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## School board cuts \$1.8M to cover budget shortfall

### Cataract school, teacher layoffs escape chopping block so far

By PAT MULVANEY  
Contributing Writer

The Cataract Elementary School and deep cuts to teaching staff both escaped the chopping block, so far, after the Sparta School Board cut nearly \$1.8 million from the 2022-23 budget at a special meeting Tuesday.

The school district is looking to cut at least \$2.8 million annually from its next two budgets to cover a shortfall caused by the state's K-12 funding freeze, the expiration of the school's recurring \$750,000 referendum and rising costs due to inflation.

On April 5, the electorate voted down a two-year, \$2.1 million referendum that would have shored up much of the shortfall, leaving the district few options other than to make deep and unpopular budget cuts.

Around 80 people attended Tuesday's meeting, many to voice their dissatisfaction with the administration and board over the proposals to close Cataract Elementary and layoff teachers.

Sarah Jarvis, a first-grade



Sparta Area School District Board of Education members discuss budget cuts. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

teacher at Cataract, said the district has hired non-classroom staff to address poor test scores among students, but that strategy doesn't seem to be having an impact on student performance. She said the district needs to invest in teacher training and professional development.

"Before we look at cutting classroom teachers and closing schools, we need to look at some of those non-classroom teaching positions that don't have a direct impact, all day every day, on our students," Jarvis said.

She felt that since the administration didn't give teachers any input on the budget, they shouldn't be penalized for the district's financial woes.

The Sparta School Board voted Tuesday to hold a workshop on the proposal to close Cataract Elementary School to save the district \$438,000 annually.

The workshop will be held Wednesday, April 20 at 6 p.m. at Meadowview Schools. The public is invited to participate.

That sentiment was shared by Michelle Glandt, speaking on behalf of the Sparta Education Association (SEA), which represents teachers, para-professionals and secretaries. She said the faculty is underappreciated even after working tirelessly to overcome the difficulties presented by the COVID pandemic and trying to get students reengaged after they returned to school.

"The struggle has been enormous," said Glandt. "The staff is exhausted and yet we keep on giving."

She asked why teachers were taking the brunt of the cuts and wanted to know if cuts to administration, middle management and instructional coaches have been explored, adding the district has seen an exodus of teachers to other schools.

"Finding teachers to come to

this district will be a struggle let alone retaining any of the quality staff we currently have," she said, noting the SEA had no input in the cuts. "The lack of respect we received from the stakeholders in the community who voted no along with administration not seeking our input into these decisions is disheartening to teachers."

Several parents of Cataract students also addressed the board, expressing a mistrust of the board and administration and asking that Cataract school be taken off the chopping block.

George Prager, who lives on his family farm near the Jackson County border, said

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Marcus W. Anderson

## Tomah man convicted of 2019 homicide of a 3 year old

On Wednesday, Monroe County District Attorney, Kevin D. Croninger announced that on April 12, 2022, a Monroe County jury convicted 37 year old, Marcus W. Anderson of eleven counts including, 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Intentional Homicide; Physical Abuse of a Child - Intentionally Cause Great Bodily Harm; four Counts of Felony Bail Jumping; Felon in Possession of a Firearm; Felony Possession of Narcotic Drugs; Felony Possession of Tetrahydrocannabinols; Operating with a Restricted Controlled Substance and Intimidation of a Witness. The convictions came after an eight day jury trial. The charges against Anderson stem from a 2019 incident in which Anderson beat, 3 year old Kyson Rice, to death in the City of Tomah.

After eight days of trial the jury deliberated for just over two hours before reaching their verdicts. Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger stated, "This was an extremely difficult case, as the jury had to view evidence of unthinkable acts of violence committed against Kyson, we are extremely grateful for the jurors' service and the close attention they paid to the evidence. Their verdicts help to give justice to Kyson and his family."

The prosecution of the case was handled by Monroe County District Attorney Kevin Croninger and Assistant District Attorney Sarah Skiles, along with a

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## Easter Egg Hunts in the area

### Rockland

Easter egg hunt Saturday, April 16 at 1:00 PM in the Rockland Village Park. Sponsored by Rockland 4-H.

### Tomah

Easter Sunday Celebration at St. Paul Lutheran Church 525 Superior Ave. Tomah, WI 54660  
Easter egg hunt is Sunday April 17th at 9:45am.

### Sparta

Doggie Easter Egg Hunt benefiting the Monroe County Animal Shelter will be held at Justin Trails Resort near Sparta WI on Easter Sunday April 17, 2022. The event is open to dogs with current vaccinations, on leash that are dog social and bark rarely. The event is at 7452 Kathryn Avenue Sparta, WI 54656 from 1:00-3:00p.m



## The colored sheep are back for another Easter

The purple, blue, green, orange, pink, and rainbow-colored sheep are a sight to behold. Diana Ornes of Briar Oak Showstock, encourages people to load up the kids and drive by for a look. Daina said the animals are friendly and will come up to the gate but I ask that people stay on the roadside of the fence and don't go into the pasture or feed the

sheep. Diana said, "I just hope people can come by and get a laugh out of it, it's a fun little drive to come see the sheep with your family."

The sheep can be viewed starting Saturday April 16 at 11277 Janus Ave., just south of Sparta about a half mile off of Hwy 71.



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John Gessner (left) presents Jake Malik with the Patriot award. Contributed photo.

# Spectrum Company supervisor, honored by the Department of Defense for Patriotic Support

The Wisconsin Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DoD) office, announced that Mr. Jake Malik, Spectrum Company supervisor of the ESGR Sparta office was honored on March 30<sup>th</sup> with a Patriot Award in recognition of his extraordinary support of his employee, Specialist Steven Dymond, serving in the Army National Guard.

“The Patriot Award was created by ESGR to publically recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who like the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation’s call to serve,” said Scott Legwold, Wisconsin ESGR state chair. Mr. Malik was nominated for being highly supportive of the Army National Guard by Specialist Steven Dymond. Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation’s Guard and reserve units.

Specialist Dymond said of Mr. Malik’s support, “The last two years have been hectic to say the least in regards to serving in the Wisconsin National Guard. From Covid to riots, to schools, all leading into a deployment. Even with the short notice on these events, and the deployment taking me away for a year, Jake has been more than

supportive and reassured me that I am an asset to the team. It can be frustrating for all involved when I am called up on short notice, but Jake and the company continue to take care of me. My team, supervisor and the company have my utmost appreciation.”

ESGR, a DoD office, seeks to foster a culture in which all employees support and value the employment and military service of members of the National Guard and Reserve in the United States. ESGR facilitates and promotes a cooperative culture of employer support for National Guard and Reserve service by developing and advocating mutually beneficial initiatives, recognizing outstanding employer support, increasing awareness of applicable laws and policies, resolving potential conflicts between employers and their service members, and acting as the employer’s principal advocate within DoD. Paramount to ESGR’s mission is encouraging employment of Guardsman and reservists who bring integrity, global perspective and proven leadership to the civilian workforce.

For more information about ESGR outreach programs or volunteer opportunities, call 1-800-336-4590 or visit [www.ESGR.mil](http://www.ESGR.mil).

# AREA CHURCH NEWS

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
ELCA  
612 North Water Street  
Sparta, WI 54656 \* 608-269-5081  
[www.tlcsparata.org](http://www.tlcsparata.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  
Children are welcome to join in for Sunday School each Sunday 9:40-10:15 a.m.  
**April 14th** – Maundy Thursday Worship – 6:30 p.m.  
**April 15th** – Good Friday Worship – 6:30 p.m.  
**April 17th** – Easter Sunday Worship – 2 services – 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (No Sunday School on 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)*

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Minister Jason Derr  
Cell: 608-615-9977  
Email: [cucc@centurytel.net](mailto:cucc@centurytel.net)  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**  
We welcome all people to join us on our faith journey, affirming our common humanity, and reconciling our differences in ability, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, race, citizenship or immigration status, marital or financial status, as we seek to continually reshape and enrich our common life in Christ.  
**WORSHIP 9:30 a.m., Sundays**

**BETHANY, IMMANUEL, TRINITY ELCA**  
Evangelical Lutheran Church of America  
Cashton, WI 54619  
(608) 654-5236  
Pastor - Amanda Schultz  
**Holy Week Worship Services**  
Maundy Thursday, April 14 – Trinity Lutheran 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 a.m.; Immanuel Lutheran Church, 8:30 a.m.; Trinity Lutheran Church 10 a.m.  
**IMMANUEL**  
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**  
April 14 – Maundy Thursday, noon and 6:15 p.m.  
April 17 – Easter worship, 10 a.m.  
April 20 – Sticky Faith, 3:15-4:30 p.m.  
**BETHANY**  
April 17 – Easter worship, 7 a.m.  
April 24 – worship at 8:30 a.m. w/annual meeting to follow  
May 1 – worship at 8:30 a.m.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
115 W. La Crosse St., Tomah, WI  
Pastor Bryan Simon  
608-372-6242  
[tomahucc@gmail.com](mailto:tomahucc@gmail.com)  
*No matter who you are, or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome to join us for worship.*  
**Worship Services are held on Wednesday Evenings at 6 pm and on Sundays at 10 am. Masks are required due to the updated CDC guidelines. Please feel free to join us!**  
We continue to offer online services following the in-person worship services. Search @UccTomah to find the services.

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**  
Summit Ridge  
16545 Kellogg Avenue  
Norwalk, WI 54648  
608-269-2655  
Father Eric Berns and Father Fernando Lara  
**CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS**  
Saturday: 8:00 p.m.  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Saturday: 7:30 p.m. before Mass.

**ST. PATRICK’S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
319 W. Main St., Sparta  
Rectory Phone 608-269-2655  
[www.spartacatholic.org](http://www.spartacatholic.org)  
Fr. Eric Berns and Fr. Fernando Lara  
**CELEBRATION OF HOLY MASS**  
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
1:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. (Spanish Mass)  
**RECONCILIATION**  
Friday: 11:00 a.m. - Noon;  
Saturday: 3:30 p.m.  
For Hispanic Reconciliation, call Father Fernando Lara.

**CASHTON FOUR POINT LUTHERAN PARISH**  
Brush Creek, Fish Creek Ridge, North Coon Prairie and Portland Lutheran Church  
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608-654-7798  
Pastor Dave Sorenson  
[www.fourpointparish.org](http://www.fourpointparish.org)  
[prest4pt@yahoo.com](mailto:prest4pt@yahoo.com)

April 14:  
7:00 – Maundy Thursday Services at Fish Creek Church  
April 15:  
1:30 – Good Friday Services at North Coon 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  
10:00 – Brush Creek Sunday School  
11:00 – Brush Creek Worship Services  
April 26:  
6:00 – Fish Creek Council Meeting  
April 27:  
5:30 – Confirmation Class  
April 29:  
2:00 – Brush Creek Spring Clean-up Day

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Website: [www.spartafaitfree.com](http://www.spartafaitfree.com)  
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Steven Lucht – Pastor of Youth Ministries  
Kelly Cleary - Children’s Ministry Director  
**SUNDAY:**  
8 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services. Visit Faith’s website for livestream options using Facebook and YouTube. Nursery (birth-3 yrs.) available during both worship services. Children’s Church (3 yrs.-2nd grade) available during second service.  
9:30-10:30 a.m. Sunday Discussions for Adults  
**WEDNESDAY:**  
5:30-7 p.m. Kids Kingdom (during school year) for students in grades PreK thru 6th. Free meal for Kids Kingdom children and their families (5:30-6 p.m.) Programming from 6-7 p.m.  
6-7 p.m. Women’s Bible study; free nursery (birth to PreK) for those attending the study.  
7-9 p.m. Youth Group for students in grades 7-12  
Please go to Faith EFC’s website for other events or call the ministry office.

**ST. JOHN’S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH WELS**  
21693 Cty Hwy A (Ridgeville)  
Tomah, WI 54660  
Pastor Robert Gerke  
(608) 487-1170  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:30 A.M.**  
**THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 A.M.**  
**WEDNESDAY LENTEN SERVICES: 6:00 P.M.**  
Beginning March 2nd through April 6th  
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Cell phone: 608-792-0481  
Email: [chman1@centurylink.net](mailto:chman1@centurylink.net)  
**SUNDAY**  
10:00 a.m. DISCOVERY LAND (Sunday School) to begin March 6th K-6th grade. Pre-register at: [firstcongregationalchurchleon@gmail.com](mailto:firstcongregationalchurchleon@gmail.com) - Parents name, child(s) name, grade, phone no.  
10:00 a.m. Family Worship - Everyone is welcome-in person, social distancing or follow the service at [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)  
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11:00 a.m. coffee hour-fellowship hall.  
11:15 a.m. Worship team/church choir rehearsal on the 1st & 3rd Sunday.  
11:00 a.m. Confirmation class (TBA)  
9:00 a.m. Wednesday-mid-week Bible study-fellowship hall  
Holy communion-monthly on the 1st Sunday.

**IMMANUEL AND SALEM United Methodist Church**  
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**SPARTA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
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Office Phone 608-269-6949  
**Sunday - 9 a.m. Worship Service**  
*Sunday services livestreamed on Facebook & recorded on YouTube and uploaded to our website.*  
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Friday, April 15: 8:00 a.m. Men’s coffee at Family Restaurant, 8:30 a.m. Women’s coffee at Don’s Super Restaurant, all are welcome; 9:30 a.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden Rm; 12-noon, Good Friday Worship Service.  
Sunday, April 17: 9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school. Following Worship, Trustees Mtg., small kitchen. 11:00 a.m. El Buen Pastor Worship in Chapel off K Street entrance and Hispanic children’s Church in small kitchen.  
Monday, April 18: 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 19: 5-6 p.m., Tuesday Soup Supper, “K” street entrance, open to the public. 7:00 p.m. Alanan Mtg., Garden Rm.  
Friday, April 22: 8:00 a.m. Men’s coffee at Family Restaurant, 8:30 a.m. Women’s coffee at Don’s Super Restaurant, all are welcome; 9:30 a.m. TOPS Mtg., Garden Rm;  
Sunday, April 17: 9:00 a.m. Worship and Sunday school. Following Worship, 11:00 a.m. El Buen Pastor Worship in Chapel off K Street entrance and Hispanic children’s Church in small kitchen.  
Monday, April 23: 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 24: 5-6 p.m., Tuesday Soup Supper, “K” street entrance, open to the public. 7:00 p.m. Alanan Mtg., Garden Rm.

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[www.sjsparata.com](http://www.sjsparata.com)  
Pastor Jonathan Hackbarth  
Thursday, April 14: 6:00pm – Maundy Thursday Service  
Friday, April 15: 6:00pm – Good Friday Service  
Saturday, April 16: 10:30am – Jesus Cares “Worship at the Cross”  
Sunday, April 17: 8:00 & 10:30am - Worship Service  
Monday, April 18: 6:00pm – Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, April 19: 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study  
Wednesday, April 20: 6:30am - Men as Christians at Sparta Family Restaurant, 8:00am - School Chapel  
Thursday, April 21: 10:00am – Bible Study

**St John’s Episcopal Church (The Little Red Church)**  
322 N. Water St., Sparta, WI  
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608-633-1251  
Rev. William Power-Deacon  
608-406-6930  
Email: [sjecsparata@outlook.com](mailto:sjecsparata@outlook.com)  
Sunday: 10:00am In Person and Virtual Service  
Thursday- 10:30am Bible Study and Noonday Prayer Virtual only  
**Except Maundy Thursday**  
April 14th- 4:30pm Maundy Thursday Service in person and Virtual  
April 15th- 4:30pm Good Friday Service in person and Virtual  
April 17th- 10:00am Easter Service in person and Virtual

**Rockland United Methodist Church**  
106 E. Main Street, PO Box 44  
Rockland, WI 54653  
Church Phone: 608-486-4539  
Francis Herveuse II, Pastor  
Phone: 608-343-7237  
E-Mail: [pastorfran2@yahoo.com](mailto:pastorfran2@yahoo.com)  
Worship Service: Sunday Morning 8:30 a.m. Easter Service - 8:30 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt following Worship  
Sunday Mornings Confirmation via ZOOM 9:45 a.m.

# O Death, Where Is Your Sting?



God raised Jesus from the dead.  
And with that action, the way was paved for us to enter eternal life.  
Death no longer is our ultimate enemy.  
Hear that very good news this Easter Sunday in church.

# Christ has been raised from the dead.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26  
Acts 10:34-43      John 20:1-18      Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
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# Township talks roads, dog ordinances and dump

**Town of Clifton Board meeting - Monday April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

By **KYLE EVANS**  
Interim Editor

Township of Clifton Board members discussed road repairs, and how horses impact road quality, during their meeting on Monday, April 11. The board has about \$100,000 for road repairs this Summer. During the meeting, the board accepted Scott Construction's bid of \$24,500 per mile for repairs on Koala Avenue and Kirkwood Avenue. That equates to about a 2-mile span on each of those roads.

"We fix the same roads over and over, due to a large amount of Amish traffic. One side of the township is mostly Amish, which the priorities of road repairs tend to lean toward that side pretty heavily," Chairman Tom Trepes said. Horseshoes can damage roads. The board

looked into an ordinance requiring rubber horseshoes instead of steel horseshoes but determined that the state would have to mandate that.

"It's not something that can be done from a township level," Clerk Mary Cook said.

In other business, the board discussed a dog-limit ordinance that would limit residents to four dogs per property owner. Monroe County also allows for kennel licenses for those who have more than four dogs. The town will review other towns' dog ordinances before making a decision on a four-dog ordinance.

Town patrolman Dan Ziehli brought concerns to the board regarding operations and vehicle maintenance issues.

"We come out as a board careful at how we spend our money, but I'll never complain about the trucks and graders needing repair," Trepes said.

After the regular monthly meeting, the board held its annual meeting. Former town patrolman Gary Gegenfurther suggested the town buy garbage bags to ensure those using the town dump are doing so lawfully.

"It's impossible to tell if the people coming to the dump are Clifton taxpayers or not," Gegenfurther said.

Joe Shaker, who runs the dump, said "at least this way, if they are coming from out of town, they'll have to buy bags." The board is looking into the price of bags and there will be further discussion at the next board meeting.

The Clifton Town board meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 6:00p.m at the town hall.



**Left to right: Sparta High School DECA members Kira Markuson and Venessa Gavilan and Sparta Kiwanis Club President Deb Smith. Contributed photo.**

## Sparta DECA students headed to Georgia

Fourteen Sparta High School DECA students will compete for honors at the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta on April 22.

The SHS DECA team qualified for the conference by winning regional and state competitions earlier this year. SHS Junior Vanessa Gavilan and Sophomore Kira Markuson double-qualified, having competed at state in partner and individual events, they told Kiwanians during its meeting April 5.

Performing as partners, their event, Business Law and Ethics, will begin with a 100-question test, "somewhat like the SAT," Markuson said. They then have 30-minutes to prep, followed immediately by a 15-minute role-playing event. Wearing their signature DECA navy blazers, the students will present their solution to the judges.

"It is a lot of fun," Markuson said. "It's stressful when you

perform, but I'm passionate about it."

The team hopes to bring home a trophy, but Markuson thinks the long-range prize is the experience and the opportunity to meet students representing other states and countries, all of which will be helpful in submitting college applications. She thanked DECA adviser, SHS teacher Jamie Adams, for her decades of SHS DECA support.

The Sparta Kiwanis Club was among clubs that contributed to DECA travel expenses. For information, contact Membership Chairman Doug Dengel at 608-269-2939. Tune into Kiwanis Radio Day from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 30, on Sparta Tomah Broadcasting ESPN-1290 AM and 102.1 FM to hear interviews of community leaders and to learn more about the youth programs supported by the Sparta Kiwanis Club.

**ANNUAL CATARACT CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING**  
will be held on **MONDAY April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 7:00PM at Cataract Town Hall**

### Meetings

- The Rolling Hills Committee will meet on Mon., April 18, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at the Justice Center.
- The Monroe County Solid Waste Management Committee will meet on Tue., April 19, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Assembly Room.
- The Monroe County Land Information Council will meet on Tue., April 19, 2022 at 12:30 p.m. in the Board Assembly Room.
- The regular meeting of the

Bangor School District Board of Education will be held in the Bangor High/Middle School on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m., A link will be provided on the main page of our website ([www.bangor.k12.wi.us](http://www.bangor.k12.wi.us)) to view the meeting virtually. To participate in public comment virtually during the meeting, please contact John Magnuson, Technology Coordinator, [jmagnuson@bangorsd.net](mailto:jmagnuson@bangorsd.net).

### Southeast Monroe County News

by Myrna Fauska



This week's column is beginning with a chapter in the life and times of this feisty Fauska. I was born on Palm Sunday in 1938 and started celebrating my birthday last Sunday at our church potluck with a birthday cake. Tuesday, I spent the morning and early afternoon working at the spring election in the Glendale Town Hall. On my way home I saw Jeff Maas sitting on the tailgate of his truck and stopped by for a visit.

Wednesday, I took Elizabeth and Millie Swartzentruber over near Ridgeville for an appointment. Friday evening, Darlene Martalock and Joe and Marg Collins treated me to supper at the Pony Express Supper Club. From there, we went to St. John's Church for the library-sponsored movie "The Simple Life of Noah Dearborn."

I joined Christopher Young of Hillsboro on Saturday and we attended the gun show at the Tomah fairgrounds. Sunday after church, Christopher and son Kit took me to Club Chapparral outside of Wonewoc for a birthday brunch buffet. Next week there will be an addendum as my celebration continues!

Up the valley, the Garvens had a busy week with Arlene attending the Cross Town Violet Club meeting at Olbrich Gardens in Madison on Wednesday. Friday evening, she and Ron enjoyed the movie at St. John's fellowship hall and on Saturday she attended the KTY Jun Quilt Guild meeting at the United Methodist Church in Mauston.

Next we come to Mary Parkhurst's, where she has been enjoying the past week with daughter Debbie, who will be returning to her home in Lexington, Kentucky, in a few days.

Now we are at the west end of the neighborhood, where Sally Dana joined the regular group of gals playing mah jong at the library on Wednesday. Thursday, she lunched at the Senior Dining Center and then attended the St. John's ladies aid at the church. In addition to the meeting, the women visited Joyce Thonesen, who lives next door to the church, so they could see her recent home improvements.

Friday evening, Lynette and Sally were at the movie, as was Joyce. Saturday, Lynette and Sally watched the Royall 7th grade girls as they played in a volleyball tournament. Great-niece Layla Marty was on the team. After the game they went up to Mt Tabor Bar and Grill for lunch with Beverly Mattison and daughter Diana Erickson.

Our Lord Jesus spent the final week of His earthly life teaching and preaching in Jerusalem. The lessons and the events of that week are recorded for us in the New Testament books Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. What a blessing to have the scripture available for all who read it and can use it to lead them to the Lord, learning how to live our lives as God wants us to so we can spend eternity with Him. What wonderful Savior is Jesus our Lord, God's only begotten son according to John 3:16 in the Holy Bible. Amen!

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Menu may change without notice

**Rummage Sale, Bake Sale & Lunch**  
**April 22nd 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.**  
**April 23rd 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1221 LaGrange Ave., Tomah  
**Bake Sale:** Homemade Breads, Pies, Cookies and Other Items  
**Lunch:** Chicken Dumpling Soup, Beef Sandwiches, Bread Pudding  
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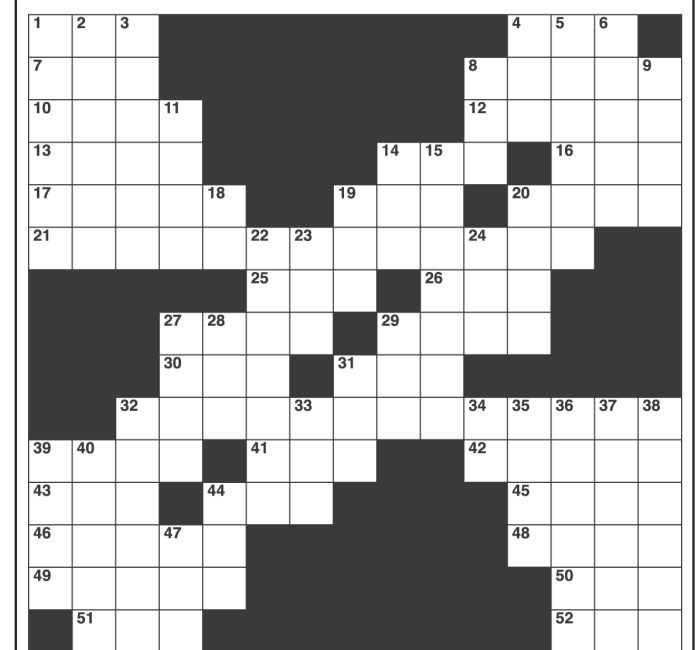
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Buffet  
Chicken, Ham & Meatballs  
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7:00-Dinner  
8:00-Program  
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**SUDOKU** Answers on page 10  
Fun By The Numbers  
Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

					5	6		
	5	4	3			9		
		2						
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	7		4					
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Level: Intermediate

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



### CLUES ACROSS

- Runs PCs
- An entertaining, eccentric person
- Small, faint constellation
- Indigo bush
- Not excessive
- African antelope
- A way to fly a glider
- Tough softly
- In the course of
- Early Mesoamerican people
- A way to drop down
- Mistake!
- Housing developments
- Baseball stat
- No (Scottish)
- Type of cuisine
- British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
- Marry
- Buffer solution
- Legendary rock band
- Recording industry show
- A way to consume
- Lake in Botswana
- Political action committee
- Field force unit (abbr.)
- Very eager
- Excessive fluid accumulation in tissues
- Nocturnal insect
- Challenged to perform
- Thus far
- Famed NYC arena
- Commercials

### CLUES DOWN

- Small, purple-black fruit
- Baltimore ballplayer
- Highly seasoned sausage
- Split pulses
- Northwestern Mexico town
- Edible fruit
- Upper-class southern young woman
- Sums up
- The most worthless part
- Dash
- Sufferings
- Clearinghouse (abbr.)
- Indian title of respect
- Poems meant to be sung
- Actor Cooper
- Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- Clumsy person
- Figures
- Polish Baltic coast peninsula
- Old cloth
- Explosive
- Automobiles
- 007's creator
- The Volunteer State
- Old Irish alphabet
- Japanese city
- Portrayed emotion
- Observers
- Mimicked
- Polite reference to a woman
- Male parent
- Peter Griffin's daughter

**FLUSHING NOTICE**  
**CITY OF TOMAH RESIDENTS**  
The Tomah Water Utility will be conducting their semi-annual water main flushing program **THURSDAY, APRIL 14 THROUGH FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022**  
Between the hours of 8:15 A.M. and 5:30 P.M. in the following areas:  
**THIS PROCESS WILL BEGIN AT THE SOUTH END OF THE CITY LIMITS AND WILL PROGRESS NORTH.**  
After mains have been flushed, it is suggested that the cold water taps in the house be opened wide to flush out any colored water that may be in the service lines.  
Times and dates have been extended for 2022 and are subject to change, please check out facebook page (@cityoftomah) for updates. Thank you.  
Kirk Arity, Director - Public Works and Utilities



# OBITUARIES

## ROBERT ANTHONY LESZCZYNSKI

November 2nd, 1968 — April 8th, 2022

TOMAH - Robert Anthony Leszczynski, 53, of Tomah, died on Friday, April 8th, 2022. On November 2nd, 1968, Robert was born to Sandra and Robert Neinst. In life, Robert's passion was playing music. When Robert wasn't working or strumming a tune, you could often find him working on model cars, putting together a puzzle, or rooting for the Green Bay Packers. Robert was often described as loving, passionate, and a free spirit. He will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

Robert is survived by his children Nicholas (Elizabeth) Leszczynski, Tiffany Leszczynski, Blaze Leszczynski, and Rhonnie Leszczynski, grandchildren Dawson, Raymond, Averyann,

Addison, Beckham, Kloe, Anthym, and Able, siblings Victoria Leszczynski, Tammy Leszczynski, and Harry Meyer, aunt and uncles Linda, Sheryl, Carrie, Richard, Martin, and Todd.

Robert is preceded in death by his parents.

A funeral service will be held on Monday, April 18th, 2022, 11:00 A.M. at the Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home in Tomah, Wisconsin. Pastor Dennis Frost will be officiating. A visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. till the start of the service. A graveside service will be held at Brookside Cemetery in Millstone, Wisconsin, with a celebration of life to follow.

**Sonnenburg Family  
Funeral Home**

## MARJORIE M. ENDRES

August 13, 1939 — April 12, 2022

SPARTA - Marjorie M. Endres, 82, Sparta, passed away peacefully after a short illness, surrounded by her family on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center, La Crosse. She was born on August 13, 1939 to Timothy and Alberta Sullivan. She grew up in Sparta.

Marjorie married George Endres on July 18, 1959. Together, they raised two children.

She worked for many years at Morrow Home before retiring. She enjoyed going to casinos, traveling, sight-seeing, watching NASCAR races, working around the house, and spending time with her 3 grandchildren.



She always worried about everyone else before herself, and was very caring, loving, kind, and compassionate.

Marjorie is survived by her husband, George Endres; children, Darren (Cheryl) Endres and Kristi (Brian) Hoekstra; and grandchildren Taylor Hoekstra, Collin Endres, and Caden Endres; and sister, Evelyn Morkved.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Marcella Schlaeger; and brother, Levi Sullivan.

A private family service will be held at a later time.

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

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

**Lanham-Schanhofer  
Funeral Home and  
Cremation**

# DEATH NOTICES

## FREDRICK EDWARD MCNAUGHTON

April 4, 2022

LA CROSSE - Fredrick Edward McNaughton, 78, of La Crosse died April 4, 2022, at Brookdale Middleton Stonefield Facility in Middleton, Wisconsin.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, 11:00 AM at St. John Ev. Lutheran Church, W3569 County Highway M, La Crosse, WI 54601. Pastor Andrew Schultz will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military honors.

Relatives and friends are invited for a time of visitation on Saturday at the church from 9:00 AM until the time of the service.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation to Vets Helping Vets at <https://nvf.org/veterans-donations/>

The Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home, Tomah is assisting the family. Online condolences can be offered by visiting [www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com](http://www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com)

## RICKY R. JOTHAM

April 13, 2022

SPARTA - Ricky R. Jotham, 55, of Sparta, died Tuesday, April 13, 2022 at his home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation. Burial will be in Cataract Cemetery. Visitation will be held

from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the funeral home and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered at [schanhoferfh.com](http://schanhoferfh.com)

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

## DENNIS K. STEINHOFF

April 9, 2022

SPARTA - Dennis K. Steinhoff of Sparta passed away Saturday, April 9, 2022 at UW Madison hospital at the age of 60.

A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, April 19, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Sparta, with Father Eric Berns officiating. Burial with full military honors will be held in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Sparta.

Visitation for Dennis will be from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, April 18th at the Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, with

a prayer service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue Tuesday at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church from 10 a.m. until the time of services.

Online condolences may be offered to Dennis's family at [www.schanhoferfh.com](http://www.schanhoferfh.com)

Memorials can be made to the American Legion, VFW or any other Veteran's organization.

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

## SCHOOL

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there is a petition with 1,100 signatures to keep the school open.

Board member Heidi Prestwood, whose children attended Cataract Elementary, made a motion to keep the school open, saying the facility was not only a school but an integral part of a tight-knit community. She said closing the school would lead to long bus rides for many of the students who attend the school, forcing some families to send their children to Black River Falls or Melrose.

"We're not closing that school," she said. "Over my body, we're not closing that school. I will fight for it."

Board member John Hendricks said taking the option of closing Cataract off the table at this point would tie the board's hands. Closing Cataract is projected to save the district \$438,000 annually.

"We can save \$400,000 closing Cataract," he said. "If we don't do that, is that going to translate into \$400,000 of staffing cuts?"

Hendricks expressed hesitance over some of the other options on the table like changing the transportation plan, which would affect all students who are bussed, and cutting the district's contribution to the staff retirement plan.

"There just aren't enough cuts here," he said. "By eliminating the possibility of closing Cataract school at this point, we are going to paint ourselves into a corner and be forced to make decisions that we don't want to make."

"We talk about how we value the staff but all the arrows here are going to point to staff cuts instead."

Prestwood withdrew her motion after the board agreed to hold a separate discussion next week on closing Cataract and delaying the decision until the end of the month.

The board then approved \$1.86 million in cuts, which were most of its tier-1 recommendations minus the closing of Cataract.

Leah Hauser, director of business services, said the \$750,000 worth of staffing cuts the board approved were part of the district's staff review that had nothing to do with referendum not passing and would be accomplished through natural attrition (retirements and voluntary resignations).

They included one teacher each at Southside and Herrman elementary schools, a grade five teacher and an LMC specialist at meadowview, a German teacher at Meadowview/high school and a secretary at Herrman. In addition, the board voted to phase out the EDGE Program at Meadowview, reducing one other teacher.

Other cuts included reducing the current health insurance premium cost by 5%, delaying replacing math textbooks for elementary students, replacing high school student technology devices with ESSER funds, allocating \$800,000 currently in Fund 10 to Fund 46 for annual capital projects over the next two years and moving the middle school athletics program to Fund 89.

That leaves nearly \$1 million in cuts remaining to be made. Board members suggested going to the electorate in August with a more palatable referendum to cover some or all of the additional shortfall.

Interim Superintendent Sam Russ urged the board to keep in mind that the \$2.8 million shortfall doesn't take into account inflation or other expenses like increasing compensation packages to attract and retain staff.

"The \$2.8 million is probably not going to get us what we actually need, potentially," he said.

Outgoing board member James Rasmussen cautioned the board not to rely on the referendum and delay making hard decisions.

"You've got to get it done," he said. "You can't leave all of this stuff hanging, hoping that August is going to change everything because it may not."

## HOMICIDE

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tremendous amount of support and assistance by the entire staff of the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

The investigation of the case was led by Investigator Paul Sloan of the City of Tomah Police Department, West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group Director Rob Walensky (formerly of the City of Tomah Police Department) and retired Monroe County Sheriff's Office Detective Clayton Tester. The investigation was aided by numerous members of the City of Tomah Police Department, the Tomah Ambulance Service, the Monroe County District Attorney's Office Investigator, as well as information from medical professionals in the Gundersen, Mayo and UW

Health systems.

Croninger praised the work of the law enforcement officers involved, "The officers and first responders involved in this case are real life heroes. From the moment they became aware of the situation they did everything they could to save Kyson's life. When the situation transitioned to a homicide investigation the officers demonstrated the highest level of professionalism and skill in procuring the necessary evidence to obtain justice for Kyson."

Following the jury's verdicts, Monroe County Circuit Court Judge Mark L. Goodman, who presided over the case, revoked Anderson's bond and remanding him to custody pending sentencing.

## Letter to the Editor

### This isn't about you

Dear Editor:

Sulik, you are totally correct; it isn't about me or about you. This is entirely about effectiveness.

First let us define two words. Vaccine: a substance used to stimulate the production of antibodies and provide immunity against one or several diseases, prepared from the causative agent of a disease. Immunity: the ability of an organism to resist a particular infection or toxin by the action of specific antibodies or sensitized white blood cells.

Polio: 99-100% effective. No need for booster unless you will be in a place that has active polio, then 1 lifetime booster; reinfection is very rare. Diphtheria: 95-100% effective. Booster every 10 yrs. Reinfection possible. Tetanus: 95-100% effective. Booster every 10 yrs. Reinfection possible. Whooping cough: 95-100% effective. Booster every 10 years if you work in healthcare or working with infants and children under 4. Reinfection is very rare. Measles: 93% effective -97% after 2nd dose. No reinfection Mumps: 78% effective -88% after 2nd dose. rarely reinfection. Rubella: 97% effective, very rare reinfection. Chickenpox: 90% effective after 2 doses, rare to be reinfected. Flu: 16% effective, good for about 6 months, get new shot in fall, reinfection possible.

Covid 19: it can lower your risk of getting & spreading, good for about 6 months. 3 boosters suggested no data to suggest it will be effective on new strains as yet, reinfection possible. All of the illnesses listed above are diseases, except Covid19 which is a "man-made" disease and the government and media gave/ give misinformation about it. No way would I even consider getting a shot for what is still unknown. I understand Sulik's concern. However, a comparison cannot be made between Polio & Covid19 with the information we are now privy to. All statistics came from current articles located at HHS.gov, NEJM.org and IMUNIZE.org.

Shari Cummings  
Cashton

## The Savvy Senior

by Jim Miller

### When to Expect Your Social Security Checks

Dear Savvy Senior:

I am planning to retire and apply for my Social Security benefits in July. When can I expect my first check, and is direct deposit my only option for receiving my monthly payment? Almost 62

Dear Almost,

Generally, Social Security retirement benefits, as well as disability and survivor benefits, are paid in the month after the month they are due. So, if you want to start receiving your Social Security benefits in July, your July benefits will be distributed in August.

The day of the month you receive your benefit payment, however, will depend on your birthdate. Here's the schedule of when you can expect to receive your monthly check.

If you were born on the: 1<sup>st</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>: Expect your check to be deposited on the second Wednesday of each month.

11<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>: Expect your check to be deposited on the third Wednesday of each month.

21<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>: Expect your check to be deposited on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

There are, however, a few exceptions to this schedule. For example, if the day your Social Security check is supposed to be deposited happens to be a holiday, your check will be deposited the previous day. And, if you are receiving both Social Security benefits and SSI payments, your Social Security check will be deposited on the third day of the month.

You should also know that for Social Security beneficiaries who started receiving benefits before 1997, their Social Security checks are paid on the third day of the month.

To get a complete schedule of 2022 payment dates, visit [SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10031-2022.pdf](http://SSA.gov/pubs/EN-05-10031-2022.pdf).

#### Receiving Options

There are two ways you can receive your Social Security benefits. Most beneficiaries choose direct deposit into their

bank or credit union account because it's simple, safe and secure. But if you don't want this option, or you don't have a bank account that your payments can be deposited into, you can get a Direct Express Debit MasterCard and have your benefits deposited into your card's account.

This card can then be used to get cash from ATMs, banks or credit union tellers, pay bills online and over the phone, make purchases at stores or locations that accept Debit MasterCard and get cash back when you make those purchases, and purchase money orders at the U.S. Post Office. The money you spend or withdraw is automatically deducted from your account. And you can check your balance any time by phone, online or at ATMs.

There's also no cost to sign up for the card, no monthly fees and no overdraft charges. There are, however, some small fees for optional services you need to be aware of, like multiple ATM withdrawals. Currently, cardholders get one free ATM withdrawal per month, but additional monthly withdrawals cost 85 cents each not including a surcharge if you use a non-network ATM. To learn more, visit [USDirectExpress.com](http://USDirectExpress.com) or call 800-333-1795.

#### When and How to Apply

The Social Security Administration recommends that you apply for benefits three months before you want to start receiving checks. This will give you enough time to make sure you have all the needed information to complete the application. See [SSA.gov/hlp/isba/10/isba-checklist.pdf](http://SSA.gov/hlp/isba/10/isba-checklist.pdf) for a checklist of what you'll need.

You can apply for your Social Security benefits online at [SSA.gov](http://SSA.gov), by phone at 800-772-1213, or in person at your local Social Security office – call first to make an appointment.

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

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Sparta man charged with 71 counts of possession of child porn

George Edward Bradley, 54, appeared in Monroe County Circuit Court Wednesday afternoon following his arrest on Tuesday. According to the criminal complaint, Bradley had downloaded images of young female children in sexually explicit poses onto his phone. The downloads date back to between September 2019 to March 2022. In documents filed to court with the case, an Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) investigation in 2019 and 2020 was put on hold in Wisconsin when Bradley is alleged to have moved to Texas. The case was sent back to Wisconsin when a tip from Synchronoss, which runs Verizon's cloud-based storage, notified ICAC on January 21, 2022 that several files uploaded to an account that later was found to belong to Bradley contained possible child pornography. Investigators found 66 images uploaded to the cloud that were later confirmed to be child porn. An investigator interviewed Bradley at his Sparta home on March 2, where Bradley denied having any interest in child pornography. Bradley blamed the images being on his phone as a result of inadvertently tapping or clicking on pop-up ads on porn sites that he had visited. When the investigator began asking about the images located in cloud storage, Bradley admitted he had images on his phone, saying he was addicted to porn. Bradley told investigators that he was "stupid" for downloading the images from the links he had visited, describing himself as having a "twisted mind" and that he had been "sick his entire life." Four additional images were located on Bradley's phone, and five more images from a previous investigation by Sparta Police were added as evidence. 75 total charges were referred to the Monroe County District Attorney's Office, and 71 charges were filed Monday. Prosecutors charged one count for each 71 photos found in Bradley's possession. Each charge carries a maximum 25 year prison term and a minimum three years behind bars if convicted. During the court appearance, bond was set at \$25,000 cash. He returns to court on Monday, April 18.



Sparta Area Fire Department responds to land fire On Tuesday at about 12 p.m., the Sparta Area Fire Department responded to 11216 Fairway Rd., west of Hwy 27 between Sparta and Cataract. Property owner Howard Wachter was burning off a small area of land and lost control of the fire. The fire ended up consuming 3.6 acres, and the Sparta Area Fire Department was on the scene for 2 hours. "It was nice to get some rain the other day, but we're still at a very high fire danger risk," said Fire Chief Mike Arnold. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

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Odyssey of the Mind participants were: from left, back row: Charlie Mathison, Rian Luedtke, Kenden Thielker, Sam Burnette, front row: Elijah Thurston, Kalli Guirad, Brock Peterson. Contributed photo.

**Bangor students compete  
in Odyssey of the Mind**

By **RHONDA HESS**  
Contributing writer

The Bangor School District elementary and middle school Odyssey of the Mind group participated in the state tournament March 19 in Madison.

“The Bangor School District has competed in the OOTM program for many years,” Coordinator Deb Gerke said. “It is a creative problem solving program.”

This year’s Odyssey of the Mind problem for the elementary team was “Escape Vroom,” to build a vehicle that, during an eight-minute performance, completed four tasks (drag something, push something, pick something up, and travel over a speed bump) using two different propulsion systems.

The performance was set in an escape room. To understand the escape room concept (an activity where people need to solve clues to “escape” an area), the group

visited one last autumn in La Crosse.

The setting for the Odyssey performance is the school. A student is upset with the lunch menu (he wants pizza for lunch every day), so he enlists the help of another student and locks some of the school staff, such as the bus driver, phy-ed teacher, lunchroom worker, science teacher, and music teacher, in a store room. With the help of the vehicle, a school bus, they have to solve a number of puzzles to get the clues to figure out why they are locked in and to escape the room.

“This is the first year performing for all seven of the students,” Laurie Olson, coach and grandmother of one of the team members, Elijah Thurston, said. “Three of them were in Odyssey in 2020 but could not finish the activity or perform due to the pandemic.”

Olson said she coached for years when her children were in school, but had not been involved in Odyssey

since the last two graduated in 2011. “When they had a group of students wanting to be in Odyssey, but no coach, I figured the only way my grandson could be in the activity was to coach, so I couldn’t say no,” she said.

Another coach was Savanna Olson, Laurie’s daughter (and Elijah’s aunt) who was in Odyssey in school, elementary through high school. Other coaches include: Amanda O’Heron, Melissa Bjorkman-LeJune and Christina Peterson-Gianunzio.

**Duplicate Bridge**

Winners at Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday afternoon, March 29<sup>th</sup>, were:

First place - David Hollmann and Lloyd Larson. Second place - Ken Kuhn and Lauren Zucco. Third place - Lowel Peterson 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.

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## SPARTA SOCCER



ABOVE Sparta's Chloe Allen winds up for a kick that would end up as the Spartans' first goal against La Crosse Logan Tuesday. Allen scored twice and had a trio of assists in a 10-0 win. BELOW Sparta's Amelia Russ fends off an advance by Logan's Emme Bennett in the opening half of Tuesday's game. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

# Sparta throttles Logan in MVC opener

By NICK LEONARDELLI  
Sports Writer

La Crosse Logan visited Sparta on their home turf Tuesday afternoon with hopes of snagging their first conference win of the year. Sparta had other plans for the Mississippi Valley Conference opener.

Weather, however, delayed the start of the game by roughly 45 minutes as lightning in the area forced a temporary shutdown. When the teams finally hit the field, the afternoon was overcast and windy with a few sprinkles scattered about.

The home team methodically worked its way to a commanding halftime lead.

Chloe Allen put in the first goal of the night off of an

assist by Malory Russ.

Russ delivered her first goal less than a minute later as the ball skipped under the goalie from about 15 yards out.

The senior striker finished a hat trick before the 30 minute mark and Sparta went on to possess a commanding 6-0 lead by halftime.

The team only needed 30 more minutes to score four more goals and secure a match-ending 10-0 advantage.

Sparta's final goal, an Allen to Russ combo, came in the 70th minute to force a premature end to the contest.

Malory Russ scored five goals and assisted on one of them. Chloe Allen scored the first goal of the first and second half. Allen also assisted on three goals. Amelia Russ scored two goals and Maddi Schauf found the net once.

Sparta improves to 3-0 with the win and moves ahead with an ever-growing target on its back - something the team will have to get used to if they continue their winning ways.

Head coach Amy Russ wants to see the momentum continue throughout the season.

"I am really looking forward to where we will go this season. We plan on continuing to support the girls in all of their endeavors as well as continuing to put together meaningful practice plans that prepare the girls as best we can for each new contest."

The next game for the squad is this Thursday, April 14th. Sparta will visit arch-rival Tomah for their second conference match of 2022. Tomah enters the matchup 1-1. The start time for the game is set at 4:15 pm.



## SPARTA BASEBALL

# Altoona, Richland Center top Spartans sluggers

By NICK LEONARDELLI  
Sports Writer

The Sparta baseball team started the week with back-to-back games on Monday and Tuesday. The team's first opponent was Altoona on Monday with a game against Richland Center the following day. Sparta was still looking for that first win of the season with Altoona making the trip to Sparta.

By the end of the third inning, Sparta saw themselves down 7-2. Altoona went on to score four more runs. Sparta was only able to muster up two runs in the remaining four innings. Altoona defeats Sparta 11-4 for the Spartan's

third loss of the season.

Sparta was only able to snag six hits in the game. All the hits were done by six different players. Sparta pitching gave up 13 hits to Altoona. The Sparta pitchers also gave up 3 walks and only had one strikeout. The 11 runs given up would mark the third time Sparta has given up 11 runs in a game. Sparta needed to turn things around quickly with a game against Richland Center the next day.

Sparta traveled to Richland Center for their first road game of the season Tuesday. Another fast start for the Spartan opponents with Richland Center up 3-0 after one. Sparta never had an answer. Richland

Center would defend their home field with an 11-1 win.

The Spartan hitters didn't see much success at the plate, only having four hits in the five-inning game. Sparta pitching gave up 14 hits to Richland Center batters.

Now 0-4 on the season, the Spartans are looking for some success and that first win. The team has given up 11 or more runs in all of their losses this season. The Spartans have been outscored 49-13 in those four losses. The team looks to turn things around with a matchup against conference rival Onalaska this Thursday. The first pitch is at 4:30 pm.

## TOMAH SOFTBALL

# Seventh inning rally leads Tomah past Central

By MAURICE SAVAGE  
Sports Writer

The Timberwolves were able to rally back late in this one with nine huge runs in the seventh inning. They were able to come away with a 15-7 victory.

In the top of the seventh inning, Alexis Hagen was able to get a double on a flyball to center field that allowed Kennedy Noth to score. Hannah Van Treese was able to single a line drive to the right field and this allowed Alexis Hagen to get home for the score. Olivia Wall then singled a line drive to center field that brought Peyton Foster and Asha Ecelberg in for the score. Lauren Noth hit got a single on a line drive, allowing Hannah Van Treese to get the score. Olivia Wall then scores off of a walk by Libby Mathison. Kennedy Noth grounded out to the second base, but this allowed Lauren Noth to score. Alexis Hagen was able to single on a line drive to left field and this allowed Maddie Johnson to score. Peyton Foster was able to advance on a reach by the shortstop and this allowed Libby Mathison to score.

Lauren Noth finished the game with four hits, two runs, and two RBIs. Olivia Wall had three hits, one run, and two RBIs. Alexis Hagen had three hits, one run, and two RBIs.

Maddie Johnson pitched all seven innings. She allowed eight hits and seven runs on the night, but she record ten strikeouts.

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## BANGOR BASEBALL

## MICHEK THROWS NO-HITTER

By ZACH RASTALL  
Sports Writer

There are dominating pitching performances, and then there's what Bangor senior Ashton Michek did against Melrose-Mindoro.

Michek was nearly untouchable against the Mustangs, throwing a no-hitter while striking out 18 batters in seven superb innings of work.

Behind his powerhouse performance, the Cardinals (3-0) breezed past Melrose-Mindoro (0-2) in a 13-0 non-

conference victory Monday, April 11 in Melrose.

Michek not only was phenomenal on the mound, but helped his cause at the plate too. Bangor's first runs of the evening came in the top of the third, when Michek drove in a pair with an RBI single.

Bryce Peterson duplicated that feat an inning later, bring home two more runs with a two-out RBI single of his own.

After a couple of errors allowed the Cardinals to extend their advantage to 6-0 in the sixth inning, the barrage

truly came with a seven-run rally in the top of the seventh.

In that inning, Chase Horstman scored on an error, Peterson came up with his second RBI single of the evening, Evan Wolfe followed with a two-run triple, Eli Tucker and Michek added back-to-back RBI doubles and Horstman capped off the scoring with an RBI single.

Michek then struck out the side in order in the bottom of the seventh to put the finishing touches on his no-hitter. In total, Michek struck out the

side in five of his seven innings of work and just one Melrose-Mindoro batter got on base the whole game.

Of the 16 outs Michek got in the win, 18 of them came via the strikeout.

At the plate, Michek finished 2 for 4 with a double, a walk and three RBIs. Additionally for the Cardinals, Horstman went 4 for 4 with a triple, a walk, an RBI and two runs scored, Peterson finished 2 for 3 with a walk, three RBIs and two runs and Samuel Cropp was 2 for 3 with a run scored.

This marks the second straight year that a Bangor pitcher has recorded a no-hitter. Sam Wittmershaus tossed a five-inning no-hitter last season on May 10 in a 12-0 win over Necedah.

Michek's no-no comes a full month earlier on the calendar as part of a solid 3-0 start to the campaign for the Cardinals. It's a memorable achievement already in the books for a Bangor team looking to get plenty more during what could be a special season.

## TOMAH BASEBALL

## Tomah boys best Holmen in extras

By MAURICE SAVAGE  
Sports Writer

The Timberwolves were able to secure a close victory against Holmen on Monday behind a five-run rally in the seventh inning that set up a pivotal eighth inning. A single run in the eighth was the difference as Tomah earned its first MVC victory of the year 7-6.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Drew Brookman was able to triple on a fly ball, which brought Charlie Joyce and Bryant Thornton in for a score. Shane Prielipp then followed that with a single on a ground ball to bring Andrew Brookman in for the score. Tom Hesse doubled on a fly ball to the outfield that allowed Tanner Matthias and Ethan Burch to Mattheias and tie the game at 6 runs apiece.

After holding Holmen in the top of the eighth inning, Josh Georgeson became the hero of the day by belting out a line drive that lined up with the sun and was unplayable, leading to the walkoff win.

Prielipp finished the game with three hits on the night and one RBI. Brookman finished with two hits, three runs, and two RBIs. Cody Quist finished the night with two hits.

Brookman pitched six innings and allowed six hits and five runs and recorded ten strikeouts. Hesse pitched for two innings and recorded two strikeouts.

Tomah improves to 2-2 on the season and 1-1 in league play after suffering a loss to Aquinas in the MVC opener last week.

The Timberwolves' game with La Crosse Central that was scheduled for Thursday, April 14 was moved to May 24 on account of inclement weather. Tomah is expected to host La Crosse Logan on Monday, April 18 with a 4:30 p.m. start time. Logan recently topped West Salem 10-2 on Tuesday, April 12 to improve to 2-2 on the season.

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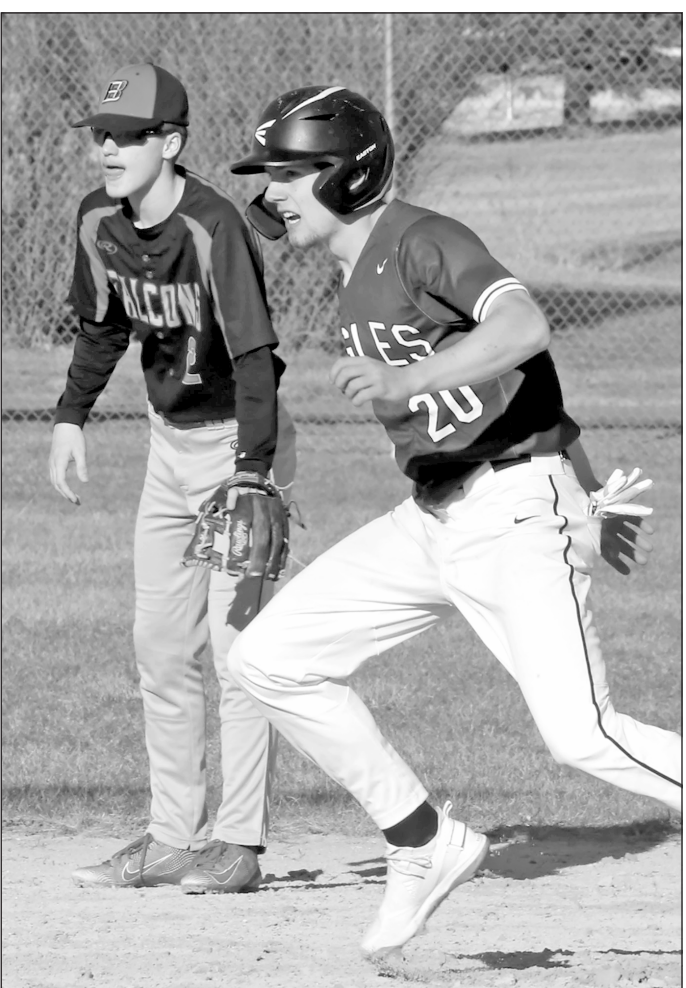
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## CASHTON BASEBALL

## Dempsey's stellar day powers Cashton batmen past Brookwood



Cashton's Bowdy Dempsey gets a lead at second during the fourth inning of Monday's win at Brookwood. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

By ZACH RASTALL  
Sports Writer

The Cashton baseball team was able to pick up their first conference win of the season thanks to a victory against Brookwood. No player had a bigger hand in it than Bowdy Dempsey.

Thanks in large part to Dempsey's contributions both on the mound and at the plate, the Eagles (3-1 overall, 1-1 Scenic Bluffs) were able to outscore the Falcons (1-3, 1-1) 7-0 over the final three innings to pick up a 10-6 win Monday, April 11 in Wilton.

Cashton seized the early 2-0 lead in the top of the first on Dempsey's RBI triple and Jack Kleba's RBI groundout that brought Dempsey home. Brookwood cut the deficit in half thanks to Evan Klinkner's RBI double in the bottom half of the inning, then took a 4-2 lead in the second on RBI singles from Brady Hansen and Evan Wang.

A Henry Brueggen RBI single in the top of the third made it a 4-3 game, but the Falcons responded again in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run double by Franklin Wildes to extend the advantage out to 6-3.

From there, it was all Eagles. Cashton put together a five-run rally in the top of the fifth on the backs of an

RBI single from Alec Wall, a two-run single courtesy of Connor Butzler and a two-run double by Dempsey. The Eagles added a couple of insurance runs in the top of the seventh on Dempsey's RBI single and Henry Brueggen's RBI groundout, and then set Brookwood down in order in the bottom half of the inning to secure the win.

Dempsey went 3 for 3 with two walks, four RBIs, three runs scored and finished just a homer shy of the cycle. He also pitched the final three innings in relief in scoreless, hitless fashion, striking out six and walking just one along the way.

Elsewhere at the plate for Cashton: Presley Brueggen was 3 for 4 with a walk and three runs, Jacob Huntzicker went 3 for 6 with a double and Butzler finished 2 for 5 with two RBIs and a run scored.

As for the Falcons, Hansen was 2 for 2 with a walk, an RBI and two runs scored while Nate DeWitt went 2 for 4 and scored once.

Brookwood would follow up that game the following night with a 12-1 loss to Wauzeka-Stauben (4-1) in non-conference play Tuesday, April 12 in Wauzeka. The Eagles were scheduled to host De Soto Tuesday evening, but the game was postponed until Tuesday, May 17.



Brookwood's Brady Hansen lays the tag on Cashton's Ethan Schmitz before getting back to the bag at second in the fourth inning of Monday's game. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

## CASHTON SOFTBALL



Cashton's Ella Brueggen secures the ball at first to force out Brookwood's Kylie Powell in Monday's SBC contest. Cashton notched a 12-2 win to move to 3-3 on the year. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

## Cashton softball uses fourth-inning surge to power past Falcons

By ZACH RASTALL  
Sports Writer

Behind a six-run outburst in the fourth inning, the Cashton softball team tallied its first conference win of the season against Brookwood early this week.

The Eagles (3-3 overall, 1-1 Scenic Bluffs) used that rally to help turn a close contest into a rout in their 12-2 victory over the Falcons (1-3, 0-2) Monday, April 11 in Ontario.

Grace Leis scored in the top of the first and Keona Mickelson slugged an RBI triple in the top of the second to give Cashton the early 2-0 advantage. Brookwood responded with a Deanna Wallace RBI single and Wallace later scoring on an error to knot the score at 2-2 in the bottom of the second.

The Eagles retook the lead on Ella Brueggen's RBI single in the top of the third, then erupted for six runs in the fourth inning. That rally featured a Sydney Helgerson RBI double, a Chelsie Paulsen two-run home run, a Mickelson sacrifice fly and two runs scored on errors.

In the top of the sixth, Teagan Hundt had an RBI triple and Taylor Lukaszewski hit a two-run double to make it a 12-2 Cashton lead. After Brookwood went down in order in the bottom half of the inning, the mercy rule came into effect.

Paulsen led the way for the Eagles by going 3 for 4 with the homer, two RBIs and two runs scored, while Brueggen finished 2 for 3 with a walk, an RBI and a run. In the circle, Sarah Schroeder got the win by going six innings, striking out 10 and surrendering two



Cashton's Chelsie Paulson singles in the first inning of Monday's game. Paulson finished 3-4 on the night with a home run and 2 RBI. Herald photo by Nate Beier

runs on three hits and two walks.

Wallace, Kristin Berg and Emily Cunitz all recorded a hit for the Falcons in the loss.

Brookwood would shake off that defeat and go on to beat Wauzeka-Stauben (0-2) 9-4 in non-conference play for its first win of the season Tuesday, April 12 in Wauzeka.

In that win, Vanessa Anderson finished 4 for 5 with two RBIs and three runs scored, while Kylea Brueggeman was 2 for 3 with a double.

That same night, Cashton pummeled North Crawford (1-5) 30-1 in an emphatic non-conference victory.

## SPARTA SOFTBALL

## Spartans succumb to hot-hitting G-E-T

By NICK LEONARDELLI  
Sports Writer

Sparta softball was back in action this past Monday. The squad welcomed GET to Memorial park for a non-conference bout. After three innings of play, Sparta only recorded one hit, and GET

was up 8-0. The game only lasted five innings with GET securing a 16-3 smackdown of the Lady Spartans.

GET pitching threw 8 strikeouts in the game. Sparta's hitting was about to muster up three hits compared to GET's 11 hits. Sparta's Madissyn Bolen went 2-2 at the plate and

Hallie Burton went 1-3 from the plate.

The team is now 0-2 after another big loss. Three of their first five games have been postponed for later dates. The team's next game is Thursday versus conference-foe Onalaska. First pitch is set at 4:30 pm.



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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY**  
**Order and Notice for Hearing on Petition for Summary Settlement (Formal Administration)**  
 Case No. 21 PR 68  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Gregory J. Cottone  
 A Petition for Summary Settlement was filed.  
**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 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.  
 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.  
 Hon. Todd L. Ziegler  
 Circuit Court Judge  
 March 24, 2022

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 608-269-1200  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY**  
**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
 Case No. 22 PR 36  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Linda K. Rodriguez  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 8-2-1948 and date of death 2-7-2022, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 214 North K St, Sparta, WI 54656.  
 3. All interested persons waived notice.  
 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is July 29, 2022  
 5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.  
 Diane Berendes  
 Probate Registrar  
 April 12, 2022

Dan Arndt  
 101 W Oak St  
 PO Box 349  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY**  
**Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration)**  
 Case No. 22 PR 35  
 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: Beverly A. Austin  
**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
 1. An application for informal administration was filed.  
 2. The decedent, with date of birth 01-07-1932 and date of death 02-18-2022, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 20467 State Highway 27, Sparta, WI 54656  
 3. All interested persons waived notice.  
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**Wood Cemetery Annual Meeting**  
 Notice is hereby given The annual meeting of the Wood Cemetery will be **April 21, 2022** at 7 p.m. at the Town of Byron meeting room at **32386 St Hwy 21**. If you have any concerns or suggestions, please let them be known at that time.  
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**WANTED:**  
 If you are interested in being an alderman for District 8 in the City of Sparta, please submit your written request to the City Clerk on or before April 18th for consideration. Your request should be addressed to the City Council. If you have any questions, please call the City Clerk at 608-269-4340, opt. 2.  
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**CITY OF TOMAH NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CLASS B FERMENTED MALT LICENSE**  
**FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD OF: 10/19/2021 - 6/30/2022**  
 Notice is hereby given that Cantina 5 Sports Bar INC- Merelin Marisa Sanchez Tizol, Agent, has applied for Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and Class "B" Liquor Licenses in the City of Tomah at 1119 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI 54660, to be effective May 1, 2022.  
 Nicole Jacobs, Deputy City Clerk  
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**CITY OF TOMAH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**  
 Public notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission for the City of Tomah, Monroe County, Wisconsin will hold three separate public hearings on April 28, 2022 at 530 pm in the Council Chambers, Municipal Center, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI. The purpose of these public hearings is to consider amendments to the City of Tomah Zoning Code, Chapter 52, Zoning Building Permit (52-8(8)), Permitted Uses (52-35(3)), and Fence Height-Requirements (52-209(b)(3)). A copy of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the City Clerk's office: Municipal Center, 819 Superior Avenue, Tomah, WI during 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday-Friday. At the public hearing, interested parties will be given a reasonable opportunity to express their views on the proposed amendments to the City of Tomah Zoning Code.  
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY**  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**  
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**DATED:** March 2, 2022  
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 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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 Monroe County Sheriff  
 Gray & Associates, L.L.P.  
 Attorneys for Plaintiff  
 16345 West Glendale Drive  
 New Berlin, WI 53151-2841  
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LEGAL NOTICES

**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:**  
Mark L. Goodman  
Re: Formal Proceedings

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 virtual hearing or telephonic appearance instructions.  
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**TOWN OF SPARTA ANNUAL MEETING/APRIL BOARD MEETING**

Notice is hereby given: the **Annual Town Meeting** for Town of Sparta will be held Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at the Sparta Town Hall 5724 Hamlet Ave at 6:00 PM. All electors of the Town of Sparta are welcome to attend for the transaction of miscellaneous business as is by law required or permitted to be transacted at such meeting. Any elector may bring up an issue and make a motion which must be seconded.

The Sparta **Town Board** will meet for the regular monthly board meeting on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 following the Annual Meeting. Agenda items: March minutes; amend ordinances to reflect speed limit changes; open bid for sale of plow truck; open road bids. Open session-public comment; correspondence; financial report; approve bills. Additional agenda items may be posted at the town hall.  
Sparta Town Clerk  
4/14 WNAJLP

**STATE OF WISCONSIN Town of Little Falls Monroe County OPEN BOOK**

Pursuant to s. 70.45, Wis. stats. The Town of Little Falls assessment roll for the year 2022 will be open for examination on the 30th day of April, 2022, at the Little Falls Town Hall from 9:00a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Instructional material about the assessment, how to file an objection, and board of review procedures under Wisconsin law will be available at that time.  
Notice is hereby given this 14th day of April, 2022  
Cassie Schober  
Town of Little Falls Clerk  
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CITY OF SPARTA COMMON COUNCIL

**CITY OF SPARTA COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES February 16, 2022**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Gust, Kevin Brueggeman, Kevin Riley, Matthew Hoffland, Ed Lukasek, Anthony Boltik, Josh Lydon  
**ABSENT:** Jim Church, Bruce Humphrey  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Todd Fahning, Dan Hellman, Mark Van Wormer, Emilee Nottestad, Dave Kuderer, citizen  
Mayor Gust called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
Roll Call was done by the City Clerk.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Boltik  
**A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Ed Lukasek to approve this agenda. Motion carried 6-0.**  
**A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Ed Lukasek to approve the consent agenda consisting of the minutes of the last regular meeting of January 12, 2022. Motion carried 6-0.**  
**A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Ed Lukasek that upon proper payment of fees, the "Class B"/Class "B" Liquor License for Sadie Brooks and Georgianna Rehffuss, BBG Enterprises, LLC dba The Greens located at 1210 E. Montgomery Street be approved. Motion carried 6-0.**  
**A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Ed Lukasek to approve the Second Hand Article License for Phyllis Frisk dba Second Season located at 128 N. Water Street. Motion carried 6-0.**  
**A motion was made by Josh Lydon and seconded by Kevin Brueggeman to approve the agent change to Cassie Gaethke for Best Western Plus located at 4445 Theater Road. Motion carried 6-0.**  
Todd mentioned the following promotions in his City Administrator report:  
There has been some interest in Economic Development. We will be able to start Phase 3 in South Pointe Business Park extending Bicycle Street to Ideal Road soon.  
RFP's have been sent out for our garbage contract. Bids will be looked at and approved after that.  
Spartan Lofts will have an open house later in March and April to start move-ins.  
There were no items mentioned for future consideration.  
**A motion was made by Ed Lukasek and seconded by Kevin Brueggeman to adjourn at 6:10 p.m. Motion carried 6-0.**  
Respectfully submitted  
Julie Hanson  
City Clerk

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**Bear Creek News**

by Pat Christensen  
608-372-6207



Colt Prielipp visited Grandma Sue and Ken Olsen last Monday evening.  
Bonnie Hedding visited her Aunt Ruth and Doug Murry in Tomah on Friday.  
Jim Bernhardt from Clifton celebrated his Birthday on Thursday evening with dinner at the Stagecoach in Clifton. Jim's family, Ken and Sue Olsen, Doris Kelley and Jim Roroff all came to help him celebrate.  
Darrell Prielipp visited his mom Sue and Ken Olsen on Friday.  
Randy and Alicia Waltemath from Wyeville visited Bonnie Hedding on Saturday evening.  
John Blija, Mike Blija and Rick Eagan went to Slinger on Saturday to help Pete and

Pat Butzen cut some trees.  
Ken and Sue Olsen went to Pizones Bowling Alley in Tomah on Saturday for a benefit for little Henry Pease. A large crowd attended.  
Pastor Bob and Dorothy Gerke, and Ken and Sue Olsen were guests at the home of Ken and Shawn Sprain for a German dinner on Saturday evening.  
Bonnie Hedding visited her mom Kate Batten at Shennington after church on Sunday.  
Laura Butterfuss and Susan Paisley visited Bonnie Hedding on Sunday afternoon.  
Happy Easter to everyone.  
Hope you can spend time with family.

BANGOR SCHOOL BOARD

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Education (Wednesday, February 16, 2022)**

Generated by Jean Reigel on Wednesday, February 16, 2022

1. Meeting Opening
- A. Call to Order  
*Julie Meyers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.*
- B. Roll Call
- Board members present: Joanie Wilcox, Tina Mathison, Lisa Horstman, Shelly Piske, Julie Meyers, Lori Horstman, Jac Lyga.
- C. Attest to publication  
*Joanie Wilcox*
- D. Approval of Agenda  
*Motion by Shelly Piske, second by Joanie Wilcox to approve agenda with the deletion of 3. A. Student Report. Motion carried 7-0.*
- E. District Mission, Vision, and Values  
*Read by Tina Mathison*
- F. Board of Education Collective Commitments  
*Read by Tina Mathison*
- G. Public Comment  
*None*
2. Approval of Minutes
- A. January 12 Regular Meeting  
*Motion by Joanie Wilcox, second by Tina Mathison to approve minutes. Motion carried 7-0.*
- B. January 12 Closed Session  
*Motion by Lori Horstman, second by Shelly Piske to approve minutes. Motion carried 7-0.*
3. Special Reports
- A. Student report
4. Board President's Report
- A. Correspondence  
*None*
5. Committee Reports
- A. PRC Committee  
*Joanie Wilcox reported on February 1 meeting.*
6. District Financials
- A. Financial Documents  
*Motion by Joanie Wilcox, second by Shelly Piske to approve the financials as presented including the Fund 21 Checks, General Acct. Checks, and February 22 Financial Report. Motion carried 7-0.*
7. District Reports
- A. Open Enrollment Window Notification  
*David Brokopp shared a press release with link to DPI resource.*
8. District Action Agenda
- A. COVID-19 Response Plan Update  
*David Brokopp presented changes. Motion by Joanie Wilcox, second by Lori Horstman to approve proposed changes to the District's 2/16/22 COVID-19 Adaptive Response Plan with the addition of 3rd bullet under may return-negative test after 24 hrs. of symptoms. Motion carried 7-0*
- B. Policy Updates  
*Motion by Shelly Piske, second by Joanie Wilcox to approve the updates and revisions in Special Update on Nondiscrimination and Vol.30, No.2 as reviewed by the PRC. Motion carried 7-0.*
9. Personnel: Mr. Brokopp (Board may convene to closed session under WI statute 19.85 (1)(C))  
*Motion by Lori Horstman, second by Joanie Wilcox to move 3 personnel items to closed session. Motion carried 7-0.*
- A. Resignation - Custodian (Board may convene to closed session under WI statute 19.85 (1)(C))
- B. Hire -Part-Time Special Education / Speech Support Teacher (Board may convene to closed session under WI statute 19.85 (1)(C))
- C. Hire - Custodian (Board may convene to closed session under WI

- statute 19.85 (1)(C))
10. Administration Reports
- A. School Psychologist Report: Josh Chaplin
  1. Reading Drives Achievement: Procedural Compliance Self-Assessment (RDA:PCSA): Currently reviewing corrections. Process should be completed by next fall.
  2. Wisconsin Federal Funding Conference: Josh Chaplin will be attending February 28-March 1.
- B. Elementary School Report: Michael Johnson
  1. PBIS Word of the Month: *Caring*
  2. 100 Days of School Celebrations
  3. Long-term 4K sub: *Sheryl Laehn*
  4. Update on 4K: *Most parents support full day, 4 days a week. 41 Students expected as of now.*
- C. High School/Middle School Report: Rick Muellenberg
  1. Band/Choir Trip Update: *April 11th.*
  2. Plan Ahead Dates: *Shared*
- D. District Administrator Report: David Brokopp
  1. NEXUS Facility Study: *Ongoing*
  2. School Social Worker: *Ours is leaving CESA 4 for a different position.*
  3. Safety Planning Update: *Meeting with staff scheduled to review plan. Ongoing process.*
  4. ESSER III: *Still available*
  5. Insurance Center: *RFP process has started. Planning April 20 presentation to Board.*
  6. PLCs at Work: *Looking for a Board member to attend.*
  7. April Meeting Date: *Possibly move to Tuesday, April 19th.*
11. Removal of Items from the Consent Agenda  
*None*
12. Consent Agenda
- A. Current Openings: *Informational*
- B. FMLA Leave Request: *Melanie Brooks-Maternity*
- C. Open Enrollment Applications: *1 out, 0 in.*
- D. Recurring Spanish Trip Approval: *Antigua*  
*Motion by Selly Piske, second by Joanie Wilcox to approve Consent Agenda. Motion carried 7-0.*
13. Adjourn to Closed Session Under WI Statues 19.85(1)(c)  
A. Adjourn to Closed Session  
*Motion by Joanie Wilcox, second by Tina Mathison to adjourn to closed session. Roll call vote taken: Joanie Wilcox - yea, Tina Mathison - yea, Lisa Horstman - yea, Shelly Piske - yea, Julie Meyers - yea, Lori Horstman - yea, Jac Lyga - yea. Motion carried 7-0.*
14. Return to Open Session to Take Action, if Necessary  
A. Return to Open Session: *Motion by Shelly Piske, second by Lisa Horstman to return to Open Session. Motion carried 7-0.*
- B. Resignation-Custodian: *Motion by Lori Horstman, second by Joanie Wilcox to approve resignation of Brenda Langrehr effective January 28, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.*
- C. Hire Part-Time Special Education/Speech Support Teacher: *Motion by Joanie Wilcox, second by Lisa Horstman to approve the hire of Courtney Piske to fill the part-time Special Education/Speech and Language Support teacher position for the remainder of the 21-22 school year. Motion carried 6-0 with Shelly Piske abstaining.*
- D. Hire Custodian: *Motion by Lisa Horstman, second by Joanie Wilcox to approve the hire of Nathan Jones as full-time custodian effective January 31, 2022. Motion carried 7-0.*
15. Adjourn  
A. Adjourn  
*Motion by Lori Horstman, second by Shelly Piske to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0 at 7:55 pm.*  
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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 non-profit adult organization or church will get a 25% discount on advertising. Half price ads are available for second run. There is no charge for youth groups. Items placed in "Upcoming Area Events" cannot contain prices, and the word "raffle" is prohibited. Regular consumption events must be run as a paid advertisement. We appreciate your cooperation. Call 608-269-9797 to place your item or e-mail to julie@monroecountyherald.com**

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

The **CLASS OF 1963** will meet for lunch Wednesday, **April 20, 2022, 12:00 noon** at the Family Restaurant. All classmates are welcome.

**SPARTA GARDEN CLUB** will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, **April 20th**, at 1:30 p.m., Sparta Barney Community Center, 1000 E. Montgomery St., Sparta. Topic: Soil Testing, presented by Kaitlyn Davis, Agriculture Educator with UW-Extension La Crosse. All are welcome!

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 are welcome.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1221 LaGrange Ave Tomah, will be having a **RUMMAGE SALE AND BAKE SALE on April 22nd** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **April 23rd** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society of the Scenic Coulee Circuit will hold its **SPRING RALLY**, hosted by the Christ Lutheran Church in West Salem, 500 Park St., on Sat., **April 23rd, 2022** at 1:00 p.m. Registration at 12:30 p.m.

The **CLASS OF 1969** will have its luncheon the LAST Thursday of the month at the GREENS Restaurant and Bar at noon. The next luncheon will be **April 28** at the Greens.

The Haiti Mission Team will be having a **HUGE RUMMAGE SALE AT THE GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH**, 310 W. Elizabeth St., Tomah on **Fri., April 29** from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on **Sat., April 30** from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call Barb Enos at 608-372-4256 or the Gloria Dei Office at 608-372-4758.

Boy Scout Troop 72 **All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction** Saturday **April 30th**, 4:00pm to 7pm at Tomah American Legion Post 201, 800 Wisconsin Ave, Tomah.

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

**CLASS 66 - class reunion planning meeting #1** at The Greens on **Wed., May 4** at 11:30. Join us for lunch. Pass the word.

**ANNUAL SPRING LUNCHEON** **Thursday, May 5, 2022** in the Fellowship Hall at: United

Methodist Church 210 Court St., Sparta **SERVING FROM 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.** Call (608) 269-6949 for carry out, delivery orders, reservations or additional info.

The Tomah American Legion Post 201 wants **yard/craft sellers to rent space** for the Tomah City wide yard sale on Sat., 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 FLING CAR & TRUCK SHOW** will be on **Sat., May 28, 2022** at Winnebago Park from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**S.A.C.S. Fundraisers:**  
**May 27** - Brat sale at Theisens 10-2  
**June 1** - Concert in the park w/ walking tacos  
**June 11** - Hot dog and brat sale at Hansens 10-2  
**June 25** - BBQ and brat sale at Theisens 10-2.

Join Dennis and Bruce for **BINGO** every Thursday at 4 pm at Sparta VFW Post 2112, 121 S. Rusk Ave., Sparta.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**TUESDAY SUPER SPECIAL**  
**MARTIN'S HICKORY SMOKED Sliced Bacon**  
 3-5 lb. packs in case  
**\$6.99** 15 lb. case  
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*Have a Blessed Easter*  
 because  
*Christ Is Risen*  
 We will be CLOSED from 12-3 on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, otherwise normal hours for Easter weekend.  
 \*Sandwiches not available on Friday

**BAKERY**  
**Monday, Thursday and Friday**  
 Fresh Baked BREADS  
**Tuesday & Thursday**  
 Jared's Homemade Cookies  
**Saturday Warm, Yummy Cinnamon Rolls**

Martin's Boneless **BAKED HAMS**  
 Simply heat & eat!  
 10 lb. avg. **\$3.59** lb.  
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**MONROE COUNTY LAND TRANSFERS**  
**4/7/22 – 4/13/22**  
**Town Of Adrian**  
 Select Associates, Llc to Rancelar F. And Nicole R. Jacobs, Vacant Land, \$55,900  
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**Town Of Little Falls**  
 Kimberly S & Paul R Ahnen to Trent C Ziegler, Vacant Land In The Town Of Little Falls  
**Town Of New Lyme**  
 Herbert M Lanzel to William J Lanzel, \$17,500  
**Town Of Sparta**  
 Ashley Loy, Jason Waszak to Derek B & Kayleigh R Nelson, 14576 Genesis Rd., \$297,000  
**Town Of Tomah**  
 Tioga Acres, Inc. to Mark A & Susan C Kenworthy, Lots Off Hockey Ave., \$190,000  
**Village Of Cashton**  
 The Ronald And Faye Larson Trust Dated February 5, 2015 to Tim And Kendra Peterson, 436 Brody Ave.  
**Village Of Melvina**  
 Larry G & Judith A Christensen to Daniel J & Tracy L Woolhouse, 115 4th Ave.  
**Village Of Warrens**  
 Joseph T & Marie Harkner to Krultz Management, Llc, 216 Church St., \$80,000  
**City Of Sparta**  
 Claude & Linda L Nevin to Marcher Properties, Llc, 907 Depot St.  
 Claude & Linda L Nevin to Marcher Properties, Llc, 635 Belmont Ave.  
 Claude & Linda L Nevin to Marcher Properties, Llc, 628 Stelling St.  
 Derek & Kayleigh R Nelson to Lynn Ann Vukonich, 309 Walrath St., \$176,100  
 Claude & Linda L Nevin to Marcher Properties, Llc, 608 Maple Ave.  
 Laurel Soller to Jason Kvamme, 401 South K St., \$189,000  
 Claude & Linda L Nevin to Marcher Properties, Llc, 634 Stelling St.  
 Derek & Kayleigh R Nelson to Doug Johnson, 309 Walrath St., \$176,100  
 Claude & Linda L Nevin to Marcher Properties, Llc, 632 Stelling St.  
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**City Of Tomah**  
 Deanna D. McDonald to Jose Luis Alicea Garcia, Linda Moran Vincent, 708 Donna Ave., \$228,000  
 Betty J. Muench to Timothy Gilpin, 917 N. Glendale, \$200,000  
 Estate Of Connie Holzl to Martina Dziki, 306 Ann St., \$160,000



**Norwalk bridge closed**  
 This past winter the Norwalk bridge along the Elroy-Sparta Bike Trail was closed for snowmobile traffic. Unfortunately, state representatives were told this week that it will be closed for bike and pedestrian traffic moving forward as well. 50<sup>th</sup> District State Representative Tony Kurtz said, "I'm disappointed that this bridge was not discovered before, considering in 2013 it was placed on the DNR's list for replacement. With all the other damage along the Elroy-Sparta Trail from the 2018 flood, why was this bridge not inspected until December of 2021? This is something that Senator Howard Marklein, Representative Loren Oldenburg, and Rep. Nancy VanderMeer and I are continuing to work on to get fixed in timely manner."



**Sparta Scout Leader Volunteers Awarded District Award of Merit**  
 Left to Right Kraig Brown, Karen Williamson, and Michael Bonello. Contributed photo.  
 Three area Sparta Scout BSA (Boy Scouts of America) Adult Leaders were recognized with the District Award of Merit Recognition on Tuesday, March 29, by the Gateway Area Council BSA at their Annual Recognition Event which was held at Camp Decorah near Holmen WI. The three volunteers were recognized for their many years of service working with their respective Scouting units along with their involvement on the Scouting program, on the council, and district level of the Gateway Area Council. The three recipients were Kraig Brown, Boy Scout Troop 67; Scoutmaster, Karen Williamson; Boy Scout Troop 7; Troop Committee Chairman; and Michael Bonello Troop Committee Chairman Boy Scout Troop 67 and Chartering Partner Representative for Pack and Troop 67 Trinity Lutheran Church. The Gateway Area Council provides programming to 1,000+ youth Scout members throughout a nine-county region of Western Wisconsin and Southeast Minnesota with the help of nearly 450 adult volunteers. Gateway Area Council Scouting programs take place in Buffalo, Crawford, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Monroe, Trempealeau, Vernon counties of Wisconsin and Houston County, Minnesota. For more information, visit [www.gatewayscouting.org](http://www.gatewayscouting.org)

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