

# Beer boundary expanded for tractor pull and Monroe County Fair

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN  
Contributing Writer

Beer consumption outside the Recreation Park grandstand will be allowed at the Dairyland Truck and Tractor Pull and the Monroe County Fair.

The change was part of the approval of special beer and wine permits by the Tomah City Council Tuesday night for each event. The change was sought by the Monroe County Support Services, the organization that works with food and beverage vendors for each event. John Shuck, representing Monroe County Support Services, was at Committee of the Whole Monday night.

The Dairyland Truck and Tractor Pull June 22-25 and the Monroe County Fair, July 27-31, are both at Recreation Park.

Shuck asked if the council would consider the expanded boundary for legal age adults to consume beer and other alcohol beverages outside the Rec Park grandstand at the tractor pull and fair.

Shuck pointed out the complete perimeter of Recreation Park has a fenced boundary which makes it manageable for security to make sure no one takes beer outside Rec Park onto streets.

It was noted for the tractor pull and fair adults generally consume alcohol outside the grandstand (in the pit/camping areas for pullers and campground area for families during the fair).

Shuck said one of the key reasons for the request is during the pull it is common for fans to ask if they can carry a beer from the grandstand to the nearby beer tent or to a food vendor to get something to eat.

Shuck assured the council that anyone with alcohol outside the grandstand will be required to wear a wristband for proof they are of legal age.

During the fair there will also be set boundaries near the livestock barns to make sure beer is not carried to that area.

Tomah Police Chief Scott Holum did not oppose the request. Holum did point out there is a city ordinance that prohibits beer outside the

grandstand.

But it was also noted the request can fall under the umbrella of the special beer and wine application for 2022. Rather than a hasty ordinance change, it would allow a one year trial to monitor behavior during the pull and county fair with a possible ordinance amendment in the future.

**Council passed a motion from the Plan Commission recommendation** to rezone property located on North Glendale Avenue to accommodate development of the city's emergency services building. The location is on city owned property currently occupied by Parks & Recreation baseball/softball field and several accessory structures. The current property's zoning is C1-Conservancy. The parcel will be rezoned to I - Institutional.

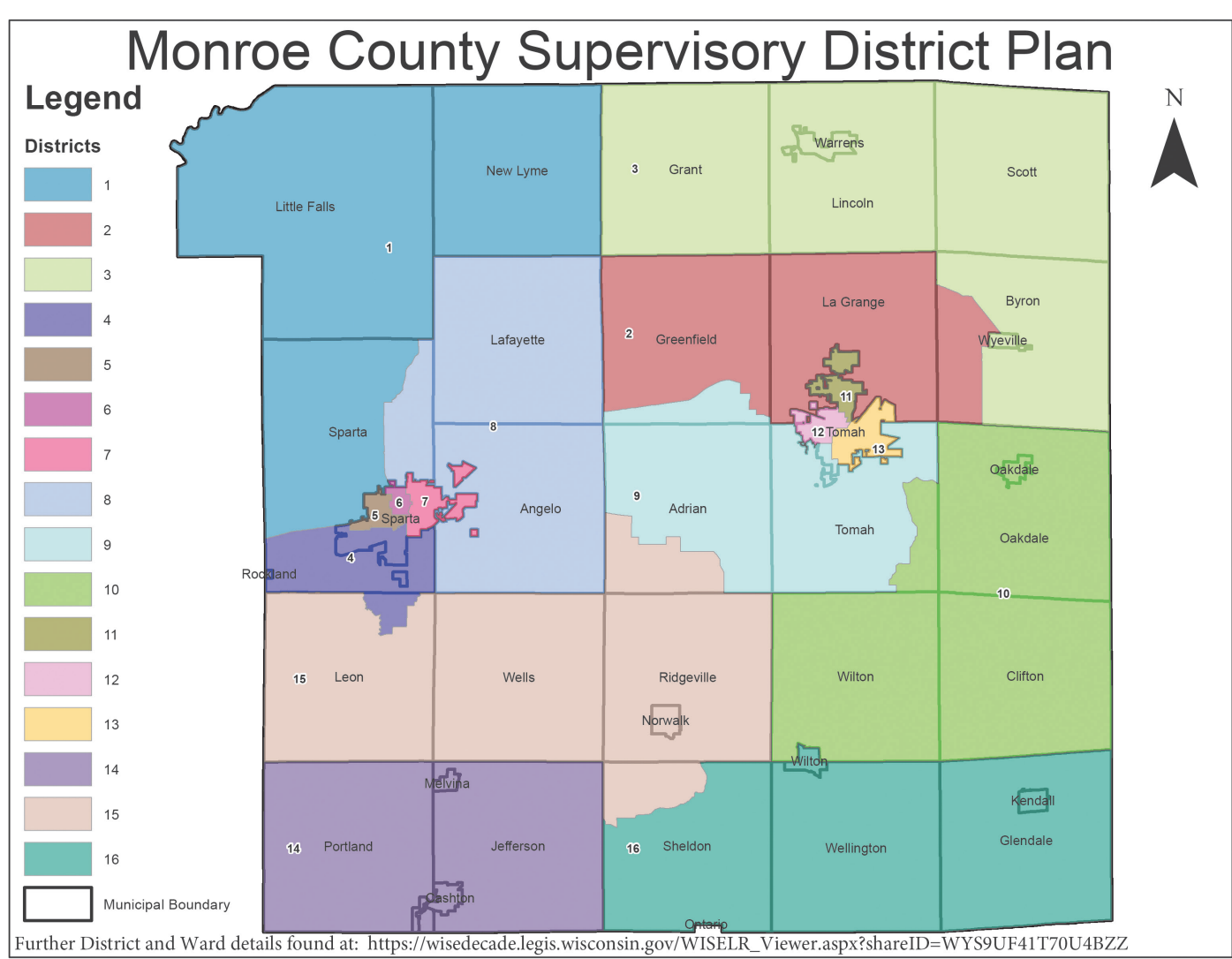
During a public hearing at the February Plan Commission meeting eight residents spoke in regard to the request voicing opposition and/or the logic to re-zone.

According to minutes from that February meeting city Zoning Administrator Shane Rolff noted the Fire/EMS building has been discussed by council for months and council has vetted the property. It was also noted that nearby Harrison Street will continue to have access to the property. The Plan Commission's vote was unanimous, as was the council vote.

It has also been noted in recent meetings only one ball field will be removed from the North Glendale ball park. Bud's Ball Park will remain intact at the location. A new ball park with a playground and other amenities is part of the Flare Avenue complex project.

**Council approved use of \$50,000 in federal ARPA funds** to install touchless LED crosswalk signals at four intersections for pedestrian safety. The following intersections are W. Clifton Street at Hollister Avenue, Superior Avenue at Holton Street, Superior Avenue at Foster Street and N. Superior Avenue at the recreational trail. Holum said those intersections

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# County Board District seats

By KYLE EVANS  
Interim Editor

After the election on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the Monroe County Board Supervisor districts will change. There are still 16 districts in the county. A County Supervisor will be elected for each county supervisory district, for a term of two years, to succeed the present incumbent(s) listed, whose terms will expire on April 18, 2022.

The new districts are as follows:

**District 1** includes the Town of Little Falls Wards 1 & 2, Town of New Lyme, Town of Sparta Wards 1 & 2. The incumbents include Alan H. McCoy & Cedric Schnitzler. Cedric Schnitzler is running

unopposed for the District 1 seat.

**District 2** includes the Town of Byron Ward 2, Town of Greenfield Ward 2, and Town of LaGrange Wards 1 & 2. The incumbent is David Pierce, who is running unopposed for the District 2 seat.

**District 3** includes the Town of Byron Ward 1, Town of Grant, Town of Lincoln, Town of Scott, Village of Warrens, and Village of Wyeville. The incumbent is Nodji VanWychen, who is running unopposed for the District 3 seat.

**District 4** includes the Town of Leon Ward 2, Town of Sparta Wards 3 & 4, Village of Rockland Ward 1, and the City of Sparta Ward 4. There is no incumbent for District

4. Jason Jandt of the Town of Sparta is running unopposed for the District 4 seat.

**District 5** includes the City of Sparta Wards 5, 6, 7, and 8. The incumbent is Wallace Habbegger, who is running unopposed for the District 5 seat.

**District 6** includes the City of Sparta Wards 9, 10, 11, and 12. There is no incumbent for district 6. David Kuderer and Amy Olson are running for the District 6 seat.

**District 7** includes the City of Sparta Wards 1, 2, and 3. Incumbents include Mary A. Von Ruden and Toni Wissestad, who are both running for the District 7 seat.

**District 8** includes the Town of Angelo Wards 1 & 2, Town of Lafayette, and Town of

Sparta Ward 5. The incumbent is Mark Halverson. Zachariah Zebell and Dave Culpepper are running for the District 8 seat.

**District 9** includes the Town of Adrian Ward 1, Town of Greenfield Ward 1, Town of Tomah Wards 1 & 2, and the City of Tomah Ward 13. There is no incumbent for District 9. Todd R. Sparks is running unopposed for the District 9 seat.

**District 10** includes the Town of Clifton, Town of Oakdale, Town of Tomah Ward 3, Town of Wilton, and the Village of Oakdale. Incumbents include Mark Nicholson and Mary J. Cook. Mary J. Cook is running

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# City approves new garbage contract

By PAT MULVANEY  
Contributing Writer

The Sparta City Council approved a new contract with Modern Disposal Systems (MDS) for waste and recycling collection that will include a few changes.

MDS, the city's current garbage hauler, submitted the only bid, which calls for a 10-year contract running from

Sept. 1, 2022 through Aug. 31, 2032.

Under the contract, the first-year cost to the city will be just short of \$550,000. MDS charged the city \$453,000 for its service in 2021. Co-City administrator Mark Sund said much of the price increase is for purchasing new garbage carts.

City resident can choose between a 65-gallon or

95-gallon trash can with larger trash receptacle costing a little more. MDS will accept only what is in the trash cans, which it will empty every week.

Residents also will receive a 95-gallon recycling cart, which will be emptied every other week.

Sund said the new system will be much more efficient for MDS and help clean up the city.

Special-haul services will include curbside metal pickup but will not include all demolition material like carpet, wood, shingles, vanities, toilets, doors, drywall, etc.

MDS has a manned facility

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# What's Happening Upcoming Area Events

**UPCOMING EVENTS POLICY:** Groups that earn profits from their event are asked to place a display ad in the MC Herald in order to be included in "Upcoming Area Events." Any non-profit adult organization or church will get a 25% discount on advertising. Half price ads are available for second run. There is no charge for youth groups. Items placed in "Upcoming Area Events" cannot contain prices, and the word "raffle" is prohibited. Regular consumption events must be run as a paid advertisement. We appreciate your cooperation. Call 608-269-9797 to place your item or e-mail to [julie@monroecountyherald.com](mailto:julie@monroecountyherald.com)

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**COVID-19 MOBILE VACCINE CLINIC** event at A Healthy Touch Wellness Clinic, 110 Main St. Sparta on March 19, 2022 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

**St. Patricks Catholic School OPEN HOUSE** Tue., March 22, 2022 from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. 100 S. L St.

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 31<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.Facebook.com/mclhr).

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

**SHRINERS 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT** on Sat., April 9, 2022 1-4 p.m. at the Tomah Masonic Lodge, 520 E. Saratoga St.

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](http://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.

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# Southeast Monroe County News

by Myrna Fauska



Daylight Saving Time began early Sunday morning, the Ides of March is on Tuesday, and St. Patrick's Day is on Thursday. How's that for a memorable week? We're also supposed to have a warm spell to top it all off! Thus ends my collection of useless knowledge for this week. Now, for the good stuff!

The Hill Country Belles Red Hats gals met for lunch at Bender's Family Restaurant in Elroy on Wednesday after a hiatus for the past several months due to the upswing of the COVID-19 virus over the winter.

Thursday, I took Kathy Stubrud to Mayo Clinic and Hospital in La Crosse for a doctor's appointment and lunch afterward at the Sparta Family Restaurant. Saturday, I accompanied Christopher and Kit Young of Hillsboro to Elgin, Illinois, to meet Julie and Felicity Young and pick up August to bring him up for a visit with his father and brother for a couple of weeks.

Ron and Arlene Garvens spent the weekend in the Waukesha area and, on Friday evening, took brother-in-law Ed Naber out for

fish supper. Saturday, they visited with Bob and Gladys Roszkowski and also spent some time with granddaughter Nicole and great-grandsons Mason and Grant Bruckner.

Saturday afternoon Dean Tompkins brought his granddaughter Clare Everson to visit great uncle and aunt Allan and Heather Vlasak. Tuesday at around noon, Allan and Sally Dana lunched at the Kendall Senior Dining Center and Allan stayed to play cards.

Tuesday evening, Sally Dana invited Christopher and Kit Young and myself to join her for the spaghetti dinner and band and choir concert at Royall High School. A delightful evening of good food and entertainment.

One of the joys of living in a small community is the annual Kendall Lions Club Fundfest which will take place this Saturday, March 19, at the Community Hall beginning at 5:00P.M. God has planted us here to enjoy the fellowship of friends and neighbors and I hope to see many of you there!

# Step it up! Get active for your health

Contributed Article

According to the National Institutes of Health newsletter, it's easy to sit more than you should. Many people sit at desks during the day, where we're inactive for long periods of time. Moving more and sitting less can have major health benefits. Getting regular physical activity is one of best things you can do for your health. Experts recommend adults get at least 150 minutes (two and a half hours) of moderate physical activity a week. That means doing activities that get your heart beating faster. If you do more intense exercise like running, aim for at least 75 minutes a week. Adults should also do activities that strengthen their muscles twice a week. But only about 20% of Americans meet these physical activity goals. The good news is that any physical activity is better than none. And getting active has both immediate and long-term benefits.

"If we could bottle up what physical activity does for us, we would probably have the most powerful pill ever developed," says Dr. John Jakicic of the University of Pittsburgh. Jakicic is an expert on physical activity and weight control. Physical activity can help you feel and function better. It can improve your sleep, energy level, and focus. It can help you stay at a healthy weight. It also helps prevent many diseases, including heart and blood vessel disease, cancer, type 2 diabetes, and depression. Regular physical activity also helps those already diagnosed with these conditions. It can work immediately to reduce anxiety and lower blood pressure. "It's been shown over many decades that physical activity is one of the most important actions that people of all ages can take to improve their health," explains Dr. Kong Chen, an NIH expert who studies how the body uses energy.

Physical activity doesn't mean you have to go to the gym. Getting more active can include simple things like carrying your groceries or taking the stairs instead of the elevator. "People mistakenly think that you have to do it a certain way," says Jakicic. "That you have to get your heart rate into a certain zone, you have to work really, really hard, and you have to go to a special facility and wear special clothes." But little choices to be more active can

still have big effects. Meeting the 150-minute goal may seem overwhelming. But you can start with a few minutes at a time. "If time is a barrier, you can still gain benefits by breaking your exercise sessions into smaller periods of time," says Jakicic. For example, you could take three 10-minute walks throughout the day to meet a 30-minute goal. Recent research suggests you can benefit from even a couple of minutes of activity. Every minute counts when it comes to movement.

Knowing you should be more active and doing it are two different things. Studies have found that the approaches that work vary from person to person. "One solution that may work for one person may not work for others," notes Chen. Some find that using wearable devices or phone apps to track progress can be motivating. Other people may benefit from joining a group that does physical activity together. Making physical activity social can make it more fun and feel less like a chore. Try to find someone you enjoy being active with. That can be particularly important for kids, who are more likely to be active with others. Parents also play a key role in keeping their kids active. "Parents need to model being active and provide opportunities for activity," Saelens says. Ask your child to take a walk with you. Even if they don't come, you're modeling the behavior. If low energy is keeping you from being active, schedule exercise for a time of day when you have the most energy. Tell yourself that physical activity will increase your energy level. It usually does. So, find what works for you. It could be riding bikes with a friend, going out dancing, or taking a mid-day stroll. "Any activity is better than no activity," says Jakicic. "Don't look for the magic bullet. Look for what works in your lifestyle, look for what works for you, and then try to build on that every day."

## Meetings

■The Rolling Hills Committee Meeting will be held on Mon., March 21, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. at the Justice Center.

■The Sparta Area School District Board of Education will have their Full Board meeting at 7:00 pm, on March 22 in the Meadowview Middle School Auditorium.



Steve Kuderer (left), representing the Ecumenical Food Pantry Board of Directors, accepted a check for \$3,000 from Holiday Lights Volunteer Carl Blixt (right) on Tuesday, February 24. Contributed photo.

# Sparta Holiday Lights donates to Food Pantry

By Barbara Rice  
Contributed Article

Sparta Holiday Lights presented \$3,000 to the Sparta Ecumenical Food Pantry and \$1,000 to the Sparta School District Backpack Program when the non-profit group met Tuesday, February 24. True to its mission, *To Feed the Hungry*, the awards resulted from contributions made by the many visitors who walked or drove through the December 2021 holiday event.

The organization also recognized the community groups that have repeatedly assisted in building and dismantling the annual display.

"We are a small core group," said Holiday Lights Board President Carol Loe. "We could not do the event without the help of the community—other non-profits and individuals. The 'Repeat Groups' are a big help. On the first weekend their turnout accomplished 70% of what we do. With the 'Pay It Forward' program we can provide funding for their group and perhaps bring in even more helpers from the community."

Lori Ascher, Director of

the nonprofit Ecumenical Food Pantry, said "We are donated many food items, but this gift will allow us to buy that which we are often short of—canned meat, tuna, chicken, peanut butter. Customers who live in hotels or cars have no access to real cooking, and this will enable us to buy items through the Hunger Task Force that will meet their needs."

John Winkelmann, spokesperson for the Sparta School System Backpack program, which fills and sends 100 backpacks home with participating students at the end of each school week, said, "This will help immensely. Food prices are up. We just filed an order with Second Harvest that will cover us for six weeks and take us to summer, and with this check, plus one from the Kiwanis Club, we will be able to fill the shelves."

Seven community non-profit organizations helped in assembling and in taking down the Holiday Lights Display, worked in the concession stand or stood at the entrance, collecting donated food. The non-profit groups included Kiwanis Club of Sparta, Sparta Area Fire District, Good Citizens' Club, Sparta

High School Future Farmers of America, Fort McCoy Chapel Gang, SHS 4-H Club and the Sparta Basketball Association.

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**SUDOKU**

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Level: Intermediate

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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## CLUES ACROSS

1. Type of footwear

5. Studies a lot all at once

10. Adventure story

14. Hundred thousand

15. Former U.S. Vice President

16. Ruler

17. Indian city

18. Similar

19. Ship as cargo

20. Volcanic craters

22. Boxing's "GOAT"

23. Bullfighting maneuvers

24. London soccer team

27. Score perfectly

30. No (Scottish)

31. SoCal hoops team (abbr.)

32. Woman (French)

35. Unwanted attic "decor"

37. Peter Griffin's daughter

38. Broad, shallow crater

39. Large instruments

40. Low bank or reef
41. \_\_\_ and Venzetti

42. Oil group

43. Father

44. Aggressive men

45. Pairs well with green

46. Travelers need it

47. Digital audiotape

48. Midway between northeast and east

49. Chemistry descriptor

52. S. China seaport

55. Sound unit

56. Heavy cavalry sword

60. Thick piece of something

61. Spa town in Austria

63. Boyfriend

64. Norse personification of old age

65. Type of box

66. Tie together

67. Fiber from the coconut

68. Chicago mayor

69. Old English letters

## CLUES DOWN

1. Type of sauce

3. Plant with long seedpods

4. Map out

5. Numbers cruncher

6. Make a mental connection

7. Italian tenor

8. N. America's highest mountain peak

9. Witness

10. Arabic given name

11. Music awards

12. "The Immoralist" author

13. Area units

21. Units of loudness

23. Political action committee

25. Bar bill

26. Witch

27. A theatrical performer

28. 2-door car

29. \_\_\_ and flowed

32. Papier-\_\_\_, art medium
33. City in Georgia

34. Irregular

36. College sports conference

37. Angry

38. Partner to cheese

40. S. American mammal

41. Self-immolation by fire rituals

43. Split pulses

44. Disfigure

46. Cow noise

47. Erase

49. Chadic language

50. Reward for doing well

51. Paid TV

52. Millisecond

53. Other

54. Colombian city

57. Necklace part

58. Every one of two or more people

59. Regrets

61. They come after "A"

62. Horse noise

Answers on page 15



## Letters to the Editor

### U.S. must help Ukraine

Dear Editor:

The U.S. and NATO must begin promptly approving Ukraine’s reasonable requests for military equipment for self-defense against Russia. This should include aircraft, air defense, anti-armor and reconnaissance equipment.

Every day we hesitate enables war crimes and atrocities against innocent civilians, as well as future acts of aggression by Putin.

I understand that 20 years in Afghanistan has caused war fatigue, and I understand that we don’t want to commit U.S. ground troops. I understand we don’t want to start a war with Russia. I understand that the government of Ukraine hasn’t always been perfect.

History has taught us the lessons of cowardly and indecisive appeasement. How many millions of people died due to government policies of indecision and cowardice during WWII? Do we really want to confront the same thing again?

The answer is we must arm Ukraine, or pay a dear price ourselves.

**Jeffrey LeMere**  
**Warrens**

### DA needs to do the honorable thing

Dear Editor:

I understand why you have limited people to 1 letter a month but it kind of stinks when there is so much going on in the world at the same time. Kudos to Mr. Lasko for his letter and I totally agree with all he wrote. Croninger’s comments, “so sorry, so embarrassed, I should have known better” are b.s. He knew exactly what he was doing. He knew he had to stall to give the alcohol time to leave his system. He tells his clients to tell the truth, show integrity, and do the honorable thing. He needs to do the honorable thing and resign.

You have to love the ‘fairness’ of the Jan. 6 committee - 2 closet Democrats and the rest are outright Dems.

Turn the tables. Somebody needs to stop that greedy, insane, murderous bastard Putin! I honestly believe the only reason military is going along with his antics is because they know if they don’t they will be murdered by him. The Russian police arrested the woman who held up a sign behind the newscaster, condemning the war, during a live news broadcast. I bet she will ‘mysteriously’ end up dead from an ‘accident’. Putin is a madman and somehow in some way must be stopped. Where’s the mafia or a ‘007’ when you need one? I’m NOT joking.

**Geri Leis**  
**Sparta**

### When Will There Be Peace?

Dear Editor:

I don’t know about you, but I have been yearning for a lasting peace for some time now. There isn't a day that goes by that we don’t hear something about peace on the television, most of it negative. Russia and the United States, the super powers, just can’t seem to get together and sit down and talk about peace. The arms race is still on and only minor cutbacks have been made in the reduction of nuclear arms. There are hundreds of war heads in Europe, enough to destroy all of human kind. The American people find themselves hoping that the change in the head of government in Russia will bring the two countries back to the bargaining table.

I had a conversation with a young mother this week, and she voiced her concern about the future of her two young sons, Joseph age 5, and Benjamin age 7 months. She stated when she was growing up she didn’t have to be concerned that some idiot might push a button or that an electronic malfunction could set off a nuclear holocaust. She felt she knew what peace was and had a feeling of security as she was growing up. This lovely mother seemed anxious as she shared her thoughts concerning her young sons.

As I sat by this mother, I too shared the same concern for my children, grandchildren, my neighbors and my loved ones. I, too, sometimes wonder if this will be the day someone will push the button.

People are constantly talking about solutions to the world problems. We hear the words nuclear arms freeze. Many are marching and holding rallies, telling the world that they want peace. Others look at them and say they are foolish, that there will never be peace as long as Russia is a super power. They are accusing those who march and pray for peace as being naive and foolish. Faith and hope have always seemed like foolishness to some. Paul writes of the foolishness of God. God’s word states that there will be a lasting peace someday.

**Helen Bolstad**  
**Sparta**  
**Wissestad deserves your vote**

Dear Editor:

Redistricting in Monroe County has created a contest in the new District 7 for the April 5th, election of a County Board supervisor. There will be two candidates vying for the position. I would like to take this opportunity to advocate for Toni Wissestad to continue as District 7 Monroe County supervisor.

Toni jumped into the Monroe County supervisor role two years ago with a passionate eye for the Rolling Hills building project after recognizing the need for additional continuum of care opportunities in this county. With her finger on the pulse of the health and welfare needs of an aging Monroe County population, Toni chaired the Rolling Hills Building Project Committee and the Rolling Hills Committee. She has dedicated long hours and attention to details while working collaboratively with her committee members, contractors, the county administrator, the nursing home administrator, department heads and others to build a new “Rolling Hills” that will withstand the test of time. Toni was not new to health care-related building projects; she had previous experience while she was the director of Patient Care Services at Mayo Clinic Health System in Sparta. She was instrumental in the building of the new Mayo Healthcare Clinic and Emergency Room.

Serving Monroe County is ongoing for Toni. She was the medical examiner for Monroe County for 35 years, all while advancing a nursing career. She holds a doctorate degree in nursing/health care leadership from Viterbo University, where she taught for 11 years before retiring to be more involved in community projects.

Toni is passionate about giving back to a community she has lived, loved and served in for a lifetime. Most recently, as a Rotarian, Toni led the Blyton Veteran Park project successfully funding the project that honors veterans of World War II, the Korean War, and other hometown veterans for their sacrifices and service. She has also served on the Sparta Area Cancer Support board for 20 years as the nurse reviewer.

Recognizing that fiscal accountability is vital to a healthy and robust Monroe County, she is a member of the Finance Committee of Monroe County. Toni strongly believes in long range strategic fiscal planning for Monroe County rather than dealing with emergency funding of unanticipated needs. She voices several goals and priorities for Monroe County:

- Provide access to country-wide broadband service.
- Retain and recruit qualified employees to provide needed county services.
- Fiscally support county road and bridge improvements.
- Solve leachate concerns at the Monroe County Landfill.
- Continue work on the flood mitigation plan throughout Monroe County.
- Maintain balanced county budget.

I am resolute in advocating for Wissestad as the District 7 supervisor. Her vision for a long-range strategic plan to prioritize the fiscal needs of Monroe County, and her dedication to see Rolling Hills building project to its completion are to be commended. To break with that energy, continuity in leadership, knowledge and problem-solving skills that she possesses would be a disservice to this district and Monroe County.

**Pat Wall**  
**Sparta**

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## Guest Column



Contributed photo.

# Referendum & Memorial Field Updates

### REFERENDUM

I’d like to take a few moments to summarize the Sparta Area School District operational referendum that will appear on the April 5, 2022 ballot.



**Dr. Amy Van Deuren**

### The State Drives the Formula.

The State legislature determines the maximum revenue (budget) a school district can have to run the day-to-day costs to operate, including salaries. This year, the legislature gave school districts more money in state aid, but no increase to the maximum revenue (budget) for the next two years. The only way for districts to

increase the budget is through an operating referendum.

### Student Enrollment for Funding

The student enrollment used for funding purposes includes a 3-year rolling average formula. This average was exactly the same in the 2021-2022 school year as it was in the 2020-2021 school year. This average is different from the actual number of students in attendance, which is used to determine staffing and resource allocation.

### The Local School Tax: Three Buckets

The local school tax revenue is made up of three

taxes, or Buckets: (1) School Operations, (2) Debt Payment, and (3) Community Programs. The size of the first bucket is set by the state formula for maximum revenue, and can only be increased through an operating referendum.

The District needs to put more tax revenue for the next two years in the School Operations Bucket instead of the Debt Payment Bucket (which is currently being overpaid). In order to take this action, voters must approve an operating referendum. If approved, the referendum would be used to “transfer” tax revenue from the Debt Payment Bucket to the School

**Dr. Amy can't on pg. 6**

## Guest Opinion

# Putin’s actions are no movie script

It’s hard to find any fresh context to frame the travesty that is going on in Ukraine that has not already been printed in countless other columns.

And if this angle has been covered, I am unaware. Daily life is hard to fathom in Ukraine as sinister Russian leader Vladimir Putin continues his inexplicable drive to topple that nation’s government. My thoughts go back to the 1984 movie Red Dawn. Ring any bells?

The film depicts a United States that has been invaded by the Soviet Union and its Cuban and Nicaraguan allies. However, the start of World War III is in the background and not fully elaborated.

The story follows a group of American high school students who resist the occupation with guerrilla warfare, naming themselves the “Wolverines” after their high school mascot. It goes without saying the travesty across the globe is no movie.

Can a similar scenario unfold in this era closer to home? My six or seven loyal readers are likely rolling their eyes and saying to themselves, “C’mon Kliebenstein. Don’t be a rube.”

And they likely hit the nail on the head. But Putin continues to baffle world leaders with his brash disregard as Ukraine brick and mortar continue to crumble and its citizens continue to die.

But back to Red Dawn. How close is Alaska and Russia? The narrowest distance between mainland Russia and mainland Alaska is approximately 55 miles. In the body of water between Alaska and Russia, known as the Bering Strait, there lie two small islands known as Big Diomedes and Little Diomedes. Big Diomedes is owned by Russia while Little Diomedes is owned by the United States. The stretch of water between these two islands is only about 2.5 miles wide and actually freezes over during the winter so you could technically walk from American to Russia on seasonal sea ice. No, I’m not some world geography whiz. Thank you Google.

Has it ever been tried? I have no clue. I wonder if military sharpshooters are perched on both sides with scopes focused. Doubt it.

Drones and other sophisticated technology likely have that parcel under intense scrutiny. I have had a hard time watching much footage from Ukraine. Scenes of displaced families and mass chaos. Too much to digest how this kind of war crime could be occurring in 2022.

### Perspective?

What would it be like if the United States was forced to fend off a military offensive from our neighbor to the north? Suppose, just for discussion, Canada decided it wanted ownership of Montana, Washington or North



### Over The Hill

**Bob Kliebenstein**

Dakota, or all three. What the hell? Why not throw in Maine and Vermont and New Hampshire? For no particular reason, just because they are there.

Let’s move south. Imagine if Mexican drug cartels squeezed that government and decided they wanted to recoup some border property in Arizona, New Mexico or Texas.

Probability? Slim and none. American military might would quickly quash any uprising attempt. Right?

Maybe it’s time for Red Dawn, the sequel.

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Speaking of American military patriotism, following is a perspective on civic patriotism.

The attempt to rally support for freedom from Covid vaccines, or whatever its intent on March 4, left hundreds pumping their fists with American pride. That was apparent by people standing on overpasses along Interstate 90/94 from Oakdale to Wisconsin Dells waving flags. They wrapped themselves in the flag and showcased support for Trump in 2024.

I was en route to Wisconsin Dells March 4 (not to follow the freedom parade) and was treated to a sight that was not surprising, but was repulsive.

Some patriots were less concerned about freedom from Covid vaccines. I stopped counting the F--- Biden flags hanging loud and proud on the overpasses to the Dells. Classy group of Trump supporters more concerned about their outright disdain for the present White House administration. It’s their right. Freedom of speech and all that good stuff.

But here is a harsh fact. Those specific flags unfurled over Interstate 90-94 served no purpose other than to tarnish Wisconsin’s civic integrity. Just another stain to go along with Michael Gableman and his group of buffoons still working two years after a presidential election to prove it was a big lie.

Had a friend ask me recently if I would display an F--- Trump flag if given the opportunity.

My response?

Those two words cross my mind on occasion. Really don’t need go into more detail regarding my stance on Trump.

But you won’t see that vulgar vulgar flapping in the wind in the back of my truck or on a flag staked in my yard. I’m not the most sophisticated guy, but I take pride in my integrity.

But I’m looking for a couple of clever bumper stickers that will get my point across in a more subtle tone. Can anyone help me out?

*Bob Kliebenstein is a freelance writer who lives outside Tomah. This column is solely the opinion of its author and is not representative of the Monroe County Herald.*





Showing new rescue equipment in front of their new trailer are Camp Douglas Fire and Rescue members, from left: Candi Newlun, Nate Fischer, Allen Reynolds, Captain Brian Wilde, Cole Newlun (junior firefighter), Mike Gullo, Randy Johnson, Christina Gullo, Joe Refsland, Assistant Chief Mike Wilde, Chief James Newlun, Masonic members Charles Huffman and Wade Parker. Herald photos by Rhonda Hess



Holding new fire suppression units donated by the Wisconsin Grand Masonic Lodge are, from left: Candi Newlun, Nate Fischer, Allen Reynolds, Captain Brian Wilde, Joe Refsland, Chief James Newlun, Mike and Christina Gullo, Assistant Chief Mike Wilde, Masonic Member Charles Huffman, Randy Johnson, Junior Firefighter Cole Newlun and Masonic Member Wade Parker.

## Camp Douglas Fire and Rescue uses donations for new equipment

By RHONDA HESS  
Contributing Writer

Camp Douglas Fire and Rescue recognized Camp Douglas Masonic Lodge 272 Wednesday evening by posing with equipment purchased through donations.

The Masonic Lodge members raised funds for a special rescue trailer and extraction equipment. Their Grand Lodge of Wisconsin also donated a fire suppression unit.

Fire Chief James Newlun said a total of \$23,000 had been raised last year through various fund raising efforts, including a hunters' night out. Charles Huffman, chair of the fund raising committee of the Masonic Lodge said \$5000 of those funds were raised by lodge members.

The rescue trailer contains equipment such as specialty ropes and extra hazmat equipment.

"The ropes are for rope rescues at high and low

angles," Newlun said.

Huffman said members of the Fire and Rescue department assisted with fundraisers.

"They helped us out," Huffman said. "They helped sell tickets and with set-up and clean-up at the hunters' night out." The piece of fire suppression equipment donated by the Grand Lodge costs between \$1,000 and \$1,500.

The 11-pound unit can be tossed into a room that is on fire, bringing the temperature

down from 1,000 degrees to 200 degrees in just 35 seconds.

"You pull the pin and you throw it in," Huffman said. The unit covers a room that is about 5,300 cubic feet and does not delete oxygen, making it safer for humans and pets.

"We're hoping to get more of these out and about," Masonic Lodge 272 Secretary/Treasurer Wade Parker said.

"We're excited to use it," Newlun said. "We appreciate it."

## Tomah Chamber to host mayoral and school board forums

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN  
Contributing Writer

The Tomah community will have the opportunity to listen to candidates running for Tomah School Board and two candidates running for Tomah mayor.

On Tuesday, March 22, the Tomah Chamber and Visitors Center will organize two forums at the Tomah High School auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. Candidate profiles for those running have been published in earlier editions of the *Monroe County Herald*.

The first forum will include the two candidates running for the position of Tomah's mayor, Remy Gomez, and incumbent Mike Murray.

The second forum will feature the individuals running for the Tomah Area School District Board and will take place immediately following mayoral forum. Those candidates include incumbent Pam Buchda, Wayne Kling, James Newlun, and Catey Rice. All candidates have been invited; however, not all have responded to the invite as of press time.

"Our intent in providing this community service is to give the public an opportunity to hear directly from the candidates running for both mayor and school board," Tomah Chamber President and CEO Tina Thompson

stated. "We will likely see questions about the candidates' qualifications and experience, business concerns in the Tomah area, as well as questions from the floor."

The format of the forum will be basic. Each candidate will have a timed opportunity to introduce themselves. Lots will be drawn to determine order and then will follow a round robin format. A moderator will ask preset questions from the Chamber and the public as well as questions from the floor.

Each candidate will have a timed opportunity to answer the question. All questions will be vetted for appropriateness and content. Each forum will end with a timed opportunity to present their closing thoughts.

The public is encouraged to attend the forums. The general election will be held on April 5. Polls are open from 7 a.m. until 8 p.m. in Wisconsin.

City of Tomah residents can vote at the downtown fire station located at 819 Superior Ave. Voters living outside of the city of Tomah will need to check their voting locations with their township or village.

Individuals who would like their question considered should send their question via email to [tthompson@tomahwisconsin.com](mailto:tthompson@tomahwisconsin.com) by Monday, March 21.

## Sparta police respond to several vehicle crashes throughout weekend

On Saturday, March 12, officers were dispatched to a hit and run on N L St. shortly after 6:30am. The juvenile driver was later located and cited.

On Saturday, March 12 at approximately 10:15am officers were dispatched to a motor vehicle crash at a residence on W Division St. The driver, 62 year old Rebecca Masters of Sparta, had been involved in a crash with another vehicle at a gas station on W Wisconsin St. just prior. Following an investigation, Masters was arrested for Operating While Intoxicated – 5<sup>th</sup> Offense, Operating after Revocation, Failure to Install an Ignition Interlock Device, and Bail Jumping.

On Saturday, March 12 at approximately 3:00pm officers were dispatched to a crash in the Arby's drive through.

On Sunday, March 13 at approximately 1:30am officers were dispatched to a 2 vehicle crash with road blockage and injuries on E Wisconsin St near the Rasmussen Bridge. One driver, 21 year old Sayde Barth of Wilton, was transported from the scene with minor injuries. The second driver, 31 year old Ismael Tomas of

Sparta, also suffered minor injuries and was treated at the scene. Tomas was cited for Operating Without a License and Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control. The Sparta Police Department was assisted on scene by the Sparta Area Ambulance, the Sparta Fire Department, Rush Hour Towing, Arnold's Towing, and the Monroe County 911 Communications Center.

On Sunday, March 13 at approximately 3:00pm officers were dispatched to a Hit and Run on E Wisconsin St. where a power pole was struck. This case is still under investigation.

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Brian E Swiatly, 40, Sparta, from Kirsten R Swiatly, 30, Saint Marys, GA, with a maiden name of Hutchens restored.

Jennifer K McGinnis, 44, Cashton, from Terry J McGinnis, 46, Ontario, with a maiden name of Miller restored.

Paris Books, 28, Tomah, from Jordan Books, 30, Tomah, with a maiden name of Thurber restored.

Alicia M Bass, 29, Tomah, from Travis C Bass, 32, Sparta, with a maiden name of Thomson restored.

Gina M Doyle, 41, Tomah, from Jeffery E Doyle, 44, Tomah, with a maiden name of Peth restored.

Joseph J Hensiak, 56, Lake Mills, from Rae L Hensiak, 60, Madison.

Tracy S Pierce, 49, Warrens, from Steven E Pierce, 48, Warrens, with a maiden name of Chandler restored.

Nathan E Boak, 38, Tomah, from Brittany A Boak, 37, Tomah, with a maiden name of Binter restored.

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# OBITUARIES

## THEODORE (TED) WILLIAM WELCH

March 13, 2022

WILTON - Theodore (Ted) William Welch 78, a resident of Wilton, WI went up the hill to his eternal home on Sunday March 13, 2022. Ted was born to Zora and Theodore Welch James Welch in Tomah, WI and moved to Wilton when he started school. Ted graduated from Wilton High School in the class of 1962 and went on to attend Coleman Technical Institute in Lacrosse, WI. He then married Mary Dwyer in 1968 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Kendall, WI. Ted worked for Northern Engraving for 41 years.



Ted lived his life like a good Irish lad. He was an active member of St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Wilton. For many years he could be seen mowing the grass and trimming the church and cemetery grounds. He loved to tell stories, drink a cold beer, sit on the porch, and occasionally get into a little mischief. It is rumored that the antics of the Welch boys may have found their way into the Smithsonian magazine. Gathering with friends and family was something that he enjoyed. He was blessed to have married his best friend, Mary. The two of them traveled and spent time supporting the hobbies and sporting events of the many Welch/Dwyer kids. In our family "Ted and Mary" became one word.

Ted is survived by his wife Mary, his siblings Kathleen (Kay) Harrison of Sparta, Tom (Mary) Welch of Tomah, Mary Moore of Kentucky, and Tim (Donna) Welch of Wilton. His Sister-in-law Nancy Welch, Brothers-in-Law Pat (Rita) Dwyer, Norm Smith, Casey Campton. Nieces and Nephews Pat Welch, Jim Welch, Tierney

(Randy) Grutza, Don (Jane) Harrison, Chris (Jennifer) Welch, Tammy (Huey) Zoroufy, Tiffany (Daniel) Neely, Jennifer Moore, Lauren Moore, Cassie (Greg) Sedlacek, Allison (Troy) Schindler, Patricia (Jerry) Reller, Michael (Lori) Madden, Terrence (Tammy) Madden, Laureen (Mark) Winger, Joseph (Caroline) Madden, Renee Smith-McCracken, Lisa Lutz, Robert (Cory ) Smith, Connie (Rick) Mueller, Shelley (Matt) Weber, Ronette (Roger) Johnson, Wade (Angie) Dwyer, Beth (Tim) Jerome , Robert (Marcy) Dwyer, Cathleen Wildes, and numerous great nieces and nephews.

Ted was predeceased by his parents James and Zora Welch, Brother Pat, Brothers-in-Law Charles (Chuck) Moore and Edward Gregory Dwyer, sisters-in-law Roberta (Joe) Madden, Colette Smith, LeNoir (James) Weibel, Nancy (Keith) Gibney, Bonita Campton. Nieces and Nephews Lisa Grey Linda Welch, Cathleen Madden, Sarah Moore, and Gregory Weibel.

"Keep the Faith"

A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2022, 12:00 Noon at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 504 Enderby Street, Wilton. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Relatives and friends are invited for a time of visitation on Wednesday at the church from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM and on Thursday at the church from 11:00 AM until the time of the service.

Smith-Nelson/Sonnenburg Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences can be offered by visiting [www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com](http://www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com)

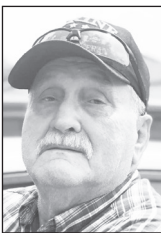
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## HARRY BOARDMAN

March 10, 2022



SPARTA - Harry Boardman died peacefully at the VA Hospital on the Hospice Unit in Tomah, Wisconsin on March 10, 2022. He was 73 years old.



Harry was born Harry Boardman and raised in Austin, Texas. He went to high school in Georgetown, Texas, where he played football. He entered the U.S. Marine Corp. at the age of 17. After serving his country, he lived for a short time in California, before returning to his beloved Texas. He worked in the Oil Industry and in Construction during his career before retiring to Junction, Texas with his wife, Judith Ann. He enjoyed living in the peace and quiet of country living. He enjoyed firearms, and was an expert marksman and gunsmith; an avid hunter, and fisherman. He was a proud American. After the death of his beloved wife, Judi, he continued living in Junction until his health began to decline. He then moved to Sparta, Wisconsin to live near family.

He touched many people with his big heart and charm, and had an endearing sense of humor. He never met a stranger. He would give the

shirt off his back to someone in need. He loved his family and family was very important to him. He also loved dogs. He had many dogs throughout his lifetime. Most recently Sampson was his companion and little buddy. He will be dearly missed by all.

Harry was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Ann of Junction, TX, mother, Barbara Ann Cambell-Boardman of Austin, TX; and brother, James Preston Boardman IV of Austin, TX.

Harry is survived by his daughters, Michelle (Barry) Schroader of Sparta, Lisa (Robert) Youngblood of Oceanside, CA, Nicole (Marco) Mata of Lodi, CA, Sara (Mike) Kern of Oakhurst, CA, and Charlene (Mike) McCartney of Houston, TX; 20 grandchildren; 3 great grandchildren; and his dog, Sampson, who is now residing in Sparta, WI with Michelle, Barry, Addie, RJ, and Princess.

A celebration of Harry's life will be held at a later time. Online condolences may be offered at [schanhoferfh.com](http://schanhoferfh.com)

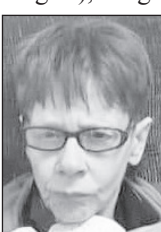
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**Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation**

## SHARON L. DOPSON (MARKGRAF)

April 26, 1949 — March 12, 2022

TOMAH - Sharon L. Dopson (Markgraf), age 72, of Tomah, WI, formerly of Kendall, WI, passed away steady and peacefully on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Cranberry Court in Tomah, where she moved in 2016. She was born on April 26, 1949 to Phil and Dorothy Markgraf.



Sharon met Larry Dopson on a blind date and was later united in marriage to him on April 4, 1970 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Kendall, WI. Sharon had a good life, and loved to do crossword puzzles and go to Wal-Mart to shop. She worked at Holiday Inn and Steam-A-Way in Tomah. She also took care of her three sons, and took in her husband's twin sisters, raising them as if they were her own.

She is survived by her 3 sons, Tim Dopson, of Tomah, Todd (Jen) Dopson of Reedsburg, WI, and Tony (Brandi) Dopson, of Tomah;

her two sisters, Kathy Friday of Tomah, and Judy (Ed) Terpstra of Delavan, WI; brother-in-law, Frank Callaway of Readstown, WI; grandson, Jordan Panna; and three granddaughters, Natalie Dopson, Katelynn Dopson, and Lexi Dopson.

Sharon was preceded in death by her parents, Phil and Dorothy; husband Larry; a sister, Myrna Callaway; brother-in-law, Roger Friday of Tomah; along with her father and mother-in-law; one sister-in-law; and two brothers-in-law.

A Visitation for Sharon will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. (Noon) until 2:00 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. Private burial will be held at a later date in the Brush Creek Lutheran Cemetery, Rural Ontario, WI.

The Torkelson Funeral Home of Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences are available at [www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com).

**Torkelson Funeral Home**

## JOHN COREMS

December 10, 1945 — March 14, 2022

SPARTA - John Corems, 76, of Sparta, died Monday, March 14, 2022, at his Heritage Haven apartment. He was born on December 10, 1945 in John Corems Maribor, Slovenia to Franc and Josephine Njivar.



He immigrated to the United States at the age of 22. John is best known by his friends, who felt more like family, from Jellystone Park in Warrens, Wisconsin and Rotary Lights Club in La Crosse, Wisconsin. He worked to serve others in every way he could. John poured his heart into creating Christmas villages and train models for families to enjoy. He also drove seniors to medical appointments. In

his words, work was what he did for "fun". John has left his mark on all of those he leaves behind.

He is survived by his daughter, Tina (Zechariah) Putney; and grandsons Nathan and Joshua of Chippewa Falls, WI.

A graveside service will be held at 11:15 a.m. on Monday, March 21, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Sparta.

Visitation will be 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta.

Online condolences may be offered at [schanhoferfh.com](http://schanhoferfh.com).

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation will be assisting the family with arrangements.

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## Dr. Amy

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Operations Bucket.

Because the action anticipated for the next two years is authorizing funds that are already included in the \$8.29 Mill Rate, the Mill Rate will not increase in the next two years.

### If the Referendum Fails

If the referendum fails, the additional local tax revenue will not be available to our students and staff for educational purposes. Instead, the additional local tax revenue will continue to be used in the Debt Payment Bucket to pre-pay debt. There will be no change to the \$8.29 Mill Rate.

Simply put, if the referendum fails, services and programming will be affected, including staffing, technology, transportation, and educational options.

### MEMORIAL FIELD

When talking about the referendum, I am often asked about the Memorial Field Renovation Project. The short answer is that the Memorial Field Project is completely separate from the referendum.

The money to fund Memorial Field is coming out of a Trust Fund for capital projects. It is not being paid for through our school operating budget or borrowed against district debt. The District has saved in this Trust Fund over the past six years and deposited funds from the sale of 201 E. Franklin and the Lakeview School. This Trust Fund may only be used for capital projects.

In the spring of 2021, a committee of interested community members identified a number of projects that would benefit the students and families of the District. After a number of meetings, the committee, through unanimous consent, recommended that Memorial Field should be the first on the list. The Board of Education agreed, and the project moved forward.

The Memorial Field Steering Committee is by Mr. John Blaha, High School Athletic Director, Mr. Adam Dow, Head Football Coach for SHS, Ms. Amy Russ, Girls' Soccer Coach, and Mr. Bob Lydon, Chair of the Gridiron Club. The Board of Education has contracted with Rettler Corp. to design and engineer the project, and Market & Johnson to construct the project.

The Board of Education committed \$3 million from the Facilities Trust Fund to the project. The Gridiron Club is funding the remaining \$250,000. This contribution means that the new facility will have a plaza in front of the Gridiron Club Building that will go all the way to a rail and retaining wall. This construction will provide ample standing space for viewing the field, and full handicap access to the new grandstand and bleachers.

Construction is slated to begin at the end of May 2022 and be completed in time for use in the Fall of 2022. For more information about the Memorial Field Renovation Project, please contact John Blaha, Athletic Directorat [jblaha@spartan.org](mailto:jblaha@spartan.org) 608-855-0600; or Robert Lydon, Sparta Gridiron President, 608-633-2078 [rlydon617@gmail.com](mailto:rlydon617@gmail.com).

*Dr. Amy Van Deuren is superintendent of the Sparta Area School District.*

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Father Fernando Lara  
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**RECONCILIATION**  
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Sunday: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
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prest4pt@yahoo.com

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  
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7:00 - Portland Council Meeting

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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.  
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11:15 a.m. Worship team/church choir rehearsal on the 1st & 3rd Sunday.  
11:00 a.m. Confirmation class (TBA)  
9:00 a.m. Wednesday--mid-week Bible study-fellowship hall  
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Mar. 23 - Sticky Faith, 3:10-4:30 p.m.  
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Sunday, March 20: 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship Service w/ Communion, 9:30am - Bible Study  
9:30am - Youth Group  
Monday, March 21: 7:00pm - Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, March 22: 9:30am - Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, March 23: 6:30am - Men as Christians at Sparta Family Restaurant, 8:00am - School Chapel, 1:00pm - Member Care Committee Meeting, 6:00pm - Midweek Lent Service, 7:00pm - Senior Choir Practice

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Thursday, March 17: 7 p.m. Servant Leadership Mtg., Chapel;  
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

Wednesday, March 23: Viewing and discussion of Pastor Adam Hamilton's DVD series, Final Words From the Cross. This night will be "Behold Your Son...Behold Your Mother." We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Friday, March 25 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 26: No activities scheduled.  
Sunday, March 27: 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 28: 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 29: 7:00 p.m. Alanon Mtg., Garden Rm. 1:00 p.m. Lois Circle Mtg., small kitchen;

Wednesday, March 30: Viewing and discussion of Pastor Adam Hamilton's DVD series, Final Words From the Cross. This night will be "My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?" We will meet at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

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Luke 13:1-9

Isaiah 55:1-9

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# Tomah Neighbor For Neighbor Food Pantry fundraiser starts March 21

By **BOB KLIEBENSTEIN**  
Contributing Writer

Cooler doors at Tomah's Neighbor For Neighbor Food Pantry get quite a workout each week.

Stored inside three commercial coolers, purchased in 2005, are a variety of food items distributed by volunteers three days a week. Cooler doors are opened and closed continuously during pantry distribution on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week.

That does not account for the constant work for the units to cool food on a daily basis. After more than 15 years NFN has set a goal to replace two of its three coolers. The pantry will have a Spring Into Action fundraiser starting March 21 that runs through May 25. Pantry executive director Dawn Pleuss said letters will be mailed to addresses in the 54660 and 54666 area codes to solicit donations.

Food insecurity is a weekly presence for many families not only in Monroe County.

According to the letter, "Even though with numerous government subsidies that assisted our clients in meeting food needs in 2021, the pantry consistently served between 225 to 350 households each month. The number of senior citizens using our services has steadily increased each month as food prices soar and supply chain disruptions leave shelves bare."

Donor generosity helped fund several improvements to the exterior of the pantry, located at 1118 W. Veterans St. in 2021. They include



Neighbor For Neighbor food pantry hopes to replace two coolers with funds from its Spring Into Action fundraiser which runs through May. 25. Pictured are the existing coolers at the pantry. Herald photo Bob Kliebenstein

a pantry check-in booth for clients, a drive through metal canopy that provides protection from the elements for volunteers who load food into vehicles and those waiting inside their vehicles. There were improvements to part of the asphalt parking lot near the front entrance.

"(Donors) are the only reason we were able to make (exterior) improvements to our facility," Pleuss said. "That allowed us to continue serving our community as we navigated the pandemic."

The exterior improvements helped with the drive-through service now provided. A grocery cart of food is prepared inside the pantry and loaded into vehicles outside the building. That service started during Covid and is

now routine.

The coolers and two walk-in freezers make it possible for clients to receive fresh and frozen food items. Commercial grade refrigerators required by food safety codes range from \$3,000 to \$7,000 each.

NFN is fortunate to have distribution contacts with area trucking firms. Haulers unable to unload certain items at the Wal-Mart distribution center often call the pantry looking to unload a pallet of well, you can just about name it from A to Z, literally. NFN serves as kind of a local hub to share food with other pantries.

NFN receives fresh produce, non-perishable and perishable food items and dry goods each week from the Wal-Mart DC.

"We are fortunate to receive fresh produce and frozen food

items from Wal-Mart DC each week," Pleuss said.

New coolers will help sustain food quality.

"Support is key to helping our mission of providing food to the hungry with compassion and respect," Pleuss said.

Any donation amount makes a difference, she adds. Residents in the 54660 and 54666 are asked to watch their mail for the letter. But keep in mind the pantry serves residents from several area zip codes.

If you wish to contribute send a check payable to Neighbor For Neighbor, Inc. The address is 1118 W. Veterans St., Tomah, 54660. Those interested can visit their web site, [nfnfoodpantry.org/contribute](http://nfnfoodpantry.org/contribute) to donate with PayPal. For more information call 608-372-6737.

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## THROUGH MY LENS

### Enjoy the Moment

By NATE BEIER  
*Sports Reporter*

The biggest basketball weekend of the year is upon us. The NCAA tournament is the big ticket show



across the nation, but for our local roundball enthusiasts, the WIAA boys state basketball tournament is a must-watch this weekend as well.

I'll admit, I didn't think our area was going to be strong in boys or girls basketball this year. I was expecting this area to possibly be shut out of the state tourney for the first time in the 12 or so years I've covered things.

Even though we couldn't get a girls team through from this immediate area, we did manage to get three boys teams - Bangor, La Crosse Central and West Salem. That in itself is reason to enjoy the moments ahead.

Not only did all three teams qualify for this weekend's season finale tournament, none are seeded lower than second.

West Salem is the top seed in Division 3 while Bangor and Central each come in as the second-seeded teams in Divisions 5 and 2, respectively.

In theory, we should have all three teams in Saturday's championship games, but I'm a realist and understand that at least one of these teams will get upset in the semis. It's too easy, it's too good to be true to have three Coulee Region teams vying for a state title.

Either way, there are moments coming that we need to enjoy.

In 2020 we had four girls teams at state. Aquinas, Arcadia, Bangor and Melrose-Mindoro all qualified for state, though Bangor never had the chance to play there due to the COVID-19 situation.

I said that then that we need to take stock and relish what talent this area produced because we may never see four area teams at state again.

This week, we'll watch our three elite boys programs battle for the ball. If those teams bring back any sort of hardware, it's worth celebrating.

For Bangor, however, after a week of hearing how they shouldn't be at state, how they didn't earn the right to play at the Kohl Center after a seemingly controversial call in their game on Saturday, it's more important than ever to relish the moments they get on that court on the biggest stage a high school player can play on.

Sure, this team will talk about that end-of-regulation call for years to come, but they played through it. It's a moment, regardless of outcome to enjoy, much like the state tournament ahead.

## BANGOR BOYS BASKETBALL

# FULL CIRCLE

## Versatile Oesterle ready for any role in return trip to state

By ZACH RASTALL  
*Sports Writer*

Mathieu Oesterle remembers his first state experience well.

As a freshman on the 2018-19 Bangor boys' basketball team, Oesterle's role was largely to hype up his teammates from the bench. But when those defending Division 5 state champion Cardinals made a second consecutive run to Madison, Oesterle got a front row seat to what that grand Kohl Center stage is all about.

Now, as he wraps up his final season playing basketball for Bangor, he'll finally get his chance to take the court in Madison.

"Going to state, as a freshman, we were just there to support our guys and make sure they did the things they needed to do to win," Oesterle said. "It was just a super fun time and I'm looking forward to having another fun time."

The Cardinals punched their ticket to state for the third time in five years with a 79-74 overtime win last weekend in their sectional final matchup with Southwestern. While Oesterle is usually playing a complementary role, he was thrust into a pivotal position with a sectional title hanging in the balance.

As the fouls racked up throughout the night, ultimately four Bangor players fouled out — including three starters.

That naturally put more pressure on Oesterle in crunch time, which included two straight trips to the free-throw line late in overtime with the Cardinals nursing a narrow lead. Up to that point in the game, Oesterle had missed all five of his attempts from the charity stripe. But when his team needed him most with the pressure cranked all the way up, he coolly sunk 3 of 4 free throws to help clinch

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Bangor's Mathieu Oesterle was a postseason addition in 2019, the last time Bangor made the WIAA state tournament. Now, as a senior, Oesterle played a vital role in a contested sectional final victory to help the Cardinals return to state for a third time in five years. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



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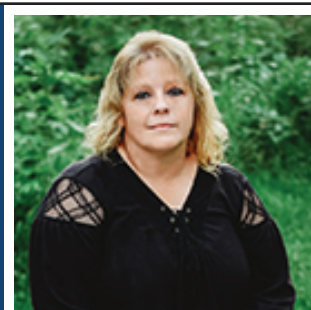
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## WEST SALEM BOYS BASKETBALL

## FEELS LIKE THE FIRST TIME



## PANTHERS PAVE WAY FOR FIRST STATE APPEARANCE

West Salem defeated Baldwin-Woodville 63-48 at Arcadia Saturday night in a Division 3 sectional semifinal contest. The win secured the Panthers' first-ever trip to the WIAA state tournament.

West Salem, led by first-year head coach Mark Wagner, take a 26-1 overall record to Madison this week where they enter the state field as the top-seeded team in Division 3. The Panthers will take on fourth-seeded Brillion Thursday afternoon in a D3 state semifinal. Brillion (26-2) was the runner-up in the Eastern Wisconsin Conference. The Lions were second to Roncalli in the league. Roncalli is the second seed in Division 4 at state this year.

West Salem's game is the opening contest of the WIAA tournament and will be the first high school game played in the Kohl Center since 2019. La Crosse Central and Bangor will both play Friday's semifinals. Herald photo contributed.

## Petition started to overturn events of Saturday's sectional final game



**Bangor's Colten Brezany cuts down a piece of the net following Saturday's Division 5 sectional final overtime win in Prairie du Chien.** A petition was started the following day to have the last play of regulation reviewed and overturned after photos emerged that shows Bangor's last shot may have been after the clock hit zeroes. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

By NATE BEIER  
Sports Writer

A petition was started Sunday to have the end-of-regulation series of events reviewed and overturned in the WIAA Division 5 sectional final game between Bangor and Southwestern.

To recall, Bangor's Gunnar Ellenburg came up with a rebound and sent up a shot as time expired to tie the game at 66 and force overtime.

By the time the awards ceremony concluded there were images online that seemed to tell a different story as the clock read 0.0 with the ball still touching Ellenburg's hand. The photographs were all still taken from cell phones, with the most famous coming from the far end of the fieldhouse in Prairie du Chien.

As of Wednesday, the petition, which was started by "Southwestern fan" had just over 2200 signatures.

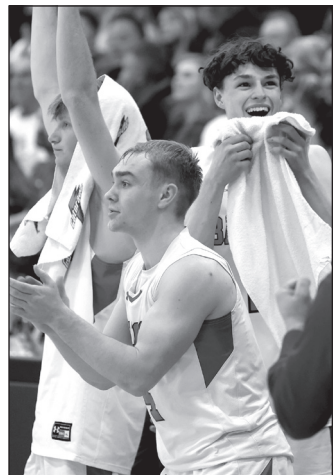
Signees offered reasons for adding their name to the petition which included comments pertaining to the officials' performance, the hard work of the Southwestern players and the demand to get the call right and possibly taking video replay into account moving ahead.

One signer cited her reasons for adding her name to the list, "because if we don't correct very noticeable and verified errors by players, coaches and referees and even spectators, we are defeating the purpose of fair sportsmanship and equality for all! Everyone makes mistakes, but it is an honest individual who admits it and wants it corrected. Remember, we learn from our mistakes."

A number of comments circled around the performance of the officials. One called for the trio of officials, which are assigned by the WIAA for tournament games, to donate their game checks to the school.

Southwestern since they 'robbed the school and community of the opportunity to play at the state tournament.'

Others, however, want more extreme measures to be taken. One signee said, "This clown of an official should have his license revoked from the WIAA and never be allowed to officiate any high school games again."



**Bangor's Ashton Michek, Tanner Jones and Gunner Ellenburg celebrate in overtime as the Cardinals nurse a late lead.** Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Travis Tranel, 49th Assembly District State Representative who resides in Cuba City and represents Hazel Green - the community where Southwestern High School is located - even received several calls from citizens and sent a letter to the WIAA Board of Control regarding the incident.

"We are requesting an official explanation by the WIAA and acknowledgement that the wrong call was made, denying Southwestern the win at the end of regulation. This would go a long way toward recognizing the hard work and self-sacrifice the student athletes of the boys' basketball team of Southwestern High School made this season. The officials mistake cost a great group of kids a chance to move on to state and fulfill their dreams."

In his letter, Rep. Tranel also said he refereed basketball in high school and college and that he understands the pressure current officials are under and isn't directing his concern towards officials in this situation, either.

"It's a tough call for the officials in the moment," Rep. Tranel said. "We acknowledge that. The rules are clear at the time of the game they can't look at replay I understand that. The fans understand all of that and even the players understand that but it would be nice for the WIAA just to acknowledge that, 'Hey the officials made a mistake and the basket shouldn't have counted.'"

There is no appeal process for judgement calls during the WIAA tournament series according to membership rules. There is also no video replay allowed in the WIAA tournament except at the state level.

Bangor, which went on to win in overtime 79-74, will play Friday against Hurley in a Division 5 state semifinal.



**Bangor's Will Reader (2) reacts after Mathieu Oesterle (1) is fouled in the Cardinals' backcourt during the overtime portion of Saturday's sectional final game with Southwestern..** Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

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return to the state tournament.

"I know how hard my guys fought for this trip to state and I couldn't let them down," Oesterle said. "That really gave me the motivation to knock those free throws down. I knew all along I could make them, it was just whether or not I executed."

In a sectional instant classic that featured countless twists and turns, a buzzer beater to end regulation and some standout performances, perhaps Oesterle's contributions could go a bit under the radar.

That would be a bit fitting, in a way, for a player that's willing to always do the small things and contribute however he can to help the team's greater effort.

"He usually guards the primary ballhandler for the other team, puts himself in a position defensively where he understands where to be on help-side defense," Bangor head coach Jacob Pederson said of Oesterle's strengths and role on the team. "Able to knock down free throws for us in clutch situations, handle the ball and finishing around the basket, has the ability to use both hands at a high level, understands the space of the floor — he just has a really high basketball IQ."

Oesterle is no stranger to being in a starring role in the high school sports

arena. After all, he twice made the all-conference first team as a running back for the Bangor football team.

But on the court, he is willing to cede the spotlight to others in the name of team success.

"In basketball, you really got to work as a team to win, make things work," Oesterle said. "It was the same for football. If guys didn't block, they didn't play their roles, then there wasn't going to be any success."

"I just look to give our better players the ball and then I just do whatever I can do to make our team succeed."

From a freshman cheering on the bench to a starter doing yeoman's work, Oesterle does whatever he can to contribute to the Cardinals. The end result is him getting to bookend his career at the Kohl Center.

"It's so special and I don't take it for granted. Not a lot of teams get to do this," Oesterle said. "We're just lucky enough to have the opportunity, and the opportunity for myself to finally actually play on the Kohl Center (court) is really special to me."





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# Ellenberg's frontcourt transition paying dividends for Cardinals

By ZACH RASTALL  
Sports Writer

Bangor senior forward Gunner Ellenburg has provided a formidable frontcourt presence for the Cardinals during this year's run to the state tournament.

In addition to averaging 9.5 per game — the fourth-highest total on the team — this season for Bangor, Ellenburg is hauling in a team-high 6.1 rebounds per contest, providing physical defense against opposing big men and was named an all-conference honorable mention.

Not too shabby for a guy who wasn't initially even supposed to play at forward when he came into high school and had a limited role even into last season.

"He came in more as a guard who didn't really seem to like a lot of contact," said Bangor head coach Jacob Pederson. "He decided last year, 'if I want to see the court on varsity right now, I've got to do some things a little bit different than what I have been doing.' He took it upon himself to kinda be like 'hey I can bang inside; I can be a big body too and I can go rebound the ball.'"

After playing on the junior varsity team as a freshman and sophomore and playing sparingly on varsity at the start of his junior year, he carved out that frontcourt role for himself during the second half of last season.

That's carried over to his senior year, where he is a starter and a captain playing an indispensable role for the Cardinals. At no point has that growth been more apparent than in Bangor's sectional final win over Southwestern last Saturday.

With the Cardinals trailing by two in the dying seconds of regulation, Bangor senior guard Tanner Jones fired a three for the win that rattled



**Bangor's Gunner Ellenburg gets fouled by Southwestern's Gavin Jochum on a baseline run in the opening minutes of the second half of Saturday's D5 sectional final game. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.**

out. Instead of simply acting as a spectator, Ellenburg crashed the boards and was able to make a putback basket at the buzzer that forced overtime, where Bangor would emerge victorious with a state bid in hand.

"Watching the play over, not a lot of other people are

moving thinking maybe that Tanner's shot was the end of it," Pederson said. "But Gunner was proactive, going after it and gave himself an opportunity to extend our game and extend our season."

"It was definitely a huge moment. I've watched the play a lot," Ellenburg added. "It

was a pretty cool experience for me — something you dream about as kids."

When playing the replay of that final play of regulation, one can see that Ellenburg's putback left his hands several tenths of a second after the clock hit zero.

This has led to a group of Southwestern fans starting an online petition calling on the WIAA to reverse the result and allow the Wildcats to take Bangor's place at state, while Wisconsin State Representative Travis Tranel (R-Cuba City) sent a letter to the WIAA Board of Control asking that they acknowledge that the officials made a mistake.

Obviously, the Cardinals' place at state is in no danger and they will be at the Kohl Center for their semifinal matchup Friday. Despite the brouhaha surrounding the play since Saturday, Pederson noted the coaches touched on the situation with the team to emphasize that it's something to leave in the past.

What happened happened, and all they can do now is focus on the task ahead.

As unexpected as it may have been at some points in his high school career, Ellenburg is set to play a key role for the Cardinals when they take the court at the Kohl Center. It'll be the fulfillment of a dream, allowing them to follow in the footsteps of a proud Bangor basketball tradition.

"They were great role models and paved the way for what a team should really be like. We have posters of the 2018 (state champion) team all around the school," Ellenburg said. "We look at those guys and that's where we always wanted to be. To accomplish that and get to the state tournament has always been a dream of ours. I couldn't be more excited for this weekend."



**ABOVE** Bangor's Will Reader looks for an outlet to pass to after coming down with a rebound in the first half of Saturday's game.

**BELOW** Chase Horstman cuts away a piece of the net following Saturday's 79-74 overtime win against Southwestern. Herald photos by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.





## Poop

*(a scientific exploration)*

A few weeks ago, as I was watching the flocks of redpolls, goldfinches, and chickadees swoop between hemlock boughs and my one little feeder, I noticed that the hemlock needles had spots. Could it be snow? No, not after one of our long dry spells this winter. Since the plow pile hadn’t yet grown to enormous heights, I was able to nose in close to the trees for a better look.

As I examined the small, whitish, cylindrical lumps frozen to the twigs, first I started chuckling to myself, and then I went to grab my camera. The trees were covered in little nuggets of redpoll poop—of course I had to get some photos!

You know, I probably say the word “poop” more than your average three-year-old. During presentations about my Natural Connections books, I’ve been tempted to ask my adult audience if someone would count the number of times I say “poop.” Why does it come up so often? We’ll, for starters, poop is essential to the flow of nutrients in nature.

For example, inside the leaf of a pitcher plant lives a community of critters. When an ant or other food item drops in, fly larvae, mosquito larvae, and midge larvae all work together to break it down. Bacteria and other microorganisms help, too. At each step in the food chain, a community member eats something, takes what they need, and poops out the rest. Their poop might still contain valuable nutrients that are useful to another critter. Eventually, the nutrients take a form that the pitcher plant itself can absorb directly through its leaf.

Poop comes up when I teach kids, too, of course. Almost every lesson I present starts with a review of the food chain. Food chains really do make the world go ‘round. After Sun, plants, herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores, I like to include scavengers and decomposers. Since both of these groups eat dead stuff, I had to find a kid-friendly way to differentiate them. My solution: scavengers have regular poop, and decomposers poop out soil! This is shorthand for the fact that decomposers break their food down into its chemical components—nutrients like nitrogen and carbon—that are essential for plants.

Poop is also valuable for studying wildlife. When I was in Alaska in 2018, I tagged along with a few different research projects, and two of them were gleaning information from the scat of snowshoe hares. “We can’t just walk out there and say ‘hey animals, come out, I want to count you,’” explained Denali National Park’s wolf technician, Kaija Klauder, to a group of high school students from Anchorage who were attending a summer science camp. “Luckily,” she continued, “all animals poop, and that’s awesome for science.”

My student buddy and I counted all the Skittle-shaped, sawdust-filled hare pellets in a one-foot radius sample plot. The 200 plots our group sampled that day would get plugged into a spreadsheet. With a little bit of math, scientists could estimate how many bunnies must be in the area in order to make that many poops.

Later that summer, I joined Claire Montgomerie, a graduate

### Natural Connections

By Emily Stone  
Naturalist and Education Director at Cable Natural History Museum



student from the University of Alaska Fairbanks, doing research in the Brooks Range. She was trapping the snowshoe hares to count their population numbers, and then also drawing blood to learn about body condition and stress levels. In addition, we filled little whirl-top bags with fresh hare scat from under the wire mesh of the trap. Chemical analysis of the blood would give a seasonal average of body condition, while scat analysis might reveal a snapshot just from the hare’s stay in the trap.

Poop also comes up quite a bit while doing animal tracking. From seed-filled bear scat to hairy wolf turds, and even the frass of caterpillars and leaf miners, animal poop can tell us a lot about who lives where and what they are eating. Little piles of worm castings can even clue us in to when these non-native wigglers have moved into our woods.

So, as a naturalist, I don’t think it’s weird that I spend time looking at, thinking about, and teaching about poop. I don’t even think it’s weird to Google it.

And today, I’m glad I did! I’ve always been taught that the white part of bird poop is their version of urine. It is concentrated uric acid that goes straight from the kidneys to the cloaca because birds don’t have a bladder. Water is reabsorbed in the cloaca, which reduces the need for birds to drink. It gets excreted at the same time as their feces—the dark parts of bird poop. At least that’s the conventional wisdom.

In 2019, a researcher following his curiosity and a hot tip from an ornithologist, analyzed poop from six varied species of birds. Instead of uric acid, he found ammonium urate, struvite, and two unknown compounds. The resulting hypothesis is that birds do turn their wastes from protein digestion into uric acid, but that bacteria in their cloaca break down the uric acid into other materials before it leaves their body. So much for conventional wisdom!

That doesn’t explain why I suddenly saw so much bird poop on my trees, though. That occurrence has several causes. First, I have many more birds than usual at my feeder. The repolls have more than tripled my population counts! Second, the cold weather meant that birds were eating a TON in order to stay warm. Eat more, and you have to excrete more, too. Finally, birds tend to poop during lift-off. This lightens their load and makes flying more efficient. So, when they take off from my hemlock boughs, they leave a little package behind. In the sub-zero temps of those weeks, the poop froze to the needles and built up over time.

Next time your favorite three-year-old starts talking about poop, maybe you’ll have to join them in some scientific discourse.

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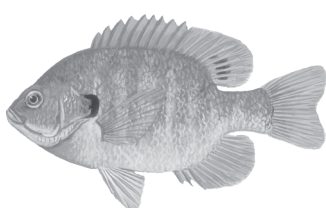


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Paul Bucher catching jumbo perch!

## Panfish



## Paradise

### Hello friends,

This past week I headed up to Sawyer County to fish a lake near Birchwood with three good friends and laugh a lot. Besides the fact that we had a ton of adversity we had a blast and caught some very pretty perch and crappie.

**Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**High 32, low 28**

For those that are not aware of this fact, this winter there is a lot of ice on the northern tier bodies of water and in the northern parts of Wisconsin on up, there is a lot of snow. The snow part would be the first part of this trips adversity and it had the potential to be a real, big deal.

Paul Bucher who is the publisher of The Cumberland Advocate was on the lake that we would be staying on this weekend at sunrise this morning and deep snow and slush was making truck and atv travel impossible. I was driving on highway 53 when I got the call from Paul and I did not have my snowmobile, neither did Ryan Ransom of Black River Falls or Preston Johnson of Rice Lake.

I had a brainstorm and called my newest friend, Darren Skar who is the owner of Bay Vue Resort where we had a cabin rented. Darren did us a major favor when he found us a Polaris 600 snow machine and our problems kind of took a break.

So, we are staying at Bay Vue Resort for the first time and are more than impressed but have to travel exactly

### An Outdoorsman’s Journal

By Mark Walters



2.1 miles on the ice/snow/slush to get to our honey hole. At first I’m the driver, our sled set up is limited and I make three trips, each one with a comrade and gear .

The first trip is with Paul and gear, the second is with Preston and gear and when I arrive with Preston, Paul has three jumbo perch in his bucket (p.s. good buddies of Preston’s, ask him where the beer, gas and minnows went?)

Last but not least Ryan and I were super excited to start fishing. We had a shack to set up that would fit four and first I put out two tip downs and a Finicky Fooler which I just purchased after seeing it catch the heck out of fish the weekend before on the Mississippi. On each of my rigs I put a #14 treble hook, a bead, small split shot, and a crappie minnow. I would have used Rosey’s but could not find any.

So, the four of us had about three hours of daylight and the perch catching is slow but steady and they are 9-12-inches. Towards dark we all headed into the shack where we had holes drilled and a propane lantern. We kind of thought we were too shallow for crappie, but we really started giggling, for various reasons, when Paul’s slip bobber vanished, and he caught an 11-inch crappie. Our evening changed from cabin time to shack time and when we made it back to the cabin at 10:30 we had piles of crappie and perch and four good friends that only see each other once a year and had more laughs

than most people have in a month.

Back at the cabin I was heating up a pork roast dinner that I had premade. These guys were hungry enough to eat bark off a tree and Paul cut up a stick of bear sausage that was made at Louie’s Finer Meats in Cumberland. We all agreed it was the best sausage of any type that any of us ever had in our life.

We hit the rack about midnight and that is when the storm began.

**Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**High 32, low 27**

The ice storm that hit this part of Wisconsin is one that very few people will forget soon. Simply walking, especially on anything with an angle was almost a no chance type of deal.

Here is a funny story. Perhaps in the cloud of darkness last night when we made our journey back to the cabin, someone may have accidentally not realized that they had left a tip down out. If this happened, it honestly was a mistake. A great laugh was had by everyone when that someone caught his or her biggest perch of the trip in that manner. I am not lying when I say that the fish catching was very steady for dandy panfish, and Mr. Paul Bucher even caught a 20-inch walleye on his jig pole.

We came up with a method to put me in an Otter Sled and that saved us trips as we were running low on gas, beer, and minnows “Preston”.

This mission has been taking place for a good 15-years; we always catch fish, eat well and most importantly peg out the fun meter.

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## BOUNDARY

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were deemed the most urgent for more visible safety.

The signals will be solar powered rectangular rapid flashing beacons. Each beacon will feature a touchless activation device a pedestrian can start by waving their hand near the switch.

Council approved amendments to its ordinance regarding vehicles parked in front yards. Definitions for the following apply:

**Drive Apron means** the connection between a driveway and the traveled portion of a street in the public right of way, including any sidewalk area abutting thereon.

**Driveway means an improved surface** maintained for motor vehicle access and parking. Surfaces include those located from street entrance to garage or parking area, and those used specifically for circular turnaround or circular through traffic.

**Front yard as it relates** to present ordinance, any area between the street and main building line.

**Improved Surface means** a surface of hot mix/recycled asphalt, poured/precast concrete or other material that is dust-free. Grass, crushed rock, or gravel is prohibited. An improved surface shall provide a hard driving surface, resist rutting, provides for sufficient water runoff and is graded and surfaced. Alternative surfaces may be approved by the Zoning Administrator or Public Works Director.

**Motor vehicle means** any self-propelled land vehicle which can be used for towing

or transporting people or materials, including but not limited to automobiles, trucks, buses, motorized campers, motorcycles, motor scooters, and tractors. **Parking Pad means an improved surface** which is not a driveway or drive apron, connected to a driveway upon which vehicles are parked.

**Recreational Vehicle means a vehicle** primarily used for leisure activities, including but not limited to all terrain vehicles, boats, with or without trailers, camping trailers, jet skis, motor homes, utility trailers, snowmobiles, and other motorized & non-motorized vehicles.

Per the amendment, front yard is defined as any area between the street and main building line. It shall be prohibited for any person owning or having control of a motor vehicle or recreational vehicle to park or allow to be parked at any time in the front yard and interior side yard other than on a driveway or parking pad that extends the full length and width of the vehicle.

A parking pad and driveways areas shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition and shall not contribute to soil erosion. The parking pad and driveway area shall be installed to avoid creating standing water conditions.

A person shall not park any motor vehicle or recreational vehicle on a corner side yard. The enforcement of this section shall be the responsibility of the building inspector or any other code enforcement officer.



The Sparta Kiwanis Club presented a \$500 check to the Sparta Area School District BackPack Program February 21, to supplement purchase of non-perishable food items for students' weekly BackPacks. Volunteers meet every Monday morning at the SASD Administration Building to assemble 100 bags of nutritional foodstuffs for students to carry home at the close of each school week. According to a 2018 survey, 5,000 Monroe County residents suffer from food insecurity. Left to Right—Sparta School System BackPack volunteers John Winkelman, Christy Heitman, Mary Kowacyk, Mary Green and Emmy Vogt. Contributed photo.

## GARBAGE

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Aldermen also agreed to the city applying for up to \$250,000 in grant money from the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) for Beau and Janette Burlingame to remodel the former Sparta police station.

Last year, the city accepted a bid from the Burlingames, who also own the Beer Shop on West Wisconsin Street, to turn the vacated police station into a beer hall, restaurant, and event facility.

Co-City Administrator Todd Fahnning said the city has to act as a conduit for the money to ensure WEDC that it is onboard with the project, adding the money can only be used for improvement to the former police station.

Fahnning expects the grant to be close to the full \$250,000 applied for.

Aldermen also approved the final design for the Sparta Free Library expansion.

FEH Design of Dubuque, IA drew up the plans for the two-story expansion, which is confined mostly to the northeast side of the existing building, and is designed to match the architecture of the original historical section of the library.

Library Director Michelle

Tryggestad, who presented the plan to the council, said a few changes were made to the design, including moving the elevator closer to an entrance where a handicap parking spot will be located, which is

required by law.

She said they also are looking at other architectural features around Sparta to possibly incorporate into the design.

## DISTRICT

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unopposed for the District 10 seat.

**District 11** includes the City of Tomah Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7. The incumbent is Adam Balz, who is running unopposed for the District 11 seat.

**District 12** includes the City of Tomah Wards 5, 6, 9, 10, and 11. The incumbent is Brett Larkin. Eric Devine is a registered write-in candidate for the District 12 seat.

**District 13** includes the City of Tomah Wards 8, 12, 14, 15, and 16. The incumbent is Remy Gomez, who is running unopposed for the District 13 seat.

**District 14** includes the Town of Jefferson, Town of Portland, Village of Cashton Wards 1 & 2, and the Village of Melvina. Incumbents include James B. Kuhn and Jen Schmitz, who are both running for the District 14 seat.

**District 15** includes the town of Adrian Ward 2,

Town of Leon Ward 1, Town of Sheldon Ward 1, Town of Ridgeville, and the Village of Norwalk. The incumbent is Ron Leuthe. Jessica Helgren and Joey Esterline are running for the District 15 seat.

**District 16** includes the Town of Glendale, Town of Sheldon Ward 2, Town of Wellington, Village of Kendall, Village of Wilton, and the Village of Ontario Ward 1. There is no incumbent for District 16. Craig Buswell and Doug Rogalla are running for the District 16 seat.

**What district are you in?**

So how are you supposed to know what ward of a city, village, or township you are in? You can contact your town, village, city or county clerk. You can go to co.monroe.wi.us, go to boards and committees, then to Monroe County Board and it has more detailed maps of each district.

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FRIDAY EVENING											
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	High School Basketball WIAAWI Division 1 Tournament, First Semifinal: Teams TBA.						News	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	Nightline		
CBS-WKBT	2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament						News	News 8	Late-Colbert		
FOX-WLAX	WWE Friday Night SmackDown						News	TMZ	Sheldon		
NBC-WEAU	The Blacklist						Dateline NBC	Seth Meyers			
PBS-WHA	Wash	Here Now	The Fall	Bancroft							
A&E	The First 48 "Truly Lost"		Cold Case Files		Serial Killer	Serial Killer	The First 48		The First 48 "Truly Lost"		
AMC	*** "Liar Liar" (1997) Jim Carrey, Maura Tierney.		Castle "Den of Thieves"		*** "Bruce Almighty" (2003, Comedy) Jim Carrey.		"Fast Times at Ridgemont"				
APL	Treehouse Masters: Branched Out		Treehouse Masters		Treehouse Masters		TM: Branched Out				
COM	The Office		The Office		The Office		South Park	South Park	Gold Rush		
DSC	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush		SportsCenter				
ESPN	College Wrestling NCAA Championships.		College Wrestling NCAA Championships.		College Wrestling NCAA Championships.		SportsCenter				
FREE	Family Guy		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	The 700 Club		Simpsons	Simpsons	
LIFE	Castle "The Late Shift"		Castle "Den of Thieves"		Castle "Food to Die For"		Castle "Overkill"		Castle "The Late Shift"		
PARMT	(6:00) "Four Brothers"		*** "The Equalizer"		(2014, Action) Denzel Washington, Martin Scorsese.		*** "Four Brothers"				
SYFY	(6:00) *** "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" (2002) Daniel Radcliffe.		The Chamber of Secrets		(2002) Daniel Radcliffe.		Resident Alien		Astrid & Lilly		
TNT	NCAA Basketball Tmt.		2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament: Blazers vs Cougars		2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament: Blazers vs Cougars		All Elite Wrestling		Justice		
WGN-A	Prime With Marni Hughes		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		NewsNation Prime: Special		Prime With Marni Hughes		
WTBS	2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament		2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament		2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament First Round: Colgate vs Wisconsin.		Wipeout				

SATURDAY EVENING												
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC-WXOW	High School Basketball						News	Chicago Fire		Chicago Fire		
CBS-WKBT	2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament						News 8	Weather Gone Viral		Sheldon		
FOX-WLAX	Law & Order "Fault Lines"						Dateline NBC	Saturday Night Live		Saturday Night Live		
NBC-WEAU	Death in Paradise						Mr Winner	Mr Winner	Mr Winner	Mr Winner	Mr Winner	The Fall
PBS-WHA	*** "Olympus Has Fallen" (2013) Gerard Butler, Aaron Eckhart.						*** "Den of Thieves" (2018) Gerard Butler, Pablo Schreiber.					
A&E	Break-Bad						Breaking Bad					
AMC	The Zoo: San Diego Lanner falcons show off their skills.						The Zoo: San Diego "Baby Miracles"					
APL	Seinfeld						Seinfeld					
COM	Lone Star Law						Lone Star Law					
DSC	(6:00) College Wrestling NCAA Championships, Finals.						Boxing					
ESPN	*** "The Blind Side" (2009, Drama) Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron.						*** "21 Jump Street" (2012, Comedy)					
FREE	*** "Sins in the Suburbs" (2022) Monique Sykens.						*** "Your Boyfriend Is Mine" (2022) Jamie Roy, Eli Jane.					
LIFE	(5:50) *** "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" (2002) Elijah Wood.						*** "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" (2003)					
PARMT	(6:05) *** "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" (2005, Fantasy)						*** "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them" (2016, Fantasy)					
SYFY	Basketball						2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA.					
TNT	NewsNation Prime						NewsNation Prime					
WGN-A	Prime With Marni Hughes						Dan Abrams Live					
WTBS	2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament						2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA.					

SUNDAY EVENING											
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	American Idol "504 (Auditions)"		Auditions continue.		Step Into...The Movies		News	Castle "The Nose"	Castle		
CBS-WKBT	The Equalizer "D.W.B."		NCIS: Los Angeles		S.W.A.T. "Albatross"		News 8	Outdoors	Game Time		
FOX-WLAX	Simpsons		Great North		Burgers		Family Guy	News	County	Two Men	
NBC-WEAU	The Courtship		An Audience With Adele		Sanditon on Masterpiece		Before We Die		Antiques Roadshow		
PBS-WHA	Call the Midwife		Sanditon on Masterpiece		Before We Die		Antiques Roadshow		Austin City Limits		
A&E	The First 48		The First 48 "Snatched"		The First 48		Chippendales Murders		The First 48		
AMC	(6:54) The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		Talking Dead		The Walking Dead		The Walking Dead		
APL	Lone Star Law: Bigger and		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		Lone Star Law		
COM	Seinfeld		*** "The Other Guys" (2010, Comedy) Will Ferrell, Mark Wahlberg.		*** "The Heat" (2013, Comedy)		*** "The Heat" (2013, Comedy)				
DSC	Naked and Afraid "Next Gen Survival"		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid		
ESPN	NCAA Women's Basketball		2022 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament		SportsCenter		SportsCenter				
FREE	(4:35) "The Blind Side"		*** "The Parent Trap" (1998, Children's) Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid.		*** "Mirror Mirror"		*** "Mirror Mirror"				
LIFE	*** "The Proposal" (2009) Sandra Bullock.		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		
PARMT	Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		Bar Rescue		
SYFY	Harry P		*** "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince" (2009, Children's) Daniel Radcliffe, Rupert Grint.		*** "Maleficent"		*** "Maleficent"				
TNT	Basketball		2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA.		Snowpiercer		"From Duck Till Dawn"		March Mad.		
WGN-A	NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		NewsNation Prime		
WTBS	2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament		2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament Second Round: Teams TBA.		March Mad.		Chad				

MONDAY EVENING												
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30		
ABC-WXOW	American Idol Auditions come to an end.						The Good Doctor		News			
CBS-WKBT	NCIS: Hawaii						NCIS: Hawaii		News 8			
FOX-WLAX	9-1-1 "Outside Looking In"						9-1-1: Lone Star		Sheldon			
NBC-WEAU	The Qualifiers Premiere						The Endgame "Gold Rush"		News			
PBS-WHA	Antiques Roadshow						Antiques Roadshow		Bring Her Home			
A&E	Secrets of Playboy						Secrets of Playboy		Chippendales Murders			
AMC	(4:30) "Armageddon"						Killing Eve		*** "The Negotiator" (1998, Suspense) Samuel L. Jackson, Kevin Spacey.			
APL	Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge						Alaska: The Last Frontier		Alaska: The Last Frontier			
COM	The Office						The Office		The Office			
DSC	Street Outlaws						Street Outlaws		Street Outlaws: Gone Girl			
ESPN	NCAA Women's Basketball						2022 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament		SportsCenter			
FREE	The Office						The Office		The Office			
LIFE	Castle						Castle "3XK"		Castle "Almost Famous"			
PARMT	Yellowstone						Yellowstone		*** "Shooter" (2007, Action) Mark Wahlberg, Michael Peña, Danny Glover.			
SYFY	Harry Potter						*** "Maleficent"		*** "The Maze Runner" (2014) Dylan O'Brien, Kaya Scodelario.			
TNT	"Guardians 2"						Snowpiercer		*** "Angel Has Fallen" (2019, Action) Gerard Butler.			
WGN-A	Prime With Marni Hughes						Dan Abrams Live		Banfield			
WTBS	Big Bang						Big Bang		Burgers			

TUESDAY EVENING											
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	Judge Steve Harvey		Abbott Elem		black-ish		To Tell the Truth		News		Nightline
CBS-WKBT	FBI "Scar Tissue"		FBI: International		FBI: Most Wanted "Incel"		News 8		Late Show-Colbert		Corden
FOX-WLAX	iHeartRadio Music Awards 2022		This Is Us Kate visits Toby.		The Thing About Pam		News		TMZ		Last Man
NBC-WEAU	Young Rock   Mr. Mayor		Frontline "Pelosi's Power"		In Their Own Words		Escape to the		NOVA		
PBS-WHA	Finding Your Roots		Frontline "Pelosi's Power"		In Their Own Words		Escape to the		NOVA		
A&E	Storage		Storage		Storage		Deep Fried		Storage		Storage
AMC	*** "The A-Team" (2010, Action) Liam Neeson, Bradley Cooper.		*** "G.I. Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen.		*** "G.I. Jane" (1997, Drama) Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen.						
APL	Insane Pools: Deeper Dive		Insane Pools: Deeper Dive		Insane Pools: Deeper Dive		Insane Pools: Deeper Dive				
COM	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		
DSC	Street Outlaws: Gone Girl		Street Outlaws: Gone Girl		Street Outlaws: America's List "The First Spot"		Street Outlaws: Gone Girl				
ESPN	NIT Basketball Tournament		2022 NIT Basketball Tournament Teams TBA.		SportsCenter		SportsCenter				
FREE	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		
LIFE	Castle "Lucky Stiff"		Castle "The Final Nail"		Castle "Setup"		Castle "Countdown"		Castle "Lucky Stiff"		
PARMT	Yellowstone		Yellowstone		*** "The Equalizer"		(2014, Action) Denzel Washington, Martin Scorsese.		*** "The Equalizer"		
SYFY	*** "Salt" (2010) Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber.		*** "Captain America: Civil War" (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.		*** "Captain America: Civil War" (2016, Action) Chris Evans, Robert Downey Jr.						
TNT	NBA Basketball Atlanta Hawks at New York Knicks.		NBA Basketball Los Angeles Clippers at Denver Nuggets.		NBA on TNT		NBA on TNT				
WGN-A	Prime With Marni Hughes		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		NewsNation Prime: Special		Prime With Marni Hughes		
WTBS	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		Sheldon		Sheldon		

WEDNESDAY EVENING											
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	Goldbergs		Wonder		The Conners		Home Econ.		A Million Little Things		
CBS-WKBT	Survivor		Beyond the Edge		Good Sam "Keep Talking"		News		Jimmy Kimmel Live!		
FOX-WLAX	The Masked Singer		Domino Masters		News		TMZ		Sheldon		
NBC-WEAU	Chicago Med		Chicago P.D. "Burnside"		News		Tonight Show-J. Fallon		Seth Meyers		
PBS-WHA	Nature		NOVA		Expedition With Steve		Finding Your Roots		Frontline "Pelosi's Power"		
A&E	Court Cam		Court Cam		Court Cam		Neighbor.		Neighbor.		
AMC	*** "Die Hard" (1988, Action) Bruce Willis, Alan Rickman, Bonnie Bedelia.		*** "Die Hard 2" (1990) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia.		*** "Die Hard 3" (1993) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia.		*** "Die Hard 3" (1993) Bruce Willis, Bonnie Bedelia.				
APL	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters		River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters		River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters		River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters				
COM	South Park		Fairview		South Park		South Park		South Park		
DSC	Moonshiners Digger gets their liquor recipe.		NBA Basketball Brooklyn Nets at Memphis Grizzlies.		NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Lakers.		The 700 Club		Simpsons		
ESPN	The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		The Office		
FREE	Married at First Sight		*** "The Proposal" (2009) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds.		*** "Diango Unchained" (2012, Western) Jamie Fox, Christoph Waltz.		Married at First Sight		Simpsons		
LIFE	Married at First Sight		*** "The Proposal" (2009) Sandra Bullock, Ryan Reynolds.		*** "Diango Unchained" (2012, Western) Jamie Fox, Christoph Waltz.		Married at First Sight		Simpsons		
PARMT	Yellowstone		Yellowstone		*** "Diango Unchained" (2012, Western) Jamie Fox, Christoph Waltz.		Married at First Sight		Simpsons		
SYFY	(5:45) *** "Captain America: Civil War" (2016)		NHL Hockey Pittsburgh Penguins at Buffalo Sabres.		NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Anaheim Ducks.		NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Anaheim Ducks.				
TNT	Prime With Marni Hughes		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		NewsNation Prime: Special		Prime With Marni Hughes		
WGN-A	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite		Wipeout		Wipeout		Sheldon		Sheldon		

THURSDAY EVENING											
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	Station 19		Grey's Anatomy		Big Sky		News		Jimmy Kimmel Live!		Nightline
CBS-WKBT	2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament		2022 NCAA Basketball Tournament Regional Semifinal: Teams TBA.		News 8		Late-Colbert		Late-Colbert		
FOX-WLAX	MasterChef		Call Me Kat		News		TMZ		Sheldon		
NBC-WEAU	Law & Order		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: Organized		News		Tonight Show-J. Fallon		Seth Meyers
PBS-WHA	Wi Foodie		How She		Agatha and the Curse of Ishtar		Rick Steves		Secrets of the Dead		
A&E	The First 48		After the First 48		Nightwatch "Have Mercy"		The First 48		The First 48		
AMC	*** "Die Hard With a Vengeance" (1995, Action) Bruce Willis, Jeremy Irons.		*** "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007) Bruce Willis.		*** "Live Free or Die Hard" (2007) Bruce Willis.						
APL	North Woods Law: Unceuffed		"Search and Save"		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		North Woods Law		
COM	South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park		
DSC	BattleBots "8 Down, 8 to Go" It's all on the line for 16 killer bots.		BattleBots		BattleBots		BattleBots		BattleBots		
ESPN	NHL Hockey: Stars at Hurricanes		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		SportsCenter		
FREE	The Office		The Office		The Office		grown-ish		grown-ish		
LIFE	Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		Rizzoli & Isles		
PARMT	Yellowstone		Yellowstone		*** "Star Trek" (2009, Science Fiction) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto.		*** "Star Trek" (2009, Science Fiction) Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto.				
SYFY	*** "Zombieland" (2009, Comedy) Woody Harelson.		*** "Colombiana" (2011) Zoe Saldana, Jord Mollá.		*** "The Fifth Element" (1997)		*** "The Fifth Element" (1997)				
TNT	*** "Ready Player One" (2018, Science Fiction) Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke.		*** "Ready Player One" (2018) Tye Sheridan.		*** "Ready Player One" (2018) Tye Sheridan.						
WGN-A	Prime With Marni Hughes		Dan Abrams Live		Banfield		NewsNation Prime: Special		Prime With Marni Hughes		

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**CUBIC YARD BOXES:** Fort McCoy is offering for sale, 52 cubic yard boxes, banded to a shipping pallet, of deformed brass shell casings (145,494 lbs). Bid packages are available by request by emailing michael.l.miller1.civ@army.mil. Bids accepted until noon on April 1st, 2022.

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**ASSISTANT FINANCE DIRECTOR - ROLLING HILLS BUSINESS SERVICES ADMINISTRATION** Do you have strong attention to detail, the ability to multi-task, and an aptitude for fiscal planning? If so, Monroe County's Finance Department might have the job for you! We're hiring for a full-time Assistant Finance Director - Rolling Hills Business Services Administrator. Successful candidates will have a Bachelor's Degree in accounting, finance, business administration, or closely related field. Computer experience with accounting software is desired. Experience with skilled nursing facility or medical billing is preferred. Five years of accounting and budgeting experience with responsibility for final budgets, direct work with fiscal computerized programs, and double entry bookkeeping. One year of supervisory experience is desired. Candidates with equivalent combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and abilities can be acquired will also be considered. Our Assistant Finance Director - Rolling Hills Business Services Administrator is responsible for assisting the Finance Director with fiscal planning and budgeting. This position also monitors and manages the department's revenues and expenditures including departmental operations and contracted services. Join us now as we expand our services in our **new** Rolling Hills Senior Living complex opening in August 2022! Starting salary for this position is: \$53,094-\$60,334 annually depending on qualifications and experience. Monroe County offers an excellent benefits package to include health with vision, dental, term life, Wisconsin Retirement System, and more. A Monroe County application is required. Applications are available on our website: <http://www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/personnel> or can be obtained at the Personnel Department located at 124 N. Court Street, Sparta. If you have further questions, please contact Personnel at 08-269-8719. **Applications will be reviewed as received and accepted until the position has been filled.** AA/EOE

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LEGAL NOTICES

**STATE OF WISCONSIN  
CIRCUIT COURT  
MONROE COUNTY  
Notice to Creditors  
(Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 22 PR 28  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
Gary L. Kenyon  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
2. The decedent, with date of birth 11-7-1952 and date of death 2-3-2022, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 14345 County Highway B Sparta, WI 54656.  
3. All interested persons waived notice.  
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 30, 2022.  
5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.  
Diane Berendes  
Probate Registrar  
March 15, 2022  
Attorney Jack D. Buswell  
101 W. Oak St.  
P.O. Box 349  
Sparta, WI 54656  
608-269-1200  
Bar Number 1008176  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
**Absentee voting to be administered at the following facilities:**  
• **Tomah VA Hospital, 500 E Veterans St, Tomah, WI 54660 at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
• **A Touch of Home, 1211 Mark Ave, Tomah, WI 54660 at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
• **Liberty Village, 200 Liberty Place, Tomah, WI 54660 at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
• **Tomah Nursing and Rehab, 1505 Butts Ave, Tomah, WI 54660 at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
• **Cranberry Court Assisted Living, 1025 Heeler Ave, Tomah, WI 54660 at 9 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
• **Cranberry Court Assisted Living, 1031 Heeler Ave, Tomah, WI 54660 at 9:45 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022**  
Special Voting Deputies appointed by the City of Tomah will be administering absentee voting for the residents of this facility for the 2022 Spring Election at the above time and place. Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on Election Day may request to vote an absentee ballot. 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 he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be registered in order to receive an absentee ballot.  
Only observers from each of the two recognized political parties whose candidates for governor or president received the greatest number of votes in the municipality at the most recent general election may accompany the deputies to each facility where absentee voting will take place. The observers may observe the process of absentee ballot distribution in the common areas of the home, facility, or complex. Each party wishing to have an observer present shall submit the name of the observer to the clerk or board of election commissioners no later than the close of business on the last business day prior to the visit.  
Family members of residents may be present at the time of voting.  
If you have further questions, please contact:  
Rebecca Weyer  
819 Superior Ave  
Tomah, WI 54660  
608-374-7426  
rweyer@tomahonline.com  
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**SECTION 00 11 13  
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Sealed bids for Contract "21N-02", Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility Upgrades, will be received by the Village of Norwalk, Village Clerk, at the Village Hall, 208 S. Church Street, Norwalk, WI 54648, by 10:00 A.M., local time, April 27, 2022, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.  
The work, in general, will include the following schedule of work:  
• Site Work and Paving.  
• Site Piping.  
• New Control Building and Equipment.  
• Aeration Diffuser Upgrades.  
• New Standby Generator.  
• Sludge Storage Tank Addition.  
• Final Clarifier Equipment Replacement.  
• Pump Replacements.  
• Positive Displacement Rotary Blower Replacements.  
• Process Instrumentation.  
• Electrical Power Distribution and Lighting.  
• Plumbing, Heating and Ventilation Work.  
• Trickling Filter Process Upgrades.  
A pre-bid meeting will be held at the Village of Norwalk Wastewater Treatment Facility, 509 Wisconsin Avenue, Norwalk, WI 54648, on April 5, 2022, at 10:00 A.M., local time.  
The proposals shall be submitted on the forms furnished with the specifications. Each proposal shall be accompanied by a certified check payable to the owner equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal or a bid bond of a bonding company duly authorized to do business in the State of Wisconsin in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the proposal. This proposal guarantee shall be subject to forfeiture as provided by law.  
Complete digital project bidding documents are available at [www.cedarcorp.com](http://www.cedarcorp.com). You may download the digital plan documents for \$30.00 (Quest eBidDoc #8127673). Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.  
**This project is funded in part with a federal Community Development Block Grant and Clean Water Fund.**  
Federal Davis-Bacon Act wage rates are applicable to this project per Federal Labor Provisions (4010). Attention of bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to condition of employment to be observed and minimum wage and fringe rates to be paid under the contract, Section 3, Segregated Facility, Section 109 and E.O. 11246. We encourage MBEs, DBEs, and WBEs to submit bid proposals. The solicitation of subcontractors must evidence a good faith effort to obtain bids from MBEs, DBEs and WBEs, such efforts to be documented.  
The Contract shall be subject to wage rates established by the Federal Davis-Bacon Act. Information explaining other prevailing wage rate laws that may apply to this work is included in the project specifications.  
The successful bidder will be required to conform to the wage requirements prescribed by the federal Davis-Bacon and Related Acts which requires that all laborers and mechanics employed by contractors and sub-contractors performing on contracts funded in whole or in part with federal funds in excess of \$2,000 pay their laborers and mechanics not less than the prevailing wage rates and fringe benefits, as determined by the Secretary of Labor, for corresponding classes of laborers and mechanics employed on similar projects in the area."  
Minimum salaries and fringes to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with the prevailing wage rate scale established by the Federal Department of Labor (DOL). Attention is called to the fact that not less than the minimum salaries and fringes set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this project, and that the Contractor must ensure that employees and applications for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, national origin, or other protected class. Federal Labor standards program laws, including, but not limited to the Davis Bacon Act, the Copeland Anti-Kickback Act, and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act will apply to all projects.  
Any contract or contracts awarded under this invitation for bids may be funded in part by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Clean Water Fund Program. Neither the State of Wisconsin nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees is or will be party to this invitation for bids or any resulting contract.  
This procedure is subject to the grantee's policy regarding the increased use of minority and women's businesses. The grantee's policy requires all bidders to undertake specified affirmative efforts. At least 15 days prior to bid opening, the bidder needs to contact five MBEs and five WBEs to solicit bids. To comply with the requirements, the grantee requires documentation of all contacts on the contract forms included in the specification. The contact forms need to be submitted with the bid. We encourage MBEs and WBEs to submit bid proposals.  
All listed iron and steel products used in this project must be produced in the United States to comply with the USE OF AMERICAN IRON AND STEEL requirements mandated for this project. Prequalification of Bidders will not be required.  
Proposals shall not be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the date of opening. The Village of Norwalk reserves the right to reject any or all of the proposals and to waive any informalities therein.  
Project Documents will be available by: March 18, 2022  
Dates of Publication: March 17, 2022 and March 24, 2022  
By Authority of: Kerry Vian, Norwalk Village Clerk  
3/17, 24 W NAXLP

**PROJECT:**  
**OWNER:**  
**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
**2022 STREET AND UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS**  
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. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately thereafter in the City Council meeting room.  
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  
The quantities and the main sizes are subject to change without notice prior to document distribution.  
**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. There is a **\$40 non-refundable** copying and distribution charge for these documents. Electronic bidding documents are available on-line at Questcdn.com, Project No. 8145705 for \$30. This fee includes access to submit a bid on-line via Questcdn.  
**QUALIFICATIONS:**  
Bidders must be pre-qualified with the City of Tomah within the last year or must be pre-qualified for this work 5 days prior to the bid deadline in accordance with Section 66.0903 of the Wisconsin Statutes. Each bidder must deposit, with his bid, security in the amount of 5% of the maximum bid amount. Bidders must be experienced in municipal pipeline construction.  
**RIGHTS RESERVED:**  
The City of Tomah reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities in any bid.  
Published by the authority of:  
Kirk Arity, Director of Public Works  
City of Tomah  
3/10, 17 W NAXLP

**TOWN OF SPARTA IN – PERSON VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**  
The Town of Sparta Clerk will be available to accommodate Town of Sparta Residents who wish to come to the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Ave, to vote In-Person Absentee or drop off their ballots for the Spring Election held on April 5, 2022  
**TOWN HALL HOURS FOR IN-PERSON ABSENTEE VOTING AND BALLOT DROP OFF**  
Tuesday  
March 22nd 8 am – 11 am  
Saturday,  
March 26th 8 am – 12 pm  
Monday,  
March 28th 8 am – 10 am  
Registered voters may request an absentee ballot be mailed to them by going online to [myvote.wi.gov](http://myvote.wi.gov). **Due to recent WI law changes prohibiting drop boxes, absentee ballots must be mailed back to the clerk's office. DO NOT put in the drop box.** Non-Registered eligible Town of Sparta voters will have the opportunity to register to vote during the same hours as In-Person Absentee Voting at the Sparta Town Hall.  
Town of Sparta Clerk  
3/17 W NAXLP

**INVITATION TO BID TOWN OF LINCOLN, MONROE COUNTY**  
The Town of Lincoln, Monroe County is accepting sealed bids for road work to be completed on up to four miles of roadway.  
**CHIP SEAL BID:** Road to consist of a dark, single or double chip granite sealcoat. Your bid should be priced per mile of 20' wide road. 4 miles of work is anticipated in 3-4 locations.  
For further project and bid information please contact Greg Zingler, Town Chairman, at 6125 County Hwy O, Tomah, or by calling 608-378-3316. Bids will be opened and awarded on Tuesday, April 19th, 2022 at 6:30 pm at the Town of Lincoln Fire Dept. Meeting Room, 506 Hartwell Dr, Warrens, WI.  
The Town of Lincoln reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part(s) thereof, waive any informalities in the bidding process, and to accept the bid proposal or portion of a bid proposal deemed most advantageous to the Town.  
Lynda Callaway, Clerk  
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Merry Kuderer won a raffle basket.  
Contributed photos



6 Casie & Blaire Manke  
enjoying chili



John Schmitz, Mark Wells and Steven Hagen of the Leon  
Community Center Board draw for the big raffle prizes



Katherine Schreier and  
Aria Ziegler with cake and  
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Mavrick Flock won a \$150 gift certificate  
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Blake Selbrede with a basket  
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