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The Elroy Theatre opened in 1937 and featured an Art Deco façade as well as a matching interior, which remains almost fully intact today. You can step back into history when you visit the Elroy Theatre, and you can learn more about this unique fixture of the Elroy community at the Elroy Area Museum! Contributed photo.

Elroy Area Museum to open Memorial Weekend

The Elroy Area Museum, located along Main Street in Elroy, will be opening for the 2024 season on Memorial Day weekend. The museum will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00P.M. until 4:00P.M. from Memorial Day weekend until Labor Day weekend. The museum will also be open on Memorial Day and Labor Day.

The museum first opened to the public in 1990, and has showcased and highlighted aspects of Elroy's local history ever since.

If you are interested in the early days of Elroy, dating back to the 1850s, or have an interest in trains and railroads between the 1870s and the 1940s, you can learn more by paying a visit to the museum! With displays detailing everything from local schools to military history and everything in between, there's a little something for everyone to enjoy.

Museum volunteers have kept busy during the off-season, updating the displays in the railroad room and the exhibits on area schools, the dentist office, and Elroy industries. A new farm display has also been set up, created by Don Baldwin and generously donated to the Elroy Museum by his wife, Ethel Mae Baldwin.

The Opera Curtain has found a new home on the second floor, leaving behind its old spot in the museum's railroad room.

Photos in the museum's collection show the curtain's history, including when it was salvaged from the Opera House in the 1990s. The Opera House once occupied the second story of the building located at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets, across the street from Royal Bank. It was built in the 1860s, and the lower floor served as a tavern, a livery stable, and a hardware store over the years. The Opera House also served as a community center in years past.

Although few operas were ever actually performed in the Opera House, most community events in Elroy from the 1860s until the 1940s took place there. Community plays, dances, high school

events—they all took place at the Opera House until the gym was built at the Elroy High School in 1936. The Elroy basketball team even played there games at the Opera House until 1936—and had a distinct advantage over the opposing team, as there was a support post in the middle of the floor, which Elroy players knew how to take full advantage of.

When you stop in to view the Opera House curtain's new location, take some time to explore the museum's exhibit on the Elroy Theatre.

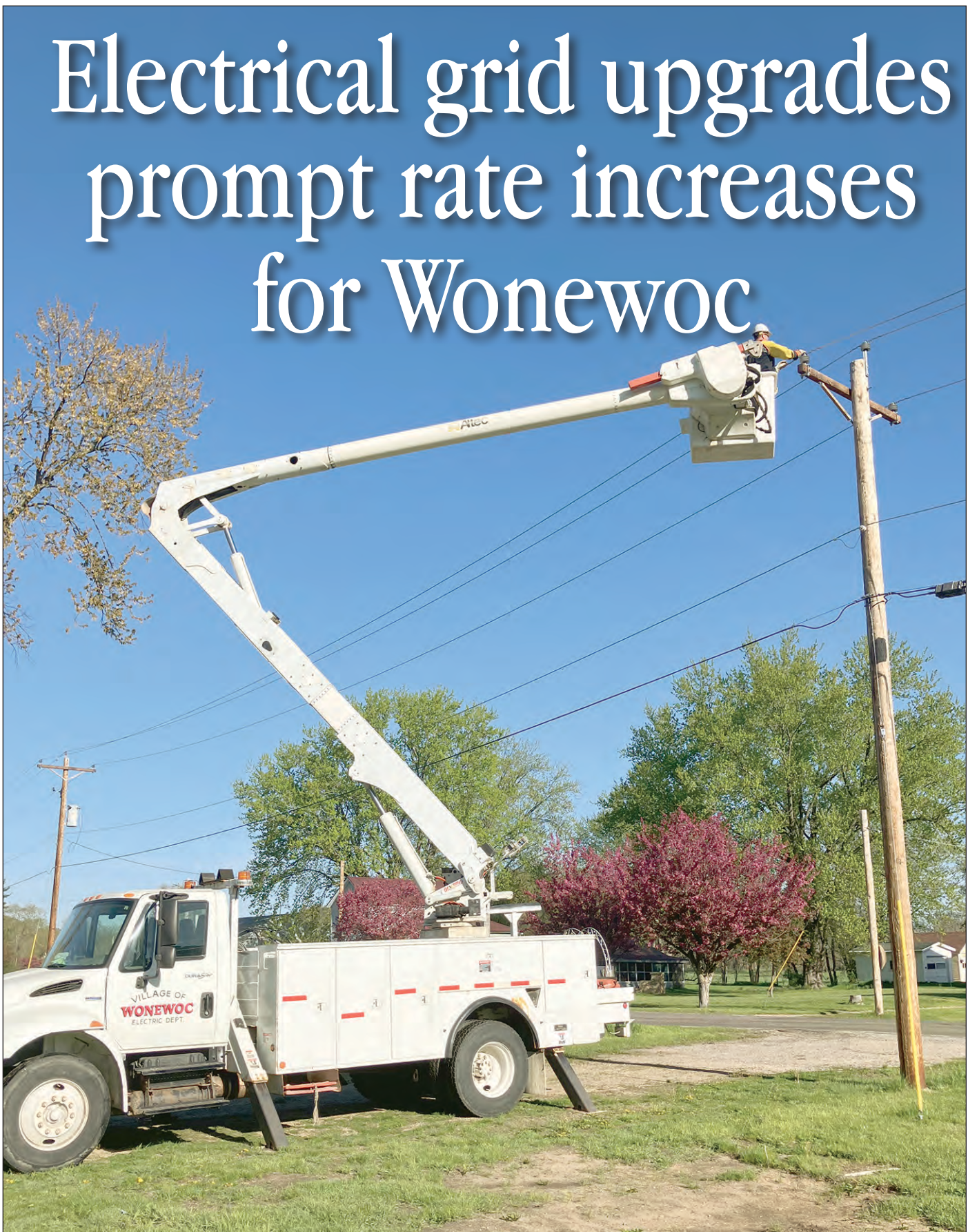
The Elroy Theatre has been a fixture of the city's downtown since 1937. The theatre opened its doors in 1937 and has been in operation continuously since. Today, it exists as the only movie theatre left in Juneau County.

Those who grew up in the Elroy area between the 1940s and 1960s may remember the Saturday night matinees with Roy Rogers and Gene Autrey, and the news clips from around the world. And don't forget the popcorn! Always a tasty treat for theatre patrons.

Something you may not know is that three other move theatres operated along Elroy's Main Street between the 1890s and the 1930s. You can learn more by checking out the Elroy Museum this summer!

The Elroy Area Historical Society is currently looking for people interested in serving on the Museum Board, which meets six to eight times a year and helps with the creation of new exhibits for the museum. The museum is also looking for volunteers to help give tours at the museum on the weekends this summer. You don't have to be a member of the museum board or even a resident of Elroy to volunteer—a love of history and willingness to learn on the job is all you really need!

If you are interested in joining the museum board or volunteering your time for a weekend or two this summer, please contact either Holly Hinzpeter at (608) 462-7505 or holly_maplelawn@yahoo.com, or Carol Zindorf at (608) 572-2827 or zind4119@gmail.com.



Damian Pasch, pictured up in the bucket of Wonewoc's utility truck, has been working on necessary upgrades to the village's electrical grid since his hiring in November of 2021. These upgrades have resulted in increases to the village's meter and kilowatt hour rates, neither of which have been raised in three or more years. Photo contributed by the Village of Wonewoc.

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

In 2019, Wonewoc resident Don Hubele announced his intentions to retire as the village's lineman—a role which placed him in charge of the village's electrical needs.

After Hubele's retirement, board members noted a few poles which were looking a bit unsteady, but the village had not experienced any unexpected power outages. Wanting to be proactive about the situation, the village recruited a new lineman to replace Hubele.

The new lineman went over the village's electrical grids and informed the village board of various items that would need to be addressed. Figuring he was the expert, the board did not question his recommendations, and he went ahead and ordered roughly \$58,000 worth of new parts and equipment to handle the issues he'd highlighted.

In addition to this, the lineman also organized an inspection of the village's power grid. Ordinarily, this would be a great thing, and the village would have no issue. However, neither the village board nor the village administration were notified of this inspection.

The report produced from the inspection was a good template for an improvement plan, according to Lee Kucher, administrator for the Village of Wonewoc. However, tackling the entire project all at once would prove costly for

the village, so the board asked the lineman to identify "low hanging fruit" in the plan as a starting point.

The lineman ultimately refused, and went on to file a complaint with the Public Service Commission before quitting two months later.

The village then hired a new lineman in November 2021, Damian Pasch from Norwalk. Pasch was asked to put together a plan to handle the various improvements and upgrades identified as necessary for the village. According to Wonewoc Village Board trustees Mike Roraff and Tonia Schumann, Pasch was able to prioritize the listed items and set up a work order system so that the village could keep track of what was being done and what the costs were. In total, the village borrowed \$340,000 to get the plan going.

Of that loan, \$40,000 was set aside to finish work on a section of the grid which will loop power from the old wastewater treatment plant to the new one. Once the original loan was used up, the village approved a \$60,000 line item in the electrical department's operating budget so that Pasch could keep working on the upgrades. As it currently stands, the upgrades are approximately 75% completed.

The Public Service Commission (PSC), which oversees utility providers throughout the country, does not allow utilities to lose money—and municipalities

can't simply dip into other tax moneys to supplement their utility departments. As a result, rate increases had to be considered.

The Village of Wonewoc hired Johnson Block Accounting Firm to handle the process, which began with an application that took six to eight months to complete, with an additional six to eight months for the PSC to review and approve.

There are two areas in which utilities earn money: the meter rate and the usage, or kilowatt hours. Throughout the application and review process, the village had to calculate the amount of money they needed to make up in order to keep their utility departments financially viable—i.e., not losing money. Rate increases were recommended by the PSC for both areas, though most utilities will focus on increasing their meter rates when needing to generate additional revenue.

In Wonewoc, the end result was a meter rate increase of \$2 per month, raising the rate from \$10 to \$12. It should be noted that Alliant, a common utility provider in the area, currently operates with a \$15 meter rate. It should also be noted that Wonewoc has not increased its meter rate in years, meaning the \$2 increase is actually accounting for multiple years, rather than just one. The kilowatt hour rate increased from approximately \$0.13 to

\$0.17, and the last time Wonewoc raised this rate was around 2021.

The new rates were put into effect following board approval at their March 2024 board meeting, and Kucher has confirmed that the annual upgrade loan payment was a considerable factor in the increase.

While the board had originally hoped to spread the upgrades and improvements over a greater time frame, which would allow the village to avoid raising their rates, circumstances ultimately did not allow for such an outcome. It should also be noted that the increases to the meter and kilowatt hour rates are not connected to the new wastewater treatment plant, contrary to some misinformation which has been made its way through the community in the past month.

Schumann and Roraff both encourage residents to contact them for additional clarification on the rates and the reasoning behind them. Schumann can be contacted at (608) 415-2376 and Roraff can be contacted at (608) 464-7140.

Schuman and Roraff also encourage village residents to attend the monthly village board meetings to keep updated on village operations. Meetings of the village board occur on the fourth Wednesday of the month, beginning at 6:00PM, at the Wonewoc Village Hall on West Street in Wonewoc.

Kendall residents saddle up to bring equine therapy to area

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
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Ten years ago, friends Becky Deist and Martha Airth-Kindree were enjoying some time out and about riding their horses together. As the conversation carried on, the pair found themselves talking about the joy they got from riding—and thus, a dream was born.

Deist, a technology teacher with 30 years of experience, and Airth-Kindree, a Milebluff foundation director for 23 years, wanted to develop a way in which they could combine their experiences with their love of horseback riding. Their conversations led them to a natural conclusion: using equine-assisted activities as a form of therapy for students of all abilities.

The pair got to work earning their certifications as Therapeutic Riding Instructors and Equine Specialists in Mental Health and Learning, going through the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship, International (PATH, Intl.)

“These certifications require knowledge of disabilities, equines, teaching, and human-animal interactions,” says Deist. “PATH, Intl., standards ensure that participants and volunteers are safe, the lesson is appropriate, and the horse is trained for the activities it is being asked to perform.”

Using horses as therapeutic aids is not a new concept. As far back as Ancient Greece, humans have been taking note of both the physical and mental benefits horses have on their human partners. Horses and humans have developed a shared empathy, with horses becoming able to mirror a human’s emotions. The natural gait of a horse also closely mimics that of a human, which can translate into physical benefits for those who struggle with walking.

Today, horses and equine therapy have been used to help treat and ease a variety of conditions, including recovery from strokes, spinal chord injuries, cerebral palsy,

learning delays and speech challenges, PTSD, autism, and even breast cancer!

With such a history behind the concept, Deist and Airth-Kindree wanted to get involved themselves. However, as no such programs exist in or around Kendall, where both Deist and Airth-Kindree reside, the pair hit the road and joined up with the Baraboo River Equine-Assisted Therapies (BREATHE). While they greatly enjoyed their work, it didn’t take long for them to notice a few issues—chief among them being that the program had no room to grow, despite a waiting list of clients.

Deist and Airth-Kindree decided they would help make room. They organized a pilot program at Holiday Hilltop Ranch in Tomah last summer, hoping to better gauge if they could make their own facility closer to home. The response was greater than they could have hoped. During the program, students and families now able to try a new form of therapy were able to make great improvements across a variety of conditions. One student even spoke for the first time ever during a session—and his first word was his horse’s name.

While students and families were noting improvements in their lives, they weren’t the only ones. Volunteers assisting with the program were, too. One volunteer, Gloria Pischke, was surprised by what she found to be the most rewarding part of the program.

“I thought I would say working with the horses,” says Pischke, “but honestly, the students’ growth, focus, and skill have been profound.”

The pilot program’s success as resulted in Deist and Airth-Kindree establishing a 501c3 non-profit, named Bluff and Ridge Equine Assisted Therapies, Inc. They’ve also established a partnership with the Wisconsin Children’s Long-Term Support (CLTS) Waiver Program and other programs, as well as entered into contracts with Monroe, Juneau, and Jackson Counties, to help bring equine-assisted

therapies to the area. “This is a public charity,” says Airth-Kindree. “Our mission is to provide children, youth, adults, and veterans with the opportunity to grow and develop through therapeutic educational and recreational activities with horses.”

Area businesses, organizations, and individuals have also offered their support for the new program opportunities. The Tomah North American Squirrel Association (nasa), for example, had been looking for its next large-scale community project, and their existing efforts to organize activities for seniors, veterans, and those with disabilities made Bluff and Ridge a perfect fit.

“Investing in projects that serve disabled individuals also serves able-bodied citizens and improves the lives of everyone who lives or visits here,” says Dave Stutzman, a member of nasa.

Currently, Bluff and Ridge is operating at Deist’s facility outside of Kendall. A donation from Rethwisch Trucking helped to get them through the winter, but they are hoping to establish a permanent location in the future.

“We are planning to build a barn, arenas, and a classroom,” says Deist. “An indoor arena will make year-round activity and therapy sessions possible and provide a facility for groups like area school classes, veterans groups, FFA, senior citizen homes, 4-H, and the Wisconsin High School Rodeo Association.”

The 2024 season is set to begin on June 3, with five four-week sessions scheduled. Currently Bluff and Ridge does not have a waiting list for their services, but that may change.

Those interested in learning more about Bluff and Ridge, and their offerings, can visit BluffandRidge.org. Information on how to become a volunteer or sign up as a participant can also be found online. You can also follow the program on Facebook, or contact Deist directly at breatheinctomah@outlook.com.



Martha Airth-Kindree (right) works with two other certified instructors during a lesson with equine therapist “Little Duke.” Contributed photo.



Spirit Horse-certified instructor Ashley Tuhill works with a student during last summer's pilot program at Holiday Hilltop Ranch. Contributed photo.



Renee Stroh, a Spirit Horse-certified instructor, poses with Duke, a mini-horse and one of six to eight horses currently involved with Bluff and Ridge. Contributed photo.





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MAY 13	Hillsboro Woman's Civic Club
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	Baseball & Softball Hillsboro @Royall 5 p.m.
	Royall MS Spring Concert
MAY 14	Varsity Track Conference Meet at Royall 4 p.m.
MAY 16	Royall JRHi Track Meet Away 4 p.m.
MAY 17	Royall JV Baseball Game
	LA Farge HS Graduation 7 p.m.
MAY 20	Track Regionals @ Cashton
	Royall Varsity Baseball Game
MAY 22	Wanewoc American Legion Bingo
	Royall Last Day of School for Students
MAY 23	Track Sectionals @ Bangor
MAY 24	Hillsboro HS Graduation 7 p.m.
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MAY 31-JUNE 1	State Track @ UW-LaCrosse
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Don't jump to ADHD diagnosis (even if you're showing possible signs)

It's a common conclusion for people to jump to. The struggle to concentrate, the inability to sit still, frequent interruptions. It must be attention deficit hyperactivity disorder – more widely referred to as ADHD.

But chances are, it isn't. Simply exhibiting one or several of its symptoms doesn't mean the disorder exists, and in fact, according to Alyssa Sherwood, a family therapist at Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital and Clinics, an official diagnosis isn't easy to receive. Many times, what looks like ADHD may likely be something different – or it's just something entirely.

"It looks like something else, or it's just not diagnosed at all because there's still this stigma around, my kid's just lazy or my kid just doesn't want to do things," Sherwood says. "So, the symptoms themselves aren't taken very seriously."

And the diagnosis itself is so broad because the criteria for meeting it is so sprawling. Because of that, many people experience symptoms of ADHD without truly having it.

"Parents – or kids who are diagnosing themselves – immediately go to, 'I have ADHD,' and most of the time, that's not true," she says. "The prevalence of ADHD is about 5 to 7% in kids. And in adults, it's even less."

In fact, most people who, by definition, have ADHD exhibit symptoms and are diagnosed before the age of 12 – though it is possible for it to be identified in adults later in life. But, Sherwood says, it isn't something you grow into. You're either born with it or you aren't.

"We know there's a huge genetic component to ADHD, as well as an environmental component," she says. "It's about as hereditary as height, which is pretty hereditary."

Being diagnosed involves an assortment of tests and the compilation of data based on the results. Providers will also want to know about one's childhood, medical history, and family and home history.

"What happened to you before you were born, while you were being born, was their any trauma? Did you hit all your developmental milestones? Were you talking early, writing late? Were you walking late?" Sherwood lists off as pieces of information that'll be sought. "Unless we have all this data, I do not give a diagnosis of ADHD. It's an intense process."

But if you believe you have



Alyssa Sherwood, family therapist, Gundersen St. Joseph's Hospital and Clinics. Contributed photo.

ADHD, going through the process and getting a diagnosis has its advantages. Though Sherwood will treat anyone with symptoms, whether they're diagnosed or not, having the designation opens further treatment options through prescription medicine use. Additionally, certain legal protections kick in for those with mental health disorders, and for children, it may trigger added support in their education.

But unlike many ailments, ADHD cannot be cured. Rather, it's something people learn to live with.

"A lot of people just get good at living with or learning how to navigate their symptoms naturally," Sherwood says. "For a lot of adults I meet with, if you've come this far in your life, you've clearly learned ways to work with your symptoms rather than against them."

But working against many people, and particularly children, are the trends on social media of those who identify their symptoms, self-diagnose the disorder, and then telling other about their misdiagnosis. That, on top of a general decrease in attentiveness in society across all culture because of technology, the push for productivity, and the fast-paced world we live in, Sherwood says.

"We are fast-paced people, and our culture is just getting more and more fast paced," she says. "Because of that, we have seen, historically, a decrease in attention. ... We can't just chalk this, 'I can't pay attention' up to 'I have ADHD.'"

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Elroy Chamber of Commerce

Wine and Beer Walk

While enjoying their beer or wine sample, participants in Saturday's, April, 27th, Wine and Beer Walk could peruse the goods sold by participating businesses, such as checking out everything Open Arms had to offer. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Kari Preuss kicked off this year's Wine and Beer Walk, the first-ever such event hosted by the Elroy Chamber of Commerce. Participants could choose to sample either wine or beer at a selection of businesses around the Elroy downtown. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Royall Bank was able to have their wine and beer station set up outside as the forecasted storms didn't reach the area until later into the evening. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

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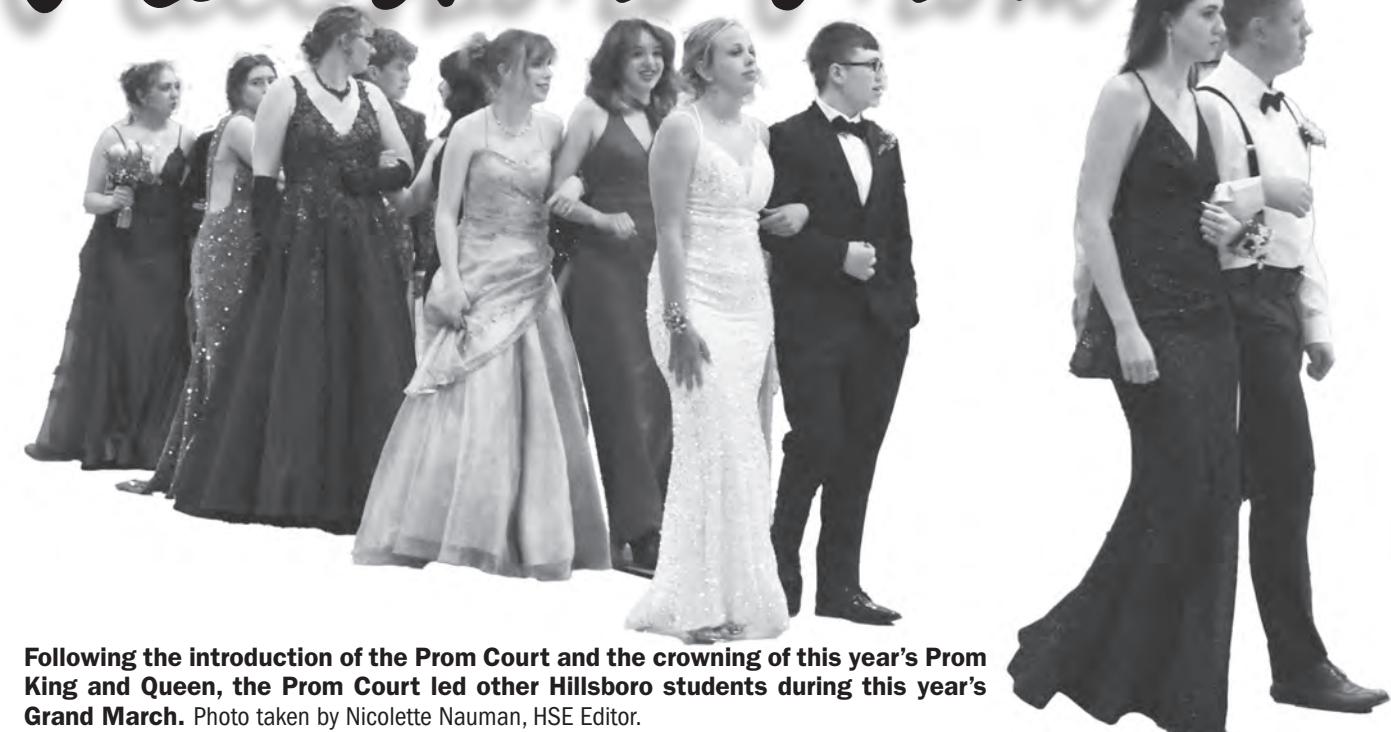
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The Elroy Theatre put a pop of color into their float for this year's first-annual Spring Fling Parade. They tossed out bags of popcorn to those watching the parade. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

Hillsboro Prom



Following the introduction of the Prom Court and the crowning of this year's Prom King and Queen, the Prom Court led other Hillsboro students during this year's Grand March. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



The 2024 Prom King and Queen were Hudson Bloor (right) and Kiana Liska (left). Congratulations to these two! Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Lexi Thorson, the 2023 Prom Queen, crowned this year's Prom Queen, Kiana Liska. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Kiana Liska and Nolan Hanson pose for photos during the introduction of this year's Junior Prom Court. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Carmen Erickson and Hudson Bloor pose for photos during the introduction of this year's Junior Prom Court. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Last year's Prom Queen, Lexi Thorson, and Prom King, Carter Bracey, joined this year's Junior Prom Court to pass on their crowns to the 2024 Prom King and Queen. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Ellie Baldwin and Garrett Rafel pose for photos during the introduction of this year's Junior Prom Court. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Madisyn Herritz and Jaden Burnette pose for photos during the introduction of this year's Junior Prom Court. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Alexis Downing and Reed Urban pose for photos during the introduction of this year's Junior Prom Court. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Michelyn Hansen and Isaac Thyne pose for photos during the introduction of this year's Junior Prom Court. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



After making a few rounds around the decorated gym, it was time for the Grand March's grand finale. This year's prom-goers lined up to form a human tunnel around the gym for others to pass through. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Instead of the traditional corsages, this year's Prom Court opted for colorful tulip bouquets—perfect for the spring season. Pictured are Carmen Erickson (left), Kiana Liska (center), and Madisyn Herritz (right). Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



The 2024 Junior Prom Court, left to right: (back row) Ellie Baldwin, Garret Rafel, Isaac Thyne, Michelyn Hansen, (middle row) Kiana Liska, Nolan Hanson, Carter Bracey, Lexi Thorson, Jaden Burnette, Madisyn Herritz, (front row) Alexis Downing, Reed Urban, Hudson Bloor, and Carmen Erickson. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

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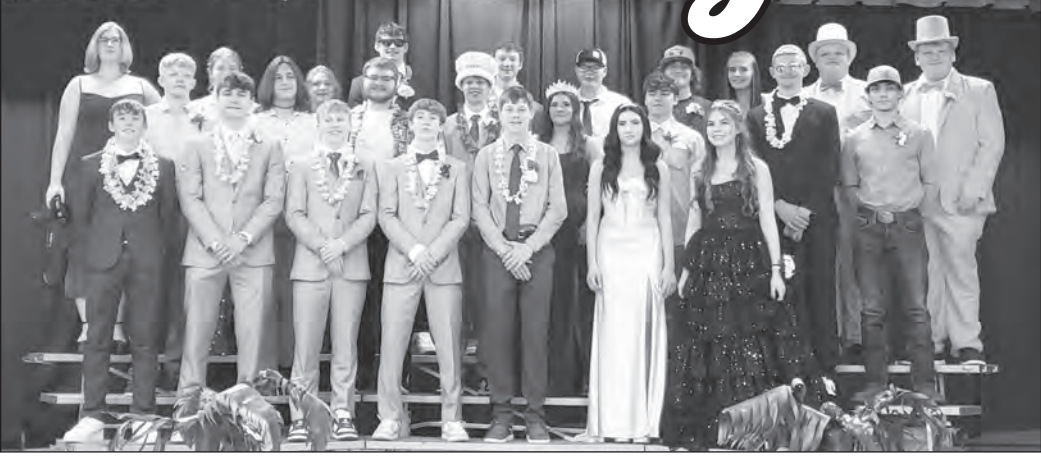
HILLSBORO <i>Calendar of Events</i>	
MAY 9 p.m.	Hillsboro Baseball & Softball New Lisbon @ Hillsboro 5 p.m.
MAY 10	W-C/Hillsboro Golf @Skyline Varsity 4:30 p.m.
MAY 11	Hillsboro Track & Field @Boscobel 3:30 p.m. Spring Household Hazardous Clean Sweep At Vernon County Solid Waste & Recycling Facility, S3705 Cty Rd LF, Viroqua
MAY 13	W-C/Hillsboro Golf @Skyline JV 4:30 p.m. Hillsboro Baseball & Softball @Royall 5 p.m.
MAY 14	W-C/Hillsboro Golf Conference @Coulee Golf 11 a.m.
MAY 20	Hillsboro Baseball @North Crawford 5 p.m.
MAY 23	W-C/Hillsboro Golf Regionals TBD
MAY 24	HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION 7:30 p.m.
MAY 25	W-C HS Graduation 10 a.m. Royall HS Graduation 10 a.m. APPACHE BLUES Showing on ballfield in Ontario, WI. 9 p.m.
MAY 30	W-C/Golf Sectionals @ Lawsonia-Green Lake
MAY 27	MEMORIAL DAY Parade and Sheriff Roy Torgerson will Speak At the Memorial 10 a.m.
JUNE 1-SEPT. 21	HILLSBORO FARMERS MARKET AT 1058 Crest Ave, Hillsboro, 1st & 3rd Saturdays starting June 1st.
JUNE 7 & 8	La Farge Village Wide Rummage Sales
JUNE 14	H.O.P. E. WALK at Hillsboro High School Track 6 p.m.
JUNE 15	HILLSBORO Spring Clean-up, Crest Ave, 7:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.
JUNE 23	Hillsboro Lions Dairy Breakfast, Crafts, flea Market & Music at Fireman's Park 7 a.m. to 12 noon
JULY 27	Cheyenne Settlers Heritage Society Reunion & Fundraiser at Fireman's Park, Hillsboro 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
AUGUST 3	Valley Community Center is planning a Rural All Country Schools Reunion of the Hillsboro District in Valley
SEPTEMBER 2	HILLSBORO LABOR DAY PARADE 10:30 a.m. and Chicken Bar-B-Que at Fireman's Park and kids games-Fun Day for Families.

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MAY 9	W-C Baseball & Softball @Necedah 5 p.m. W-C/Hillsboro Golf at Skyline Varsity 4:30 p.m. W-C JrHi Track at Viroqua 4 p.m.
MAY 10	W-C Track at Adams-Friendship 4 p.m. W-C Elementary Spring Program Kendall Library will Have a sourdough bread class With Sarah Huggins 11 a.m. (Bring a quart jar with Loose lid to take some starter home).
MAY 11	W-C Prom
MAY 13	W-C Baseball & Softball Brookwood @ Wonewoc 5 p.m.
MAY 14	W-C/Hillsboro Golf at Skyline JV 4:30 p.m. W-C/Hillsboro Golf Conference @Coulee Golf 11 a.m. W-C Track Conference @Royall 4 p.m.
MAY 16	W-C JrHi Track at Bangor 4 p.m.
MAY 17	W-C MS/HS Spring Concert
MAY 20	La Farge HS Graduation 7 p.m. W-C Track Regionals @ Cashton W-C School Board Meeting
MAY 22	W-C Senior Banquet
MAY 23	W-C Track Sectional @Bangor W-C/Hillsboro Golf Regionals (TBD)
MAY 16,21,23	W-C Softball Regionals
MAY 23,28	W-C Baseball Regionals
May 24	Hillsboro HS Graduation 7:30 P.M.
MAY 25	W-C HS Graduation Royall HS Graduation
MAY 27	NO School Memorial Day Hillsboro Parade and Program at the Memorial With Speaker, Sheriff Roy Torgerson 10 a.m.
MAY 30	W-C/Hillsboro Golf Sectionals at Lawsonia-Green Lake
MAY 31	W-C Middle School Graduation
MAY 31-JUNE 1	State Track @UW-La Crosse
JUNE 3 & 4	No School/Teacher In Service
JUNE 6	Free Movie at the Elroy Theatre(Super Mario Bros) With free popcorn and pop
JUNE 7 & 8	La Farge Village-wide Rummage Sales
JUNE 13	River Valley Raptors will bring a live hawk, Falcon, and owl to the Kendall Community Hall (12:45-1:45)
JUNE 17	W-C School Board Meeting
JUNE 20	Magic Morgan & Liliana Magic Show at Kendall Community Hall 12:45-1:45
JUNE 23	Hillsboro Lions Dairy Breakfast, Craft Fair, Flea Market & Live Music at Fireman's Park 7 a.m. to 12 noon
JULY 27	Cheyenne Settlers Heritage Society Reunion & Fundraiser at Hillsboro Fireman's Park 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Royall Prom



Following the introduction of the prom court and the crowning of this year's King and Queen, the Royall Class of 2025 took a class photo before hitting the dance floor and enjoying their prom. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



The 2024 Royall Junior Prom Court: Zoe Morris and Karter Olson, Prom Queen Maddison Peterson and Prom King Carter Uppena, Ashleigh Klipstein and Ben Cnikey, Piper Pursell and Jackson Bender, Ava Saemisch and Seth Brandau, Ellie Benish and Carter Huber, 2023 Prom Queen Marah Gruen and 2023 Prom King Jacob Fritz. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Juniors Zoe Morris (right) and Karter Olson were the first members of the Prom Court to step out for this year's Grand March at the Kendall Community Center. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Carter Uppena (left) and Maddison Peterson (right) make their way along the path laid out for this year's Grand March, kicking off the 2024 Royall Junior Prom. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Piper Pursell (right) and Jackson Bender (left) make their way up to the stage after posing for pictures as part of this year's Grand March. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Ashleigh Klipstein (right) and Ben Cnikey (left) make their way through the Grand March during the 2024 Royall Prom. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Returning royalty Prom King Jacob Fritz (left) and Prom Queen Marah Gruen (right) were the final pair to make their way through the Kendall Community Center during last Saturday's Grand March. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Ava Saemisch (right) and Seth Brandau (left) round out the members of this year's Royall Prom Court. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Ellie Benish and Carter Huber served as this year's Miniature Prom King and Queen, carrying the 2024 crowns up to the stage during the Grand March. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Carter Uppena was crowned as this year's Prom King. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



As part of a Royall tradition, 2023 Prom King Jacob Fritz teased the audience before crowning the new Prom King. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



2023 Prom Queen Marah Gruen participated in the old Royall tradition of teasing the audience before crowning this year's prom queen. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



Marah Gruen, the 2023 Prom Queen, crowned Maddison Peterson as the 2024 Prom Queen. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



New crowned Prom King and Queen Carter Uppena and Maddison Peterson depart the stage to lead the first dance of the evening. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

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Union Center board president retires after 17 years

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

As local communities were indulging in holiday cheer in the lead-up to Christmas, Union Center resident Alan Scott was thinking of retirement.

Scott has been serving on the Union Center village board for seventeen years, and has spent the past three terms serving as the board's president. He hadn't originally intended to occupy such a role, however.

A little over forty years ago, Scott and his family settled in Union Center, liking the feel of a small community. Scott had always been involved with the local community, primarily

through his role with the village fire department. It made sense, then, to consider getting involved with the village board.

Funny enough, Scott was actually planning on stepping down from the board when he was approached about running for the president position. He agreed, and when no one ran against him the following two election cycles, he stuck around.

At the caucus for this year's spring election cycle, Scott decided to move forward with his plans to retire. He spoke with another member of the council, Brenda Madden, about her running for president

in his place. Madden agreed, and recommended a new face, Ashley Phillips, to take her vacant trustee seat.

The election came and went, with Madden securing the board presidency and Phillips winning her seat with the board. On Wednesday, April 17, Alan Scott led his last board meeting. To celebrate, the board brought in a cake and presented him with a special plaque recognizing his years of service to the Village of Union Center.

For Scott, the timing just feels right for his retirement. He had always figured on retiring when he turned 70, and he'll be celebrating his

70th birthday later this spring. He's looking forward to being less focused on dates, but to otherwise just keeping doing what he's doing outside of the board.

When he'd first joined the board, he had wanted to see the village treatment plant fixed up—something he's been able to see accomplished during his tenure, to the point where the village is even starting to save some money. He's also happy to see how the village leadership has changed over the years.

"I'm proud of the employees we've got now," says Scott, going on to say that he feels the village is in good hands as he

Brenda Madden (left), newly elected to the role of village president, presented outgoing president Alan Scott with a plaque thanking him for his years of service to the village. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.



retires.

Moving forward, Scott will miss working with the rest of the board and the village employees, but he feels he still

has plenty to do that will keep him busy.

"I'll probably still drop in and say hi," says Scott.



May is here and we're racing towards the summer months. But while we're busy with things like graduation and Memorial Day, don't forget to keep your eyes peeled for a trio of flying pigs! These pigs will be making their annual rounds this month in the lead up to the annual H.O.P.E. Walk in June. They're looking to collect donations for the organization, which helps support area cancer patients and their families as they pursue treatment. Every little bit helps, so be sure to give what you can if they land in your yard this year! Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

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Father-daughter duo awarded with Quilts of Valor

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

On Wednesday, April 17, the Elroy American Legion Auxiliary Quilts of Valor (Elroy ALA QOV) recorded a new first in their books: awarding quilts to a father and daughter. The group has awarded dozens of quilts to local and area veterans, and have awarded to quilts to father and son duos in the past, but not to a father and daughter duo.

The ceremony was hosted at the Elroy American Legion Hall, and father Alan Lanners was the first to be awarded his quilt.

Lanners spent twenty years in the U.S. Army with a further seven years spent in the Army Reserves. He began his military career with basic training at Fort Orv in California before going on to complete his Advanced Individual Training (AIT) in finance.

Throughout his career, Lanners served at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana and Fort Carson in Colorado. He even taught a class at Fort McCoy, here in Wisconsin. As most who either served themselves or have family members who served will



Kirsten Suhr (left) and Alan Lanners (right) were the first father-daughter duo to be recognized by the Elroy American Legion Quilts of Valor, receiving their quilts on Wednesday, April 17. Photo taken by Nicolette Nauman, HSE Editor.

know, a military career often comes with frequent transfers. At one point, Lanners and his family had to transfer to a new base just five days after welcoming a new baby into their lives.

In his twenty-seven years of military service, Lanners earned a variety of ribbons and medals, such as Army Achievement Medal (2nd

Award) and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal.

After Lanners was awarded his quilt, it was time for his daughter, Kirsten Suhr, to be recognized for her military career.

Suhr enlisted to become a petroleum specialist and went to complete her basic training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. She recalled how

they were “trying something new” during her basic training, as she was training with mostly female recruits. After completing basic, Suhr went on to Fort Lee in Virginia for six weeks before returning to Fort Leonard Wood for truck driving school.

Most of her drills were completed at Arden Hills, Minnesota, as part of the 322 Maintenance Company. She also trained as a supply specialist, and went on to receive a National Defense Service Ribbon.

Suhr is also a member of the Elroy ALA QOV, having joined the group during their first National Sew Day in February. In fact, on the day of her awarding, Suhr also submitted a pieced top for a future Quilt of Valor, which she had begun on National Sew Day.

Both of the quilts awarded to Lanners and Suhr were pieced by Kay Stanek, as well as long-armed by Kristy Bender and bound by Joanne Wopat.

The Elroy ALA QOV has expressed their sincere thanks to Lanners and Suhr for their service and sacrifice, and were happy to award them their quilts and welcome them home.

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