe County Board of Supervisors. His first entry into state politics came in 2022, when he ran against incumbent Nancy VanderMeer for the 70th Assembly District seat. He ultimately lost in the general election.

In his second bid for the 70th Assembly District, Gomez has highlighted issues such as childcare, infrastructure, and reproductive healthcare as core to his message. He supports efforts to make childcare more affordable and

accessible, especially in rural areas which have seen widespread closures of childcare centers.

He is in favor of increasing funding to public schools, citing the increase in referendums as a proof that the state is not contributing enough. Gomez is also in support of expanding Medicaid and legalizing cannabis, the latter of which is supported by an estimated two-thirds of Wisconsin residents.



Remy Gomez

Wisconsin State Assembly, District 96

Candidate: Loren Oldenburg
Political Party: Republican
Running For: Wisconsin State Assembly, District 96 (Incumbent)

After then-Representative Lee Nerison announced his retirement, Viroqua-area dairy farmer Loren Oldenburg decided to try his luck at taking Nerison's vacated seat. In 2018, Oldenburg won the general election over Democrat Paul Buhr, and has maintained his seat through the previous two election cycles.

Currently, Oldenburg serves as chair on the Environment Committee, vice-chair on the Agriculture Committee, and is a member of the Energy and Utilities Committee. Historically, he has also been vice chair of the Environment

Committee and chaired the Small Business Development Committee.

During his time in the state legislature, Oldenburg has advocated for the state's Youth Apprenticeship Program, which aims to provide young Wisconsinites with training and experience in a variety of trades. He has also proposed legislation aimed at creating a flood resilience grant program which would help flood-prone Wisconsin communities in bolstering their defenses against future flooding events.



Loren Oldenburg

Candidate: Tara Johnson
Political Party: Democratic
Running For: Wisconsin State Assembly, District 96 (Challenger)

Tara Johnson got her start in politics on the local level, having served on the La Crosse County Board as both a member and as chair. She has also been involved in community-focused efforts and initiatives, serving for 15 years with United Way of La Crosse as its executive director.

In her campaign, Johnson has highlighted her accomplishments on the La Crosse County Board, including her efforts to keep taxes low while maintaining the city's bond rating, install-

ing new radio towers and upgrading radio consoles for emergency services, funding for mental health and substance abuse services, and securing grant funding for conservation projects.

Her priorities should she be elected include conservation and environmental protections, investment in infrastructure, and expanding broadband access. She has also expressed support for living wages, quality healthcare and education, and access to affordable childcare.



Tara Johnson

For more information and to find out what is on your ballot visit myvote.wi.gov



2024 Election: Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Town of LaGrange completes \$1.4M Ellsworth Road upgrade

PRESS RELEASE

The Town of LaGrange will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony for the completion of a major \$1.4M reconstruction of Ellsworth Road on Monday, 11 November, at 10 a.m., at the LaGrange Town Shop, located at 9516 Ellsworth Road, in Tomah. Local press outlets are invited to attend.

Background

In 2022, the Town of LaGrange submitted a state Local Road Improvement Program grant application to cover needed reconstruction of a 1.4-mile section of Ellsworth Road, stretching from State Highway 21 to Elgin Road. The proposed construction was intended to widen the driving surface, add a much wider shoulder, suitable for walking and biking, cut down two small hills to improve driver sight lines, and add better drainage, to eliminate water and ice

buildups.

The Town was approved for the \$ 1.4M grant, but as a 50/50 split, where the Wisconsin Department of Transportation would pay for half of the project and the Town was responsible for the remaining balance.

The Town's \$700,000 share was nearly four times its annual road budget, so the Town Board explored options for local partnerships. Knowing the Ho-Chunk Nation had previously expressed interest in upgrading this portion of the road, the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority was approached, regarding the project, and pledged up to \$930,000 towards the project's completion.

Work on the project began in June of this year, with Gerke Excavating, Inc winning the bid for roadbed preparation and Mathy Construction Company winning the bid for paving. The

majority of construction was complete by the ribbon cutting, with only a few minor clean up items remaining.

The Town of LaGrange Board would like to thank Gerke and Mathy for their excellent work and particularly Svet Roussev as the Project Engineer, Brennon Path as the Gerke Project Manager, and Matthew Knebes as the Mathy Project Manager. The Town would also like to thank the residents on Ellsworth and adjacent roads plus the Hiawatha Golf Course management and golfers, for their patience in dealing with the construction project. Finally, the project simply wouldn't have been possible without the Ho-Chunk Nation's partnership, so the Town is truly appreciative of their support and specifically that of Brett Blackdeer, from the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority.



Students in St. Patrick's Catholic School's grades 3k-4 recently took a trip to the Maple Ridge Orchard in Cashton. Students were able to pick their own apples and enjoy the many activities offered at the orchard. Pictured are Mrs. Leverich's 4th grade class.



4th grade students, Gavin Thurston and Blayz Dashkov, with their freshly picked apples. Contributed photo.

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TOWN OF TOMAH PUBLIC TEST

The Town of Tomah will hold a Public Test on the electronic voting machines on October 31, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Tomah Town Hall, located at 24381 Heritage Ave., Tomah. Said test is open to the public.

Breanne Zarembo, Clerk
10/28 WNAXLP

TOWN OF SPARTA HEARING FOR PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET
Notice is hereby given for a Public Hearing of the proposed 2025 budget, of the Town of Sparta to be held Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Ave. The proposed 2025 budget summary and the detailed budget is posted on the town hall door, posted online at townsparta.com. or is available at the Town Hall for inspection.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS OF THE TOWN OF SPARTA

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday November 12, 2024, immediately following the completion of the Public Hearing on the proposed 2025 town budget, which begins at 6:00 pm at the Sparta Town Hall, a special town meeting of the electors, called by the town board pursuant to s.60.12(1)(c) Wis Stat will be held for the following purposes:

To approve the 2024 Town Tax Levy to be collected in 2025 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) of the Wis Stat.

The regular monthly board meeting will immediately follow these meetings.
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BOARD ACADEMY MEETING
Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.
The meeting was called to order by Michael Gnewikow at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 7, 2024.
Present: Susan Bloom, Teresa Devine, Michael Gnewikow, Ricky Murray, James Newlun, Spencer Stephens Absent: Cathryn Rice. Also Present: Michelle Clark, Mike Hanson.
Motion to approve the Resignation Report dated October 7, 2024. Motion made by James Newlun, seconded by Teresa Devine. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve the Contracts Report dated October 7, 2024. Motion made by Teresa Devine, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve the Fall 2024 School Violence Drill Reports. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Spencer Stephens. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve the 2024-2025 budget and tax levy to be taken to the Annual Meeting. Motion made by Spencer Stephens, seconded by Ricky Murray. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 abstains (Devine abstained), the motion carried.
Motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion made by Teresa Devine, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried.
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NOTICE

TOWN OF GREENFIELD
MONROE COUNTY
Public Testing of Electronic Voting Equipment

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes 5.84(1), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Town of Greenfield, Monroe County, to conduct a Public Test of its Electronic Voting System which utilizes automatic tabulation equipment at:
Greenfield Town Hall
11575 Fisher Rd, Tomah, WI
Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 6 pm
Said test is open to the public and is being conducted for the General Election to be held.
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 7am to 8pm
Greenfield Town Hall.
Kathy Von Haden
Greenfield Clerk
10/28 WNAXLP



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PUBLIC NOTICE of FALL ELECTION TOWN OF LEON

Notice is hereby given that a November Election will be held on Tuesday November 5 th , 2024 in the Leon Town Hall, 8108 Jackrabbitt Ave., Sparta from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The polling place is accessible to elderly and disabled voters. At the close of voting on Election Day, pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. 19.84, the Election Inspectors will convene as the Local Canvassing Board for the purpose of conducting the local canvass pursuant to Wis. Stat. 7.51. This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.81-89.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF LEON PUBLIC TEST OF VOTING MACHINES

Pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 5.84(1) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Leon will hold a public test of the electronic voting equipment at the Leon Town Hall, 8108 Jackrabbitt Ave. Sparta, on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 9:00 am – 11am. The test is open to the public and is being conducted for the Fall Election on November 5, 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF LEON EARLY IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING

Voting an absentee ballot in person.

If you wish to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office, bring acceptable photo ID to the **Town Hall on Saturday October 26 th , 2024 from 9am – 11am.** The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the Town Hall to be counted before the polls close on Nov. 5 th , 2024. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.
10/14, 21, 28 WNAXLP

DOCUMENT 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Evans-Bosshard & Memorial Park – Parking Lot Paving City of Sparta, Wisconsin SEH No. SPART 180745

Notice is hereby given that Online Bids will be received by the City of Sparta until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, November 7, 2024, via QuestCDN for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of the following items in the approximate quantities indicated:

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The bid opening will be conducted via Microsoft Teams, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud:
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The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the "Project Bid Information" link and by entering eBidDoc TM Number on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or info@questcdn.com. Bidding documents will be available on or before Thursday, October 24, 2024.

For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42 at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic bid form, download the project document and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement. Prospective bidders must be on the plan holders list through QuestCDN for bids to be accepted.

Bids shall be completed according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by SEH dated October 2024.

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Bidders Proof of Responsibility must be submitted to SEH in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

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Jennifer Lydon, City Clerk
City of Sparta
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10/21, 28 WNAXLP

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Sparta will hold a public test of its electronic voting system which utilizes automatic tabulating equipment at City Hall, 201 W Oak Street, Sparta, on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 7:00 a.m. Said test is open to the public and is being conducted for the November 5, 2024 Partisan Office and Referendum General Election. Jennifer Lydon, City Clerk
City of Sparta
10/28 WNAXLP

Our File #W157270
Case No. 24CV000211
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY

CREDIT ACCEPTANCE
CORPORATION
Plaintiff,
vs.
MICHAEL KOLL JR
Defendant.

AMENDED SUMMONS

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
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You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.

Within Forty (40) days after October 21, 2024, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, MONROE COUNTY, 112 S COURT ST, ROOM 2200, SPARTA WI 54656 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.

If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.

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

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin
October 18, 2024.
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JOHN DANNER
State Bar No. 1125953
Attorney for Plaintiff

10/21, 28, 11/4 WNAXLP

Date: November 1, 2024
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Contact: Judy Potter, Town Clerk
Phone #: 608-633-3425
Address: PO Box 145 Warrens, WI 54666
Public Notice
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Notice of Open Book
Town of Bear Bluff, Jackson County
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10/28 WNAXLP

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Notice of Public Availability of Information
MONROE COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION UNDER 42 U.S.C. CHAPTER 116 AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS UNDER WIS. STATUTES, 323.60 & 323.61
Subject to the requirements of Section 324 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, notice is hereby provided on the availability of information collected under SARA Title III, also known as the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA).
EPCRA submissions and information submitted to, or developed by, the Monroe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), are available for public inspection at the Monroe County Emergency Management Office located at 112 S Court Street, Sparta WI during normal business hours 8 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. It is best to call ahead for an appointment. Submissions, information and records available may include, but are not limited to:
County Wide EPCRA Strategic Plan
• Facility EPCRA Off-Site Response Plans
• Chemical Inventory Reports
• Chemical Safety Data Sheets
• Chemical release notification and written follow-up reports
Note: Information available is limited to compliance with 42 U.S.C. Chapter 116 and does not include all chemical information for facilities and transportation incidents that may pose a threat to human health, safety and the environment.
Questions or open records requests regarding information collected under EPCRA can be directed to the Monroe County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) contact below:
Jared Tessman: Monroe County Emergency Management Coordinator
112 S Court St, Room 500 Sparta, WI 54656
608-269-8711 or Jared. Tessman@co.monroe.wi.us
Date of publication: (10/10/2024)
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TOMAH SCHOOL BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 16, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.
The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah, WI.
The meeting was called to order by Michael Gnewikow at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024.
Present: Susan Bloom, Teresa Devine, Michael Gnewikow, Ricky Murray, James Newlun, Cathryn Rice, Spencer Stephens. Also Present: Michelle Clark, Lisa Culpitt, Mike Hanson, Robert Joyce, Ruby Joyce, and 11 spectator(s).
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried.
Approval of Minutes: Regular Board Meeting August 19, 2024; Closed Session Meeting August 19, 2024.
Payment of Bills: As presented in the Bill Payment Report and Treasurer's Report dated August 16-September 12, 2024.
Employee Resignations: As presented in the Resignation Report dated September 16, 2024.
Professional Teacher Contracts: As presented in the Contracts Report dated September 16, 2024.
Athletic/Co-Curricular/Instructional Leadership Hires: As presented in the Contracts Report dated September 16, 2024.
Alternative Open Enrollment Applications: Seventeen Alternative Open Enrollment Applications to transfer out of the District were approved per the Consent Agenda.
Tomah High School Exercise & Sport Science (ESS) Waivers: Eight ESS substitution requests were approved per the Consent Agenda.
Motion to approve the acceptance of gift(s) of money/materials, with many thanks. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Teresa Devine. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve all employees' participation in an automatic enrollment 403(b) plan starting at 1% and moving up a percent each year until 5% is invested in the 403(b) plan. Motion made by James Newlun, seconded by Teresa Devine. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve the authorization to short-term borrowing up to \$2,000,000 to meet the immediate expenses of operating and maintaining public instruction in the Tomah Area School District for the 2024-25 school year. Motion made by Spencer Stephens, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve the request from Tomah High School Limited Edition Show Choir for out of district travel and overnight stays for competition January 31 - February 2, 2025, and March 1, 2025. Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve the request from Tomah High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) for overnight and out of district travel as presented. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Teresa Devine. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve the request for Tomah High School Distributed Education Clubs of America (DECA) for overnight travel December (TBD) 2024 to the Sports and Entertainment Conference; February 23-26, 2025, for the State Competition; and April 25-30, 2025, for the International Competition. Motion made by James Newlun, seconded by Teresa Devine. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to approve the following policy changes: 0164 Meetings; 2131 Educational Outcome Goals and Expectations; 2340 District Sponsored Trips; 3120.08 Employment of Personnel for Curricular/Extracurricular Activities; 4120.04 Employment of Substitutes; 4162 Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Employees that Transport Students (Rescind/Renumbered to 8601); 5200 Attendance; 5330 Administration of Medication/Emergency Care; 5430 Class Rank; 5451.03 The Wisconsin University System Guarantee (New); 5505 Academic Honesty (New) and Renumber 5505 Activities Code to 5505.01; 5610 Suspension and Expulsion; 5771 Search and Seizure; 6423 Use of District Credit Cards; 7540.05 Assistive Technology and Services; 7544 Use of Social Media; 8395 Student Mental Health Services; 8510 Wellness; 8531 Free and Reduced Price Meals; 8540 Vending Machines; 8550 Competitive Food Sales; 8600 Transportation; 8601 Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Employees that Transport Students (Renumbered); 8640 Transportation for Field and Other District Sponsored Trips (Rescind); 8651 Nonroutine Use of School Buses (Rescind); and 8660 Transportation by Private Vehicle. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Ricky Murray. 5 ayes, 2 nays, the motion carried.
Motion to enter into closed session at 8:28 p.m. under Wis. Stats. s. 1985(1)(e) to deliberate on the purchasing of land because competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Reconvene in open session to adjourn. Motion made by Teresa Devine, seconded by James Newlun. Roll call vote: Susan Bloom - Yes; Michael Gnewikow - Yes; Ricky Murray - Yes; Spencer Stephens - Yes; James Newlun - Yes; Cathryn Rice - Yes; Teresa Devine - Yes. There were 7 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.
Motion to reconvene to open session at 9:14 p.m. Motion made by Teresa Devine, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried.
Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m. Motion made by Cathryn Rice, seconded by Teresa Devine. All ayes, the motion carried.
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Halloween event dates and times in Monroe County

By JAYME BAHL
Staff Writer

Halloween 2024 will be quite a treat for Monroe County. Many events have been scheduled, alongside the standard Halloween trick-or-treating hours, to ensure children get a load of treats and adults a hull of fun this holiday season.

Trick-or-Treat Hours

Trick-or-treating in Monroe County will kick off at 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 31st, 2024. While the majority of communities will end at 7 p.m., Norwalk and Wilton will end slightly earlier. Here is a list of area trick-or-treating hours.

Sparta: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. with Downtown being 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Tomah: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Norwalk: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Oakdale: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Warrens: 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wilton: 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Bangor: 4 pm to 7 pm is recommended

Fall Fest MS/HS Concert and Music Backer's Fund Raiser on Tuesday 10/29 – 6 p.m. at Bangor Middle/High School.

Porch Light On/Off Indicator

Remember, as the general rule, porch lights need to be on if homes plan to participate in trick-or-treating. If the porch light is off, trick-or-treaters will and should assume the home is not participating, they should and pass by respectfully.

Trunk-or-Treats

Like last year, the Trunk-or-Treat sensation is all the vibration again in Halloween 2024. At a Trunk-or-Treat, community members create a Halloween themed scene in the back of their car. With the cars all lined up, children can walk safely, never out of parental or guardian sight, and enjoy the spooky ambience created by the holiday décor and costumes, maximizing their trick-or-treat experience and candy haul. Trunk-or-Treats are great for those who are unable to walk as long or as far because the event is compact.

Following are a list of Trunk-or-Treats in the area:

Thursday, October 31st, 2024: 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., at Faith Evangelical Free Church (6644 Hwy 16 Sparta) 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church (4285 US Hwy 12 Warrens)

Friday, November 1st, 2024: 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Tomah's VA Medical Center, dark blue parking, located at 500 East Veterans Street.

Additionally, area food truck, the Loaded Bun, will be at Tomah's VA event, for those wanting to grab a juicy burger before the desserts. If the trunks are not scary enough, this may be the last event of the year for the Loaded Bun, so make sure to get your buns down there.

Community Halloween parties

Tomah and Warrens both have trick-or-treating after parties set for Thursday, October 31st, 2024. Tomah's annual community Halloween party will be held at Recreation Park, aka the Monroe County Fairgrounds, located at 1625 Butts Avenue, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Admission to the event is free, thanks to generous sponsors throughout the community. Games, costumes judging, and prizes will begin at 5:15 p.m. for those who want to join in the Tomah Halloween tradition.

Warrens has set a Halloween Bash for a little later in the evening, on Halloween 2024. The event will begin after trick-or-treating, at 7 p.m. and end around 9 p.m., at the Log Building, which sits at 601 Pine



There will be music, dancing, and a costume contest. Parents are encouraged to dress up. There will be snacks and drinks available, but additional snacks are welcome.

Extra Eerie Events

In addition to traditional community fun, miscellaneous Halloween events are splattered throughout the county. Sparta Boys and Girls Club House of Shadows, located at 501 Osborne Drive in Sparta, is the ultimate haunted house experience for those who are looking for a light-hearted scare (not-so scary) or a fast-paced panic (very scary). Tickets are \$6 for not-so scary, \$15 for very scary, and \$30 for a spook pass, to jump ahead in line. Due to fast ticket sales, the club encourages everyone to get a ticket ahead of time online. The house will remain open on Friday and Saturday nights, starting at 5:30 p.m. until November 2nd, 2024. The final evening will be a "glow" event, if you are brave enough to see more of the house.

For those who enjoy a spooky gamble, Tomah Community Theatre is hosting Dr. B's Halloween BINGO event. The event will start at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 25th, 2024, at the theatre, which has an address of 90 Kilbourn Avenue. Bingo cards are \$20 or 3 for \$50. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and costume contest. The event is sponsored by community members and local businesses.

For curious minds, Tomah VA Medical Center will be hosting their annual pumpkin drop on Halloween day. The event will be just outside building 406 and begin at 1:30 p.m. sharp. The event is free to the public and brought to the community by the roads and grounds crew.

No matter what your taste is in treats or event needs this year, Monroe County is sure to be delightful and frightful the next two weekends.

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October 16-22, 2024

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Tonya Forrest To William Scheerer - 20023 State Highway 16 - \$58,000

Town of Angelo
Michael D Shappell To Emily I Luibrand - 15646 Hat Ave Sparta Wi 54646 - \$143,200

The Ronald L. Warner Revocable Living Trust To Leo F Heintz Jr - 14097 Haven Avenue - \$85,000

Town of Byron
Jenny M. Rizzo To Michael Rizzo - 33817 Fulda Avenue - \$97,250

Town of Jefferson
Daniel L & Barbara E Miller To Sadie J & Noah D Miller - 28690 County Hwy U - \$165,000

Town of La Fayette
Wayne P & Dawn M Pieper To Wayne & Dawn Pieper Irrevocable Living Trust - 11948 Finch Ave Sparta Wi 54656 - \$141,400

Town of La Grange
Monroe County To Virginia G. & Scot M Kyser - Not Known - \$17

Town of Lincoln
Richard A. And Jill M. Helming To Joseph C. And Ashleigh M. Brand - 22540 Cortland Avenue - \$55,740

Town of Little Falls
Rickert Ranch, Llc To Megan C & Jeffrey Ellenz - Land Off State Hwy 27 Sparta Wi 54656 - \$100,000

Susan & William Cox To Rachel & Morgan Wakefield - 7686 Castle Ave Sparta Wi 54656 - \$355,000

Derrick R. Nordstrom To Chase R. Camden - 1039 State Highway 71, Sparta, Wi 54656 - \$200,000

Austin Johnson To Christopher B. And Elizabeth L. Schneider Family Trust Dated October 21, 1996 - 6023 County Highway B - \$186,000

James K. Whitaker To Matthew P. And Delite L. Lind - 7214 Bayport Ave. - \$15,000

Kenneth R. Kimpel To James E Kimpel - 5968 Eagle Ave - \$100,000

Letterly To R&R Letterly Llc - 6261 Oarlock Ave - \$190,000

Town of Ridgeville
Leroy Ebert To Samuel & Anthony Hedrick - No Address Listed - \$300,000

Town of Sheldon
Estate Of Betty H. Schumacher A/K/A Betty Schumacher To Brandon & Kristi Doll - 21306 Nightingale Avenue - \$520,000

Claus Krein-Schroeder To Janet Jacobson - 903 Charles Drive Sparta Wi 54656 - \$224,000

City of Sparta
Jean S Brecke, Abigail W & Kurt R Schultz To Dale L Oliver - 705 Birdie Ct Sparta Wi 54656 - \$289,000

Ivan L. Robinson To Desiree L & Bryan S Meiners - 720 N Water St Sparta Wi 54656 - \$245,000

Walter E Damrow To Carol J Damrow - 723 Randy Rd. Sparta, Wi 54656 - \$225,500

Samantha Rae & Isaak Martin Nicklay To William & Leslie Vera - 504 Jefferson Ave Sparta Wi 54656 - \$238,000

Kris Krein-Schroeder To Janet Jacobson - 903 Charles Drive Sparta Wi 54656 - \$224,000

Joseph Edward & James Thomas Field To Peggy Beaulieu - 314 N Water St - \$225,000

Kari R. Thompson To Desiree L. Meiners & Bryan S. Lawrence - 720 N Water St Sparta Wi 54656 - \$245,000

Town of Sparta
Kenneth R. Kimpel To

James E. Kimpel - Eagle Avenue - \$100,000

City of Tomah
Patrick J. Hardiman To Eric A. And Emily E. Russell - 402 Gondola Road - \$507,000

Jacob And Heather Schedler To Jose E. Hernandez Jr. - 1525 Jason Avenue - \$322,500

Michael W. And Meghan E. Winters To Chris And Jade Abbas - Alderman Street - \$16,000

Ethell Tillis To Ethell Tillis Revocable Living Trust - 521 View Street - \$290,600

Town of Tomah
Janis D. Shudlick To Jacob And Heather Schedler - 24146 High Avenue - \$360,000

James L. Moore Revocable Trust Dated September 19, 2007 To Diane M. Fronk Revocable Trust Dated September 17, 2024 - 18020 Ironhorse Road - \$293,500

Village of Warrens
Thaddeus M & Marie A. Rezin To Patrick J. Hardiman - 103 Ridge Rd - \$555,000

Town of Wells
Kathryn M & Gregory D. Schmitz To Gregory D. And Kathryn M. Schmitz Family Trust Dated October 17, 2024 - 24447 Lambeth Rd - \$254,000

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VILLAGE OF BANGOR

2025

BUDGET DOCUMENT

(AS REQUIRED PER SECTION 65.90(3))

The Village of Bangor's Draft detail budget summary is available for public inspection at the Administrative Office located at 106 15th Avenue North, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM and Fridays from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM

The Public Hearing for the 2025 Budget will be held at the Bangor First Responder's Building, 1702 Commercial Street on November 12, 2024 at 6:00 PM

2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

	Approved 2023 Budget	Approved 2024 Budget	Proposed 2025 Budget	% Change From 2024 to 2025
REVENUES				
(41) Taxes	621,489	623,818	679,876	9.0%
(42) Special Assessments	5,091	5,091	5,091	0.0%
(43) Intergovernmental Revenues	224,766	289,401	309,915	7.1%
(44) Licenses & Permits	24,170	24,525	19,720	-19.6%
(45) Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties	11,500	8,500	8,500	0.0%
(46) Public Charges for Services	3,900	4,475	4,500	0.6%
(47) Intergovernmental Charges for Services	1,000	950	950	0.0%
(48) Miscellaneous Revenues	10,350	17,350	17,050	-1.7%
(49) Proceeds from long term debt				
Property Tax Contributions (debt fund)				
Total Revenues	938,393	974,110	1,045,602	3.7%
EXPENDITURES				
(51) General Government	175,432	180,905	189,232	4.6%
(52) Public Safety	401,893	440,166	457,434	3.9%
(53) Public Works	173,151	173,981	176,195	1.3%
(54) Health & Human Services	14,000	14,000	14,000	0.0%
(55) Culture, Recreation, & Education	26,450	27,650	27,510	-0.5%
(58) Debt Service	129,990	120,408	165,863	37.8%
(59) Miscellaneous Expenses	17,476	17,000	15,368	-9.6%
Total Expenses	938,393	974,110	1,045,602	7.3%

Anticipated Fund Balances	Balance 1/1/2024	2024 Anticipated Change in Position	Balance 12/31/2024	2025 Anticipated Revenues	2025 Anticipated Expenses	2025 Levied Ending Balance
General Fund	467,986	55,509	523,495	1,045,602	1,045,602	393,883
Debt Service Fund through 2024	1,019,592	690,408	853,729	165,863	165,863	165,863
						559,746

Capital Fund - Public Works/Protected Service:	Balance 1/1/2024	2024 Net Change in Position	2024 Anticipated Ending Balance	2025 Anticipated Debt Proceeds	2025 Anticipated Expenses	2025 Anticipated Ending Balance
10/28 WNAXLP	475,120	1,045,120	379,721	-	194,164	185,557

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF WELLS

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board for the Town of Wells will hold their BUDGET HEARING on the PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2024 TO BE PAID IN 2025. The hearing will be held on Thursday, November 14th, 2024 at the town hall located at 11754 County Highway XX, Norwalk, WI 54648. The meeting will convene at 6:00 p.m. The following is the PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET TO BE PAID IN 2025 in comparison to last year's budget and ACTUAL EXPENSES OF 2024 (JAN. 1ST – OCTOBER 15TH, 2024):

	2023 BUDGET PAID 2024	ACTUAL – 2024 JAN-OCT15, 2024	PROPOSED 2024 PAYABLE IN 2025
INCOME			
MELVINA CONTRACT	\$2,500.00	\$2,990.00	\$2,500.00
GARBAGE BAG SALES	\$3,000.00	\$3,676.77	\$4,000.00
STATE SHARED REVENUE	\$73,017.53	\$10,952.63	\$74,694.47
STATE HIGHWAY AID	\$70,591.88	\$52,943.91	\$70,591.88
TAVERN LICENSES	\$500.00	\$475.00	\$550.00
N.O.W. ACCT. INTEREST	\$500.00	\$284.75	\$350.00
TAX LEVY	\$190,050.00	\$190,050.00	\$191,917.00
ARPA FUND(BROADBAND)		\$56,625.68	\$56,625.68 \$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 396,635.09	\$317,998.74	\$344,603.35
EXPENDITURES			
GENERAL FUNDS	\$60,000.00	\$51,789.62	\$70,000.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	\$38,000.00	\$41,924.56	\$42,000.00
PUBLIC WORKS	\$199,656.09	\$190,728.56	\$174,269.31
DEBT SERVICE		\$42,353.32	\$58,334.04
	\$58,334.04		
ARPA FUND(BROADBAND)	\$56,625.68	\$56.625.68	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$396,635.09	\$399,402.46	\$344,603.35

Immediately following the adjournment of the BUDGET HEARING there will be a SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ELECTORS of the Town of Wells, Monroe County to be held for the following purposes:

- To adopt the 2024 town tax levy to be paid in 2025 pursuant to sec. 60.10(1)(a) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Dated this 30th day of October, 2024

Immediately following the adjournment of the Special Meeting of the Electors the regular monthly board meeting will take place. The agenda will be published in the future.

Diane E. Schwarz
Clerk-Town of Wells
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