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Sparta School Board candidates open up at Kiwanis forum

By PAT MULVANEY
Contributing Writer

Members of the Sparta Kiwanis Club gathered at the American Legion Tuesday, where they hosted six of the eight Sparta School Board candidates at an informational forum.

The candidates included Pat McKenna, Tanya Morene, Todd Wells, Marla Leverich and incumbents John Hendricks and Anthony Scholze. Candidates Amy Lopez and Jason Perry were invited but could not attend.

All eight candidates will appear on the April ballot where the top two vote getters will win two open seats for three-year terms, while the third and fourth-place finishers will serve out the one year remaining in the terms of Eric Solberg and Nancy Sikorsky, who resigned their seats last fall.



The Sparta Kiwanis Club hosted six of the candidates for Sparta School Board Tuesday at a forum at the American Legion. From left are candidates John Hendricks, Anthony Scholze, Pat McKenna, Tanya Morene, Todd Wells and Marla Leverich. Also pictured is Kiwanian Skip Frazee, who moderated the event. Photo by Pat Mulvaney

Moderator Skip Frazee asked each candidate the same questions concerning Sparta School District issues. Candidates had one minute to respond. Following are some of the questions and the candidates' responses.

What school district issue do you think needs immediate action?

Morene: Make the budget less confusing to the public.

Wells: Address the overturn rate of teachers.

Leverich: Raise academic scores.

Hendricks: The pending budget deficit. Even if the operating budget referendum passes, the school district will still need to make budget reductions.

Scholze: The operating referendum. With an expiring

operating referendum, a state freeze on per-pupil spending and rising expenses due to inflation the school district is facing major budget reductions.

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Library board approves alternate renovation plans

By KYLE EVANS
Interim Editor

In January, the City of Sparta signed a \$330,000 contract with FEH Design of Dubuque, IA. The city council agreed to fund 70% of the \$5 million library expansion project, capping the city's contribution at \$3.5 million. The Friends of the Sparta Free Library (FOSFL) are to provide the rest of the funding.

At the time the city agreed to split the funding with FOSFL, the estimated project cost was \$5 million for a roughly 12,000 square foot expansion. With rising material costs, the project has been scaled back to a roughly 8,800 square foot expansion.

At the library board meeting on Monday, the board was presented with two separate design plans. The original included a plaza on the southside of the building with the main entrance being on the southside. The alternate plan included the main entrance being on the east side of the building.

Reinhard Mueller, a Library Board member, raised concerns about the plaza design, as there would be a trench drain installed to help the water runoff. "The plaza is a total rain catcher, in my personal experience with trench drains; they do fail and freeze and get clogged. If that happens with this design the water would head straight into the library and the elevator

shaft. The design with the east entrance avoids water from running inside," said Mueller.

Todd Fahning, City Administrator agreed with Mueller and stated "the plaza design presents problems for the city crews for snow removal, snow drifts, and leaves from the trees will clog a trench drain. I think it's going to be an issue 5 years from now." Fahning said, "I just really worry. I've seen a flooded basement in the library and I don't want to see it again on a \$5 million project."

The east side entrance plan comes with an extra \$15,000 price tag and a loss of square footage to the children's center compared to the plaza plan.

The board approved the plan including the east side main entrance, with the conditions to follow up to create more square footage for the children's center. The design plans will next be seen by the Historic Preservation Committee and the City Council in the next week and will need to be approved by both to proceed.

Historic Front Steps

Much of the public input at this meeting was regarding the historic south side grand entrance/exit. The grand entrance has been closed since the pandemic began in 2020. As Fahning pointed out, "this is more of an operational conversation than a design

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Fort McCoy's economic impact almost \$2 billion during fiscal year 2021

By SCOTT STURKOL
Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office

Fort McCoy's total economic impact for fiscal year (FY) 2021 was an estimated \$1.93 billion, above the \$1.479 billion reported for FY 2020, garrison officials announced.

The data was compiled by Fort McCoy's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office.

Workforce payroll, operating costs, and other expenditures totaled \$481.6 million for FY 2021 compared to \$369 million for FY 2020.

A total of 17,753 personnel worked or were guests at Fort McCoy in FY 2021 — 1,702 civilians, 2,023 military, 1,452 contract employees, and 12,576 Afghan guests. This includes all personnel who were on post during Operation Allies Welcome and with Task Force McCoy.

Approximately 62 percent of the workforce lives within Monroe County. The total FY 2021 workforce payroll for civilian and military personnel was \$195.47 million.

FY 2021 operating costs of \$249.88 million included utilities, physical plant maintenance, repair and improvements, new construction projects, purchases of supplies and services, as well as salaries for civilian contract personnel working at Fort McCoy.

Other expenditures accounted for \$36.25 million and covered \$332,635 in payments to local governments (including land permit agreements, school district impact aid, etc.) as well as \$35.9 million in discretionary spending in local communities by service members training and residing at Fort McCoy.

Other factors of economic impact for the fiscal year

included \$39.4 million in military construction on post.

Fort McCoy supported training for 116,053 troops in FY 2021, which ran from Oct. 1, 2020, to Sept. 30, 2021. The training population included reserve- and active-component personnel from throughout the military.

Larry Sharp, chief of the Fort McCoy Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security (DPTMS) Training Coordination Branch, said the training numbers include Army Reserve Soldiers; National Guard service members; and active-duty troops from not just the Army but also other services, such as the Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force.

Training statistics reflect many

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Tomah nurse midwife excited for Uganda medical mission

Tomah nurse midwife Kathy Kett is excited about returning to Uganda for a medical mission to help expecting moms and teach health care staff about childbirth.

The widely known local health care provider is leaving March 16 for a month-long medical mission to Africa through Loving One by One ministries at the organization's 23-bed hospital in Graceland in the village of Luwunga in central Uganda.

"I'm looking forward to getting back with the people who are really positive about what they were doing for the health of their community and being able to do what I love to do which is to be with birthing mothers," Kett said.

Last April, she spent about five weeks at the hospital delivering 20 babies and instructing nurses at the facility. "It's something that I love to do," Kett said. "It's a great opportunity to be able to go and give and share."

Kett said a highlight of this trip will be a groundbreaking for a birthing unit at the hospital.

"It's a big step to increase the size and the capabilities

of the whole hospital because now they will have other rooms for other patients where they were doing birthing, so it's a great opportunity," she said. Kett said the plans include two to three birthing rooms, laboring suites as well as a surgical suite and recovery area.

"I'm looking forward to getting back with the people who are really positive about what they were doing for the health of their community and being able to do what I love to do which is to be with birthing mothers,"

- Kathy Kett

While communicable diseases, which account for over 50% of morbidity and mortality, dominate health conditions in Uganda, Kett said the COVID pandemic has been declining.

"There wasn't concern about COVID now like it had been a couple of weeks after I left last year, so things seem to be winding down as they have been in the U.S.," she said.

"Nutrition is still an issue; getting enough nutrients to provide for growing a healthy baby."

As was the case with her previous trip, Kett will take with her donations, including a supply of infant resuscitators and mask airways donated by Tomah Health.

"The supplies that support infant resuscitation are very important because they have a limited supply that they reuse things that we look at as disposable and once you keep cleaning them they disintegrate quite rapidly," Kett said. The supplies will also be used to provide the hands on teaching to hospital staff.

After a 23-plus hour flight, Kett will meet up with Ken and Sherry Roberts who founded Loving One by One ministries in 2004.

"It's so different when you can go and do something that is just out of your heart and there's not anything that you're looking for a reward for yourself," Kett said. "It fills me up."

Anyone interested in learning how to help the mission can visit the Loving One by One website at www.lovingonebyone.org.



Tomah Health Women's Health Department Registered Nurse Becky Haugrud, left, presents infant resuscitators and mask airways to Kathy Kett to take on a medical mission to Uganda. Contributed photo.

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Tomah/Black River Falls/Sparta Wisconsin TNT U12 Girls

The Wisconsin TNT U12 Girls are region 6 champions with a season record 19-8-3 and a first place tournament win at the Hayward tournament. The U12 co-op team takes on Fond Du Lac on Saturday, March 12 @ 12:30 p.m. in first round of the state tournament in De Pere, WI. From left to right bottom row: Jenna Steele, Karalyn Hertzfeldt, Jessi Berg, Ottillie Jansen, Morgan March. Top row: Coach Brady Mathison, Piper Mathison, Ally Ritter, Kaia Moore, Chloe Noth, Reanne Long, Camryn Steele, Brooklyn Chapman, Alyssa Tubbs, Coach Andy Steele. Missing- Brooke Lakowske. Contributed photo.



Tomah/Black River Falls/Sparta Wisconsin TNT U14 Girls Team

Wisconsin TNT U14 Girls played in the 2022 WAHA State Tournament last weekend in Baldwin, WI. The TNT U14's entered the tournament as the Region 6 Champions with a 27-10-1 record. TNT finished their tournament schedule with the following results: 3rd place - Appleton Tournament, 1st place - Hayward Tournament, 2nd place - Black River Falls Tournament, 3rd place - Tomah Tournament. The TNT U14's placed took 2nd place at the state tournament, beating the Milwaukee Winter Club and Hayward and losing to Appleton in the championship game. From left to right front row: Alexa Moore - Goalie. Second Row: Piper Mathison, Ryleigh Bychinski, Charlotte Hanna, Samantha Berra, Anna Phillips, Alexis Lowe. Third Row: Camryn Steele, Alizah Hayes, Isabella Arne, Kaylan Hanson, Paige Othmer, Shelby King, Marah Noth. Coaches: Joe Arne, Jay Greeno, Kyle Berra, Kate Peterson. Contributed photo.



Tomah/Sparta Titan's Pee wee A

The Tomah/ Sparta Titan's Pee wee A team ended their season as region 6 champions last weekend in the state tournament in Somerset last Saturday with a season record 19-10-3. From left to right back row: David Carney (coach), Caden Haun, Benjamin Carney, Sterling Intihar, Charlie Steinhoff, Cameron Gluch, Todd Intihar (coach). Middle row: Ayden Phelps, Tanner Bjorkman, Ryan Gilbertson, Lydia Kehren Front row: Jessie James Manthey



Tomah/Sparta Titan's Bantam A

The Titan's Bantam A team entered the 2022 WAHA state tournament as the Region 6 Champion with a 25-10-1 record. They finished their tournament schedule week with the following results: 1st - Tomah Tournament, 1st - Rice Lake Tournament, 1st - La Crosse Tournament, 2nd - Sparta Tournament, 3rd - Spooner Tournament. The Titan's Bantam A team took 4th place in the state tournament last Saturday in Marshfield, with a win over Marshfield and losses to Ashland and Somerset. From left to right back row: Head Coach: Nate Niceswanger, Blake Haun, Dane Vervoren, Jaxon Ruland, Cash Martin, Andrew Carney, Jarrett Markham, Jaden Johnson, Oliver Mulvaney and Assistant Coach: Chad Martin. Front row: Hayden Niceswanger, Ashton Pierce, Nash Vervoren, Brogan Baird, Brayden Schreier, Calleigh Schroeder, Kaden Shepherd, Patrick Dettle and Colin Devine. Contributed photo.

Letters to the Editor

Don't do away with historic library door

Dear editor:

I have been going to the Sparta Free Library for at least 65 years. I listened at story hour. I picked out books after school. I racked up fines like there's no tomorrow and of course had to pay them. In high school and college it was a quiet place to study. I have a library book in my living room right now, "A Woman of No Importance." How appropriate.

I understand that those of us who have been using the library forever have no say in which door we use in the new remodel. This may mean nothing to you, but as a long-time user and supporter I would like to be able to use the old historical front door on Main. I love the library. I love the smell of the library when I walk through those doors. I love the shelves of books. I love to look through them and try to remember if I read them or not. I love to read old magazines and sit by the fireplace. This structure has been a good memory through my entire life.

I love walking in the front door and seeing the pleasant face of the librarian. I understand the door attracts some people who may not be so pleasant. I understand cameras are really cheap these days. I understand that folks find it difficult to keep track of people coming and going through two doors. The businesses downtown use a bell for this purpose. If it isn't safe, let's talk about ways to make it safe.

The historic front door of the library is important to me. If it is, also to you, you could you call the library at 608-269-2010 or the city at 608-269-4340. Thanks.

Christy Heitman
Sparta

Gableman Probe Funding Extended

Dear Editor:

This is the definition of insanity...repeat the same thing over and over again. Robin Vos just extended Michael Gableman's contract until April 30, so Wisconsin will be on the hook for litigation connected to the 2020 presidential election probe at least until then. While Gableman purportedly will not get any more Wisconsin taxpayer funded wages, and it will not increase Gableman's \$676,000, taxpayer-funded budget, the contract stipulates that the Assembly — funded by taxpayers — will incur legal expenses on behalf of Gableman and his team. "Attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses for any ongoing litigation ... shall be paid for by the Assembly," the contract reads. I would love to find out how much that adds up to.

Gableman told lawmakers last week that "the Legislature ought to take a very hard look at the option of decertification of the 2020 Wisconsin presidential election." Nonpartisan attorneys and analysts have deemed decertifying the state's election legally impossible. GOP leaders, including Assembly Majority Leader Jim Steineke, have also sharply rejected the idea in recent weeks.

The Donald is, of course, ecstatic about this: «This is one of the biggest stories of our generation, even though the Fake News Media will try to play it down as much as they can.» Trump said, even though he has yet to present any evidence of fraud widespread enough to change the election results. «Numerous other states are likewise finding large scale Election Fraud and irregularities,» the former leader of the free world falsely claimed. «Interesting time!»

Wisconsin taxpayer dollars at work, yet again. Do we have nothing better to spend our tax dollars on than a demented former president's delusions? Could we please stop this insanity?

Maria Lichter
Cashton

No advantages to voting no

Dear Editor:

A no vote means the losers are our students. Those that are campaigning for your no vote on the April 4 Sparta Area School District referendum do not have the students' best interests in mind. SASD is not asking for more money. They are just asking to move existing funds from one account to another, just as you might from one checking account to another. Here is the breakdown:

A no vote means: Students will be forced to use old, broken down technology or have no technology at all as the old breaks and is no longer serviceable. Many devices used daily are already four years old and there are no backup devices to use as loners. Possible staff, program cuts and less available class options for our students. Your taxes will not be lowered — there is no tax implication to the movement of these funds.

A yes vote means: Your students will have working technology to ensure quality and equitable education to our area neighboring students. Current varied and extensive program options and resources can continue to ensure our students will be career and college ready. Your taxes will not increase —there is no tax implication to the movement of these funds.

Please go to an informational meeting to have your questions answered and get the facts! There are no advantages to a no vote but many disadvantages beyond what is listed above. Vote yes! Vote yes for our students! They are the only ones that matter.

Nancy Whitaber
Sparta

Zebell For Monroe County

Dear Editor:

I am writing today to recommend Zachariah Zebell for Monroe County supervisor District 8.

My name is Matthew Pitsenbarger. I am a retired Sergeant First Class with the active-duty Army. While serving all over this country and daeployed to Iraq for 28 months my final duty station was Onalaska Army recruiting center where I was the station commander. In 2016 I moved to Monroe County and four years ago my wife Heather and I bought a house off Fernwood Ave. Shortly after moving here, I befriended Zach on a waterfowl hunting Facebook page. As any waterfowl hunter knows If you sit in a muddy duck boat for hours while ducks are not flying. You get to hear stories of their life and what they do for a living.

It was a pitch-black cold November morning. We are canoeing to a duck hole, and he says, "Matt, I'm thinking about running for county board". We talked the next four hours of his viewpoints and where he stands. From what I gathered Zach loves his community and wants nothing but the best place for his children to grow up. From his sixteen years in the construction industry, he will help keep all construction projects within budget and get the best bang for our buck. He believes that we pay enough in taxes and maybe we need a new look at our county's spending, but most of all he just wants to give his two- and four-year-old is a great place to grow up. For all these reasons I ask that the people of Monroe County cast their vote along with me for Zachariah Zebell on April 5.

Matthew Pitsenbarger
Sparta



The Monroe County Emergency Management Coordinator, Jared Tessman, put together a tabletop simulation last Friday in Sparta. Tessman said, "We run a simulated emergency incident in a discussion based setting. The way it works is to do a tabletop exercise and then do a functional exercise that includes more moving parts and then eventually a full scale exercise that would take several years of planning." Most of the local emergency services were at the exercise as seen in the photo. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

Monroe County moves to Low Covid-19 Community Level

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its recommended indicators for monitoring the impact of COVID-19 on communities, changing from community transmission to COVID-19 Community Levels – Low, Medium, or High. COVID-19 Community Levels are a tool used to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data.

The levels are determined based on three key metrics:

1. New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.
2. The average percent of

staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in the past 7 days.

3. The number of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days.

As of March 3, 2022, Monroe County is at a Low COVID-19 Community Level. Recommended

prevention steps at the Low Level include: getting tested, staying home if you have symptoms or exposure to someone with COVID-19, and staying up to date with COVID-19 vaccines. If you are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease, have a plan for rapid testing

if needed, and talk to your healthcare provider about prevention measures and treatment options that may be available to you. People may choose to wear a mask at any time. However, people with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. Follow CDC recommendations for isolation and quarantine if exposed to someone with COVID-19, have symptoms, or test positive for COVID-19.

At the Medium Level, follow the Low Level guidelines. If you are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease, talk with your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions. Those who have household or social contact with someone at high risk for severe disease should consider self-testing to detect infection before contact and consider wearing a mask when indoors with them.

When a community has reached a High COVID-19 Community Level, well-fitting masks are recommended, regardless of vaccination status, for indoor public settings, including schools, businesses, and other community settings. In addition, continue to follow the guidance from the Low and Medium Levels.

This new CDC Community Level does not change current

quarantine (if exposed) and isolation (if you test positive) directives. The new Community Levels do not apply to health care settings such as hospitals and nursing homes. Instead, health care settings should continue to use community transmission rates and follow CDC's infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare guidance.

For more information on COVID-19 Community Levels, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>.

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WHY AM I RUNNING? BY PAT MCKENNA

I've answered the Question of why I am running for the Sparta School Board in a number of ways over the past couple months. I've said "I'm nuts." I've said "Someone has to do it," but the truth is that I'm running because I believe we can do better. That's it, nothing fancy.

With a 40-million-dollar budget we are a 1-star school district, ranked 383rd in Wisconsin out of 442 total Districts.... Bottom 15%...We can do better

Our DPI test scores are down 10% in 2 years to 60.7%...Last among all neighboring districts. Lower than Cashton, Bangor, BRF, NOW, Mel-Min, and Tomah.... We Can do Better

Our open enrollment out numbers have increased 65% in the last 2 years. 277 kids that live in Sparta are now choosing some option outside the SASD and as a district we are not sure where they are going or why, because we don't ask them. We Can do better

Our total enrollment is up a whopping 6 total students in 5 years. So, while cost of living has increased about 15% we have added under 1.5% to the amount we can spend on operations. Fiscally responsible or not it's impossible to maintain that pattern. We can do better

We lost 63 staff members including 37 teachers last year that had to be replaced with less experienced alternatives increasing our hiring and training cost...We can do better

And we have managed all these impressive numbers while exceeding our State Mandated spending limit by 2.8 million dollars.... we can do better

I'm running for the board of education because I think... I have too. We are making decisions and communicating them in incredibly poor ways. We are not representing our community values of hard work and get what you earn vs an entitlement that I see under our rooftops. We can do better.

**I want US
to be better**
Pat McKenna

Sparta is my home, I graduated as a Spartan, my wife's a Spartan, my children are Spartans, and my grandchildren currently attend the district. I want to be proud of our community's schools and I see the potential for them to be a hub for that pride, but our current leadership is preventing that due to their inability or lack of desire to listen to US. If you are not willing to listen to those around you, how can you effectively represent them? I want to listen....and I'm driven to be better.

I want to focus on retention of Good Quality staff that can't be replaced in today's labor market by rewarding and recognizing their excellence.

I want to recruit families back to our district by showing them the things that we can offer that the other districts don't have the ability to do.

I want to focus on what WE are and be the best Sparta possible instead of trying to be LIKE someone else.

I want to Celebrate and Communicate our WINS with parents to engage them in the learning process. We need to invite the insight that they have about their children. No one knows a child as well as their parents.

I want to use the talents in our community to make our school system better and the strengths in our district to unite our community.

I want kids that leave the Sparta Area School District to be better, more well-rounded people than the first day they walked through our doors.

I have lofty goals, but all of them are about culture, a culture of excellence is bred not bought and regardless of the size of our budget it will not equal results unless we are ready to focus on our weakness and make them strength.

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Village Of Cashton

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The Ronald And Faye Larson Trust Dated February 5, 2015 to Tim And Kendra Peterson, 436 Brody Ave., \$40,000

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Tomah Limited Edition show choir has great season

Tomah Limited Edition had great performances at this year's productions of "Let's Be Real." The show includes 42 singers and dancers, 19 Show Band members and two crew members.

"Let's Be Real" follows the characters from "Pinocchio" with the Blue Fairy, Bad Conscience, Good Conscience, Gepetto, Jiminy Cricket and of course, Pinocchio. Follow along as Pinocchio has to choose what is right for him. Will he follow the bad choices or the good? Will his father still love him? No matter what, it is his decision. "You're not going to always say and do the right things, and that's fine. You're not here to be perfect, but to be real. "Let's be Real Friends!"

The show is directed by Kate Buehner, with Assistant Directed Rachel Balistriero. Jennifer Schraufnagel directs Show Band and it is choreographed by Ben Schrank.

Limited Edition is a varsity show choir that has traveled to six competitions. It placed third at New London's Singstock Festival and West Salem's WonderStruck, fourth place at Altoona's Locopalooza and Hasting's Swingin' on the River, and fifth Place at Eau Claire's Memorial Winterfest. Tomah's Limited Edition won the People's Choice Award at West Salem's WonderStruck and Hasting's Swingin' on the River. Kami Murray was awarded Best Female Soloist at Altoona's

Locopalooza. Adam Johnson was awarded Best Male Soloist at West Salem's WonderStruck. Brayden Gebczyk was awarded Showstopper at Eau Claire's Memorial Winterfest.

Performers

Madi Brown, Ethan Burch, Kathleen Calhoun, Shaneia Cassel, Margaret Cavaness, Natalie Dulinsky, Alauna Eckelberg, Emma Fischer, Kylie Garcia, Austin Granahan, Conner Granahan, Brayden Gebczyk, Kendalyn Gregar, Matthew Hennessey, Adam Johnson, Aubrey Jungmeyer, Bella Kubik, Lizzy Kyser, Ethan Libbey, Dani Ludke, Drew Lueck, Kaydyn McAnany, Maddy McNulty, Shaylee Malinger, Ryleigh Miller, Kami Murray, Rylie Murray, Abigail Parrish, Erin Perry, Marjorie Reekie, Daniel Rivera, Lucas Salzwedel, Nicholas Salzwedel, Alan Schmock, Mitchell Schroeder, Kendra Seering, Kiley Thayer, Trinity Thompson, Jake Walters, Allison Weaver, Tanner Woodin

Show Band

Macy Arch, Jay Batchelor, Drew Batchelor, Chris Burbach, Bergen Franks, Ethan Gole, Trevor Gole, Daniel Gordon, Cami Hericks, Baylee Jewell, Trinity Jones, Andrew Kerr, Emmalyn Larson, Alyssa Marth, Frankie Samuels, Daniel Shumway, Cam Waring, Janelle Wieden

Crew

Chesnee Klinkner, Keyanna Klinkner



Adam Johnson



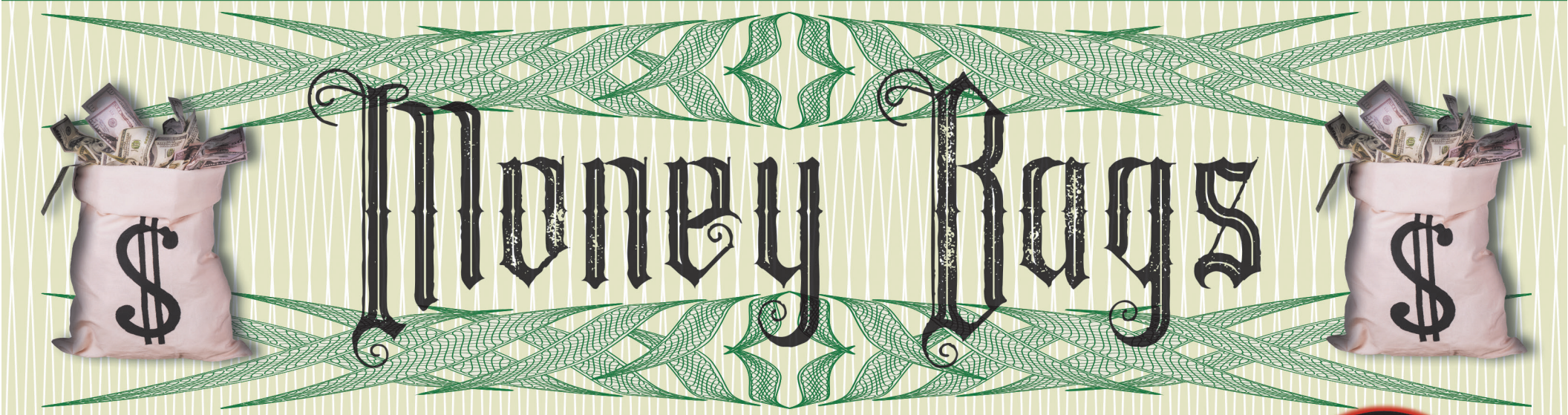
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THROUGH MY LENS

Return to the Resch, a mix of emotions

By NATE BEIER
Sports Reporter

This coming weekend will always be tied with the COVID-19 outbreak for me.



I, like many, recall hearing about this COVID-19 thing that was happening overseas in the weeks leading to that fateful March weekend in 2020.

However, those problems were overseas and there was no way the government would allow that to spill over and spread onto this continent, let alone this country, right?

Well, that wasn't right. The COVID-19 outbreak spread and caused plenty of chaos.

I was at the WIAA girls state basketball tournament, in the middle of all the chaos and it was the best.

The WIAA limited attendance to the event the morning of the first day of state. Each school was only allowed 80 people to attend, which meant players had to get picky about who got to watch them play.

I had some media colleagues who decided not to go because they didn't think they'd be allowed entry with limited attendance. They would have been fine. Instead, they stayed home and missed out on being at ground zero of one of the biggest sports stories we'll see in this lifetime.

We know how it all played out in the following weeks. The high school girls state tourney was stopped mid-tournament. The boys would never make it that far. Spring sports were cancelled and it took us months to feel like trying sports again.

I was thinking about the opportunities lost because of the premature ending to the girls tournament.

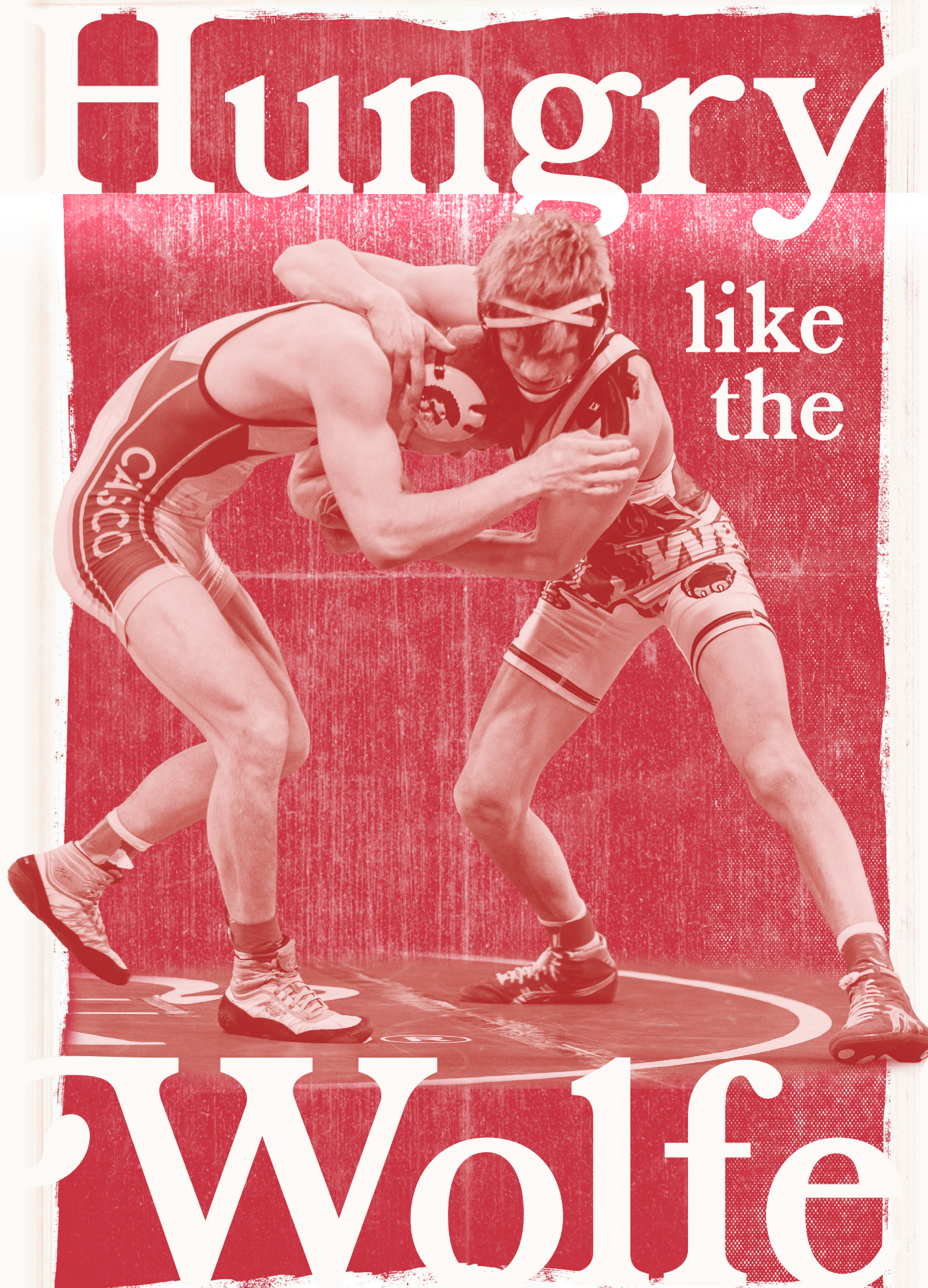
The Coulee Region had perhaps its best representation at the state tourney that year and we didn't get to see how it all played out.

Sure, Arcadia fell in a D3 semifinal, but we were promised third-straight Aquinas/Melrose-Mindoro state title game before the plug was pulled.

Lastly, Bangor didn't get a chance to play on the court, despite qualifying for state. Even though they made it back last year, they played at the La Crosse Center.

For a team like Bangor, which has made four state appearances these last six seasons, they only had 2 chances to play at the true state venue. That's food for thought as we head into this weekend.

WEST SALEM/BANGOR WRESTLING



West Salem/Bangor senior finishes career on wrestling's biggest stage

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

In the final season of his high school wrestling career, one goal stood above all others for West Salem/Bangor's Evan Wolfe: making a return trip to state.

Wolfe had previously made it to the state tournament as a sophomore back in 2019, where he nabbed a spot in the podium by placing sixth in the Division 2 126-pound bracket. But last winter, a combination of unique factors and happenstance helped deny him a second straight trip to Madison.

As part of temporary COVID rule changes for last season, only the top two wrestlers in each weight class at a sectional advanced to state rather than the usual three. Despite being one of better wrestlers in his weight class in Wisconsin, Wolfe fell short of a state bid by placing third in his sectional.

It just so happened that the eventual Division 2 132-pound state champion (Stanley-Boyd/Owen-Withee's Blaine Brenner) and runner-up (Northwestern's Markus Brown) were both competing in the same sectional as Wolfe.

Despite that setback, Wolfe returned better than ever for the 2021-22 season. After placing second at sectionals in his weight class, the Bangor senior punched his ticket to the Kohl

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“Not getting here last year definitely deflated me a little bit, but I was able to get it through my head and bounce back and battle hard this year.”

EVAN WOLFE
WEST SALEM/BANGOR WRESTLING

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BANGOR BOYS BASKETBALL



Bangor's Will Reader is ready to face Blair-Taylor and avenge a sectional semifinal loss to the Wildcats in 2020. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

RED VS BLUE

Senior leader Reader helps get Bangor boys back to familiar sectional stage to face familiar sectional opponent in Blair-Taylor

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

The Bangor boys' basketball team is back on a familiar stage, preparing to face a familiar opponent with a familiar name among those leading the way.

The Cardinals are coming off capturing their sixth regional title in the last seven years last weekend, clinching them a spot at sectionals once again. As has become something of a March tradition in western Wisconsin at this point, Bangor will be squaring off against Blair-Taylor in the sectional semifinals.

The top-seeded Cardinals (22-4) will do battle against the second-seeded Wildcats (18-9) in a WIAA Division 5 sectional semifinal matchup Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at Arcadia High School in Arcadia.

Outside of anyone in the Scenic Bluffs, there is no opponent more familiar with Bangor than Blair-Taylor.

These two programs have faced each other in non-conference play during the regular season in each of the last 19 years, with the Wildcats holding an 11-8 edge in those games. They've also met in the playoffs eight times since the start of the century, splitting those matchups with four wins apiece.

Those postseason battles have become more frequent since the back half of the 2010s. Thursday marks their fifth postseason meeting in the last seven years. Bangor beat the Wildcats 87-85 in a 2016 regional final, 88-59 in a 2017 regional semifinal and 68-65 in a 2019 sectional semifinal, where a trio of late Zane Langrehr threes powered the Cardinals to a win.

Blair-Taylor finally got its revenge in the 2020 sectional semifinals, erasing a 14-point deficit with under 10 minutes to play to pull off a 62-61 comeback victory.

That game took place just days before the COVID-19 pandemic brought life in the

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VIROQUA GYMNASTICS

Cashton duo ends season with podium visits



By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

Two members of the Viroqua gymnastics team finished their respective seasons last week at the WIAA Division 2 state gymnastics meet in Wisconsin Rapids.

Sophomore Morgan Siekert and freshman Isabell Korn make up the Cashton contingent of the Viroqua gymnastics co-op and both finished with a trip to the podium in last week's state meet.

Siekert finished fifth on vault with a score of 9.133. The sophomore finished 11th overall in the all-around with a score of 35.649. Siekert scored an 8.833 on floor and was part of a three-way tie for 14th place. On beam, Siekert scored a 9.1 for 12th place and was 15th overall on bars with an 8.583.

Korn, who was named this year's Coulee Conference gymnast of the year, finished fourth on the bars with a score of 8.983.

The freshman tallied an all-around score of 35.05 for 16th place. Korn narrowly missed the podium in the balance beam after scoring a 9.2 for eighth place and was 17th on floor with an 8.817.

Korn scored an 8.05 on vault, which only counted in her all-around score as she did not qualify for state in that individual event.



TOP Cashton's Isabell Korn releases from the high bar to the lower one during her uneven bars routine. Korn finished fourth in the event with an 8.983.

BOTTOM Cashton's Morgan Siekert performs the splits on the beam. Siekert made the podium in vault with a fifth place finish and score of 9.133. Herald photos by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



West Salem/Bangor's Evan Wolfe works for nearfall points against Luck co-op's Taedon Nichols in the Division 2 state semifinal match February 25. Wolfe won 1-0 to advance to the state title bout the next night.

Herald photo by Derek Montgomery.

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Kohl Center and earned a bye into the quarterfinals in the Division 2 138-pound bracket.

"We all knew Evan was one of the best in the state last year. He just ran into a tough sectional. He had the champ and the runner-up both in his section," said West Salem/Bangor head coach Josh Brewer. "It's just rewarding because now he gets to be down here again. He learned from tight matches last year."

Those experiences in tight matches seemed to serve him well, as Wolfe placed second in his weight class at the 2022 WIAA Boys' State Individual Wrestling Tournament. The event was held from Thursday, February 24 to Saturday, February 26 at the Kohl Center in Madison.

"It definitely pushed me to get here. Obviously this is my last year and last run at it all," Wolfe said of last season's sectional disappointment. "Not getting here last year definitely deflated me a little bit, but I was able to get it through my head and bounce back and battle hard this year."

Wolfe opened his second and final state appearance by defeating Prairie du Chien sophomore Drew Hird via a 6-1 decision in Friday morning's quarterfinals. Later that evening, Wolfe eked out a narrow victory via a 1-0 decision in his semifinal match against Webster/Siren/Frederic/Luck/Grantsburg senior Taedon Nichols to book his spot in the championship match.

Wolfe would come up short of an individual state title, however, as he fell

via a 6-3 decision to Luxemburg-Casco sophomore Max Ronsman in Saturday evening's championship.

Though he fell just shy of the ultimate prize, Wolfe still put a fine bow on his decorated wrestling career that's seen him not only garner individual accolades, but also fuel team success in a leadership role.

"His growth as a wrestler — and I tell people this all the time — it's not as impressive as his growth as a man," Brewer said. "He led our team to back-to-back conference titles, a regional title.

It's his leadership that's been probably the most rewarding (to see) as a staff."

Even beyond the actual wrestling itself, Wolfe is eternally grateful for the sport and the positive influence it has had on him personally to make a major impact beyond the mat.

"I used to get in trouble a lot in school and wrestling, I feel, has helped me get to where I am," Wolfe said. "I've matured a lot. I thank wrestling for that because I think that's a big part of who I am today and created who I am."



West Salem/Bangor head coach Josh Brewer talks with Evan Wolfe during a pause on the mat during the WIAA state tournament. Herald photo by Derek Montgomery.



Bangor's Will Reader hauls in a rebound during the Cardinals' last home game with Wonewoc-Center in mid-February. Herald photo by Nate Beier.

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United States to a screeching halt. The pandemic continued to loom large over the 2020-21 season even once basketball resumed.

Due to fewer teams participating in last year's postseason, Bangor got bumped up to Division 4 and ended up losing 67-61 in the regional finals to Onalaska Luther, who wound up making it to state.

With a return to Division 5 this postseason, the Cardinals are back in sectionals to clash with Blair-Taylor yet again.

This is Bangor's third sectional appearance in four years under head coach Jacob Pederson. Each time, the Cardinals have been greeted in the sectional semifinals by the Wildcats and their long-time head coach Randy Storlie, a 2017 inductee into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. Storlie also recorded his 600th win earlier this season, joining the ranks of a very elite class of coaches to do so.

Back on January 9 in Bangor, the Cardinals scored a comprehensive 69-45 victory over the Wildcats. That loss was part of a 5-5 start for an inexperienced Blair-Taylor squad, but they have since won 13 of their last 17.

Coincidentally, the winner of the last two sectional semifinal meetings between these two was the team that lost the regular-season matchup that season.

"It's definitely some different faces this year, but Coach Storlie has them playing really well," Pederson said. "They may not have had a ton of experience before the season started with varsity minutes, besides maybe (senior forward Cain) Fremstad, but I think they've really matured as the season's gone on here."

Since that 2020 playoff meeting, there has naturally been a significant level of roster turnover. Every Blair-Taylor player who scored in that game has since graduated. However, a few Bangor players who were in the rotation then are still with the program now, including senior guard Will Reader.

READER'S RESOLVE

As a sophomore two years ago, Reader was a spark plug for the Cardinals in that matchup with the Wildcats, scoring 11 points on a perfect 5-of-5 shooting from the field.

"I remember it being the beginning of all the COVID stuff starting," Reader said. "We didn't have a full gym because a limited number of people were allowed to come. I remember it still being a loud atmosphere, but our team didn't quite bring it like we usually do."

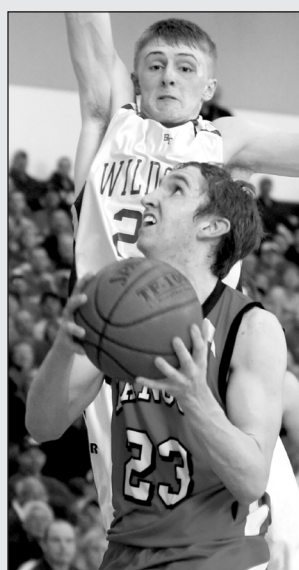
"I think being in that game is going to help a lot. Seeing what they've done the last couple of years and playing against them."

As the veteran leadership of the program's previous core departed, Reader has taken on an increased role both on the court and more generally as a leader on the team.

"Will is such a great kid. He hustles, a lot of energy, a lot of hustle, a lot of knowledge, loves the game of basketball," Pederson said. "Just a great teammate. The kids all love being around him. Such a

RED VS BLUE

A look at the postseason history between Bangor and Blair-Taylor since the turn of the century



Bangor's Connor Kaiser darts around Blair-Taylor's Hank Kujak during the 2011 sectional semifinal meeting in Mauston. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

2020

D5 Sectional Semifinal
Blair-Taylor 62 Bangor 61

2019

D5 Sectional Semifinal
Bangor 68 Blair-Taylor 65

2017

D5 Regional Semifinal
Bangor 88 Blair-Taylor 59

2016

D5 Regional Semifinal
Bangor 87 Blair-Taylor 85

2011

D4 Sectional Semifinal
Blair-Taylor 59 Bangor 48

2005

D4 Regional Semifinal
Blair-Taylor 46 Bangor 29

2003

D4 Sectional Semifinal
Blair-Taylor 73 Bangor 63

2001

D4 Regional Quarterfinal
Bangor 74 Blair-Taylor 61

positive guy.

"The guys have really fed off him and he's really grown up a lot in the four years I've had to coach him."

For Reader and the select few who were part of the program then, that agonizing playoff loss to the Wildcats two years ago is a memory that hasn't faded. As Reader and these seniors write the final chapters of their high school basketball careers, they're hopeful they can avenge that defeat as they continue their pursuit of a return to the state tournament for the first time since 2019.

"It makes me very hungry," Reader said of the 2020 sectional loss. "My freshman year too, playing them at sectionals and we got the win against them that time. It makes me hungry to want to get out there and take it from them again."

"I've always had a different type of energy that comes out when we play Blair-Taylor. Hopefully I can tap into that on Thursday too."

OBITUARIES

LUCILLE "LUANN" SKARO July 29, 1939 — March 7, 2022

HUSTLER - Lucille "LuAnn" Skaro, age 82, of Hustler, WI, passed away on Monday, March 7, 2022 at Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse, WI.



Lucille Skaro

She was born on July 29, 1939 to Lloyd and Margaret (Bergeson) Edwards in McFarland, WI.

LuAnn attended beautician school and spent over 55 years in the hair industry at multiple hair salons. Her final place was when she owned and operated the Hooter Hair Shop in Hustler. She loved all of the relationships and close friendships she developed from her many years working in Hustler at the hair shop, it was something she cherished. She will be dearly missed by her family and friends.

She is survived by her children, Kim (Joe) Garber, Kevin (Susanne) Kufahl,

Bruce (Donna) Skaro; daughter-in-law, Colleen (Frank) Rick; son-in-law, Butch Hauge; along with many grandchildren, and great grandchildren, other relatives, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lloyd and Margaret; husband, Lloyd Skaro; son, Larry Skaro; and daughter, Marsha Hauge.

A Celebration of LuAnn's Life will be held on Saturday, March 19, at 1:00 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. Pastor Bob Streeter will officiate. Burial will be held at a later date in the Hustler Cemetery. Family and friends are invited for visitation from 11:00 a.m. until the time of the service on Saturday at the funeral home, with a luncheon to follow after the service at the KC Hall in Tomah.

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

Torkelson Funeral Home

DEATH NOTICES

DAVID P. SULLIVAN March 8, 2022

SPARTA - David P. Sullivan, 70, of rural Sparta, WI, passed away peacefully Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at the beautiful Sullivan home farm where he grew up, brought his bride in 1977, and raised two sons.

A Celebration of Life is being planned for April 3,

2022, at Club 16 in Sparta, WI.

A full obituary and details will be announced by Torkelson Funeral Home of Sparta, WI.

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SCHOOL

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McKenna: Staff and student retention. The district lost 63 staff members last year, including 37 teachers, in a time when there is a shortage of quality teachers.

The pending referendum may force the new board to make significant cuts to the budget. List a few significant items you would cut if needed and what additional information would you need prior to voting on the cuts?

Leverich: That's a decision the board would need to make with all the complete and accurate information before them. If the referendum is rejected in April she would be agreeable to revisiting it in the fall.

Hendricks: Two-thirds if not more of the budget is personnel, while a good portion of the rest of the budget consists of items on which the school district has no flexibility (i.e. transportation, utilities, insurance...) The school district is already frugal. It's inconceivable to cut \$2.8 million from the budget without affecting personnel. "It's a sad reality but it's a reality people need to understand."

Scholze: The school district already runs a very conservative budget. There is no possible way to make cuts without affecting personnel. The board needs to find the least impact possible on students and provide the best opportunity for those students if the referendum fails.

McKenna: Cutting staff is a difficult proposition because student attrition is not concentrated in one grade so the school district can't cut a teaching position without impacting classrooms. However, with 65% of the budget devoted to staff, that's where cuts are going to have to be made.

Morene: The school district's mission is to provide a world-class education to students. That's the district's objective. Many school mill rates around the area are higher. The school district actually has funds earmarked to pre-pay interest on Herrman Elementary School that can be redirected to mitigate cuts to staff wages and services.

Wells: The majority of the budget is staffing. As a

member of the board he will try to have as little impact on student education as possible. "I understand the inevitability of the situation, but we need to make every single decision as it impacts every single student."

Is our nation's history merely a tool to inspire patriotism or, as historians argue, a valuable lesson in the good, the bad and the ugly?

Hendricks: There is a time and place for everything. Many of the ideas discussed in Critical Race Theory are too advanced for a typical public school. But that doesn't mean high schools should be whitewashing the tragic parts of history. There is a balance that should be presented so students get the full picture. "I think we do them a disservice if we don't expose them to some parts of our history we'd just as soon forget."

McKenna: "History is history. We have to teach all of it." However, you teach third graders about Thanksgiving differently than you do a highschooler. There are ugly parts of history and if they're not taught, society is doomed to repeat them.

Morene: If you don't know history eventually you're going to repeat it. There is a lack of focus on history in the schools. Some things might need to be added into the history books. "But I don't think we just stop teaching it and wish everything away."

Wells: We need to teach history to accept responsibility for the future. "We cannot change what happened but kids need to know the past to make informed decisions on their own futures."

Leverich: Students should be taught the rich history of all the world's countries, including the U.S. "I think there's a way to teach so that it's appropriate for the age level of the kids, but I don't think we should whitewash anything."

How do you feel about closing Cataract School if the school district continues having a budget shortfall?

Morene: She would vote to keep it open and figure out how to fund it. The alternative of busing elementary kids to Herrman and the middle school would result in long

bus rides and early mornings for young children. Ultimately the class sizes would have to increase due to teacher attrition.

Wells: He doesn't know if it will be necessary because Cataract School offers its own efficiencies and students do best where they are most comfortable.

Leverich: "Cataract is a wonderful school and it's got a nice community." It might be financially expedient to close it but not so from an educational standpoint. "I think education is more about doing what's best for kids."

Hendricks: You have to consider closing Cataract School because the money saved benefits the rest of the district. If Cataract remained open it would take money from the rest of the students in the district to maintain it. "Should the rest of the district's students have less so we can maintain Cataract School?"

Scholze: As a former student at Cataract, he agrees closing the school needs to be considered. "If the referendum doesn't go through, we have to look at every option." If the referendum passes, the money is there to keep the school open.

McKenna: Cataract is an asset to the district. The biggest source of untapped potential is families housed at Ft. McCoy, many of whom currently send their children to Lemonweir School in Tomah. They prefer a "small, tight-knit" school where they feel welcomed for the short time they are at Ft. McCoy. The bus ride from the Ft. McCoy housing area to Cataract is five minutes longer than the ride to Herrman Elementary.

What is the problem with open enrollment statistics and what is the solution?

Wells: He wants students to come into the Sparta School District and feel welcome, however it's not the thing that is directly affecting the school's funding.

Leverich: In favor of open enrollment. The school district should focus on academic achievement and make students more accountable to attract more students to the district. "Once the behaviors and academics increase and

we have a better academic environment for our kids, our open enrollment numbers will blow sky high because we have the facilities."

Hendricks: Many of the families who take advantage of open enrollment were never enrolled in the Sparta School District to begin with. A lot of homeschool families use it to pay for virtual schools. Families should send their children to wherever they think is best for them. The school district actually makes a little money when students open enroll out and when they open enroll in, which is great, they are more expensive for the school than other students because the district doesn't receive full funding for them. "I think we need to stop going crazy over the open enrollment thing and just accept it for what it is."

Scholze: When someone enrolls in, the district is at a \$3,000 deficit. But the district never wants to lose students. To curb that the district needs to show its "wins" such as its robotics club, DECA, competitive show choir, and a state gymnastics team that took fourth in state. Academic scores are important, too, and the district needs to strive to increase those scores. "We need to find the wins and show the surrounding communities this place is worth coming to."

McKenna: Per-pupil funding is a large part of the school budget. He struggles with why people open enroll out of the school district and thinks the district lost an opportunity to find that out. "We had an opportunity to ask 100 families 'What could Sparta have done better to change your mind?' and we didn't take the time. To me that's disrespect to those children, that's disrespect to those parents and that's disrespect to our taxpayers."

Morene: The district needs to appeal more to Ft. McCoy families to increase enrollment. One way is to keep extracurricular activities in the budget. "You also have to win the hearts and minds of the military community." A lot of them went to Tomah because Tomah was open. They have jobs and need their children in school.

LIBRARY

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conversation because the grand entrance isn't going anywhere on the design plan. You can lock or unlock that door at any time. We're going to listen to the people that work there."

Tryggstad added, "A single entrance to the library is preferred; our intent is to maintain the current grand entrance as an exit only and it can be fully operational for special events when we have

extra staff on duty. Entrances and exits are now viewed as 'workplace threats.' A single entrance reduces the risk of the employees, when the employees can see everyone that is coming in the door, the better off we are. We used to have issues with drugs and weapons, and we haven't since we went to a single entrance."

The current entrance is on the north side of the library and is an exit only on the new plans.

Senate Passes VanderMeer Veterans Talent Attraction Bill

On Tuesday, the State Senate passed Assembly Bill 888, related to talent attraction and retention initiatives focusing on veterans. The bill, authored by Representative Nancy VanderMeer (R-Tomah), previously was passed by the State Assembly in mid-February. It will now will be sent to Governor Evers for approval.

Assembly Bill 888 directs the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) to expend \$10 million of existing federal funds the state currently has, to develop and implement talent attraction and retention initiatives focused specifically on veterans.

"At the state level, we need to be focused on doing whatever we can to help job producers throughout the state address critical workforce

shortages. I'm hopeful that the governor will sign this bill. The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) exists to help move initiatives like this forward and help us foster an economy where workers can produce and provide for their families and job providers can not only sustain their organizations, but grow and flourish in our great state," stated VanderMeer.

The legislation and initiative is supported by the Wisconsin Economic Development Association (WEDA) and Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC), who have worked on similar initiatives in the recent past on behalf of their members. Both organizations offered testimony in support of the legislation during public hearings on the bill in the State Assembly and State Senate.

Kyle's Files

By Kyle Evans

Understand what you're voting for before going to the polls

The next election on April 5 has a lot of different things on there. There are six different races for County Board seats. Sparta School Board, Tomah School Board, and Bangor School Board all have seats up for grabs. The Sparta School district also has a referendum on the ballot to maintain current operations. There are also races for Mayor in Tomah and Sparta, and a city alderman race in Sparta. There could even be more that I'm

not aware of yet.

We will try our best to educate each of you on what you're voting for, what county district and town ward you might be in. We will also try to give you as much information on each of the candidates involved in races as we can.

So, do your civic duty and watch the newspaper as there will be a lot of information coming your way before the April 5 election. Make sure to make plans to vote on April 5.

FORT MCCOY

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types of training opportunities that take place at the installation by active- and reserve-component forces and other governmental agencies, according to DPTMS.

During fiscal year 2021, training included several Cold-Weather Operations Course sessions; battle-drill (weekend) training; annual training; mobilization; institutional training; and numerous exercises, including a Warrior Exercise, Combat Support Training Exercise, Diamond Saber, Global Medic, and the level III Army Forces Command (FORSCOM) mobilization exercise Pershing Strike '21.

The Fort McCoy Executive Summary, available on the installation website, www.home.army.mil/mccoy, shows the installation makes continuous improvements to provide a training plethora

of training capabilities for service members.

"Throughout the last decade, Fort McCoy experienced unprecedented facility modernization, training area development and expansion, increased training and customer support capability, and improved quality-of-life opportunities," the summary states. "From unmanned aerial vehicles, to urban training facilities, to live-fire ranges and virtual-training environments, Fort McCoy is prepared to meet the training needs of the Army in the 21st century."

A gross multiplier index (GMI) of 4.0 was used to determine the overall effect of the expenditures in the local economy. The GMI measures the number of times a dollar turns over within a region and was developed by the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

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Southeast Monroe County News

by Myrna Fauska



Time marches on and here we are in the second week of the new month already! We are in the season of Lent, looking forward to St. Patrick's Day and the first day of spring. Up on South Ridge at the Martalock farm, nephew Butch Martin has begun to tap the sugar maples, so the family is anticipating fresh syrup with pancakes and waffles. It is also good on ice cream. Yum!

Here at the Feisty Fauskas, we had a bit of fun during the week beginning on Tuesday with book club at the Kendall Public Library. We discussed the book "The Library Book" by Susan Orlean and on a scale of 1 to 5, the opinions ran the gamut from 0 to 4 at the 5:00 session. Wednesday, I picked up Mary Parkhurst and took her to her doctor's appointment in Mauston. Christopher Young of Hillsboro accompanied us and we lunched at the China Buffet. Saturday evening, Christopher and son Kit took me up to the Tabor Bar and Grill in the fog for supper and on Sunday, after the service, Christopher joined us for a pot luck and hymn sing at the Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Kendall.

Arlene Garvens left Ron on his own last week as she joined her quilting friends for a retreat from Thursday through Sunday at the Cattail Retreat near Poynette. She reported a successful time of working on their quilts with satisfactory results.

It was family time at The Ranch in Johnnycake Hollow over the weekend as Rachel Zellmer and kids came up from Madison to join Chip and Mary Marty and offspring. Saturday evening, the sisters and families supped at the Hillsboro Brewing Company.

Monday, Lynette Vlasak and Sally Dana had supper at Beezer's Bar and Grill in Hillsboro with Monica Verbsky, Shirley Richardson, Karen Theis, and Lori Cherf. On Tuesday, librarian Lynette gets to attend both the noon book club session and the afternoon one. Wednesday, Sally played mah jong with her usual group. Friday, the gals joined Lowell and Arlys Zellmer and Chip and Mary Marty and kids at Brookwood for a wrestling tournament. Our local athlete Brett Marty won all three of his matches in his age and weight class. Congratulations, young man!

During this season of Lent, we are reminded of the earthly ministry of our Savior as He and His disciples traveled the Israeli countryside and the city of Jerusalem preaching and teaching the Word of God and performing miracles in the Father's name. Now we have the testimony of His apostles preserved for us in the New Testament of the Holy Bible. What a blessing for those of us who have received Christ as our Savior as we continue to serve Him in this life, anticipating eternal life with Him and our loved ones who await us on the other side! Amen.

Duplicate Bridge

Winners at Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday afternoon, March 8th, were:
First place - Mailla Kuhn and Ken Kuhn.
Second place - Amy Bernath and Bev Wendorf.
Third place - Jim Bloedorn and Lloyd Larson.
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.

AREA CHURCH NEWS

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

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Norwalk, WI 54648
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Father Eric Berns and
Father Fernando Lara
CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS
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RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 7:30 p.m. before Mass.

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Rectory Phone 608-269-2655
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CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)
RECONCILIATION
Friday: 11:00 a.m. - Noon;
Saturday: 3:30 p.m.
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Worship Services are held on Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm and on Sundays at 10 am. Masks are required due to the updated CDC guidelines. Please feel free to join us!
We continue to offer online services following the in-person worship services. Search @UccTomah to find the services.

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Pastor Dave Sorenson
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prest4pt@yahoo.com

March 13:
9:15 - Fish Creek Worship Services / Coffee following services
10:00 - North Coon Prairie Sunday School
11:00 - North Coon Prairie Worship Services
March 16:
5:30 - Confirmation Class at Fish Creek Church
7:00 - Lenten Services at Fish Creek Church
March 20:
9:00 - Portland Worship Services/ Coffee following services
10:00 - Portland Faith in Action
10:00 - Brush Creek Sunday School
11:00 - Brush Creek Worship Services / Potluck Dinner following services
March 23:
5:30 - Confirmation Class at North Coon Prairie
7:00 - Lenten Services at North Coon Prairie Church
March 27:
9:00 - North Coon Prairie Worship Services / Coffee following services
10:00 - North Coon Prairie Sunday School
10:00 - Fish Creek Sunday School
11:00 - Fish Creek Ridge Worship Services / Dinner following services
March 30:
5:30 - Confirmation Class at Portland Church
7:00 - Lenten Services at Portland Church
March 31:
7:00 - Portland Council Meeting

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9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday Discussions for Adults
WEDNESDAY:
5:30-7 p.m. Kids Kingdom (during school year) for students in grades PreK thru 6th. Free meal for Kids Kingdom children and their families (5:30-6 p.m.) Programming from 6-7 p.m.
6-7 p.m. Women's Bible study in the lower level. Free nursery (birth to PreK) for those attending the study.
7-9 p.m. Youth Group for students in grades 7-12
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10:00 a.m. Family Worship -Everyone is welcome-in person, social distancing or follow the service at www.facebook.com
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11:15 a.m. Worship team/church choir rehearsal on the 1st & 3rd Sunday.
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Trinity:
Mar. 13 - Worship at 10 a.m.
Mar. 16 - Sticky Faith, 3:10-4:30 p.m.
Mar. 16 - Lenten worship at noon and 6:15 p.m. Soup supper at 5:30 p.m.
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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 11 a.m.; Sunday 1:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.
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Soup Suppers - 5:30-6:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
Worship - 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
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Sunday, March 13: 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship Service, 9:30am - Bible Study
Monday, March 14: 1:00pm - Crafting Group
7:15pm - Board of Child and Family Learning Meeting
Tuesday, March 15: 9:30am - Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, March 16: 6:30am - Men as Christians at Sparta Family Restaurant, 8:00am - School Chapel, 6:00pm - Midweek Lent Service, 6:45pm - Catechism, 7:00pm - Senior Choir Practice

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Friday, March 11: 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, March 12: No activities scheduled.
Sunday, March 13: 9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school. 11:00 a.m. El Buen Pastor Worship in Chapel off K Street entrance and Hispanic children's Church in small kitchen.
Monday, March 14: Free bakery available-9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., inside the church at the "K" street entrance. The public is welcome. 4:30 p.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden Rm
Tuesday, March 15: 7:00 p.m. Alanon Mtg., Garden Rm. 1:00 p.m. Lois Circle Mtg., small kitchen
Friday, March 18: 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, March 19: No activities scheduled.
Sunday, March 20: 9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school. Immediately following Worship Service, Trustees Meeting in small kitchen. 11:00 a.m. El Buen Pastor Worship in Chapel off K Street entrance and Hispanic children's Church in small kitchen.
Monday, March 21: Free bakery available-9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., inside the church at the "K" street entrance. The public is welcome. 4:30 p.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden Rm
Tuesday, March 22: 7:00 p.m. Alanon Mtg., Garden Rm. 1:00 p.m. Lois Circle Mtg., small kitchen

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Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 13:31-35 Psalm 27
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members, their guests, and interested active & retired federal employees are welcome.

The SPARTA FARMERS MARKET is having their annual spring meeting on March 22nd at Sparta City Hall at 5:30 pm. Current and new vendors welcome. Election for board will be held.

Tomah Health and Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin are joining forces to meet area blood needs by holding a TWO-DAY BLOOD DRIVE March 23 & 24 from noon - 5 p.m. at Tomah's Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah.

Please join us at our SPARTA FFA CARD PARTIES! When: Last Friday of the month, 3/25. All start at 7PM Where: Sparta High School Library \$5 Donation. Cards, Meal, and Chance at Door Prizes.

"Gaining Census: Exploring Historic U.S. Census Records." March 31st, 2022, 7:00 PM. Monroe County Local History Room & Museum, 200 W. Main St., Sparta. For more info call 608-269-8680 or visit www.Facebook.com/mclhr.

CASHTON COMMUNITY CLUB'S 5TH ANNUAL SPRING FLING-O will be on Sunday April 3, 2022 at the Cashton Community Hall from noon to ?

Join Dennis and Bruce for BINGO EVERY THURSDAY AT 4 PM AT SPARTA VFW POST 2112, 121 S. RUSK AVE., SPARTA.

THE TOMAH AMERICAN LEGION POST 201 bar will be hosting Euchre games every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

The Sparta High School Class of 69 will hold their Class Luncheon every fourth Thursday of the month. It will be held at The Zone in Sparta at noon. Please come and enjoy the fun conversation.

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.

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5th grade-4k coloring contest winners for the St. Patrick's Carnival coming up at Queen Of The Apostles' School. Public welcome to the carnival on March 13th from 10-2:30. Contributed photo.

Monroe County Records Marriage Licenses

- Jeffery Williams and Consuela Yvonne Smith Williams
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Tomah Queen of Apostles students recently placed first in the Wisconsin Educational Media and Technology Association (WEMTA) Battle of the Books. The students competed in the elementary division in the statewide competition. The team tied with Silverbrook Intermediate School in West Bend. Both schools earned perfect scores in a competition that involved 183 schools in Wisconsin. The competition was online. The winning team includes Brooklyn Draeger, Connor Haun, Gus Helming, Anne-Marie Thomas and alternate Jaydan Willis. Fourth grade teacher Sue Farmer is the team advisor. Contributed photo

Meetings

- The Monroe County Public Safety & Justice Coordinating Committee will meet on Mon., March 14, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Justice Center.
The Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee will meet on Tue., March 15, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Justice Center.

TV CHANNEL GUIDE March 11 - March 17

Table with columns for FRIDAY EVENING (March 11, 2022) and SUNDAY EVENING (March 13, 2022). Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA and their respective programming.

Table with columns for SATURDAY EVENING (March 12, 2022) and MONDAY EVENING (March 14, 2022). Rows include channels like ABC-WXOW, CBS-WKBT, FOX-WLAX, NBC-WEAU, PBS-WHA and their respective programming.

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PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST: Days, pick up an application at Hair & Company, 130 West Warren St., Tomah, 608-372-7337.

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NOTICE

The City of Tomah Public Works Department is requesting sealed bids for the installation of concrete sidewalks and curb and gutter in the City of Tomah. Deadline for bids is March 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

TOWN OF TOMAH TOWN BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board Meeting will be held on Monday evening March 14, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. at the Town Hall.

Public Notice Town of Adrian

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: that the Adrian Town Board meeting will be conducted for the transaction of business that is required by law.

PROJECT: 2022 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS OWNER: City of Tomah 819 Superior Avenue Tomah, WI 54660

CONTRACTS AND BID DEADLINE:

Sealed bids for sanitary sewer, water main, storm sewer and street reconstruction in the City of Tomah, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, Wisconsin will be received until 1:00 PM local time, March 23, 2022, at the office of the City Clerk.

The Contract consists of these units: 8-inch Sanitary Sewer 3,100 lineal feet 8-inch Water Main 4,200 lineal feet 12-inch to 30-inch Storm Sewer 500 lineal feet 24" Concrete Curb & Gutter 4,000 lineal feet Concrete Flatwork 20,500 square feet Street Reconstruction 2,100 lineal feet

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS: The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders, Bidder's Proof of Responsibility, Bid Proposal Form, Affidavit of Organization and Authority, Bid Bond (in the amount of 5% of the maximum amount of the bid), Notice of Award Form, Agreement Form, Notice to Proceed Form, Performance/Payment Bond (100%), Certificate of Insurance, General Conditions, Supplementary Conditions, Technical Specifications, Drawings and Addenda (if any) may be examined at the following locations:

City of Tomah 819 Superior Avenue Tomah, WI 54660 Town & Country Engineering, Inc. 6264 Nesbitt Road Madison, WI 53719

Copies of the Contract Documents and the Construction Plans may be obtained at the office of Town & Country Engineering, Inc., 6264 Nesbitt Road, Madison, WI 53719 via appointment only.

Published by the authority of: Kirk Arity, Director of Public Works City of Tomah 3/10, 17 WNAXLP

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LEGAL NOTICES

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

Case No. 22 PR 17 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Helen M. Hibbard DOD: February 07, 2022 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed.

Diane Berendes Probate Registrar February 22, 2022 Darla A. Krzoska Bosshard Parke Ltd. 750 3rd Street N., Suite A La Crosse, WI 54601 608-782-1469 Bar Number 1025533 3/3, 10, 17 WNAXLP

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may submit a request to vote an absentee ballot to their Municipal Clerk. A qualified elector is any U.S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day, who has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

Julie Hanson, 608-269-4340, opt. 2 201 W. Oak Street, Sparta, WI HOURS: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. TUESDAY - FRIDAY

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: March 22, 2022 The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: April 1, 2022

Office hours on this date are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

Notice of Public Hearing Notice is hereby given that the Monroe County Sanitation, Planning & Zoning Committee will examine at a public hearing the application of Nate & Chelsea Parker for a conditional use permit for a small business-retail outdoors sports store on property located at 2403 County Hwy S, in part of the SE 1/4, NE 1/4 and SW 1/4, NE 1/4, Section 7, T19N, R3W, Town of New Lyme, parcel number 028-00107-2400 & 028-00106-0000, 29.17 acres.

This hearing will be held on March 21, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1st Floor - Room #1200, 112 South Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656.

Alison Elliott Monroe County Zoning Administrator 3/3, 10 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Monroe County Sanitation, Planning & Zoning Committee will examine at a public hearing a petition by Linda Reed (aka Evenson) and Ted Evenson, for a change of zoning district from GA-General Agriculture to R3-Rural Residential for parcel of land at 17046 Icarus Rd, Sparta, WI, in the NW 1/4, NW 1/4, Section 29, T17N, R4W, tax parcel # 040-00971-2000, Town of Sparta, Monroe County, 5.11 acres total, described as follows:

Reason for change of zoning is to comply with the Town of Sparta requirements. This hearing will be held on March 21, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., at the Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1st Floor - Room #1200, 112 South Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY Publication Summons And Notice (Small Claims)

Case No. 2022SC000087 Plaintiff(s): 1st Community Credit Union 1000 Wisconsin Street PO Box 167 Sparta, WI 54656

Defendant(s): Sierra Larson 223 N Water Street Sparta, WI 54656

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (608)269-8746 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S):

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608-269-8746 Courtroom/Room Number: 2200 Address: 112 S Court St Sparta, WI 54656

on the following date and time: Date: 4/11/22 Time: 1:45 p.m.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date.

Jenny Cavadini 3/7/22 608-269-8121 3/10 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Monroe County Zoning Board of Adjustment will examine at a public hearing the Petition for Variance of Dannie Yoder 25982 Irondale Ave Tomah, WI, to construct a pole shed when said structure would be contrary to Section 47-738 (b) of the Monroe County Zoning Code.

This hearing will be held on March 17, 2022 at 9:00 AM at 25982 Irondale Ave Tomah, WI which is located in part of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4, Section 35, T17N, R1W, Town of Tomah. Tax Parcel # 042-00873-0000.

Alison Elliott Monroe County Zoning Administrator 3/3, 10 WNAXLP

NOTICE TOWN OF NEW LYME

The regular town board meeting will be held on Monday, March 14th, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall. Agenda items: approval of bills, road work update and discussion of long term plans for Cattail Ave, plowing of snow into the roadway by property owners, continued discussion on improvements to the town hall entrance and accessibility parking area, review new correspondence and confirm the next meeting date.

Lisa M. Green Town Clerk 3/10 WNAXLP

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