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SASD to revisit optional masking

By NICOLE VIK
 Staff Writer

Sparta School Board President Josh Lydon announced that the school board will be revisiting its mask mandate policy at a regular board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 14, and that there will be a portion of the meeting dedicated to public input.

On Sept. 8, the school board reinstated Board Policy Article 904, which required face coverings at school for all staff, students and visitors. It went into effect Sept. 13.

The policy aligned with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) recommendations that school districts implement mandates for face coverings indoors.

The reinstated policy mandates that all staff and students age 5 or older are required to wear a face covering inside district buildings.

Per policy, students at the 4K

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Tomah Council OKs 2022 budget

Discrepancy discovered in tax levy worksheets going back several years

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN
 Staff Writer

The Tomah City Council set the 2022 tax levy Tuesday night.

The tax levy to finance the \$5,091,147 budget for 2022 is \$650 for the owner of \$100,000 assessed property value. The tax rate for the Tomah Lake District was set at \$23 for the owner of \$100,000 assessed property value.

Tomah City Administrator Brad Hanson did note that Tomah's three tax increment districts (TID 8, 9 and 10) did receive a budget infusion of \$10,000 each in the 2022 budget. City leaders will continue to promote development in TID 10, which includes property around the Tomah Health campus and Gundersen Clinic.

During the budget process, a discrepancy was noted that was outlined in a press release. Per the release:

During the recent budget preparation process, it was discovered by the City of Tomah's new Treasurer, Molly Powell, along with City Administrator Brad Hanson, that the 2020 Levy Limit Worksheet submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (DOR) was not accurate.

The amount listed on the Worksheet for debt service in comparison to the budget amount for debt service was overinflated. The result was a higher levy. The Treasurer obtained copies of levy worksheets from the DOR which were submitted by previous City staff in prior years going as far back as 2013 and it appears that there are additional years in which the same method was used.

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The FEZtival of Trees features a dozen decorated trees, which will be raffled off Saturday evening as a fundraiser for the ZOR Shriner Midgents Parade Unit. Herald photo by Nicole Vik

FEZtival of Trees

Shriners raising funds for new parade cars

By NICOLE VIK
 Staff Writer

The holidays are in full swing inside the Sparta Masonic Lodge, where the ZOR Shriner Midgents Parade Unit is hosting a holiday event as a fundraiser to help pay for its new parade cars.

After 57 years, the unit is retiring its 13 tiny 1964 red Thunderbird cars. While the old cars will be donated to another Shrine in Canada, the Midgents will hit the streets with brand-new cars for the 2022 parade season.

The Midgents have been in need of new cars for several years now after repeated mechanical errors and breakdowns during parades but all funds raised are typically put toward the Shriners Hospitals.

Now, the unit is raising funds to purchase new cars so the unit can continue in its fundraising efforts for the children's hospital.

The FEZtival of Trees, which is open to the public, features 12 decorated trees sponsored by local individuals, organizations and businesses that will be raffled off.

"Every tree is totally different,

which I think is such a cool thing," said Penny Brueggen, one of the organizers of the event.

All of the artificial trees are between 5 and 8 feet tall and have LED lighting. The trees include presents, which are displayed under the tree, so guests will be able to view them.

The winners will receive the trees, the ornaments, the lights, all corresponding extension cords, boxes and/or packaging and the gifts underneath.

The display opened on Nov. 15 and will be open Friday, Nov. 19, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 20, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Sparta Masonic Lodge, 603 N. Court in Sparta.

Santa Claus will be at the event on Saturday to visit and take pictures with families, and food will also be available for purchase.

Admission to the FEZtival is \$3; children 12 and under are admitted free. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or \$20 for 25 tickets, and the drawing will take place on Nov. 20 at 8 p.m.; winners need not be present to win.



Bob Honel taps into technology with his electric potato peeler as Gordy Halverson uses the old-fashioned method. Herald photo by Bob Kliebenstein

Gloria Dei to dazzle with delectable delights

Scandinavian treats worth two-year wait

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN
 Staff Writer

If you like homemade, baked-from-scratch Scandinavian treats, mark Saturday, Dec. 4, on your calendar.

It's an event that happens every other year to build up anticipation and to be quite honest, there is a significant amount of labor involved to prep for the Scandinavian Bake Sale at Tomah's Gloria Dei Church.

The sale is Dec. 4 from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Gloria Dei is located at 310 W. Elizabeth St.

Words of advice. You snooze, you will lose, according to three of the "vintage volunteers" involved with preparing Scandinavian treats that will be sold.

"Things go fast," said Evanel Johnson. She would know.

Johnson, Helen Knutson and Laura Hubert have been part of the baking crew for decades. Hubert said people will be waiting outside the church 30 minutes before the doors open.

Why not? Read on and salivate.

The bakery list includes lefse, flatbread, krumkaka, cookies, julekaga, rosettes, cashew crunch,

sandbakkels and fudge. And that is only what church volunteers prepare over a series of days leading to the sale. Other church members are welcome to bring other baked goods that are not necessarily part of Scandinavian heritage. In a nutshell, if it's sweet it's considered a treat.

When a *Monroe County Herald* reporter stopped by last Friday, the group was in flatbread focus. Lefse was prepared earlier in the week. Several male church members helped peel potatoes used for 345 Ziploc packages (three to a package). Lefse is frozen until the day of the sale.

This week the schedule calls for preparation of sandbakkels

and rosettes. Preparation is down to a science. Each item has its own folder with attached recipe, volunteers are scheduled to help, when they arrived and departed along with other pertinent information are documented. No detail is too minor to document.

On flatbread Friday the volunteers ranged from 12 years old (Abby Gordon) to the vintage volunteers. Let's just say the age gap is extensive.

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Cashton Lions Club initiates new community project

By NICOLE VIK
 Staff Writer

The Cashton Lions Club has a long history of service projects within its community. Members of the club have decided to spearhead a new service project to plant trees at Cashton Park and they are now asking for the public's help.

With 73.4 million acres of tree cover worldwide disappearing per year, in 2011, then-Lions Club International President Wing-Fun Tam challenged all Lions organizations to plant 1 million trees. The result was 15 million trees planted in every inhabited continent with millions more planted since.

The new trees in Cashton will replace trees that were removed over the past few years and help combat the negative effects of global climate change. The club feels that by planting new trees, the park will remain an asset for generations to come.

In July of 1950, residents of the Cashton area saw a need for a public space to host recreational, athletic, civic and cultural events and a 23-acre lot on the west end of the village was purchased.

Since then, the park has been home to Cashton High School baseball, softball and football games; track and cross-country meets. There have also been countless family reunions, parties, festivals, concerts and meetings held at the park.

The Cashton Park is a treasure to the community. Residents visit the park for various reasons including on their lunch breaks, to walk their pets, play tennis or disc golf, or to take a leisurely stroll.

The Cashton Lions have a long history of facilitating improvements at the park including a shelter house, press boxes, bleachers, scoreboards, tennis courts and improved accessibility. The new project will further improve the park.

As part of the campaign, the goal is



The new trees in Cashton Park will be planted, mulched and edged and will be available in varied species. Herald photo by Nicole Vik

to plant 30, 10-foot trees of varying species at the park. The trees will be chosen for the location, planted, mulched and edged to assure the enhancement of the area for many years to come.

For a donation of \$350 or more, a tree will be planted in the individual's name or as a living gift to a family member, friend, co-worker or employee. Interested parties may also want to consider a gift as a memorial to a loved one.

Individuals may also make a donation of any amount for Cashton Park improvements. Forms to sponsor a tree can be found on the Cashton Lions Club Facebook page.

Please call (608) 654-7898 with any questions. Donations may be made payable to Cashton Lions Club and sent to:

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Sparta library events

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Board in the Library: Tuesday, Nov. 30, 3 to 5 p.m. An afternoon of card games, board games and Switch games. Open to all ages.

Storytime: Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. Stories, songs, rhymes and more. Designed for young children and

their caregivers.

Minute to Win It: Kids vs. Adults: Saturday, Nov. 20, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Challenge your grown-up to the ultimate skills test. Stop in the library for silly 60-second challenges and lots of laughs. The Sparta Free Library is at 124 W. Main St. Call (608) 269-2010 or visit spartalibrary.org for more information.

Love Light to be held virtually

Due to high rates of COVID transmission, the Tomah Health Hospice Touch and Life Choices Palliative Care programs have announced that its Love Light program will again be held virtually.

This year we need to remain safe while still honoring our loved ones and those people who need this type of service and support," said Hospice Touch & Life Choices Palliative Care director Heidi Stalsberg, MSN, RN. "It's a beautiful ceremony and people really look forward to it and this year we need to continue that and be creative to still provide that opportunity to honor those people who are no longer here and people we miss."

Stalsberg said the program will be videotaped and posted on social media and the hospital's website the week of Dec. 13.

Love Light donation forms are available at the Tomah Hospice Touch office at 601 Straw St., Molter's Pharmacy, 701 E Clifton St., Tomah, Medicine Shoppe, 300 Superior Ave., Tomah and online at www.tomahhealth.org. Forms



must be returned to Hospice Touch by Nov. 30. In the past hundreds of names were read during the event.

"It's an important time for people to recognize and remember those people who are not here anymore, and I think people have really recognized that need even if held virtually," Stalsberg added.

For more information, contact the Hospice Touch Tomah office at (608) 374-0250.

Thank You

On Sunday, Nov. 14th at about 4:45 p.m. I went thru the drive thru at McDonald's in Sparta. I ordered my meal then went to the pay window, and imagine my surprise when the employee told me my meal had been paid for. I don't know who you are but, I thank you very much. It proves there are nice people out there. It renews your faith in human kindness. Thank you! Thank you!

**Bev Treu
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Sponsorships, donations sought for Norwalk's flower baskets

One of the highlights of driving through Norwalk in the summer are the flower baskets hanging from the light poles and the planters lining the street. These indicators of summer have been sponsored by the Rails to Trails Committee for approximately 20 years. In an effort to continue to enhance Main Street, sponsorships and memorial donations are being sought.

Sponsorships may be made by businesses or individuals and memorial donations can be done to honor someone who has had significance to the donor. The contribution of \$50 will be recognized on a sign to be placed near the corner of Main and Railroad streets. There are a total of 22 containers and if the number of donors surpass this amount, additional funds will be used to develop the plantings in the Norwalk Village Park. To make a donation or for additional information, contact

Barb Ornes at barbornes@gmail.com or call (608) 797-7873.

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Reception for holiday exhibit Monday evening

A new exhibit at the Monroe County History Room will usher in nostalgia from 1960s holiday celebrations.

A reception for a Swinging '60s Christmas will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at the history room, 200 W. Main St., Sparta. Admission is free.

Look for an article on this exhibit in the Monday, Nov. 22, edition of the Monroe County Herald.

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Letters to the Editor

Beware of False Advertising

Dear Editor:

As a student in France, my medical coverage was completely covered through French Social Security. Later when visiting relatives in Australia, our toddler was treated cost free at a Sydney hospital. When we asked about the cost there, they said "We know how bad it is in the USA; here it's all covered." In Germany on a Sunday in 2016, my husband's treatment at an emergency clinic only cost \$58.

This leads to the questions: Why is it so different here, and in which other advanced countries, where government does control medical costs, do people lose their homes or go bankrupt because of medical costs? Nowhere!

We've seen many TV ads lately warning us that if our government controls medical costs, we will lose access to treatments and will experience delays "like Canada." If that is so, why do busloads of Americans go north to buy prescription drugs they can't afford here? Other ads lie about government wanting to raise drug prices.

Biden wants to lower our medical costs, and pass legislation to make expensive drugs like insulin affordable for all who need them. However, legislators who receive campaign donations from the pharmaceutical companies that pay for those ads refuse to cooperate. Those same companies spend roughly \$10.5 billion annually on such advertising and campaign donations to some of those legislators.

Our laws allow pharmaceutical firms to make obscene profits, supposedly deserved, due to their investment in research. Then they cling to their patents and tax exemptions, avoiding competition for years beyond what is justified. Truth is, much of that research is covered by work done through grants to universities, and our taxes that support them.

Politicians need to listen to us, their constituents, and not be swayed by pharmaceutical companies. Let your voice be heard: Tell them you want the laws changed, so we can all enjoy what other advanced nations have. Who do you believe? Greedy drug companies or our struggling neighbors?

Kay Ziegahn
Richland Center

We Can't Save Them All

Dear Editor:

From feedback, I need to clarify some of what I wrote in my last letter. It's only some refugees who are getting everything for free. American citizens start paying for everybody's "freebies" with their very first paycheck. The more freebies the government wants to come up with, the more that comes out of your paycheck. And the southern border refugees shouldn't be given everything either. Nothing is free - especially freedom. Whatever you think you are getting for free, someone somewhere is paying for it, some with their lives.

We simply cannot save everyone no matter how hard we try. Since humans have been on this earth, there have been greedy people who want more and are willing to murder others to get it. This has gone on for thousands of years and will never change. Who we really need to worry about helping is ourselves. No other countries will help us out. They are too busy laughing at our own government taking us down with the speed the Democratic administrative coup is shoving our economy down the drain, the good old USA won't be around much longer. How many people here speak Chinese?

Geri Leis
Sparta

Greetings From the North Pole

Dear Editor:

Mrs. Claus and I are still concerned that having the area children come to visit us, in the Santa's Room, in Evans/Bosshard Park, may add to the rise in COVID-19 cases in the area youth. We have decided to come to Sparta this year, but not meet indoors with the children. Instead of being indoors, we will walk around the park on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. in December (with our masks on, of course) to wish the children a Merry Christmas.

I need your assistance in getting the word out that even though we will not be sitting with the children this year, I would like them to send their Christmas wish list to me. I will answer their letters in a timely fashion. Now, the postal delivery to the North Pole can be a little delayed, so I would ask they mail their letters early. Please mail your letters to: Santa Claus, c/o Sparta Holiday Lights, P.O. Box 24, Sparta, WI 54656. Thank you for your assistance.

Santa

School Board Story Missed the Mark

Dear Editor:

I've been wanting to write this letter for a couple weeks. I've started to go to Sparta school board meetings this past summer.

Then, I'd read the *Herald*, to see how the meetings are being reported to those not attending the meeting. Well, the reporting on Oct. 28, 2021, really missed it. The article looks like nobody from the *Herald* showed up for the ANNUAL Sparta School board meeting. This meeting is where the people of the school district have the opportunity to have some input on what's going on with the Sparta schools, the annual school budget, make recommendations, etc.

I believe the public should know that a motion was made and seconded, to allow the public to have input at school board committee meetings. It was brought to a vote: 38 for/38 against, so it failed. Two board members voted FOR the motion, four board members DIDN'T vote! (One board member was online.) Most notable of all was that the superintendent nearly knocked over her desk to wave her hand to vote AGAINST the motion.

I think that the public should have received this important NEWS, not just a description of the proposed budget.

To see that the superintendent and a number of faculty/staff DO NOT want to hear from the public is most alarming.

Gordon Dace
Sparta

Editor's note: A *Herald* reporter was at this meeting, and the resulting story focused on the budget.

Difference between legal, illegal immigration

Dear Editor:

Iris Kowalewski evidently does not understand the difference between legal immigrants and illegal immigrants. She obviously ignores the sentence in my article, "America, A Nation of Laws?" that says, and I quote, "We do have a legal immigration system that worked for all who came to this nation, and we welcome them because they respected us enough to obey our laws." And there is a path to citizenship for them.

And my dear Iris, I fear nothing, not life nor death. I have seen this nation overcome many great tragedies in my 92 years. We as a nation woke up after Pearl Harbor and we flourished. I and my four brothers were proud to serve in the military. When we suffered 9/11, we as a nation flourished. Then we were attacked by a pandemic and instead of beating it we were changed. We had become a nation of lawlessness from the government to the populace. We are blaming everything on the pandemic while our government is bent on forcing socialism upon us by mandates and attempts to curtail our God-given and constitutionally protected and guaranteed freedoms. Will America wake up and take our nation back on the road to recovery as they have in the past at the polls? That remains to be seen. But I pray for the sake of our children and grandchildren that we do, for they will reap the results of our actions or inactions. May God save America.

Rev. Al Bingenheimer
Sparta

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Guest Column

Celebrating Wisconsin's educators

Not all heroes wear capes, but all educators are heroes

Growing up, heroes were superhumans who could fly or bust through the walls of buildings with their special powers. They lived in comic books and on the big screen, and they rescued children from burning buildings or other life-threatening peril. These actions are heroic, but



Jill Underly

most of them live in the fiction section of the library or the movies. There is another group of heroes who too often go underappreciated. Teachers, school secretaries, special education assistants - all our school staff - improve, change, enrich and save lives. Even without the soaring soundtrack and special effects.

I still remember the first teacher I ever had who really saw me for who I was, and for the learner I could become. It was Mr. Holmberg, my high school choir teacher. I enrolled in 10th grade girls choir because my best friend pressured me to do it. I was shy. I didn't want to sing in front of others. Mr. Holmberg recognized something special in me, gave me small solos at first, then had me accompany the choir while he directed. He nurtured my love of music and singing, built up my confidence, and made me feel like I could do anything. He was one of the reasons I wanted to become a teacher; I wanted to build up the confidence in others and help our children discover their passions.

When I talk to my fellow educators here at DPI, I hear stories of their transformative teachers and the transformative teachers they see in their children's schools and schools across our state. One staff member is thankful for the teacher at her son's school who walked him into the building every day to help him transition into the in-person school year; she wasn't his classroom teacher, but this teacher knew that all kids are our kids and reached out to help a student she saw struggling. Another member of our team is

thankful for his daughter's elementary school teacher who took the time to recognize her for her patience with her classmates; it meant so much to him as a parent to know this teacher wanted to honor his child's kindness. One of our managers remembers her high school social studies teacher who believed in her worth long before she did; she will never forget when this teacher took her aside, expressed his concern for her health, and encouraged this student to get help for her eating disorder.

This is the tip of the iceberg - the heroes we overlook helping learners in our schools runs even deeper. The custodian who works with the school social worker to make sure students without stable housing have a place to store their belongings. The school secretary whose smile and greeting make all families feel welcome. The school nutrition worker who checks in with the students sitting alone in the cafeteria and helps them find new friends to sit with. These are the stories of Wisconsin's educators, and I invite you to join me in thanking them for their heroic work.

So let me start this American Education Week with a thank you. Thank you to my incredible team at the Department of Public Instruction. Your work makes a difference every single day in Wisconsin's schools and libraries, and I am so thankful for your commitment to our students and educators. You, and all our school staff, may not wear capes nor appear in movie blockbusters, but you are all definitely heroes.

Jill Underly is the Wisconsin Superintendent of Schools and head of the Department of Public Instruction.

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Norwalk pair helps keep community dinner going

By PAT MULVANEY
Herald Editor

Theresa Lehner and Barb Ornes are two of Norwalk's biggest supporters.

The pair has been involved in efforts to raise money for village upgrades, student scholarships and beautifying the little Monroe County berg.

The two were busy this past weekend with one of their projects, which is less about raising money and more about creating an inclusive community. Lehner and Ornes have been instrumental in carrying on the Norwalk Community Dinner, which held its 24th event last Sunday.

As the dozens of guests arrived to feast on turkey and pie, it's likely not all of them were aware of the noble reason behind the inaugural dinner in 1997.

In the 1990s, Norwalk experienced a flood of Hispanic immigrants moving into the village to work at the meat processing plant on its southern border. Those drawn to the community over the prospect of a job were mostly young Mexican men, who were living a carefree life that didn't always harmonize with the native population.

Tension between the young Hispanics, the meat plant and the village's longtime residents began to mount. To stem the animosity, a group made up of the local ecumenical religious community, representatives from the county and meat plant and concerned citizens formed "The Friends of the Community/Amigos de la Comunidad."

From that group sprang the idea for a community dinner with everyone pitching in, including the Hispanic community. Now, 24 years later, the single Hispanic males have largely been replaced by families. And, while the event has typically been well attended, the Hispanic presence has tapered off.

"I felt really bad about that because the main reason for the Friends of the Community was interaction between the two cultures," said



Lehner. But she understands that the older generation of that community feels more comfortable among themselves, and it may take a few generations for that cultural cleft to fully close.

Lehner said around 20 houses in Norwalk are now owned by Hispanics. "They're my neighbors and they're good neighbors," she said.

She is confident that in time the Hispanic community will be part of running the village, "which is not a bad thing," she adds.

Still, the dinner she helped start remains popular, drawing people from as far away as Sparta and Cashton. In 2019, volunteers served 350 meals. While it traditionally has been held at the Scenic Bluffs Community Center, the health care



Barb Ornes, left, and Theresa Lehner take a moment to pose for a picture at last Sunday's Norwalk Community Dinner held at the Norwalk fire station. Herald photos by Pat Mulvaney

clinic is not renting out the facility due to COVID.

So, organizers moved the dinner to the Norwalk fire station last year when the meals were limited to carry outs. Like other previous dinners, Sunday's included a raffle fundraiser and volunteers accepted donations to put toward community needs.

That fundraising aspect of the event is a big part of why Lehner and Ornes support the event. They also are involved in the Norwalk Rails to Trails Marathon, which is run in October and has drawn over

1,000 runners in the past.

That event, a qualifier for the Boston Marathon, now in its 14th year, experienced a participation lull after organizers were forced to move up its original November date to October to protect hibernating bats in the bike trail tunnel.

"The first few years it did fantastic," said Lehner. The marathon has raised thousands of dollars for scholarships and community projects, while putting Norwalk on the marathon map.

So far, the village plans to hold both events in 2022.

Community Thanksgiving dinners

Tomah

Mr. Ed's Community Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 25, at Murray's On Main.

Food will be served from 11 a.m. until it's gone. Volunteers will serve the meal in Murray's upper level.

Deliveries will be available to those unable to attend.

Cash donations will be accepted to offset meal costs along with donated pies for dessert. Pies can be delivered to Murray's on Wednesday, Nov. 24.

If you want to volunteer or would like to be on the list for a delivered meal, call (608) 343-4956 by Monday, Nov. 22. For more information, check Facebook at mredsccommunitythanksgivingdinner.

Cashton

There will be a free community Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings on Sunday, Nov. 21, at the Cashton Community Hall.

The meal will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and there will be door prizes and coloring for the children. Everyone is welcome.

If you would like to donate food, money or door prizes, or would like to have a meal delivered, call Mary Beth Hanson at (608) 633-4564.

Bangor

Bangor's 24th annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 25, at the Log Cabin, N4697 Highway 162 in Bangor.

Monetary, canned and dry goods donations will be accepted for the Care and Share Food Pantry in West Salem.

Masks are optional but recom-

Meetings

■The Sparta Area School District Board of Education will have a Referendum Workshop on Monday, November 22, at 5:00 pm at the Meadowview LMC and the Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 23 at the Meadowview LMC at 7:00 pm.

Duplicate Bridge

Winners at Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday afternoon, November 9th, were:

First place - Ken Kuhn and Maila Kuhn; Second place - tie between Amy Bernath and Bev Wendorf and a tie between Donna Mesner and Sandra Schaefer.

This group meets regularly each Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Hospitality House of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Interested participants are welcome. Partnerships can be arranged. Contact Bev Wendorf at 269-6405 or 608-633-7655.

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WILLIAM JOSEPH "BEAVER" SCHULTZ

December 29, 1938 — November 11th

HATFIELD - William Joseph "Beaver" Schultz of Hatfield, WI (formerly of Tomah) passed away on Thursday, November 11th at the age of 82.



Born in Tomah on December 29, 1938 to William and Marie Schultz, William Schultz Beaver went on to graduate from Tomah Senior High as a member of the class of 1957.

On May 29, 1959 he wed the love of his life Mary E. Dams in a ceremony in Waukon, IA. In the years to follow, the two made their home and raised their family near Mary's family farm in Tomah. Beaver went on to work at 7-Up and later with Milwaukee Road before finally taking a job at the Tomah V.A. Hospital, where he worked until his retirement.

After his wife and kids, fishing was Beaver's favorite passion. Chances are, if you knew Beaver, you've spent an hour or two in a boat with him, drinking a cold one and waiting to catch the next big fish. In his younger days, Beaver was a "renowned" pitcher for the Buckhorn Bar softball team and spent many summer nights on the ball field. He also enjoyed time spent at Wakoda Bowmen club and throwing bar league horseshoes.

In 1996, Beaver retired from his career at the V.A. and he and Mary moved from Tomah to their cabin on Lake Arbutus in Hatfield. Fishing with grandkids and friends, winter visits to the Gulf Coast, woodworking, and his early morning coffee clutch were among the many things Beaver enjoyed most about his retirement in Hatfield. He was known for his fish fries, campfires, and

was always the first to suggest a beanbag tournament (for a George) whenever hosting friends and family.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Mary. Beaver is further survived by his son Scott (Shelly) Schultz of Warrens; daughter Lynne (Phil) Prensckak of West Bend; daughter Nonnie (Jerry) Arndt of Chili; daughter-in-law Vicki Schultz of Gilbert, AZ and sister Donna Mesner of Tomah.

Grandpa Beaver (Putz) leaves behind eight grandchildren; Rusty Schultz of Madison; Chelsea (Greg) Morgan of Fort Worth, TX; Amber (Dan) Bristow of Warrens; Ali Schultz (Jimmy Radzik) of Phoenix, AZ; Logan Arndt of Marshfield; Austin Prensckak of West Bend; Ethan Arndt of Chili; Katie Prensckak of West Bend; and two great-grandchildren: Lucy Morgan and Porter Bristow.

Beaver was preceded in death by his parents: William A. and Marie B. Schultz (Honel); his father and mother-in-law Edward and Verna Dams; and his youngest son, Chris.

A visitation will be held from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 23rd at Calvary Lutheran Church in Neillsville. Funeral service will be held at the church beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a private burial to follow.

The Buswell Funeral Home of Black River Falls is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences are available at www.buswellfh.com.

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Or seem no longer worth
the fight, 'Cause it's me that
you are a missin',
Don't worry-be happy-
I've gone fishin'."

- David Ritter

Buswell Funeral Home

DIANA V. STREETON

March 14, 1947 — November 14, 2021

SPARTA - Diana V. Streeton, 74, of Sparta, died on Sunday, November 14, 2021 at her home surrounded by family. She was born the 3rd of 10 children on March 14, 1947 to Eldon and Harriet (Fish) Dutton.



Diana Streeton

Diana grew up in Angelo, while attending Sparta High School. After graduating, Diana married her high school sweetheart and had a beautiful son named Tracey Robert Streeton. They would later separate.

Diana worked as a military technician for the Army Reserve. She retired after 30 years. Diana also served in the Army Reserve for 20 years.

Diana was saved at the age of 11 and was baptized in New Lisbon. Her parents were members of Calvary Baptist Church and she attended with them under Pastor Owens, Pastor Sherid and Pastor Cochran. She officially became a member under Pastor Cochran. Diana worked in the church kitchen and nursery as long as she was able.

Diana loved her family and her church family. She loved traveling with her sisters. She liked to read and enjoyed word games. Diana also loved animals, especially cats.

Diana was preceded in death by her parents; her brothers John Dutton of Rice Lake, Kenneth Dutton of Sparta, Jeff Dutton of Sparta and her sister Barb (Rohn) of Boscobel; nephew Adam Rohn; two sisters-in-law Joann (John) Dutton of Rice Lake, Lena (Joseph) Dutton of Merrill; brother-in-law Ronald Rohn.

Diana is survived by her son Tracey Streeton of Sparta; sister Elda (Gary) Hinch of Tarpon Springs of Florida; brothers Michael (Gail) Dutton of Sparta, Stephen Dutton of Sparta, Joseph of Merrill, Timothy Dutton of Sparta; sister-in-law Vicky of Sparta; two aunts Janet Carrol of Cashton and Ione Fish of Tomah. Diana is further survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Memorial service to be held on Sunday, November 21, 2021 at 11:00 AM at Calvary Baptist Church in Sparta (601 W. Montgomery Street). Pastor Mike Ohman to officiate. Memorial visitation to be held before the service, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the church.

For online condolences, please visit www.schanhoferfh.com.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation of Sparta is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation

HILDA M. SKILBRED

July 7, 1934 — November 16, 2021

SPARTA - Hilda M. Skilbred, 87, of Sparta, died on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at Morrow Memorial Home in Sparta. She was born on July 7, 1934 in Dorchester, WI to Lars and Edith (Stockwell) Skilbred.



Hilda Skilbred

Hilda grew up in Dorchester, WI. Her family moved to Camp Douglas, WI when she was a teenager. When Hilda left home she moved to Evanston, IL where she and her sisters ran a boarding house.

In 1974 Hilda and her two sisters Grace and Eleanor moved to Sparta, WI. Where she enjoyed farming and working at her brother-in-law Harold Blazek's

sawmill. Hilda loved children, and later did foster care for many years.

Hilda is survived by her many nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents and 11 siblings.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 22, 2021 at Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta. A funeral visitation will be held from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Interment Glenwood Cemetery in Dallas, WI.

Online condolences may be offered at www.schanhoferfh.com. Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta is assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation

DUANE LYLE WENZEL

March 19, 1940 — November 13, 2021

SPARTA - Duane Lyle Wenzel, 81, of Sparta, passed away on Sunday, November 13, 2021, at the Gundersen Health System, La Crosse. He was born March 19, 1940 to Lyle and Adeline Wenzel.



Duane Wenzel

Duane is survived by his sister, Patricia (Robert Evans) of Brainerd, MN, James Wenzel of La Crosse and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Kenneth and Donald and sister-in-laws, Karen Wenzel and Pamela Wenzel.

Duane came to live with Dick and Louise Evans, Bangor, WI, at the age of 14 as a hired hand. He stayed with the family for 55 years doing all types of farm work, milking cows, field work, and working up the crop ground.

He loved driving his beloved dump truck, his John Deere 4020 tractor, his John Deere Gator and his red scooter around the farm. During the harvest season he loved hauling grains to the Country Farm Supply. He looked forward to the deer hunting season on the farm. Duane thought of Sparta and Bangor as his home.

He eventually lived in one of the farm houses located in Sparta, and in 2015 he moved into the Morrow Home Community

Assisted Living of Sparta. He made himself right at home with residents and staff. He was very well liked there and found new and close friendships. In February of 2015, the Morrow Community selected him as their "King of Hearts" and he retained his status as Royalty for the rest of his life. He enjoyed riding in the Butterfest parade and attending the summer Concert in the Park.

Duane loved putting together puzzles and assembling models. He was a talented artist and spent hours etching and drawing. Duane was a man of deep faith and spent time every day in God's Word, knowing that God was in control of all things. He loved all John Wayne films and treasured his John Wayne blanket.

All who knew Duane will truly miss him. Duane's memories of working on the farm never were forgotten as he had a great memory. People found joy in hearing stories of those years. Thank you to the Morrow Home Community for their dedication to Duane's needs and happiness.

A public visitation and a funeral service will be held on Wednesday, November 24 at the Dickinson Funeral Home, 401 Main Street, Onalaska with visitation at 9:00 AM and services at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow at the Mormon Coulee Cemetery. Pastor Scott Skogen will officiate.

Dickinson Funeral Home

SHAUN WILLIAM SCHMITZ

October 19, 1979 — November 15, 2021

WESTBY - Shaun William Schmitz, 42, of Westby, WI, passed away in his sleep Monday, November 15, 2021, at his home. Shaun was born October 19, 1979, to Scott Schmitz and Robyn Ripley.



Shaun Schmitz

Shaun was a 1998 graduate of Cashton High School. Over the years he worked at various jobs in the area in welding and fabrication. Shaun was currently working as a line haul driver at XPO Logistics and had found a job he enjoyed and was the most proud of how it provided for his family.

Shaun loved the people in his life with his whole heart. As a child he was precocious and was always game for an adventure on the farm with his cousins. That sense of adventure carried on throughout his life with road trips, camping, and UTV rides. He had a personality that was larger than life and a great laugh.

He was clever and knew how to make you laugh with his one liners and sharp wit. Many hilarious conversations were enjoyed with Shaun around the campfire over the years by so many. He was always willing to help if you were in need and had many talents. He also had a softer side and loved heart to heart talks with his mom about life and family. He was a car enthusiast and Dukes of Hazzard fan and always wheeling and dealing on some car or toy. Over

the past several years he has gone on many adventures with his love Jessica, her children and Deagan and this meant so much to him.

Shaun is survived by his significant other, Jessica Hanson; Shaun's son, Deagan Duane Schmitz; mom, Robyn and Brian Leis; dad, Scott and Sue Schmitz; siblings, Larry (Adam Mormann) Schmitz, Joshua Leis, Heather (Steve) Flock, Tiffany (Darrick) Thurston, and Cody (Morgan) Leis; grandparents, Donna (Norman) Janzen, Bea Schmitz, and Carol Leis; Jessica's children, Jarren Schroeder and Alexis Stellick; Jessica's Dad, Kelvin (Tammy) Hanson; along with many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and a lot of good friends. Shaun leaves a very large hole in many lives and will be dearly missed. We will keep the memories close and his spirit alive with stories of him.

Shaun was preceded in death by his grandparents, Duane Schmitz, Lawrence Ripley, Mary and LeRoy Gronemus, and Harvey Leis; along with his uncle, Mike Schmitz and Aunt Jan Schmitz.

Funeral Services will be held Friday, November 19, 2021, 1:00 P.M. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Cashton, WI. Burial will follow in the Leon Cemetery. Family and friends are invited for visitation from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

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level are encouraged to wear face coverings to the extent practicable; face coverings include cloth or disposable face masks and/or neck gaiters, a face shield may be worn in addition to a mask, but it is not an acceptable substitute.

The reinstatement of the policy led to much unrest among community members who did not and do not support mandatory masking and adamantly spoke out against reinstating the policy.

On Sept. 28, the board voted to consider returning to a mask-optional policy four weeks after a vaccine became available to children under the age of 12.

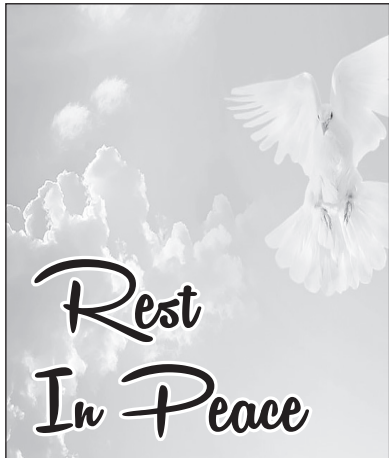
Earlier this month, DHS announced that children between 5 and 11 years old are now eligible to receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine, which requires two doses 21 days apart for full protection. It is the first and only vaccine currently available for the young age group.

According to Superintendent Dr. Amy Van Deuren, Monroe County and the Sparta Area School District's COVID-19 case rate has had little to no fluctuation in the past four weeks. "We are optimistic," she said.

While the vaccine for kids is not yet widely available at Walgreens, Monroe County Health Department did host two vaccine clinics this week and have several more scheduled in the coming weeks and into December.

Gone but not forgotten

JERRY MATTAKAT
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BAKE

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Janet Hoag, assisted by Linda Niebuhr, prepares a lefse crust. Contributed photo.

Age is merely a number, but some still insist on a little mystery to their history.

All insist the work is a labor of lefse, a testament to treats.

Gordon, helping with her mother, Kelly, provided the quote of day when asked what she gleaned from working with the baking veterans.

"You can never have enough flour," Gordon said with a smile.

She could be well on her way to a career as a pastry chef.

Proceeds from the bake sale

offset church needs and to fund youth programs, said Jane Tessman, Knutson's daughter.

There is no gender bias with prep duties. Although on flatbread Friday there was not a man to be found in the Gloria Dei kitchen. But the ladies assured the men are valued for their potato peeling prowess. Even if Bob Honel took the easy route with an electric peeler. Be assured, Honel was not banished from the lefse crew for his use of peeling technology.

They also assist with mashing and ricing (which makes lefse dough smoother).

"That is hard work," Johnson said. Per detailed notes, 250 pounds of potatoes were used this year. Gloria Aarness tracks the amount/purchase of ingredients. Without notes handy, Aarness states the obvious. They use

a lot of flour, butter, eggs and sugar. The cost of ingredients is key to how the baked goods are priced.

It goes without saying the bake sale is not about revenue. Johnson stresses fellowship of volunteers, an open door to others who want to get involved and its history. For longtime volunteer Sue (McClelland) Waeger, heritage is an essential factor. Her mother, JoAnne McClelland, was one of the bake sale founders back in the mid-'70s.

"It's a lot of fun and fellowship," Johnson said. "And we don't turn away help."

There is actually a sub-committee that plans meals when the volunteers are working to make sure they have ample nourishment during their stint in the kitchen. You can't minimize the importance of keeping your strength. Though one can only wonder if ample nourishment is an issue for quality control (taste testing). That task usually falls to the vintage volunteers.

It's a tough job if you can get it. But word to the wise for potential volunteers: An extra set of hands is always appreciated, but recipes may as well be etched in stone. Deviation can be a dirty word.

"If it ain't broke, no need to fix it," Johnson said firmly, with a gleam in her eye.

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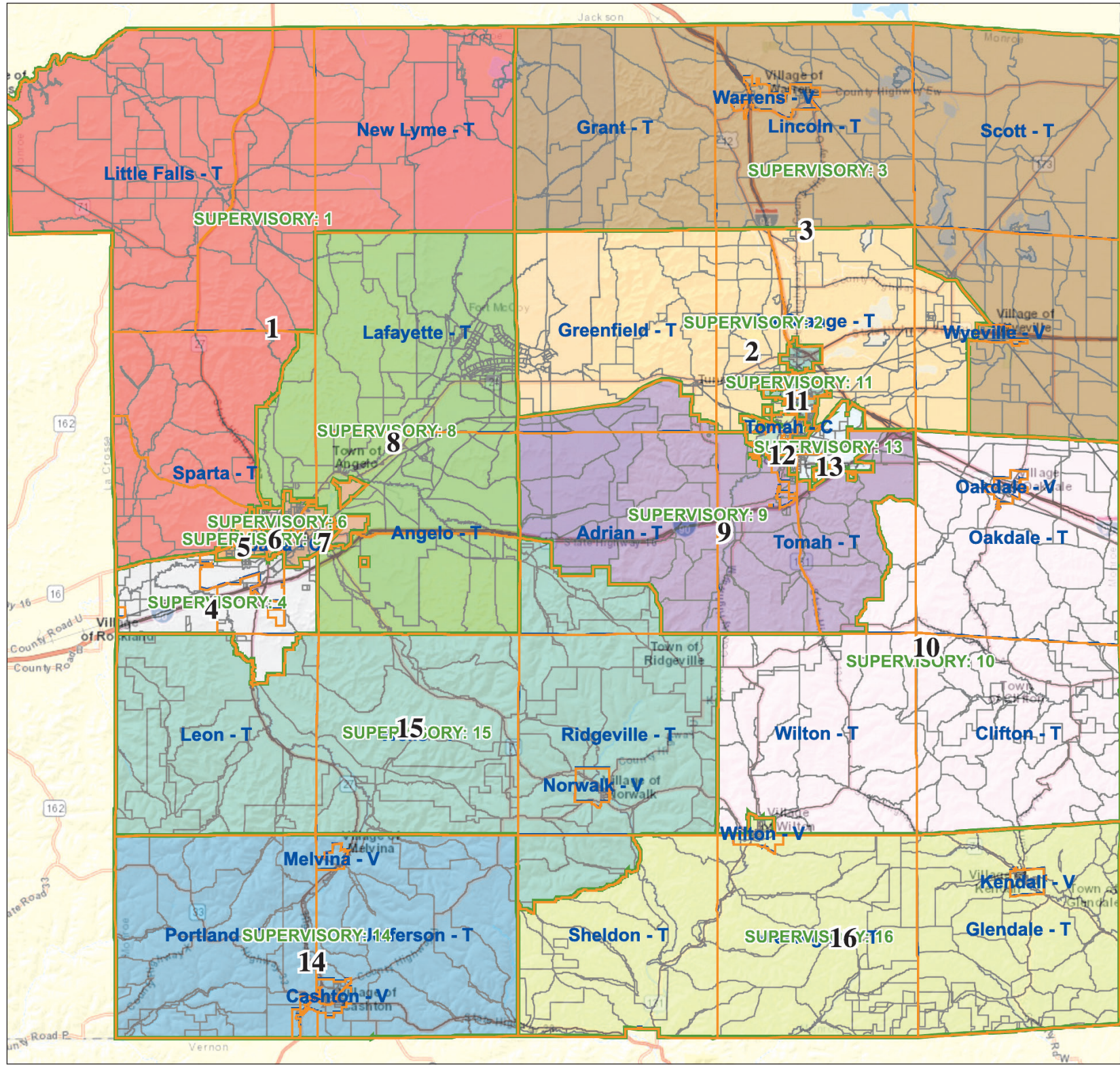
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County board election begins to take shape

By PAT MULVANEY
 Herald Editor

With candidates for the spring election able to begin circulating nomination papers Dec. 1, Monroe County Board supervisors have started submitting candidacy and non-candidacy declarations.

All 16 supervisory districts are up for election in April. However, after the county approved new district boundaries last month, not all districts will have incumbents, while some will have two. Candidates have until Jan. 4 to submit nomination papers.

So far, four supervisors are seeking re-election and two have indicated they will not run. County Board Chairman Cedric Schnitzler and supervisors David Pierce, Toni

Wissestad and Jen Schmitz have filed candidacy papers.

After redistricting, Schnitzler, Wissestad and Schmitz will each reside in districts with other supervisors. Schnitzler from the Town of Sparta will be in District 1 with Alan McCoy of the Town of Little Falls. Wissestad and Mary Von Ruden will be in District 7 in the City of Sparta. Schmitz and Jim Kuhn from the towns of Portland and Jefferson, respectively, will both reside in District 14.

Mark Nicholson of the Town of Tomah and Mary Cook from the town of Clifton were redistricted

into District 10, but Nicholson has indicated he will not run for the seat in April. District 8 Supervisor Mark Halverson of the City of Sparta also submitted a declaration of non-candidacy, which will leave a vacancy for the seat in the April election.

The other vacant seats for the spring election include districts 4, 6 and 16.

Monroe County Circuit Court Judge Mark Goodman's seat also will be on the ballot, along with that of Judge Brian Blanchard, District IV Court of Appeals.

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Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the Farm Credit cooperative's giving program, has awarded 155 grants as part of their Emergency Response Equipment Program, totaling \$450,391. The Norwalk Fire District is happy to announce that it was one of the recipients chosen to receive a \$3,000 grant to be put toward the 10 new sets of turnout gear recently purchased by the district. Contributed photo

Norwalk wins grant for emergency equipment

Norwalk Area Fire District has been awarded a \$3,000 grant from Compeer Financial's Fund for Rural America, the farm credit cooperative's giving program, as part of its Emergency Response Equipment Program.

The fire district will use funds to secure turnout gear. Emergency Response Equipment

Grants help to offset the cost of equipment that community emergency response departments need to carry out their work throughout rural America.

The 2021 Emergency Response Equipment Grants -- totaling \$450,391 -- will directly impact the lives of 4,043 first responders and will touch the lives of 696,396 rural

residents.

"We are proud to partner with emergency response organizations across our territory, all of which are vital parts of their communities," said Karen Schieler, senior corporate giving specialist at Compeer Financial. "The Emergency Response Equipment Grant Program allows Compeer to enrich these rural

communities and potentially save lives by helping to provide essential equipment that first responders need to do their jobs."

Since the program was established in 2018, the fund has awarded 646 Emergency Response Equipment Grants for a total impact of over \$1.7 million. The fund intends to offer this grant again in August 2022.

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The Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

How to help your overmedicated parent

Dear Savvy Senior, My 75-year-old mother is currently taking 16 different prescription and OTC medications and I'm worried she's taking way too many drugs. Can you suggest any resources that can help us? Worried Daughter

falls. Doses need to be continually adjusted with age, and most of the time that doesn't happen.

Get a drug review: If you have concerns or questions about the medications your mother is taking, gather up all her pill bottles, including her prescription and over-the-counter drugs as well as vitamins and supplements, put them in a bag, and take them to her primary physician or pharmacist for a comprehensive drug review.

Medicare provides free drug reviews with a doctor during annual "wellness visits," and many Medicare Part D prescription-drug beneficiaries can get free reviews from pharmacists, too.

At the drug review, go through each medication and find out if there are any duplicate meds or dangerous combinations your mom is taking, and if there are any drugs she could stop taking or reduce the dosage. Then, make a medication master list and keep it updated so it can be easily shared whenever your mom sees a doctor.

To help with this, AARP offers a free "my personal medication record" form that you can download and print at AARP-medical-record-form.pdfiller.com. Or, if your mom uses a smartphone, she can use a pill tracking app like Medisafe - Pill &

Med Reminder (MyMedisafe.com).

Other tips: If possible, your mom should also use a single pharmacy to fill all her prescriptions. The software that pharmacies use to manage patient prescriptions is designed to cross reference all medications a patient is taking to ensure that there are no drug interactions that could cause harm.

• Also, the next time your mom's doctor prescribes a new medication, she should ask about nondrug treatment options that might be safer. If the drug is indeed necessary, she needs to find out how long she's supposed to take it and the side-effects it can cause.

• Another good resource that can help keep your mom safe is the American Geriatrics Society, which has identified 10 different types of medications that people 65 and older should almost always avoid because of the risk of serious side effects. They include the anti-anxiety drugs diazepam (Valium) and alprazolam (Xanax), and sleep drugs such as zolpidem (Ambien) and eszopiclone (Lunesta). To see the complete list, visit HealthInAging.org and search "10 medications older adults should avoid."

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit

SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.



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Bangor VFW Post 8278 celebrates 75 years of service

By NICOLE VIK
Staff Writer

Bangor School District hosted its annual community Veterans Day assembly last week on Nov. 11 at Bangor Middle/High School, honoring veterans from all branches of the United States Military. It was a special day in Bangor as VFW Post 8278 received special recognition.

Fort McCoy Garrison Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Chad Maynard was the event's featured guest speaker. Lt. Col. Maynard assumed his duties at Fort McCoy on July 6, 2021; immediately prior he served as a professor of military science at the University of Akron in Ohio.

He earned a bachelor's of science degree and business administration from Franklin University and a master of business administration with a concentration in logistics from Trident University International.

Lt. Col. Maynard's list of military training is extensive and he is highly decorated. Since he enlisted in the United States Army in 2002, he has traveled throughout the world in service to the country, including serving as a battle captain in Kuwait during Operation Iraqi Freedom in 2004.

He explained how honored he was to speak in Bangor on a day when the country joins hands in the name of peace and freedom to pay proper tribute to the nation's veterans.

"Whenever freedom was threatened, gallant men and women have risked and sometimes given their lives by serving and wearing the uniform of this great nation," Lt. Col. Maynard said. "It is what has always made America exceptional, the generations of patriots who have dedicated themselves to the defense of the United States."

As part of this year's ceremonies, Post 8278 of Bangor was presented with the Diamond Jubilee Award, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the post's charter. Wisconsin VFW State Commander Cory Geisler presented the award to Clements - Anderson - Leis Post 8278 Commander Paul Wuensch.

On September 10, 1946, a group of Bangor residents had the forethought to organize what is now known as Post 8278.

"One of the things we say in the VFW is #StillServing," Wuensch said.

Each year on Sept. 29, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Day is celebrated at posts around the world. It's a day devoted to the organization and its members who are deeply committed to serving those who bravely serve this nation.

This year marked the 122nd year since the VFW was established and to show support of VFW Day, the world was invited to celebrate the tradition of continuous service and devotion that defines the VFW on social media by using the hashtag #StillServing.

"You enter the military to serve and when you get out, you never really stop serving," Wuensch continued.

Geisler congratulated Post 8278 on 75 years of operations, saying to have a post for 75 years is no small accomplishment.

"It's hard to maintain a post for that period of time," he said. "There's a lot of things that can happen that are outside of their control; membership wise, finance wise. A lot of things lead up to a post eventually having to close its doors."

The VFW Department of Wisconsin is currently celebrating its 100th year as a department in

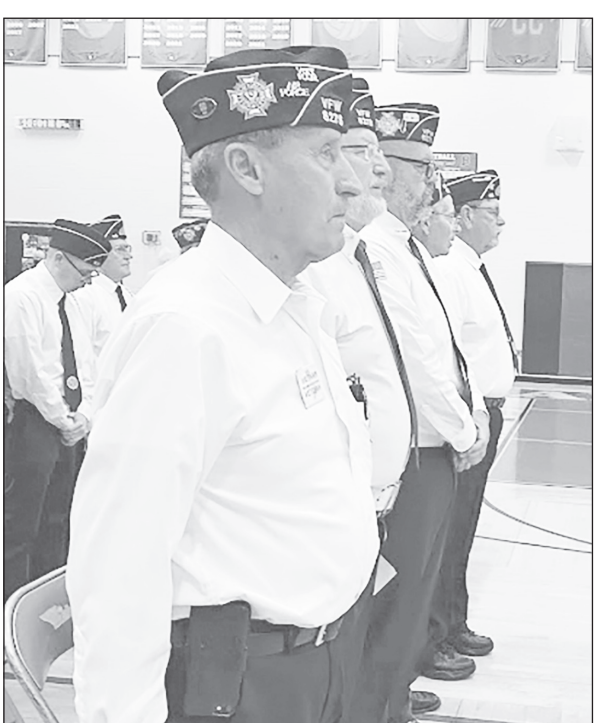


At the presentation of the award were, from left, District 11 Sr. Vice Commander Willie Stokes, Post 8278 Commander and District 11 Jr. Vice Commander Paul Wuensch, District 11 Commander Dewitt "Woody" Woodworth and Wisconsin VFW State Commander Cory Geisler.

Wisconsin. "That means this post has been around for 75 of the 100 years that the VFW Department of Wisconsin has been in existence," Geisler said. "That is a significant achievement and it's due to the hard work and dedication of all these members that you see sitting here."

Geisler added that a post is nothing without its members, but more importantly it is nothing without the community. "There was a time when nothing happened in these small communities that did not have some imprint from one of the veteran service organizations," he said.

Geisler said he is looking forward to 25 years from now when he will read about Post 8278 celebrating 100 years. "I think you've got what it takes to keep it going for a long, long time," he said.



Members of Bangor's VFW Post 8278 stood proudly during a Veterans Day ceremony held at Bangor High School. Contributed photos.

SUDOKU Answers on page 15

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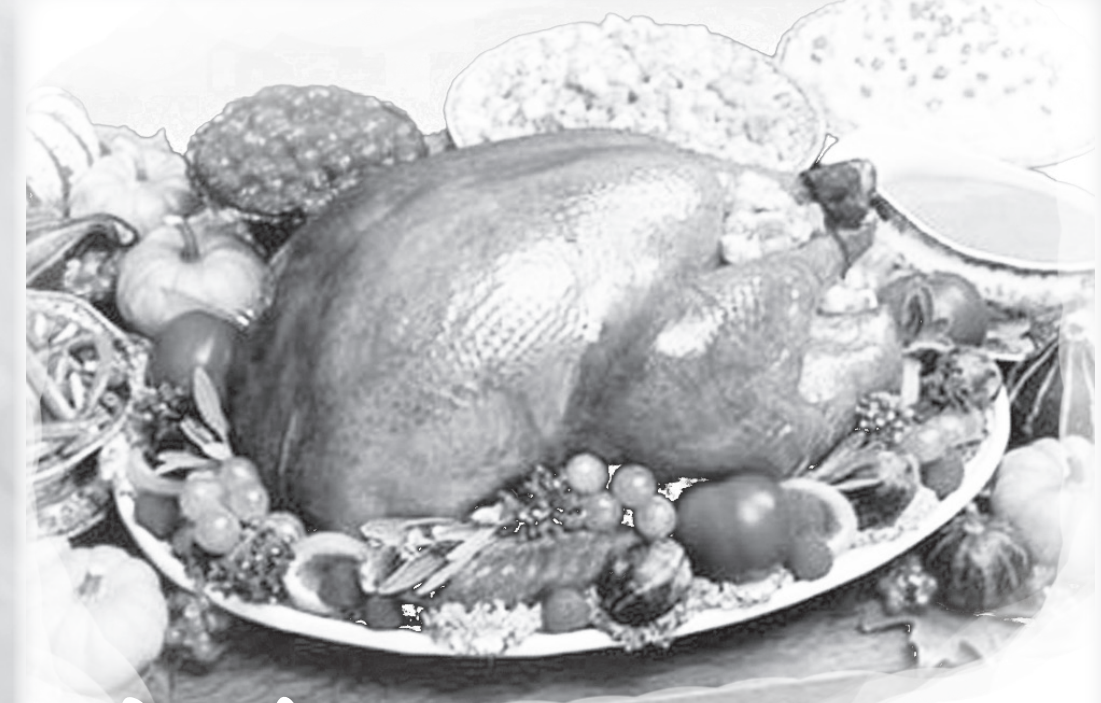
- CLUES ACROSS**
- German philosopher
 - A type of stock trading (abbr.)
 - Cincinnati ballplayers
 - Deerlike water buffaloes
 - Island
 - Jewish calendar month
 - Round Dutch cheese
 - Unstressed syllable of a metrical foot
 - A restaurant needs one
 - Decent behaviors
 - Groans
 - Works hard
 - Upset
 - A sound made in speech
 - One point east of due south
 - Boxing's GOAT
 - Whittles
 - Tailless amphibian
 - Surrounded
 - Doesn't stay still
 - Copycat
 - Four-door car
 - Morally correct behavior
 - Something that is owed
 - Pasta needs it
 - Ant-Man's last name
 - Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!
 - Small period of time (abbr.)
 - Woman (French)
 - On or around
 - Fencing swords
 - Fonts
 - A command in the name of the court
 - Sprays with an irritant
 - Georgetown athlete
 - Dry or withered
 - Sign of injury
 - Tracts of land (abbr.)
 - 365 days
 - Physique
 - Icelandic poems

- CLUES DOWN**
- Bodily substance
 - Internal
 - Provoke or annoy
 - Type of lounge chair
 - Losses
 - Makes less severe
 - Identifies a thing close at hand
 - Group of blood disorders (abbr.)
 - Rebuilt
 - Ancient Greek City
 - American investigative journalist
 - Partially melted snow
 - Take shape
 - Mexican beverage
 - Patti Hearst's captors
 - Jacobs and Summers are two
 - Disfigure
 - Scientists' tool (abbr.)
 - Ill-mannered person
 - Overhang
 - Famed rat catcher
 - Passover feast and ceremony
 - Equal to 10 meters
 - Central processing unit
 - Chinese native religion
 - Unfermented juices
 - "To the ___ degree"
 - Frozen water
 - Medieval circuit courts
 - 1,000 cubic feet (abbr.)
 - Gossipy
 - Shopping is one type
 - Palmlike plant
 - Partner to "oozed"
 - Welsh name meaning "snow"
 - Popular Mexican dish
 - It helps power devices
 - Reddish-brown wildcat
 - Impertinence
 - Legal financial term (abbr.)
 - Atomic #52

Answers on page 15

Holiday Parade ends Thanksgiving week

The Tomah Chamber Holiday Parade will be an exclamation point for Thanksgiving week. The theme this year is "There's Snow Place Like Home." As in past years, the parade is on Superior Avenue. Entries will line up at 6 p.m. on McLean Avenue, and the parade starts at 7 p.m. Entries are encouraged to decorate units according to the theme. Units will be judged this year. Register a unit by noon on Tuesday, Nov. 23, at bit.ly/Holidayparade2021



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MCHD reports 233 new COVID cases this week

By NICOLE VIK
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, the Monroe County Health Department reported 233 new confirmed cases of COVID and five new hospital admissions between Nov. 10 and 16.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), Monroe County has had a total of 7,113 confirmed and probable positive cases, La Crosse County has had 18,696 and the state of Wisconsin has had a total of 937,212 confirmed and probable positive cases of COVID as of Wednesday morning.

As of Nov. 17, Wisconsin has had 8,812 confirmed COVID-related deaths and 965 probable cases. La Crosse County has had a total of 119 confirmed COVID-related deaths and two probable while Monroe County has had a total of 53 confirmed COVID-related deaths and three probable.

New cases are up from last week and the transmission level in Monroe County remains high. The county health department continues to recommend that all individuals age 2 and over in areas of high transmission, regardless of vaccination status, continue to wear a mask when in indoor public spaces, at indoor gatherings and crowded outdoor gatherings.

Other steps individuals can take to protect themselves and others from COVID include:

- Getting vaccinated if able.
- Maintaining at least a 6-foot distance from others.
- Washing hands frequently.
- Staying home if feeling sick.
- Getting tested if experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Some common symptoms of COVID-19 include fever or chills, cough, fatigue, headache, difficulty breathing, muscle or body aches, diarrhea, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and/or a loss of taste or smell.

There will be free community testing events every Saturday throughout the month of November from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the La

Crosse County Highway Shop located at 301 Carlson Road in West Salem.

The site is intended for residents of western Wisconsin, however, it is available to anyone, even those not experiencing symptoms, age 12 months and older.

Results are usually available within two to three business days, but may take longer during times of high testing activity. To pre-register for the event, visit <https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov>.

For a full list of community testing events, visit <http://healthymonroecowi.org/covid-19/>.

According to the CDC, COVID-19 vaccines are safe, effective and free. The state of Wisconsin has administered 6,530,794 doses of vaccine with 3,380,531 individuals having received at least one dose and 3,210,654 Wisconsinites have completed the vaccine series.

In Monroe County, there have been 40,719 doses of vaccine administered; 20,498 individuals have completed the vaccine series and 21,689 individuals have received at least one dose.

In La Crosse County, a total of 142,784 vaccine doses have been administered. A total of 74,699 residents have received at least one dose while 71,631 individuals have completed the series.

A Pfizer COVID-19 Booster and 5-11Y Clinic will be held at Norwalk Community Health Center on Monday, Nov. 22, from 3 to 6 p.m.

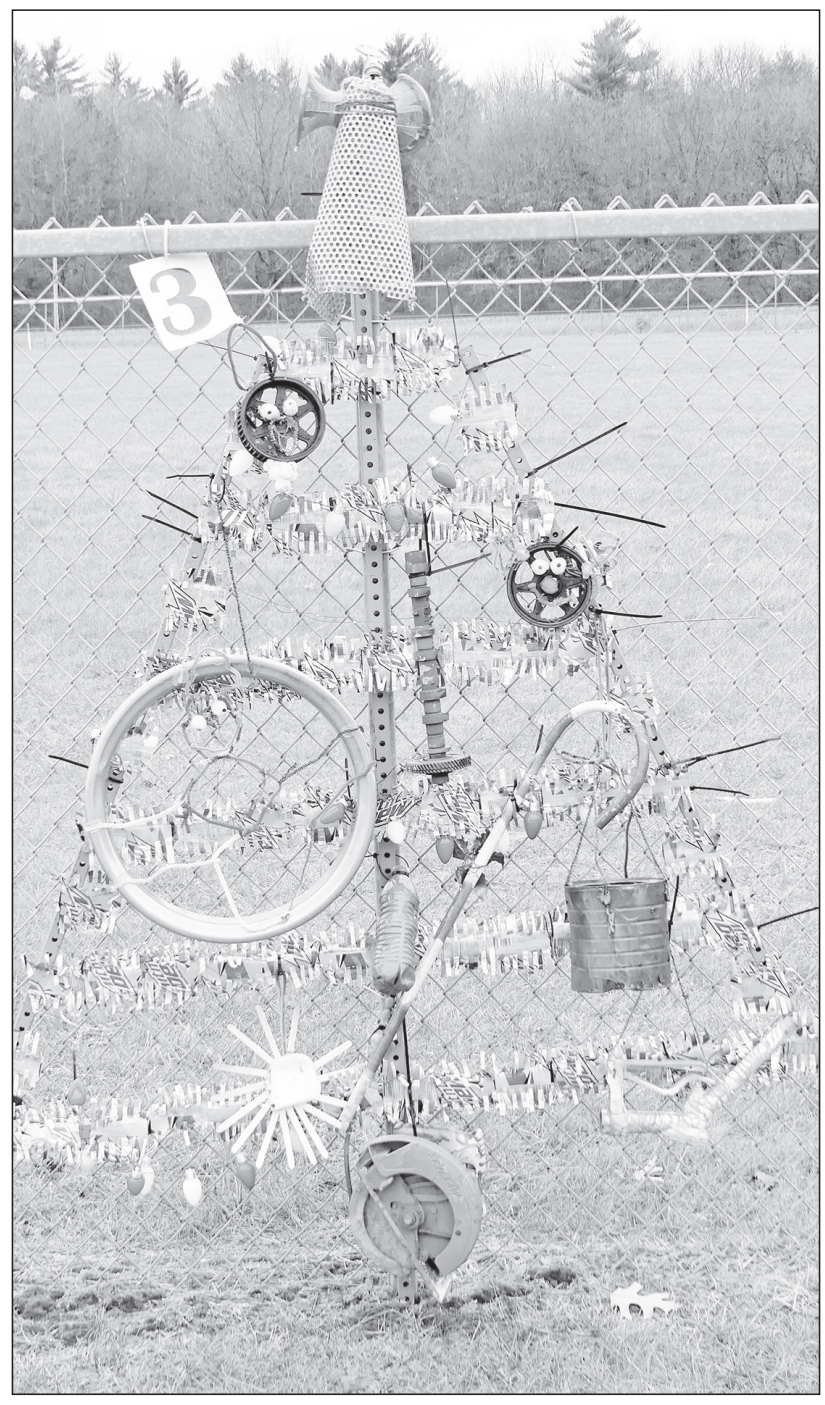
Pfizer 5-11Y is now available to those ages 5 to 11. Booster doses will also be available to those over the age of 18 who have completed the original series of either Moderna or Pfizer at least six months prior.

Those needing their first or second dose of Pfizer vaccine are also welcome to attend the clinic. Visit healthymonroecowi.org/vaccine for more information on vaccine eligibility.

All vaccinations are provided for free and no insurance is required. Pre-registration is preferred; to book an appointment, please visit vaccinate.wi.gov or contact the county health department at (608) 269-8666.



Pictured are two of the entries from the 2020 Warrens Redneck Christmas tree contest. One is the entry from Three Bears Resort built from a pallet. The other entry is from the Kelly and Cody Sutherland family. Got to like that green garland, if you look closely, made from Mountain Dew cans. Contributed photos



Warrens Redneck Christmas tree contest back for 2021

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN
Staff Writer

The redneck holiday spirit will be in full swing in Warrens.

The Warrens Lions Club is sponsoring its Redneck Christmas Tree contest this season after a successful event in 2020. Anyone interested is invited to construct a two-dimensional Christmas tree from re-purposed materials and

decorate with a family-friendly theme. The entries will be judged.

There are three divisions: commercial/business, clubs/organizations and families/individuals. Trees will be hung on the Warrens softball field fence Sunday, Nov. 28, between 1 and 3 p.m. If you're unable to make that time, contact Sara Moseley at (608) 343-6673.

To enter the contest, email your

name and the division you wish to enter to visitwarrens@yahoo.com by Monday, Nov. 22, so a space will be saved on the ball field fence. Winners will be announced Monday, Dec. 13. Note for anyone participating, there is no electricity available for lights. Think solar.

Some results from 2020, Meadow Valley Log Homes won the People's Choice Award with

a narrow vote margin (six votes) over the Kelly and Cody Sutherland family.

In the commercial/business category, first place went to Tomah Antique Mall, second to Paul's Machine and Tool and third place to Three Bears Resort. Organizers are hoping for more interest in the club/organizations division. There was one 4-H club that entered last year.

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Upon discovery of this issue, the City has been in contact with its auditors, insurance company, financial consultants, and the Wisconsin Department of Revenue. It has been confirmed that all funds levied were accounted for and used solely to meet City needs.

Further, no action can, nor will need to be, taken for past budgetary years. For the immediate budget year, City reserve funds will be used to supplement the 2022 budget and the taxpayers will realize a levy decrease by approximately \$1.50 per \$1,000.00 of assessed property value. Going forward, the City will need to recover about \$250,000 for the 2023 and 2024 budgets.

While it is anticipated the recovery process will take three budgetary years, the amount of time will depend upon inflation and net new construction. The City Council and staff are committed to taking action to ensure that this issue never happens again.

This will include working on finding alternative and additional revenue sources; focusing on economic development and new construction opportunities; identifying areas of budgetary savings/solutions; implementing policies and practices to increase financial transparency to the public, city officials and staff, as well as specific policies focused on the training and procedures associated with the annual Levy Limit Worksheet submission.

It is important to note that three significant management positions in the City of Tomah administration have changed in the last eighteen (18) months, namely, the City Administrator, City Clerk and City Treasurer. While change can be difficult, the City has been afforded the opportunity to review and work to improve upon past methods and processes of City Hall. Of priority to the City Council and staff is, and will continue to be, the proper maintenance and efficient use of the public's purse.

Also on the agenda the council was updated about activities at Fort McCoy from Col. Michael Poss, who also spoke to the Tomah School Board on Monday night. The primary point of interest noted, the present population of Afghanistan evacuees at Fort McCoy is approximately 10,000, Poss said. The job of

processing families is ongoing to all 50 states, he added.

Other council action:

• Approved changing the Tomah Senior Center position from an hourly position to a salaried position. Before Pam Buchda was hired as Senior Center director, the position was salaried.

It is the sole hourly paid position among city department supervisors. The intent for the change to salary wage is a morale boost and to be consistent with other department director positions in pay structure. With the added 2% cost of living increase for 2022, the salary for the position is \$54,225.60.

• Passed a resolution for 2022 cost of living adjustment for nonunion represented city staff. Approved is a 2% recommended cost of living adjustment for the 2022 budget.

• Approved a resolution for a bid from Gerke Excavating of \$620,555 for phase one improvements and boat launch at Winnebago Park. Funds will come from the city's economic development fund (\$80,000), donation (\$50,000), Lake Committee (\$91,000), park space fees (\$33,000) and a Wisconsin DNR recreational boater's facility grant (\$242,304). The remaining \$125,000 is expenditure in the 2022 budget.

• Approved a resolution to approve the usage of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds in the amount of up to \$20,000 for the purchase and maintenance of a new city website, and authorize the city clerk to select a vendor that best meets the needs to create the site.

• Approved a resolution to use \$30,000 from ARPA funds to purchase an ATV/UTV to assist with emergency service needs.

• Approved a resolution to consider a separate steel bid to purchase steel for the proposed Tomah emergency service building.

Hanson said the city will apply for a \$1.5 million loan from the State Trust Fund for the steel bid. The council approved to move forward with the project on the North Glendale Avenue site with the return of positive soil boring test results.

The resolution is to allow Keller Inc., to bid out steel cost for purchase before an anticipated increase expected in early January. According to information provided,

the anticipated time frame to receive materials is 32 weeks from time of order. Steel is estimated at 10% to 15% of the overall project cost.

Tomah Public Safety director Tim Adler said construction on the site will not start until the 2022 work season. Tentative completion is slated for the spring of 2023.

In related action, the council approved in the same resolution to begin the design process for the Flare Avenue ball field complex project. The intent is to move on the ball field complex in the same time frame as the emergency services building (ESB).

As part of the ESB project, one ball field on North Glendale Avenue will be lost, to be replaced as part of the Flare Avenue complex. Tentative plans call for three ball fields on the Flare Avenue site with parking, concession stand and utilities.

Tomah City Clerk Becki Weyer reminds the public the 2022 spring election will include a race for mayor and council seats 2, 4, 6 and 8. Nomination papers can be taken out starting Dec. 1. Deadline to return to the city clerk's office is Jan. 4 at 5 p.m.

Reception for holiday exhibit Monday evening

A new exhibit at the Monroe County History Room will usher in nostalgia from 1960s holiday celebrations.

A reception for a Swinging '60s Christmas will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at the history room, 200 W. Main St., Sparta. Admission is free.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 21 PR 71 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: EUNICE SAVALL PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/3/1930 and date of death 7/11/2021, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 14345 Cty. Hwy. B, Sparta, WI 54656. 3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 2/11/2022. 5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300. Diane Berendes Probate Registrar November 8, 2021 Shari LePage Locante 101 W. Oak Street Sparta, WI 54656 608-269-1200 Bar Number 1011235 11/11, 18, 22 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY Court File No. 2021CV000245 Case Classification: 30405, 30701 Mid-State Consultants, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company 1475 N 200 West Nephi, UT 84648 Plaintiff, v. Mark Eggleston 77510 Houghton Point Road Washburn, WI 54891, Julie Frey 530 Highcliff Trail Madison, WI 53718, Unknown Heirs of Harold Eggleston, and Unknown Heirs and Beneficiaries of Sime Revocable Trust, dated March 25, 1994, Defendants. NOTICE OF OBJECT OF ACTION The above-titled action seeks to determine that Defendants' mortgage interests in the real property described below have been extinguished. A parcel of land located in the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE1/4 of SW1/4), Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Eighteen (18) North, Range One (1) West, City of Tomah, Monroe County, Wisconsin described as follows: Commencing at the SE corner of said forty; thence S 88 degrees 28' 00" W along the South line of said forty a distance of 154.17 feet to the West line of U.S.H. "12"; thence S 0 degrees 45' 54" E along said West line a distance of 16.85 feet; thence S 88 degrees 59' 52" W a distance of 50.00 feet; thence N 0 degrees 45' 54" W parallel with and 50 feet westerly of the west line of said U.S.H. "12" a distance of 2,200.00 feet, being the point of beginning; thence S 88 degrees 59' 52" W a distance of 199.98 feet; thence N 0 degrees 45' 54" W a distance of 113.15 feet; thence N 88 degrees 28' 00" E a distance of 200.00 feet to a point 50 feet westerly of the West line of U.S.H. "12"; thence S 0 degrees 45' 54" E a distance of 115.00 feet to the point of beginning. The above-titled action affects the real property described above, no personal claim is made against the Defendants, and a copy of the Complaint will be delivered personally or by mail to any Defendant upon request made within the time fixed by Wisconsin Statutes § 801.09(2). Dated: November 5, 2021 Mark W. Vyvyan (WI #1024299) FREDRIKSON & BYRON, P.A. 200 South Sixth Street Suite 4000 Minneapolis MN 55402-1425 612-492-7005 612-492-7077 fax mvvyvyan@fredlaw.com Attorney for Plaintiff 11/11, 18, 22 WNAXLP

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NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION School District of Bangor April 5, 2022 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Bangor on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 25, 2022. Office Member from the South Member at Large Incumbent Shelly Piske Joanie Wilcox

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2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

	Approved 2021 Budget	Proposed 2022 Budget	% Change From 2020 to 2021
REVENUES			
(41) Taxes (Excluding Local Levy)	632,814	635,769	0.5%
(42) Special Assessments	5,191	5,091	-1.9%
(43) Intergovernmental Revenues	195,358	208,881	6.9%
(44) Licenses & Permits	16,760	24,640	47.0%
(45) Fines, Forfeitures, & Penalties	6,500	6,500	0.0%
(46) Public Charges for Services	22,875	10,650	-53.4%
(47) Intergovernmental Charges for Service:	3,000	3,000	0.0%
(48) Miscellaneous Revenues	9,725	11,560	18.9%
(49) Proceeds from long term debt			
Property Tax Contributions (debt fund)			
Total Revenues	892,223	906,091	1.6%

	Approved 2021 Budget	Proposed 2022 Budget	% Change From 2020 to 2021
EXPENDITURES			
(51) General Government	172,502	172,378	-0.1%
(52) Public Safety	326,247	379,168	16.2%
(53) Public Works	191,459	168,305	-12.1%
(54) Health & Human Services	10,000	13,300	33.0%
(55) Culture, Recreation, & Education	30,200	26,600	-11.9%
(58) Debt Service	146,815	136,024	-7.4%
(59) Miscellaneous Expenses	15,000	10,316	-31.2%
Total Expenses	892,223	906,091	1.6%

Anticipated Fund Balances	Fund Balance 1/1/2022	Total Revenues	Total Expenses	Fund Balance 12/31/2022	Local Levy
General Fund	250,974	906,091	906,091	250,974	359,204
Debt Service Fund	1,537,508	136,024	136,024	1,401,484	136,024
Capital Fund - Public Works	169,917		50,000	119,917	495,228

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**VILLAGE OF WARRENS PUBLIC HEARING 12/3/2021 8AM
2022 BUDGET - PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY**

REVENUES	%CHANGE	2021	2022
Intergovernmental Revenues	19.94%	134,442	161,246
Licenses & Permits	-1.43%	26,650	26,270
Pulic Service Charges	-100.00%	13,000	0
Miscellaneous	-2.43%	25,900	25,270
Park & Rec	14.29%	1,050	1,200
Public Accomodation Contribution	-25.00%	80,000	60,000
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	0.00%	2,100	2,100
Subtotal	-2.49%	283,142	276,086
Levy	1.67%	300,000	305,000
GRAND TOTAL	-0.35%	583,142	581,086

EXPENSES	%CHANGE	2021	2022
General Government	15.52%	112,802	130,309
Public Safety	-4.06%	20,950	20,100
Public Works	-20.59%	123,627	98,173
Sanitation	41.67%	12,000	17,000
Culture, Rec, Education	-22.22%	9,000	7,000
Debt Service	-2.41%	295,617	288,504
Subtotal	-2.25%	573,996	561,086
Capital Outlay-General Government	118.67%	9,146	20,000
GRAND TOTAL	-0.35%	583,142	581,086

A Budget public hearing will be held on Dec 3, 2021 at 8:00 am at the Village Office 301 Main St. A Village Board Meeting will be held at the Village Office immediately following the Public Hearing to accept and adopt the budget. The Budget may be viewed at the Clerk's office from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Kris Oakes, Clerk

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A side of Wilton rarely seen

Wilton's River Walk Trial gives public a view of the Kickapoo

By PAT MULVANEY
Herald Editor

Some of the best scenery in Wilton just got more accessible.

Members of the Wilton Community Development Committee recently completed a half-mile walking trail along the Kickapoo River and dubbed it the Wilton River Walk.

The trail runs from Hwy. 71 to the village campground at the end of East Street. The new nature walk is accessible from the Hwy. 71 bridge on Wilton's east side and from the village park.

Gina Rae, who chairs the community development committee, said volunteers started on the trail last spring and it opened to the public Sept. 1. Funding for the project was through the Department of Natural Resources from a Norma and Stanley Deboer Quiet Trails Fund grant.

Rae said the grant was not quite \$1,000 but it was enough to lease equipment to grade the trail, which was then hand seeded and mowed by volunteers who also installed a couple of handrails.

The trail meanders behind the Martin warehouse building on property owned by Al and Ruth Martin, who granted an easement along the river for the grass walkway.

"We couldn't have done it without the easement from the Martins," said Rae.

According to Rae, that stretch of the river is replete with beautiful rock faces that seep spring water. In the winter, the water freezes, forming dazzling ice waterfalls, she said, adding the trail is ideal



Thadyn Conner of Tomah Boy Scout Troop 5 created benches for Wilton's River Walk Trail as part of his Eagle Scout project. Contributed photo

for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

The trail also received a much-appreciated enhancement through a local teen's Eagle Scout project.

Thadyn Conner of Tomah's Boy Scout Troop 5 led a group of his fellow Scouts in constructing four modified Leopold-style benches out of pressure-treated lumber. The group then placed them in scenic spots along the trail.

"This trail is maintained and funded by volunteers," said Rae. "Thadyn's project is a wonderful

complement to the natural beauty of the trail."

Conner is the son of Ryan and Rachel Conner of rural Wilton.

Tim Welch, village board president and member of the trail committee, thanked Conner along with the Martin family for the easement, Zellmer Excavating for donating bulldozer work, Sid's Concrete for the use of its skid steer, Morry Paeth for donating a lawnmower and Police Chief Jeremy Likely and Steve Laufenberg for their work in preparing the path.

Annual Christmas market celebrates its 7th season

By HEIDI PRESTWOOD
Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce

The magic of the holiday season comes to life in the 7th annual Kriskindlmarkt, a traditional outdoor European-style market, occurring in downtown Sparta for four consecutive weekends. 2021 dates are Nov. 26 and 27, 2 to 8 p.m., Dec. 3 and 4, 10 and 11, and 17 and 18. Friday hours are 4 to 8 p.m.; Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The sights, smells and sounds of the season fill the air throughout Sparta's downtown Water Street, Mueller Square, and the newly added huts down in the Creekside Village: Holiday shopping, traditional German food, cinnamon-glazed roasted nuts, holiday cookies and bake sale treats, hot apple cider, beer and glühwein, and live entertainment. Local artisan crafters, nonprofit organizations and service groups staff the chalet-style booths that make up the Kriskindlmarkt. Vendors change daily - sometimes twice daily - providing a wide variety of holiday shopping opportunities.

The permanent booths in Mueller Square along with the five temporary booths along the Water Street Bridge will all be filled for this year's event.

Six more booths have been added to the already three permanent booths at the end of the Love Lock Bridge, now Creekside Village. The newly installed kiosk will serve as a brand-new concession stand where you will be able to find a traditional brat or Döner Kabob. Both markets will have bier sponsored by The Beer Shop and glühwein sponsored by the Sparta Rotary available for purchase. Horse-drawn wagon rides will be returning as well and tickets can be purchased at the Beer Shop's truck. These additions will add to the size of the Kriskindlmarkt, which has

drawn increasingly larger numbers of attendees since its debut in 2015. An opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Friday, Nov. 26, beginning at 4 p.m. at Mueller Square.

Entertainment will be ongoing throughout the event. The Sparta Area Theatre and Arts Guild will be caroling and appearing as "The Silent Monks" performing the Hallelujah Chorus each Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

Heidi Prestwood is the executive director of the Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce.

**MONROE COUNTY
LAND TRANSFERS**

11/11/21 - 11/17/21

- Town Of Angelo**
David A Colbert to Terry Priebe, Havenwood Road, \$20,000
Town Of Grant
Russell D. And Brittany A. Delaney to Jesse Wipperfurth 3734 US Highway 12, \$237,000
- Town Of Greenfield**
Ryan & Angela M Weigel to Steven & Nicole Ravenscroft, 12768 Flicker Road, \$339,000
- Town Of Portland**
Ryan R Letterly to Timothy & Kelly L Servais, \$15,000
- Town Of Wells**
Karl & Tracy S Hackbarth to Kyle & Kirsty Schmitz, 12833 County Highway XX, \$1,295,000
- Town Of Wilton**
Kurt I. Radke to Robert H. Birkholz, 24097 County Hwy. M, \$2,000
- Village Of Warrens**
Benjamin McDonald to David And Roxanne Lind, 227 Blossom Dr, \$58,500
- City Of Sparta**
Troy & Kristin L Turner to Matilde Velasco Bautista, 2200 Julie Ave. \$205,000
Michael & Danielle Losacker to Troy & Kristin L Turner, 1013 Jane Dr., \$242,000
- Hardip & Sukhminder Bhatti to Robert & Kathy Linenberg, 2010 South Stonewood Ct., \$279,900
Christina Trombley, Elizabeth Whitehead, Pamela White to Wendy Westover, 1010 Eagle Court, \$270,000
- City Of Tomah**
Tomah Lumber Properties, Llc, A Wisconsin Limited Liability Company to The Pines In Tomah, Llc, A Wisconsin Limited Liability Company, Norway Ave., \$56,000
Michael R. Lamb to Scot R. Perket, 305 W. Nott St., \$174,900
Robert S. And Kathy S. Linenberg to Dillon Mattes, 701 Mclean Ave., \$140,000
Travis D. Noltner to Daniel M. Erickson, 408 Clark St., \$53,552
T.h.e. Properties, Llc to Dustin A. Gratz, 813 Mclean Ave., \$92,000
Kay V. Forschler to Peter Olson, 401 N. Kilbourn Ave., \$190,000

These are real estate transfers filed in Monroe County. By law, some transfers are exempt from transfer fees; these properties are listed without prices.

LEGAL NOTICES

**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)**

Case No. 21 PR 89
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
John P. Austin

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 06/14/1957 and date of death 10/29/2021, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 110091 Impala Avenue, Sparta, Wisconsin 54656.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is February 28, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.

Diane Berendes
Probate Registrar
November 16, 2021

Kathryn D. Schmidt
122 E. Oak Street
Sparta, WI 54656
608/269-4800
Bar Number 1044811
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LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION
TOMAH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
April 5, 2022**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election to be held in the School District of Tomah, on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for a school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 25, 2022, and expiring on April 27, 2025.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
School Board Member	Pam Buchda
School Board Member	Gary R. Grovesteen

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy must be filed no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, in the office of the school district clerk located in the Tomah Area School District Office, 129 W. Clifton Street, Tomah, Wisconsin, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on January 4, 2022.

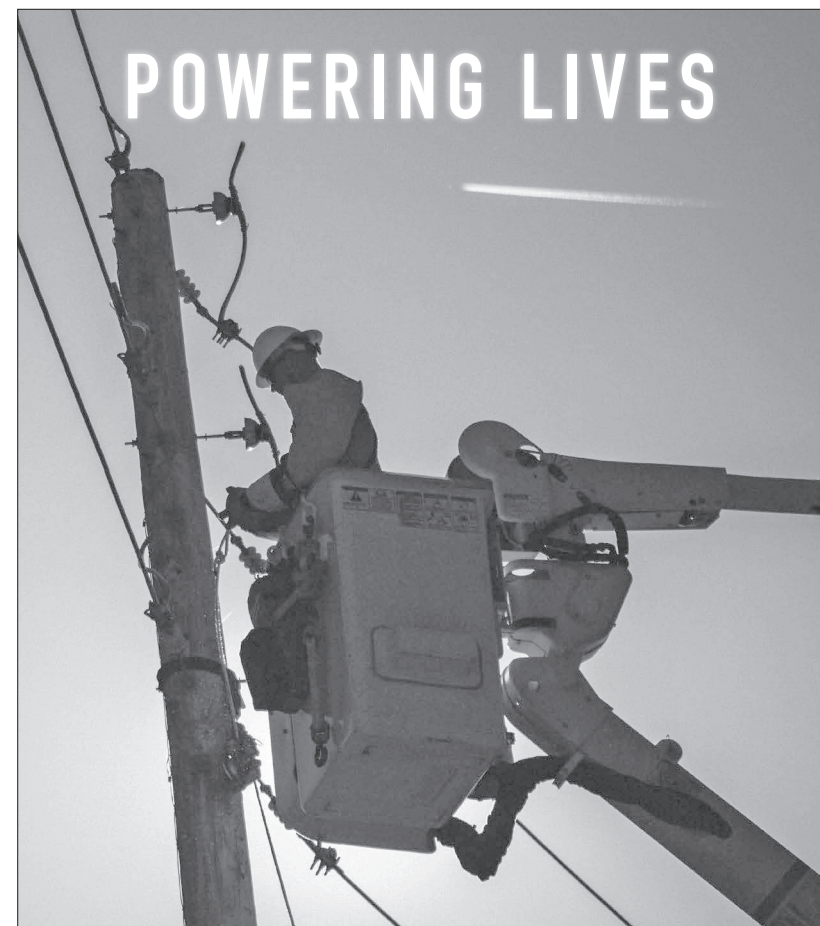
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

A description of the school district boundaries can be obtained from the school district office.

Done in the City of Tomah,
on November 12, 2021.

Gary R. Grovesteen
School District Clerk

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St. Mary's Church in Bangor demolished after deemed structurally unsound

By NICOLE VIK
Staff Writer

Due to structural issues, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Bangor was demolished earlier this month and a long history along with it.

St. Mary's Parish was established in 1898. Its first services were conducted in private homes by Monsignor Henry Flock, who was instrumental in the organization of the church.

Donations from the parishioners and businesses in Bangor enabled the erection of the first church, which was built at the north end of Johnson Street on a lot donated by Dominic Cavadini.

The church was a small frame building with a belfry and cross. A bell was furnished by Cavadini and a formal dedication of the church was held on Thanksgiving Day in 1898.

Through the years, the congregation grew at a rapid rate. In 1902, there were 11 families and by 1921, the membership had grown to 38 families. The little church could no longer accommodate its members and it became necessary to look for other arrangements.

In April 1928, the church bought the Concordia Hall, a large white frame building, from the Concordia Society. The building was remodeled, provided with a belfry and finished in stucco and eventually became St. Mary's Church at a dedication on October 28, 1928.

A number of items from the first church were used in the remodeling of St. Mary's. The pews from the little church were used in the structure until fall of 1975.

The six frosted glass windows from the old church were the sacristy windows in the church and the bell from the old church was installed in the new church, calling parishioners to worship up until it was demolished.

The interior of the church was

redecorated in 1948. The walls and ceiling were repainted in pastels with designs and symbols in complementary colors. The benches, kneelers and floor were refinished by members of the parish and the basement kitchen and dining room were renovated by the ladies of the Altar Society.

The walls, woodwork and floors were painted and the windows hung with flowered drapes.

When the church again needed repair in 1975, the Parish Council debated between repairing the church or building a new one. After checking the structure from the roof rafters to the foundation, the building was determined to be in sound condition.

Work began in July of 1975 and the church was completely remodeled from roof to basement. Exterior improvements included a new roof, restuccoed walls, and new doors and steps. New storm windows and repairs to the bell tower were also completed.

New pews, rust-toned carpeting, sheet-rocked walls, newly painted and new light fixtures transformed the interior. The building was rewired and a sound system was added.

Basement improvements included waterproofed walls, remodeled washrooms, a tiled kitchen floor, carpeted dining area, new ceiling tile and light fixtures. The church contracted all of the major jobs through Fowler and Hammer, Inc., and parishioners did some of the precision work.

During the parish's 100th anniversary in 1998, the church had 145 families and at the time of its razing on Nov. 8, the parish had about 115 members.

Gary Althoff, a member of St. Mary's Parish since 1960, a member of the finance council and the ad hoc committee, said in recent years the committee was looking at possibly

remodeling the church as it had extensive water damage caused from leaking in the bell tower.



The church is pictured in 1998 during the parish's 100th anniversary.

According to Althoff, it was determined that the building was structurally unsound and no longer safe to hold services in. It was closed around the same time that the pandemic hit.

When the bishop announced he planned to merge St. Mary's Parish with St. Leo's Parish in West Salem, the committee took a harder look at the costs associated with a remodel and whether or not it was worth it.

"If we were going to be merged, it really didn't make sense to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars to repair the building," Althoff said. "You can fix anything these days, but how much do you have to spend? Unfortunately, at a time like that you're forced to think with your head and not with your heart."

The bell was salvaged from the bell tower and will be moved to West Salem. All of the stained-glass windows, all

of the stations of the cross and a number of other religious artifacts were purchased by a community member, who plans to build a small Catholic chapel in the area.

The property, which is still owned by the parish, will eventually be

sold. "It was a sad day for all of us who attended Mass there for so many years," Althoff said. "It's a big part of Bangor history and it's very hard to lose a historic structure in our community."



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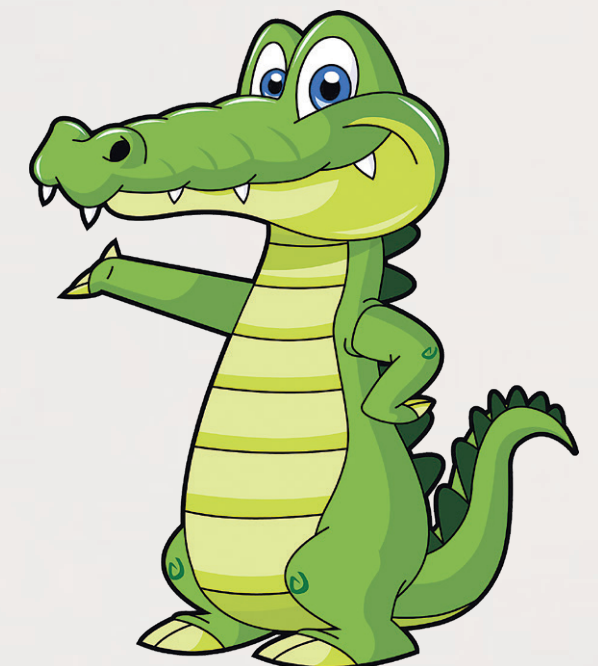
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Brighter Tomorrows to host a free private showing of 'Encanto'

By NICOLE VIK Staff Writer
 Brighter Tomorrows of Monroe County will host a free family movie experience on Saturday, Nov. 27, at Sparta Cinema 6 in an effort to spread the word about programs in Monroe County that provide assistance to families in need.
 "We wanted to do a family-friendly event where families receive information about community resources," said Program Coordinator Jan Bruder.
 Brighter Tomorrows offers safety planning, personal, legal and medical advocacy services and information and referrals to other local resources. Staff also offer supportive listening to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.
 Advocates are trained to provide one-on-one support to those in crisis, ensuring that victims receive services and assistance they need to be safe, which are free, confidential and accessible to any and all victims.
 Staff at Brighter Tomorrows have three main goals: to reach as many survivors as possible to offer their services and support, educate survivors on how to recognize when domestic violence is occurring and educate people/survivors on the services that they provide.
 Each family attending the



private showing of Disney's new movie, "Encanto," will get a folder with information about Brighter Tomorrows' services and other agencies that help families in Monroe County.
 Brighter Tomorrows will also have a booth at the event with more information, and an advocate will be available for questions.
 The Head Start program will be there as well promoting its services, and a staff person will be available for questions.
 "Our goal is to make this a yearly event," Bruder said. "We will also have fun door prizes available during the event."
 The movie will begin at 10 a.m. on Nov. 27 at Sparta Cinema 6, located at 1010 Maple Ave. in Sparta. A junior pop and popcorn will be provided for each attendee.
 Free admission will be first come, first serve, and seating is limited.

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CASHTON FOOTBALL

Cashton concludes season with semifinal loss to Reedsville

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

To advance to Madison to play for a state championship, the Cashton Eagles were going to need to play their best, cleanest game yet against Reedsville.

Unfortunately for them, such a fate did not lay in store, as the Eagles fell one win short of punching their ticket to Camp Randall Stadium.

In a battle of No. 2 seeds, it was Reedsville (12-1) who rolled past Cashton (10-3) and into the Division 7 state championship game with a convincing 48-7 victory in their WIAA Level 4 clash Friday, November 12 at Ingalls Field in Ripon.

The previous week, the Eagles had forced four interceptions and limited their own mistakes to guide them to a 15-6 win over Potosi/Cassville.

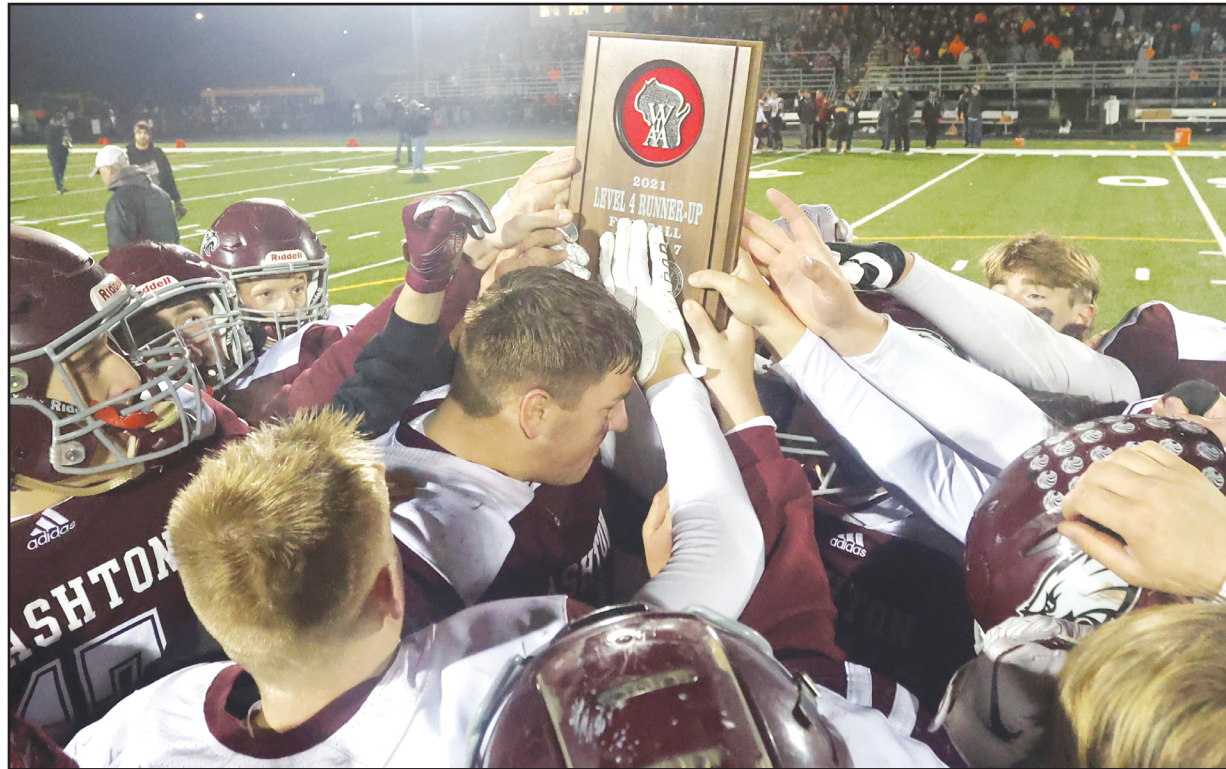
Almost right from the jump, it became clear it would be a different kind of game against Reedsville.

The Panthers forced a fumble in the early going that helped eventually set up a 9-yard touchdown run courtesy of senior quarterback Brennen Dvorachek midway through the first quarter for the opening score. Later in the quarter, Dvorachek broke free for a 32-yard touchdown run to push the lead to 14-0.

Cashton would finally offer up its response with a scoring drive of its own, capped off by Jacob Huntzicker's 26-yard touchdown pass to Dylan Bayer and Colin O'Neil's conversion run to cut the deficit to 14-8 with 9:32 to go in the second quarter.

Just when the Eagles had finally appeared to make a game of it,

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The Cashton football team holds its Division 7 Level 4 runner-up plaque following Friday's loss to Reedsville in Ripon.

Cashton ends the season 10-3 overall and becomes the sixth team from the Scenic Bluffs Conference to play in a state semifinal game since the 2010 season.

Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

SPARTA GIRLS BASKETBALL

Weaver of GOLD

Former G-E-T, Viterbo standout prepared to take on challenge with Sparta girls basketball

By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

Being an underdog is something that Sami Weaver has faced throughout her long-lived relationship with basketball.

Weaver was a four-year starter for Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School from 2005-06 through 2008-09. In that time, the then-named-Redmen struggled to win more than a handful of games, averaging less than 4 wins a year. That fourth season would be the peak of success for G-E-T until the nickname change in the mid 2010s when the team went 12-10 overall.

Weaver was a big part of that change of direction and she did it with a positive attitude and relentless effort. Her efforts were noticed as a senior as she was named to the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association All-Start team.

The G-E-T standout went on to play basketball at Viterbo University the next four years. Despite being just 5 feet, 7 inches tall, Weaver was tasked with being a post player for a big portion of her career with the V-Hawks.

Once again, Weaver was faced with being an underdog as her size seemed to prevent her from being the best 'big' a school could have. Once again, Weaver didn't let that size discrepancy hold her back and worked at improving her game and employed her go-to tools - attitude and effort - to manufacture success.

In her senior season (2012-13), Weaver led the Midwest Collegiate Conference in rebounding. Within league play, she was the only women's basketball player to post a double-double that season and was top five in steals and top ten in assists.

Attitude and effort seemed to pay dividends.

Weaver is expecting those two tools to help her in the next great challenge - being a varsity head coach of the Sparta girls basketball team.

Weaver, who is entering her first year leading the Spartans, acknowledges the history and pitfalls of her current program. However, as her own past experience implies, an uphill battle is nothing to back down from.

"I love the position we're in," said Weaver about the state of the program. "We're shaking things up one practice, one game at a time."

"We need to change the losing mentality. I think we're on the right track with that."

The first year head coach said that the outpouring of support from the Sparta community has been a big factor in not only building momentum for this year, but in fostering a positive experience for her and her girls.

"I've never been treated like I'm 'less than' just because I'm a first time head coach."

"The energy and support in the community has been special. Everyone wants it so bad. To change the culture, it doesn't happen overnight."

The community support is something Weaver has been accustomed to since her time at G-E-T and is grateful to see it prevalent in Sparta as well.

The rookie skipper has gained the backing of the Sparta community through her position as the Recreation Specialist for Sparta Park and Rec. In her three years in Sparta, Weaver has helped organize a number of youth sporting

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Sami Weaver takes over as the head coach for the Sparta girls basketball program in 2021-22. Weaver will employ the mantra of 'attitude and effort' to help put the Spartans back on track to success. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media

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CASHTON



Jacob Huntzicker

AT A GLANCE

Cashton completed its best season in nearly 30 years in 2021 by not only capturing a share of the Scenic Bluffs Conference title, but by advancing to the state semifinal round of the playoffs.

WHAT YOU MISSED

After being mostly irrelevant in the 2000s and flirting with the postseason a few times in the 2010s, Cashton finally re-kindled some of its gridiron superiority in 2021 - the likes of which hadn't been present since the 1990s.

The Eagles won its first four games of the year, then had two three-game win streaks (the last of which in the playoffs) to finish 10-3. CHS pitched two shutouts this year and earned just its second win against rival Bangor - albeit in the playoffs - in the last 20 seasons of play.



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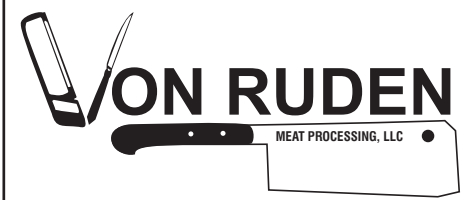
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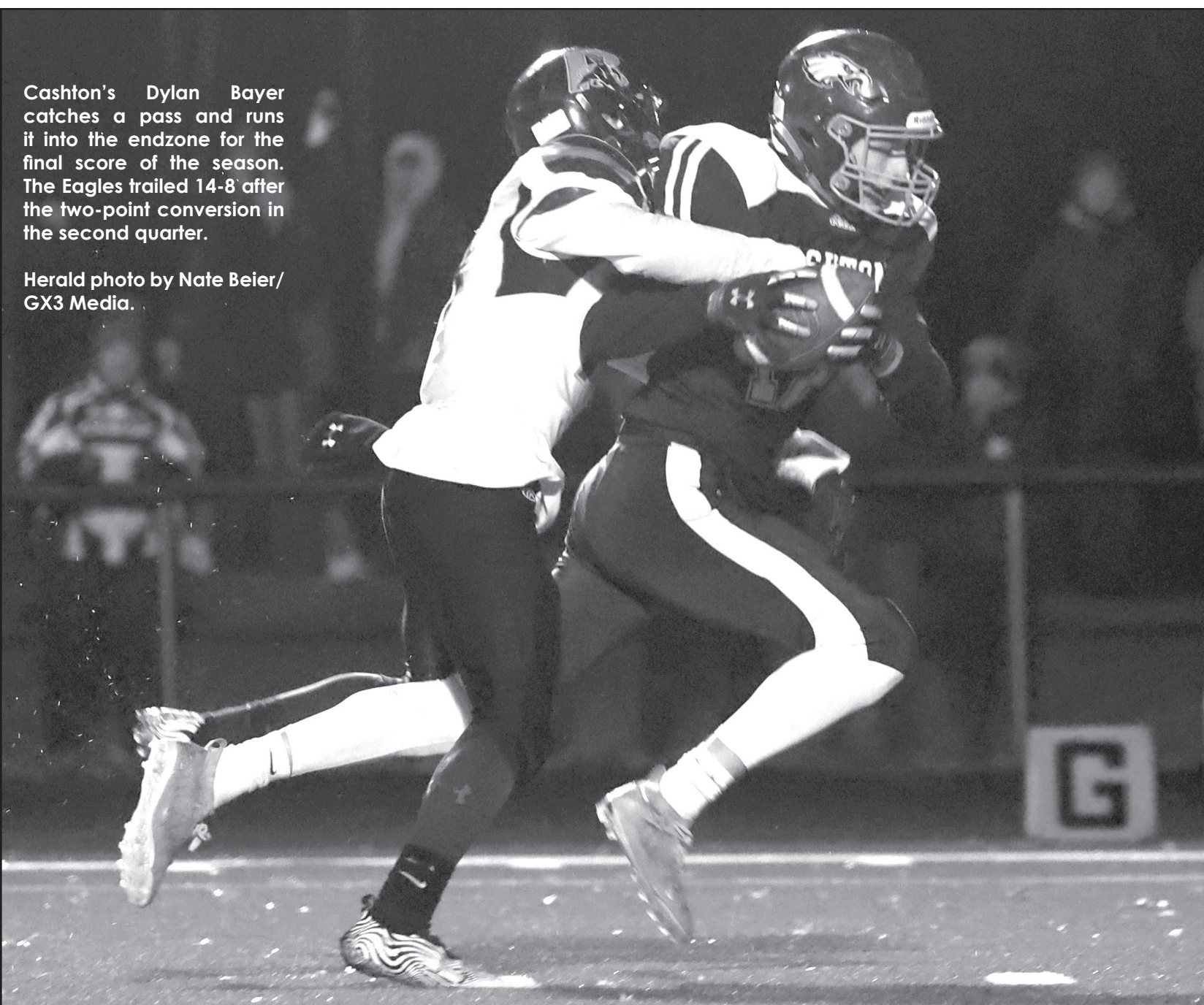
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Cashton's Dylan Bayer catches a pass and runs it into the endzone for the final score of the season. The Eagles trailed 14-8 after the two-point conversion in the second quarter.

Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



ABOVE Cashton's Colin O'Neil and James Hundt receive the state semifinalist runner-up plaque following Friday's loss to Reedsville in Ripon.

BELOW Cashton's Brett Hemmersbach is tackled on a kick return in the first half of Friday's Division 7 state semifinal game. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



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disaster struck for them. Dvorachek would receive the ensuing kickoff and return it 78 yards to the house for a touchdown. In the blink of an eye, Cashton was once again staring down a two-possession deficit.

Reedsville scored again several minutes later on Cole Ebert's 2-yard touchdown run to extend its advantage to 27-8 heading into the half.

The Panthers would tack on a few more touchdowns for good measure in the second half. Weston Liebrecht ran in a 3-yard touchdown and Dvorachek hooked up with Gavin Totten for a 27-yard touchdown pass a short time later in the third quarter. Liebrecht wrapped things up with a 39-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter to put the finishing touches on a resounding victory.

Reedsville now moves on to its first-ever state championship game, where the Panthers will square off against the Coleman Cougars for the

top Division 7 prize Thursday, November 18 at 10 a.m. at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison.

Cashton, on the other hand, is left still looking for its first state title game appearance since winning it all in 1981.

"That's what a state team looks like right there," said Cashton head coach Jered Hemmersbach. "That's what we've got to aim for next season."

For Reedsville last Friday, Liebrecht ran for 133 yards and 2 touchdowns on 14 carries and Dvorachek went for 111 yards and 2 touchdowns on 11 rushes. Additionally, Dvorachek completed 3 of 8 passes for 63 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

As for Cashton, Huntzicker completed 5 of 19 passes for 96 yards, a touchdown and an interception. Bayer reeled in 2 catches for 57 yards and the team's lone touchdown.

Defensive leaders included Casey Braun Jr. with 15 total tackles and Dain Totten with an interception for the Panthers, while James Hundt recorded 12 total tackles and Connor Butzler recorded a pick for the Eagles.

The rushing disparity was stark between the two teams. Reedsville ran for a combined 306 yards on 40 total carries. Cashton, on the other hand, was stifled to 64 total yards on 34 attempts.

Despite a difficult end, the Eagles will have nothing to hang their heads about following a season for the ages for the Cashton football program. They hit the 10-win mark, won a share of their first Scenic Bluffs title since 1998, picked up their first playoff win since 1999, defeated rival Bangor for the first time since 2013 and made it to the state semifinals for the first time since 1994.

The Eagles entered the season with lofty expectations, yet managed to exceed just about all of them to create memories that will last a lifetime for both them and their fans.

"We were starting to gain some success in our program the last couple of years, but I really think this year the community bought into it," Hemmersbach said. "Hopefully that lasts ... a lot of people traveled tonight. That's a three-hour drive to watch these kids."

Weaver's Threads of Success



- G-E-T**
- Coulee Conference Player of the Year (SB, 2009)
 - 1st Team All-Conference (GBB)
 - 1st Team All-State (SB)
 - WBCA Basketball All-Star
 - WFSCA Softball All-Star



- VITERBO**
- Top-Student Athlete
 - Father Tom Award
 - Champion of the Boards (2013)
 - Defensive Player of the Year
 - NAIA Scholar Athlete
 - MCC HM All-Conference (2014)
 - Team Captain



Sparta head coach Sami Weaver goes over drill work in a recent practice. Weaver, who is a G-E-T graduate, will continue to pit her squad against Coulee Conference opponents prior to the Spartans' league opener. Weaver and company are set to face Westby tonight and G-E-T Monday. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

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sporting opportunities as well as coaching several basketball teams within those confines.

Beyond her Park and Rec duties, Weaver played a role in creating and developing Spartan Fit along with Laura Laufenberg and Mary Sackmann, which is a girls-only summer fitness program designed to help develop SHS students physically while also aiding them mentally by growing a more confident sense of self in each one.

Though the success of the Spartan Fit program was questioned at first, the results turned heads almost immediately. In the first summer, nearly 90 girls participated on a near-regular basis. Recently, that number has been steady at around 60 participants.

That program put Weaver in front of most SHS female athletes,

meaning they knew who she was and what she stood for prior to entering this current basketball season. Needless to say, the bonds she made through Spartan Fit and Park and Rec responsibilities made the transition to head basketball coach relatively easy for all parties.

"Every encounter is full of good energy. They know that we want the same goal," said Weaver.

The task at hand is a tall order, however. Sparta hasn't enjoyed a winning season since 2011 when former coach Greg Dull led the Spartans to a sectional final. Since then, three other coaches have tried their best, but couldn't get SHS back into the win column enough.

The work it will take doesn't scare Weaver, though.

"I was just an 'effort' player," said Weaver about her playing days in both high school and college.

That effort, as mentioned earlier, yielded a bevy of accomplishments. Weaver is patiently expecting

the same to be true with Sparta, but knows that the direction of the program is determined by what each player is willing to do to get better.

"We tell the kids it's their choice in how good they want to be. It doesn't matter what we run in terms of Xs and Os if our attitude and effort aren't there."

So far, the change of direction seems positive and Weaver is encouraged by what she's seen thus far.

"They (the players) keep showing up. They're fun and they want it. I can see it in the hallways and I can see it in the JV gym. We're trying to bring joy to the game. You usually have coaches that want it more than the players, but that's not the case here."

Sparta will continue its season tonight when they travel to Westby and will then be back home Monday when Weaver faces her alma mater, G-E-T for the first time.

TOMAH BOYS BASKETBALL
OPENING WEEK



Tomah's Jayden Briekse works on a jump shot under the basket during Monday's season-opening practice. Tomah finished 14-11 a year ago and will open the 2021-22 campaign at Luther on November 30. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

SCENIC BLUFFS CONFERENCE BASKETBALL



Bangor's Taylor Jacobson will attempt to push the Cardinals to an eighth-straight Scenic Bluffs Conference championship this winter. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Cashton boys' resurgence eminent; Bangor girls' title streak challenged

By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

This week marks the start of the boys basketball season as well as the first games for area girls basketball teams.

In the Scenic Bluffs, it would appear as though the usual suspects are primed to hold their spots, though that doesn't mean they can do so without challenge.

BOYS

Cashton boys basketball is hungry to end a SBC title drought that's lasted since the late 1980s. Last year the team showed more progress, but still couldn't dethrone perennial power, Bangor.

Success on the gridiron this fall has only helped the Cashton boys see they can win and it's likely they will rise to the top in the SBC.

Bangor and Necedah, however, pose the greatest threats to CHS this year. Necedah, which is ripe with senior talent this year, did fall in an OT game to Cashton last year, and Bangor continues to be the mark of excellence in the league. If Cashton can get past those two foes unscathed, that title slump will probably be over. However, it's not impossible to think that Bangor can find a way to win at least a share of its sixth-straight SBC championship.

SCENIC BLUFFS CONFERENCE BOYS BASKETBALL 2021-22 PREDICTIONS	
SCHOOL	RECORD
Cashton	13-1
Bangor	11-3
Necedah	11-3
Royall	8-6
New Lisbon	6-8
Hillsboro	5-7
Brookwood	1-13
Wonewoc-Center	1-13

Royall advanced to a sectional final last year, but will be without one of its starters - Brady Uppena - due to injury. New Lisbon is expected to improve similar to its football program, leaving Brookwood and Wonewoc-Center in a tough spot to find wins.

GIRLS

Bangor will vie for its eighth-straight conference title this year, but a hungry Hillsboro team will be up to the task of ending that streak.

Hillsboro won a regional title last year, but was forced to end the season before playing a sectional game due to COVID-19 concerns. The mantra of 'unfinished business' that served Bangor well last year could be used against them if Hillsboro manages to channel that frustrated energy from last year the right way.

Cashton and Royall should end up squarely in the middle of the pack and will quite possibly split the season series with each other once again.

The bottom half of the conference will be interesting to watch. Necedah only played a couple games last year due to low numbers - five in total - but can compete with Brookwood, New Lisbon and Wonewoc-Center. In fact, it wouldn't be out of the realm of possibility to see these four teams split with each other this year.

SCENIC BLUFFS CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL 2021-22 PREDICTIONS	
SCHOOL	RECORD
Hillsboro	13-1
Bangor	13-1
Royall	9-5
Cashton	9-5
Wonewoc-Center	5-9
Brookwood	3-11
New Lisbon	2-12
Necedah	2-12

SCENIC BLUFFS CONFERENCE WRESTLING

Title race in wrestling favors teams with most complete roster

By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

The team that can field a complete team usually winds up winning the conference title. That's been the recipe for the success over the past 7-8 years in the Scenic Bluffs and that should hold true again this year.

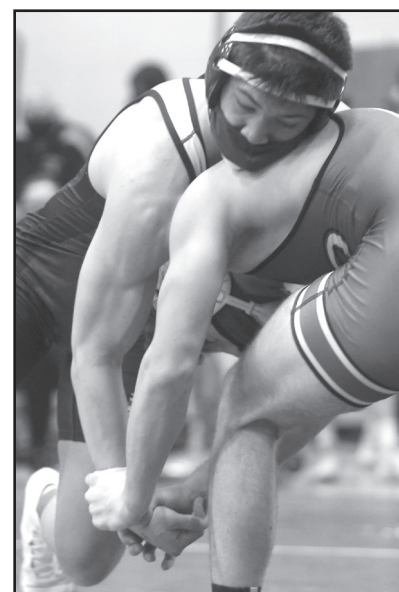
Royall has won the last three conference titles and is primed to add a fourth-straight trophy to its coffers.

A year of growth and maturity has the rest of the conference coming closer to dethroning the Panthers, however. Cashton and New Lisbon seem to have an uptick in talent this year, and a complete enough team to score points where others can't.

Numbers appear to be an issue at Brookwood currently, but there's some individual talent to build around come match day.

Necedah is supposedly co-oped with Mauston starting this season after being co-oped with Brookwood last year.

Individually, Cashton's Colin O'Neil will continue to be one of the league's best grapplers. Ethan Klinker and Austin Culpitt will also help anchor the Eagles' lineup.



Cashton's Colin O'Neil will try to end the Eagles' state drought in 2021-22.

SCENIC BLUFFS CONFERENCE WRESTLING 2021-22 PREDICTIONS	
SCHOOL	RECORD
Royall	3-1
Cashton	2-2
New Lisbon	2-2
Hillsboro	2-2
Brookwood	1-3

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE BASKETBALL

Tightly contested battles lie in each tier of MVC

By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

Though the level of competition is usually high across the Mississippi Valley Conference, this year it would appear that the competitiveness will be highest within separate tiers within the league.

BOYS

The boys hoops side my feature more parity than the girls, but there are probably only two real contenders within the confines of the MVC, and those two teams - Onalaska and La Crosse Central - are very familiar with being atop the league.

Despite a number of roster changes for both - especially 2021 Division 2 state runner-up, Onalaska - the talent pool both in terms of players and coaches run deep. Expect a number of new faces for both teams to take center stage this year.

The middle tier of the MVC boys race will be the most interesting to watch. Aquinas qualified for sectionals last year in Division 3 and look to turn that end-of-season run into a successful push during the regular season this year.

Tomah is probably the dark horse in the matter. The Timberwolves have put back-to-back winning seasons together, but coach Jeff Brieske is reloading after graduating four starters from a year ago.

La Crosse Logan and Sparta may appear to be bringing up the rear, but there is growth happening within each program. League wins may come at a premium, but look at each team's non-conference schedules as

a way to truly measure each other's success.

GIRLS

It's hard to overlook Aquinas this year. The Blugolds scampared to a Division 3 state championship game last year, before falling to Lake Mills.

The majority of that group is still here and ready for more.

La Crosse Central continues to make strides as well and should challenge the Blugolds along with Onalaska. Those two teams make up the bottom end of the top tier of girls teams and will hoard the majority of league wins. Onalaska, which qualified for Division 2 state last year, will feature a much different look in 2021-22.

The middle of the pack should include Sparta and Holmen, but Tomah and La Crosse Logan won't be that far behind, either.

The fascinating part of the conference will be the battles held between these four teams. Overall, none may end up over .500 on the season, but its these games against each other that will give those teams opportunity to grow against similar competition. Each of these games will be 'must win' chances that - should the ball bounce the right way - could even lead to someone notching an upset win over a team in the upper half of the league at some point.

Locally, Sparta appears to be smaller and faster than a year ago while Tomah looks for ways to replace more than a handful of senior contributors.



Layden Ott is one of several Sparta players that will have to step up should the team expect to improve on a 5-13 mark a year ago. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

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Holmen	7-5
Tomah	6-6
La Crosse Logan	1-11
Sparta	1-11

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY CONFERENCE GIRLS BASKETBALL 2021-22 PREDICTIONS	
SCHOOL	RECORD
Aquinas	12-0
La Crosse Central	10-2
Onalaska	8-4
Holmen	4-8
Sparta	4-8
Tomah	2-9
La Crosse Logan	2-10

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Cowboys @ Chiefs					
Cardinals @ Seahawks					
Steelers @ Chargers					
Giants @ Buccaneers					
Last Week's Record	6-8	7-7	8-6	8-6	7-7
Overall Record	84-66	85-65	100-50	80-70	90-60

NFL PICK'EMS GUEST
HENRY HASS
MIKE'S TV AND APPLIANCE



This week's guest in the Monroe County Herald NFL Pick-Ems Contest is Henry Hass, owner of Mike's TV & Appliance.

Henry is not much of a football fan at all but decided he would give it a shot. He does root for the Packers because when the Packers win it's good for business. Mike's TV & Appliance is going out of business and will be done by the end of this year. They decided now was the right time to get out of the business and that will leave a big void to fill downtown Sparta when they are gone. Right now, during the going out of business sale you will get at least 27% off the lowest marked price. Henry would like to thank his customers for all their continued support.

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Southeast Monroe County News

by Myrna Fauska



The weather this past weekend has finally looked more like November at last. A sprinkling of snow brought a wintry landscape for a few days until Monday morning when only a few white spots were left in the protected places.

Most of this week's news comes from me as last Monday I took Mary Parkhurst to Mauston to see her doctor and we had supper at the China Buffet. The next day I joined Patty Leis when we took Margaret

Leis to La Crosse where she had surgery at Gundersen Medical Center. On the way home in the evening, Patty and I dined at the Sparta Family Restaurant. Saturday, Christopher Young of Hillsboro and I shopped in Tomah and lunched at Perkins. I didn't have to do much cooking last week. Smile.

Arlene Garvens joined a group of her quilting buddies for a retreat at A Great Place To Be in Reedsburg Sunday through Thursday while Ron

enjoyed his bachelorhood at home.

Sunday afternoon Heather Vlasak attended Verna Thompson's funeral at Grace Lutheran Church in Elroy.

For the first time in the history of this column there is no news from Lynette Vlasak and Sally Dana. Last week I reported on their upcoming trip to Branson and after they returned home they stayed there. Hopefully next week they will be back at their busy lives again. In the meantime, this is definitely the

shortest news column I have ever written, and I believe it will not be duplicated in the future.

The Lord continues to bless our little corner of the world and this past weekend He even snowed on the fields and not on the roads, so we were able to get to church Sunday morning safely. We owe Him all our thanks and praise as we are admonished to do by His apostles in Scripture.



The sign at Oakdale Credit Union invites people to donate warm clothing to area students. Photo by Rhonda Hess

Keeping kids cozy

Oakdale Credit Union is collecting winter clothing for students

By RHONDA HESS
Contributing Writer

Community members have the chance to help area children keep warm this winter through the annual hat and mitten drive through Oakdale Credit Union.

Students in Oakdale, Camp Douglas, Mauston and Reedsburg will benefit from the hat and mitten drive, but additional Tomah and New Lisbon students may receive some clothing, if enough donations are received.

Shelby Brown, who helps with marketing at Oakdale Credit Union, said they will be collecting the items until the end of November. She said the project has taken place each year for well over a decade.

Students need not only hats and mittens, but coats, scarves, gloves and headbands are also being

collected to help children ward off the cold.

Brown said Oakdale Credit Union usually collects around 500 items to be divided between the school districts near the three branches.

Newly purchased or handmade items are accepted. "We have a lot of ladies who hand-knit and drop off items," Brown said, adding that school personnel is always happy to distribute the warm donations.

"The schools love it," she said. "We just drop them off and they can decide who needs them."

JoLynn Schmidt, principal at Camp Douglas and Oakdale elementary schools, said they are grateful for the generosity of the community year after year.

"The hat and mitten drive, that Oakdale Credit Union organizes, has provided winter gear to all of our students in need at Camp Douglas and Oakdale elementary schools," Schmidt said. "When our children have what they need to stay warm, they can enjoy the winter fun playing outdoors."

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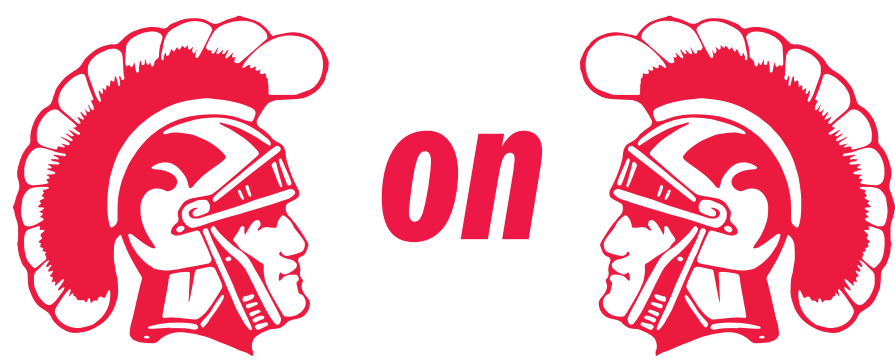
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Caring Closet expanded space in the former Tomah post office building with two visit rooms in the upper level and a third visit room on the main level. That adds to storage space in the basement of the building for donated items. Herald photos Bob Kliebenstein

Caring Closet expands its footprint to help families

By **BOB KLIEBENSTEIN**
Staff Writer

The closet has expanded for Danielle Calhoun and volunteers working to make lives easier for local foster children.

A little more than one year ago Calhoun, herself a foster parent, started Caring Closet Inc. in the lower level of the historic old Tomah post office at 903 Superior Ave. But in 2021 working with Isaac Wissestad, whom Calhoun calls “an amazing landlord,” Caring Closet

has added space on the main level of the building along with access to two upstairs rooms and bathroom. Wissestad is the building owner.

But while Caring Closet’s initial focal point was helping foster children and foster families, she emphasizes the service there for any families who need assistance. Caring Closet works with Family Promise to assist the homeless.

Now Caring Closet consists of three visit rooms, which has allowed Calhoun to find space for more donations. Caring Closet has leased the upstairs visiting rooms for six months. She has been in the main level space since October and is still working to furnish the room.

But as much as Calhoun is thankful for the additional rental space, she concedes her ultimate goal is to find a house to purchase to operate Caring Closet. But for now Calhoun focuses on what she can control. Caring Closet hosted a clothing drive Saturday, Nov. 13. The focus was winter clothing. There is still a need for gently used jackets, snow pants, mittens, hats shoes and boots. There is also a need for all sizes of diapers.

But with the clothing drive now history there is still the opportunity to donate. Call Calhoun at (608) 343-1652 to set up a time to meet or message the Caring Closet Facebook page.

With the additional room in the building, “we can provide a safe secure place for families,” Calhoun said.

The visit rooms are used by social workers and for supervised family interactions with parents in space that resemble a home. Calhoun said Caring Closet now works with the Tomah Walmart Distribution Center to stock its shelves with basic food

needs.

Along with an ample supply of children’s clothing in a variety of sizes, Caring Closet accepts housewares and can assist with toddler needs like strollers, play pens and just about anything else that may be needed. But Calhoun said she can use more children’s beds and mattresses.

Presently Caring Closet provides services for Monroe, Juneau and Sauk counties. Those services are gaining ground. Caring Closet was a recent recipient of a Thomas Earle Foundation grant. But the need is always there. In a recent fundraising letter, Calhoun explained the importance of additional visit space.

“This is extremely important because no child should have to visit with their parent in a public setting as sometimes things can get emotional. Who would want to cuddle with their mom on a sofa?” Calhoun wrote.

Calhoun is always looking for people to volunteer time to sort clothes and help with other tasks. Calhoun shares her gratitude for her mother, Debbie Elcock, who has been supportive to start Caring Closet and remains a vital cog to sort and fold clothing. That task could increase significantly depending on the success of the Nov. 13 clothing drive.

Calhoun asks to keep Caring Closet in mind for clothing or furniture donation. Cash donations can be mailed to Caring Closet, c/o Danielle Calhoun, 29774 Fox Ave., Tomah, WI 54660. She is always interested in creating new partnerships with other social service organizations with a like-minded goal of assisting families.

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Task Force McCoy personnel assigned to support Operation Allies Welcome at Fort McCoy, spend time in McCoy's Community Center on Nov. 9, on post. The center is operated by the Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Photo by Aimee Malone

Organization supports those helping refugees

By AIMEE MALONE
Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office

Even before the Afghan guests set foot on Fort McCoy in August, garrison organizations were rallying staff members and resources to try to make the transition to the United States as smooth and comfortable as possible.

The Fort McCoy Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (DFMWR) was one of the organizations to hit the ground running, and it's slowed down very little since.

"DFMWR was engaged from the very beginning of the OAW mission," DFMWR Director Patric McGuane said. "Prior to the first guests arriving, we were in the designated neighborhoods setting up fencing and recreational soccer, basketball and badminton equipment."

As Afghan guests began arriving, the Army Community Service (ACS) team prepared welcome packets with coloring books, crayons and small toys for the children among

the guests. ACS staff members also assisted the Public Affairs Office by answering and logging calls from the public about volunteering and donations.

The DFMWR team also assisted Catholic Charities in outfitting five women and children's recreation and legal assistance centers. The buildings were outfitted with spare furniture, audiovisual equipment, children's furniture and activities equipment from the Child and Youth Services warehouse.

As needs changed, so did DFMWR's activities. With the influx of Task Force McCoy staff members to provide for the ongoing needs of the Afghan guests, DFMWR switched its focus to supporting the soldiers and civilians running the mission.

"DFMWR made the decision to designate our facilities as a sanctuary for the OAW support soldiers, nongovernmental organizations and intra-/intergovernmental partners on temporary duty here," McGuane said. "In doing so, we have had to increase staffing levels

and operational hours to meet the increased demand for DFMWR services.

"We have also had to develop more resilience-focused programming like trips and team sports activities to positively engage our OAW patrons."

As the first new American citizens were born at Fort McCoy, ACS began providing baby supplies for OAW guests. The organization continues to supply neonatal items that might be missing from the usual donation channels.

McGuane said DFMWR staff members step up to meet any challenges that come their way, and the OAW mission has been no exception. The team will continue to support both OAW staff and the Afghan guests until they move on to permanent homes.

"Twenty-plus DFMWR team members have been recognized with special FMWR/OAW jackets and T-shirts for their above-and-beyond efforts to support this mission," McGuane said.

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Mayo launches blog for cancer patients, families and caregivers

Mayo Clinic Cancer Center has launched a new blog, <https://cancerblog.mayoclinic.org>, for people with cancer, as well as their families and caregivers. The blog offers practical information to educate patients and communities served by Mayo Clinic and others to improve their quality of life.

"The cancer care teams at Mayo Clinic's destination medical centers in Arizona, Florida and Rochester, as well as our Mayo Clinic Health System sites across the Upper Midwest including Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse, provide the most advanced, multispecialty, comprehensive cancer care available," said Cheryl Willman, M.D., executive director of Mayo Clinic Cancer Programs and director of Mayo Clinic Cancer Center. "Our cancer physicians have unparalleled expertise in diagnosing and treating virtually every type of cancer."

Willman notes that Mayo Clinic Cancer Center treats more than 24,000 newly diagnosed patients annually and has more than 150,000 patients under active treatment or in survivorship care.

"I'm excited about the opportunity to use the blog to share Mayo Clinic expertise on cancer prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment, survivorship and research," said Willman. "Our goal is to offer information that improves lives and inspires hope for people diagnosed with cancer and their families."

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Work on Elroy-Sparta bike trail nears completion

By PAT MULVANEY
Herald Editor

Repairs to flood-damaged parts of the Elroy-Sparta State Bicycle Trail should be wrapped up by mid-December.

That's according to Park Manager Andrew Haffele of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, who oversees the bike trail along with Wildcat Mountain State Park and Mill Bluff State Park.

He said parts of the trail between Elroy and Wilton have been closed since record-setting rainfall three years ago left them impassable. The August 2018 flood caused landslides that buried parts of the bike path, while flood waters from the Baraboo River washed out the entire trail embankment in places.

Floodwaters also caused masonry issues on bridge abutments and one of the last projects was replacing two bridges and a couple of culverts. Haffele said the entire project cost is around \$1.8 million.

The trail between Sparta and Norwalk was never closed and the section between Norwalk and Wilton was the first damaged stretch to

reopen. The trail between Wilton and Kendall reopened this summer and with the bridge replacements between Elroy and Kendall nearly complete the entire bike path will be open in time for snowmobile use.

Haffele said ridership dropped off right after the flooding but work crews managed to open most of the trail for the 2019 season. Trail use has climbed since then.

"I would say we've probably seen an increase in use especially if you consider the impacts COVID has had on outdoor recreation across the board," he said. "We've still seen quite a bit of use on the trail even with the closed sections."

Haffele estimates that around 56,000 people rode the trail in 2020 and that number held steady this year.

The trail's most popular features are its tunnels. Tunnel 3, the longest at seven-eighths of a mile, is located between Sparta and Norwalk. It along with the other two tunnels closed Nov. 1 and will reopen May 1, the trail's usual opening date.

"We look forward to having the whole trail open next year," said Haffele.



Workers move a new bridge into place on the Elroy-Sparta State Bicycle Trail east of Kendall. The bridge is one of two that had to be replaced after the flood of 2018 damaged sections of the trail. Contributed photo

Tomah doctor offers tips to keep burnout at bay

The pace of life today is crazy. Countless people juggle multiple responsibilities — work, home life, caregiving and relationships. Many times the demands, expectations and time pressure can become exhausting and relentless.

"Humans aren't programmed to go through life without rest, solitude or downtime," says Tiffany Casper, D.O., family medicine at Mayo Clinic Health System in Tomah. "The past 18 months have brought multiple changes or stress-inducing situations, including the COVID-19 pandemic; economic strain; racial unrest; political division; and environmental disasters, such as wildfires and hurricanes. With everything going on, it's easy to get blindsided by stress and burnout."

"Burnout" isn't a medical diagnosis, but generally it is feelings of depleted energy or exhaustion because of continual stress. Symptoms of stress can include headaches and muscle aches, upset stomach, fatigue, anxiety, irritability, lack of focus, overeating or undereating, angry outbursts and social withdrawal.

Job burnout is a special type of work-related stress — a state of physical or emotional exhaustion that also involves a sense of reduced accomplishment and loss of personal identity.

If you are experiencing burnout or looking to keep burnout at bay, there are a few tips Casper suggests that might help improve your overall well-being.

"First, ask yourself what's important," suggests Casper. "Practice being present in the moment. If you're driving, pay attention to the road. If you're having dinner with a friend, be engaged and present. Before you agree to sit on a committee or host a dinner party, recognize that it means giving up time that can't be replaced. Anticipate that the time commitment probably will be longer than your initial estimate. Be willing to say no."

Casper says it's fine and important to set aside time for yourself. Seek support if needed either from co-workers, friends or loved ones who can help.

"Make sure you're getting enough sleep at night, eating healthy meals during the day and exercising regularly to help give you the energy to take on life's myriad of responsibilities," Casper says.

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Little Falls family marks a 100-year bond with the land

By PAT MULVANEY
Herald Editor

While Josh Konze grew up near Janesville, his farm in the Town of Little Falls has always been where his heart is.

His family has been tied to the 160-acre tract for over 100 years. That bond was honored this summer when Josh, his mother Jan and his brother Matt went to the Wisconsin State Fair in West Allis where the property received the Century Farm designation.

To become a Century Farm, a farm must be in the same family line for 100 years.

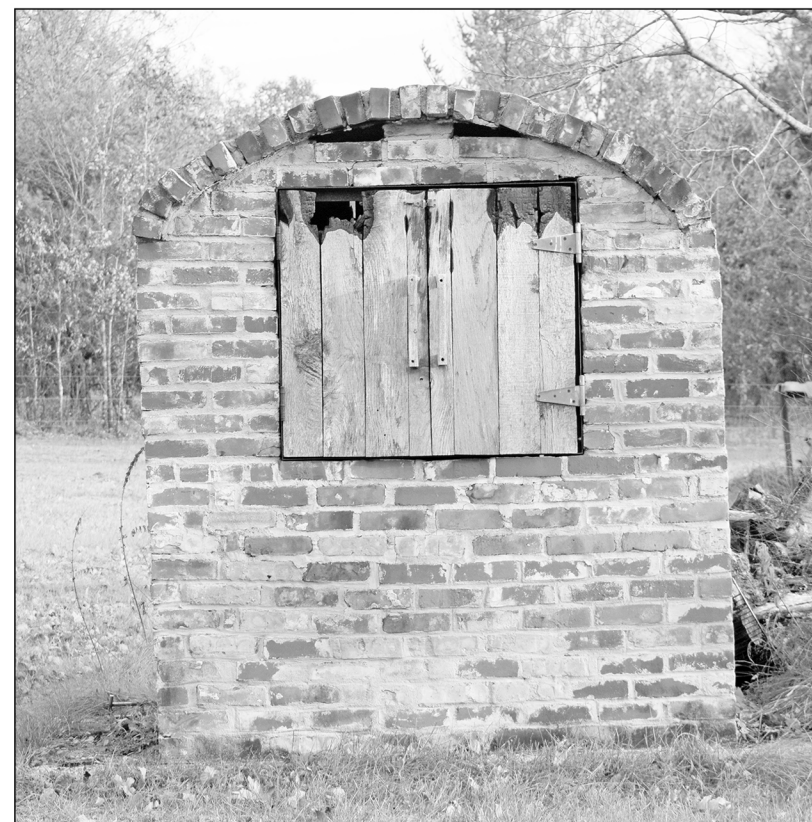
The place actually became a Century Farm in 2017, but Josh didn't get around to accepting the honor until this year. That delay left Josh a little blue since his father, Edwin Jr., died in 2020.

It was Edwin Jr., an auto worker at the General Motors plant in Janesville, who brought Josh to the property most weekends to build feed plots to attract deer and "putz" on the land. Their official address was Footville, but most of their time was spent on the land neighbored by four other relatives' that also are approaching Century Farm status.

"Me and Dad grew up here since I was little because Grandma was alive," said Josh. "We were always



From left, Matt and Karen Konze, Jan Konze and Josh Konze after receiving their Century Farm certificate at the Wisconsin State Fair. Contributed photo



Josh Konze built a smokehouse out of bricks he scavenged from the former West Prairie School House. Herald photo by Kariann Farrey

here."

The property never supported a dairy farm. The land raised crops, beef cattle and timber. Josh's great uncle, George Konze, purchased the land in 1917 and passed it to Josh's grandfather, Edwin Sr., in 1947.

Edwin Sr. put the original fences on the property and started pasturing beef cattle.

Edwin Sr. died in 1964 and the land went to his wife, Caroline. After her death, the land went to Edwin Jr. and finally Josh.

Josh is a patrolman for Little Falls and owner of the construction company Canary Home Improvements. He's been busy putting his own mark on the land over the past couple of decades.

He built every structure on the property, which previously had only a hunting shack. He started in 2005

with the house.

Josh and his father sawed all the lumber for the barn from white pines on the land. He also built an open shed, a machine shed with a lean-to and a smokehouse from bricks scavenged from the former West Prairie School House.

In 2016, Josh bought an excavator to clean out all the old fence lines and put new fences around 80 acres. He rents out the tillable land and hopes to enclose another 40 acres for pasture.

Josh is building a herd of Charolais from the same bloodline of his grandfather's herd. He got the cattle to start his own herd from his cousin Joel Konze, who was preserving the line.

He hopes to eventually have 20 cows. "I think that's about all the pasture can hold," he said.



Josh Konze tends to his 12 Charolais cattle, a herd he hopes to build to 20 head. Herald photo by Kariann Farrey.

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Apr	134.875	134.350	134.600
May	137.250	136.900	137.000

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	High	Low	Last
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Jan	161.025	159.800	161.025
Feb	163.475	162.375	163.350
Mar	165.150	164.175	164.975

@HE - LEAN HOGS - CME

	High	Low	Last
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	High	Low	Last
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Jan	18.18	17.97	17.98
Feb	18.52	18.41	18.46
Mar	18.73	18.69	18.71
Apr	18.76	18.68	18.75

@C - CORN - CBOT

	High	Low	Last
Dec	5774	5700	5706
Jan	5846	5770	5774
Feb	5890	5814	5816
Mar	5894	5822	5830
Apr	5620	5584	5594

@W - WHEAT - CBOT

	High	Low	Last
Dec	8274	8100	8104
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@S - SOYBEANS - CBOT

	High	Low	Last
Jan	12614	12484	12512
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@SM - SOYBEAN MEAL - CBOT

	High	Low	Last
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Mar	3652	3586	3589
Apr	3670	3607	3609

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The late Edwin Konze Jr. poses in front of the white pine logs he and his son Josh harvested from the land to build a barn on the property (also pictured). Herald photo by Kariann Farrey

Century and sesquicentennial farm and home applications now available

Applications are now available for the 2022 Century and Sesquicentennial Farm and Home Award, a prestigious award given to families who have dedicated their life to Wisconsin farming for 100 or 150 years.

Family gatherings during the holiday season are a great time to discuss whether the home farm is eligible for Century or Sesquicentennial designation.

To qualify for the award, families are required to provide proof of continuous family ownership of a property in the state of Wisconsin for either the last 100 or 150

years. All property owners will be honored at a special Century and Sesquicentennial Farm and Home Award Program at the 2022 Wisconsin State Fair.

The Century Farm and Home Program began in 1948 in conjunction with the State of Wisconsin's Centennial Celebration. The Sesquicentennial Program similarly originated in 1998 as part of the State's Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Applications are available at the Monroe County Extension Office and must be postmarked by the application deadline, Thursday, March 1, 2022.

DATCP awarded \$500,000 grant to strengthen mental health resources for Wisconsin farmers

The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) Farm Center was awarded \$500,000 from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm and Ranch Stress Assistance Network to promote, develop and increase stress management and mental health resources for Wisconsin farmers. This investment is in addition to the \$100,000 included in Gov. Tony Evers' 2021-23 budget to provide services including a 24/7 hotline, counseling vouchers and farmers' mental health support groups.

"From unpredictable weather to fluctuating market prices, farmers are faced with challenges every day that can cause stress and anxiety," said DATCP Secretary Randy Romanski. "This funding will help build on stress management and mental health resources to help farmers overcome challenges and continue providing high-quality, nutritious products for our state, nation and world."

DATCP will use the funding to:

- Promote stress management and mental health programming for Wisconsin farmers by creating,

printing and distributing outreach materials.

- Develop a series of videos on stress identification, prevention and management for farmers.

- Adapt existing farm management, financial and mental health resources into formats that are more easily accessible by Hmong and Latinx farmers.

Additionally, DATCP will work with partners on resources including:

- The University of Wisconsin-Madison's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences will receive a portion of the grant funding to adapt the WeCOPE stress management program for a farmer audience in cooperation with the Division of Extension.

- The Midwest Organic and Sustainable Education Service (MOSES) will receive a portion to coordinate peer support training for 18 farmers through the Wisconsin Peer Specialists Program. After training, this group of farmers will establish a support network across the state for farmers utilizing peer support techniques to provide assistance.

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Boys & Girls Clubs of West-Central Wisconsin chief executive officer Karen DeSanto, left, accepted a \$1,200 ceremonial check from Tomah Health Community Foundation president Pete Reichardt, foundation board member Jeremy Haldeman and foundation treasurer Deb Welch. The funds will pay for an automated external defibrillator at the Boys & Girls Club facility in Tomah. Contributed photo

Tomah Health Foundation Funds AED for Boys & Girls Club

The Tomah Health Community Foundation is helping to create a safe place for children in Tomah. Officials donated \$1,200 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of West-Central Wisconsin (BGCWCW) to purchase a life-saving automated external defibrillator (AED) at the club's facility in Tomah.

"The club's mission is to provide a safe and productive place for our kids and this foundation has always honored that in a variety of ways, most recently with the AED machine," said BGCWCW CEO Karen DeSanto. "It's fulfilling our mission to continue a safe space not only for our kids but our staff that take care of our kiddos each and every day."

An AED is a lightweight, portable device that delivers an electric shock through a person's chest to the heart. The shock can stop an irregular heart rhythm and allow a normal rhythm to resume in a heart in sudden cardiac arrest, which if not treated within minutes, could lead to death.

Foundation president Pete Reichardt said the donation validates the efforts of the organization. "One of the key missions of the foundation is to support nonprofits and local organizations that support health and wellness to children and families," Reichardt said. "The Boys & Girls Club of Tomah really meets that definition. The AED machine is an important component of making sure that the kiddos and their families and staff members are safe and secure in their position in case of a health emergency."

Reichardt said it is through the kindness and generous donations of people and businesses in the Tomah area that allows the foundation to help other groups.

Health Matters

by April Anderson
Monroe County Health & Well-Being/
FoodWise Educator

Food safety tips for Thanksgiving

When you think about Thanksgiving, what comes to mind? Turkey! According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), more than 46 million turkeys are cooked and eaten in the United States at Thanksgiving. That number represents one-sixth of all the turkeys sold in the U.S. each year. There are a few tips that will ensure that your holiday meal is safe and delicious.

"Thawing and cooking are the two challenges any holiday cook will face," according to Barbara Ingham, extension food safety specialist with the University of Wisconsin, Division of Extension. When thawing the turkey in the refrigerator, the USDA recommends allowing 24 hours for every four to five pounds of meat. For example, a 16 to 20-pound turkey would need at least three or four days to thaw. Some newer, more efficient refrigerators can add a day or two to that time. Turkeys can also be thawed in the microwave, or in a sink filled with cold water—just change the water every 30 minutes.

It's also possible to cook a turkey directly from the frozen state. In addition to the challenge of thawing a turkey, consumers struggle with other questions such as knowing when a turkey is sufficiently cooked, and how to handle leftovers. Barbara Ingham recommends cooking your Thanksgiving turkey to an internal temperature of 165 degrees, as measured with a food thermometer. Check the temperature several places, the thickest part of the breast, the inner thigh and the wing. Check the temperature of stuffing too. All turkey meat, including any that remains pink, is safe as soon as all parts reach 165 degrees.

Once thoroughly cooked, proper cooling and handling of leftovers is a key food safety step. "Refrigerate leftovers within two hours," notes Ingham. Cut turkey into smaller pieces and place in shallow containers for quick cooling in the refrigerator. Place leftover sauces, dressing and any side dishes in the refrigerator within two hours as well. Use leftovers within four days or freeze for longer storage. Ingham likes to joke that she often refers to leftovers as "planned overs," with family and guests sometimes preferring meal items reheated or eaten cold the next day.

Dessert is a part of many holiday meals, and pumpkin pie, custard pie and cheesecake must also be handled safely. Bake these festive desserts to a safe minimum internal temperature of 160 degrees. Once cool, refrigerate until the big meal. Pumpkin or cream pie that you purchase from the market or grocery are also safest stored in the refrigerator once you bring them home.

For advice about how to safely prepare the turkey and all other menu items this Thanksgiving Day, call the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-888-674-6854 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays or chat live with a food safety expert at Ask.USDA.gov. If you need last-minute help on Thanksgiving Day, the USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline is open from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Thursday, November 18: 1pm - Member
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Saturday, November 20: 10:30am - Jesus
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- Adult Bible Study & Youth Group, 11:45am
- Catechism Class and Parent Meeting,
Ladies' Aid Bake and Craft Sale (before and
after each service)
Monday, November 22: 1pm - Crafting
Group, 6pm - Worship Service with
Communion, 7:15pm - Council Meeting
Tuesday, November 23: 9:30am - Women's
Bible Study, 6pm - Boy Pioneers Meeting,
6:15pm - Grace Life Bible Information Class
Wednesday, November 24: No School
- Thanksgiving Break, 6:30am - Men as
Christians at Sparta Family Restaurant,
10am - Rolling Hills Worship Service, 6pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7pm - Pie Social
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Thursday, November 25: No School -
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Friday, November 19: Church Office Closed;
8:00 a.m. Men's coffee at Family Restaurant,
8:30 a.m. Women's coffee at Don's Super
Restaurant, all are welcome; 9:30 a.m. TOPS
Mtg., Garden Rm;
Saturday, November 20: Soaring Skills
Workshop 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Fellowship
Hall;
Sunday, November 21: 9:00 a.m. Worship
and Sunday school, 4 years old to 6th grade.
We will be joining after Worship to decorate
the sanctuary for Christmas; 11:00 a.m. El Buen
Pastor Worship in Chapel off K Street entrance
and Hispanic children's Church in small kitchen.
Monday, November 22: Free bakery
available- inside the church at the "K" street
entrance. The public is welcome. 1:00 p.m.
book of Romans bible study; 4:30 p.m. TOPS
Mtg., Garden Rm;
Tuesday, November 23: 5-6 p.m. Soup
Supper-carryout only, public is welcome; no
charge; 7:00 p.m. Alanon Mtg., Garden Rm;
Friday, November 26: Church Office Closed;
8:00 a.m. Men's coffee at Family Restaurant,
8:30 a.m. Women's coffee at Don's Super
Restaurant, all are welcome; 9:30 a.m. TOPS
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Saturday, November 27: Soaring Skills
Workshop 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Fellowship
Hall;
Sunday, November 28: Advent begins
9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school. Holy
Communion will be celebrated. 11:00 a.m. El
Buen Pastor Worship in Chapel off K Street
entrance and Hispanic children's Church in
small kitchen.
Monday, November 29: Free bakery
available-inside the church at the "K" street
entrance. The public is welcome. 4:30 p.m.
TOPS Mtg., Garden Rm
Tuesday, November 30: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
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Saturday: 3:30 p.m.
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Wed., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Eve services at
Sacred Heart at 7 p.m.
Trinity:
Nov. 21 - Worship at 10 a.m.
Wed., Nov. 24 - Sticky Faith, 3:10-4:30 p.m.
at Trinity.
Wed., Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Eve services at
Sacred Heart at 7 p.m.
You can visit our YouTube channel
(Cashton Three Point Lutheran Churches) or
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For those without computers or internet,
you can receive sermons and devotions by
mail if you call the Parish Office at 654-5236
and request to be on the "Worship in your
Mailbox mailing list."
You can also watch our worship service
on Vernon Communications Local Channel
15. Worship will be taped at Trinity Lutheran
Church, but it is for all our members. You can
view it on: Monday 12:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.;
Tuesday 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Wednesday
at 10:30 a.m.; Thursday 1 a.m. and 3:30
p.m.; Friday 6 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Saturday
Services
November 28:
9:00 - Portland Faith in Action Christmas
Program followed by a Luncheon
10:00 - Brush Creek Sunday School
11:00 - Brush Creek Worship Services

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Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)

2 Samuel 23:1-7 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

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November 17:
5:30 - Confirmation Class
November 21:
9:15 - Fish Creek Worship Services /
Coffee following services
10:00 - North Coon Prairie Sunday School
11:00 - North Coon Prairie Worship
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Shut-ins receive worship service by Facebook and CD home visit.
Building a new sanctuary - ready in Spring 2021!

FAITH HEALS THE HEART

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."

chairs and a restroom close by. For more information contact: Alicia - Lymecoordinator56@gmail.com, https://madisonarealymesupportgroup.com/

at the Cashton Community Hall.

SPARTA AMERICAN LEGION LADIES AUXILIARY CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW is on Saturday Nov 20, 2021 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Angelo Road/HWY 21.

THE MONROE COUNTY LOCAL HISTORY ROOM will have a HOLIDAY EXHIBIT on view November 22-January 8, with the opening reception being on November 22, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and 9-4, thereafter Tuesday-Saturday. Admission is free!

SPARTA'S KRISKINDLMARKT OPENING NOV 26 AT 2PM. Traditional European-style outdoor winter market with 22 unique booths. Taste authentic German food & spirits, and support local artisan vendors.

SHOP SMALL SATURDAY, Saturday Nov 27, is a day to support local Small businesses while meeting all of your Christmas Shopping needs, 2021. By participating in the Shop Small Christmas Crawl, you support small businesses right here in Sparta as well as get chances to win some amazing prizes provided by the businesses participating.

CASHTON VFW AUXILIARY'S 36TH ANNUAL CRAFT, VENDOR AND BAKE SALE will be on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 9 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

SPARTA'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARADE, "Classis Christmas" is Friday Dec 3, 2021 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Parade line up on Franklin St. Parade starts at the intersection of Franklin and Water Street; proceeds down Water to Oak St. Left on Oak to East Ave. Join us at Evans-Bosshard Park for the Grand Lighting Ceremony with the Sparta Community Holiday Lights group.

SPARTA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1972 50TH REUNION will be on August 27, 2022 - seeking classmates updated contact information! Go to Sparta, WI Senior High School Class of 1972 on facebook or call 608-269-5794.

Join Dennis and Bruce as they begin BINGO 2021 EVERY THURSDAY FROM 4-6 PM AT SPARTA VFW POST 2112, 121 S. RUSK AVE., SPARTA.

THE TOMAH AMERICAN LEGION POST 201 bar will be OPEN on Sundays at 11:00 for NFL games. The Legion will be hosting Euchre games every Sunday starting Sept. 26 at 1:00.

THE CLASS OF 1969 will hold their class luncheon on Thursday December 16, at The Zone at noon. Please come and enjoy the fun.

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

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

SPARTA GROUP #1 (AA) has meetings Monday through Fridays at NOON. There are also meetings seven days a week at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The meetings are held at the Masonic Valley Lodge on the corner of Montgomery and South Court streets. Use the side entrance. Hotline Numbers: 608-784-7560 OR 1-866-491-8004

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY is in Sparta on the third Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the Sparta Hockey Rink (1121 E. Montgomery St.); the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the Tomah Fairgrounds (1625 Butts Ave.); and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Norwalk Village Hall for curb pick up.

Every Tuesday, 7 p.m. Are you struggling with someone else's drinking? AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP is there to help. Meetings are held at the Sparta United Methodist Church, 210 N. Court St.

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

THE ALA, UNIT 100 has changed its meeting to 6:30pm, the third Wednesday of August, November, February, and May.

The holidays are here, and so are toy scams

Every year, there's always a few "must-have" toys on most kids' holiday wish lists. The toy sells out fast and becomes expensive and hard to find. On top of that, the microchip shortage has parents worried about getting their deliveries on time. This year's hot picks, according to Amazon, include Galactic Snackin' Grogz Animatronic (aka Baby Yoda); game consoles, such as Nintendo Switch and Playstation; LEGO; and L.O.L. Surprise dolls. Scammers are using the toys' popularity to trick parents out of their money.

How the Scam Works
You are looking for these toys, but they are sold out at every store you visit. So you decide to look online. A quick search takes you to a page that miraculously has the toy in stock. The site may look professional and have original images of the product. It may even offer the product at discounted prices, claiming a "last-minute deal" or "flash sale."

Unfortunately, many such offers are fake. In many cases reported to BBB.org/ScamTracker, buyers thought they were ordering a high-quality, animatronic toy. Instead, they received a cheap counterfeit version. In other cases, the products never shipped at all and the websites vanished. In either case, when the dissatisfied customers tried to follow up with the company, they found that the staff either didn't respond or refused to provide a refund.

For example, one shopper told BBB Scam Tracker that they fell for a phony deal on gaming consoles: "I was online searching for an in-stock Nintendo Switch OLED. The Nintendo site did not have any in stock. I searched on Google for Nintendo switch OLED and found this site [redacted] for \$99.99. I thought wow that is cheap, and let's go for it! I also bought a PlayStation

for the same price with a different email (since only one promotional item per email). They emailed me a confirmation and it said to wait 24 to 48 hours for shipping information. I go to check today on order status and they took their website down. I tried emailing them and the email just returns back to me undeliverable."

Another shopper found what they thought was a great deal on LEGO, but the product never shipped. "The product NEVER arrived, even though [redacted] gave me the run-around for three months saying it was on the way," the consumer told BBB Scam Tracker. "I checked the tracking number they gave me with the USPS, and they didn't have anything with that number ever. It was a fake to begin with."

Tips to avoid toy scams
• Only buy toys from reputable stores and websites. The best way to avoid getting scammed when purchasing toys is to buy them directly from a seller you know and trust.
• Don't be fooled by extra-low prices. Unreasonably low prices are a red flag for a scam on many products. Avoid making a purchase from a retailer you aren't familiar with just because the price sounds too good to be true - it probably is!

• Research before you buy. If a company seems legitimate but you aren't familiar with it, be extra careful with your personal information. Before offering up your name, address, and credit card information, make sure the company has a working customer service number.

For more information
See BBB.org/onlineshopping for more online shopping tips. For more about avoiding scams this holiday season, check out BBB.org/Holiday.

TV CHANNEL GUIDE November 19 - November 25

Table with columns for FRIDAY EVENING and NOVEMBER 19, 2021. Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA, A&E, AMC, APL, COM, DSC, ESPN, FREE, LIFE, PARM, SYFY, TNT, WGN-A, and WTBS with their respective programs and times.

Table with columns for SUNDAY EVENING and NOVEMBER 21, 2021. Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA, A&E, AMC, APL, COM, DSC, ESPN, FREE, LIFE, PARM, SYFY, TNT, WGN-A, and WTBS with their respective programs and times.

Table with columns for TUESDAY EVENING and NOVEMBER 23, 2021. Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA, A&E, AMC, APL, COM, DSC, ESPN, FREE, LIFE, PARM, SYFY, TNT, WGN-A, and WTBS with their respective programs and times.

Table with columns for THURSDAY EVENING and NOVEMBER 25, 2021. Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA, A&E, AMC, APL, COM, DSC, ESPN, FREE, LIFE, PARM, SYFY, TNT, WGN-A, and WTBS with their respective programs and times.

Table with columns for SATURDAY EVENING and NOVEMBER 20, 2021. Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA, A&E, AMC, APL, COM, DSC, ESPN, FREE, LIFE, PARM, SYFY, TNT, WGN-A, and WTBS with their respective programs and times.

Table with columns for MONDAY EVENING and NOVEMBER 22, 2021. Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA, A&E, AMC, APL, COM, DSC, ESPN, FREE, LIFE, PARM, SYFY, TNT, WGN-A, and WTBS with their respective programs and times.

Table with columns for WEDNESDAY EVENING and NOVEMBER 24, 2021. Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA, A&E, AMC, APL, COM, DSC, ESPN, FREE, LIFE, PARM, SYFY, TNT, WGN-A, and WTBS with their respective programs and times.

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Shop Small Saturday

in Downtown Sparta Nov. 27

By DAWN JUSTIN



Dawn Justin

We invite you to shop in downtown Sparta on Shop Small Saturday, Nov. 27. When you Shop Small, you're not just supporting neighborhood favorites — you're investing in a community. Whether you're a local or in town for the holidays,

take your time ... meander through downtown side streets. Delight in the architecture and diversity of our unique shops and restaurants. Discover over 30 locally owned shops who welcome you.

You might not realize it, but every time you pick up a cup of coffee from your favorite neighborhood cafe, buy a gift from a downtown boutique or treat yourself to something special, you're shopping small and making a difference.

Independent locally owned businesses are essential to a vital local economy and community character. They're owned by our friends and neighbors or maybe even you. Community-serving businesses are the backbone of our local economy, civic life, local charities and wealth creation of residents as well as a training ground for future generations of entrepreneurs.

Shop in these stores and boutiques in downtown Sparta on Shop Small Saturday, Nov. 27:

Located at 102 N. Water St., **Aspen 78** is a women's clothing boutique providing affordable and high-quality clothing to women of all sizes.

Biederman Jewelers at 109 S. Water St. carries an exquisite line of fine jewelry. They also design, restore and do in-house jewelry repair.

Located on the corner of Water and Main streets, **Candles by Kim & Primitive Decor** is a unique gift shop with hand-poured candles and melting tarts made right in the store. They carry farmhouse home décor, and new items are added monthly.

Just off Water Street, **District 7 Decor & Design** at 113 E. Oak St. sells home decor as well as provides interior design and staging.

Ginny's Cupboard at 127 N. Water St. is an American restaurant, sandwich and coffee shop with a 1957 working soda fountain. They can make anything out of ice cream. Homemade bread, soup and sandwiches with outdoor dining available.

KEPS Naturals at 123 N. Water St. offers clothing made in the USA, a great kids section, natural body products, unique gifts, local goods, handmade jewelry, diffusers, essential oils, CBD, books, cards, bags and many products for the



conscious consumer.

Meraki Cafe & Curio Shoppe at 119 N. Water St. offers specialty coffee, breakfast sandwiches and burritos, ice cream, pastries, antiques and books.

On the corner of Water and Oak Street, **Mike's TV & Appliance** is going out of business and needs to sell their bedroom, living and dining room furniture, appliances, framed pictures and accessories for the home.

On the corner of North Water and Main streets, **Off The Canvas** creates hand-crafted one-of-a-kind framed art and decorative trivets and coasters. The Art Studio is open and ready for group gatherings, date nights and parties; a little sip and paint will soothe your creative imagination into a beautiful piece of modern home decor.

Quilt Corner, located at 219 N. Water St., sells fabrics, books, patterns, notions and finished quilted

projects. They can quilt your finished quilt top for you. They offer weekly classes and monthly clubs.

On the corner of Water and Jefferson streets, **Ole & Bean Creations** offers mostly handmade items that make great gifts. Some merchandise includes bath and body products, miscellaneous scented items, kitchen towels and scrubbies, aprons and Amish rugs at affordable prices. Visit their website at www.oleanbeancreations.com

Wild Love Apparel at 128 S. Water St. is an apparel brand for women, moms, dads and kiddos. They are here to help you love yourself and love your style. They are surviving on caffeine, laughter and love.

Enjoy special shopping in downtown Sparta during Shop Small Saturday Nov. 27.

Dawn Justin is the marketing manager of Experience Downtown Sparta.

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Charles Fowler's military life in artifacts

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN
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This is a story of a group of history buffs and what happens when the stars align.

When Jonelle Przybylski talked on the telephone with Nathan Jungmeyer, neither had any idea how their stars would navigate. Both are self-proclaimed history buffs. But this history tandem would quickly multiply to include a group of teen history buffs from Tomah High School.

But the history buffs would likely have never connected if not for another pastime Jungmeyer shares with Scott Brookman of Tomah. Both enjoy a good garage sale. It was a garage sale where stars would align for Brookman and Jungmeyer.

Not long ago Brookman and his wife, Stephanie, moved from rural Tomah into the community. During the move, Brookman discovered a World War I footlocker belonging to WWI veteran Corp. Charles Fowler. "I'd completely forgotten about it until we moved to Tomah," Brookman said.

Its contents contained a treasure trove of Fowler's youth and military service. Brookman obtained the footlocker from Fowler's wife, Myrna (Brookman's great aunt) who had lived in Milwaukee. Brookman said his grandfather was Fowler's best friend from their youthful days in New Lisbon. Fowler was born in Hillsboro.

Brookman knew one person who would relish his discovery of military artifacts: Jungmeyer.

Once Jungmeyer had time to look over the artifacts he made a call to another history buff in New Lisbon. Using a cemetery records website called Find A Grave.com, that individual was able to come up with the name Jonelle Przybylski from Plover. Her mother is Diane (Fowler) Przybylski. Charles Fowler was Diane's great uncle.

Brookman's great aunt (Myrna) married Diane Przybylski's great



Also pictured is a photo of Charles Fowler (family archive) likely wearing the same uniform shown in the group photo.

uncle (Charles). Turns out the stars in the universe are not so vast.

So while Jungmeyer is making phone calls to track down Jonelle and Diane, he finds a group of THS student history buffs eager to start working on putting together a Fowler history using the artifacts as incentive. Those students were featured in a Nov. 2 *Monroe County Herald* story.

The group includes seniors Joy Hilson and Lizzie Bradley, sophomores Manraj Grewal, Preston Wildes, Flora Last and Lucas Salzwedel and freshmen Aubrey Jungmeyer and Toby Naizhu. The students are presently working on a Charles Fowler web site with the goal to have it completed for Veteran's Day.

"The students came to me," Jungmeyer said. "They volunteered their time. We knew we wanted to do something, but didn't know what at first. They had the idea to do the website."



Stars align for students documenting the history of Charles Fowler, family and history buffs. Sitting are Jonelle and Diane (Fowler) Przybylski and Nathan Jungmeyer. Jonelle and Diane display the United States flag with 48 stars. Jungmeyer is holding a Fowler service medal. Standing from left Scott and Stephanie Brookman, Flora Last, Joy Hilson, Toby Naizhu, Lizzie Bradley, Preston Wildes, Lucas Salzwedel, Manraj Grewal. Middle center, partially hidden, the mannequin dressed in Charles Fowler's WWI uniform. Herald photo Bob Kliebenstein.

On Nov. 2, all the stars aligned. The Przybylskis drove to Tomah to meet Jungmeyer, the students and the Brookmans, along with laying eyes on history that was a mystery until that day.

When mother and daughter walked into the classroom, the artifacts were laid out on tables for display

"It was worth the trip," said J. Przybylski. "It was a very surreal experience, like filling in holes you didn't know you had."

For D. Przybylski, "I had no link to my past," she said, adding her father, grandfather and grandmother all died when she was a toddler.

D. Przybylski recalls meeting

Fowler when he came to visit family in Milladore, not far from Plover. Of the extensive collection, D. Przybylski said she was most drawn to Fowler's burial flag (mailed to Myrna) still packed in a box from when he died in 1975. Other items include a very much intact uniform, several pictures with soldiers he served. One with a background that looks very familiar to Camp Douglas bluffs, Jungmeyer adds.

Brookman said for the time being the artifacts are at the disposal of the students working on the website. Jungmeyer knows at some point they will go back to family. They plan to individually digitize each for the web site.



Tobacco pipe inscribed with "NLHS (likely New Lisbon High School) Chas Fowler 09."

Couple cool artifacts of interest, a United States flag with 48 stars, likely from 1914 and a tobacco pipe inscribed with "NLHS (likely New Lisbon High School) Chas Fowler

09." "There is a lot of sentimental value," Diane said about the journey back in time. "This was very important to me."



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