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## Is clean water a right?

### County board wrestles with clean water resolution

By PAT MULVANEY  
Contributing Writer

Some members of the Monroe County Board took issue with a resolution last Wednesday that referred to clean water as a "right", before settling on a less controversial phrase.

Bob Micheel, director of the land conservation department, presented the resolution, which stated, "Monroe County Board of Supervisors establish a right to clean water to protect human health, the environment and the diverse culture and natural heritage of Wisconsin for the citizens of Monroe County."

Micheel pointed out that five major waterways originate in Monroe County, while noting that it also has 200 miles of trout streams and an abundance of groundwater that county residents depend on for drinking water.

He said sediments and nutrients from erosion as well as bacteria and, most recently, PFAS, toxic industrial chemicals that are harmful to human health, continue to threaten the county's water resources. He said those threats will continue to grow as land development expands.

"So when we talk about the right to clean water, with rights comes an expectation from the public," he said.

Among those expectations, he noted, is the county's responsibility to ensure clean water. It provides those assurances through its land conservation programs, which revolve around groundwater protections and improvement.

He alluded to the county's recent approval of using American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds

for private well water testing and flood mitigation practices as an example of the county's effort at stewardship.

The resolution calls on the governor and state lawmakers to "meet their statutory obligation for funding land conservation departments' staff, fully funding existing programs that foster improvements for their real benefit to Monroe County."

"We can't continue to pause at the state level and expect a different outcome," he said.

While supervisors seemed fine with the intent of the resolution, some objected to the word "right".

Supervisor Jim Kuhn made a motion to change the "right" to "plan to keep".

"If a right can be established so superficially, it can be taken away," he said, noting the county board doesn't have the ability to claim a right.

Supervisor Jen Schmitz opposed the motion "I think there is a right to clean water and I don't think our water is clean enough,"

“If a **right** can be established so superficially, it can be taken away”

— Jim Kuhn  
County Supervisor

“I think there is a **right** to clean water and I don't think our water is clean enough”

— Jen Schmitz  
County Supervisor

she said, adding she knows people with small children whose wells have been tested for contaminants. "It is a right, it is a right, it's a right."

**WATER cont. on pg. 5**

## What are PFAS?

- PFAS is short for perfluoroalkyl or polyfluoroalkyl substances.
- PFAS are widely used, long lasting chemicals, components of which break down very slowly over time.
- Because of their widespread use and their persistence in the environment, many PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals all over the world and are present at low levels in a variety of food products and in the environment.
- PFAS are found in water, air, fish, and soil at locations across the nation and the globe.
- Scientific studies have shown that exposure to some PFAS in the environment may be linked to harmful health effects in humans and animals.
- There are thousands of PFAS chemicals, and they are found in many different consumer, commercial, and industrial products. This makes it challenging to study and assess the potential human health and environmental risks.

source: [epa.gov](http://epa.gov)

## Gridiron Club pitches in another \$90K for scoreboard

By PAT MULVANEY  
Contributing Writer

The Sparta Gridiron Booster Club stepped up once again, providing another nearly \$90,000 donation to the Memorial Field renovation project.

The money will go toward a new scoreboard for the facility, which is undergoing a \$3.25 million upgrade. Superintendent Dr. Amy Van Deuren said time was of the essence to get the scoreboard ordered so it can be installed by late August when the first home football game is scheduled.

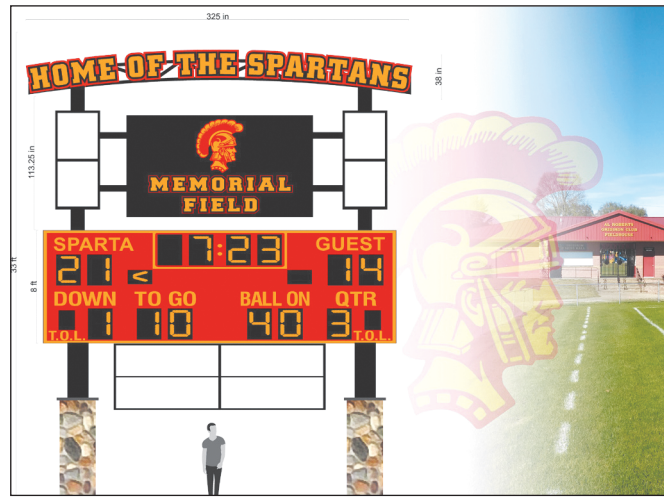
"If the school board will accept it, we will make a donation to pay for the scoreboard now so we can get it ordered," Gridiron Club President Bob Lydon told the board last Tuesday.

The scoreboard is not to exceed \$90,000, including the structure. Price quotes put the cost at \$61,000 for the structure and \$22,277 for the scoreboard.

"At this point I'm not worried about the structure," said Lydon. "We haven't even started fundraising but we are concerned about the scoreboard with the timeline. We'd like to get the scoreboard ordered like tomorrow."

The scoreboard itself, which was not part of the original budget, will be brick red with amber lighting and able to be customized for team names and labels to serve the soccer program as well as football.

The Gridiron Club has



An artist's rendition of the new scoreboard to be installed at Memorial Field.

already taken on a \$250,000 fundraising effort for the project. That effort got a boost from the City of Sparta earlier this year. The club was the biggest recipient of the city's American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) funds, receiving \$82,700.

That donation will go toward an elevated concrete plaza connecting the existing Gridiron building to the grandstands.

The plaza will sit 4 feet above field level and provide a standing viewing area where spectators can congregate. It will wrap around the northwest part of the field and extend behind the west endzone.

Also included in the plan are an artificial turf field, a 1,750-person capacity grandstand, a press box, all new lighting, asphalt walkways and handicap accessibility. The larger grandstand and plaza area will bring the facility's

capacity to above 2,000, making it eligible to host playoff games. It will serve both the football and soccer programs.

In January, the board approved bids for the bleachers and artificial turf to avoid supply-chain holdups that could otherwise have threatened the project's targeted completion date before the first Sparta High School football game in late August. It approved the final bids earlier this month.

Two other features of the project include new perimeter fencing at an estimated \$40,000 and a storage enclosure beneath the grandstand, expected to cost \$70,000, were bid as alternates if money from the project's contingency fund is still available.

A start date is targeted for May, following the high school graduation ceremony, which takes place on Memorial field.

## Michelle Clark named business manager

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN  
Contributing Writer

The Tomah Area School District Board of Education unanimously approved Michelle Clark as the 2022-2023 Business Manager. Mrs. Clark has served as principal of LaGrange Elementary School. Clark will officially begin the duties as district business manager on July 1.



Clark

"We're proud to have Mrs. Clark's continued service in her new position as business manager," said Tomah Superintendent Dr. Mike Hanson. "For many years, Mrs. Clark has shared her

gifts and talents as a servant leader with the Tomah area school district, and we are eager to see her strong skill set in her new leadership role continue the district's longstanding commitment and tradition of fiscal excellence and stewardship."

Clark has a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and geography from UW-Eau Claire. She obtained her Master of Educational Leadership and School Business Manager license from Marian University in Fond du Lac. She started her educational career in 1996 as a middle school science teacher with Necedah Area School District.

Clark has served as an administrator for the past 21 years for Tomah. She was the assistant principal at Tomah Middle School for ten years and has been the principal

at LaGrange for the past 11 years.

"It is bittersweet to leave LaGrange Elementary School," Clark said. "Over the past 11 years, we have worked hard to create a positive learning environment for our students, families, and ourselves. I am so proud of the work we have done together. I look forward to continuing to serve the Tomah Area School District community as the next business manager. (Retiring business manager) Greg Gaarder has served our community well and I will work hard to meet his high standards and fill his fiscally responsible shoes."

Clark was one of the final three candidates to replace Cindy Zahrt when retired as Tomah district superintendent, the position Hanson was hired to fill.

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A picture of previously Jake's Northwood's, now Torkelson Funeral Home. Herald photo by Greg Evans.

## Torkelson Funeral Home looking forward to grow in Sparta

By KYLE EVANS  
Interim Editor

The old Jake's Northwoods supper club on highway 21 in Sparta will soon be turned into a funeral home. Torkelson Funeral home purchased the building in the fall of 2021. Todd Torkelson, owner of Torkelson Funeral Home, said, "we are renovating the whole building inside and outside. The biggest

operational change for us will be the ability to host luncheons and gatherings for the families. We are keeping the kitchen, and the former bar/restaurant area will be turned into a lunch hall."

"The main reason why we are doing this is, our current funeral home on Oak St. in Sparta is very outdated and there isn't much space for large funerals and gatherings. That building has served its time well. The new building is perfect for us and offers great space and we'll be able

to have luncheons on site," Todd said. "We are going from one of the smallest funeral homes in the state to one of the largest, and one of the very few with a lunch hall," he said.

What used to be the banquet hall at Jake's, will now become the chapel for funeral services. The bar for what was previously the banquet hall will be taken out and replaced with a new lobby and offices leading to the chapel.

The funeral home will not have a liquor

license, but families will be able to bring in what they want to drink. Families will also be able to cook if they want, cater in, or have the Funeral Home cook for them.

"We're excited about it. It will serve the community very well. Also adding a lunch hall will be a great asset to the community," Todd said.

Torkelson Funeral Homes plans to have the renovations accomplished and to be moved in this summer at some point.



## History of Federal Census program at History Room March 31st

In recognition of the upcoming release of the 1950 U.S. Census, archivist and author Laura Godden will present an overview of these important historical records, specifically showcasing their usefulness in research, during the public program "Gaining Census: Exploring Historic U.S. Census Records."

The program will be held on Thursday, March 31, at 7:00 PM at the Monroe County Local History Room & Museum, 200 W. Main St., Sparta. Although the US Government conducts an official census every ten years (the last one conducted in 2020), the National Archives follows a "72 year rule" for releasing census data to the general public. In other words, family historians have to wait 72 years to gain access to valuable census data recorded for their ancestors, including names of people living in a household, their ages, birth places, occupations, etc..

The 1930 census records were released April 1, 2002, and the 1940 records were released April 2, 2012. The 1950 census records will be released on April 1, much to the excitement of genealogists everywhere. In her program,

Name of each person whose usual place of residence on April 1, 1940, was in this household.		Relationship of this person to the head of the household, as wife, daughter, father, mother-in-law, grandson, lodger, lodger's wife, servant, hired hand, etc.		CODE (Leave blank)	Sex—Male (M), Female (F)	Color or race	Age at last birthday
7	8	9	10	11			
Slayton, Charles D.	Head		M	W	52		
Victoria A.	wife		F	W	45		
Donald K.	Son		M	W	16		
Howard C.	Son		M	W	14		
Beverly J.	Daughter		F	W	13		
Margaret W.	Daughter		F	W	12		
Richard K.	Son		M	W	6		

"Part of the 1940 census entry for 16-year-old Donald "Deke" Slayton and his family living in Leon, Wisconsin." Contributed photo

Laura Godden will discuss how the information recorded in the censuses has varied over the decades and reveal why census records are so valuable to family historians. For more info call 608-269-8680 or visit [www.Facebook.com/mclhr](http://www.Facebook.com/mclhr).

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# Remembering WWII's Fallen

by Krista Finstad Hanson



## Private Hiram H. Wood

During World War II, the 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division trained at Fort Sam Houston in Bexar County, Texas. The regiment became attached to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division in 1939. They journeyed to England for training, arriving on Oct. 18, 1943. They participated in the D-Day Invasion, landing on the coast of Normandy on D-Day plus 1 on June 7, 1944. They fought in the Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central Europe campaigns until V-E Day on May 8, 1945.

Monroe County soldier Hiram H. Wood trained with the 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Sam Houston in Bexar County, Texas, during World War II.

Hiram Henry Wood was born on Aug. 9, 1917, in Monroe County to Ernest and Agnes (Shaw) Wood.

On the 1920 U.S. census, the Wood family lived in Byron Township in Monroe County. On the 1930 U.S. census, the Wood family lived in Grant Township in Monroe County. The household included father Ernest, mother Gladys, and children Hiram, Addison and Ernest. Father Ernest was a farmer in general farming working on his own account.

From the Monroe County Local History Room's newspaper index, a notice in the Jan. 3, 1935, Tomah Journal stated that Hiram Wood "works for CCCs." A May 19, 1938, notice in the Tomah Journal stated that Hiram Wood "Returns home from a year in Oregon."

On the 1940 U.S. census, the Wood family lived on the same farm in Grant Township in Monroe County. Father Ernest was a painter with the PWA. Sons Hiram and Ernest were farm laborers for paid

wages. Hiram's last place of residence in 1935 was rural Vilas County. He had a seventh-grade education.

A notice in the March 3, 1941, Sparta Herald noted that Hiram Henry Wood "enters U.S. Army."

On March 17, 1941, Hiram H. Wood enlisted for military service in Milwaukee. He was single, without dependents. His civilian occupation was "farm hands, general farms." Pvt. Wood was training at Fort Sam Houston, Bexar County, Texas, with Company H. of the 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment at the time of his death. From the Jan. 6, 1942, death record for Hiram H. Wood, he died in the Station Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Bexar County, Texas. He was 24 when he died. He was hospitalized from Jan. 3-6 with cellulitis and staphylococcal bacterial infections. He died of sepsis.

In the Jan. 11, 1942, La Crosse Tribune article titled, "Youth From Millston Dies In Army Camp," the notice from Millston, stated that "The body of Private Hiram Wood, 20, of Millston, was brought here yesterday for burial. His family said that he died of blood poisoning at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was the first from Jackson county to die in the service.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (sic: Ernest) Wood, he enlisted at Sparta last March. Funeral services will be held today with full military honors."

Pvt. Hiram H. Wood was buried at Brookside Cemetery in Millston in Jackson County. At the time of burial, his father Ernest E. Wood's mailing address was in Black River Falls. Pvt. Wood is listed on the Monroe County Honor Roll compiled by the National Archives. His death status was died non-battle.

Thank you, Pvt. Hiram H. Wood, for your service to and sacrifice for this country. We honor and remember you.



Left to Right: Sparta High School Teacher Carrie Cerda-Reyes, Kiwanis February Student of the Month SHS Senior Ciara Settles, Shawn Settles, Katrina Settles. Contributed photo.

## Kiwanis SHS February Student of the Month

Sparta High School Senior Ciara Settles, honored as the Kiwanis SHS February Student of the Month on March 16, told Kiwanians she had never encountered a Study Hall assignment before enrolling in SHS. But it was a perfect fit for the gregarious Settles who, as a member of a military family, has lived in multiple school districts, having to say farewell to friends as she and her family moved on. In SHS Study Hall she met students from different grades and academic levels, from Freshmen English to AP Calculus, some needing help and all needing friends—a perfect venue for Settles.

"Ciara is the student that senses those needs and offers to help...even as she is deep in her own studies," said her nominating teacher, Carrie Cerda-Reyes. "They never asked—she always offered."

But it is music that is Settles's passion.

"It is a common factor," said Settles. "It brings people together."

And in Settles's life it also means hauling her major instrument, a 20-pound,

four-foot-long Baritone Saxophone, to performances, of which there have been many.

She was the percussionist for SHS musicals, performed with the SHS Show Choir and in April will represent SHS in Solo and Ensemble competition.

Not bad, for a soon-to-be 18-year-old who had open heart surgery at the age of one. "She came out a fighter," said her father, who surprised Settle and her Kiwanis hosts with an unexpected honor, received the morning of the luncheon. He presented her with the President's Volunteer Service Award Gold Medal and the document signed by the President of the United States of America.

The award acknowledged 211 hours of volunteer service. Using her home 3-D printer, Settles designed, produced and provided 1100 ear-savers for troops required to wear masks on duty.

Settles' mother Katrina Settles was a Show Choir performer, as is one of her younger daughters. And Settles is planning to enhance that family tradition by

studying jazz, along with psychology, hopefully at Tulane University, in the heart of New Orleans, or at another university.

Whatever the college, said her father, as he watched his daughter table-hopping at the Kiwanis luncheon, "She'll feel at home—she's never met a stranger!"

## Bear Creek News



by Pat Christensen 608-372-6207

Don Larsen from Wisconsin Rapids was a last Tuesday's lunch guest of Leroy and Pat Christensen at Rome.

We sure have enjoyed working outside on these nice days. Makes you want to get out and start with spring work. Some will be ordering flowers, picking up garden seeds etc.

Bonnie Hedding visited her mom Kate Batten at Shennington a week ago last Sunday after church. Colt Prielipp visited Grandma Sue and Ken Olsen last Monday. Pete Blija, Mathew and Stephen from Whitewater visited their dad and Grandpa John Blija last Saturday. Sue Olsen, Christy Prielipp, Mary Prileipp, and Doris Kelley attended a bridal shower for Devyn Prielipp last Saturday at the VINO ANJO in Tomah. A special time for relatives and friends to be together. Randy and Alicia Waltemath from Wyeville visited Bonnie Hedding last Saturday and Sunday. Mr. & Mrs. Wimsion from Milwaukee visited John and Mike Blija last Saturday. John Kelley hosted a Corn Beef and Cabbage meal last Saturday night. Ken and Sue Olsen were among the guests.

## City of Sparta Hydrant Flushing & Brush Pick-up

The City of Sparta will be flushing hydrants April 11 - April 15, 2022.

Please limit your laundry during this period as lighter clothes could discolor. If this happens, call 269-4340 Ext 5155 or 5156.

The City will be picking up brush the week of April 4 - April 8.

Please place in the gutter, away from the curb line but parallel with the street prior to April 4th. Do Not put brush out after pickup date as hydrant flushing starts April 11.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience. Sparta Water Utility and Public Works Dept.

## Mound Prairie Cemetery in search of lot owners

Mound Prairie Cemetery Annual meeting will be held on Sunday April 24, 2022 at 1 p.m. at the Sparta United Methodist Church. Lot Owners are encouraged to attend the next Annual Meeting. Your presence is vital to keep up the special history and character of Mound Prairie Cemetery.

The Mound Prairie Cemetery Association was established in 1985 to preserve its history. By terms of the Association's Bylaws, Lot Owners own the Cemetery. Every Spring, they meet to elect a Board of Trustees, who carry out the task of caring for the cemetery.

Anyone who has bought a Lot, or has a relative buried in the cemetery, is a Lot Owner. At the meetings, each Lot has one vote. Lot Owners

are invited also to attend the Board of Trustees Meeting, which is held right after the Lot Owners Meeting.

If your ancestors lived in Coles Valley, it is quite possible that you are a Lot Owner. Many names are Welsh, like Jones (52 gravestones), Williams (28), Hughes (13), Sias (9) and Davis (7) and make up about 70% of the total, but there are many more, especially of more recent burials. External sources on those buried in the cemetery can be found in the Monroe County Historical Society in Sparta, both in their library and online.

Mound Prairie Cemetery, also known as Welsh Cemetery, at 15910 County Highway A, just south of I 90, at the junctipond with Hawk Road.

## HOROSCOPE

March 27-April 2, 2022

**ARIES**  
You'll reflect deeply on your personal aspirations. You'll take up heal-thy habits to eliminate stress in your life. You're making plans to start fresh this spring.

**TAURUS**  
You'll be a social butterfly this week. You'll constantly be surrounded by friends and enjoy going out on many occasions. Your laughter will be contagious.

**GEMINI**  
You'll be inspired to start a new project. You secure a nice retirement by making the right decisions. Start building the future you want today.

**CANCER**  
You'll go on a spontaneous getaway with friends. However, your trip may lead to headaches and disagreements. Don't be stubborn, and learn to let go.

**LEO**  
If you need to finance a project, simply visit the bank. Your determination will help you meet the right people. You may feel a romantic spark with someone, which could lead to jealousy.

**VIRGO**  
You may have to compromise with those around you to reach a fair agreement. You'll be tasked with planning an event, which won't be easy. Your work calls won't be answered quickly, even if they're urgent.

**LIBRA**  
At work, some clients will be impossible to please. Don't take it personally, and do your best. In your relationship, don't hold back your feelings.

**SCORPIO**  
If you're single, you'll catch the eye of several suitors and fall in love at first sight. Take the time to get to know this person before declaring your love. You'll be very productive at work.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
You'll finally sell your house or find your dream home. If you've been living in the same place for many years, you may feel nostalgic. You'll be promoted to a management position at work.

**CAPRICORN**  
Your ideas and opinions will bring people together. Others will listen to what you have to say. You'll have a lot of fun this week.

**AQUARIUS**  
Your finances could complicate your relationship. It's important to be affectionate with your partner, even if you have other things on your mind.

**PISCES**  
This week is all about new beginnings and challenges. Some people may upset you. However, it's best to ignore them because you have better things to do. You'll enjoy spending time with others and feel creative.

The luckiest signs this week: Aries, Aquarius and Pisces

### FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

- MARCH 27** Fergie, Singer (47)
- MARCH 28** Lady Gaga, Singer (36)
- MARCH 29** Maggie Baird, Actress (63)
- MARCH 30** Celine Dion, Singer (54)
- MARCH 31** Ewan McGregor (51)
- APRIL 1** Randy Orton, Wrestler (42)
- APRIL 2** Pedro Pascal, Actor (47)

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- Answers on page 10
- DOWN**
- 1. Mad's mates
  - 2. Loge member
  - 3. Sparkling
  - 4. Cockeyed
  - 5. At liberty
  - 6. Moreover
  - 7. Policeman
  - 8. Saga
  - 9. Poison-ivy result
  - 10. Annoy
  - 11. Husky's load
  - 19. Above, in verse
  - 21. Toss
  - 22. Physicians, shortly
  - 23. Milky jewel
  - 25. Strikeout number
  - 27. Cancel a space launch
  - 29. Tennis stroke
  - 30. Finds a total
  - 31. Eagle's dwelling
  - 34. Dig up
  - 39. Part of a circle
  - 41. Cuban Castro
  - 43. Catholic leader
  - 44. Worshipped object
  - 45. Christmas
  - 46. Music and literature, e.g.
  - 48. Shortcoming
  - 51. Mine rock
  - 53. "\_\_\_\_ Are My Sunshine"
  - 54. Discontinue

- ACROSS**
- 1. Wooden nail
  - 4. Palo \_\_\_\_\_, California
  - 8. Is mistaken
  - 12. The whole amount
  - 13. Dog's bark
  - 14. Bucket
  - 15. Glide over snow
  - 16. Husetop
  - 17. Land amid water
  - 18. Dolls and yo-yos, e.g.
  - 20. Yearned
  - 22. Be overly fond
  - 24. Imprint firmly
  - 26. Met musical
  - 28. Female pronoun
  - 29. Cooling device
  - 32. Fuel guzzler
  - 33. Beast of burden
  - 35. Work by Shelley
  - 36. Stallone's moniker
  - 37. Smallest bill
  - 38. City divisions
  - 40. Great Barrier \_\_\_\_\_
  - 42. Take a breather
  - 43. Fiesta decor
  - 47. Foot part
  - 49. Stink
  - 50. Galloped
  - 52. Sailor's response
  - 55. Bard
  - 56. Tall, woody plant
  - 57. Negative prefix
  - 58. Room extensions
  - 59. Contained
  - 60. Flop

## Sudoku

Answers on page 10 PUZZLE NO. 857

**HOW TO PLAY**  
Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the numbers 1 through 9 only once.

Each 3x3 box is outlined with a darker line. You already have a few numbers to get you started. Remember: You must not repeat the numbers 1 through 9 in the same line, column, or 3x3 box.

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# OBITUARIES

## WATER

Continued from Front Page

Supervisor Remi Gomez argued that the word "right" was an integral part of the resolution and "plan" doesn't imply any future accountability or action for future governments to comply with the measure. He added the county board just established the fact the county has groundwater issues by earmarking ARPA funds for private well testing.

While Kuhn's motion failed, another motion by Supervisor Mark Nicholson to amend the resolution to read "Monroe County Board supports the right to clean water" passed as did the amended resolution. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to Gov. Tony Evers, Wisconsin legislators and other Wisconsin county boards.

In other business, the board voted to adjust the salary rates for the sheriff and clerk of courts ahead of the date candidates for those positions can begin taking out nomination papers for the November 2022 election.

Rates for the clerk of courts position will begin at \$80,000 in 2023 and increase by 3% each of the three subsequent years, ending at \$87,418 in 2026, the last year of the term. The sheriff will begin at \$100,000 in 2023, and also increase by 3% each of the three subsequent years, ending at \$109,272 in 2026.

Personnel Director Ed Smudde said the county looked at other county caseloads and numbers of judges in those counties to determine the clerk of courts rates.

It used police chiefs from the cities of Sparta and Tomah as comparables for the sheriff's salary. Smudde said both cities' chiefs had significantly higher salaries than the sheriff, despite the fact the county has a larger law enforcement department.

"This is an aggressive adjustment to get them more comparable to what the market would allocate them to," he said.

The clerk of court's current annual salary is \$66,399, while the sheriff's is \$87,651.

### ROLLENE J. SCHROEDER

June 17, 1942 — March 25, 2022



Rollene Schroeder

TOMAH - Rollene J. Schroeder, 79, of Tomah, and formerly of Rhinelander died Friday, March 25, 2022, at her home. She was born a long side her twin on June 17, 1942, to Arthur and Helen (Vandervort) Borchardt in Milwaukee.

She was a member of the Nicolet High School Graduating Class of 1960. After high school she went to Beauty School. She left work to start her family and be a full-time mother. In 1990 she moved to the Rhinelander area.

She was united in marriage to Don "Doc" Schroeder on February 14, 1991. She went to work as a bus driver for the Rhinelander School District. She loved her bus kids. She volunteered to drive for many sporting events, and field trips. She also drove for the Hodag Country Music Festival that is held in Rhinelander.

Her husband preceded her in death on February 24, 2017. She then decided to move to Tomah to be closer to her family. Rollene had a spitfire personality, in her younger years she drove race cars, in her later years she attended the Crandon Offroad Rally with her boys. She enjoyed travelling with Doc, they visited China, Alaska and many trips to Branson. Most important to Rollene was her family. She

will be sadly missed by all that knew and loved her.

She is survived by her 2 children, Lisa (Duane) Lueck, and Dean (Kathy) Yenter both of Tomah, a step-son Tony (Jill) Schroeder of Rhinelander, 2 step-daughters Trudy (John) Houlihan and Teri Schroeder both of Rhinelander, 14 grandchildren, Nicole (Noah) Nauman, Perry (Delilah) Lueck, Austin (Ashley) Yenter, Anthony (Chelsea) Yenter, Dustin (Rachel) Yenter, Jenny, Amanda (Cory), Molly (Nick) Mariah Schroeder, Callie (Julian) Parra, Heather (Ryan) Niede, Taylor (Spencer) Kibler, Dana Vieux, Kalla Vieux, 25 great-grandchildren, a special niece April Sved, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

In addition to her husband Don, she was preceded in death by a grandson Thomas Troyk, a great granddaughter Brooke Schroeder, 3 brothers Donnie, Gene, and her twin Rollie, a sister Denise, and a special sister-in-law Dolores Borchardt.

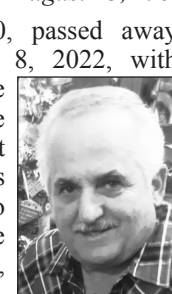
A Funeral Service was held on Monday March 28, 2022, 2:00 P.M. at the Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home, 801 E Monowau St. Tomah. Burial will be at a later date.

Relatives and friends were invited to call on Monday from 12 Noon until the time of the service. Online Condolences may be sent to [www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com](http://www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com).

**Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home**

### DAVID PAUL SULLIVAN

August 23, 1951 — March 8, 2022



David Sullivan

David Paul Sullivan, 70, passed away peacefully Tuesday March 8, 2022, with family by his side at the home where he lived his entire life. He was born August 23, 1951, at St. Mary's Hospital in Sparta, WI to John Carlton and Louise Margaret (Brieske) Sullivan, the youngest of 6 children.

He attended Bohn School on Summit Ridge, then Leon Grade School, and finally Sparta Senior High. Dave hated school and gladly quit to take over the family farm when he was 16.

Dave met Kathie Pfuhl in 1976. They went on their first date on Sunday, June 1st to The Rustic Inn in Oakdale for live music. They married at St. Augustine's Church in Norwalk, WI on April 16th, 1977. On their wedding day Kathie was happy to pay the two \$20 bets she had made previously with her dad and his friend Ed; that she wouldn't get married before age 25 and she would never marry a farmer. However, fate had a different plan and she did both! It was a standing joke their entire marriage that Kathie was originally attracted to Dave because of his beautiful blue eyes, farmer tan, and cool 1975 Ford Explorer pickup. She reminded him again several days before his death.

Dave and Kathie continued to be dairy farmers for another 23 years. They bought the farm next door from Dave's oldest brother, Don and his wife Charlene, and increase cow numbers and acres. Dave was always happy with a great field of corn, or a good crop of hay. Three highlights of his farming days were getting his first tractor with a cab, installing a manure pit so he didn't have to haul every day, and anytime he got a new skid steer. He favored red equipment, loving International tractors and New Holland.

Dave and Kathie were blessed with two sons, Brian in 1979 and Corey in 1982. The boys were brought up with strong work ethics, which they still follow today. Dave was happy when his oldest son Brian wanted to buy the cows and take over the farm so he could pursue a growing passion for building. He started Sullivan Construction LLC, including his son Corey for a short time, and eventually forming a partnership with Stuart Johnson. Dave could fix or build almost anything and was never afraid to try something new. He remodeled the inside of the family farm home, room by room, and eventually did a complete makeover of the outside with new windows, doors, siding, roof, and over 100' of a new wrap around porch his wife asked for. He completed that project just last summer by adding white railing. Dave said it finally made the home look complete and would keep the little granddaughters safe. It has already become a place for family gatherings and Sunday picnics and will continue to be for many seasons to come.

Dave had a great eye for detail and things were done to perfection. He took pride in doing a good job on the homes, garages, and sheds he built for customers, many of them becoming lifelong friends. When his two widowed sisters moved in next door in the 1990's, he became the fixer upper at their home also.

When Dave retired from full-time building, he started working for his son Brian. He helped out working on the crew of Sullivan Custom Farming. Dave enjoyed cutting thousands of acres of hay and rye with a Fendt tractor with a 30 foot mower; a big improvement over how Dave started farming with and old International 544 tractor and 7 foot haybine. Dave made friends with all the guys on the crews and the farmers too!

Dave worked hard and played hard too. In his younger years he was always on a softball team with lots of weekend tournaments. When needed, he milked cows early or late,

so he never missed a game. For a while, all four Sullivan brothers were on the same team. Occasionally including a nephew (or four), the team was referred to as "The Fighting Sullivan's". There were occasional heated discussions after games, and anyone knows that if you crossed one of them, you crossed them all! Dave was also on a bowling team for years and was a bit of a pool shooting shark as well. Dave loved to hunt and snowmobile and passed that on to both of his sons. The weekend before Dave passed, he learned his boys were not going to the final race of the season because of his declining health. Dave convinced them both to go and was so proud when both Brian and Corey made it to the semi-finals, racing each other! When Dave heard Brian won the Snow Outlaws World Finals Race in Cable, WI, he said "Great" with a louder voice than he had been able to use in weeks. And Dave was still here to greet his boys as promised when they got home.

Dave's favorite role in life was being a grandpa, first to Brandon and Gavin, then to having three delightful granddaughters to spoil, and spoil them he did! There was always ice cream for dessert when they were around. Kinley (7), Brielle (3), and Kaylin (3) had their grandpa so wrapped around their little fingers; he couldn't say no to them. He was so proud of all five of them and they brought out a softer side of him others often never saw.

Dave went out west on a fall hunting trip each year. He first went with his father and brother-in-law, then later his cousins, and ended up going with his nephews.

Dave enjoyed being an uncle, and all his nieces and nephews have great stories to tell how he loved to tease and pick on them. He was the favorite uncle to at least half of them!

Dave is survived by his wife, Kathie, two amazing sons, Brian and Corey, two daughters-in-law he loved like daughters, Karla and Kathy, five wonderful grandchildren, Brandon, Gavin, Brielle, Kinley, and Kaylin, sister Karen Lydon, brother Donald (Charlene), mother-in-law Marlene Pfuhl, and brother-in-law Kurt (Meg) Pfuhl. He is further survived by 13 nieces and nephews: Shelly (Paul) Hobson, Kelly (Ron) Loe, Randy (Heidi) Sullivan, Jody (Bob) Phillips, Jeff (Mary) Sullivan, Terry (Tom) Arndt, Colleen (Justin) Scholze, Mike (Brenda) Lydon, Chris (Kerry) Kerska, Kevin (Jeanne) Lydon, Elliot (Katie) Pfuhl, Isaac Pfuhl, and Arianna Pfuhl; a host of cousins, other relatives, close friends, and his German Shepard buddy, Rhett (whom Dave requested be buried beside him upon his death).

Dave is preceded in death by his parents, John and Louise, two brothers Francis and Linus, a sister Jenine Moe, two brothers-in-law James Lydon and John Moe, a sister-in-law Evelyn Sullivan, and his father-in-law Rupert H. Pfuhl.

Family and friends are invited to a visitation/celebration of life at 11:00 am on Sunday, April 3rd, at Club 16 in Sparta, WI (1615 West Wisconsin Street). A luncheon will follow at 12:30 pm with time to reminisce and share stories of your favorite memories of Dave. A private burial will take place at a later date on the Sullivan family farm.

In Lieu of flowers, family requests donations be made in Dave's memory to Tomah Health Hospice Touch, 601 Straw Street, Tomah, WI 54660. Help provided to Dave, Kathie, and family during the last days of Dave's life was invaluable.

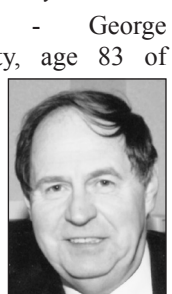
A special thank you goes out to the relatives and close friends who stopped to visit with Dave during his last weeks when he could not leave home.

The Torkelson Funeral Home of Sparta, WI, is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at <http://www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com>

**Torkelson Funeral Home**

### GEORGE R. DOUGHERTY

July 1, 1938 — March 24, 2022



George Dougherty

WILTON - George R. Dougherty, age 83 of Wilton, WI passed away Thursday, March 24, 2022. He was born July 1, 1938 on the family farm. He graduated from Wilton High School in the Class of 1956. George enlisted in the Army, serving in the Army Security Agency at Frankfurt, Germany. He and his buddies toured much of Europe when on leave.

George was married to Carolyn Hunt on February 27, 1960; they were married 62 years.

Upon discharge from the service in 1959, George took a "summer" job with Vincent Brass and Aluminum Company in Minneapolis (a metal wholesale business that grew and changed names over the years), retiring 44 years later in upper management. It was a challenging career, which he loved. He traveled often to all the branches in the US and Canada for oversight and special projects.

After retiring, George returned to Wilton and enjoyed membership in the Wilton American Legion Unit 508 and participating in the Wilton Area Veteran's Memorial project. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Wilton. George became interested in local politics and served 2 years as a village board member and 4 years as village president. His hobbies over the years included gardening, deer hunting, boating, playing bridge and poker, and most of

all traveling. He and Carolyn traveled extensively in the United States and to many foreign countries enjoying time with friends or on their own.

George was a family man and loved participating in activities and taking trips with his kids and grandkids. Holidays were special family times for him.

George is survived by his wife, Carolyn, son Scott (Kyung Ae) of Kentucky, daughter, Colleen (Hal Hawkinson) of Spooner, WI, grandchildren, Sarah, Johnathon (Twin Cities), Alexander (Kentucky), great granddaughter, Sophia (Twin Cities), sisters, Joyce Rugean, Rosella Vitous and Isabelle Baker, many nieces, nephews, and grand's. Preceding him in death were his parents, George and Elizabeth Dougherty, brother John Dougherty, sister Mary Ann Geier, and grandson, Mark Sapp.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, March 30, 2022, 11:00 AM at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 401 Mill Street Wilton. Pastor Cathleen Morris will officiate. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery, Wilton with military honors by the Hanson-Stark-Leith-Paeth American Legion Post #508. Relatives and friends are invited for a time of visitation on Wednesday at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service.

Smith-Nelson Funeral Home, Wilton is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

**Smith-Nelson Funeral Home**

## The Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

### A Common Heart Problem That's Often Ignored

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What can you tell me about atrial fibrillation? Every so often, I've noticed my heart starts beating rapidly for no particular reason. Is this something I should be worried about?  
Anxious Annie

Dear Annie,  
Heart palpitations can be harmless if they are brief and infrequent. But if you're experiencing an erratic heart rhythm, you need to get checked out by a doctor for atrial fibrillation, or AFib.

AFib - which is marked by rapid, fluttering beats - can lead to serious complications such as stroke and heart failure, when the weakened heart can't pump enough blood to the rest of the body.

Normally, your heartbeat follows a steady rhythm as your heart contracts and relaxes. But when you have AFib, the upper chambers of your heart (atria) beat rapidly and irregularly, sending blood to the lower chambers (ventricles) less efficiently. These episodes

can last for minutes to hours or longer, and can cause palpitations, lightheadedness, fatigue, and/or shortness of breath. Over time, AFib tends to become chronic.

Age is a common risk factor for AFib, which affects roughly 10 percent of people older than 75. Other factors include genetics, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, and alcohol and tobacco use. The condition has also been linked to viral infections, including COVID-19.

**Diagnosing AFib**  
If you're experiencing AFib-like symptoms you need to see your doctor who will listen to your heart and likely recommend an electrocardiogram (EKG) or a treadmill heart test, or you may wear a portable monitor for several weeks to look for abnormal heart rhythms to confirm a diagnosis of AFib. Such tests can help distinguish AFib from less serious conditions that may cause the heart to flutter, like anxiety and stress.

AFib affects some three

million adults in the United States, a number that is expected to quadruple in the coming decade as the population ages and risk factors like obesity, diabetes and high blood pressure become even more common. The lifetime risk of developing AFib is greater than 20 percent, yet many people don't even know they have it.

**Treatment Options**  
A growing body of research underscores the importance of lifestyle steps such as exercise, a healthy diet, and limiting alcohol for treating AFib.

Depending on your age and symptoms, your doctor may prescribe drugs to help control your heart rate, like beta blockers such as metoprolol (Toprol XL); and/or rhythm, such as antiarrhythmics like flecainide (Tambocor).

You may also need an electrical cardioversion, an outpatient procedure that delivers an electrical shock to the heart to restore a normal rhythm. You will be sedated for this brief procedure and not feel the shocks.

Catheter ablation is another outpatient treatment for AFib that scars a small area of heart tissue that causes irregular heartbeats. This procedure is becoming more common based on evidence of its safety and ability to normalize the heart rhythm and ease symptoms. Ablations can be effective in people 75 and older, but medication may still be required afterward.

If you're at higher risk for stroke, you may be prescribed a blood thinner, too. In the past, Coumadin (warfarin) was the only such drug widely available, but it requires monitoring with regular blood tests. Newer anticoagulants, like apixaban (Eliquis) and rivaroxaban (Xarelto), don't have that requirement and have been shown to be just as effective at preventing strokes.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org). Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

## DEATH NOTICE

### WALLACE H. DUTTON

March 25, 2022

SPARTA - Wallace H. Dutton, 75, of Sparta, died Friday, March 25, 2022 at Tomah VA Medical Center, Tomah.

Funeral arrangements will be announced and a complete obituary will follow.

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

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

## Letters to the Editor

### Scholze's background, commitment make him great candidate

Dear Editor:  
I have known Anthony (Tony) Scholze for almost 20 years beginning when he was in the Sparta High School where he revealed his beautiful voice in show choir, vocal jazz and concert choir. Since that time, I have remained in contact with Tony in his professional career and family life.

While attending the Sparta High School, Tony and three of his friends began a quartet called "One Voice." They performed and sold out the high school auditorium twice. All proceeds were donated to Sparta area cancer support.

Tony worked with his father in the floor installing business in the early 2000s. They were known to be the best flooring installers in the area. People waited extra time just to have their floors installed by Scholze Flooring Service, including me. While installing flooring at Morrow Home Community in the early 2000s, Tony took time to sing to our residents during the noon meal. All loved his voice and talent.

Today Tony is president and owner of the Professional Compliance & Safety Inc.; a national firm specializing in company safety. Over the past 12 years in this company, he was promoted from intern director of safety and compliance and now owns the company.

Tony's commitment to children is very strong. Tony and I were members of the Sparta Kiwanis Club, with the mission of serving the children of the world. Extensive travel prohibited him to be active in Kiwanis. His professional job has changed and he does plan again to join Kiwanis in the near future. Tony and his family were active members of Trinity Lutheran Church here in Sparta. Last year, Tony also organized a GoFundMe fundraiser for a friend's baby son diagnosed with cancer. The fundraiser has raised over \$20,000 to help this family.

Anthony Scholze's commitment to safety and children is strong by his professional and personal actions. Please consider him an excellent choice on the Sparta Area School Board.

Michael Bonello, M.P.H  
Sparta, WI

### Vote NO to SASD referendum

Dear Editor:  
In all this talk about the upcoming vote on the referendum for 4.2 million dollars (over two years), there has been no talk of our students' education coming from the SASD. There have been threats of school closings and other cuts, but nothing about a plan to improve our students' education. The administration has made it very clear; they don't want parents' involvement. That's unfortunate because parental involvement is how students learn, the parents reinforce the learning at home.

Records indicate that the SASD students have been significantly below proficiency in both math and reading for the last 10 years! (https://www.publicschoolreview.com/wisconsin/sparta-area-school-district/5514160-school-district)

There's no need of a referendum at all, since the SASD has more than enough money in the FUND 10 reserves to cover any short-falls for a number of years. This is why the DPI allows money to be saved in FUND 10 from year to year, to be used for just this purpose, so that referendums are not needed. These threats of school closings and cuts would only happen if the SASD chose to do them.... not because it has NO money. VOTE NO!

Gordon Dace  
Sparta

### Vote Zebell for District 8

Dear Editor:  
I have known Zachariah Zebell for a long time and I am proud to recommend him for the District 8 Supervisory position on the Monroe County Board. Zach is a hardworking, family man who cares deeply about this beautiful area he calls home. He and his wife, Tess, are raising their two precious little boys in a loving, faith-based home. He is employed in the construction business and knows the industry inside and out.

Concern for the way our tax dollars are being spent is what prompted Zach to run for this position. I have no doubt that with him on the county board, the right questions will be asked, problems will be looked into, and the right choices will be made for Monroe County. Please vote for Zachariah Zebell on April 5!

Julie Ender  
Sparta

### An investigation of corruption in Monroe County

Dear Editor:  
Here's another example of DA Kevin Croninger and corruption in Monroe County. A story unfolding since 2020 of a 77 year old Tomah man falsely charged with a felony and disorderly conduct by a Monroe County Sheriff's Deputy named Hoskins. A utility locator service employee waved Deputy Hoskins down to say he just saw a guy place an uncased shotgun in his vehicle and drive away. Deputy Hoskins wrote up his arrest report for John Pleuss Sr. over a shotgun being transported in a vehicle without being in a case. Hoskins waited for Mr. Pleuss to return home to question him and Deputy Hoskins pushed the matter with a tone Mr. Pleuss couldn't understand. Twice Mr. Pleuss reached in his vehicle to show the shotgun to the officer and was told to not point it at a law enforcement officer and to put it back in the vehicle. Mr. Pleuss got upset that the officer inferred that he'd pointed the shot gun at the officer.

Body Cam Video shows Deputy Hoskins talking to dispatch trying to reach his supervisor (Sheriff Revels) for a phone call ..... in that call, he says he's found the name and address of Mr. Pleuss, that nothing came back negative, no calls, no domestics, nothing. This is significant because after Deputy Hoskins phone call with his superior, his story began to change to saying bad and false things about the character of Mr. Pleuss and eventually said that the Monroe County Police (Revels) had quite a history with him. Deputy Hoskins called Ms. Pleuss at home to talk about Mr. Pleuss and told her that he was very very upset with her husband and having a shotgun pointed in his face.

Deputy Hoskins allowed Mr. Pleuss to get back in his vehicle and drive away. Later, several officers surrounded Mr. Pleuss with semi automatic firearms and hand guns, while still in his vehicle, to make an arrest. Mr. Pleuss was cooperative with the officers, tried to tell them it was not illegal to have an uncased shot gun or firearm in a vehicle, and being a Concealed Carry Permit holder, Mr. Pleuss was trained all about firearms and the laws but he was till thinking this was what this was all about. Deputy Hoskins had already made it all about a false narrative of Mr. Pleuss having a shotgun poked in his face twice, that he even states in his written sworn arrest statement he had to push the barrel away from him. Mr. Pleuss was not told what he was being charged with before being booked into the Monroe County Jail, nor was he read his Miranda Rights before questioning. Body Cam evidence shows that Mr. Pleuss in no way pointed the shotgun at the officer.

In his Arrest Affidavit, Deputy Hoskins wrote that the shotgun was pointed in his face and so close to him he had to brush it aside with his hand - clearly lying in a sworn statement. Mr. Pleuss, a 77 year old man with ailments from a car accident in his past, was first ordered to lie down on the ground. He couldn't physically do so for pain and stiffness from an injured back and hip from an auto accident. Mr. Pleuss hired Nelson Defense Group 811 First Street, ste 101 in Hudson, Wisconsin (715.386.2694) after being released on a cash bond, and the Attorneys obtained in Discovery the body cam footage, arrest affidavit of Deputy Hoskins and the bogus charges were dropped. Monroe County Police would not return his firearms per state law when he requested them. Mr. Pleuss talked with the Sheriff, tried to talk to DA Kevin Croninger but Croninger refused to set a time to talk with him and hung up on him another time. Mr. Pleuss called the Attorney General to tell him what had happened and that they had returned a handgun but were refusing to return his Shotgun - even telling him it was due for being destroyed soon at one point.

Attorneys for Mr. Pleuss informed him that they are assisting the Wisconsin Attorney General in an investigation of corruption in the treatment of Mr. Pleuss and the reasons why he was falsely arrested, released with charges dropped and his property not being returned to him.

William Lasko  
Sparta

### Re-electing Toni Wissestad to Monroe County Board

Dear Editor:  
I believe Monroe County citizens should re-elect Toni Wissestad to the 7th District seat! Toni has flawless, impeccable credentials as a dedicated public servant. Her dedication and hard word has been well documented. Over the last several months her tireless efforts chairing the committee overseeing the construction process of the Rolling Hills Nursing Home project has resulted in its completion on schedule. This nursing home will prove to be an invaluable asset! Knowing Toni for 20 plus years, I have found her to be a caring, compassionate, intelligent individual. She will continue to serve the County Board with the same passion she exhibits fulfilling all her endeavors.

Her experience is undeniable! Please cast your vote in District 7 for Toni Wissestad.

Mark Edwards  
Sparta

### Referendum to receive a no vote from me

Dear Editor:  
On March 10, 2022 I attended the information session regarding the operating referendum coming up for vote on April 5th. My reason for attending was to find out why we needed another referendum after the voted referendums of April 2018.

I came away from that meeting with more questions than I came with and asked the presenter, Leah Hauser, to provide me with her power point presentation. She did provide me with the information. With that information I then researched other available information for comparative purposes. Although I see where the information provided by Leah serves the presentation purposes of the School District, it disguises, from my perspective, the future negative trends we will face and subsequent decisions that will need to be made.

I don't think that as a School Board Member I would have been in such a hurry to transfer the funds gained from the sale of two physical assets of the District into an irreversible special fund when those funds could have been used for more pressing needs as presented by the problems we are and will be facing. The need to also address the declining student population that will affect future funding of the district should also take precedence.

I would think, based on the increases of the assessed values of the properties I own, that the additional revenues gained from the tax levy should offset any cost of living or rate of inflation increases.

As I see it, or perhaps I don't have all the necessary information yet to make an informed decision and won't be in any hurry to support this current referendum at this time. I will be voting NO. The SASD will not be gaining permission from this resident to maintain the current operations of the District through this referendum.

Dominic Schmidt  
Sparta

## Guest Column

# Campaigning as a team for School Board

Since late January there have been campaign signs around the Sparta Area School District (SASD) saying "VOTE 4" with the names and pictures of four challengers for the SASD Board of Education. Candidates



John Christy

are unusual; something you might expect in a fall partisan election when candidates run on a party ticket. But, although it shows creativity, it is not a first.

In looking at literature about being a candidate for a school board and what school boards do, I found the comment that school boards work as a team. A question might be if you are going to work as a team, why not prepare as a team?

In 2021 the Mequon-Thiensville School District had a recall election where the four challengers unsuccessfully ran as a team. That year Wisconsin had 11 school board recall attempts but only the Mequon-Thiensville effort gathered enough signatures to go to ballot. In this election contest, the four incumbents survived the recall by roughly 58% to 42% margin. This margin of victory - or defeat - was considered decisive! The issues for this recall were declining academics, how the school board handled the COVID-19 situation, and how race was being taught in the classrooms.

In the regular Spring 2021 election the Wausau School Board had an election for four seats similar to the SASD situation this year. Three seats were for regular three-years terms and the fourth was to fill a one year vacancy. Three of the victorious challengers ran together on a combined platform; two winning a three year term and the third won the one year term. The sitting School Board Vice Chairman was the other winner while the sitting chairman lost a re-election effort.

This spring in the nearby School District of La Crosse there is also a team of challengers campaigning together much like the "VOTE 4" team for the SASD School Board. Like the team in Sparta, they all made it through a primary election in February. This La Crosse team has on their campaign literature "Elect parents who will fight for parents" and "Schools should teach our kids

how to think, not what to think, beginning with reading, writing and math."

The "VOTE 4" team states that "VOTE 4 is a vote for parents rights and public input, responsible spending, common sense decision-making and leadership that represents you." Having heard one or more of the four speak on different occasions, I am certain that, if elected, they will ask the tough questions and make efforts to bring excellence to education in the SASD.

After the teamwork of the "VOTE 4" became widely known, the other four SASD School Board candidates apparently have formed a team effort as well. The expression "Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" comes to mind. Upon further research, this expression was first published in 1820 by Charles Caleb Colton although a similar one, "Imitation is the greatest form of flattery" was also used in the early 1700s.

The situation that SASD is in isn't local to Sparta but is regional, state-wide and nationwide. Situations caused by COVID-19 need positive resolution. Questions about Wisconsin having so many schools and school districts that meet, exceed, or significantly exceed expectations but less than 28% of the students (statewide) are proficient in math and language skills must be asked. Questions about transparency of curriculum, library books, parental involvement and funding must be asked. Yesterday's "status quo" doesn't work; not only tough questions must be asked but creative solutions must be found.

In the April 5 SASD School Board election there will be eight candidates for four positions. The top two vote finishers will each win a three-year term while the next two finishers will win a one-year term. SASD residents need to get involved, get informed, and vote for the candidates that have shown the energy and creativity that will lead the SASD to excellence.

John Christy has lived in the Sparta area for 30 years. He is a retired career soldier. He worked for contractors at Fort McCoy for 20 years before retiring again. He has been in leadership roles in a variety of organizations.

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Fifth grade students from Meadowview Middle School participated in the Gifted and Talented Regional Math Knowledge competition. Students took an advanced math test with a variety of concepts and took 2nd place out of 11 area school districts! Pictured front row: Camren Campos, Landon Ball, Andrew Johnson Back Row: Kaylee Becker, Parker Edwards, Lewis Cho & Cayla Johnson. Contributed photo.



Participants in a Community Leader Engagement event stop for a photo March 21, in front of Garrison Headquarters at Fort McCoy. More than a dozen community leaders from Tomah, Sparta, La Crosse and other nearby municipalities gathered at Fort McCoy to see the post's mission first-hand. (U.S. Army Photo by Scott T. Sturkol, Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office)



Participants in a Community Leader Engagement are briefed by Garrison Commander Col. Michael Poss at Fort McCoy. More than a dozen community leaders from Tomah, Sparta, La Crosse, and other nearby municipalities gathered at Fort McCoy to see the post's mission first-hand. (U.S. Army Photo by Christopher R. Hanson, Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office)

# Area leaders learn more about Fort McCoy

Fort McCoy held a special Community Leader Engagement on March 21 for civic leaders from several Wisconsin cities near the installation. More than a dozen community leaders from Tomah, Sparta, La Crosse and other nearby municipalities gathered at Fort McCoy to see the post's mission first-hand. "Community Leader Engagements like this one allow our local and regional leaders to develop a better understanding of the mission Fort McCoy supports, as many are either new to their positions or have never visited

the installation before," said Public Affairs Specialist Christopher Hanson of the Fort McCoy Public Affairs Office. "We had a great turnout for this event and we were able to effectively provide a pretty thorough overview of the training capabilities the installation offers." During their visit, the community leaders received a driving tour of the installation and made stops at the Combined Arms Collective Training Facility on South Post, Fort McCoy Commemorative Area, Fort McCoy Simulations Training Complex in the 200 block on

the cantonment area, Garrison Headquarters, and dining facility 1362 where they enjoyed lunch with several Fort McCoy leaders. Community outreach is an important part of the Army mission. It's also possibly important for community leaders to see the installation that provides a significant economic impact to their communities. Fort McCoy's total economic impact for fiscal year 2021 was an estimated \$1.93 billion, above the \$1.479 billion reported for FY 2020, garrison officials announced.

## What's Happening Upcoming Area Events

**UPCOMING AREA EVENTS POLICY:** Groups that earn profits from their event are asked to place a display ad in the MC Herald in order to be included in "Upcoming Area Events." 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)

crafts at the Craft and Vendor Fair!

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

**SHRINERS 2ND 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.

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

**REMINDER FOR ABSENTEE VOTERS:**

**TO RETURN YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT:**

- PERSONALLY MAIL BACK
- PERSONALLY HAND DELIVER TO CITY CLERK'S OFFICE IN CITY HALL
- PERSONALLY HAND DELIVER TO POLLING PLACE ON ELECTION DAY

**THE DROPBOX AT CITY HALL IS NO LONGER AN OPTION.**

**Meetings**

- The Tomah Area School District Teacher Compensation Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Tomah School District Office, 129 W. Clifton Street, Tomah.
- The Monroe County Board of Canvassers will convene on Mon., April 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice Center.

**VOTE JOEY ESTERLINE**

April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Paid for by Joey Esterline on her own behalf for DISTRICT 15 SUPERVISOR

- Willing to listen to all sides and research issues
- Understand diversity of opinion is helpful in finding the best answer
- Will be prepared & proactive when necessary; working to move forward
- Decisions made based on the greater good
- Advocate for constituents but also be a team player
- Trust built around understanding and respect

Hello. I am Jason Perry, and I am running for an open spot on the Sparta Area School Board. My wife, Lesa, and I have been residents of Sparta for going on 27 years. We have raised three wonderful daughters who have all graduated from Sparta High School.

*I am often asked, "Why do you want to run for schoolboard? Your kids are graduated." The plain and simple answer is: I CARE!*

We're still involved in the development of the children in the district. We're proud grandparents, and Lesa owns and operates an in-home, state licensed daycare. When I get home from work, I have the chance to see some of the bright, young minds my wife is helping to develop...that twinkle in their eye, that mischievous look, the laughter etc. I have watched these children develop from babies at our house into young men and women, getting married, and having children of their own.

I CARE! In Sparta and with all that is going on in the world, we have problems in our school district. We have a one-sided board with a majority that went from wanting no public input for the decisions that were being made for the families' children to then wanting input. But, when that input was given, all that was ever said was, "Thank you." If you attended any board meetings, you could clearly see that the majority already had their minds made up and any public input was never weighed into their final decisions.

I CARE! We need a balanced board that takes the time to ask questions about what is proposed rather than just voting 'yes or no' when, in fact, questions need to be raised. Answers need to be obtained. And I assure you, I will ask those questions and get those answers in order to make the most well-informed decisions, all while keeping your input in mind.

WE CARE! And this is why I am running with three other people. We are all concerned. We are passionate about our community. We all are not the same and do not agree on all things. However, we all have one common goal which is to make Sparta a place where families want to live, raise their children, and send them to our schools. We want Sparta to be a place where our teachers want to stay for their entire careers and know that their input is valuable as it affects the growth of our children. We want to listen to the community. This is about all our children and our wallets.

**That is why I ask you to VOTE4 in the Spring Election on April 5th. Lopez, Mckenna, Leverich, and Perry: WE CARE about you and your children's education.**

**Sincerely, Jason Perry**

Paid for by Jason Perry for school board

# District 8 County Board Supervisor Race

**Name:** Dave Culpepper  
**Background:** I've spent the past 15 years serving the broader public in varying capacities between both public- and private-sectors, to include administration, operations, human



Dave Culpepper

resources, criminal justice and finance. Raised in a strong blue-collar family, I learned the value of a hard day's work and the sweat-equity required to support the quality of life my wife and I pursue for our family.

**Why are you running for county board supervisor?** The last two years have proven quite an eye-opener for government and political activities nationwide-including the attack on hard working, law-abiding Americans rights and freedoms, time and time again. I'm running for county board supervisor to advocate for and ensure the freedoms and liberties of the peoples of Angelo and Lafayette Townships, to support the restraint of the government therein, and to posture the county in preparing for the long-term needs of the community.

**Why do you believe you are qualified?** I believe I'm qualified for county board supervisor as I would bring an objective approach to county issues. While my financial background may not be as robust as others, I believe I would benefit the county board by focusing on the peoples' checkbook as if it were my own. More, my background in operations has instilled a keen eye on planning for the long-

term - a focus I fear is desperately needed on the county board. **What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the county needs to address and why?** Long-term financial strategy. I feel the current board has set their sights too narrow for the long-term suitability and sustainability of the county and its citizens. Recent agenda items (e.g. Resolution 02-22-01) aptly demonstrate this loss of long-term focus, specifically as it relates to tertiary funding priorities identified.

**Balance of power. I was deeply troubled to learn of the conversations held this past fall between our county health department and local school boards regarding the imposition of masks on our children. While we've got some passionate candidates running for school board, I was compelled to run for county board supervisor to support the balance of power between the two boards.**

**How would you address the issues you described?** In terms of long-term financial strategy, I would prioritize efforts to encourage, if not require, financial decisions demonstrate their viability within the larger, long-term plan for the county. Regarding maintaining the balance of power between separate and distinct levels of government, I'm motivated to advocate for the rights of the individual, and to challenge the scope of county office's (and their officers') power when not expressly afforded them by law.

**Name:** Zachariah Zebell  
**Background:** I moved to Sparta in the first grade. I graduated from SHS in 2006, I married my wife, Tess, on July 4th 2015, I have two boys that are ages two and four. I am currently employed with a construction company out of Lacrosse, WI.



Zachariah Zebell

projects. I will bring the knowledge that I have acquired over the last sixteen years and promise to save all of us taxpayer's money on county funded projects.

**Why are you running for county board supervisor?** We sit here and see our tax dollars being spent on big multimillion dollar construction projects. Being in the profession that I am I believe that some of our tax dollars are being wasted. I believe that with my experience we could save a good amount of our taxpayer dollars and be able to spend that money on other areas that might be at a shortfall.

**Why do you believe you are qualified?** Monroe county is growing and building which is great. With my sixteen years of experience, I believe I can bring a viewpoint to construction projects that are being funded with our taxpayer dollars. From planning to completion, I can foresee things in the building process that the average person cannot see. I have spent the last years of my career being involved from the bidding and planning to completion of construction

**What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the county needs to address and why?**

- Wasteful spending on construction projects
  - Keeping the highway department funded to operate efficiently and effectively
  - Support the county growth while protecting the rural way of life that so many people love about this area
- How would you address the issues you described?**
- With my experience, I would be able to foresee the extra costs that may occur above the projected scope of work
  - I want to make sure that we have enough trucks to clear the roads after a snowstorm so people can safely get their kids off to school and commute to work.
  - I would look at ways to support county growth while utilizing our downtown areas and repurposing the old buildings. Let's make better use of the footprint we have now instead of making a bigger one on this beautiful driftless region.

The Herald reached out to all County Board candidates involved in a race for their district seat on the county board. The candidates were asked to limit their responses to 100 words per question, some submitted more. In an effort of fairness, the Herald cut from the bottom up from each of their answers if they went over 100 words. Full responses will be posted online at [monroecountyherald.com](http://monroecountyherald.com).

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## District 14 County Board Supervisor Race

**Name:** Jen Schmitz

**Background:** I grew up on a dairy farm in the town of Jefferson, graduated from UW-Madison with degrees in Agriculture and Applied Economics and Dairy Science in 2002. Following graduation, I returned to the 54619 zip code and started working for Organic Valley. Through my years working at Organic Valley, I had the pleasure of working in La Farge, Westby, Cashton and visiting our other locations in Chaseburg and plants around the United State. In 2020, I was honored to be elected to both the Monroe County Board and as District Director for Wisconsin Farmers Union. *See more of this answer at [monroecountyherald.com](http://monroecountyherald.com).*

**Why are you running for county board supervisor?** I see opportunities for us to do better at caring for each other and our land and natural resources. I have a passion for working in teams and constant improvement efforts so I think county government is a great place to work together for the greater good.

**Why do you believe you are qualified?** I believe my skills in project management, business and community resiliency are needed in Monroe county as we work on big ideas like a new nursing home, expanding broadband to our rural neighbors and developing 21st century solutions and mitigation strategies to respond to the rapidly changing weather

**Name:** James B. Kuhn

**Background:** I have lived in Monroe County since 1972. I am retired after 34 years of government employment (3 years in U.S. Army, 3 years with the DNR, and 28 years with the State Patrol). I have 16 years of service on the Monroe County Board, serving as chair on several committees as well as serving as Board Vice Chair and Chair.

**Why are you running for county board supervisor?** I believe the Board needs a voice of experience to establish and maintain continuity. It also needs someone willing to ask difficult and meaningful questions, and to use common sense to make sound, fiscally responsible decisions.

**Why do you believe you are qualified?** I believe my background speaks for itself. I have been around government agencies in one form or another for most of my life. I have a realistic understanding

patterns.

**What are the most pressing issues (no more than three) you think the county needs to address and why?** We need to keep pursuing the work for broadband expansion. We have a great start with the work the broadband special committee has done thus far, however we have yet to be awarded a grant to do the work and yet to begin digging and laying fiber. I would like us to consider how we program for long-term programs like highway repairs and construction and other capital projects related to buildings and land acquisition - more of a comprehensive plan that the people of Monroe feel they had input into and can track progress over the long-term of years. *To see more of this answer see [monroecountyherald.com](http://monroecountyherald.com).*

**How would you address the issues you described?** Some have been listed above on how to address. I would add, we as county supervisors also need to be in conversation with our state representatives and senators so that we get adequate state funding for the programs we are required to administer as well as enough discretion to spend in Monroe county on things unique to Monroe County. Lastly, it is only through continuous communications that we can hear the many perspectives that are Monroe County so that we grow and work together in ways that benefit all of us.

of how it works.

**What are the most pressing issues (no more than three) you think the county needs to address and why?** It is extremely important to maintain a balanced budget especially in this world of runaway inflation. Increase in revenue is controlled by levy limits, so therefore, one must obtain maximum efficiency from every available dollar. Another critical issue is maintaining our highways. Many of our county highways are deteriorating due to age and increased use by heavier vehicles.

**How would you address the issues you described?** I would use a sound, common sense approach to money management, and strive to make the most efficient use of the dollars that are available to address these as well as numerous other issues faced at the county level of government.

## District 15 County Board Supervisor Race

Jesica Helgren is running against Joey Esterline. The Herald reached out to Jesica Helgren for the questionnaire but Helgren never got back to the Herald.

**Name:** Joey Esterline



Joey Esterline

**Background:** Resident of Monroe County since 1987, living in the City of Sparta for 22 years and Town of Adrian for 13. I grew up on a farm near Faribault, MN where my family raised beef and sheep. I have an Associate Degree in Horticulture from the University of Minnesota, Waseca; a Bachelor of Science Degree in Ruminant Nutrition from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul, and a Master of Professional Development in Education from the University of Wisconsin, LaCrosse. I worked for several years assisting with dairy nutrition, for several years I was Monroe County Horticultural consultant. *To see more of this answer see [monroecountyherald.com](http://monroecountyherald.com).*

**Why are you running for the board:** Over the years I have come to appreciate what our national, state, and local governments do to provide us with the quality of life we are privileged to have. The grassroots level of government is where many of the decisions made affect us most directly. I would like to have the responsibility of being a voice that represents my district in this democratic process and work to dispel the movement of distrust in our government. I want to listen to people, not just hear them.

**Why do you believe you area qualified:** Much of my adult life has been committed to some sort of community involvement both as a volunteer and within my employment. As a Youth Development professional, I had the opportunity to work with youth and parents. It was very important to communicate clearly and straightforward the importance of working together for the good of the whole not just for the individual. I also knew it was important to understand and promote an individual's strengths to build confidence and achieve goals and success. I had responsibilities within my work with the WI DNR Law Enforcement training program to keep very accurate and complete training information which was

submitted to the DOJ for law enforcement certification as well as working with individual instructors within their training programs. *To see more of this answer see [monroecountyherald.com](http://monroecountyherald.com).*

**What are the most pressing issues (no more than three) you think the county needs to address and why?**

**Broadband:** It is vital to this county to provide broadband access to everyone. I live in a dead zone with no opportunity for broadband connection and it is frustrating. The county must keep the broadband initiative in the forefront as it will be an on-going endeavor perhaps more than any recent building project. Broadband is essential to economic growth, education, employment, organizations, family and personal communications and overall quality of life and equality.

**Roads, bridges, and Infrastructure:** Good roads are essential to commerce and economic growth. As experienced in the recent past, many of the bridges, culverts and roads are vulnerable to flooding.

*To see more of this answer see [monroecountyherald.com](http://monroecountyherald.com).*

**How would you address the issues you described?**

**Broadband:** Funding as well as continued pursuit of grants and keeping strong communications with potential providers is important.

**Roads, bridges, and Infrastructure:** A comprehensive plan that looks at issues such as the effects of too many driveways and/or poor planning for driveways and other access roads should be utilized and reviewed with inputs from different departments and agencies. Being proactive as much as possible will save money, property, and perhaps even lives.

**Sensible growth in land development, agriculture land preservation and economic growth** It will be important to have comprehensive land use planning that avoids conflict in future development. *To see more of this answer see [monroecountyherald.com](http://monroecountyherald.com).*

# District 16 County Board Supervisor Race

**Name:** Doug Rogalla  
**Background:** I retired from the Army as a Lieutenant Colonel after 23 years. I continued to serve. First with the American Red Cross as part of the Armed Forces Emergency Services division supporting military service members deployed all around the world when they faced family emergencies at home. Later, I served as the Alternate Project Manager for Eagle Systems (a support contractor) at Fort McCoy supporting troops being deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. I am currently the Commander of the Kendall American Legion and Chairman of the Republican Party of Monroe County, WI. Monroe County was recognized as "County of the Year" at the 2021 State

Convention. **Why are you running for county board supervisor?** I really like Monroe County. When my wife Terri and I moved to the Kendall area 16 years ago, we were embraced by some of the nicest people we have ever met. I often call Monroe County the "Heart of Wisconsin". This area is beautiful with rolling hills and amazing sunrises. Waking up every morning makes my heart sing. We are truly blessed to live here. Throughout my life, I have always raised my hand and stepped up when I saw a challenge. I have endeavored to be the best at whatever I set my mind to. *To see more of this answer see*



Doug Rogalla

*[monroecountyherald.com](http://monroecountyherald.com).*

**Why do you believe you are qualified?** I am a Leader. I have lots of energy and am a quick learner. I Volunteer and am involved in the Kendall Community. I believe in hard work and the American spirit. Most Americans want less government and not more. I make decisions based on the data presented and ask hard probing questions. I will always do the right thing.

**What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the county needs to address and why?** This is a work in progress. I have been attending monthly County Board meetings since

I decided to run for office. I have been setting up meetings with the County Administrator and Department Directors to learn more about County Government. I have been listening to incumbent County Supervisors and their take on the issues that they are passionate about. I am concerned about the growth of county government. Spending has nearly doubled in ten years. Most of the new spending is a result of huge increases of Federal dollars coming into the state and county. The \$30 Trillion Federal debt is not sustainable.

**How would you address the issues you described?** To Be Determined. I am a quick learner and work hard. There are no easy answers to our pending budget issues.

**Name:** Craig Buswell  
**Background:** I have lived in the Village of Kendall all of my 73 years. My family settled in Kendall in 1860. I graduated from Kendall Grade, Royall high school and the University of Wisconsin Platteville. I am a volunteer firemen, I was a Village of Kendall Trustee 28 years and was church chairman about 30 years. I was a Monroe County Supervisor for three terms.

**Why are you running for county board supervisor?** I have had a several year sabbatical from the board and would try to do some good for the community and County I reside in.

**Why do you believe you are qualified?** The time I served on the County Board I

always represented my district when it was needed and my County when it was needed. I always put much thought into my position, willing to hear anybody out before making a decision. Sometimes the board is only representative of where supervisors live. The board should always represent all of the County when "that is right" not just be a Chamber of commerce for their home district. I feel I have good people skills and like unity.

**What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the county needs to address and why?** No comment

**How would you address the issues you described?** No comment

# Monroe County Circuit Court News

## Charged

### March 7

•Paul D. Brown, 60, of Tomah was charged with strangulation and suffocation, battery, criminal trespass to dwelling, criminal damage to property, and disorderly conduct. A \$5,000 signature bond was set.

•Zach T. Pfeifer, 36, of Sparta was charged with eight counts of felony bail jumping as a repeat offender and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping as a repeat offender. Pfeifer was also charged with criminal trespass to dwelling, criminal damage to property, and disorderly conduct all relating to domestic abuse. A cash bond of \$1,500 was set.

•Gerald P. Pemberton, 23, of Tomah was charged with battery and disorderly conduct. A \$1,000 cash bond was set.

### March 8

•Davidde J. Hundt, 27, of La Crosse was charged with attempting to flee or elude an officer as a repeat offender. Hundt was also charged with reckless driving, operating motor vehicle while suspended, operating left of center, and exceeding speed zones. A \$250 cash bond was set.

•Michael L. Koca-Knapp, 36, of New Lisbon was charged with two counts of felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of narcotic drugs. A \$2,000 signature bond was set.

•Michael L. Koca-Knapp, 36, of New Lisbon was charged with two counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and operating while revoked. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.

•Michael L. Koca-Knapp, 36, of New Lisbon was charged with three counts of felony bail jumping, two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and operating while revoked. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.

•Michael L. Koca-Knapp, 36, of New Lisbon was charged with operating while revoked. A \$500 signature bond was set.

•Michael L. Koca-Knapp, 36, of New Lisbon was charged with four counts of felony bail jumping, three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping, and retail theft (<=\$500) as a party to a crime, all as a repeat offender. A \$250 cash bond was set.

•Michael L. Koca-Knapp, 36, of New Lisbon was charged with two counts of felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$500 cash bond was set.

•Jasmine M. Maida, 23, of Madison was charged with resisting or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, and trespass to land. A \$250 cash bond was set.

•Fassil Mequanent Berihun, 28, of Westerville, OH was charged with possession of THC. A \$500 signature bond was set.

•Makenzie R. Exner, 19, of Necedah was charged with possession of THC an dpossession of drug paraphernalia. A \$500 signature bond was set.

•Lesly Y. Martinez-Juarez, 29, of Sparta was charged with disorderly conduct relating to domestic abuse. A \$500 signature bond was set.

### March 10

•Jennifer R. Mishler, 27, of Superior was charged with possession of narcotic drugs, possession of cocaine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$2,500 signature bond was

set.

•Daniel J. Meseberg, 24, of Tomah was charged with operating while revoked. A \$500 cash bond was set.

### March 11

•Kristina J. Nelson, 55, of Tomah was charged with two counts of felony bail jumping, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$500 cash bond was set.

•Ashla R. Schultz, 30, of Tomah was charged with felony bail jumping, operating while revoked, and two counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.

•Michael D. Temperly, 27, of Sparta was charged with battery and disorderly conduct, both relating to domestic abuse. A \$500 signature bond was set.

### March 14

•David G. Hanson, 40, of Sparta was charged with possession of methamphetamine, disorderly conduct, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$2,000 cash bond was set.

•David G. Hanson, 40, of Sparta was charged with felony bail jumping, criminal trespassing to a dwelling, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.

•Rebecca L. Masters, 61, of Sparta was charged with OWI (4th), misdemeanor bail jumping, operating while revoked, and ignition interlock device tampering. A \$500 cash bond was set.

•Anthony Morgan-Morino, 52, of Hayward was charged with OWI (5th or 6th). A \$1,000 cash bond was set.

•Victor J. Rivera, 40, of Adams was charged with OWI (3rd) and operating motor vehicle w/o insurance. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.

•Ashley M. Winchel, 30, of Mauston was charged with misdemeanor bail jumping, resisting or obstructing an officer, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$500 cash bond was set.

### March 15

•Marcus R. Brown, 28, of Saint Cloud, MN, was charged with possession of a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. Brown was also charged with operating without a valid license, speeding on freeway, and violating child safety restraint requirements. A \$250 cash bond was set.

•Garin T. VanMisel, 26, of Tomah was charged with aggravated battery, false imprisonment, intimidating victim, and disorderly conduct. A \$2,000 signature bond was set.

•Tyrone Dixon, 54, of Cincinnati, OH, was charged with possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$500 arrest warrant was issued.

•Christopher L. Spight, 31, of Hazel Crest, IL, was charged with possession of THC. A \$500 signature bond was set.

•Sophia Y. Vargas, 44, of Taylor was charged with ignition interlock device tampering and operating while revoked. A \$350 cash bond was set.

### March 16

•David G. Hanson, 40, of Sparta was charged with three counts of felony bail jumping, taking and driving a vehicle without

consent, and theft of movable property (<=\$2,500), all as a repeat offender. A \$200 cash bond was set.

•Reece A. Kohn, 33, of Tomah was charged with three counts of 1st degree sexual assault of a child under the age of 13, and exposing genitals to a child. A \$50,000 signature bond was set.

•Ronald M. Wright, 31, of Sparta was charged with felony bail jumping, battery, misdemeanor bail jumping, disorderly conduct, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$2,500 signature bond was set.

•John Zabawa III, 46, of La Crosse was charged with taking and driving a vehicle without consent as a repeat offender. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.

•Jeffrey T. Denton, 44, of New Lisbon was charged with resisting or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct, and possession of THC. A \$200 cash bond was set.

•Phillip J. D. Mundth, 37, of Camp Douglas was charged with ignition interlock device tampering, operating while revoked and operating a motor vehicle without insurance. A \$500 signature bond was set.

•Jacqueline M. Pocan, 37, of Tomah was charged with battery or threat to a judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, resisting or obstructing an officer, and disorderly conduct. A \$500 cash bond was set.

•Mario Vivero-Vences, 36, of Cashton was charged with burglary of a building or dwelling, misdemeanor bail jumping, and theft of movable property (<=\$2,500). A \$1,000 signature bond was set.

•Mario Vivero-Vences, 36, of Cashton was charged with operating while revoked. A \$500 cash bond was set.

•Mario Vivero-Vences, 36, of Cashton was charged with interfering with fire fighting equipment, criminal damage to property, and disorderly conduct, all as a repeat offender. A \$500 cash bond was set.

•Matthew D. Frisk, 42, of Sparta was charged with felony bail jumping and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$2,500 signature bond was set.

### March 18

•Gregory O. Coney, 39, of Tomah was charged with eight counts of felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor bail jumping, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$3,000 cash bond was set.

•Gregory O. Coney, 39, of Tomah was charged with eight counts of felony bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, misdemeanor bail jumping, possession of THC, possession of illegally obtained prescription, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$5,000 cash bond was set.

•John C. Curran, 36, of Sparta was charged with 1st degree sexual assault of a child – intercourse with person under age of 12, repeated sexual assault of same child, and incest with child. A \$2,000 cash bond was set.

•Sara E. Stone, 42, of Tomah was charged with battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, OWI (2nd), resisting or obstructing an officer, and hit and run. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.

•Eric C. McGinnis, 26, of Sparta was charged with five counts of felony bail jumping, operating while revoked, and three counts of misdemeanor bail jumping. A \$450 cash bond was set.

# CITY OF SPARTA COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

**CITY OF SPARTA  
COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES  
January 12, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gust, Kevin Brueggeman, Kevin Riley, Matthew Hoffland, Bruce Humphrey, Ed Lukasek, Jim Church, Anthony Boltik

**ABSENT:** Josh Lydon

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mark Sund, Todd Fahning, Dan Hellman, Bob Lydon, Michelle Tryggestad, citizens

Mayor Gust called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Roll Call was done by the City Clerk.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Humphrey

**A motion was made by Ed Lukasek and seconded by Matthew Hoffland to approve this agenda. Motion carried 7-0.**

**A motion was made by Ed Lukasek and seconded by Matthew Hoffland to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the last regular meeting of December 15, 2021, and monthly bills. Motion carried 7-0.**

## RESOLUTIONS

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE DEED (George Glanzer)

Kevin Riley read the Resolution the first and second time. Jim Church moved to read the Resolution third time by title only, rules be suspended and placed before the Council for immediate action, seconded by Kevin Brueggeman. Motion carried 7-0. Mayor Gust read the Resolution third time by title only and the Resolution was approved on a roll call vote 7-0.

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### RESOLUTION RELINQUISHING RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL (Island Express, Inc.)

Kevin Riley read the Resolution the first and second time. Matthew Hoffland moved to read the Resolution third time by title only, rules be suspended and placed before the Council for immediate action, seconded by Kevin Brueggeman. Motion carried 7-0. Mayor Gust read the Resolution third time by title only and the Resolution was approved on a roll call vote 7-0.

### AGREEMENT OF PAYMENT OF FEH ASSOCIATES CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES ON LIBRARY EXPANSION

This agreement was not discussed or signed as there were incorrect names on it. The agreement will be changed and the Friends of the Sparta Free Library will sign and return to the City to be executed.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH FRIENDS OF SPARTA FREE LIBRARY FOR PAYMENT OF ENGINEERS (Sparta Free Library Expansion & Construction Project)

Kevin Riley read the Resolution the first and second time. Jim Church moved to read the Resolution third time by title only, rules be suspended and placed before the Council for immediate action, seconded by Kevin Brueggeman. Motion carried 7-0. Mayor Gust read the Resolution third time by title only and the Resolution was approved on a roll call vote 7-0.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTRACT FOR ENGINEERS FOR SPARTA FREE LIBRARY EXPANSION & CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Kevin Riley read the Resolution the first and second time. Jim Church moved to read the Resolution third time by title only, rules be suspended and placed before the Council for immediate action, seconded by Kevin Brueggeman. Motion carried 7-0. Mayor Gust read the Resolution third time by title only and the Resolution was approved on a roll call vote 7-0.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING USE OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN OF 2021 ACT

Kevin Riley read the Resolution the first and second time. Jim Church moved to read the Resolution third time by title only, rules be suspended and placed before the Council for immediate action, seconded by Kevin Brueggeman. Motion carried 7-0. Mayor Gust read the Resolution third time by title only and the Resolution did not pass per roll call vote. Votes were 3 yes and 4 no. **Bruce Humphrey made motion to amend the Resolution seconded by Ed Lukasek and discussion on the items and amounts started.**

Mark Sund had passed out a spreadsheet with the recommendations from the Finance Committee showing the amounts to go to non-profits, bars, restaurants, and hotels. The spreadsheet included amounts lost from the businesses from their applications and requested, and then amounts granted from the City funds. The total amount recommended from Finance Committee to spend was \$167,700.00. Some of the council men wanted the disbursements changed. The list showed the following:

- Non-profits: Morrow Home, Sparta Gridiron Boosters, Deke Slayton Museum and Sparta Area Cancer Support all getting \$20,000 and Friends of the Sparta Free Library getting \$2,700.
- Taverns/Bars: Harris' Crossing, Club 16, The Hangout, Wayside Tavern, VFW and Lynda Lou's all getting \$7,500.
- Restaurants: Sparta Steak House, Dorine's Family Restaurant, Foxhole Pub and Slice of Chicago getting \$7,500.
- Best Western Motel would be getting \$10,000.
- That total would be \$167,700.00.

Bob Lydon from the Sparta Gridiron explained the project for the new football field. There will be new bleachers, walking track and the football field will also be used for soccer games. He was asking for \$84,436.38 and the amount under granted funds from the City was \$20,000.00. He mentioned that the Gridiron had taken out a loan in the amount of \$250,000 and whatever they would be granted would be put towards the loan.

Tom Schauer from the VFW is asking for \$40,000 and the amount under granted funds from the City was \$7,500.00. He explained that the VFW is more than just a bar/restaurant as they do volunteer activities from the VFW and is asking more than the \$7,500.00 if possible.

Michelle Tryggestad is asking for \$7,163.00 as that represents the amount loss in fines.

Mark Sund mentioned that the amount of \$347,150.00 in City department losses would be covered from these funds.

**and to leave the others the same as listed. Ed Lukasek seconded the motion. Motion not carried and there was more discussion.**

Ed Lukasek then wanted the amount changed to the Sparta Gridiron to \$50,000.00.

Jim Church mentioned that he did some research on what some of the businesses had already received in grants from other resources and disclosed some of those amounts. **Jim Church made motion to amend the previous amendment to the Resolution to show the Sparta Gridiron getting \$82,700; Museum - \$10,000; Friends of the Library - \$5,000; Sparta Area Cancer Support - \$10,000; Taverns - \$5,000; VFW - \$10,000 and restaurants- \$5,000. That would total \$167,700. This motion was seconded by Kevin Brueggeman. Roll call vote was taken: Jim Church – yes; Kevin Brueggeman – yes; Bruce Humphrey – yes; Anthony Boltik – no; Matthew Hoffland – no; Ed Lukasek – yes; Kevin Riley – no. Votes were 4-3.**

Mark read the amounts again to clarify. **Anthony Boltik made a motion to amend the previous amendment to some of the above items: the Gridiron to get \$32,700; Museum - \$26,350 and VFW - \$26,350. This motion died for lack of a second.**

**A motion was made by Jim Church to amend previous amendment with the following items: Gridiron - \$82,700; Museum - \$20,000; Friends of Library - \$5,000; SACS - \$10,000; VFW - \$20,000 the rest of the taverns, restaurants and the hotel - \$5,000 which totals \$187,700. This was seconded by Ed Lukasek. Roll call vote was taken: Jim Church – yes; Kevin Brueggeman – yes; Bruce Humphrey – yes; Anthony Boltik – no; Matthew Hoffland – no; Ed Lukasek – yes; Kevin Riley – yes. Votes were 5-2 and carried.**

**A motion was made by Kevin Riley and seconded by Matthew Hoffland to appoint Ed Hansen as the Sanitation Superintendent. Motion carried 7-0.**

**A motion was made by Matthew Hoffland and seconded by Ed Lukasek that upon proper payment of funds that the "Class B"/"Class "B" liquor license and video game license for Divyesh Patel/ DVG Hospitality, LLC dba Best Western Plus located at 4445 Theater Road be approved. Motion carried 7-0.**

Todd mentioned the following promotions in his City Administrator report:

- Ed Hansen promoted to new Sanitation Supervisor.
- Eric Jones promoted to Parks Maintenance Supervisor.
- Chris Martin promoted to the Parks Mechanic position.
- Ryan Pawlisch, our Parks and Rec Superintendent has taken a new position for the City of Sheboygan in the same capacity.
- So, there will openings in a couple of departments to be filled.
- Items mentioned for future consideration were:
- Special Council meeting to be held on February 9, 2022 at 7:00 with the Friends of the Library in closed session.

**A motion was made by Ed Lukasek and seconded by Kevin Brueggeman to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.**

Respectfully submitted, Julie Hanson, City Clerk

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(Above) This is the first tree that Selina Walters has ever dropped with a chainsaw.



(Left) Farm living is the life for me!

# April Surprise

**Hello friends,**  
I am just about finished with what I believe has been the busiest winter of my life. Eight winter camping trips and a go for it adventure to the state of Mississippi with my 21-year-old daughter Selina, camping, and hunting hogs and deer in The Delta National Forest. As President and Founder of Kids and Mentors Outdoors "KAMO" www.kamokids.org, I have been giving it everything that I can to see that all seven of our chapters get back on their feet after the Covid 19 punch in the face that the world took and hopefully is getting past.

This past week I stayed home and spent some time with Selina who was home for three days, and I will soon leave for a canoe fishing trip at Depere on the Fox River to

fish for trophy walleye. Two days after I get home I am heading to Red Lake, Ontario Canada to visit with my good friends Pete and Elizabeth Hagedorn for Pete's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday, and to ice fish. The day after I get home, I am heading down to Beaver Dam to speak at a Whitetails Unlimited banquet and the beat goes on!

This week I am writing a "because I can" type of column and in reality, it is to slow my brain and body down so that the overload I am on does not literally overload who I am.

KAMO! We have chapters near Beaver Dam, Poynette, Baraboo, Necedah, Lacrosse, Marshfield and Florence. In a years' time we help a lot of kids enjoy the outdoors. Like just about everything else in

the world Covid 19 kicked our butt. KAMO survived and now we are doing our best to do what our name suggests. We need mentors especially in Poynette and Marshfield, but everywhere that I mentioned. KAMO activities can be one on ones or group events and it could be time spent in a kayak around a campfire or in a turkey blind. PLEASE help if you can, everyone is volunteering. We do background checks, and in a years' time really make a difference.

As I mentioned Selina was home; she has not been here since Christmas break and she is and has been paving the way



### An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

for an incredible future. With double majors in Fisheries and aquatic sciences as well as water resources, a minor in soil science and her certificate in wetland sciences as well as a job at UWSP in the bug lab, it actually scares me when I think about how busy she is.

The day after school gets out, she is packing her car and heading to Eureka, Montana, northwest Montana/Canadian border, where she has been given an excellent internship with the US Forest Service in the area of fisheries.

Two months ago, Selina asked me to give her a good class on running a chainsaw and I did that while she was

home. I started with the actual running of a chainsaw, including bar oil and gas/oil mix and ended with Selina doing all of the cutting in the woods, including dropping her first tree. I am going to tell you, I was nervous as H E double toothpicks when she ran the saw but everything worked out. When she is in Montana she intends on getting her chainsaw safety certificate.

I said I was heading to Depere to fish walleye out of my canoe. I do this annually, it is as insane as fishing gets with literally boat to boat traffic, I will probably be the only canoe, but three inches of badly needed rain the last few days has created flooding and chocolate milk for river clarity and my river time will be in the dark for the most part. When you catch a trophy

walleye in that manner, you have had a good day!

I am hoping that the limited time for my Canada trip does not get delayed in route by snow as there is nothing but below temperatures forecast for the next ten days. But all in all I honestly thrive on living on this "edge" of the everything way of life, from time, to safety, to cash flow, and the bonuses like KAMO and teaching a young lady how to run a chainsaw.

Sometime between April 1<sup>st</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> there is a potential for something very cool to happen in my life and hopefully I will be writing about that in a couple of weeks.

At 60 I feel as healthy as I did at 30, keep the weight down, don't smoke and move the body with regularity are some of my keys to my success! **Sunset**

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# Money Bags



## CLUB 16

The Herald held their last Money Bags event at Club 16 on Saturday. Everyone who registered got a prize. The cash winners for the event included from left to right: Carmen Mashak-\$75, Mary Olson-\$250, Mike Miller-\$100, Denise Ebert-\$50, and Larry Walley-\$125. Thank you to everyone who participated and a big thank you to the sponsors Club 16, The Zone, Taphouse Twenty, and the Antique Mall of Tomah. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.



### Sparta OES welcomes member

Sparta Chapter 18 Order of the Eastern Star is pleased to welcome its newest member, Callie Helgeson. Chapter 18 members celebrated her membership with some Grand Chapter officers and other area chapters. For information on the Order of the Eastern Star, contact Beverly Treu at 608-633-0762 or Mary Moen at 608-269-2662. From left, Terri Hundhausen, Beverly Treu, Callie Helgeson and Jim DeVoe stop for a photo. Contributed photo

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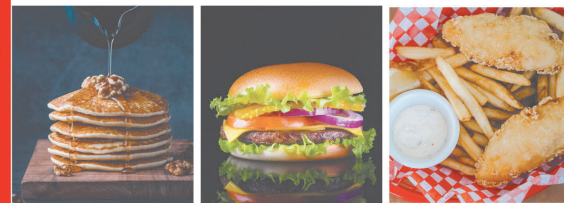
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