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Area resident cites evacuation experiences in Afghan donations

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

In late August, the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Afghanistan resulted in a resurgence of the Taliban. Afghan civilians who had aided U.S. troops during the course of the war fled the country, seeking refuge with their U.S. allies. Three military bases were selected to house the refugees, among them Ft. McCoy here in Wisconsin.

For Wonevoc area resident Julie Hebel, the situation brought back memories of a previous evacuation effort.

In June 1978, Hebel began working abroad in Esfahan, Iran, with Bell Helicopter International (BHI). Shortly after she arrived, she noticed tanks and soldiers beginning to become increasing common sights, later learning of

a growing conflict between Iran's monarchy and the Shiite Muslim clergy. Martial law was eventually declared, and Hebel recalls how the conflicts and protests became increasingly violent. As Americans, Hebel and her coworkers attempted to remain out of the conflict as much as possible, being transported to and from their work site on a U.S. military base by small busses with armed guards.

On January 16, 1979—coincidentally Hebel's birthday—Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi abdicated his throne and fled the country, seeking exile in France. The Shiite Muslim sect took control of Iran, instating Ayatollah Khomeini as the nation's leader and closing Iran to all incoming and outgoing

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This year's Wonevoc Homecoming Court kicked off the Homecoming Dance with the traditional Grand March. Freshmen representatives were Hailie Hansen and Corbin Fitzgerald, sophomore representatives were Danny Roehling and Jaelyn Stowe, and junior representatives were Kadence Hamburg and Braeden Skrabel. Senior court members are Colin Laubscher, Jaylene Graewin, Ashton Spencer, and Ana Roehling. Ashton Spencer and Ana Roehling were crowned as this year's Homecoming King and Queen. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

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This is a chance to show off your costumes, have some fun, and get a loot of candy! Though most will be just walking the loop, feel free to create wheeled fun if you want to "parade" in style. No candy is to be thrown as it will be given at the end.

Parents - if not wanting to watch the parade, park on the south end by the cattle barns then stop by Weber's Pavilion to get a photo of your kids. Begin the loop to show off their costume and stop back at the Pavilion for their bag of candies.

City-Wide Trick-or-Treating from 3:00-6:00PM

ELROY Calendar of Events

OCTOBER 14	Royall Ms Football @ Cashton 5 PM. Royall Ms Volleyball @ Wonewoc(Necedah) 6/7:00 PM. Royall Varsity Volleyball Necedah @ Royall 5:45/7:15 PM.
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NOVEMBER 1	All Conference Band -All Day Elroy Lions Meet At Legion Hall 6:30 PM. Hillsboro Lions Meet At The Community Center 6:30 PM.
NOVEMBER 3	Wonewoc Lions Meet At Wonewoc Legion Hall 6:30 PM.
NOVEMBER 6	Uw-Eau Claire Hs Honor Band 8 A.M.
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NOVEMBER 15	Elroy Lions Meet At Legion Hall 6:30 PM.
NOVEMBER 20	H.o.p.e. Fundraiser Pie & Cupcake Sale @ Hillsboro Public Library 9 A.M. To Noon



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DONATIONS

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Cardboard boxes were stationed at the Wonewoc Public Library in September to help collect donations for the Afghan refugees at Ft. McCoy. Julie Hebel, organizer for the drive, stated that the boxes filled up fast with items donated by locals to help support arriving refugees. Contributed photo.

traffic. Hebel and her fellow Americans found themselves essentially held hostage by a new government.

The following days of January saw BHI contracting commercial airlines to evacuate their American employees from Iran. U.S. military planes flew in, commandeering the airport and airspace to enable a Pan Am Clipper to land. Hebel and her coworkers quickly boarded the plane, airborne within a scant 20 minutes.

"We were not allowed to leave the aircraft," Hebel recalls, speaking on a stop the plane made in Istanbul in order to refuel. "[We] watched through the windows as Turkish Army soldiers encircled the plane with fixed bayonets trained outward."

After a thirty-minute refueling, Hebel's plane was once again airborne. While they had not been advised of any threats, Hebel is certain someone was thinking proactively at the time. A second refueling stop in Shannon, Ireland, was eventful only in that the dark of night and foggy weather conditions necessitated Hebel and her fellow evacuees remain at the airport for a few hours before returning home. After a harrowing experience at LaGuardia, involving an abrupt re-ascent after landing due to a blizzard-induced collision ahead on the tarmac, Hebel's feet touched U.S. soil once again.

"When I watched the recent news and the chaos of Americans and supporting Afghans desperately trying to escape Afghanistan and the danger of Taliban retaliation, I began to relive my Iranian adventure-nightmare," Hebel explains. "I needed to get out of my head, so I began an effort to collect donated items for the Afghan people being transported to Ft. McCoy."

Hebel set up her donation site at

the Wonewoc Public Library and put out a Facebook message requesting donations. The outpouring of generosity and support from the community was immense: new and gently used items were donated en-masse, to the point where Hebel was uncertain how to transport it all. She learned of the donation efforts taking place through the Hillsboro Brewing Company, providing her

with a solution.

Multiple trucks arrived at the Hillsboro Brewing Company in mid-September to collect 35 pallets of donated items, transporting them to Ft. McCoy for distribution according to needs.

"I believe my support efforts are completed for now," says Hebel, "but I will continue to seek ways to support the [refugees]."

Wisconsin State Senate opens applications for scholars program

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

Each year, the Wisconsin State Senate selects a student from each of the state's 33 State Senate Districts to participate in a week-long program in Madison. This program is designed to help grow, develop, and challenge Wisconsin's future leaders through a week-long advanced government curriculum, featuring classroom instruction, roundtable discussions, and even a lab component!

Admission to this program is highly competitive, and Wisconsin high school students in their junior and senior years with an interest in democracy and the inner workings of state government are encouraged to apply.

Each Senate Scholar will receive a hands-on, up-close look at how Wisconsin's legislature plays a key role in American democracy. Throughout the week, scholars will gain valuable experience in

a variety of areas ranging from policy development to constituent relations to processing legislation. Scholars will also have the opportunity to meet and speak with State Senators, legislative staff, and University of Wisconsin faculty.

State Senators Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) and Brad Pfaff (D-Onalaska) have both encouraged high school juniors and seniors within their respective districts (17th and 32nd) to apply for the program. A letter of sponsorship from an applicant's State Senator is required in the application process, and applicants can request a letter of sponsorship by completing the one-page sponsor form and sending it to the senator in question.

All applications must be received by no later than Monday, November 1, and applications can be found online by visiting legis.wisconsin.gov/ssgt/senatescholar. In addition to the application form, scholars must submit a cover letter, resume, official school

transcripts, a letter of sponsorship from their State Senator, a letter of recommendation from a teacher or school administrator, and a letter of recommendation from another person familiar with the student's skill and abilities—however, a recommendation written by a relative of the applicant is not accepted.

Accommodations for the week are provided at the Concourse Hotel in downtown Madison, and the cost is included in the program's \$250 tuition fee, however each selected scholar is responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from Madison. The tuition fee also covers meals, though scholars are responsible for their own spending money.

For further questions, please contact Dr. Tammy Wehrle, Legislative Education and Outreach Officer, either by phone at (608) 261-0533 or by email at tammy.wehrle@legis.wi.gov.



Jenny Wolhrab (center) and Shelly Thompson (right), medical staff from Gundersen St. Joseph's Wonewoc Clinic, spent a chilly Saturday morning last autumn administering flu shots to Wonewoc area residents. This year, the Gundersen St. Joseph's team will be offering vaccines for both the flu and COVID-19, continuing their efforts to keep their communities safe and healthy. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Gundersen St. Joseph's announces drive-thru vaccination clinics

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital and Clinics saw a good deal of success at their drive-thru flu clinics last autumn, with area residents driving by to get vaccinated against the flu. Between area residents getting their flu shots and masking up when out and about, Gundersen St. Joseph's saw fewer serious cases of the flu last year than in years previous.

With flu season gearing back up once again, Gundersen St. Joseph's is once again offering a series of drive-thru clinics to help make getting this year's flu shot more available to the people served by the hospital.

The seasonal flu vaccine provides the best way to help reduce the risk of a flu outbreak, protecting those who are unable to be vaccinated, such as those who are too young or who are suffering from certain medical conditions.

In addition to the seasonal flu vaccine, area residents who have not yet received their COVID-19

vaccinations can do so along with their flu shot. Those who are still uncertain about receiving the COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to speak with their healthcare provider about their concerns.

This year, three clinics will be held in each of the communities Gundersen St. Joseph's serves, with the first set to take place on Saturday, October 9, in Hillsboro. This clinic will be located at the parking lot of Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital and medical staff will be onsite from 8:00A.M. until noon to administer vaccines.

On Saturday, October 23, a second clinic will take place at the Elroy Fairgrounds beginning at 8:00A.M. and continuing until noon. The third and final clinic will take place on Saturday, October 30, from 8:00A.M. until noon at the Wonewoc-Center Schools parking lot.

Flu shots can be administered to anyone 6 months of age and older. COVID-19 vaccines can be administered to anyone 12 years of age and older. Appointments are not necessary, but are encouraged.

In order to reserve a time at one of these clinics in order to receive your vaccination, please call (608) 489-8280.

Flu shots and COVID-19 vaccines will also be available by appointment during regular business hours at any Gundersen St. Joseph's location.

In order to staff these events, the Gundersen St. Joseph's Hillsboro Clinic will be closed during the drive-thru clinics, though urgent care remains available 8:00A.M. to 8:00P.M. on the weekends at Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital.

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October Monthly Menu

<p>Thursday October 7th</p> <p>Pork Loin Homemade Stuffing Mashed Potatoes and Gravy Green Beans Dessert Milk/Coffee</p>	<p>Thursday October 14th</p> <p>Beef Stroganoff Mashed Potatoes/ Noodles Corn/ Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower Full Salad Bar Dessert Milk/Coffee</p>	<p>Thursday October 21st</p> <p>Chili Chicken Dumpling Soup Ham Sandwiches Egg Salad Sandwiches Full Salad Bar Dessert Milk/Coffee</p>	<p>Thursday October 28th</p> <p>All Beef Hot Dogs Homemade Mac n Cheese BBQ Pork Sandwiches Salad Bar Assorted Desserts Milk/Coffee</p> <p>HALLOWEEN PARTY</p>
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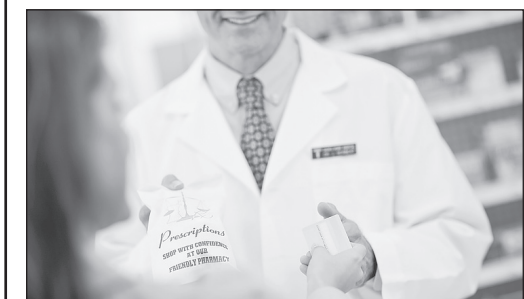
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Fall into fun Wonewoc Area Lions Fall Festival is Oct. 16

By Rhonda Hess
Staff Reporter

From raffles and chili cook-offs to cow pie bingo and walking tacos, the Wonewoc Area Lions are hoping to raise funds and have some fun at their annual Fall Festival Saturday, Oct. 16, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wonewoc-Center School.

“This is the big one,” Ott said, adding they had been planning this year’s celebration since May.

Ott, and the other approximately 35 members of the Lions Club,

are hoping their big raffle raises plenty of funds for them to help the community.

This year’s raffle includes three packages. The first is a hunting package that features a Savage Axis II 7 mm 08 rifle with a 3-9X40 scope, a two-pack trail deer cam and a Bear X Intense crossbow.

The second package, the outdoor-themed one, consists of a Char Griller flat iron gas griddle, a three-piece bistro set and a round tile top fire pit.

The third prize is \$250 in cash. The drawing will be held at 4 p.m. and tickets are \$20 each. The winner need not be present to win.

Ott said the funds go toward area disaster relief and other help for residents. “Since the flood in 2018, we started disaster relief,” she said. “We also provide community assistance vouchers and gas cards for people undergoing cancer treatment.”

A basket raffle allows other area businesses to be a part of the fund-raising. “We will line up the baskets on a table,” Ott said. “We will have a couple of kid’s baskets, something for pets, and different things we think of.”

She said businesses can create their own baskets or donate money for the cause. “I like when I get the money together and can go shop,” Ott said.

Other raffle items include two homemade quilts and a Packer football signed by Davante Adams.

Arts and crafts businesses and other vendors will be on hand to add to the day’s activities.



Mad Mod Vintage of downtown Wonewoc is one business that donates a basket for the festival basket raffle. Photo taken by Rhonda Hess, Staff Reporter.

“We’ve got up to 21 vendors currently,” Ott said.

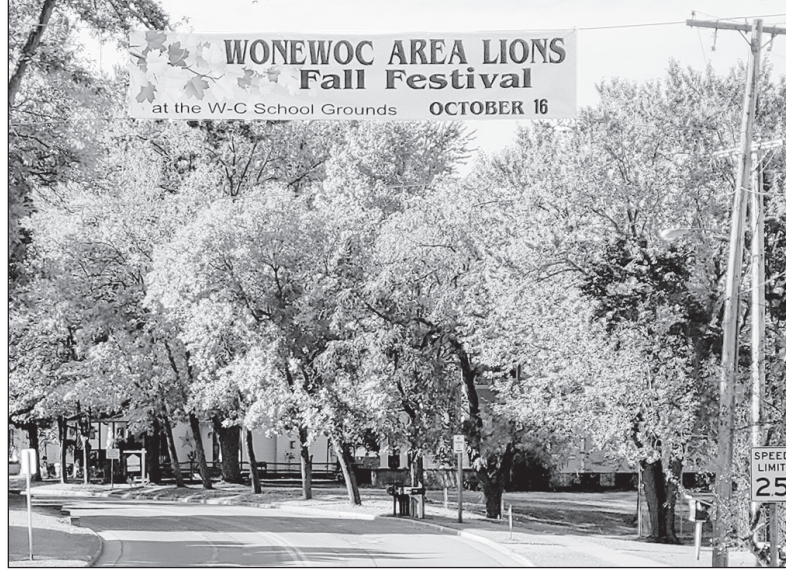
The chili cook-off requires a \$10 entry fee and a crockpot full of chili. People can taste the creations for \$5 per bowl. A 50/50 prize will be offered to the chili winner.

Youngsters can enjoy a petting zoo by the Wonewoc-Center FFA and area 4-H groups, a scavenger hunt and carnival games provided by the Army National Guard.

Families can also get in on the hayride at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. noon and 1 p.m.

Other activities are being planned and refreshments will be available throughout the day.

For more information about the festival, or to contribute a basket, contact Ott at (608) 343-3509.



A banner reminds Wonewoc residents and visitors of the upcoming Wonewoc Area Lions Fall Festival Oct. 16. Photo taken by Rhonda Hess, Staff Reporter.

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DNR seeking public comment on Kendall SDWLP project

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

On Friday, October 1, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced that the Village of Kendall is an applicant for funding through the department’s Safe Drinking Water Loan Program (SDWLP). This program is meant to help address deficiencies in the public drinking water system for Wisconsin communities.

As part of their application for the program, the Village of Kendall is considering substantial facility upgrades at Wells #2 and #4, along with additional related work within

the village.

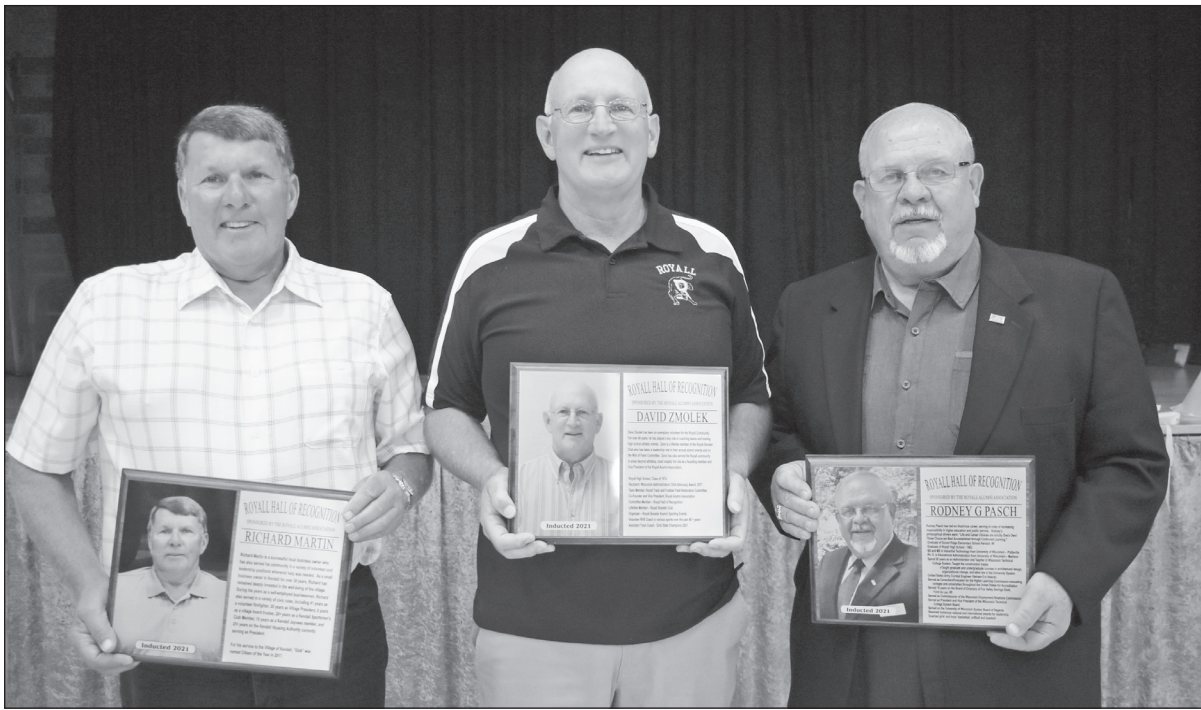
According to the DNR, activities related to this project are minor actions under Chapter NR 150 in the Wisconsin Administrative Code, requiring no environmental analysis. However, following federal requirements listed as part of the loan program, an environmental review must first be conducted before the project can be funded.

The public is therefore encouraged to submit comments or concerns regarding this decision and the potential environmental impact of the project in question. Based on the comments received, the program may prepare an environmental

analysis prior to proceeding with the funding process. Such an analysis typically summarizes the DNR’s consideration of the project’s impacts and lists reasonable alternatives.

Comments can be submitted to the following address: Department of Natural Resources; C/O Kevin Olson, Community Financial Assistance, CF/2; 101 S. Webster St.; P.O. Box 7921; Madison, WI 53707. Comments can also be submitted by phone at (608) 234-2238 or by email at Kevin.Olson@wisconsin.gov.

Comments must be submitted by October 15 for consideration.



Richard Martin (left), David Zmolek (center), and Rodney Pasch (right) pose with their respective plaques. These plaques will be placed in the Royall Hall of Recognition, where they will help to inspire the rising generations of Royall students. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Royall inducts three alumni into Hall Of Recognition

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

On Saturday, September 18, the Royall Alumni Association celebrated former Royall graduates who have gone on to make significant contributions to their communities. This year, three Royall alumni were inducted into the Royall Hall of Recognition.

Dick Martin has been a local business owner and community leader for over thirty years. He served as a member of the volunteer fire department for 41 years, spent six years on the Kendall Village Board, and served as village president for over twenty years—a

role in which he still serves today. He was named Citizen of the Year in 2017.

Rodney Pasch credits his career in education to the education he received as a Royall student. Pasch initially attended university in Platteville before dropping out during his freshman year and joining the military. Following his military service, Pasch returned to school and went on to earn his Master's and Ph.D. Throughout his career, he's served as president of the Wisconsin Technical College and helped to negotiate labor contracts.

Dave Zmolek, perhaps better known simply as "Z," has been

volunteering in and around Royall for decades, particularly as a coach. Currently, he has been coaching the Royall track team, which enjoyed a season for the record books this past spring. Zmolek was the 2017 Child Advocacy award winner, and he continues to stay involved with Royall as both coach and volunteer.

The Royall Hall of Recognition was established with the intention of inspiring current Royall students while recognizing the accomplishments of those who walked the halls before them. Royall's Alumni Association strives to recognize graduates across a variety of areas and disciplines.

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It's crunch time

Wonewoc's Jasper Apples offers fruit and family fun

By Rhonda Hess
Staff Reporter

Rick and Barb Jasper have been "all about apples," for over a decade, but their apple orchard, Jasper Apples on Byington Road in Wonewoc, almost never existed.

"I had to be away from it for a number of years to realize what was here," Rick said. "My brother was mowing the yard because my mom and dad couldn't anymore and nobody was taking care of the original orchard of about 30 trees." He said his brother was considering chopping down the apple trees on the family's land because "it was too hard to mow around them."

Rick said it was then that he started taking care of the trees and, a few years later, he bought his first group of fruit trees.

"A year or two later, I bought like 25 more with the promise to my wife that I would never buy another tree," he said. "It's about 1,000 trees too late for that!"

Barb doesn't seem to mind that he broke that promise. In fact, she took on the cleaning out and reworking of the old dairy barn for the apple orchard's store, The Little Apple Barn.

Rick was impressed with his wife's work. "Nothing lived in here but cats for 10 years and she came in with shovels and paintbrushes and ... wow!" he said.

"It's come a long way," Barb

said. "I'm proud of it."

That little building is where the couple sells about 25 different types of apples, some pears and other items, such as freezer jams and treats.

They usually have three types of peaches, but a too-cold February wiped out the peaches this year.

Some of Rick's favorite apples include Zestar and Honey Crisp. He is also a fan of the Crimson Crisp, which they are harvesting for the first time this year from three-year-old trees. "I like a tart apple," he said.

His wife goes for the sweet apples. "My favorite has been the Gala," she said. "I like how sweet it is."

Some other varieties include Cortland, Macintosh, Conrad and Liberty.

Barb said she enjoys making apple crisp and apple pies this year and may try to make some individual apple pies for something different.

Jasper Apples is open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and the season goes until the end of October, or possibly the first part of November, depending on the weather.

Rick said they had not always been open every day. "This was a weekend gig until a year ago, when I retired in May from carpentry," he said.

The couple credits their part-time help and some divine guidance for the success of their orchard.



Barb Jasper sells apples at Apple Dumpling Day in Elroy.

"It's kind of spirit-lead out here," Rick said, adding he feels they are blessed to have the help of their four part-time workers, including their son, Jory, who raises bees on the land, collects honey to sell and helps with pruning and grafting of the trees.

They sell products at three farmers markets in Waunakee, Rome and Adams, but they really enjoy showing off the view at their own orchard.

"It's a good group of people that come out here to shop and I try to show them what's going on from the view from the top of the hill," Rick said.

Barb said they emphasize family fun at the orchard. "It's a family orchard, where you can bring your kids and relax and enjoy nature," she said.



Rick Jasper picks apples at Jasper Apples. Photos taken by Rhonda Hess, staff reporter.

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Area resident reaches #2 overall in state horse pulling

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

Every summer, lovers of horsepower—both organic and mechanical—flock to fairgrounds, tracks, and grand stands across the county to enjoy a variety of pulling events.

Pulling events have been a part of rural life for generations, tracing their roots back to when horses were the biggest and most reliable source of horsepower on the farm. In their downtime, farmers would boast about the strength of their teams, and would challenge each other to see whose horse or horse team could pull the most weight.

In some cases, horse teams would be compared based on how far they could pull large loads: teams would be hooked up to fully loaded carts and wagons, or to a flat board or skid with something heavy—usually rocks—piled onto it.

As time marched on, these informal challenges grew into an organized sporting event, pitting pullers and teams from across the country against each other to see whose team comes out on top. Today, the competitions are more standardized, with fixed weights loaded onto drags and dragged for a particular distance, with additional weight added on throughout multiple rounds.

This long-standing tradition was one a certain Dave Havlik got involved with, initially starting out

by competing in pony competitions, where ponies pull significant weight relative to their size but typically for shorter distances than full-sized horses. After some time, he switched from ponies to Belgians—the horse breed most typically seen at horse pulls, having been specifically bred over generations to have the high strength levels capable of pulling heavy loads.

Brian Havlik, Dave’s son, grew up watching his father participate in pulls, and quickly gained an interest in the sport. Havlik participated in the pulls alongside his father as a teenager, before taking a break from the sport following his high school graduation, during which he built up a career in masonry while working for a local company. While he’s spent just shy of 20 years working in this field, he’s spent the past four or five operating his own masonry business.

After some time off, Havlik returned to the sport, pulling primarily in the lightweight classes, though he has also pulled in mid-weight classes as well. For Havlik, his return to the sport was more about the sense of camaraderie and friendly competition than actually competing for a title.

“This is a close-knit family,” says Havlik, referring to the pullers he regularly competes with at the various pulls he participates in.

Havlik and his family typically train and care for four to five Belgians at their home near Ontario.



Brian Havlik (right) poses with his father, Dave Havlik (left), and his horse team Sunny and Duke following his win at the WHPA Horse Pull during this year’s Hillsboro Firemen Labor Day Celebration. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

This summer, his small herd dropped to three, but a recent purchase of a Belgian from the local Amish has returned the number back to four.

In order to keep his teams ready for the pulls, Havlik works with his horses on a regular basis, adopting a daily training schedule beginning in April and going through the pulling season. The early start gives his team a good month or two to shake off the dregs of winter and be in top

condition for when pulling season begins around Memorial Day weekend.

Havlik keeps his competitions relatively local, rarely traveling more than an hour or two from his Ontario home to compete. He belongs to the Wisconsin Horse Pullers Association (WHPA), which puts on a multitude of pulls throughout the state each summer. This year, the WHPA has put on

approximately 90 pulls, and Havlik has competed in 13 of them.

This year, Havlik decided to actually put his team to the test and actively compete in the WHPA’s rankings, and he’s seen a remarkable level of success, achieving the number two spot overall. Havlik plans on returning again next season and building on his momentum, with hopes to either keep his current ranking or move up.

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16-year-old Josiah Thyne caught an 51-inch Sturgeon will out fishing and enjoying the beautiful early fall weather. Contributed photo.



14-year-old Isaac Thyne caught a sturgeon of his own while fishing with his brother and family up by Wisconsin Dells. Contributed photo.



Members of the Rooster Car Club put together a small end-of-season car show for the residents of Milestone Senior Living in Hillsboro. Organizers worked with staff at the assisted living facility to provide an afternoon of cars and the memories they hold for residents and their families. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Prepare for the inevitable with this brand new read

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Book Reviewer

How do you say “goodbye”? How can you let go, knowing that it’s the last time, the last moment, that the laughs you shared, the meals, the trips are over? How do you take your leave, and leave behind nothing but good memories? You read **“It’s Your Funeral!”** by **Kathy Benjamin**, that’s how, and you go with a nudge, a wink, and some awesome tunes.

You’ll never get out of this world alive.

Kathy Benjamin thinks we all need to remember that. *She’s* going to die, *you’re* going to die, everyone in the past who ever drew a breath has died, full stop. So, because you have no choice in this matter, you might as well make your final farewell as personal as possible.

Most people who’ve gone before you have had ground burials, but today’s decedents have choices, says Benjamin. Ground burials are not the most earth-friendly actions you can take and, most surprisingly, neither is cremation – although, if you decide on cremation, there “creative” things that can be done with your dead self.

Otherwise, you might choose a natural burial, or composting. You could become food for trees and plants, or you could be made into “sludge.” Burial at sea might be an option, or go out with a bang, become bling, or be “buried” in space. If you’re really science-minded, you could be plastinated, or you could donate your body to a medical facility or a “body farm.” Check local laws before going wild.

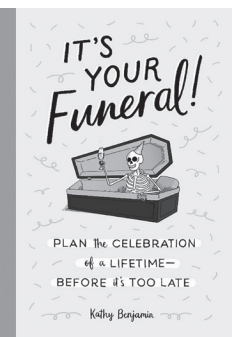
As for your funeral, Benjamin touches upon the various religious services you can have, and ideas for venues. Imagine your funeral at

your favorite bar, or at a bowling alley. Give out goodie bags, ask friends to sign your casket, and choose funeral tunes that mean something to you in life. Write your own obituary and be sure to give your digital passwords to your loved ones. Then leave a legacy, a bench with your name on it, a park, or a brick at a stadium. You might be gone, but you won’t be forgotten...

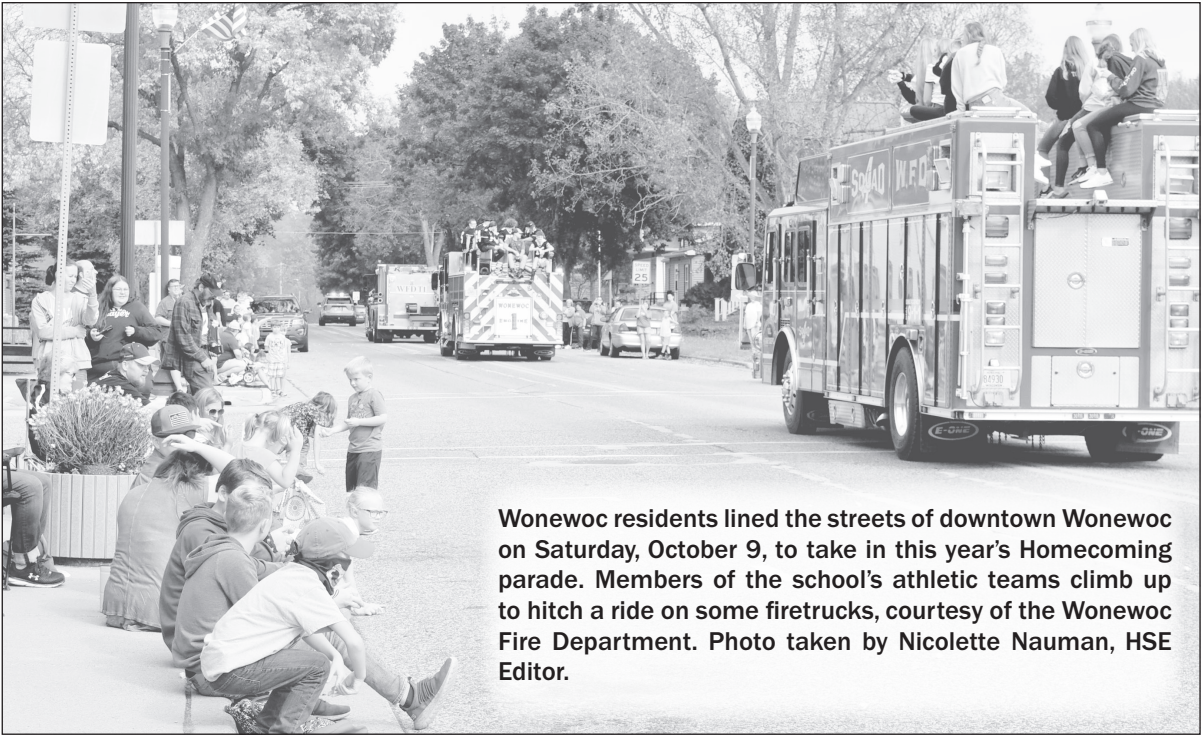
By now, you already know that “It’s Your Funeral!” isn’t your usual funeral planner. Nope, this planner is made for the person who cha-cha’d through life, catching every adventure, looking for the next party, and who doesn’t want to go until Last Call is announced.

Though the subject is normally quite morose, author Kathy Benjamin puts the *fun* in funerals by making readers chuckle, kind of in a shoulder-nudging way that lets us know it’s okay if we don’t necessarily want crying beside our crypts. In addition to helping with the tiniest details in our personalized send-offs, Benjamin writes about other things that you may wonder about: grave-robbing, building your own coffin, what items lie in celebrity graves, jazz funerals, and how to ask a famous singer to perform at your send-off.

That makes this something you can read even when you’re not planning on going anywhere soon. If you’re dying for a unique book, in fact, grab “It’s Your Funeral” and say hello!



Contributed photo



Wonewoc residents lined the streets of downtown Wonewoc on Saturday, October 9, to take in this year’s Homecoming parade. Members of the school’s athletic teams climb up to hitch a ride on some firetrucks, courtesy of the Wonewoc Fire Department. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Students at the Wonewoc-Center Homecoming Dance watched the Grand March, cheering on their class representatives and this year’s Homecoming Kind and Queen. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



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Promoting Sporting Freedom



By **Howard Marklein**
Wisconsin State Senator
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I recently joined several other legislators to launch a Sporting Freedom package of bills to preserve and enhance Wisconsin's sporting heritage for hunters and sportsmen and women. We have developed a slate of legislative proposals that simplify hunting licensure and regulation, increase access to public lands and clear obstacles to encourage outdoor sportsmanship.

As a lifelong hunter, I am proud to work with Hunter Nation, a national grassroots organization of hunters and sportsmen, to develop legislation that addresses several major obstacles for hunters and sporting freedom. This package of legislation is about simplifying Department of Natural Resources (DNR) rules and regulations, so whether you're a seasoned hunter, angler or new to the sport, you can be sure that you purchased the right licenses, permits or tags to be a part of the sporting culture in Wisconsin.

The package includes 13 bills. I am the lead author of five of these proposals. My bills simplify turkey hunting regulations, seek to reduce the number of different types of hunting licenses offered in WI, share more information about public land access, clear obstacles for dog trainers and encourage partnerships for sport fish stocking in lakes and streams.

The **Turkey Hunting Simplification Bill (LRB-3453/1)**, co-authored with Rep. Robert Brooks, would modify administrative rules relating to the hunting of wild turkeys to combine hunting zones and seasons to just two zones and two seasons (down from the complicated and restrictive six seasons that makes it difficult for many hunters to participate), and to modify youth hunting restrictions.

The **DNR Hunting License Categories Simplification Bill (LRB-3452/1)**, co-authored with Rep. Alex Dallman, would require the DNR to prepare a report that identifies ways to consolidate

or eliminate hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses to reduce the total number of types of licenses DNR is required to issue. The **DNR Public Lands Access Report Bill (LRB-3450/1)**, co-authored with Rep. Gae Magnafici, would require the DNR to prepare a report that identifies public access opportunities on all lands owned or managed by DNR, land acquired under the Warren Knowles-Gaylord Nelson stewardship program, and open managed forest lands.

The **Dog Training Bill (LRB-3454/1)**, co-authored with Rep. Clint Moses, would require the DNR to make available on the Go Wild website dog training licenses. Currently, this license is not available there and that makes it harder for hunters to comply.

The **Aquaculture Partnership Bill (LRB-3451/1)**, co-authored with Rep. Alex Dallman, requires the DNR to prepare a report that identifies opportunities for partnering with the private aquaculture industry for increased stocking of desirable sport fish in lakes and streams.

The other bills include proposals to increase the number of pheasants planted by the DNR to 200,000, apply mentored hunting to the field testing requirement for the hunter's safety program, set the minimum number of brook trout raised by the DNR to 100,000, require the DNR to eliminate three rules every time they add a new rule, create a sandhill crane hunting season, guarantee constitutional carry protections for Wisconsinites, require the DNR to establish priorities and goals for habitat improvements on DNR lands and allow hunting of farm-raised, non-native bovids such as bison, buffalo, sheep, goats and antelopes.

The Sporting Freedom package of bills will be moving through the legislative process throughout the next several weeks as hunters return to the fields, set-up their stands and harvest wild game all over Wisconsin. I am proud to be a part of this effort to protect and defend our sporting freedoms and heritage. I look forward to working with my colleagues to advance this legislation.

Gundersen St. Joseph's to collaborate with Vernon County on well testing

By **NICOLETTE NAUMAN**
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital and Clinics will be partnering with the Vernon County Health Department to ensure local residents have access to safe water. Testing will be conducted on samples taken from wells utilized by residents. Bacteria, nitrates, arsenic, and lead will be the primary focus of the testing.

Residents who wish to have their well water tested can pick up bottles to collect samples at the main desk of Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital at any time during the hospital's hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 7:00A.M. to 6:00P.M.

Samples must be tested within 30 hours of collection, and Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital will only be accepting samples on Wednesdays before 3:00P.M. Samples collected by the hospital will then be delivered to the health department's lab to be tested. Residents can also deliver their collected samples to the Vernon County Health Department from Monday to Thursday, 8:30A.M. to 4:00P.M.

Testing for bacteria and nitrates both cost \$20, and the bacteria testing will also detect any presence

of E. Coli and other coliform bacteria. Data collected by the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point indicates that up to 25% of wells tested in Vernon County have been contaminated by bacteria. If you have a private well, health officials recommend testing it for bacteria on an annual basis.

Testing for arsenic is \$29 and testing for lead is \$37.

For more information on well water testing, please contact the Vernon County Health Department either by phone at (608) 637-5251 or by email at WaterLab@vernoncounty.org.

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W-C/Weston Football @ Kickapoo/Lafarge 7 P.M.
- OCTOBER 15 Oktoberfest In Prairie Du Chien
W-C/Weston Varsity Football @ Kickapoo/Lafarge 7 P.M.
Hillsboro Homecoming Parade And Pep Rally 1:30 P.M.
- OCTOBER 16 Hillsboro homecoming game @ ithaca 7 PM
Wonewoc lions fall festival upstairs gym at W-C schools 8 A.M.-4 P.M.
St. Joseph's 5k & 10k run/walk 8 A.M.
Valley fall rummage sale @ valley community Center, rummage, vendors, & food 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
Royall & hillsboro varsity cross country meet @ Bangor tbd
Hillsboro hs homecoming dance 7 P.M.
- OCTOBER 17 Hillsboro lions halloween bingo at hillsboro firemen's community Center 11:30 A.M.
Lunch available - proceeds go to hope, 1 P.M. Sharp - bingo
- OCTOBER 18 W-C/weston jh football @ brookwood 5 P.M.
- OCTOBER 20 Vernon county veterans service office@ Farmers state bank, hillsboro 10 AM to 2PM
- OCTOBER 21 Volleyball regionals 7 P.M. (Tbd)
- OCTOBER 22 Lions zone meeting at twisted raven in lafarge 6:30 P.M.
- OCTOBER 23 Drive thru flu clinic at elroy fairgrounds 8 A.M. - Noon
Hillsboro fall clean up, 1056 crest ave., Hillsboro 7 A.M. -11 A.M.
Cross country sectionals @ westby all day
- OCT. 19, 21, 23 Volleyball regionals
- OCTOBER 27 Wonewoc village board meets at village hall 7 P.M.
- OCTOBER 28,30 Volleyball sectionals
- OCTOBER 30 Drive thru flu clinic at W-C schools parking lot 8 A.M. To noon
- OCTOBER 31 Happy halloween
- NOVEMBER 1 Hillsboro lions meet @ community center 6:30 P.M.
All conference honor band
- NOVEMBER 3 Wonewoc lions meet @ wonewoc legion Hall 6:30 P.M.
- NOVEMBER 6 UW-eau claire hs honor band 8 A.M.
- NOVEMBER 8 Hillsboro women's civic club meets at Hills manor meeting room 6 P.M.
- NOVEMBER 9 W-C jrhi boys basketball hillsboro@ W-C 5:30 P.M.
- NOVEMBER 11 Veterans day program
- NOVEMBER 12 W-C musical preview for students
- NOVEMBER 13 W-C musical 7 P.M.
- NOVEMBER 14 W-C musical 2 P.M.



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Welcoming Hillsboro's New Teachers



Breann Dray
Hillsboro Elementary School
First Grade Teacher

A transplant from Las Vegas, NV, Breann Dray has joined the Hillsboro School District this fall as a first grade teacher. She earned her degree in elementary education from the University of Nevada–Las Vegas and her Masters in Early Childhood Education from Capella University.

Dray was happy to find the sort of culture in Hillsboro that she was looking for, and is excited to become part of the community.



Gemmarie Lambonao Elmer
Hillsboro Elementary School
Elementary Special Education Teacher

Originally from the Philippines, Gemmarie Lambonao Elmer received her Bachelor's Degree in elementary education with a focus on special education from the Leyte Normal University in Tacloban City, Philippines. Currently, she is finishing her Masters in Special Education with a focus on moderate to severe disabilities through the University of Visayas in Cebu City, Philippines.

She taught elementary special education students for three years in the Philippines before come to the U.S. in 2016 as part of the Teacher Foreign Exchange Program, working with high school special education students for three years in San Francisco.

After visiting the some relatives and meeting her husband, Elmer decided to relocate to Hillsboro and join the Hillsboro team, where she will be continuing her education career.

"I am so excited to have the opportunity to work with the community and support each other to build a strong foundation in education for the benefit of our children," says Elmer. "I look forward to working together with you as partners in your child's growth and development."



Karina Baker
Hillsboro Elementary School
Third Grade Teacher

Karina Baker completed her degree in education in 1998 at the University of Wisconsin–Platteville and went on to complete her Masters program at the University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, earning her degree in 2002.

Baker has spent the past 23 years teaching elementary students ranging from Pre-K Special Needs to 5th grade. A LaValle resident, Baker was looking for a position in a district a bit closer to home—luckily enough, Hillsboro had an opening that was a perfect fit.

Baker will be teaching Hillsboro's third grade students this year, which she has described as "like coming home," as she'd taught third grade students for seven years.



Patte Michalek
Hillsboro Middle School
English Language Arts (ELA) Teacher

Patte Michalek has returned home to Hillsboro, joining the Hillsboro School District this fall as a middle school ELA teacher. Michalek has attended UW–Richland, UW–La Crosse, and Viterbo University throughout her post-secondary education, earning both a degree in English Education (Early Adolescent) and a certification as a reading teacher.

Michalek has expressed her excitement in returning home and rejoining the community she grew up in. She fondly recalls attending school in Hillsboro and is looking forward to teaching the next generation of Tigers.



Jennifer McCauley
Hillsboro Elementary School
Elementary Art Teacher

A new art teacher has joined the Hillsboro Elementary team: Jennifer McCauley. McCauley is a Hillsboro native who has returned home to teach. She attended UW–Richland to earn her Associates Degree before continuing on to Viterbo University to earn a Bachelor of Art in Education.

Before returning home, McCauley spent two years teaching elementary art classes at Jefferson Elementary in Richland Center. When the opportunity came for her to return to Hillsboro, McCauley gladly made the call to return to where her passion for art and education was first inspired.



Jordan Brull
Hillsboro High School
Social Studies Teacher

Originally from Reedsville, WI, Jordan Brull earned his Bachelor of Science degree in History at Northern Michigan University. He went on to earn his Master of Arts in teaching at the University of Southern California and his doctorate in education at Liberty University.

This fall, Brull joined the Hillsboro School District as a new high school social studies teacher. For Brull, Hillsboro's close-knit and positive school environment was a big draw, and he hopes to make a positive impact in the lives of his students.



Kaitlyn Asdigian
Hillsboro Middle School
Science Teacher

Mauston native Kaitlyn Asdigian earned her degree in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater. She will be putting her education to work as a new science teacher at Hillsboro Middle School.

Asdigian was looking for a small town, rural environment, which she found here in Hillsboro. She's expressed her excitement in getting to work with her students while fulfilling her lifelong dream of teaching.



Marissa Anderson
Hillsboro Elementary School
Reading Interventionist

Marissa Anderson graduated from Hillsboro High School as part of the Class of 2013, continuing on to Winona State University where she pursued a degree in education. She began her teaching career at Royall, teaching third grade before taking a year off during the 2020-2021 school year to be with her children.

Anderson recently completed her Reading 316 license and has expressed her excitement at being able to put her new knowledge to work as the new Reading Interventionist teacher at Hillsboro. She's remained a part of the Hillsboro community through the Hillsboro Drive-In, which she owes and operates each summer.

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Cutting taxes for small business grows our local economies



By Brad Pfaff
Wisconsin State Senator
32nd District

too many storefronts have had to close their doors or scale back due to economic hardships. It's time to eliminate the personal property tax because communities succeed when homegrown businesses can thrive, and working families have more money to invest in their futures.

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Over the past few months, I've worked hard with Governor Evers, my colleagues in the State Legislature, and the Department of Revenue to develop a comprehensive bill that rids Wisconsin businesses of this burdensome tax and protects our local units of government.

Administering the personal property tax is complicated and costs businesses and local governments valuable time and money. Our Main Street shops should have more incentive to grow their business by hiring more employees or expanding their inventory without increasing the tax bill. Small businesses shouldn't be hamstrung by a 170-year old tax with more carve-outs than a Thanksgiving turkey. I've always believed that tax breaks should go to the middle class, not the corporate giants. That's why I'm championing this bill and voted earlier this year to cut income taxes for Wisconsin families by \$2.7 billion.

This bill also alleviates the concern that municipal governments will lose revenue from repealing the tax. Thanks to money the Governor preserved in our state budget, we can now compensate local governments for any losses after eliminating the tax.

As a result, cities and towns won't sacrifice their public safety budget, essential maintenance projects, and economic development initiatives. These are the decisions that impact our day-to-day lives, and nobody is better equipped to respond to the community's needs than the people on Main Street and in the town hall.

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