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# SASD voters turn down operating referendum

By KYLE EVANS Interim Editor

Sparta Area School District voters were almost evenly split on the referendum for continuing current operations. The referendum asked voters "shall the Sparta Area School District, Monroe and Jackson Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2,100,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and ending with the 2023-2024 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting

The unofficial tally, according to the Sparta Area School District, was 1,897 voted yes and 1,936 voted no to the referendum. All of the townships had more votes against the referendum, while the city of Sparta had more votes for the referendum.

The official Canvass of the Election Returns will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 9 am at 900 East Montgomery Street, Sparta, WI in the conference room.



# **Public brings input to Sparta School Board of Education**

By KYLE EVANS Interim Editor

Closing Cataract School and eliminating teaching positions in the Sparta Area School District are topics of conversation after voters did not approve a \$2.1 million referendum during Tuesday's election.

The Sparta School Board had a special meeting in the Meadowview Middle School Auditorium on Wednesday evening to go over the menu of budget cut items. With the operating referendum not passing, there were nearly 75 people at the meeting to discuss and listen about the projected \$2.8 million shortfall in the 2022-23 budget.

"From the Sparta Area School District's perspective, obviously the district wanted the referendum to pass and it did not," Sparta High School Principal Sam Russ said. "We



One topic was closing the Cataract School to save money. Board member Ed Lakusek said, "After going to the meeting in Cataract last week, I learned a lot about the culture there. That is a culture we promote. Cataract students are just as important as Sparta students."

the Sparta Area School District

with the resources we have."

Another topic eliminating some teaching positions. Some teaching staff and still be in range of preferred class sizes, said Sparta Area School Director of Business Services Leah Hauser.

James Rasmussen, exiting Board Member asked Hauser about the annual staff raises which are based on consumer price index (CPI) cost of living analysis. "The administration hasn't negotiated the staff raises as of yet," Hauser said. "The preliminary budget for 2022-23 has a staff wage

increase of 4% built in, which is about \$500,000."

Residents had 2 minutes each to speak to the board during the meeting.

"Cuts should not come at the expense of our children," said Julie Ender, Sparta High School English teacher. "Us teachers need your support, board members. Do we really need all the middle management and administrators? I say no. It's

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# Sparta School **Board election**

results

According to the Sparta Area School District's unofficial election results, the two incumbents John Hendricks and Anthony Scholze were the top 2 vote getters for the Sparta School Board, Scholze and Hendricks will each receive 3 years terms.

Todd Wells and Patrick McKenna will be the two new faces on the Sparta School Board. Wells and McKenna each will receive a 1 year term.

Amy Lopez only missed out by 23 votes, while Marla Leverich, Jason

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# Riley unseats incumbent

**TWO SECTIONS | 30 PAGES** 

Tomah's Maddie

Johnson

Humphrey keeps City of Sparta council seat

By KYLE EVANS Interim Editor

T h e unofficial results Sparta m a y o r see Kevin Riley the winner of the



Riley

election. Riley received 978 votes, while Kristen Gust (Incumbent) received 835 votes.

The Herald asked Riley before the election, what are the most pressing issues the city needs to address? Riley stated, "growing the city's tax base, continued focus on the downtown area of the

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# Murray keeps mayoral seat

Two new faces on school board

By BOB KLIEBENSTEIN Contributing Writer

Mike Murray will serve a

third term as Tomah mayor. The Tomah School Board has two new faces, Catey Rice and James Newlun, following

the Tuesday election. Murray was challenged by former Tomah alderman and current Monroe County supervisor Remy Gomez

Of the 908 votes cast Murray, who owns Murray's On Main, earned 60% of the vote (548) to 39% for Gomez

As in his previous bids for mayor. Murray indicated his experience as a business owner provided a solid base for municipal leadership.

In a candidate profile that ran prior the election, Murray said, "Being in the restaurant business, especially during Covid, has taught me

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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 nonprofit 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 advertisement. paid appreciate your cooperation. Call 608-269-9797 to place your

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

item or e-mail to julie@

monroecountyherald.

The Sparta American Legion Ladies Auxiliary will have their **SPRING CRAFT** & VENDOR SHOW on Sat., April 9 from 9-3 at 1116 Angelo Rd, Sparta

1st Annual Community EASTER EGG HUNT at Congregational United Church of Christ, 201 N Water St., Sparta, Sunday April 10 at 11 a.m. All children 12 and under are welcome.

Planning meeting for 2022 SACS WALK/RALLY at Trinity Lutheran Church, Monday **APRIL 11**, **6:00** PM. NEW location for the 2022 Walk/Rally is Evans Bosshard Park. Volunteers and new ideas are welcome.

Sparta Area Cancer Support **SCRAP IT DAY** is on April 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chamber

**DOGGIE EASTER EGG HUNT**, **Easter Sunday** April 17th 1P-3P, Egg Hunt Begins at 2:00 at

7 PM

Undercover Boss

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Treehouse Masters: Branched Out

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2022 Masters Tournament Second Round.

Gold Rush "Trommageddon" Todd fires up Big Trommel.

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Cold Case Files

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The Fall

\*\*\* "Unforgiven" (1992, Western) Clint Eastwood, Gene Hackman.

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FRIDAY EVENING

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NBC-WEAU The Blacklist

Wash

The First 48

ABC-WXOW

**CBS-WKBT** 

PBS-WHA

A&E AMC

APL COM

ESPN

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Prime With Marni Hughes

Big Bang Big Bang

Dan Abrams Live

**Justin Trails Resort**, 7452 Kathryn Avenue, Sparta \*Dogs must have current vaccinations, stay on leash and be dog social.

The Tri-County Chapter #1386 of NARFE (National Association of Active and Retired Federal Employees) is scheduled to meet at Perkins Restaurant, 1015 E. McCoy Blvd. (Hwy. 21), Tomah, WI, **Thursday, April** 21, 2022. Lunch is available at 11:30 AM - order off the menu. The meeting starts at approximately 11:45AM. All members, their guests, and interested active & retired federal employees

Trinity Lutheran Church COMMUNITY **BLOOD** DRIVE on May 2nd from 12-5 and **3**<sup>rd</sup> from 1-6 at 612 N Water St., Sparta

The **Tomah American** 

Legion Post 201 wants

yard/craft sellers to rent

space for the Tomah City

wide yard sale on Sat.,

are welcome.

May 7, 2022. For more information contact Todd Steffel 608-315-0077 (outdoor space) or Helene Stein 608-343-3008 (inside space). The Tomah American Legion Post 201 SPRING

28, 2022 at Winnebago Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a **CONCERT** IN THE PARK put on by

S.A.C.S. on June 1st.

**FLING CAR & TRUCK** 

SHOW will be on Sat., May

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

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.

American Justice

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

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

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

SECOND

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 Every Tuesday, 7 p.m.

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

**HARVEST** 

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** THE AT

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 & First and Third Tuesday cards, 11:30 a.m.

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The First 48

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NewsNation Prime: Special Dan Abrams Live

Full Frontal Sheldon

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**SportsCenter** 

Insane Pools: Deep End

Gold Rush: Freddy Dodge

# **Free COVID-19 Vaccinations available** at Monroe County Health Department

Health Department will be offering appointments for free COVID-19 vaccinations at the office location, 315 W. Oak St., Sparta, on the following dates and times:

•Fridays in April from 8:30am-4:00pm (Closed April Vaccinations are

important tool that can help stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at reducing the severity of illness and risk of hospitalization and death caused by COVID-19.

Current available vaccines include:

- •Pfizer requires 2-doses, 3 weeks apart. Available to those age 12+.
- to those age 12+ who have completed the original series at least 5 months prior. •Pfizer 5-11Y- requires 2-doses, 3 weeks apart.

o Booster dose available

- Available to those ages 5-11 • Moderna — requires 2-doses, 4 weeks apart.
- o Booster dose available to those age 18+ who have completed the original series at least 5 months prior.

Available to those age 18+.

All COVID-19 vaccinations are provided for free. No insurance required.

Pre-registration is preferred. To book an appointment, visit https://vaccinate.wi.gov or call the Monroe County Health Department at 608-269-8666 during business Monday-Friday 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m. You may also email questions to covid19@co.monroe.wi.us. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has granted its full approval to both Pfizer (Comirnity) and Moderna (Spikevax) COVID-19 vaccines. For more information on these approvals, visit https://www. fda.gov/ The FDA has issued an

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emergency use authorization (EUA) for the use of Pfizer 5-11Y vaccine for children ages 5-11 years. The vaccine requires two doses, three weeks apart. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommend that everyone age 5+ receive a COVID-19 vaccine. The FDA has authorized

a booster dose of the Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) COVID-19 vaccines. Receiving a booster dose of a COVID-19 vaccine is intended to boost your immune system for better, long-lasting protection after the strong, initial protection decreases over Wisconsin DHS supports the recommendation that anyone over the age of 12 years receive a booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine at least five months after having received their second dose of the Pfizer or

Moderna vaccine, or at least two months after receiving a dose of Johnson & Johnson (Janssen). Booster doses are strongly recommended for people who are the greatest risk for severe disease, such as people who are 12 years and older and live in a long-term care setting and everyone age 50 years and older. The FDA and CDC recommendations allow for mix and match dosing for booster doses. Those age 18 years or older, can choose which vaccine to receive as a booster dose, no matter which vaccine was given as the primary series. CDC recommends people receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) over Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine. At this time, those ages 12-17 years are only authorized to receive a Pfizer vaccine booster Additional doses immunocompromised individuals should be from same manufacturer

as the original two-dose mRNA COVID-19 vaccine series. Layered mitigation strategies remain the best practice to protect yourself and others against severe illness, hospitalization, or death caused by COVID-19. Simple steps to take to protect yourself and your loved ones

•Get vaccinated, if you are able. Stay up to date with your vaccination by receiving a booster dose, if eligible.

•Wear a well-fitting mask when in public indoor spaces and at crowded outdoor gatherings.

•Maintain at least a 6-foot distance from others.

Wash frequently.

•Stay home if you feel sick. •Get tested if you are experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in

close contact with someone

your

with COVID-19. For additional information about locations in Monroe County to get vaccinated, visit http://healthymonroecowi. org/covid-19. For the most current information on vaccines, please visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Website page https:// www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/ covid-19/vaccine-data.htm or

ncov/vaccines/. Follow the Monroe County Health Department Facebook page for more.

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## **Southeast Monroe County News**

April showers bring May flowers, according to the old adage. In the meantime we just have to suffer the wet weather and pray for some good sunny days to get the fields ready for planting. It's been over two weeks since the first day of spring and April greeted us with snow the other day, bringing to mind the time we were snowed in on my birthday, April 10, one year back in the '70s. Although, I'm hoping for more Sundays like the one we just had!

Up the valley at Mary Parkhurst's, grandson Guy Parkhurst arrived Friday afternoon and spent the night before leaving on Saturday to go over the hill to the east to visit his other grandmother Elaine Woodard. Daughter Debbie arrived later in the day from Lexington, Kentucky to spend the week with her mother

Here at the Feisty Fauska's, Christopher and Kit Young of Hillsboro joined me for Monday brunch at Club Chapparal. Tuesday afternoon, I was at the Kendall Public Library for book club where we discussed "Life of Pi" by Yann Martel. It was not the most popular book we've read, but variety is the spice of life—though not all spice is palatable to all people. Friday, I was at the Town Hall of Glendale for the public test and setting up the new voting machine in preparation for the election on Tuesday. On Sunday the Monroe County Orthodox Presbyterian Church in Kendall had a potluck lunch before a congregational meeting. Christopher Young

joined me for the meal.

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Here's How It Works:

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And now we come to the meat of this column as I report on the lives and times of Lynette Vlasak and Sally Dana. Last Monday, the gals celebrated Monica Verbsky's birthday at Beezer's Bar and Grill in Hillsboro with Karen and Laura Theis, Shirley Richardson, Dory Stahlkoph. Deb Pesik and Mary Stanek. Tuesday, they were at both sessions of the book club and, on Wednesday, they were running errands at Sparta and West Salem. Friday, Sally was at the

by Myrna Fauska

public test at the town hall and Saturday morning the gals gave blood before attending the Solo Ensemble Contest at Hillsboro School, where Layla Marty performed in a sextet. Saturday afternoon, the gals were at the library, where they met friends of Lynette-Vonna Berghardt Hiser of La Crosse and Cheryl Siekert Jothen of Eau Claire-for a tour of the facilities. After being thoroughly impressed they went to the Holy Cow Bar in Union Center for lunch.

This week we are looking forward to Palm Sunday as we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. We learn of His teachings during the last week of His mortal life, as recorded in the New Testament books of the Holy Bible in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. These are the basic lessons for the Christian life, and those who believe in Jesus Christ as our Savior have the joy of knowing that at the end of our mortal lives there is a new and better life awaiting us with the Triune God. Hallelujah!

Answers on page 12

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Last Saturday, the Degenhardt family had a surprise 80th birthday party for Rueben and Shirley Degenhardt. Their family hosted the party at the Wilton American Legion. Pictured from left to right back row: Jim Degenhardt, Julie Paulson, Pete Degenhardt, Carol Ostrem. Front row: Mary Jo Ewing, Rueben Degenhardt, Shirley Degenhardt, and

# Museum director evaluates grants

Jarrod Roll, Monroe County L o c a l History Room  $M\;u\;s\;e\;u\;m$ director, was recently selected to serve on a



Humanities (NEH) panel for "Preservation Assistance Grants (PAG) for Smaller Institutions."

As a panelist, Roll reviewed and evaluated 13 grant applications submitted by historical organizations from around the United States wishing to obtain NEH funding for preservation projects. After reading each applying organization's application, Roll was directed to provide a thoughtful assessment of each proposal's strengths and weaknesses as measured against the goals and criteria for PAG grants.

Preservation Assistance Grants help small and midsized institutions — such as libraries, museums, historical societies, archival repositories, cultural organizations, town and county records

offices, and colleges and universities — improve their ability to preserve and care for significant humanities collections. These include special collections of books and journals, archives and manuscripts, prints and photographs, moving images, sound recordings, architectural and cartographic records, decorative and fine art objects, textiles, archaeological and ethnographic artifacts, furniture, historical objects and digital materials.

The 13 grant applications Roll reviewed came from organizations ranging from volunteer-run historical societies to research libraries with a handful of professional

"It makes sense that the NEH asks museum professionals who work at smaller-sized institutions, like me, to evaluate grants submitted by smaller-sized archives museums, because we can relate to their preservation needs," Roll said. "Many of the projects applying for funding were just looking to hire a professional consultant to review their storage situation and give them some

care of what they have; real ground-level stuff.

"Even though it takes quite a bit of time to carefully review each grant proposal, I chose to be a panelist because the History Room may apply for a Preservation Assistance Grant in the future. Having evaluated over a dozen grant applications, I now have a much better idea of what goes into creating a quality grant application."

The Monroe County Local History Room & Museum is located at 200 West Main St., Sparta, and open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Call 608-269-8680 or visit MonroeCountyHistory. Facebook.com/ MCLHR for information.

# **Community** input needed

Monroe County residents are invited to attend our virtual Stakeholder Community Meeting on April 12 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We are looking to gather input on which community needs should be prioritized. The information collected at this meeting will help us to develop Community Health Improvement Plan for 2023-2026.

The priority needs identified through the Compass Now Report to be discussed are:

- •Poverty and Livable Wages
- •Mental Health

Help Pay for Care

- ·Safe, Affordable Housing
- •Drug and Alcohol Use
- •Access to Health Care •Physical Inactivity and
- Obesity •Insurance Access Education on Resources to

This is a critical time to have important conversations about the health and wellbeing of Monroe County. Our community can come together in this meeting to share ideas that will help us become

stronger together. Please RSVP by submitting your email in the following Google form: https://forms. gle/ur5PL75iCs4HC8QB9 A meeting invite link will be sent to those who RSVP closer to the meeting date.

## **Duplicate Bridge**

Winners at Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday afternoon, March 29th, were: First place - Doug Furnier and Sandra Schaefer. Second place - Ken Kuhn and Maila Kuhn. Third place -Jim Bloedorn and Ed Wendorf.

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

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

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59. Where to park a boat

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descriptor

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45. Relating to wings

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52. Loop with a running knot

53. Alaska nursing group (abbr.)

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40. Dorm official 41. Secondary or explanatory

64. Partner to feather

66. Actress Zellweger

68. Country singer Haggard

70. When you hope to arrive

35. Beloved Hollywood alien

69. Puts together in time

67. Type of screen

public to rent for the annual Tomah City Wide Yard Sale -Saturday, May 7, 2022.

(No electricity for Outside. Canopies allowed.) Indoor space: 6' tables @ \$20, add electricity @ \$5.

\*This is a 1-day event.\* \*No Firearms, Ammunition or Alcoholic beverages will be allowed on premises for sale by sellers/vendors.\*

Todd Steffel – 608-315-0077 (Outside Sellers) Helene Stein - 608-343-3008 (Inside Sellers)

## Tomah American Legion Post 201

## **Presents 2022 Spring Fling** Car & Truck Show **SATURDAY, MAY 28, 2022**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine

3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each

row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row,

column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will

appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The

more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

**Tomah Winnebago Park** 

• 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (rain or shine)

· Registration 9:00 to 12:00 No Classes - Open to all years \$5 per show vehicle

 Dash Plaques to the 1st 30 entries Show Plague Awards to Car & Truck

· Door prizes, 50/50 cash award · Food & drink available

Todd Steffel 608-315-0077 for more information

## **Meetings**

- Board of Canvassers will convene on Mon., April 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice Center.
- ■The Sparta Area School District Board of Education will have their Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 12 at the Meadowview
- Monroe ■The Administration
- meet on Tue., April 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice Center.
- ■The Monroe Economic Justice Center.

# Wanted: YARD/CRAFT SELLERS

Tomah American Legion will be offering spaces to the

Outside spaces: 2 - Parking (8'w x 15'd) Spaces @ \$20.

Time of event: Saturday, May 7, 2022 8:00 - 4:00 \*Seller/Vendor setup starts at 6:00\*

For information please contact:

- Monroe County ■The
- Middle School Auditorium.
- Personnel Committee will
- County Development and Tourism Committee will meet on Thur., April 14, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the



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- 24. One from Damascus 28. Short message at the end of an email
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- oral region 31. Intestinal pouches
- 33. Boys and men
- 37. The 12th letter of the Greek alphabet

1. An involuntary muscular

## **CLUES DOWN**

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- 4. Sweet greenish fruit
- 5. Lends support to
- 7. Singer Di Franco
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- diffused in the atmosphere 9. Asserts to be the case
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26. Khoikhoi peoples 27. Infer from data

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- 13. Soviet Socialist Republic 19. Way to analyze video (abbr.)
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    - 63. A place to stay Answers on page 12

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# **OBITUARIES & NOTICES**

#### JAY MELVIN JANZEN

March 28, 2022

Janzen, 72, of Sparta, WI

passed away in his home March 2022. Jay was born in Marshall, was the son of the late



Jay Janzen

Melvin F. and JuliaAnn (Helgeson) Janzen, Sparta.

He is survived by his brothers Kie (Kathy) of Lakeville, MN, Roy (Liz) of Oshkosh, WI, brother-Michael in-law Knop of Whitefish Bay, WI, 7 nieces and nephews plus grandnephews grandnieces.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, DonnaRae Knop.

Jay graduated from Sparta High School in 1967. Jay was drafted (then enlisted) into the Army during the Vietnam War, serving as a Communications Specialist stationed in Hawaii. After the Army Jay spent a year living in Modesto, CA before returning to Sparta.

Jay was an avid outdoorsman who loved hunting, fishing, camping, canoeing/kayaking, traveling and anything outdoors. Jay earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He spent most of his

Listening sessions

be held Tuesday, April 26,

in Tomah and Sparta to

allow residents who are

enrolled in Medicare an

opportunity to voice concerns

to federal elected officials

about sometimes confusing

information that insurance

companies are sending about

The Aging and Disability

Resource Center of Monroe

County has received an

increase in calls from

consumers who are confused

by commercials, phone calls

and mail they are receiving,

according to a news release

Some have enrolled in

plans that don't cover the

doctors or medications they

the Medicare program.

Voice concerns

about Medicare

SPARTA - Jay Melvin spare time as an avid hunter and fisherman. Jay was very detailed, spending many hours fine-tuning his fishing and hunting equipment. He invented, created, and improved his outdoor gear to aid his outdoor adventures.

Jay retired in 2021 as owner of Janzen Tax and Financial Services, LLC in Tomah, WI. His attention to detail and precision served his clients well in their tax and financial management

Jay loved and cared for his parents in their later years. He was a proud Norwegian (mostly), often visiting his large extended family throughout Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and South Dakota. Jay was really in his element with a cup of coffee and a good story, either listening or telling, and laughing.

A memorial service to celebrate Jay's life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations should be made to a charity of your choice to honor Jay's life. The Torkelson Funeral Home of Sparta, WI, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be offered at www. torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

**Torkelson Funeral Home** 

use, offer fewer benefits than

what they have or require

a co-payment every time

they visit the doctor's office

where their old policy had

none. Others have canceled

retiree plans that have a more

benefits than Medicare offers.

Sen. Ron Johnson, U.S. Rep.

Ron Kind and U.S. Rep.

Tom Tiffany will be there

to listen to concerns that

anyone on Medicare would

like to express. The session

in Tomah will start at 1 p.m.

at the Kupper-Ratsch Senior

Center, 1002 Superior Ave.

The Sparta session starts at

3:30 p.m. at the American

Registration is not required.

Legion, 1116 Angelo Road.

Representatives from U.S.

comprehensive range

## JOAN F. GRABER

SPARTA - Joan F. Graber, at 80, of Sparta, died Tuesday,

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12 noon on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Sparta, with Father Eric Berns officiating. Burial will be in St Joseph's Catholic Cemetery

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. on Tuesday

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home Cremation, Sparta, with a 7:45 p.m. rosary and from 11 a.m. 12 noon on Wednesday at the church.

may be offered at www. schanhoferfh.com.

Funeral Home Sparta, Cremation, assisting the family with funeral arrangements.

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city as a welcoming central area of the city as well as an economic hub, and continued fiscal management with an eye towards the future in these ever-changing economic

City Alderman District 3

The unofficial results of the Sparta City Council District 3 election reveal Bruce Humphrey (incumbent) received 145 votes, while Carlos Holcomb received 85 votes. District 3 had the only race for city alderman.

Herald asked Humphrey what are the most pressing issues the city needs

to address? Humphrey stated, Critical repairs to the sewage treatment plant are progressing and should be completed this

and utility replacement will be done this year. We have a lot of streets and utilities that need replacement, but they are expensive and they are scheduled as the city can afford them.

I would like to see some park parking lots upgraded."

#### **TOMAH**

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the importance of 'finding' and revenues wherever you are able and to not be careless with finances, as things can change on a moment's notice. Murray concedes he juggles a busy schedule.

"While other responsibilities leave me little time for civic organizational involvement, I am willing to help wherever I am needed in the city to help make it a better place for those who live here, and those who visit."

Gomez will remain active as a Monroe County supervisor and has indicated he has not ruled out another run for Tomah mayor in two years.

**Tomah School Board** Rice and Newlun ran neck and neck for the two contested seats on the board. Incumbent Pam Buchda was seeking another term, but came up short. Of 3,720 votes cast Rice garnered 1,265, Newlun received 1,211. Buchda had 1.027 votes. Wayne Kling's name was on the ballot despite his sudden death just prior the election. Kling received 201

Longtime board member Gary Grovesteen opted not to seek another term after 40

vears on service. Buchda, Rice and Newlun all polled well in the city of Tomah. Buchda and Rice both received 518 votes, Newlun

Rice and Newlun distanced themselves from Buchda with good support in the townships of Tomah, LaGrange and Lincoln and the outlying townships overall. One can only speculate if Kling's votes would have swayed the final tally. The district will canvass votes April 11 for the official record.

Newlun outlined following goals leading up to the election.

Find ways to for resource

collaboration to address important issues. Support transparency as to how decisions are made. Bring experience for dealing

# RESULTS

Perry, and Tanya Morene

missed out by around 200 or more votes.

- Anthony Scholze: 2,113
- Todd Wells: 1,893
- Amy Lopez: 1,776
- Marla Leverich: 1,601

• Jason Perry: 1,541

April 5, 2022

April 5, 2022 at her home.

Appleton at a later time.

Online condolences

Lanham-Schanhofer

# **Bangor School Board** keeps the two incumbents

Interim Editor

Bangor School board member at large, Joanie Wilcox (incumbent) beat out Stephen Huffman. Wilcox received 460 votes, while Huffman received 238 votes.

this question before the election, here is what she had to say:

What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the school district needs to address and why? Teacher shortage, particularly for specialists. We are the smallest district in La Crosse County so we are competing for talent in a shrinking market. We currently have a great mix of veteran and young teachers that are so very important to our success.

can't be taken for granted.

How would you address the issues you described?

Competitive wages/benefits, a positive culture, time for collaboration and holding to our core values are all key to keeping BSD a great place for educators to share their craft.

Strong communication and transparency in our operations is important at all times so we can continue to offer programs and student support at a high level. A neighboring district is outlining massive cuts that will be necessary should their voters say "no" and I don't ever want to be in that position.

**Member from the South** 

In the unofficial tally for Bangor School Board member from the South, Shelly Piske Young. Piske received 468 votes, while Young received

The Herald asked Piske these questions before the election, here is what she had to say:

What are the most pressing issues (no more than three), you think the school district needs to address and why? 1) The teacher shortage is very troubling for school district. Without teachers we have no education. The shortage may be driven from early retirement, fatigue or pay.

2) As our facilities age some major repairs coming up need to be kept on the radar. The keeping up on building safety for our students, the inner utilities of our buildings and the roof on our middle high school.

3) The growth that is happening right now. How do we handle the growth that is happening in Rockland and Bangor? We love to see growth but we need to be ready to handle the growth.

How would you address the issues you described? The staff need to feel appreciated; we need to take the concerns and work to find middle ground to keep our staff happy as well as our taxpayers happy.

We are doing a facilities study now and will be working with the community on a plan to handle the major repairs and the growth coming

forward. All of these take time and patience and will be important to make the best fiscal decisions possible while keeping our great staff at Bangor. Making Bangor a

go to district now and in the

future. The meeting of the Board of Canvassers of the School District of Bangor will be held today April 7, 2022, at 3:30p.m at 700 10th Ave. S. Bangor, WI (Bangor Middle/ High School) in the board meeting room.

# **Sparta Area School District Superintendent situation**

Interim Editor

have indicated Sam Russ, current principal at Sparta High School, as the 'Interim superintendent'. However, that title appears to be incorrect at this time. Russ himself said, "I have

not been given that title by anyone. Yes, any district related

questions are coming to me, but I have not been given the title of 'Interim Superintendent'."

The district received a letter last Thursday from current superintendent, Dr. Amy Van Deuren, stating that she would be out of the office temporarily due to personal reasons. Russ said the district has received no word of how long Dr. Amy Van Deuren will be out of the

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The official Canvass of the Election Returns will be held

on Monday, April 11, 2022, at 9 am at 900 East Montgomery Street, Sparta, WI in the conference room. • John Hendricks: 2,134

- Pat McKenna: 1,798
- •Tanya Morene: 1,537

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#### challenging controversial issues which

and with confidence.

Special education a priority for Newlun. Within two years Newlun would like to see a school counselor hired for each grade level from sixth through 12th. Newlun wants a "very clear

plan" Tomah School District

will help ensure those issues

are dealt with professionally

infrastructure. "Children are being transported to different schools for after school sports because there are conflicts with scheduling gym use and available time,"Newlun said. "Schools are becoming outdated and the classroom size and space are no longer conducive to number of

Newlun would like to see a

new middle school. Rice noted the following

goals prior the election. The board recently made the decision to use some ESSER funds to implement a new program that will train teachers to assess and intervene for these students using the RTI process. While lifting the quarantine rules would have largely prevented a portion of this problem, there is an essential need to explore the future of exactly how to

Rice would like to see improvement in the relationships between the staff, administration, families, the board and the community and cultivate an atmosphere that attracts and supports excellent teachers and staff.

remedy this issue, Rice said.

"There are other issues that I believe need to be addressed, but regardless of the issue, every vote I make on the school board will be made by first asking the question, how does this benefit the students' education and well-being,' Rice said.

# (Continued from Front Page)

**PUBLIC** 

time to put management and administration on the menu of

budget cuts.' Sparta resident Marsha Leppen said, "The schools need to be supported, if

there is a way to revisit the referendum that did not pass by less than 40 votes, I would urge you to do so." Others that talked in the public session were Laura

Cole, JoAnn Hagen, Cody Morrow and more. The Sparta Area School District Board of Education

will have its Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12, at the Meadowview Middle School Auditorium.

# By KYLE EVANS Member At Large In the unofficial tally for

**Cashton School** 

**Board election** 

Nick Brueggen (incum-

bent) and Kathy Flock tallied

the most votes for Cashton

School Board and will receive

seats on the board. Brueggen

had 535 votes, Flock had 410

votes, while Amanda Schulz

Garcia had 370 votes and

Flock and Brueggen will

Shelly Harris had 214 votes.

each receive 3 year terms.

By KYLE EVANS Interim Editor

The Herald asked Wilcox

Operating Referendums,

we have had very good support from our community in the past when we've gone to referendum to exceed the imposed revenue limit. This takes voter confidence and

Teacher shortage:

**Operating Referendums**:

(incumbent) beat out Mandi

By KYLE EVANS

Recently several sources

# Letters to the Editor



# This isn't about you — get vaccinated

Dear Editor

In the late '40s and '50s, polio disabled about 35,000 people a year, most of whom were children. My cousin Anita, who contracted polio when she was 2, was one of the lucky ones because it only affected her left leg. Others we knew weren't so lucky.

Summers for Anita meant another round of surgery and being

Summers for Anita meant another round of surgery and being in a cast and a wheelchair. To prevent her unaffected right leg from growing too much longer than the left, doctors broke every growth plate in that leg. Doctors inserted a permanent metal rod in her left leg so she could walk, and there were numerous surgeries to correct the deformity in her left foot and ankle. When she recovered from a surgery, she had to wear a heavy metal and leather leg brace — think Forrest Gump. Anita was in her early teens when the doctors had finally done all they could for her.

In 1955, when the Sauk vaccine became available, my parents couldn't wait for me to get my first polio shot and I admit to being scared silly. The entire school was lined up by grade alphabetically and those of us at the end of the alphabet got to watch all the crying kids in front of us get their shots. The syringe they used then was the size and shape of an Atlas rocket, but it did the job.

When the COVID vaccine was approved, I was so ready for it. I'd heard from friends who'd already gotten their shots that I'd probably feel really lousy for a day afterwards, and I did with each shot. Feel lousy for a day or get sick and possibly die? Not a tough choice.

COVID was officially declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020, and is still taking lives and wreaking havoc on families and businesses. Fully vaccinated people are getting COVID and people who've had COVID are getting it again. Why? Because only 65.5% of Americans are fully vaccinated, meaning each of the 114 million unvaccinated is a walking viral mutation factory. Every new variant puts us at greater risk of ever reaching herd immunity, of ever getting back to normal.

Most who claim, "It's my right to not be vaccinated," haven't had to worry about measles or polio or diphtheria because they were routinely vaccinated for these diseases as children. It makes no sense that people who wouldn't think twice about running into a burning building to save a puppy won't get a shot to save their own lives.

We used to trust science and were willing to get a jab if it meant

we could stop polio, and we did. Because we were vaccinated then, we aren't dealing with polio now, except in small pockets of the unvaccinated.

This ign't about politics it's about public health. This ign't

This isn't about politics, it's about public health. This isn't about you, it's about us, and your decision to be unvaccinated is literally killing people. If you want to stop the COVID variants and truly get back to normal, just get the shots.

Danell Sulik Kendall

#### New Years resolution broken

Dear Editor:

Gosh, I made it all the way to April before I broke my New Year's Resolution never to answer another Bob Janovick letter, especially with the new rules of only one letter per month. However, his latest and greatest made me laugh so loud and long, the cats scattered to opposite ends of the house, I peed my pants, and my husband looked at me like I was losing it, which in some respects I was. I did change my pants, though.

Oh Bob....were you trying to be obtuse? Do you not think your Humpty Dumpty quote applies more to the five years we had to put up with the 45th president's daily falsehoods? Or his continuing denial of his loss to Joe Biden? So much more than it applies to Kentaji Brown Jackson, who is a brilliant legal scholar and jurist, and more than merits the vote of every single Senator? But the preening Republicans on the Judiciary Committee played foolish games with their questions that basically blew up in their faces. Particularly Lindsay Graham who voted to confirm her a year ago for United States Circuit Judge in DC, but simply had the vapors about the treatment of the last three nominees, and voted against her this year. The Senate confirmed her three previous times for lesser judicial appointments. She is "supremely" more qualified than the last three Trump nominees to the Supreme Court, and she will be confirmed. That will be a good thing for our country, and for the court.

One more point. You said you only listened to "portions" of the hearings. You must have watched the showboating republicans with glee, but you missed the part where Jackson Brown stated that "new laws are the purpose of Congress, not the judiciary". Also, did you miss republican Senator Ben Sasse's rebuke of the showboating? It was in response to a question about having cameras in the Supreme Court, and his stand against that. "We should recognize that the jackassery we often see around here is partly because of people mugging for short-term camera opportunities." Well said.

Maria Lichter Cashton

**Governor Evers' fails to help rural EMS**Dear Editor:

On March 31 Governor Evers vetoed SB 89; this legislation would have aided struggling rural EMS agencies across the state. This bill would have made the requirement for the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) testing for Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) optional.

The NREMT certification allows all levels of EMS personnel to operate in other states. In my case, as with many other volunteers, we have no desire to work in another state; we just want to help our rural communities.

The concern that removing the NREMT would lessen the standards for EMS personnel in the state of Wisconsin is unwarranted. The State Department of Human Services ensures that all EMS personnel in the state are trained to the high standards required to perform the tasks required. The abilities of EMS provider's qualifications should be left up to the Service director of the local ambulance service. This person will ensure all EMS personnel who work for the service are qualified and current in their capabilities. Should they wish to require their personnel to take and pass the NREMT, that should be their decision!

Governor Evers' veto of SB 89 is tragic for the residents of rural Wisconsin; it will only make the problem of getting and keeping qualified EMS personnel worse.

and keeping qualified EMS personnel worse.

Raye Walz

Kendall



Jared Smith (left), of Cataract, gets his ID checked at the Town of Little Falls town hall to cast his vote on Tuesday. Poll workers included Sharon Jacobson (middle) and Carolyn Stuessel (right).

# 9th grade Sparta honor rolls High Honor Roll: Daniela Thompson, Zachary J. Tre

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After four successful passages of Operating Referendum since 2007 Sparta Area School District's \$4.2 million Operating Referendum FAILS!

**Sparta, WI** • The voters have spoken. After four previous Operating Referenda for the Sparta Area School District passed by the voters since 2007, last night the voters turned down this \$4.2 million proposal. The unofficial tally was 1,936 No to 1,897 Yes votes. Sparta Citizens for Real Progress Committee (SCRPC) trusts the school board will now listen to the majority voters and actively seek to set examples of better spending for our children.

We commend our opponents for the vigorous campaign they put up but remain thankful the majority voters saw a better way than spending \$2.1 million annually for the next two years.

The committee thanks all those Sparta citizens who went door-to-door passing out fliers and putting up yard signs, to the those who worked the phones and to those who financially contributed to get our message out. We see this vote as a step toward real progress in our community for most families and households.

It's time for the school board, administration and teachers to get serious about providing a quality education at more affordable costs. Their patten of rapidly increased spending over the last seven years, documented during our campaign (with rapidly increased property taxes), and with such poor academic scores (finding us in the lower 50% of all Wisconsin schools) has proven that "more resources" is not the answer. Someone in the district needs to lead in finding how to better use the generous resources that taxpayers already provide them and to provide higher quality educations to the children of Sparta.

We intend on staying organized and with available resources will work to educate the large number of voters who didn't turn out last night. If the school board tries this foolish high-dollar proposal again in August, we will be ready to mobilize even more voters and hope to beat them by an even greater margin at that time. And if they won't lead children to a higher quality education, we will commit to helping interested parents look for a better educational alternative for their children.

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# St. Pat's Archery Team scores highest bullseye in their divisions

St. Patrick's School in Sparta recorded the highest bullseye team score, in the Wisconsin DNRs State National Archery in the Schools Program tournament, for the elementary and middle school divisions.

Held virtually between March 11th and 27th, 12-hundred competed archers with teammates from their homes or nearby schools. Tatum Weir and Casey Grunseth, juniors from Gilman, were the top female and bullseye tournament scorers. Cadott High School had the highest bullseye score in the high school division.

The National Archery in the Schools Program tournament is normally held annually in the Wisconsin Dells.



Front row-Kamron Rouse, Shelby Schwarz, Hudson Nading, Kai Jacobson, Ian Puzach, Ellee Miller, Michael Gallucci Jr., Jackson Schwarz, Jackson Wenthold. Middle-Jacob DelaRosa, Parker Benish, Joceyln Jacobson, Amaya Nastor-Middleman, Ellee Schanhofer, Meisha Hostetler, Matthew Bores, Teddi Nastor, Hera Kim, Noah DuCharme. Back-Aiden Schumacher, Camryn Schwarz, Blake Wenthold, Joe Maciosek, Eleanor Paulsen, Allie Martinson, Devin Leis, Cadin Leis, Olivia Bores, Kaden Olivares, Madysen Schwarz, Jack Schanhofer, Trygve Schanhofer. Contributed photo



## St. John's March Students of the Month

Tayden (8th grade); Haley (6th grade); Gabriel (4th grade); Wendy (3rd grade); Reece (1st grade); Emmett (Kindergarten). Contributed photo

# Report shows children's financial hardship

In 2019, 468,453 children in Wisconsin — 38% of all children — lived in a household with income below the ALICE Threshold Financial Survival, according to a report. These households have incomes that don't meet the basic costs of

housing, child care, health care, transportation and a smartphone plan.

According to the ALICE Income (Asset Limited, Constrained, Employed) report, 73% of Black children, 57% of Hispanic children in Wisconsin lived in households below the ALICE threshold, compared to 42% of Asian children and 29% of white

The report finds traditional

number of children of all races ages 18 and younger in Wisconsin who are growing up in financially insecure households.

While 12% of all children in the state were deemed in 64% of American Indian/ measures of poverty have poverty in 2019, the report of children who are at risk can

families defined as ALICE. ALICE households earn more than the federal poverty level, but less than what it costs to live and work in the modern economy.

"Undercounting the number Alaska Native children and severely undercounted the shows that 26% lived in have lifelong consequences," said Charlene Mouille, United

Way of Wisconsin executive director. "Thousands of children are locked out of receiving critical supports for stable housing, food and quality education, all of which can inhibit healthy child development."

Because ALICE households often earn too much to qualify for public assistance, the report finds that just over 297,000 at-risk children didn't access the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or SNAP. SNAP coverage of children below the ALICE threshold varied among neighboring states, from 29% in Minnesota to 42% in Illinois; Wisconsin fell in the middle at 37%.

Other findings:

- Having two working parents didn't guarantee financial stability: 20% of Wisconsin's children lived in a home with two working adults whose income didn't meet the cost of basic needs in 2019.
- Among households below the ALICE threshold, families of Black children had the lowest homeownership rate at 9% in comparison with 59% of families of white and Asian children.
- More than 132,000 children in households earning below the ALICE Threshold had no high-speed internet access at home.

"Having accurate. complete data is the foundation for designing equitable solutions," said United For ALICE National Director Stephanie Hoopes. "COVID-19 hit ALICE families so much harder than others because they struggle to build savings yet often don't qualify for financial

assistance." According to the research, 32% of Wisconsin families below the ALICE threshold reported in the fall of 2021 that their children "sometimes or often" didn't have enough to eat. While this was less common in higher-income households, a substantial 14% of respondents above the Threshold also struggled to afford food for their children.

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# Tomah's Johnson pitches no-hitter; offense unloads on on Aquinas in 24-0 blowout

By MAURICE SAVAGE Sports Writer

Tomah softball

Maddie Johnson pitched a fantastic game on Tuesday, pitching a no-hitter as the Timberwolves were able to shut out Aquinas in a 24-0 victory.

Johnson fanned 9 across the five inning affair and walked just one. Behind the junior pitcher, the defense played error free to keep the Blugolds disadvantaged all game long.

do no wrong. During the first inning, the Timberwolves scored 9 runs on 6 hits and 1 error.

Offensively, Tomah could

Hannah Van Treese led off with a free trip to first after taking a pitch to the body. Olivia Wall then singled a bunt to third base. Lauren Noth followed with a single on a bunt to third base to load the bases. A wallop by Maddie Johnson ended in a double the visiting Timberwlves a 3-0

Libby Mathison took first on an error, then stole second to move to scoring position.

Kennedy Noth lined a double to left field to score

Johnson and Mathison.

would Kennedy Noth eventually move to third and score on a wild pitch. Asha Eckelberg drove in another run and a triple by Wall produced the last two runs of the frame.

In the second inning Timberwolves were able to hit five singles.

Lauren Noth hit a double that drove home two runs rece inning in the second and returned in the third to belt out a grand slam to lift Tomah to a 20-0 lead.

The junior wasn't done, however as she drove in two

more in the fourth and walked in her final at-bat.

Tomah scored 2 runs in each of the final two innings, the last of which came on a Wall

Lauren Noth had four hits and tallied 8 total RBI.

Wall went 3-3 and RBI. produced Kennedy Noth finished with three hits and three runs.

Other multi-hit include Van players Treese with 3 hits and Eckelberg with a pair of hits and 2 RBI.

Tomah ended with 4 stolen bases. Kennedy and Lauren Noth each had one as did Mathison and Mackenzie Kohn. Tomah's contest

Holmen tonight, April 7 has been postponed due to weather. The Timberwolves are

scheduled to play at La Crosse Central on Monday, April 11.

HIT PARADE

Tomah finished with 19 total hits in Tuesday's slugfest at Aquinas.

Lauren Noth ended with 8 total RBI after going 3-4 at the plate. Noth hit a pair of doubles and also a grand

Madison Johnson pitched a not-hitter in Tuesday's win at Aquinas. Johnson struck out 9 and walked just one batter in the team's first win of the year.



Tomah's Lauren Noth went 4-5 with a pair of doubles and a grand slam in Tuesday's 24-0 win at Aquinas. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media. Illustrations by Logan Everson

# THROUGH MY LENS

# Save it for a rainy day

By NATE BEIER Sports Reporter

it's not new news, but it's raining outside. This week, last the

I know

last two, have produced

plenty of precipitation, and thus, has all but halted the spring sports season for the next few days.

Sure, think it's ridiculous to think

playing base/ softball in the spring is a good idea. The fact that you can't get into a scheduling rhythm isn't just hard on the athletic directors and fans who are scrambling to figure out each day's schedule, but it's nearly impossible to expect players to actually grow and develop the right way when you play for two days and then stop for half a week.

However, I'm going to force myself to refrain from discussing the alternatives to our current spring season format. I want to, and I will again, but instead I want to focus on something else. After all, if I want real high school base/softball, all I have to do is wait until late May when Iowa starts playing their high school schedule. Their May/ June/July schedule allows their kids to actually progress properly and it happens in predictable weather with sunshine and grilled meat to

Today I want to talk about what to do with our rainy days

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# Ballaane Sparta suffers

season-opening loss as Central offense lights up dreary afternoon

By NICK LEONARDELLI Sports Writer

> After a delayed start to the 2022 season, the Sparta softball team finally took the field for the first game of the season on Tuesday, April 5.

Sparta's first opponent: La Crosse Central. Despite taking a pair of losses prior to Tuesday's meeting with Sparta, the Central Riverhawks showed no signs of throwing in the towel as the team combined for 18 runs on 13 hits in a three-inning contest.

Play began on the overcast afternoon with an intermittent light rain falling. Central made its own rain storm happen by knocking out 10 hits and scoring 11 runs in the first inning. The visitors added four runs in the second and third

Sparta struggled at the plate, mustering just 4 hits in the shortened affair.

Hallie Burton singled in the second and scored on a walk later in the inning. Emma Blackdeer led off the third with an inside-the-park homerun. The team would score its last run on a Madisynn Bolen single and would strand one batter on the bases to end the game.

Central claimed an 18-3 win to improve to 1-2 on the year while Sparta moves to 0-1.

Burton went 2-2 with a double. Teammate Emma Blackdeer went 1-2 with an inside-the-park home run. Finally, Payton Jones went 1-2 at the plate accounting for one of Sparta's four hits in the game.

Bolen allowed 11 hits in two innings of work. Elivia Shepherd gave up 2 hits and struck out one in the third inning.

Central's Carmen Peterson picked up the win after striking out 5 and walking 3.

Sparta is set to play at Richland Center Friday, weather permitting. The Spartans will travel to G-E-T Monday and will host Onalaska Thursday.



**BANGOR SOFTBALL Defending** 

**SBC champs** quell Cashton

By ZACH RASTALL Sports Writer

The defending Scenic Bluffs champion Bangor softball team is hoping to make it three conference championships in a row in 2022. That repeat bid for the Cardinals this spring got off to a strong start in their season opener.

Bangor (1-0 overall, 1-0 Scenic Bluffs) slugged its way to an 8-1 victory over rival Cashton (1-2, 0-1) to kick off the 2022 campaign Monday, April 4 in Cashton.

In the top of the first, Bangor's Émma Fortier drew a walk, stole a base and then was driven in Madelyn England's RBI single. The Eagles responded in the bottom of the first with three straight singles by Grace Leis, Taylor Lukaszewski and Chelsie Paulsen to start the inning that brought Leis around to score to knot the score at 1-1.

However, Bangor starting pitcher Aliyah Langrehr set the next three batters down in order to get out of the jam without any further damage. From there, the Cardinals seized control.

Bangor scored two runs in the second inning, one run in the third, three runs in the fourth and a final run in the sixth to push its lead out to 8-1. The Cardinals wound up with six extrabase hits in the game.

Madeline Janisch finished 3 for 4 for Bangor with a home run, a double, 2

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Sparta's Emma Blackdeer takes a cut during her first at-bat of Tuesday's game with La Crosse Central. Blackdeer belted out an inside-the-park home run in her second at-bat during the third inning of the season opener. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



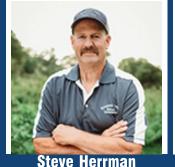
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**SPARTA BASEBALL** 

# **Spartans** build lead at Viroqua

By ZACH RASTALL

Sports Writer

A busy first half of the week for the Sparta baseball team. The team started with a game Monday against conference rival La Crosse Central followed by a non-conference bout with Viroqua.

Monday, the Spartans welcomed the Riverhawks to their home field. The Spartans didn't see any home-field magic. Central came to Sparta and left with an 11-2 victory.

Sparta gave up 11 runs on 11 hits. The Spartan pitching also gave up 11 walks to the Riverhawks. Sparta's offense brought in their two runs on just four hits in the game. With their first conference match ending in a loss, the Spartans needed some short memory with their next game against Viroqua the day after.

Sparta indeed had a short memory, as the Spartan batmen bounced back by taking a 2-0 lead early on at Viroqua on Tuesday, April 5. The game was stopped after the top of the second inning due to weather. It is unsure, for now, if the game will be continued on a later date or canceled.

In the short game, the Spartans held Viroqua scoreless in the first, with it being Viroqua's only chance at the plate. Sparta mustered up their two runs in the second. Tucker Smith knocked in JD Olson with a single to left after Olson singled in his atbat before and reached second after an error by Viroqua's

Isaac Rettler knocked in Smith with a single right field extending the lead to 2. For now, the two runs give Sparta the win. The team improves to 1-2 on the season. Their game Thursday against La Crosse Logan has been rescheduled for May 10th. Sparta's next game will be Friday, April 8th against Black River Falls at

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RBIs and 4 runs scored. Janisch stole home in the second inning and crossed the plate again in the third inning on a double by sister Ella Janisch.

The fourth inning at-bat yielded an RBI double for the elder Janisch who then went on to score after a double by Gabby Schroeder.

The senior finished her day at the plate in the sixth inning

with a leadoff home run. England went 3 for 4 with a double and 2 RBIs.

England drove in a run in the first and added another in the bottom of the fourth on a double. The senior's last at-bat produced a single.

In the circle, Langrehr pitched all 7 innings, notched 6 strikeouts and surrendered just the lone run on 6 hits and

3 walks. For Cashton, Paulsen finished 2 for 3 with a walk and an RBI. Ella Brueggen and Sydney Helgerson each

smacked a double as well for the Eagles.

#### AROUND THE SBC Hillsboro slapped Royall

with a 10-1 loss Monday afternoon in the Tigers' season Freshman Mackenzie

Woodhouse pitched HHS to victory with 6 strikeouts and 4 hits allowed. topped Necedah New

Lisbon 8-7 to kick off league

Necedah's Hailee Horak laid a bunt to set up the game winning run in the bottom of

the seventh. An error in the field allowed Val Williams to score for the win. Ithaca topped New Lisbon

Tuesday 10-6. Bangor's games Thursday

at Hillsboro are cancelled as are Monday's contests against New Lisbon. The Cardinals are set to host Neillsville on Tuesday, April 12. Cashton is set to play at Brookwood Monday afternoon.

**BANGOR BASEBALL** 

# Michek tallies 13Ks; **Cardinals top Cashton in SBC opener**

By ZACH RASTALL Sports Writer

The Bangor baseball team heads into this 2022 season looking for a third consecutive Scenic Bluffs title. That quest got off to a solid start in the team's conference opener against rival Cashton.

The Cardinals (2-0 overall, 1-0 Scenic Bluffs) were able to take advantage of a slew of errors from the Eagles (2-1, 0-1) to pick up a 7-1 victory when the two sides clashed Monday, April 4 in Cashton.

After two scoreless innings, Bangor got on the board in the third when Chase Horstman drove in Samuel Cropp with an

RBI single and Ashton Michek scored on an error. In the bottom of the fifth, Michek drove in Cropp with an RBI double and came around to score again on another error to push the Bangor advantage to 4-0.

In the sixth, Eli Tucker got home on an error, Bryce Peterson scored on Cropp's RBI groundout and Michek scored for a third time on a Cashton error as the Cardinals went ahead 7-0.

In the top of the seventh, the Eagles got themselves on the board when Gavvn Wuerzberger was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. This left the bases still loaded with only one out, but Horstman who came on in relief for the seventh - snuffed out the potential rally to secure the win.

Michek, Horstman and Evan Wolfe each got a hit for Bangor, who drew a combined six walks as a team. Presley Brueggen went 2 for 4 at the plate to lead Cashton, while Connor Butzler and Ethan Schmitz also each collected a hit.

Michek was the winning pitcher after blanking the Eagles, surrendering just 3 hits and a walk and punching out 13 in 6 innings of work. Cashton's Bowdy Dempsey went 5 innings, giving up 4 unearned runs on 3 hits and 3 walks while striking out 7.

**BROOKWOOD BASEBALL** 

# Falcons slug way to win at W-C

By ZACH RASTALL Sports Writer

Early this week, the Brookwood Falcons kicked off the 2022 baseball season with games on back-to-back nights, which they managed

First up for the Falcons (1-1 overall, 1-0 Scenic Bluffs) was a dominating 16-1 victory over the Wonewoc-Center Wolves (0-1, 0-1) in a Scenic Bluffs matchup Monday, April 4 in Wonewoc. The mercy rule came into effect after the completion of the fifth

In the win for Brookwood, Nate DeWitt went 3 for 3 with 4 runs scored and 2 RBIs while Evan Klinkner finished 2 for 5 with 2 RBIs and a run scored.

On the mound, Franklin Wildes pitched innings, striking out eight while allowing a single run on 4 hits and a walk. Evan Wang pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings in relief, during which he struck out four and allowed a hit.

The following evening, the Westby Norsemen (2-0) got the better of the Falcons in a 12-0 non-conference win Tuesday, April 5 at the Woodside Sports Complex in Mauston.

Klinkner doubled in the first. Franklin Wildes and Payton Havlik singled.



Brookwood's Payton Havlik slides across home to score during Monday's season opener at Wonewoc-Center. Brookwood won 16-0 in a five inning contest. Herald photo by Tasha Mueller.

**BROOKWOOD SOFTBALL** 

# Pair of losses mar Brookwood's season start

By ZACH RASTALL Sports Writer

The 2022 season is now underway for the Brookwood softball team. With a couple of games officially in the books, the Falcons will need to keep looking for their

In the season opener, the Wonewoc-Center Wolves (1-0 overall, 1-0 Scenic Bluffs) tallied an 11-1 win over Brookwood (0-2, 0-1) in a conference clash Monday, April 4 in Wonewoc.

The Wolves built up a 9-0 lead going into the sixth inning, where Kristin Berg got the Falcons' first hit of the game. She would later advance to second on a fielder's choice and then scored on an error to get Brookwood on the board.

However, Wonewoc-Center scored twice more in the bottom half of the inning to bring the mercy rule into

The next night, the Falcons suffered a heartbreaking 4-3 non-conference loss to Adams-Friendship (2-0) Tuesday, April 5 in Adams. Brookwood held a lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning, but the Green Devils rallied to pick up a walk-off win.

Tucker Smith knocked in JD Olson with a single to left after Olson singled in his at-bat before and reached second after an error by Viroqua's pitcher.

Isaac Rettler knocked in Smith with a single right field extending the lead to 2. For now, the two runs give Sparta the win. The team improves to 1-2 on the season. Their game Thursday against La Crosse Logan has been rescheduled for May 10th. Sparta's next game will be Friday, April 8th against Black River Falls at Sparta.



Sparta's Hallie Burton fields a ball at third during the first inning of Tuesday's season opener with La Crosse Central. Burton finished with 2 hits in the 18-3 loss. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

#### (BEIER) cont. from pg 7

as I try to wait out this rain

delay and get into some sort of reliable schedule myself this spring. I know that these 'days

off' are few and far between once the sun actually dries everything out. I have made it a point to take advantage

You see, I draw. I've drawn.

of my 'free time' (in between design projects) to return to my roots - art.

I drew. I draw. It was my first love as a kid and it's a skill I use on the daily for some aspect of my design work, but I need to keep up by doing work that's just for me.

I've taken plenty of time in-between basketball and spring stuff to sit down and get lost in the marks a pen can make. There's nothing like being surprised as the hours disappear with my head in a

sketchbook. The practice is

refreshing and energizing. To

create something from nothing

- that's special.

I tell people often that I'm involved with sports because of photography the dynamic action, the storytelling, the colors - all stuff I gravitate towards because of the influence comic books have had on me for the past 30 years. Comics have all the things that a sports contest have - people in peak physical shape performing dramatic body movements wearing color-coded apparel.

me. We all did that sort of thing

while My point is that I'm using these rain days to take time for

at home in the early days of the COVID-19 pandemic, but do we remember to continue to take care of ourselves now? Sports are coming and when

when we were supposed to stay

they come, they'll come hard and fast and then disappear as summer rolls in. For now, I urge you to join

me in smelling the roses. Rain days aren't a curse, they're an opportunity to stop and assess, to stop and reset, to create or build or read or to do something that will feed your soul in that special way.

# **TOMAH SOCCER** Garvink, Tomah pitch shutout in season's first 'W'

By NATE BEIER Sports Writer

Winrich Junior Ryley scored a pair of goals in a 5-0 win against Menomonie on Tuesday, April 5.

The win was the first for the Tomah girls soccer program under new head coach Kjetil

Chilly temperatures and bouts of rain weren't enough to stop the Timberwolves offense. Four different players scored in the non-conference

Tomah improves to 1-1 on the season after dropping its season opener on Friday, April 1 to Sauk Prairie 6-1. Tomah is expected to

play at Reedsburg at 5 p.m. today, April 7 and will start Mississippi Valley Conference action on Tuesday, April 12 with a road game at Aquinas.

#### **TOMAH BASEBALL**

# Four-run second not enough for Tomah batmen

By MAURICE SAVAGE Sports Writer

The Tomah baseball team struggled to maintain their offense after an early outburst in Monday's league opener at Aquinas. The Blugolds tallied six runs in the second inning to take an 8-2 en route to a 17-4 defeat of the Timberwolves in

five innings. All four of Tomah's runs

came in the second inning. With one out, Benny Pierce doubled and eventually scored

the first run on a passed ball. Tanner Mathias singled and went on to score on a single by

Drew Brookman. Charlie Joyce, who walked just ahead of Brookman's at-bat, joined the latter in crossing the plate after a 2RBI single by Josh Georgeson as

Tomah went up 4-2. Brookman with two hits and one run. Shane Prielipp had one hit. Georgeson finished with two

Brookman pitched for 2.1 innings, he struck out 3 and allowed 5 hits and 10 runs. Hunter Miller pitched for 1.2 innings, striking out 3 and

allowing 7 runs on 5 hits. Aquinas finished with 10 hits, four for extra bases.

# SPORTS SCHEDULES



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# Foundation helps Tomah Lions purchase SPOT device

The Etzenmueller Foundation helped the Tomah Lions Club purchase a new SPOT device for eye screening in area schools. Eye screening is conducted every year by the Tomah Lions as a service to the Tomah School District. Other districts can utilize the camera as well for eye screening during the school year. Tomah Lions members Don and Gwen Nelson (holding the camera) are pictured with Foundation facilitator Pete Reichardt (middle). Contributed photo



## Sparta Robotans team Left to right, by faces: Abbigail (Abbi) Brixt, Charlie Anderson, Hayley Oswald, Kaelan

Sharp, Lucy Schwarz, Christopher Wells, Josh Schmitz, Mathew Ward, Christian Perez, Charles Anderson, Shealan Settles, Derek Poss, Ciara Settles, Nathan Puzach. Not Pictured Irene Cho and Jaddan Schwarz.

#### **Sparta Robotans come home 2<sup>nd</sup>** On March 23-26 the Robotans came home as 2nd

Sparta Robotans (The Sparta Robotics team) had some success in Cedar Falls Iowa at the FIRST Iowa Regional. The team earned rank 14 of 45 competing teams. The

place finalists.

The following weekend

they had a regional event in LaCrosse in which they ranked 24 out of 47 teams; they also came home 2<sup>nd</sup> place

finalists at this event.

Coach Austin Lee said, "For a team that had never competed in a real regional before this year, becoming finalists in back to back regionals, they did amazing."

# **New state** law aimed at emergency responder safety

According to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, a new state law emphasizes that drivers must provide a safe work zone for emergency responders on the roads. The new, Act 115, aims to

protect first responders by banning cell phone use in an emergency response area and creating new penalties for drivers who injure or kill a worker on the side of the road. The goal is to reduce distracted driving improve safety for drivers and workers.

Wisconsin Act 115 defines an emergency or roadside response area as the section of road within 500 feet of an authorized emergency vehicle with a visible signal, or a tow truck with flashing red lights.

## **PENALTIES**

Fines double for certain traffic violations where crews are working on:

- •Highway maintenance Construction
- Utility work
- •Emergency response
- •Roadside response
- If a driver causes bodily

harm to a worker, they may be fined up to \$10,000 or jailed nine months, or both. A court may also order 100 to 200 hours of community service and mandatory traffic school. **CELL PHONE USE** 

#### The law states drivers

cannot use a handheld phone while passing through a highway maintenance or construction area, or in a utility work area or emergency or roadside response area. Previously the use of cell phones was banned in construction zones. The only exception is to report an emergency. Using a voice-operated or hands-free device is allowed. MOVE **OVER** 

#### SLOW DOWN The emergency response

improves law protections for first responders to supplement the state's Move Over Law. Drivers are required to move out of the lane closest to an emergency vehicle with its lights flashing. Drivers must slow down if they cannot move over. Learn more at http://

wisconsindot.gov/Pages/ safety/education/emergencyarea/default.aspx

The NCAA March madness bracket challenge finished up Monday evening with Kansas defeating North Carolina. The winner of the bracket challenge was Harold Oaks of Cashton, second place was Ross O'Neil of Sparta, and third place was Ken Becker of Sparta. Thank you to all who participated. On the advertising side, Sears of Sparta won the top prize of \$250 in advertising and VIP Realty of Tomah got second with a \$150 advertising credit. Thank you to all the sponsors and all the entrants in the Herald's

March Madness contest.



Harold Oaks (left) of Cashton, accepts \$250 from Kyle Evans for his 1st place win.



Ross O'Neil (left) of Sparta, accepts \$150 from Kyle Evans for his 2<sup>nd</sup> place win.



Ken Becker (left) of Sparta, accepts \$100 from Jeff Harvey for his 3rd place win.

#### County Board seats election results

By KYLE EVANS Interim Editor

In the County Board election

results, the voters have seated

Board of Supervisors. The new faces include Jason Jandt, David Kuderer, Zachariah

6 new faces to the County

Esterline, and Doug Rogalla. The graph below shows

Zebell, Todd Sparks, Joey

each district and their results

Monroe County averaged

and also voter turnout.

a 31.22% voter turnout with

the highest voter turnout percentage in Monroe County, at 51.11%. The lowest voter

for County Board supervisor the Village of Melvina having turnout percentage came from

followed closely by the Village of Warrens at 12.71%

the Town of Byron at 12.58%,

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# **Bear Creek** News

by Pat Christensen 608-372-6207



Doris Kelley visited Ken and Sue Olsen on Friday. The Olsens worked

at the American Legion on Friday evening for the Fish Fry. Joey and Jodi Mosher from Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, spent the

weekend with Bonnie Hedding. Sue Olsen and Doris Kelley took Shirley Nauman and friend Jean to lunch on Saturday.

John Blija visited the Olsens on Saturday.

Alicia Waltemath from Wyeville visited Bonnie Hedding and house guests Joey and Jodi Mosher on Saturday.

Bonnie Hedding visited her mom, Kate Batten, at Shennington on Sunday.

The Olsens met Chuck and Kim Zimmerman from Edgerton in Hillsboro on Sunday at the brewery restaurant for lunch.

Randy and Alica Waltemath from Wyeville visited Bonnie Hedding on Sunday evening.

Cardell Emily and from Wisconsin Rapids, Joe and Cara Potter, Grandad and Gram Christensen from Rome and Adella Bauman from Oakdale left Friday morning for DeWitt Michigan. Friday evening all of us were dinner guests of Emily's parents John and Mary Felzke.

Emily Potter was guest of honor at a baby shower on Saturday, Cara, Gram and Adella attended, along with relatives and friends. The mom to be got many lovely gifts.

Sunday, grandson Cardell picked Grandad and Gram up and we spent the day touring the Felzke farm. Looking at their big machinery the new baby calves, etc. They were boiling down maple syrup and we got to watch that. Was a nice day of being together. We accompanied Cardell and Emily home on Monday afternoon.

# **Divorces**

## Monroe County Records

Barbara L Morris, 50, Waterloo, IA from Robert L Morris, 57, Sparta with a maiden name of Krum restored.

Matthew S Brown, 35, Tomah from Nicole E Brown, 35, Elroy with a maiden name of Walter restored.

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Luke 22:14-23:56

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from Joshua E Scholze, 40, Sparta with a maiden name of Johnson restored.

Willard A Stoewsand, 74, Tomah from Dawn M Stoewsand, 57, Tomah.

# AREA CHURCH NEWS

Trinity Lutheran Church **ELCA** 

612 North Water Street Sparta, WI 54656 \* 608-269-5081 www.tlcsparta.org

Pastor Jim Scaife, Interim Senior Pastor Michelle Hyatt, Youth & Family Minister God's Love ~ Our Hearts God's Work ~ Our Hands

**Current worship opportunities:** 9:00 am - Worship in the Sanctuary and live-streaming

Easter Egg Hunt immediately following worship on April 10th (Birth—Grade 5)

Palm Sunday Breakfast 10:00 am-Noon-Fellowship Hall—April 10th (Dine-in or carryout available) Children are welcome to join in for Sunday School each Sunday 9:40-10:15 a.m.

(No Sunday School on 4/10 or 4/17) Last day of Sunday School is on 4/24/2022 4G (Grades 7 -12) meet from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the

Youth Room ALL ARE WELCOME!

Our services are also live-streamed on our Facebook page and recorded on our YouTube channel (Trinity LutheranSparta)

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST **Summit Ridge** 16545 Kellogg Avenue Norwalk, WI 54648 608-269-2655 **Father Eric Berns and** Father Fernando Lara

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April 10:

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Prairie Church April 17 6:30 - Easter Services at North Coon Prairie

8:00 – Easter Services at Brush Creek 9:30 - Easter Services at Portland 11:00 – Easter Services at Fish Creek April 20:

No Confirmation Class April 23:

1:00 - North Coon Prairie Cemetery Clean-up Day

April 24 9:00 - Portland Worship Services/ Coffee

following services 10:00 - Portland Faith in Action

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**Holy Week Worship Services** 

Church at noon & 6:15 p.m. Good Friday, April 15 - Immanuel Lutheran

Church, 6:15 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 17 - Bethany Lutheran Church, 7 p.m.; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 8:30 a.m.; Trinity Lutheran Church 10 a.m.

Apr. 3 – Worship at 8:30 a.m. April 10 - No Worship, Parish Worship at 10 a.m. at Trinity April 15 - 6:15 p.m. Good Friday worship

April 17 – Easter Sunday, 8:30 a.m. April 27 - Resume Wednesday evening worship at 7 p.m.

TRINITY Apr. 3 - Worship at 10 a.m. Apr. 6 - Midweek Lenten worship at noon and

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Sunday, April 10: 9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school. 11:00 a.m. El Buen Pastor Worship in Chapel off K Street entrance and Hispanic children's Church in small kitchen.

Monday, April 11: Free bakery available-9:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m., inside the church at the "K" street entrance. The public are welcome. 4:30 p.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden Rm;

Tuesday, April 12: 1:00 p.m. Lois Circle Mtg. small kitchen; 5-6 p.m., Tuesday Soup Supper, "K" street en-trance, open to the public. 6:30 Wesleyan Circle Mtg., Gathering Place. 7:00 p.m. Alanon Mtg., Garden Rm.

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Meeting Tuesday, April 12: 9:30am - Women's Bible

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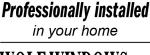
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a mailing address of 329 Hilltop Circle, Warrens, WI. THE COURT ORDERS:

The Petition be heard at the Monroe County Courthouse 112 S. Court Street, Sparta WI, Wisconsin, Room 2300, before Judge Ziegler, Court Official, on May 23rd, 2022, at 2:15 P.M.

accomodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-269-8745 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. Hon. Todd L. Ziegler

Circuit Court Judge March 24, 2022 Atty Matt Klos

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unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. BIDDER is required to deliver the original certified check or bid bond within the 72 hours of bid opening to MSA Professional Services, Inc., Attn: Daniel F. Greve, P.E., 1230 South Boulevard, Baraboo, WI 53913. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the OWNER as liquidated damages.

No bid may be withdrawn within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Pursuant to Section 66.0903,

Wisconsin Statutes, the minimum wages to be paid on the project shall be in accordance with the wage rate scale established by local wage rates. OWNER reserves the right to

waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids. Published by the authority of the City of Sparta.

CONSULTING ENGINEER: MSA Professional Services, Inc. 1230 South Boulevard Baraboo, WI 53913 Daniel F. Greve, P.E. +1 (608) 355-8873 3/31, 4/7 WNAXLP

#### The Town of LaFayette will hold it's monthly board meeting on

**TOWN OF LAFAYETTE** 

Tuesday, April 12th, 2022 at 7:00 pm at the LaFayette Town Hall. Agenda to include: Roadwork, ARPA funds, WI Towns Association, Fire Rep

info, Comp Plan, Eagle Scout Project, New correspondence, Public participation, Paying Township bills, Addition on Townhall. Discussion and action may occur on any of the above agenda

items. Valerie Leis- Clerk 4/7 WNAXLP

## LEGAL NOTICES

## **CIRCUIT COURT** MONROE COUNTY

**PUBLICATION AMENDED** SUMMONS

Case No. 22-CV-000006 The Honorable Richard Radcliffe Case Code 30404 (Foreclosure of Mortgage) The amount claimed exceeds

\$10,000.00 Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC 4425 Ponce De Leon Blvd

Mailstop MS5/251 Coral Gables, FL 33146 Plaintiff.

Ryan J. Jones 904 Angelo Rd Sparta, WI 54656-1416 Defendant. THE STATE OF WISCONSIN

defendant: You are hereby notified that the plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within 40 days after March 31, 2022 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the amended complaint. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is 112 S. Court Street, Room 2200, Sparta, WI 54656-1778 and to Gray & Associates, L.L.P., plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 16345

the amended complaint within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the amended complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the amended complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment

Gray & Associates, L.L.P.

Attorneys for Plaintiff Robert M. Piette State Bar No. 1018058 Case No. 22-CV-000006 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841

or seizure of property.

any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt. 3/31, 4/7, 14 WNAXLP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

## Notice is hereby given that

the Monroe County Sanitation, Planning & Zoning Committee will examine at a public hearing the application of Neal Troyer for a conditional use permit for a Dog Kennel, at 24741 Logan Rd Wilton, WI in part of the SE 1/4, SE 1/4, Section 35, T16N. R1W. Town of Wilton, parcel number 048-00762-0000, 10 acres. The adjoining land use is agriculture and woodlands.

Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1st Floor - Room #1200. 112 South Court Street, Sparta WI 54656. (Please use the South Side/Oak Street Entrance). Any person may appear in person by his agent or attorney, to give testimony for or against this matter. Alison Elliott Monroe County Zoning

3/31, 4/7 WNAXLP

#### **BID NOTICE** Notice is hereby given: The Town of Sparta will be accepting

TOWN OF SPARTA

bids for the following materials.

This material will be hauled and

for road maintenance and/or stockpile in 2022. Bids requested in tonnage for 3/4 inch and 1 inch gravel, Rip Rap, Breaker Run size rock, 3/8 or 7/16 Granite chips/ pea gravel. Paving with hot or cold mix, sealcoating. All materials should be 100% Virgin material. Please submit bids and Proof of Liability Insurance by 6:00 pm on April 19, 2022. Bids should be submitted to the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Ave, and marked as "BIDS' Bids will be opened and reviewed at the April Town Board Meeting at 6:30 pm, April 19, 2022. The Board meeting will follow the Town of Sparta Annual Meeting which starts at 6 pm. The Sparta Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Or to accept the bid deemed most advantageous to the town. Any questions should be directed to Town Chairman, Kevin Raymer, 608-633-3944. Town of Sparta Clerk 3/31, 4/7 WNAXLP

## **TOWN BOARD**

(608) 269-9797

#### f/k/a Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff, Theresa M. Thorhaug and John Doe Thorhaug Defendants PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure

STATE OF WISCONSIN

**CIRCUIT COURT** 

MONROE COUNTY

NOTICE OF

FORECLOSURE SALE

Case No. 21-CV-000112

Community Loan Servicing, LLC

TIME: May 4, 2022 at 10:00

the sale in cash, cashier's check To each person named above as a or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted) The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff. The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances. PLACE: Front Lobby of the New

Justice Center in the City of Sparta **DESCRIPTION:** THOSE LANDS AS SET OUT IN VOL 8 CERTIFIED SURVEY MAPS PAGE 50. DOC. 407650 LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 OF SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 18 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST TOWN OF LAFAYETTE, MONROE COUNTY, WISCONSIN.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 8431 County Highway I Sparta, WI

Wesley D. Revels Monroe County Sheriff

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-8404 Please go to www.gray-law.com

to obtain the bid for this sale. Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be

#### in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt. 3/31, 4/7, 14 WNAXLP

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that

the Monroe County Sanitation Planning & Zoning Committee will examine at a public hearing the application of Kyle Schmitz for a conditional use permit for an Archery Range/Clubhouse located at 12833 County Hwy XX, Norwalk WI., in part of the E 1/2, Section 28, T16N, R3W, in the Town of Wells, 200 acres. The adjoining land use is woodland and agriculture.

April 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1st Floor - Room #1200 112 South Court Street, Sparta WI 54656. (Please use the South Side/Oak Street Entrance). Any person may appear in person by his/her agent or attorney, to give testimony for or against this matter. Alison Elliott

Monroe County Zoning Administrator 3/31, 4/7 WNAXLP

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that

Planning & Zoning Committee will examine at a public hearing the application of Tabitha Gnewikow for a conditional use permit for a Dog Kennel, located at 21514 Kent Ave, Wilton, in part of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Section 24, T16N, R2W, in the Town of Ridgeville, Tax Parcel ID# 034-00514-2000, 10 acres. The adjoining land use is agriculture. This hearing will be held on

April 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the

Monroe County Justice Center Monroe County Board Assembly Room 1st Floor - Room #1200, 112 South Court Street, Sparta WI 54656. (Please use the South Side/Oak Street Entrance). Any person may appear in person by his/her agent or attorney, to give testimony for or against this Alison Elliott Monroe County Zoning Administrator 3/31, 4/7 WNAXLP

**Wood Cemetery** Annual Meeting Notice is hereby given The

#### Cemetery will be April 21, 2022 at 7 p.m. at the Town of Byron meeting room at 32386 St Hwy

annual meeting of the Wood

known at that time. 4/7, 14 WNAXLP CUSTOM

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Street Market; Norwalk 71 Express. **RUBBER STAMPS:** Variety of sizes

STATE OF WISCONSIN Order and Notice for Hearing

THE COURT FINDS: The decedent, with date of birth 6-28-1978 and date of death 8-2-2021, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with

Summary

If you require reasonable

that the Adrian Town Board meeting will be conducted for Agenda items will include

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# West Glendale Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151-2841. You may have an

(414) 224-1987 Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and

TOWN OF TOMAH **MEETING NOTICE** Notice is hereby given that

attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of

This hearing will be held on April 18, 2022 at 6:00 P.M. at the

# Administrator

delivered to the appropriate site

#### the Town Board Meeting will be held on Monday evening April 11, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. at the

Agenda will include public comment period, discuss and/ or act on proposed ATV route on Hwy 16 west of Tomah open/take action on road maintenance bids, and monthly

reports and approval of bills. Breanne Zaremba, Clerk 4/7 WNAXLP entered on February 1, 2022 in the amount of \$26,258.73 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful

bid must be paid to the sheriff at

54656-6463 DATED: March 2, 2022

used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge

This hearing will be held on

the Monroe County Sanitation,

# 21. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please let them be

STATE OF WISCONSIN **CIRCUIT COURT** MONROE COUNTY **Notice of Hearing** 

(Probate) Case No: 2021PR000007 In the Estate of Gerald L Schmidt This case is scheduled for:

Hearing Date: 05-02-2022 Time: 02:15 pm Location: Monroe County Justice

Center - Branch II 112 S. Court Street Sparta WI 54656

Circuit Court Judge/Circuit **Court Commissioner:** 

This hearing is being held via video and telephone conferencing. See the attached instructions for How to Appear Remotely.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-269-8745 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Monroe County Circuit Court Date: February 8, 2022 NOTICE TO ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS AND SPECIFICALLY **HEIR BRIAN QUARDERS** 

Please contact Ward Law Office PO Box 346, Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665, 608-637-2246 for Zoom hearing or telephonic appearance instruction 4/7, 14, 21, 28 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY **Order Setting Time** to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims (Formal Administration)

Jerry D. Panama February 25, 2022 - Date of Petition

Formal

Case No. 22 PR 29

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

Administration was filed THE COURT FINDS: The decedent, with date of birth January 22, 1946 and date

of death February 25, 2022 was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of PO Box 366, Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665. THE COURT ORDERS: 1. The Petition be heard at

the Monroe County Courthouse,

Sparta, Wisconsin, Room By Zoom conferencing, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Hon. Mark Goodman, on May 2, 2022 at 2:15 p.m.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection. 2. The deadline for filing a claim

against the decedent's estate is June 30, 2022. 3. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse,

Wisconsin, Room 2300. 4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final

5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose

112 South Court St.,

names or addresses are unknown. accommodations disability to participate in the court process, please call 608-269-8701 prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation

Hon. Mark L. Goodman Circuit Court Judge March 18, 2022 Attorney Kimberley J. Ward Ward Law Office

Viroqua, Wisconsin 54665 608-637-2246 Bar Number 1021055 3/24, 31, 4/7 WNAXLP

PO Box 346

On March 28.2022. Northern Natural Gas (Northern) filed an application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in Docket No. CP22-138-000 requesting authorization to construct

Northern Lights 2023 Expansion Project

and operate (1) a 2.79-mile extension of its 36-inch-diameter Ventura North E-line in Freeborn County, Minnesota; (2) a 1.07mile, 30-inch-diameter loop of its 20-inch-diameter Elk River 1st and 2nd branch lines in Washington County, Minnesota; (3) a 1.14mile extension of its 24-inch-diameter Willmar D branch line in Scott County, Minnesota; (4) a 2.48-mile extension of its 8-inch-diameter Princeton tie-over loop in Sherburne County, Minnesota; (5) a 2.01mile 4-inch-diameter loop of its 3-inch-diameter Paynesville branch line in Stearns County, Minnesota; (6) a 0.34-mile extension of its 8-inch-diameter Tomah branch line loop in Monroe County, Wisconsin; and (7) aboveground appurtenant facilities consisting of a launcher and tie-over valve settings. The project facilities described in the application will enable Northern to provide incremental winter firm service of 44,222 dekatherms per day (Dth/day) serving residential, commercial and industrial customer market growth in Northern's Market Area and 6,667 Dth/day of additional firm service that will allow a local distribution company enhanced reliability and flexibility in nominating and scheduling natural gas transportation capacity for electric generation. The facilities will be constructed in 2023 in order to meet contractual obligations effective November 1, 2023

A general location map showing the location of the Tomah branch line loop is included with this notice. Northern has contacted, and will continue to contact, landowners regarding temporary and permanent Northern owns and operates an interstate natural gas pipeline

system and is regulated by FERC. Northern must obtain FERC approval to construct and operate the proposed facilities. Northern has requested that FERC issue an order approving the proposed project by February 16, 2023, in order for construction to be completed and the facilities to be ready for an in-service date of November 1, 2023. A separate notice regarding Northern's application will be mailed to affected landowners and stakeholders involved with the project.

You may contact Northern with questions about the project by email at NorthernLights2023@nngco.com or by calling a toll-free number A copy of Northern's application has been mailed to the following libraries: (1) Elk River Public Library in Elk River, MN; (2) Wildwood

Library in Mahtomedi, MN; (3) Richmond Public Library in Richmond, MN; (4) Paynesville Public Library in Paynesville, MN; (5) Sparta Free Library in Sparta, WI; (6) Albert Lea Public Library in Albert Lea, MN; and (7) Prior Lake Library in Prior Lake, MN. The application also may be obtained through the FERC's website at http://www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits (CP22-138-000) in the docket number field to access the document. User assistance is available at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc. gov or toll free at 866-208-3676 (TTY, call 202-502-8659). A pamphlet, An Interstate Natural Gas Facility on My Land? What Do I Need To Know?, which provides information for landowners is available on the FERC's website at https://www.ferc.gov/industries-data/natural-gas/ landowner-topics-interest. Any interested party may participate in the proceeding by making

a filing with FERC's Secretary, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Additional information regarding FERC's regulations, policies or procedures is available on FERC's website at http://www.ferc.gov or from FERC's Office of External Affairs at 866-208-3372.



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Wisconsin admit they've had, in fact, taken a break from

#### NOTICE OF CHANGE IN ADOPTED BUDGET SPARTA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT March 22, 2022

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 65.90(5)(a), that the School Board of the Sparta Area School District, on March 22, 2022, adopted the following changes to previously approved budgeted 2021-2022 amounts. The following presents only adopted budget line items

GENERAL FUND

	GENERA			
	ACCOUNT	PREVIOUS APPROVED AMOUNT	AMENDED APPROVED AMOUNT	CHANGE
LINE ITEM	CODE	\$	\$	\$
Anticipated Revenue: Local Sources - Taxes	210	6.138.335	6,227,030	88,695
Payment for Services	240	0,130,333	178	178
Non-Capital Sales	260	20,000	24,732	4,732
School Activity Income	270	25,000	45,618	20,618
Interest on Investments	280	8,000	4,000	(4,000)
Other Revenue, Local Sources	290	20,000	26,564	6,564
Payment for Services	340	490,605	490,562	(43)
Other Inter-district, Within Wisconsin	390	0	0	0
Transit of Aids	510	0	0	0
Other Intermediate Sources	590	0	56,496	56,496
State Aid - Categorical	610	252,595	282,944	30,349
State Aid - General	620	26,029,740	26,057,377	27,637
DPI Special Project Grants	630	83,940	105,614	21,674
Payments for Services	640 650	337,279	337,279	(20.048)
Student Achievement Guarantee in Education Other State Revenue Through Local Units	660	946,201	909,583	(36,618)
Other State Revenue Through Local Units Other Revenue	690	2,741,641	2,778,153	0 36,512
Federal Aid - Categorical	710	28,283	28,283	0
Impact Aid	720	100,000	100,000	0
DPI Special Project Grants	730	1,664,218	1,600,548	(63.670)
IASA Grants	750	749,289	749.289	(03,070)
Federal Aid - Other than DPI	780	0	453,358	453,358
Other Federal Revenue - Direct	790	97,841	97,841	0
Compensation, Fixed Assets	860	4,835	115,835	111,000
Adjustments	960	825	1,963	1,138
Refund of Disbursement	970	1,315,132	1,365,553	50,421
Miscellaneous	990	10,000	9,003	(997)
Total Anticipated Revenue		41,065,706	41,869,750	804,044
Expenditure Appropriations:				·
Undifferentiated Curriculum	110000	6,895,394	6,872,223	(23,171)
Regular Curriculum	120000	7,920,834	8,205,560	284,726
Vocational Curriculum	130000	995,666	1,105,583	109,917
Physical Curriculum	140000	868,853	868,477	(376)
Co-Curricular Activities	160000	320,701	476,808	156,107
Other Special Needs	170000	16,766	141,118	124,352
Pupil Services	210000	1,689,719	1,722,070	32,351
Instructional Staff Services	220000	2,552,636	2,507,234	(45,402)
General Administration	230000	567,422	636,963	69,541
School Building Administration Business Administration	240000 250000	2,212,144	2,020,820	(191,324)
Central Services	260000	6,533,053 576,387	7,076,678 418,765	543,625 (157,622)
Insurance & Judgments	270000	300,910	290,910	(10.000)
Debt Services	280000	0	78,784	78,784
Other Support Services	290000	1,115,735	1,336,587	220,852
Inter-fund Transfers	410000	5,255,586	5,150,858	(104,728)
Instructional Service Payments	430000	3,168,900	3,032,429	(136,471)
Other Non-Program Transactions	490000	75,000	76,954	1,954
Total Expenditure Appropriations		41,065,706	42,018,821	953,115
	SPECIAL EDUC	ATION FUND	•	
LINE ITEM	CODE	APPROVED	APPROVED	\$
Anticipated Revenue:				
Transfers In	100	4,455,354	4,140,626	(314,728)
Non-Capital Sales	260	0	669	669
Payment for Services	340	0	0	0
Transit of Aids	510	0	15,000	15,000
Other Intermediate Sources	500			0
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State Aid - Categorical	610	1,491,619	1,505,986	14,367
State Aid - Categorical Payments for Services	610 640	1,491,619	0	0
State Aid - Categorical Payments for Services Other Revenue	610 640 690	1,491,619 0 0	0 15,000	0 15,000
State Aid - Categorical Payments for Services Other Revenue DPI Special Project Grants	610 640 690 730	1,491,619 0 0 1,192,684	0 15,000 1,483,335	0 15,000 290,651
State Aid - Categorical Payments for Services Other Revenue DPI Special Project Grants Other Federal Revenue Through State	610 640 690 730 780	1,491,619 0 0	0 15,000 1,483,335 115,000	0 15,000 290,651 (25,000)
State Aid - Categorical Payments for Services Other Revenue DPI Special Project Grants Other Federal Revenue Through State Compensation, Fixed Assets	610 640 690 730 780 860	1,491,619 0 0 1,192,684 140,000	0 15,000 1,483,335	0 15,000 290,651 (25,000) 0
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they were to quit drinking for

a specific, protracted period

of time, they would perceive

the biggest benefit to be better

brain function (30%). Another

30% said the best benefit

would be fewer calories

and 14% said a healthier GI

system. Eleven percent said

the biggest benefit would be

better sleep, and 9% said it

would be a better metabolism.

Lastly, 7% said they thought

the biggest benefit of quitting

alcohol for a month would be a

However, when asked if

they were more likely to diet

or quit alcohol for a one-

month period, more than one-

half (51%) said they would

stronger immune system.

# A Continuous Cycle: 1 in 4 Wisconsin drinkers have never had a prolonged break from alcohol since they started drinking, survey finds

4/7 WNAXLP

longest without a break from •Drinkers are more likely

to give up beer (temporarily) over any other alcohol. •Infographic showing

continuous drinkers by state. In times gone by, there used

to be a misplaced assumption that moderate drinking could be healthier than being teetotal. It wasn't long, however, before the studies making these assertions were exposed as flawed; it is indeed fact that any level of alcohol consumptionis bad for your health. Of course, maintaining good health has never been the reason why drinkers drink, so such research that identified alcohol's harmful effects was unlikely to deter consumers from continuing their habit.

drinking at the legal age of 21 continue to do so for a lifetime, and for many, that is in a literal sense. A survey of 3,255 respondents over 21 by American Addiction

Centers revealed that almost

1 in 4 drinkers (23%) in

Most people who start

never taken a prolonged break from drinking since they first started consuming alcohol - be it part of a sobriety trend, like Dry January, Sober October or #SoberCurious, or simply due to their own personal reasons. This compares to a national average of 19%. Excessive drinking can have a negative impact on

a person's health (not to mention finances), so taking a break can have an overall positive effect. Studies show that regular drinkers who abstain from alcohol for a period of time have more energy, better sleeping habits and improved brain function. After a long-term period of abstinence, it also reduces the risks of developing cancer and heart disease.

Broken down by state, this figure was highest in Minnesota, where 32% of drinkers said they had never

a significant number of people

alcohol since they starting drinking – just 7% said they showing **Infographic** 

# continuous drinkers in each

For those who are habitual drinkers and might have a couple beers after work, wine at dinner or a nightcap before bed, it might be difficult to ditch the habit. When asked which kind of alcohol they'd give up for a month, the majority of respondents (42%) said they would give up beer – a choice that could be influenced by the calorie count. Nearly 1 in 5 (16%) drinkers said they would give up alcopops (sweet drinks with low alcohol content that taste of soda, juice or an energy drink), which makes sense given their high sugar content. Fifteen percent of respondents said they'd give up spirits, 13% would abstain from wine, and another 13%

would quit cocktails for a taken an alcohol break. •Esophageal cancer. Comparatively, it was lowest month-long period. •Liver cancer. Of those who said they had in Delaware, where it appears ·Breast cancer.

taken prolonged breaks from

drinking alcohol, 58% said they stopped out of concern for their health and how alcohol could effect them. Alcohol has a negative impact on various parts of the body, including organs like the brain, heart, liver, and pancreas. It interferes the communication pathways in the brain, which can alter mood and behavior, potentially making it more difficult to think clearly and rationally. Drinking can also damage the heart and cause issues like cardiomyopathy, arrhythmias, stroke and high blood pressure. In the liver, alcohol consumption can lead to fibrosis, steatosis, alcoholic hepatitis or cirrhosis. The pancreas is also effected and drinking can eventually lead to pancreatitis. Additionally, alcohol is known significantly increase the risk of various of cancers, including:

•Cancer of the oral cavity,

pharynx, and larynx.

·Colorectal cancer.

drinking for this time.

much rather diet than give up Finally, the average drinker admits that they can only drink for two days in a row before

starting to feel a general sense of being unwell. Aside from the horrible hangover associated with drinking two days in a row, over time, drinking

excessively can weaken your

immune system, which makes

Respondents were asked if vour body an easier target for disease. Drinking excessively on a single occasion also reduces your body's ability to ward off infections all the way up to 24 hours after having consumed alcohol.



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# National Work Zone Awareness Week

Monroe County officials remind drivers to stay safe this construction season

Monroe County Highway Commissioner David H. Ohnstad urges people to drive carefully in highway work zones throughout the 2022 construction and maintenance

"Buckle up, phone down every trip, every time," Ohnstad said. "Highway and other public works employees work very hard and do great work for their communities, and just like you they want to make it home at night to their families."

Over the past five years, there have been more than 12,000 crashes in Wisconsin work zones causing 62 deaths and more than 4,700 injuries. Work zones include major highway construction and rehabilitation, maintenance, emergency response, utility work, municipal projects and more - any time in which there are flashing lights, signs,

barrels or workers on the road. National Work Zone Awareness Week takes place April 11 through 15. This year's theme is "work zones are a sign to slow down". Wednesday, April 13th is "Go Orange Day" on which people are asked to wear something orange in support of highway safety. Social media pictures and posts are welcome

using the #OrangeForSafety

hashtag, but please always refrain from using electronics while driving.

Work Zone Safety Awareness Week is sponsored by federal, state and local transportation officials to draw attention to the safety of public service employees, during construction season and throughout the year. Generally, crashes occur when drivers speed through a work zone, do not pay attention to changing road conditions, run into other vehicles or highway equipment or drive off the road completely.

"We ask everyone on the road to eliminate distractions and be mindful of speed" Ohnstad said. "Even in areas with reduced speed limits, things can happen in an instant. Always expect the unexpected".

All Monroe County Highway Department field employees have completed training as Traffic Control Technicians and all Leadership Team members are certified as Traffic Control Supervisors. The work zones they establish are designed to protect both employees and motorists. The Highway Department asks that highway users do their part by driving slowly and carefully through work zones and following the directions of traffic control flaggers.

While typical construction work zones are prevalent throughout the county and state, there are also significant numbers of maintenance operations that may be shortterm or moving operations. Drivers are reminded of the

state's Move Over Law which

requires drivers to shift lanes

or slow down to provide

a safety buffer for a squad car, ambulance, fire truck, tow truck, utility vehicle or highway maintenance vehicle that is stopped on the side of a road with its warning lights

flashing.

In addition, emergency or work zone areas are protected by laws that aim to keep workers safe. Fines double in construction zones and cell phone use is banned. A new state law took effect in December 2021 that expands these protections to areas surrounding emergency response vehicles with flashing lights. Please see related news

release for details. Before traveling, drivers are encouraged to check 511 Wisconsin (511wi.gov and @511WI on Twitter) or use the 511 Wisconsin smartphone app for updates on road conditions and traffic flow.

Giving undivided attention to the road:

•Don't fool around. Eliminate distractions like eating, drinking, talking on the phone or fiddling with electronic devices. •Expect the unexpected.

Speed limits may be reduced, traffic lanes may be changed and people and vehicles may be working on or near the •Slow down. A car traveling

60 mph travels 88 feet per second and the faster you go the longer it takes to stop. •Give yourself room. Rear-

end collisions are the most common work zone crashes so don't tailgate. ·Allow about three seconds of braking distance. Look

for signs. Orange, diamond-

shaped signs usually give

you ample warning of lane

closings, construction areas and flaggers and other workers

workers, that doesn't mean they're not there. Observe the signs until you see one that says you've left the work

•Be patient. If you don't see

 Plan ahead. Leave early or map out an alternate route. Find the latest road conditions and work zone news at 511 Wisconsin.

•Follow the law. Slow down and move over, if possible, when you see flashing lights.

•Consider turning off the phone until you reach your destination.

•During a long drive, consider leaving a voice mail explaining how long you'll be unavailable.

•If you have to make a call, find a secure place, such as a wayside or a gas station, to pull over and stop. Learn more at http://

wisconsindot.gov/Pages/ safety/education/workzone/ default.aspx



# **Careful with Easter eggs** Make sure to keep food safety

in mind if you have a tradition of dyeing Easter eggs. Eggs can contain bacteria such

as salmonella. The Partnership for Food Safety Education provides the following tips for keeping Easter eggs safe: • Only use eggs that have been

- refrigerated and discard eggs that are cracked or dirty. • Be sure to use food-
- grade dyes. It is safe to use commercial egg dyes, liquid food coloring and fruit-drink powders. When handling eggs, be careful not to crack them. Otherwise, bacteria could enter the egg through the cracks in the shell.
- · Keep hard-cooked eggs chilled on a shelf inside the refrigerator. Be sure your refrigerator is 40 F or less by using a refrigerator thermometer. · Hide the eggs in places that
- and other potential sources of • Remember the two-hour rule. Eggs should only be out of the refrigerator for a maximum of two hours. Make sure the

are protected from dirt, pets

refrigerator or consumed within two hours. · Hard-boiled eggs are only safe to eat for one week after

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