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Two found dead in Ridgeville

PRESS RELEASE

The Monroe County Sheriff's Office is investigating the death of two people early Friday morning. Shortly after 6:00am the Monroe County 911 Communication Center received a phone call about a deceased person at an address on Lexicon Ave in the Town of Ridgeville. The caller indicated that they had caused the death of that person and planned to do the same to themselves. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and the Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit responded to the scene. Once inside the residence, the two victims

were located in the house. The investigation is ongoing, but there is not believed to be any danger to the public. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office was assisted on scene by the Monroe County 911 Communications Center, Monroe County Combined Tactical Unit, Wisconsin State Patrol, Wilton Police Department, and the Monroe County Medical Examiner. This incident remains under investigation by the Monroe County Sheriff's and Medical Examiner's Offices, no other information is planned to be released at this time.

County medical examiner position elevated to full time

Department's cases up 33% in last three years alone

By PAT MULVANEY
Contributing Writer

With the number of cases the Monroe County Medical Examiner's office investigates annually more than doubling in the past decade, the county board Wednesday took decisive action to provide relief to the department. Not only did it vote unanimously to elevate the medical examiner to a full-time position, it agreed to add a part-time chief deputy medical examiner and more on-call deputy medical examiners. Over the past several decades, Monroe County's medical examiner has been an on-call position, which was backed up by an on-call deputy medical examiner and a part-time administrative assistant. Bob Smith has been the county's medical examiner for the past five years. Before that he spent five years as a deputy medical examiner and 10 years as chief deputy medical examiner.

He told supervisors that just over the past three years the number of cases his office investigates has increased 33%, going from 675 cases in 2019 to 890 in 2021. In 2010, the office had 409 cases. Smith said at an average of three hours per case that's equivalent to doing three cases per day, nine hours a day for 365 days a year. He argued that the chief deputy position also was needed to relieve the burden on the office. "Without that position, whoever is the medical examiner, you will burn them out extremely quickly if you're going to require someone to be there 24/7, 365," he said.

"They need relief, they need back up." Smith added that the job is stressful and can be emotionally draining. "When our phone rings, it's never good," he said. "Everytime our phone rings it's bad for somebody and that's what we deal with. That takes its toll after a while. You need to have that secondary position to allow that first position to have time away." County board member Toni Wissestad is a former Monroe County medical examiner who started in 1982 when the office had only 65 cases that year. She argued it was time for the county to update the department, which has been engaged in a "band aid approach for years." "We need to look at professionalizing the department," she said. "Having someone on call does not fit the needs of the families who show up at the office. It does not fit the needs of testifying in court, meeting with law enforcement, making sure paperwork is handled properly."

She said the office sends reams of paperwork to the state and every death the office investigates, the medical examiner has to sign the death certificate. The medical examiner also has to view every deceased person before they are cremated to ensure the cause of death matches what the death certificate indicates. "It's a service county taxpayers deserve and above all families who have a deceased loved one," she said. "We are that link to them and you need a professional office running that to do a great job." The medical examiner's position will receive \$107,293 in salary and fringe benefits annually. The part-time deputy medical examiner's position will receive \$45,143 in salary and fringe benefits annually.

READY TO...

Skaters of all ages visit the roller rink in Oakdale. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

Mother-daughter team revive rural roller rink

Long-time owners step away

By LOGAN EVERSON
Contributing Writer

It's a new chapter for Jennifer and Maci. In March 2022, J+M Flying Wheels was born. Jennifer Pray-Specht, 47, and her daughter, Maci Hutchins, 14, became the fourth set of owners of the roller rink in Oakdale after purchasing the property from Greg and Barb Ackerley. "We're so grateful to Barb and Greg for trusting us with their 'baby', and so thrilled that the staff was willing to come back," said Pray-Specht. Flying Wheels has always held a special place in Jennifer and Maci's hearts. Jennifer first skated here when she was five years old, and eventually her older sister taught her how to skate. Maci first skated at school but didn't get the hang of it until she came to Flying Wheels. "During some bad times, we'd come here and leave our problems at the door," said Pray-Specht.

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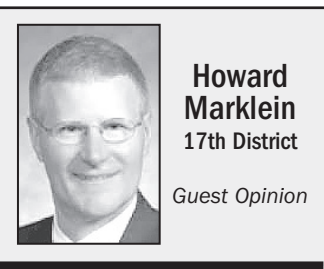
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Broadband Bill Veto Ignores Needs in Rural Wisconsin

Sen. Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) made the following statement in response to Governor Tony Evers’ veto of Senate Bill (SB) 365 which would have improved the Rural Broadband Expansion Grant program and directed state funds to more rural communities that do not have service.

“Once again, I am extremely disappointed that Governor Tony Evers vetoed a bill for rural Wisconsin. This is just another example of the Governor’s preference for urban cities over the rural people I serve.

The Governor vetoed my rural broadband bill that would have ensured that state funding for rural broadband expansion pays for projects that reach people who are not connected and do not



have broadband service. My bill was another step toward dialing-in state investments in rural broadband expansion to specifically target communities that do not have any service or federal investments in broadband.

Instead, the Governor decided that he would rather be able to send these funds to places like the city of Milwaukee and other cities that already have multiple telecommunications providers and options for consumers. He

also wants to be able to send these funds to communities that may have a federal project starting soon, rather than sending it to a community that has no options in sight.

My bill was supported by rural people, communities and the telecommunications providers who serve us in rural Wisconsin, as well as several of the large telecommunications providers who are working throughout the state.

Again, I am very disappointed that the Governor didn’t listen to the people who are trying to connect our communities and expand broadband into rural areas of Wisconsin. This issue is not going away and I will keep working until everyone who wants to be connected has the option.”

Guest Opinion

Consider Questioning your School Board

By Erin Johnson and Bethany Ahnen

We also are very disappointed in the outcome of the referendum. However, as a community member with children in this school district we are even more disappointed in our School Board that refuses to be honest with our community. Contrary to John Hendricks and Administration’s belief, closing Cataract Elementary (CES) will not solve the budget deficit that has riddled our community. Cataract is allocated only 2% of the budget, however this includes expenditures that are not even paid for with the Fund 10 revenue. For instance, \$30,000 is included in that projection for WIN services; however this is paid for with tax levy revenue and has no effect on the current deficit. In addition, when reviewing the list of capital projects completed over the previous 10 years, the numbers were again skewed. Projects such as the playground and security fence were not paid for by the district. These were funded by Cataract PTO and grant funds. Again, this hasn’t contributed to the deficit but was presented in a negative light towards CES. How many other “facts” have been communicated by the Administration and the Board that are untrue or haven’t been analyzed? This lack of knowledge or lack of transparency has been shown time and time again over the last few weeks. As a community, we have asked for the budget breakdown and prior year expense report but were not provided this information until days before the workshop. Upon receiving this information, it was immediately noticed that there was an error. The error was approximately \$209,182. How was this missed by Finance Staff, Administration, and School Board members? What else is being overlooked and miscalculated?

Also, based on the “savings” presented by the Board. We noticed that staff such as nutritional service employees are paid an annual salary of \$13,000 in addition to \$35,497 in fringe benefits such as health & dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits. That is

a total of \$48,497 annually. How do you justify paying an employee 273% ABOVE their salary in fringe benefits, such as health & dental insurance, life insurance, and retirement benefits? This isn’t the only instance. This is the case for multiple position across the district including janitorial, maintenance and administrative positions. Maybe this is where the budget deficit is happening?

Closing Cataract will, at most, save approximately \$150,000 annually, however if they continue to pay health insurance at the rate, they are paying it inflation will eat up any savings they “make” with CES. Their current health insurance budget is \$6,000,000 and at a 4% national average rate of inflation per year, that will be an additional cost of \$240,000 in the 2023-2024 school year. What will be next on the chopping block to make up that difference?

We have asked for prior year expense reports. It took over 3 weeks to be provided this information. Again, once we received this information, grant expenses were included in these totals. How is that a fair representation to the true expense to operate CES? James Rasmussen said it best, “boy, these slides have been stacked against Cataract.” Also, when reviewing wages allocated to CES, it appears as if salaries are being allocated to our school that are not true salaries for CES. If you allocate 20% of an employee’s salary to CES, then the employee should be spending 20% of their time there. How do you state that it costs \$12,625 to educate the students at CES when you allocate expenses to our children that aren’t a true expense? Is this to inflate our numbers to lower the cost per student at Herrman?

In the April 20th workshop, we were told that 14 students and their families who reside within CES boundaries open enrolled into neighboring districts, and 26 students and their families who reside in the CES boundaries “chose” to bus into Southside or Herrman Elementary. Again, their numbers are skewed to reflect CES in a negative light. According to Administration, 8 open enrolled to Melrose-Mindoro, 4 open enrolled to Black River Falls, and

2 open enrolled to Bangor. However, the 2 that open enrolled into Bangor are students that wouldn’t even attend CES. They would have attended Meadowview. We have asked for clarification on these numbers and have yet to receive an answer. Is this because the students for Mel-Min and BRF aren’t even CES students but are students that would be attending Meadowview or the High School?

Regarding the 26 students that are “choosing” to be transported to Sparta to attend Herrman or Southside-we have again asked for clarification on these number because we know of multiple students that have been told because they have Individualized Educational Plans (IEP)’s or special needs, they CANNOT attend CES. Why can’t they attend CES? This is because our district chooses to not provide adequate special needs services to CES. They are required to go into Sparta if they want these services for their children. When asked about this at the community forum, the district again replied that “yes” these services are provided at CES but according to the staff, who is there daily with our students, this is not happening to the extent the district claims. Is this also an attempt to reduce numbers at CES which inflates the cost per student?

As parents, one of our biggest concerns for our children are the excessively long bus rides that Southwest Bus Services has projected. How can our School Board and Administration expect our students to learn effectively and be productive in class when you are expecting students to be at their bus stop by 6:03am and then ride for 1 hour and 32 minutes into town? This is just a projection based on a program. This isn’t accounting for weather, road conditions or children that are late to their bus stops. How can our Administration and Board Members find this acceptable for children between the ages of 4-10? If their goal is to keep our children’s bus times under an hour, they will need to add routes which cuts into the “savings” they are having projected. How many routes

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Letters to the Editor

A huge thank you to everyone involved

Dear Editor:

Dear residents of the City of Tomah and Monroe County. After nearly 3 years there are no words to describe the relief knowing that the man recently found guilty of torturing and killing my 3-year-old great nephew will never again hurt another child. We all are truly blessed we live in a community with such amazing professionals that all worked together so well, and we finally found justice.

I pray at the sentencing hearing that there will be no chance for parole. The police that first responded, the EMT’s and paramedics, the ER doctors and staff, the investigators and detectives from the city and the county who put in so much hard work over the last 3 years are proof this crime is not tolerated in our community. As I watched body cam footage, I am unable to understand how the police treated the accused with so much care and so professionally after viewing the horrific injuries to such an innocent young little man.

When we thanked them after trial, they said they were “just doing their job”. The entire prosecution team, Kevin Croniger, Sarah Skiles, Don Henry, Sara Kast, Lynn Kloety, Meg Torgerud, and Angie Schmitz kept us informed and shared the truth about each step of the legal process and what to expect, and were always available for questions. When someone you love is violently taken from you at such a young age, believe me, you will have lots of questions. I observed Judge Goodman’s court run most professionally and fair.

A special thank you goes out to the jurors who were exposed to the horrific evidence of torture and stepping up to the task for a very full 8 days of trial with many expert witnesses testimony, and then carefully passing a judgement to protect our community from a monster. I truly believe children are a gift from God, and you should treat them that way. Love your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews as they should be.

Sincerely with heartfelt thanks to our community from the family of Kyson Rice.

**John Glynn
Tomah**

Time for Facts to Drive Decisions

Dear Editor:

After attending the school board workshop on closing Cataract, I was again convinced the board needs to ask more questions and get the right facts from administration before they make decisions. Previously the administration presented closing Cataract school would save the district nearly \$450,000. Last night they came to the workshop saying closing Cataract school would save the district about \$650,000. Not sure how they keep coming up with different rhetoric.

The fact of the matter is about \$510,000 of this \$650,000 are teaching and support staff salaries. These salaries will still have to be paid when the Cataract students go to some other elementary school as these students will still need teachers teaching them. Thus, the true savings to closing Cataract could be somewhere between \$100,000 to \$150,000 not \$650,000. And even this \$100,000 to \$150,000 may not be a savings, as maybe Cataract is more efficient to operate than other Sparta schools. And by the way, there is no debt service on Cataract; they didn’t get the new school.

It’s time to be factual with the public. A few years ago, the district told everyone we were short of elementary space and we needed a new school. This was not true then, and the numbers today are proving that again. Most of our schools are operating at about 65% to 75% of their capacity, so rather than closing Cataract the administration and the board should get some real cost per student numbers in each grade, in each school, and with each type of education.

With this type of information, they could make informed decisions that will prepare our district for the future rather than targeting Cataract and teacher’s salaries. Maybe they need to be moving administration and students around in Sparta and closing some buildings in Sparta, rather than closing Cataract. The board can certainly find \$100,000 to \$150,000 somewhere else in the \$40,000,000 budget rather than displacing all the families in Cataract. This is the Sparta Area School District and Cataract taxpayers and students live a long way from Sparta. They deserve to have their school in Cataract as the numbers just don’t support closing the school.

**Jim Leverich
Sparta**

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First Congregational Church of Leon **Pancake Supper Wed., April 27** 3:30-7:00.

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.

CAREER FAIR: May 4th at Sparta High School

from 4-6pm. Hosted by Sparta Area School District, Sparta Area Chamber of Commerce, and Western Technical College.

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 LUNCHEON **SPRING** **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).

History of the Tomah Indian School public program, Thursday, **May 12**, at 7:00 PM at the Monroe County Local History Room & Museum, 200 W. Main St., Sparta. For more info call 608-269-8680 or visit www.Facebook.com/mclhr.

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.

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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

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

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Meetings
■The Sparta Area School District Board of Education will have their Regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 at the Meadowview Middle School auditorium.
■The Monroe County Broadband Special Committee will meet on Tue., April 26, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. at the Justice Center.
■The Bangor School District Board of Education will be participating in a study session with Nexus Solutions at Bangor High/Middle School on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. The evening is being planned as an opportunity for the board to learn more about the facility study that Nexus has been working to complete and discuss thoughts and ideas around the study. No board action will be taken at this meeting. There will be no public participation in this meeting as the district is planning future sessions with Nexus specifically for public engagement.

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Sparta Kiwanis member Mike Bernath, elected Lieutenant Governor for District 7, Wisconsin, accepted the gavel for the position from Bill Abbott, Governor Elect for Kiwanis, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan, at the Sparta Kiwanis Club meeting April 12. In his acceptance remarks Bernath noted that he is the 5th Lt. Governor to be chosen from the current membership of the Sparta Club. Bernath said, "That speaks well for the quality and dedication of the Sparta Club and for the greater good of the Kiwanis mission—to improve the lives of youths, locally and throughout the world." Contributed photo.

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You may have to fill in for a colleague who will be away indefinitely. This could cause a lot of stress in your life. Fortunately, you'll be rewarded with a promotion.

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You'll get the care you need to improve your health or start a new diet that yields quick results. You're moving toward a better quality of life, both physically and mentally.

TAURUS
When speaking in front of a crowd or on social media, you'll feel slightly embarrassed as you receive applause or likes. However, some people may criticize you.

SCORPIO
You'll be surprised by a sudden surge in popularity with your customers and on social media. If you're single, many people will be vying for your attention.

GEMINI
You may find it difficult to find the perfect work-life balance. You'll have to rearrange your schedule to fulfill your family and professional obligations without disappointing your loved ones.

SAGITTARIUS
Your family is your focus this week. Your loved ones may be more demanding than usual. Plans to move may be on the horizon.

CAPRICORN
You may have a few travel headaches this week or experience a miscommunication. Your outspoken nature will have a powerful impact on your colleagues or social life.

AQUARIUS
Money may be a source of concern. Don't hesitate to take the bull by the horns and confront those involved to solve the problem once and for all. You can finally loosen your belt.

PISCES
Things keep getting postponed at work. At times, you may not know where to start. It's a good idea to slow down before things get out of control. Rely on your strengths to be more efficient.

CANCER
You may go on a spontaneous romantic getaway. You need to take a step back from a difficult decision to clear your mind and move forward.

LEO
You may need to end some of your friendships. You've always been generous with those close to you. Therefore, some people may try to pay you back to keep you from cutting them out of your life.

VIRGO
You'll need to fix an error on one of your bills. You may spend a good part of your week trying to get a refund. Sometimes you must take the law into your own hands.

The luckiest signs this week:
Taurus, Gemini and Cancer

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

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Kelly Clarkson, Singer (40)

APRIL 25
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APRIL 26
Kevin James, Actor (57)

APRIL 27
Corey Seager, Athlete (28)

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1. Summer cooler

2. Light brown

3. Different

4. Command

5. Liquid

6. Go on and on

7. Verse form

8. Drinking aid

9. Flour holders

10. Imitated

11. River bottoms

12. Pulpit word

13. Used to be

14. Rug style

15. Model

16. Play practice

17. Hither and

18. Mowed

19. Linger

20. Tease

21. Hazel and Alice

22. Ranch

23. Evergreen shrubs

24. Removers of weeds

25. Swindle

26. Duet number

27. Pale

28. "The Flying _____"

29. Picks

30. Neither's mate

31. Ruled

32. Mama's fellow

33. Guy

34. Occupies

35. United Kingdom

36. region

37. Air pollution

38. Get sleepy

39. Hang fire

40. Large scarf

41. Corn spike

42. Cain's mother

43. Dawn moisture

44. Urgent want

45. Verbal

46. United

47. Roofline detail

48. Hair products

49. TV promos

50. Attracted

Sudoku

Answers on page 15

PUZZLE NO. 861

HOW TO PLAY

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

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

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OBITUARIES

MARCELLA H. FRITZ

February 19, 1932 — April 21, 2022

TOMAH - Marcella H. Fritz, 90 of Tomah passed away on Thursday, April 21, 2022 at Tomah Health. She was born on February 19, 1932 to Leslie and Leola (Westpfahl) Gamerdinger in Tomah, WI and baptized and confirmed at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. She attended St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Grade School and later graduated from the Tomah High School. On October 21, 1950, Marcella was united in marriage to Sydney Fritz at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. He preceded her in death. In 1966, Sydney and Marcella relocated to the Fox Cities area where Marcella worked for Presto Products, Inc as a computer-materials coordinator for over 29 years before retiring. In the 1996, she moved back to Tomah.



Marcella Fritz

an honorary chairman for several years. She will be remembered for her strength and perseverance during challenging times. She was a survivor.

She is survived by her children, Michael (Kathy) Fritz of Mountain, WI, Denise (Duwayne) Sawall of Red Granite, WI, and Kenneth (Jan) Fritz of Appleton, WI, 3 grandchildren, Terry (significant other, Tracy), Matthew (Fiancée, Jenny), Adam (Gina) 7 great grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, siblings , Arlene Birkeness, Helen (Vince) Rowan Sr., Arlys Maas, and Lucy Varney all of Tomah, many nieces, nephew, and other relatives and friends

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings and spouses, Donald and Norma Jean Gamerdinger, Howard Gamerdinger, Grace and Jerry Beltz, Stanley Varney, Wayne Birkeness.

A Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 12:00 Noon at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, 525 Superior Ave., Tomah, WI 54660. The Pastors of St. Paul’s will officiate. Relatives and friends are invited for a time of visitation on Wednesday at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the services.

A Graveside Committal Service will be held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, 1:00 PM Riverside Cemetery, 714 N. Owassa St., Appleton, WI.

Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be offered by visiting www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com

Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home

CECELIA “CECE” ANN SENN

August 26, 1935 — April 20, 2022

TOMAH - Cecelia “Cece” Ann Senn, age 86, of Tomah, Wisconsin passed away peacefully on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, at the Serenity House in Tomah. She was born August 26, 1935, to Ed and Julia (Hagen) Schumer in Bird Island, Minnesota. She worked on the family farm until she completed elementary school before moving to Valley City, North Dakota where she worked as a nurse’s aid. She moved to Dickinson, North Dakota in 1953 to enroll in LPN training and worked at St. Joseph Hospital while in training and continued to work there after completion of her training.



Cecelia Senn

cookies and doing crafts. Her greatest joy was family and helping others. She was involved in church work most of her life. After losing most of her eyesight due to macular degeneration, she did a lot of reading with the help of a magnifying machine.

She is survived by her husband, Wilfred; sons, Robert of Stevens Point, WI, Duane (Pam) of Gillette, WY, Bruce (Karen) of Menasha, James (Diana) of Gilbert, AZ; daughter, Mary (Harlan) Johnson of Tomah, WI; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; 3 brothers; one sister; daughter, Lorraine (Pat) Wieseler of Watertown, SD; and infant son, Joseph.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at Queen of the Apostles Parish in Tomah. Burial will follow in the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Cemetery in Necedah. Family and friends are invited for visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church on Monday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Cecelia’s memory to St. Jude Children’s Hospital. The Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com

Torkelson Funeral Home

JOSEPH J. CAMPOBELLO

January 21, 1954 — April 18, 2022

TOMAH - Joseph J. Campobello, 68, of Tomah passed away on Monday, April 18, 2022 at his home. He was born on January 21, 1954 to Joseph and Nancy (Chockhoff) Campobello in Chicago, IL. Joe worked in the food services department at the Tomah VA Medical Center. In his spare time, Joe enjoyed fishing, going to music festivals and watching movies.

He is survived by Daughter, Erica (Michael) Fellego, of Whitesboro, TX;

2 grandchildren, Brandon and Benjamin Fellego; Siblings, Celestine, Mark, Mike, Michelle, and James Campobello.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private Family services are planned.

The Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be offered by visiting www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com

Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home

HOWARD “BOOTS” TEASDALE

September 13, 1936 — April 20, 2022



SPARTA - Howard “Boots” Teasdale, 85, of Sparta, passed away with family by his side at Gunderson Lutheran Hospital in LaCrosse on April 20, 2022. He was born to Howard H. & Minnie (Nicoll) Teasdale on September 13, 1936.



Howard Teasdale

Boots graduated from Sparta High School in 1954. He joined the National Guard while in High School. Boots graduated from the Agriculture Short Course at UW-Madison following his High School graduation.

Boots married Joanie Foellmi on October 26, 1957 at the Sparta United Methodist Church. He worked along side his father at the Monroe County Telephone Company as well as his father’s farms when needed. Due to the Berlin Crisis, he was called up in 1961 to go with the 32nd Red Arrow Division of the National Guard. He was stationed at Fort Lewis, Washington as a medic until June 1962 when his father had a farm accident resulting in his return to Sparta and ultimately farming full time and departure from the telephone company. Together with his wife, Joanie, they settled on a farm near Cataract where he farmed for the rest of his life. As a young child, he learned the value of hard work and it’s importance while helping his father with farm chores which he instilled in his children.

Boots served on various local boards and committees. The 4-H Food Stand during

the Tractor Pull and County Fair were the few days each year that took him away from the farm which he considered his vacation. As an early adapter of ag technology, he believed in the use of conservation to preserve the environment. Throughout his life including into his 80’s he continued his desire for learning by attending various farm education classes. He enjoyed time spent visiting with family and friends.

Boots is survived by his wife, Joanie, to whom he was married for 64 years. Children: Amy (Kurt) Kiefer, Tim Teasdale, Peter (Sally) Teasdale, Jennifer Teasdale, and Heather (Tom) Teasdale-Stowell. Grandchildren: Betsy (Adam) Jessie, Symon Teasdale, Abby (Mac) Smith, Tanner (Hailey) Teasdale, Courtney Hintz (Dusty Robinson), Matthew (Ali) Stowell , Gillian Teasdale, Gavin Hintz, Madysen Hintz, Martin Stowell, and Marshall Stowell. Great-Grandchildren: Dax, Piper & Tatum Jessie, Winnie Smith, Jackson Robinson, and Brenton & Marvin Stowell.

Boots was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Minnie and his sisters, Jane Buzzell, Abby Olson & Nancy Gruner.

A private grave side family service will be held. A celebration of life event will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be offered at schanhoferfh.com

The family would like to thank all of the support received from the Veterans Administration.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation

Rest in Peace

DEATH NOTICES

PAMELA J. (VANDENBRANDEN) COURTADE

April 22, 2022

TOMAH - Pamela J. (VandenBranden) Courtade, 60, of Tomah, passed away on Friday, April 22, 2022, in her home surrounded by family and her beloved little dog, Jax.

According to her wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences can be offered by visiting www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com

Memorials in Pamela’s memory can be sent to the Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home, PO Box 762, Tomah, WI 54660.

NANCY L. TENNER

April 24, 2022

SPARTA - Nancy L. Tenner, 83, of Sparta, WI, passed away peacefully Sunday, April 24, 2022, at Mulder Nursing Home in West Salem, WI.

Funeral Services are pending at this time and will be announced as soon as they become available by Torkelson Funeral Home, Sparta, WI. Online condolences may be offered at <http://www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com>.

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We mortals sometimes question the wisdom of His love.*

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*Perhaps God tires of calling the aged to his fold,
So He picks a rosebud before it can grow old.*

*God knows how much we need them,
and so He takes but few*

To make the land of Heaven more beautiful to view.

*Believing this is difficult still somehow we must try,
The saddest word mankind knows will always be “Goodbye.”*

*So when a little child departs, we who are left behind Must realize God loves children,
Angels are hard to find.*

Forever in our hearts
Cindy, Chris, Candace & Carmen

DEATH NOTICE

THOMAS J. COMAN

January 1, 2022

TOMAH - Thomas J. Coman, 78, of Tomah, died Saturday, January 1, 2022, at HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital in Eau Claire.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2022, 11:00 A.M. at First United Methodist Church, 1105 Butts Ave., Tomah. Pastor Krysta Deede will officiate. Burial will be at the LaGrange Cemetery

will be at a later date.

Relatives and friends are invited to call on Saturday at the church from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service. Online condolences may be sent to www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com.

The Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

CONSIDER

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would need to be added at a cost of \$55,000 per route to accomplish hour long bus rides? We have questioned our Board Members and Administration numerous times and their response is always “we can’t give more information until actual bus routes are decided”. So how can they make decisions that have such an impact on our students without ALL of the information?

Also, the district has estimated a savings of \$21,000 by cutting the midmorning Pre-K route. Again, this is not going to be the case. Our daycare providers and stay-at-home parents live in Cataract. We will not be changing this because CES has closed. This is not a true savings and shouldn’t be presented as such. Furthermore, how can we expect our Pre-K students to be on the bus almost as long as they are in school? It is not developmentally appropriate for 4K students to attend school for a full day. But yet, that is what the School Board and Administration are asking them to do by having ride times almost as long as they are in school for. In school they are able to play, move their bodies, take breaks, and have their teachers help in navigating their emotions. That is not the case on a bus. They are expected to stay in one seat and sit quietly for safety purposes. Would you be ok if this were your child?

John Hendricks stated “I also realize we would lose some students to other districts if Cataract School closes, and I would be sorry for the loss. But contrary to popular belief, this would not be a net loss to the district budget.” If this is not a true concern of his, WHY has the district invested in commercials, Facebook advertising and billboards in neighboring districts that are for the purpose of finding students to enroll in the district? If our district is truly concerned about enrollment numbers, why are they not interested in keeping current facilities and students within the district? Isn’t 200+ students enrolling into other districts concerning enough? If you aren’t interested in keeping the students you have, why is this an approved expense resulting in even more of a deficit?

And more to his point about it not truly being a net loss to the budget - based on their skewed numbers, it may have an estimated annual cost of \$12,000 to

educate the students for the 5 years that they attend CES. But are they considering the remaining 8 years that the students spend in the district where they are making money off them? Is the long-term loss being calculated and analyzed? Or are they making decisions without the ALL of the information?

We asked the Board how SVLA is funded and it was confirmed that it was funded through Esser funds. We then asked how many students are enrolled for next year and if they plan on keeping the program in the future. They replied, “it this is unknown at this time.” Per John Hendricks, it has been made clear that the district should not use Esser funds for long term operations. Does this mean that SVLA is going to be discontinued after the Esser funds run out or is it here to stay for years to come adding to the deficit?

Board members have led our community to believe that if CES stays open, staff layoffs and cuts to their benefits are what will be affected. This is simply not true. There are enough ESSER funds remaining to keep all buildings, programs, and staff that were there in the 2021-2022 school year. However, they are choosing to not utilize those funds. When asked for a detailed list of what those funds will be used for, we seem to not be able to get an answer. We agree, why should staff be cut at the expense of our students? But we also feel our students shouldn’t have to feel the affect either. With so much information unknown, why isn’t our board utilizing the ESSER funds to maintain operations for 1 more year while they figure out what exactly is causing the budget deficit. Or since going back to Referendum in August is an option, why not maintain our district as is until then? At that point, properly educate our community members on what that referendum means and what the actual repercussions of a failed referendum will be.

Our community has shown that we are passionate about our school district, our teachers, and our community. Why isn’t our school board showing that same passion? Why are there so many unanswered questions, so much secrecy, and so much skewed data presented to the public? Is this because they don’t want

the public knowing the actual facts? Have they made mistakes in the past that they don’t want to admit? Or is it that they truly don’t know and haven’t taken the time to ask the right questions? As community members, we have encouraged our Board to not make permanent decisions and have asked for an independent review of the school district’s financials. This can only be beneficial to our community and school district, and should be a welcome suggestion from the School Board and Administration. And if they aren’t willing to postpone these decisions or are against maintaining operations as is until facts can be presented, then maybe they aren’t truly supportive of our school district.

On April 12th at the school board meeting, it was determined that they didn’t have enough information on whether they should keep Cataract open or not. They then planned a workshop for April 20th. On April 18th, an article was published in the newspaper by board member, John Hendricks. In this article he made it known that he is for closing Cataract Elementary and he made this decision without knowing all the facts. He didn’t even know how many students attend CES stating only 60 students when in fact it’s 70. It was clear to us that he had already made a predetermined decision to close Cataract Elementary. It is unethical to sway public opinion pitting Sparta Area School District residents against Cataract Elementary, dividing SASD even more. It is just as unethical to make predetermined decisions without gathering ALL the facts or hearing public input. This goes against the SASD School Board Bylaws: Board Members Ethics, as a member of the board they will B. “recognize that they should endeavor to make policy decisions only after FULL discussion at publicly held board meetings”; C. “render ALL decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.”

Stop the divide between Cataract and Sparta, and vote to keep Cataract a part of the Sparta Area School District!

Erin Johnson & Bethany Ahnen are members of the Cataract community and mothers of children who attend Cataract Elementary School.



Safety Patrol Group picture-Ms. Carlson's class- left side of sign- Left to right: Tucker Riner, Jacob Anderson, Alexia Gaunky, Carter Geiwitz, Isabella Sherin, Eli Schroeder, Ava Baseman-Captain, Amelia Elliott-Lieutenant. Ms. Loback's Class- right side of sign-Left to right: Catarina Bair-Captain, Kallen Willms-Lieutenant, Emmett Sievert, Teyla Middleton, Ava Moen, Vance Miller, Lilly Hackbarth, Brock Solberg, Ivy Sharp, Owen Sherin, Valerie Berry, Baylee Taylor. Contributed photo.

Washington, D.C. Safety patrol trip

Lots of changes took place when the Sparta Montessori E2 4th, 5th, and 6th graders moved from Meadowview Intermediate School to their new location, which was Lawrence Lawson and is now Sparta Montessori. The Montessori students are in one building, Pre-K through 6th grade.

The Montessori 5th graders participated in the Meadowview Safety Patrol program when they were housed there. The experience for the students who participated was very rewarding and a great learning experience. Offering the same opportunities to the Montessori students as

what the rest of the students their age get is very important.

Sparta Montessori's first Safety Patrol group started January 4, 2022. There are two E2 classrooms. The program uses 5th and 6th graders because there are fewer 5th and 6th grade students than at Meadowview. All 5th and 6th graders can choose to participate. A Patrollers' duty includes helping the staff at recess monitor the students on the playground to keep everyone safe. The Children's House and E1 classrooms are very grateful for the extra help the Safety Patrol gives them.

All Safety Patrol participants have the

opportunity to go on the trip to Washington D.C. with the rest of the Monroe County Safety Patrol students. This year's trip was April 21-25. The Montessori PTO offered a scholarship to a safety patrol student going to Washington D.C. Students applying for the scholarship wrote a report on the 3 branches of our government. This year's recipient, chosen by the PTO, is Lilly Hackbarth.

Ms. Loback and Ms. Carlson are the advisors for the program. The Safety Patrol program is a great addition to the Montessori experience, developing students into safety and service leaders in our school community.



Scholarship recipient- Lilly Hackbarth. Contributed photo.



Classes at Camp Douglas Elementary wrote cards and letters for veterans participating in the Freedom Honor Flight to Washington D.C. out of La Crosse. Contributed photo.

Freedom Honor Flight returns to the skies on Saturday, May 7

Organizers are preparing for Freedom Honor Flight's 26th trip to honor veterans by flying them to Washington D.C., to see the memorials built in their honor. The single-day itinerary includes a welcome in Washington, D.C., and visits typically include the WWII Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the National 9/11 Pentagon Memorial, Arlington National Cemetery and other sites via luxury motorcoaches.

Eager to fly are the 97 veterans from the Vietnam Era, nine Korean Era veterans and one World War II veteran slated for the trip. The veterans fly for free, accompanied by volunteer

guardians who pay their own way to assist the veterans on this "trip of a lifetime."

As with every Freedom Honor Flight, accompanying the veterans are a physician and four paramedics from Gundersen Health System and a physician from Mayo Clinic Health System, all out of the La Crosse area. Both health systems have been longtime supporters of Freedom Honor Flight, providing the paid services of the medical professionals at no charge to the organization, plus paying for their flights. Many honor flight veterans are elderly and depend on this medical care to have a safe and comfortable experience.

The public is welcome at the morning sendoff and

the evening welcome home ceremonies. Ample parking is available with shuttle service, provided for this flight by UPS employee volunteers. All ground activities are held at Colgan Air, Hangar 4, La Crosse Airport.

In the morning, hangar doors open at 5 a.m. A brief ceremony precedes the American Airlines charter flight, set to depart at 6:55 a.m. The popular welcome home ceremony features fireworks by the La Crosse Skyrockers and the Westby High School Marching Band, a special treat considering this flight has some veterans from Westby. Hangar doors open at 7 p.m. The flight is expected to return between 9 and 10 p.m.

WIC Benefit Issuance with nutrition education

The Monroe County Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) would like to inform our participants about benefit issuance with nutrition education for the month of May.

Participants can receive

their nutrition education over the phone by calling the WIC office at (608) 269-8671 or complete on-line at WICHealth.org.

WIC provides healthful foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to health care and

community resources.

If you are interested in applying for WIC, please visit wicmomstrong.com to find out more about eligibility and how to apply for services.

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From Left to right Tony Guldenaar, Terry Loper, Greg Foss, Paul Kuester, presenting the awards Phil Green American Legion 7th District Commander elect. Two recipients were not present, Larry Isensee and Veren Kerling. Contributed photo.

50 years of service to the American Legion

O L Arnold – D K Slayton American Legion Post 100 Sparta proudly presented six fellow members with certificates commemorating 50 years of service to the American Legion. The

certificates were signed by the American Legion National Commander and National Adjutant.

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Behind the scenes look at Fort McCoy

By KYLE EVANS
Interim Editor

On April 19, Col. Michael Poss, other members from Fort McCoy and two dozen members from the communities of Tomah and Sparta toured Fort McCoy. The visitors heard about renovations at the Army installation and got a first-hand experience of training U.S. soldiers go through at the facility.

Fort McCoy is its own city, said Director of Public Works Jessica Reeves.

“We have our own electrical grid, our own police department, fire department, and wastewater treatment plant,” she said.

The wastewater treatment plant is going under a \$60 million renovation to bring it up to par. The WWII-era barracks can house about 50 people. The buildings were used to house Afghan refugees last Fall. The refugees did a lot of damage to those buildings with the cultural differences they faced, including going to the bathroom, trash and food.

Fort McCoy is working on a multi-million dollar contract to get the barracks brought back to the level they were at before the refugees came.

There are also two new barracks going up which are four stories high and can house up to 400 people. The new four-story buildings cost about \$25 million each to build.

Fort McCoy is one of the largest training areas in the nation totaling about 46,000 acres.

The tour group was shocked to see full-size villages set up to simulate Iraq. These are what Poss likes to call “ranges.” They are strictly for training purposes.

“These villages are set up to simulate Iraq, but they can be replicated to simulate any nation, no matter the territory or terrain,” he said. “We have cameras, so whoever is training can go back and look at what they did wrong and learn.”

Fort McCoy can handle two brigades (one brigade averages about 3,000-5,000 troops) at one time for training. The Fort normally sees about 120,000 troops a year, with most being in the summer when Wisconsin and Illinois National Guard members train there.

Fort McCoy mostly has law enforcement and military training in the ranges, Poss said. There are underground tunnels in these ranges, a subway station, police station, it’s like a whole village, but nobody lives there. It’s just for training. “We have very high standards in the U.S. military. Countries like Russia do not care about civilians, we do and we practice in the subway station with civilians and enemies,” Poss said.

Fort McCoy visitors visited the simulation area, which can simulate a number of scenarios. They were set up with a Humvee and screens all around it. They had a shooter on top, driver and a few passengers each.

The simulation area started out in 2010 as one building, in 2014 they added five buildings, and they added six more buildings in the last couple years.

Fort McCoy is very proud of its commemorative area. There are vehicles here that can’t be found anywhere else.

Armed Forces Day Open House will be on Saturday, May 21. This years event is the 20th anniversary of the commemorative area. Buildings and the commemorative area are open to the public during the event.

Other miscellaneous facts:

Fort McCoy has medical mannikins for trainees. The mannikins can give birth, bleed and scream.

Fort McCoy has institutional training in a school house setting on base, which the fort is only one of three bases in the country to have.

There are 120 homes on South Post Housing, which is family housing for members of the military between Sparta and Fort McCoy.

Fort McCoy has its own team of environmentalist, who say, “we could farm a 20,000-acre farm with the machinery we have.”

There is a state police academy and a Wisconsin military academy on Fort McCoy. The military academy focuses on artillery.

Fort McCoy had a \$2 billion economic impact in 2021.



A look at the commemorative area. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.



A Member from the United service organization talks to another member from the tour in the simulation area. Herald photo by Greg Evans.



A look at part of a training range. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.



A look at a building on a training range. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.



Monroe County Board Supervisor Dave Kuderer in the shooters position, with another Monroe County Board Supervisor Nodji Van Wychen in the back seat. Herald photo by Greg Evans.



Mitch Koel, District 5 alderman in the City of Tomah in the shooters position of the Humvee in the simulation area. Herald photo by Greg Evans.

Farm data shows sustainability projects show positive results

Farmers are making continued progress in key environmental categories while remaining profitable, according to newly released data in a farm-level sustainability project in southwestern Wisconsin.

Entering its third year, the pilot project involves 15 farmers who are teamed up with partners in the dairy food supply chain, an environmental group and others. The farmers are tailoring conservation practices most effective for their individual farms and documenting the environmental and financial effects. The goals are to protect the environment, remain profitable and demonstrate to communities, customers and regulators that farmers are taking action on sustainability.

An analysis of performance to date showed the farms' practices are contributing to increased protection of water quality and significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, without losing crop yields and with larger gross returns.

"It is rewarding to see this comprehensive approach to farm-level conservation making a positive difference," said dairy farmer Jean Stauffacher, co-owner of Highway Dairy Farms, a participant in the project. "We are rolling up our sleeves and doing the hard work. There is still more to be done; we don't have it all figured out. But we realize this is a long-term commitment. Tailoring our practices and measuring results is becoming the standard way of doing business."

Stauffacher and other farmers in the project are part of Lafayette Ag Stewardship Alliance (LASA), a farmer-led conservation group in Lafayette County.

The assessment uses nationally accepted metrics: The Alliance for Sustainable Agriculture to address on-farm sustainability indicators, such as greenhouse gases. A tool called Prioritize, Target and Measure Application (PTMAApp) is being used for measuring impact on waterways.

Changes farmers are making include practices like planting cover crops, using no-tillage and reduce-tillage, and creating nutrient management plans. The findings are detailed in a 40-page report.

Results include:

- A cumulative water quality score increased 18% from 2019, when baseline data was established, to 2021. This means fewer nutrients were able to leave the field from the surface or subsurface and make their way into streams and rivers.

- Participants decreased greenhouse gas emissions by 15% over that time period.

- Energy used for producing the crops decreased by 15%. For perspective, the amount of energy used to grow and harvest crops on nine acres in the project is equivalent to the average home energy consumption in the U.S. each year.

- Farmers are cutting sediment loss in the watershed by an estimated 56,700 tons per year as of 2021, assuming equal adoption of practices across all farms and fields. That is the equivalent of 4,200 dump truck loads

of sediment per year or 11½ per day not leaving the farm fields.

- The average gross return per acre for corn grain production was \$917.26 in 2020, the latest available data. This is \$180.67 greater than the average among Wisconsin farms included in a University of Minnesota benchmarking database.

- The average gross return per acre for corn silage production in 2020 was \$1,020.25, which is \$122.18 greater than the average.

- The average gross return per ton for alfalfa production in 2020 was \$1,646.05, which is \$419.44 greater than the average.

- Scores for some of the project's key categories showed declines in the three-year average from 2019 to 2021. For example, overall there was a slight decrease in the amount of carbon sequestration in the soil over the three years. However, data from 2021 alone suggests that on average, fields are still showing positive scores for this metric and likely gaining soil carbon.

LASA worked with Farmers for Sustainable Food, a nonprofit organization of food system stakeholders, and Grande Cheese Co., an Italian cheese manufacturer in southeastern Wisconsin. A host of others, including The Nature Conservancy and Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, are supporting the effort.

"A key to success in our project is the diverse partners who help make it happen," said Lauren Brey, managing director of Farmers for Sustainable Food (FSF). "From the farmers doing the work, to the team documenting what is happening in the fields and analyzing the data, to organizations providing guidance and funding, each group brings value to the collaboration. It's proof that we are more successful when we work together toward common goals."

Brey said she is confident other farmers around the country could see positive results by replicating the project.

The Nature Conservancy provides environmental insight and funding support for the project. Director of Agriculture Strategies, Steve Richter, said this is a long-term commitment.

"This project illustrates the value of many different partners coming together, all adding a different perspective and playing a different role to make this a success," Richter said. "As a group, we've brought together incentives for conservation practices, a national model for farmers to track conservation efforts, and an economic study showing the value of soil health practices, and the results we're seeing show that both the farmer and the environment are benefiting."

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Seebecker is top candidate for Alice in Dairyland

By Rhonda Hess
Contributing writer

Charitee Seebecker of Mauston is a top candidate for Alice in Dairyland. This is the first time Seebecker, who is hoping to continue to spread agriculture education throughout Wisconsin, has applied for the position.

"Growing up in Mauston, among the 95 percent of Wisconsin dairy farms that are family owned, I have learned first-hand the work ethic and dedication of Wisconsin farmers," she said. "After a farm setback, and having to transition away from the farm, I turned to FFA and 4-H to continue to ignite my passion for agriculture."

Seebecker attended the University of Wisconsin- Platteville, obtaining her agriculture business degree with a communications and marketing emphasis.

"Upon graduation, I served as an Ameri-Corps Farm to School Specialist," she said. "I now work at the Wisconsin Holstein Association and am also a news anchor for Hometown Life."

That anchor position is with a Monroe County based television station.

She is excited about the chance to serve as Alice in Dairyland. "Serving as the official ambassador for Wisconsin's farmers and processors would be a dream come true," she said. "Alice in Dairyland has been a role model to me since I first met her at my county fair as a child. It would be an honor to come full circle and now be that role model for other impressionable young



Charitee Seebecker, of Mauston, is a top candidate for Alice in Dairyland.

children. These past experiences are what prompted me to run for Alice in Dairyland as they made me realize that it was time I not just be in the industry but stand for it."

Seebecker is hoping her personality will shine through when being considered for the position. "One thing I pride myself on is having a personality that is a good blend of outgoing and welcoming yet professional for people of all ages and backgrounds," she said. "I strive to always find the best in every situation and challenge others to do so as well. The agriculture industry is constantly evolving and changing. I try to challenge farmers and processors to always find one positive in their day, no matter how small. Just one win to help remind them why they are involved in the industry."

Seebecker considers herself well-versed in the challenges of farming. "My past experiences, along with having to go through a farm set-back, really allow me to share all sides of agriculture," she said. "As Alice,

I will make it fun to learn about Wisconsin's diverse agriculture industry while sharing my unique experiences growing up, as well as telling the story of our state's food, fuel, and fiber production to highlight the impact that agriculture has on our state's economy. It is my goal to help cultivate a positive learning environment for all to show that you don't have to be directly involved in agriculture for it to have a large impact on your life."

There are several things to look forward to this year for Seebecker. "I am very excited for the 75th Alice in Dairyland Finals in Dane County," she said. "I am looking forward to learning more about Dane County and what makes it Wisconsin's most productive agriculture county. I am thankful for the countless sponsors and partners that make it possible for us to attend industry tours, interact with people in the industry, and continue to learn. I am excited for the opportunity to soak in as much as I can during the finals and have a chance to be the 75th Alice in Dairyland."

Seebecker has used her agricultural experience at her job. "Through my job at Hometown Life, I have worked with our producers and anchors to help put on the best shows possible," she said. "One way that I utilized my farm experience was during our Thanksgiving show. I created a segment about the food we eat at Thanksgiving and how it is connected to Wisconsin farmers. It was a great opportunity to utilize my knowledge and the support of the Hometown Life crew to help make a positive impact on the agriculture industry."

May 3 event focuses on dairy industry's ties to immigration

An upcoming virtual event will examine the role of undocumented immigrant workers in the Wisconsin dairy industry. Set for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 3, the webinar will feature a conversation centered on the short documentary "Los Lecheros." Registrants will receive a link to view the documentary in advance.

A collaboration between Twelve Letter Films and the Wisconsin Center for Investigative Journalism, "Los Lecheros" focuses on some of the workers and farmers struggling to survive amidst shifting policies. Immigrants make up over half of U.S. dairy workers.

Many Wisconsin farm owners, like film protagonist John Rosenow, insist that immigrants are critical to the success of their farms. Workers, like Miguel Hernandez, who spent 16 years on a Wisconsin dairy farm, and Guillermo Ramos, who manages a 1,000-cow farm, are weighing the options for their families and their jobs amidst fears of deportation and family separation.

The webinar will feature a panel, moderated by Dee Hall of Wisconsin Watch. Panelists will include John Rosenow, Buffalo County dairy farmer; Nick Levendofsky, Wisconsin

Farmers Union government relations director; and Ruth Conniff, journalist and author of *Milked*. The panelists will discuss policies and new developments around work visas, as well as the powerful personal relationships farmers in Wisconsin are building with families in Mexico.

This event is being organized by the Southwest Wisconsin Area Progressives, The Farley Center, and Wisconsin Farmers Union. RSVP at www.wisconsinfarmersunion.com/events.

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Apr	143.850	143.500	143.525	-0.575
Jun	140.000	139.550	139.625	-0.275
Aug	141.575	141.200	141.400	-0.175
Oct	147.250	146.975	147.050	-0.250
Dec	152.075	151.750	151.750	-0.400
Feb	155.675	155.325	155.325	-0.450

@GF - FEEDER CATTLE - CME				
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May	164.275	163.800	164.200	-0.650
Aug	176.750	175.425	176.400	-0.050
Sep	179.350	178.125	179.250	-0.025
Oct	181.450	180.850	181.250	-0.225

@HE - LEAN HOGS - CME				
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Jul	119.600	118.600	119.125	0.500
Sep	117.950	117.000	117.500	0.475
Oct	98.400	97.625	98.025	0.300

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Apr	24.32	24.31	24.31	
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Jun	24.90	24.83	24.90	0.08
Jul	24.66	24.65	24.66	0.01
Aug			24.33	
Sep			24.13	

@C - CORN - CBOT				
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May	807.4	791.4	798.6	-0.4
Jul	804.0	788.0	795.6	0.4
Sep	762.4	749.4	754.0	-1.4
Dec	744.0	727.2	735.2	-3.4
Mar	746.2	730.2	737.6	-3.6

@W - WHEAT - CBOT				
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May	1078.0	1052.4	1072.0	4.0
Jul	1085.4	1060.6	1080.0	3.4
Sep	1082.6	1059.0	1079.6	4.4

@S - SOYBEANS - CBOT				
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May	1757.4	1730.0	1750.4	2.2
Jul	1734.0	1702.0	1723.4	4.0
Aug	1676.6	1648.0	1667.2	2.6
Sep	1591.6	1565.6	1582.2	2.2
Nov	1541.2	1518.4	1532.6	1.0

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May	4702	4616	4621	-68
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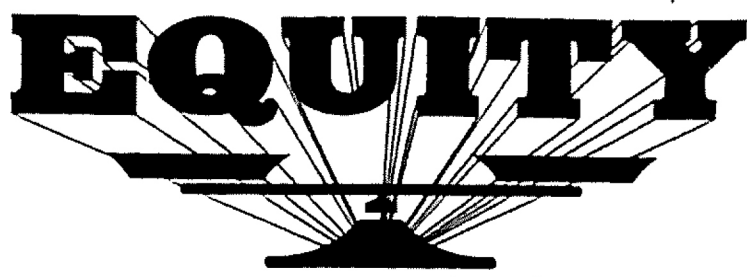
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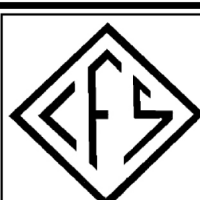
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BEHIND THE SCENES: Co-owner Maci warms up her wheels by sweeping the entire skating surface before the doors open. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

Rolling in Oakdale

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Few things about the rink have been changed, and that's on purpose. The necessary repairs and updates have been made but besides some new tables and a couple new menu items, it is very much the same.

"We want the people who have been here to expect the same [as it was before]," said Hutchins.

"We don't want to change anything [right now]," added Pray-Specht. "It's nostalgic." Jennifer and Maci also operate the Sunrise Motel outside of Necedah, but are looking forward to leaving that behind. Jennifer said that her daughter's future is the inspiration behind buying the roller rink.

"She didn't want to take over the motel," said Pray-Specht. "But operating the roller rink is a totally different animal than changing sheets and scrubbing toilets. Well, there's still toilets," Jennifer said with a laugh. "There's the food, the admission, the rentals, but the DJ equipment has been the hardest thing to learn."

Jennifer and Maci are very happy that the staff decided to come back. The return of Rick Devito was a major win for the rink.

"He's been at the rink since the owners before Barb and Greg and if he had not been able to stay on there would have been no way we would have taken the plunge to buy the rink at all. Having him be willing to stay on was the deciding factor entirely," said Pray-Specht via J+M Flying Wheels facebook.

With all the buttons and knobs, Jennifer only lets a few knowledgeable individuals get close to the menagerie of technology. One of those few is 17-year-old Brenden Lake, who has been skating at Flying Wheels with his dad for as long as he can remember. When not in



ABOVE Trenton Schroeder, 17, of New Lisbon clears the reverse limbo. Schroeder was the champion on the official opening night of J+M Flying Wheels. **LEFT** J+M Flying Wheels employee Brenden Lake, 17, laces up for the night. Brenden has been working the DJ booth after learning the ropes. Herald photos by Logan Everson.

the booth, Brenden was known to dominate the reverse limbo competition.

"I only won because this guy [points at Brenden] wasn't on the floor," said Trenton Schroeder, 17, of New Lisbon, who proved himself to be the reverse limbo champ on the official opening night of J+M Flying Wheels on April 15. Schroeder prefers blades, while Lake rolls with the quads.

J+M Flying wheels rents out both, but depending on the night the supplies can run out quickly. Capacity is set at 200 people. Some eager rollers show up as early as 5pm for the 7pm to secure their spot on the floor.

J+M Flying Wheels is located at 15111 Hobby Road, Tomah, WI and is open Friday through Sunday with 7pm to 10pm sessions on Friday and Saturday, and 1pm to 4pm on Sundays. Hours subject to change. Like the J+M Flying Wheels facebook page to stay up-to-date.

BEHIND THE SCENES: Co-owner Jennifer fills up the fry basket during one of their busiest nights. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

HISTORY OF THE ROLLER RINK IN OAKDALE

1964: The steel pole-shed style building was built

1965: The Gay 90's Roller Rink opens and is operated by Charlie Dixon. A couple years later, the name was changed to 8 Wheels.

1985: Dennis and Carol White purchased the rink and changed the name to White's Happy Wheels.

2006: Greg and Barb Ackerley of Minnesota purchase the rink and change the name to Flying Wheels.

August 2021: Septic system was damaged and rink was closed for an indefinite amount of time

November 2021: Ackerleys decide to not re-open the rink, even after repairs are done.

March 2022: Jennifer and Maci, long-time visitors of Flying Wheels, purchase the rink and change the name to J+M Flying Wheels.

April 2022: J+M Flying Wheels opens its doors.



BACK IN TIME: Along with the rink came the memories. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

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property damage, but the emotional damage had already taken its toll.

"It got us thinking, 'do we really want to start over?'," said Greg Ackerley.

In November 2021, the Ackerleys made the announcement: they would not be re-opening.

"I thought about storing hobby cars in here," Greg chuckled. "But Jennifer came forward, and she had actually

asked us about 5 or 6 years ago if we were willing to sell."

Since 1965, the steel pole shed building outside of Oakdale has continuously served the community as a roller rink. In 2006, Greg and Barb Ackerley purchased the Happy Wheels roller rink from Dennis and Carol White, and changed the name to Flying Wheels. Charlie Dixon was the original owner from 1965 to 1985, and the rink opened as 'The Gay 90's' and later changed to '8 Wheels'.



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THROUGH MY LENS

Who has the meats?

By NATE BEIER
Sports Editor

Arby's claims to have the meats. From what I've seen this spring so far, they may be the



only place that actually does. What's the number one item that everyone seems to look forward to when it comes to concessions food at a baseball game? Grilled meat.

Baseball and hot dogs are synonymous. We here in Wisconsin also enjoy a brat here or there...and there's room for an odd steak or pork chop sandwich.

Either way, watching America's Pastime and enjoying the finer things in life - a hot dog, sausage, or whatever slab of grilled animal is a right of passage to for this sport season.

However, no one seems to want to sell actual grilled meat. Trust me, I've been looking and most everything I've found has left me wanting...much, much more.

That is, until this past Saturday when I covered the West Salem/Belleville baseball doubleheader.

I knew I could count on the American Legion grillmasters to be on hand for the event and I was ever thankful they were.

I was so excited I dove into a brat and a porkchop sandwich without hesitation because I can't officially start a baseball/spring sports season without any sort of grilled meat.

For me, it's the brat on the grill that feels the most substantial way to go. Hot dogs are so... small. The bun-to-meat ratio is wonky and usually places don't really consider the type of dogs they sell, so you get some real 'winners.'

The point I want to make is that grilled meat sells. People don't want pizza for baseball, that's not the right combo at all. It's a hot dog or brat. Simple, easy and traditional.

Hot dogs or brats in a crock pot? Heavens to Betsy, that's a sin that I won't forgive. Not for this time of year.

Concession stands that are trying to push these types of food are just pilfering your pocketbook. Don't buy in. Expect more.

Each sports team, booster club, or whatever needs to take stock and care in what they're trying to sell. People will pay for something they can't get elsewhere.

The only real way to move into baseball season is with true, grilled dogs or brats. If your local stand isn't doing that, it's time to reconsider how business is done.

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Bangor stays unbeaten

Cardinals gash Falcons for 12-run win

BIRD BATTLE

BROOKWOOD @ BANGOR

3 - Extra base hits, all collected by Bangor players (Chase Horstman, Ashton Michek, Eli Tucker)

3 - RBI for Eli Tucker

5 - Bangor dropped a handful of runs on the Falcons after trailing 0-1 in the first inning

6 - Errors by the Brookwood defense

13 - First pitch strikes for both starting pitchers, Evan Wang (Brookwood), Ashton Michek (Bangor)

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

The Bangor baseball team is continuing to thrive so far in the 2022 season, with their latest triumph coming in conference play against Brookwood.

The Cardinals (5-0 overall, 3-0 Scenic Bluffs) maintained their perfect start with a 13-1 Scenic Bluffs victory over the Falcons (1-5, 1-3) Thursday, April 21 in Bangor.

Brookwood managed to score the game's first run in the top of the first, but Bangor responded with five of its own in the bottom half of the inning. The Cardinals then scored four more runs in both the second and third innings and eventually won when the mercy rule came into effect in the fifth inning.

In the win for Bangor, Eli Tucker was 2 for 3 with three RBIs and a run, Will Reader finished 2 for 2 with a walk, two RBIs and two runs scored and Mathieu Oesterle went 2 for 3 with an RBI. Ashton Michek got the win on the mound by allowing one run on one hit and striking out nine in four innings of work.

For the Falcons, Nate DeWitt went 2 for 3 and Payne Clark had the team's only other hit on the evening.

Both teams are back in action Monday, April 25 with conference contests. Bangor plays at Cashton while Brookwood hosts Woneewoc-Center. The Falcons will also have a non-conference clash with Onalaska Luther the following day. All games are scheduled to start at 5 p.m.

TRUEST TEST

BANGOR @ CASHTON

Bangor will play Cashton at Sparta's Memorial Park at 5:00 p.m. Monday, April 25 due to field conditions in Cashton.

Last year the two teams split their regular season series.

Connor Butzler leads Cashton with 13 hits on the year. Presley Brueggen has 12 including 4 doubles.

Bangor's offense has been balanced, but Will Reader and Eli Tucker each had 3 hits last week.

SPARTA TENNIS

Spartan singles sweep Mauston

By NICK LEONARDELLI
Sports Writer

The Sparta boys tennis team took the courts Thursday with a showdown against Mauston at home. Sparta was looking to bounce back after a close 4-3 loss to La Crosse Central last Tuesday. Sparta did just that. The team only lost one match, securing a 6-1 team win over Mauston.

In singles, Sparta swept the competition. Sparta's Adam Thompson defeated Mauston's Mason Hawkings 6-1, 6-1. Sparta's Karson Knoll defeated Mauston's Sam Oliver 6-1, 6-4. Alex Kress defeated Mauston's rumen Southworth 6-1, 6-2. Brandon Rand defeated Mauston's Mike Waldhard 6-0, 6-0.

In doubles, this is where Sparta suffered their only loss. Sparta's Adrian Jewell and Landon Burkhardt defeated Mauston's Brody McCluskey and Tyler Neron 7-5, 7-6 (5). Sparta's Charlie Anderson and Gavin Weibel defeated Mauston's Adrian Rasmussen and Anthony Lopez-Fike 6-1, 6-1.

The boys team next match is against conference foe La Crosse Logan. The match is set on Tuesday with a start time of 4:30 pm.

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Anthony Lord won the three singles match 2-1 and the number three doubles team of Logan Boulton and Ethan Libbey won 2-0, but the Tomah tennis team couldn't muster another win in Thursday's MVC contest.

Over the weekend, Tomah defeated Madison East 7-0, Oregon 5-2 and McFarland 6-1 at the Madison East tournament.

Against Oregon, Jonah Nick, Anthony Lord and Greg Klouda each won singles matches. The number two and three doubles teams - Eric Erdman/Karson Hoag, Ethan Libbey/Logan Boulton, respectively also won.

Tomah will travel to Baraboo Monday, April 25 and will host Holmen on Thursday, April 28.

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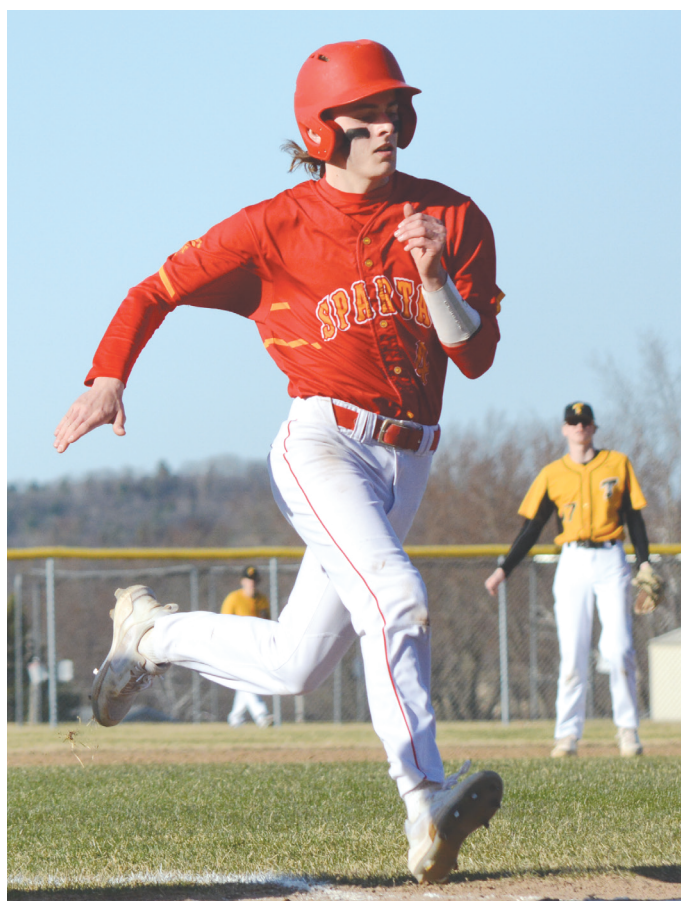


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Tomah's Ethan Burch tries to beat the tag by Sparta's JD Olson, but is tagged out during a fielder's choice play in the fifth inning of Thursday's game. Tomah broke a 5-5 tie in the seventh inning to claim a 6-5 win. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

Tomah's zero hour offense clutch, Sparta fails to respond with rally



By NICK LEONARDELLI
Sports Writer

Last Thursday was another rendition of the i-90 showdown between the Tomah Timberwolves and the Sparta Spartans. The two team battled it out at Sparta's Memorial Field for the arch rival bout. Tomah entered the game at an even 2-2 on the season. Sparta entered the game still looking for their first win of the season, sitting at 0-4.

Sparta saw their early 1-0 lead disappear but stayed in the game. Tomah and Sparta combined for six total runs in the fourth inning but, Tomah was able to squeak in a couple more run in the last couple of

innings. After a closely contest game, Tomah went home as the 6-5 victors.

Sparta got the bats going in the bottom of the second after a Ryne Brueggeman double knocked in Tye Klass to get the scoring started for both teams. That would be the only run for Sparta in the inning.

Tomah scored their first run after Benny Pierce grounded in a double play which allowed for Shane Prielipp to score tying the game at 1-1 going into the bottom of the third. Sparta responded with a run of their after a Tye Klass single scored JD Olson. Sparta would regain the lead at 2-1 going into the fourth inning.

Tomah scored three runs in the top of the fourth to retake the lead at 4-2. Sparta responded with three runs of their own in the bottom of the inning to take a 5-4 lead. Tomah scored another run in the top of the fifth after a fielder's choice play by the Sparta defense allowed for Tomah's Tanner Mathias to

Sparta's Chris Jacobs races across home to score a run in last week's game with Tomah. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

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PHOTO SPOTLIGHT: CASHTON INVITE



LEFT Cashton’s Ethan Klinkner stands in a soggy pit during the long jump

ABOVE Brookwood’s Josh Zietlow overtakes the last hurdle in the 110 meter race.

Photos by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

LEFT Brookwood’s Tyana Kaufmann starts the second leg of the 3200 relay after taking the baton from Yareni Cruz. Brookwood finished third.

ABOVE Cashton’s Makayla Gooselaw hands off to Adriana Bieber in the 800 meter relay. Cashton finished second.

CASHTON BASEBALL

Trio of Ealges homer, Paulson goes 4-4, hand Hillsboro first loss

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

It’s a successful past several days for the Cashton softball team, as they hammered Hillsboro in conference play and then swept a ‘home’ triangular over the weekend to push their winning streak to five.

The Eagles (6-3 overall, 2-1 Scenic Bluffs) unloaded on the Tigers (3-1, 3-1) for a 19-5 victory Thursday, April 21 in Cashton. There were several standout performances at the plate, but none more impressive than Chelsie Paulsen and her sensational slugging.

Paulsen finished 4 for 4 with a home run, two doubles, six RBIs and four runs scored for the Eagles. Additionally, Ella

Brueggen was 3 for 4 with a home run, a double, four RBIs and two runs, Teagan Hundt homered and Sydney Helgerson tripled in the win.

Two days later, at the home triangular, which was played at Onalaska Luther due to field conditions in the Cashton Village Park, Cashton defeated Onalaska Luther 8-3 and Seneca 7-3 to keep its superb run of form going.

The win over Luther featured a Paulsen triple and a Hundt double, while the victory against Seneca featured Hundt going 2 for 3 with an RBI and Taylor Lukaszewski finishing 2 for 2 with a run scored.

Next up for the Eagles is a conference home game against rival Bangor Monday, April 25 at 5 p.m. in Cashton.

CASHTON BASEBALL

Cashton splits ‘home’ invite: defeat Luther, fall to Seneca

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

The Cashton baseball team managed to continue their strong start to the 2022 season, picking up a conference win late last week and then splitting a pair of games at a ‘home’ triangular over the weekend.

The Eagles (5-2 overall, 2-1 Scenic Bluffs) first rallied from an early deficit to get the better of the Hillsboro Tigers (2-2, 2-2) 6-4 in their Scenic Bluffs clash Thursday, April 21 in Hillsboro.

The Tigers scored three runs in the bottom of the first for a 3-0 advantage and still led 4-3 going into the fifth. However, Cashton scored two runs in the top of the fifth to seize the lead and tacked on an insurance run in the seventh.

Bowdy Dempsey led the Eagles by going 4 for 4 with two doubles, an RBI and three runs scored, while Connor Butzler, Presley Brueggen, Jack Kleba and Jacob Huntzicker each went 2 of 4.

Cashton then ‘hosted’ a triangular Saturday, April 23 that featured Onalaska Luther and Seneca. All three games were

moved to Luther due to field conditions in Cashton.

The Eagles started the day by beating Luther (1-4) 13-8 in a game where both Butzler and Kleba went 3 for 5 with three RBIs apiece at the plate.

However, Seneca (5-2) managed to get the better of Cashton with a 10-5 victory in the host’s second game of the day.

The Eagles are set to next host rival Bangor Monday, April 25 at 5 p.m. at Sparta’s Memorial Park as Cashton’s home field continues to be unplayable.

Langrehr’s big day at the plate lifts Bangor over Brookwood

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

The fickle spring weather has kept the Bangor softball team from seeing much action this April, but they’ve made up for lost time with their performances so far in 2022.

The Cardinals (3-0 overall, 3-0 Scenic Bluffs) scored in every inning of their 17-3 win in five innings against the Brookwood Falcons (1-5, 0-4) Thursday, April 21 in Bangor.

Contributions came from all over at the plate for Bangor in the resounding win: Aliyah Langrehr finished 4 for 4 with two triples, a double and two RBIs; Emma Fortier was 3 for 3 with a triple, a double and an RBI; Maddie England had five RBIs; Ella Janisch went 2 for 3 with two doubles and an RBI; and Taylor Jacobson wound up 2 for 4 with an RBI.

In the pitching circle, Langrehr gave up three runs on four hits and two walks

while striking out four in five innings.

Vanessa Anderson, Kylea Brueggeman and Bella Erickson all scored for the Falcons.

Both teams have conference games scheduled for Monday, April 25 at 5 p.m.: Bangor travels to Cashton and Brookwood hosts Wonewoc-Center.

The following evening at 5 p.m., the Cardinals host Necedah and Brookwood goes on the road against Alma Center Lincoln.

TRACK AND FIELD RESULTS

KICKAPOO INVITE 4-19-22 BANGOR Top 5 Finishers

GIRLS

Track.....

100M: 4 Bliss Knox 13.53, 6 Karlie Brennan 200M: 1 Megan Marr 27.41, 5 Bliss Knox 29.08, 15 Karlie Brennan 400M: 4 Bliss Knox 1:05.83 800M: 1 Anna Fronk 2:36.08, 10 Marissa Eckland 1600M: 3 Anna Fronk 5:43.15, 7 Marissa Eckland, 8 Molly Bachmann 3200M: 3 Anna Fronk 12:48.15, 9 Molly Bachmann 100M Hurdles: 2 Madisyn Herman 17.45, 4 Joeryn Freit 17.85 300M Hurdles: 1 Joeryn Freit 52.34, 8 Madisyn Herman 59.46

Relays.....

400M Relay: 3 Bangor (Grace Wenthold, Aubrey Langrehr, Katie Larkin, Haley Wenthold) 57.45

Field.....

High Jump: 7 Alycia Felch, 12 Elizabeth Rodriguez Pole Vault: 2 Joeryn Freit 6-06 Long Jump: 2 Megan Marr J15-11, 17 Haley Wenthold Triple Jump: 2 Joeryn Freit 32-08 Shot Put: Nora Wuensch 25-08, Logann Sackmaster Discus Throw: 8 Logann Sackmaster, 9 Nora Wuensch

BOYS

Track.....

100M: 6 Cody Peterson, 10 Gavin Meacham, 11 Justin Acosta 200M: 8 Lucas Horman, 13 Ezequiel Rodriguez 400M: 8 Ben Lockman, 19 Arturo Acosta, 23 Cian Buchholz 800M: 6 Traevon Delaney, 7 Nolan Langrehr, 13 Arturo Acosta 1600M: 2 Gavin Benzing 4:51.14, 9 Evan Buchholz 3200M: 1 Gavin Benzing 11:02.81, 8 Evan Buchholz 300M Hurdles: 3 Isaiah Murphy 48.28, 9 Cian Buchholz

Relays.....

400M Relay: 2 Bangor (Gavin Meacham, Cody Peterson, Tanner Wells, Sam Crenshaw) 49.87 800M Relay: 3 Bangor (Tanner Wells, Lucas Horman, Cody Peterson, Sam Crenshaw) 1:42.07 1600M Relay: 3 Bangor (Isaiah Murphy, Traevon Delaney, Ben Lockman, Nolan Langrehr) 3:53.25 3200M Relay: 3 Bangor (Gavin Benzing, Traevon Delaney, Nolan Langrehr, Evan Buchholz) 9:17.20

Field.....

High Jump: 6 Sam Crenshaw Pole Vault: 1 Sam Crenshaw 10-00 Long Jump: 3 Gavin Meacham 18-00, 5 Tanner Wells 17-06, 9 Justin Acosta Triple Jump: 4 Gavin Meacham 35-05 Shot Put: 7 Jonah Larson, 25 Nash Nagy Discus Throw: 11 Jonah Larson, 21 Nash Nagy

KICKAPOO INVITE 4-19-22 BROOKWOOD Top 5 Finishers

GIRLS

Track.....

100M: 22 Katherine McElhose 200M: 17 McKenzie Woods, 18 Sophie Teynor 400M: 5 Lainey Teynor 1:06.24, 11 Yareni Cruz 800M: 2 Margarita Silva 2:38.23, 4 Katie Gruen 2:39.47, 6 Amelia Muellenberg 3200M: 1 Kimberlee Downing 12:11.77, 6 Alexis Lacy, 8 Alice Wiedmeyer

100M Hurdles: 1 Mckenzie Wood 17.42, 10 Savannah Brooks, 11 Emily O'Rourke 300M Hurdles: 3 McKenzie Woods 53.64, 6 Taylor Freed, 9 Emily O'Rourke

Relays.....

400M Relay: 4 Brookwood (Savannah Brooks, Taylor Freed, Tyana Kaufmann, Trinety Downing) 58.72 800M Relay 4 Brookwood (Cora Brandau, Savannah Brooks, Emily O'Rourke, Savanna Groom-Cruz) 2:02.92 1600M Relay: 3 Brookwood (Lainey Teynor, Katie Gruen, Savanna Groom-Cruz, Amelia Muellenberg) 4:31.81 3200M Relay: 4 Brookwood (Lainey Teynor, Amelia Muellenberg, Margarita Silva, Kimberlee Downing) 10:17.46

Field.....

Long Jump: 8 Sophie Teynor, 10 Savannah Brooks Triple Jump: 11 Sophie Teynor Shot Put: 2 Cora Brandau 31-02.75, McKenzie Schlafer 26-09.50, 9 Skylar Hanson Discus Throw: 2 Cora Brandau 92-07, Lainey Teynor 77-09, 14 Katherine McElhose

BOYS

Track.....

100M: 3 Dan Peterson 11.71 200M: 14 Carter Arbuckle 400M: 1 Dan Peterson 52.45, 4 Marshall Doll 55.36 800M: 9 Brayden Thieman, 15 Ethan Rolon 110M Hurdles: 8 Josh Zietlow 300M Hurdles: 5 Josh Zietlow 50.13, 10 Owen Radloff

Relays.....

400M Relay: 6 Brookwood (Francisco Andrade, Berulo Murillo-Rodriguez, Brayden Thiamin, Carter Arbuckle) 800M Relay: 5 Brookwood (Francisco Andrade, Berulo Murillo-Rodriguez, Brayden Thiamin, Carter Arbuckle) 2:05.74 1600M Relay: 4 Brookwood (Marshall Doll, Wyatt Maurhoff, Josh Zietlow, Owen Radloff) 3:58.24 3200M Relay: 1 Brookwood (Owen Radloff, Dylan Powell, Marshall Doll, Wyatt Maurhoff) 8:49.56

Field.....

Long Jump: 14 Carter Arbuckle Shot Put: 14 Berulo Murillo-Rodriguez, 16 Francisco Andrade Discus Throw: 17 Marshall Doll, 19 Berulo Murillo-Rodriguez, 23 Francisco Andrade

CASHTON INVITE 4-23-22 BROOKWOOD Top 5 Finishers

GIRLS

Track.....

400M: 2 Lainey Teynor 1:06.73 1600M: 2 Margarita Silva 5:47.01 3200M: 2 Margarita Silva 13:23.6, 3 Alic Wiedmeyer 15:22.1, 4 Alexis Lacy 100M Hurdles: 1 McKenzie Woods 17.73 300M Hurdles: 1 McKenzie Woods 51.28, 2 Katie Gruen 56.47, 4 Taylor Freed

Relays.....

800M: 3 Vanessa Anderson, Kristin Berg, Taylor Freed, Emily O'Rourke 2:04.54 1600M: 1 Yareni Cruz, Savanna Groom-Cruz, Katie Gruen, Lainey Teynor 4:51.88 3200M: 3 Yareni Cruz, Tyana Kaufmann, Alexis Lacy, Savanna Groom-Cruz 11:54.41

Field.....

Shot Put: 3 Cora Brandau 29-08

BOYS

Track.....

100M: 3 Dan Peterson 11.72 200M: 2 Dan Peterson 22.9 400M: 1 Dan Peterson 52.09, 2 Brady Hansen 53.95, 4 Marshall Doll 800M: 4 Dylan Powell, 5 Brayden Thieman 1600M: 1 Dylan Powell 4:42.08 3200M: 1 Dylan Powell 11:40.43, 4 Wyatt Maurhoff 110M Hurdles: 2 Franklin Wildes 18.02 300M Hurdles: 2 Franklin Wildes 43.95

Relays.....

3200M: 4 Ethan Rolon, Brayden Thieman, Marshall Doll, Wyatt Maurhoff

CASHTON INVITE 4-23-22 CASHTON Top 5 Finishers

GIRLS

Track.....

200M: 1 Braylee Hyatt 26.81 400M: 4 Kate Gronemus 100M Hurdles: 2 Makayla Gooselaw 18.14

Relays.....

400M Relay: 2 Cashton (Anna Pieper, Madison Hansbery, Amber Hoeft, Adrianna Biever) 57.26 800M Relay: 2 Cashton (Braylee Hyatt, Adrianna Biever, Makayla Gooselaw, Maddie Klinkner) 1:55.20 1600M Relay: 3 Cashton (Julia Boisen, Brielle O'Neil, Amber Hoeft, Kate Gronemus) 5:24.63

Field.....

High Jump: 2 Makayla Gooselaw 4-10.00 Long Jump: 1 Braylee Hyatt 15-08.75, 5 Anna Pieper Triple Jump: 4 Isabell Korn 29-11.75, 5 Maddie Klinkner Discus Throw: 4 Emme Sanders

BOYS

Track.....

100M: 4 Colin O'Neil 200M: 5 Onesimo Tirado 400M: 5 Brady Hemmersbach

Relays.....

800M Relay: 1 Colin O'Neil, Onesimo Tirado, Jake Wall, Ethan Klinkner 1:36.13 1600M Relay: 1 Brett Hemmersbach, Jack Schlesner, Ethan Klinkner, Onesimo Tirado 3:53.49

Field.....

High Jump: 1 Jack Schlesner 6-04.00, 4 Jack Hilden Long Jump: 4 Brett Hemmersbach Triple Jump: 3 Onesimo Tirado 35-07.75 Shot Put: 3 Riley Verken (41-06.50)

WESTBY 4-21-22 SPARTA Top 5 Finishers

GIRLS

Track.....

200M: 3 Evelyn Tripp 29.33, 5 Shannon Hoffman 400M: 1 Evelyn Tripp 1:04.07, 4 Abby Schell, 5 Rylee Geard 800M: 3 Josie Edwards 2:42.7 1600M: 4 Serena Swanson, 5 Natalia Campos 3200M: 2 Leah Modjeski 13:38.87 300M Hurdles: 3 Paige Williams 55.7

Relays.....

400M Relay: 4 Aysha Hibbler, Vanessa Ornes, Hadley Thurston, Elaina McTaggart

Field.....

Long Jump: 3 Evelyn Tripp 13-11.5

BOYS

Track.....

110M Hurdles 4 Cooper Schauf 300M Hurdles: 3 Conner Greeno 47.36, 5 Conner Schauf

Relays.....

400M Relay: 4 Jaidyn Cayman, Devon Leitzau, Grant Geier, Dain Pitsenbarger 800M Relay: 3 Dusty Morrow, Grant Geier, Devon Lietzau, Payton Johnson 1:42.92 1600M Relay: 5 Boston Miller, Ty Baseman, Brayden Siekert, Conner Greeno

Field.....

High Jump: 2 Braydon Siekert 5-04, 5 Conner Greeno Long Jump: 3 Logan Walley 17-06, 5 Braydon Siekert Shot Put: 3 Landen Massey 39-03.75 Discus Throw: 5 Weston Blazek

WHEELCHAIR

Track.....

100M: 1 Araina Roderick 36.61 400M: 1 Araina Roderick 2:31.41

Field.....

Shot Put: 1 Araina Roderick 9-07.25

WESTBY 4-21-22 BANGOR Top 5 Finishers

GIRLS

Track.....

800M: 1 Anna Fronk 2:33.17 1600M: 3 Molly Bachmann 6:36.25

Relays.....

400M: 1 Grace Wenthold, Megan Marr, Joeryn Freit, Bliss Knox 52.88 800M: 1 Megan Marr, Joeryn Freit, Bliss Knox, Katie Larkin 1:54.84 1600M: Bliss Knox, Megan Marr, Joeryn Freit, Anna Fronk 4:26.75

Field.....

High Jump: 4 Alycia Felch Long Jump: 1 Bliss Knox 14-09

BOYS

Track.....

100M: 4 Brandon Gilbertson 400M: 2 Traevon Delaney 56.67 1600: 2 Nolan Langrehr 5:20.6 3200M: 1 Gavin Benzing 10:59.59

Relays.....

400M: 3 Brandon Gilbertson, Cody Peterson, Tanner Wells, Gavin Meacham 48.67 800M: 4 Ben Lockman, Lucas Horman, Ezequiel Rodriguez, Colten Schroeder 3200M: 3 Gaving Benzing, Traevon Delaney, Nolan Langrehr, Evan Buchholz 9:25.87

Field.....

High Jump: 4 Sam Crenshaw Pole Vault: 3 Sam Crenshaw 10-06 Triple Jump: 3 Gavin Meacham 36-01.75

BOSCobel RELAYS 4-21-22 CASHTON Top 5 Finishers

GIRLS

Relays.....

3200M: 3 Isabell Korn, Juliette Steubs, Lily Gronemus, Kate Gronemus 12:26.8 800 Medley: 4 Maddie Klinkner, Anna Pieper, Adrianna Bever, Braylee Hyatt Distance Medley: 4 Juliette Steubs, Donna Harter, Kate Gronemus, Isabell Korn High Jump Relay: 2 Makayla Gooselaw 4-10 Long Jump Relay: 2 Braylee Hyatt 15-03.5 Triple Jump Relay: 5 Isabell Korn Discus Throw Relay: 4 Emme Sanders

BOYS

Relays.....

400M: 1 Colin O'Neil, Brady Hemmersbach, Brett Hemmersbach, Logan Perry 800M: 1 Colin O'Neil, Onesimo Tirado, Jake Wall, Ethan Klinkner 1:37.92 1600M Relay: 1 Brett Hemmersbach, Jack Schlesner, Ethan Klinkner, Onesimo Tirado 3:53.49 1500M: 3 Ethan Klinkner, Jack Schlesner, Riley Verken, Jake Wall 3:59.44 3200M: 4 Luke Clements, Chase Olson, Zach Hirschfield, Abraham Harter 800 Medley: 4 Colin O'Neil, Onesimo Tirado, Ethan Klinkner, Jake Wall High Jump Relay: 1 Jack Schlesner 6-02, 4 Jack Hilden Shot Put Relay: 1 Riley Verken 45-.05.25, 2 Michael Suppelt 45-01

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BASEBALL SCOREBOARD

AQUINAS OVERALL: 11-0 MVC 6-0

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
@ La Crosse Logan	12	4	W
Neillsville	16	1 (5)	W
Tomah	17	4	W
@ Melrose-Mindoro	28	0 (5)	W
@ Holmen	16	8	W
La Crosse Central	1	0	W
Osseo-Fairchild	5	0	W
@ Onalaska	2	0	W
Sparta	12	0 (5)	W
Pacelli	10	2	W
Pacelli	2	1	W
4-25 G-E-T			
4-26 Westby			
4-28 @ Tomah			
4-29 @ Viroqua			
5-2 Holmen			
5-5 @ La Crosse Central			
5-7 @ La Crescent			
5-9 La Crosse Logan			
5-10 @ Luther			
5-12 @ Sparta			
5-16 Onalaska			
5-20 West Salem			
5-23 Caledonia (MN)			

LA CROSSE CENTRAL OVERALL: 1-4 MVC 0-4

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
@ West Salem	8	5	W
@ Sparta	11	2	W
Eau Claire Memorial	4	3	W
Eau Claire Memorial	2	12 (5)	L
@ Aquinas	0	1	L
Prairie du Chien	11	1 (6)	W
@ Wisconsin Rapids	1	2	L
@ Wisconsin Rapids	9	6	W
4-25 La Crosse Logan			
4-28 Sparta			
4-30 Adams-Friendship tny			
TBA			
5-2 @ Onalaska			
5-5 Aquinas			
5-6 SPASH			
5-9 @ Tomah			
5-10 Onalaska			
5-12 Holmen			
5-14 Menomonie			
5-19 @ La Crosse Logan			
5-21 @ Eau Claire North			
5-21 @ Eau Claire North			
5-24 Tomah			
5-26 @ Holmen			

HOLMEN OVERALL: 1-4 MVC 0-4

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
@ Onalaska	1	5	L
Winona	3	1	W
Aquinas	8	16	L
@ Tomah	6	7	L
@ La Crosse Logan	6	7	L
4-25 Sparta			
4-28 Onalaska			
4-30 @ Chippewa Falls			
4-30 @ Chippewa Falls			
5-2 @ Aquinas			
5-5 Tomah			
5-7 DC Everest tny			
vs Superior			
vs DC Everest			
5-10 Caledonia (MN)			
5-12 @ La Crosse Central			
5-14 @ Baraboo tny			
vs Baraboo			
vs Madison Memorial			
5-16 La Crosse Logan			
5-19 @ Sparta			
5-23 @ SPASH			
5-24 G-E-T			
5-26 La Crosse Central			

LA CROSSE LOGAN OVERALL: 1-4 MVC 0-4

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
Aquinas	4	12	L
G-E-T	9	4	W
Onalaska	3	8	L
West Salem	10	2	W
Holmen	7	6	L
4-25 @ La Crosse Central			
4-26 La Crescent (MN)			
4-29 Prescott			
5-2 @ Sparta			
5-5 Onalaska			
5-6 @ Wausau West			
5-9 @ Aquinas			
5-10 Sparta			
5-12 Tomah			
5-12 Tomah	5	5*	
5-14 @ Marshfield			
5-14 @ Marshfield			
5-16 @ Holmen			
5-19 La Crosse Central			
5-20 @ Menomonie			
5-23 @ Prairie du Chien			
*(will complete game from 4-19 first)			

ONALASKA OVERALL: 2-2 MVC 2-1

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
Holmen	5	1	W
Logan	8	3	W
Mosinee	4	5	L
Aquinas	2	2	L
@ SPASH			
4-25 @ Tomah			
4-28 @ Holmen			
4-29 Prairie du Chien			
5-2 La Crosse Central			
5-3 @ Sparta			
5-5 @ La Crosse Logan			
5-7 @ Wausau tny			
TBA			
5-9 Sparta			
5-10 @ La Crosse Central			
5-13 @ Eau Claire Memorial			
5-16 @ Aquinas			
5-19 Tomah			
5-20 @ G-E-T			
5-21 @ Baraboo tny			
TBA			
5-24 @ Reedsburg			

SPARTA OVERALL: 0-6 MVC 0-3

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
Westby	6	16 (5)	L
La Crosse Central	2	11	L
Altoona	4	17 (5)	L
@ Richland Center	1	11	L
@ Aquinas	5	6	L
4-25 @ Holmen	0	12 (5)	L
4-26 G-E-T			
4-28 @ La Crosse Central			
5-2 La Crosse Logan			
5-3 Onalaska			
5-7 @ Wisconsin Rapids			
5-9 @ Onalaska			
5-10 @ La Crosse Logan			
5-12 Aquinas			
5-14 Mauston tny			
TBA			
5-16 @ Tomah			
5-19 Holmen			
5-24 @ West Salem			

TOMAH OVERALL: 0-6 MVC 0-3

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
Black River Falls	6	2	W
@ Reedsburg	0	11 (5)	L
@ Aquinas	4	17 (5)	L
Holmen	7	6	W
@ Sparta	6	5	W
Tomah tny			
Wausau West	0	15 (5)	L
River Falls	11	10	W
4-25 Onalaska			
4-26 West Salem			
4-28 Aquinas			
4-30 Wisconsin Rapids			
4-30 Wisconsin Rapids			
5-2 @ Baraboo			
5-5 @ Holmen			
5-9 La Crosse Central			
5-11 @ G-E-T			
5-12 @ La Crosse Logan			
5-12 @ La Crosse Logan	5	5*	
5-14 Tomah tny			
TBA			
5-16 Sparta			
5-19 @ Onalaska			
5-21 Chippewa Falls			
5-23 Arcadia			
5-24 @ La Crosse Central			
5-27 @ Marshfield			
*(will complete game from 4-19 first)			

SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD

AQUINAS OVERALL: 5-4 MVC 2-2

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
@ La Crosse Logan (9)	12	13	L
Luther	14	12	W
Tomah	0	24 (5)	L
Luther tny			
Spring Grove (MN)	1	13	W
C-FC	16	5	W
Melrose-Mindoro	10	0	W
Sparta	12	0 (5)	W
@ Onalaska	10	2	W
@ Prairie du Chien	5	15	L
4-28 @ Tomah			
4-29 @ Viroqua			
5-2 La Crosse Central			
5-3 @ Holmen			
5-5 @ La Crosse Central			
5-6 @ La Crescent (MN)			
5-9 @ G-E-T			
5-10 La Crosse Logan			
5-12 @ Sparta			
5-13 Arcadia			
5-14 Assumption tny			
TBA			
5-17 Onalaska			

LA CROSSE CENTRAL OVERALL: 1-6 MVC 1-3

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
@ G-E-T	6	12	L
@ Onalaska	1	15 (5)	L
@ Sparta	18	3 (3)	W
Tomah	7	15	L
@ Holmen	2	14 (5)	L
@ Wisconsin Rapids	7	17 (6)	L
@ Wisconsin Rapids	0	11 (6)	L
4-25 @ La Crosse Logan			
4-26 La Crosse Logan			
4-28 Sparta			
5-2 @ Aquinas			
5-3 @ Onalaska			
5-6 West Salem			
5-10 @ Tomah			
5-12 Holmen			
5-14 @ Menomonie			
5-14 @ Menomonie			

HOLMEN OVERALL: 4-3 MVC 2-1

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
Arcadia	12	2	W
@ Onalaska	10	11	L
G-E-T	9	15	L
G-E-T	21	11	W
La Crosse Central	14	2 (5)	W
@ La Crosse Logan	17	15	W
@ Wisconsin Rapids	2	12 (6)	L
4-26 Sparta			
4-28 Onalaska			
4-30 @ Marshfield			
4-30 @ Marshfield			
5-2 @ Tomah			
5-3 Aquinas			
5-5 Tomah			
5-7 Eau Claire Memorial			
5-9 @ Luther			
5-12 @ La Crosse Central			
5-13 @ Sparta			
5-17 La Crosse Logan			
5-19 De Forest			

LA CROSSE LOGAN OVERALL: 3-3 MVC 1-3

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
Aquinas	13	12 (9)	W
Altoona	8	6	W
G-E-T	9	2	W
@ Onalaska	17	16	L
@ Tomah	4	10	L
Holmen	15	17	L
4-25 La Crosse Central			
4-26 @ La Crosse Central			
4-28 Black River Falls			
4-30 Portage tny			
TBA			
5-3 @ Sparta			
5-5 Onalaska			
5-6 @ Luther			
5-10 @ Aquinas			
5-12 Tomah			
5-14 Reedsburg			
5-14 Reedsburg			
5-16 Arcadia			
5-17 Holmen			

ONALASKA OVERALL: 2-5 MVC 2-2

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
@ La Crosse Central	15	1 (5)	W
Holmen	11	10	W
Woodside Challenge Day			
Antigo	0	15	L
Merrill	4	10	L
La Crosse Logan	16	17	L
Aquinas	2	10	L
Prairie du Chien tny			
Prairie du Chien	1	15	L
4-26 S @ Tomah			
4-28 @ Holmen			
4-29 Tomah			
5-3 La Crosse Central			
5-4 @ Sparta			
5-5 @ La Crosse Logan			
5-7 @ Bloomer tny			
TBA			
5-9 @ West Salem			
5-10 Sparta			
5-11 @ Westby			
5-14 Luther			
5-14 Luther			
5-16 G-E-T			
5-17 @ Aquinas			

SPARTA OVERALL: 0-5 MVC 0-3

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
La Crosse Central	3	16 (3)	L
G-E-T	3	18 (5)	L
@ Aquinas	0	12 (5)	L
Tomah	0	12	L
@ West Salem	5	15 (5)	L
4-25 Viroqua			
4-26 @ Holmen			
4-28 @ La Crosse Central			
5-2 Luther			
5-3 La Crosse Logan			
5-4 Onalaska			
5-6 @ Black River Falls			
5-9 @ Richland Center			
5-10 @ Onalaska			
5-12 Aquinas			
5-13 Holmen			
5-17 @ Tomah			

SPARTA

OVERALL: 0-5 MVC 0-3

OPPONENT	US	THEM	
La Crosse Central	3	18 (3)	L
G-E-T	3	16 (5)	L
@ Aquinas	3	12 (5)	L
Tomah	0	12	L
@ West Salem	5	15 (5)	L
4-25 Viroqua			
4-26 @ Holmen			
4-28 @ La Crosse Central			
5-2 Luther			
5-3 La Crosse Logan			
5-3 La Crosse Logan			
5-4 Onalaska			
5-6 @ Black River Falls			
5-9 @ Richland Center			
5-10 @ Onalaska			
5-12 Aquinas			
5-12 Lincoln			

TOMAH SOCCER



Tomah's Emma Miller tries to stay on the ball as Central's Avery Bosshard charges in to take it away in the first half of Thursday's MVC matchup. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Timberwolves shut out at Central

By HERALD STAFF
Sports Writer

Tomahs suffered its second loss of the season on Thursday, April 21 by taking a 4-0 kicking by La Crosse Central at Field for Kids in La Crosse.

Despite maintaining possession in Central territory for most of the first half, Tomah couldn't find a path into the goal.

The Riverhawks, however, took advantage of their limited early opportunities.

Kate Heiderscheit buried the first goal off an assist from Lily Wehrs at the 30 minute mark to set the home team up 1-0.

Heiderscheit was at it again in the 68th minute with an assist from Kendall Blanco.

Gabby Jarman and Lilly Ackerman also scored to round out the game.

The Central defense made 12 saves while Tomah's Kirsten Schmidt made 6 saves in goal and Morgan Iverson 10. Tomah falls to 1-2-1 on the season while Central moves to 6-0 overall and 3-0 in league play.



Tomah's Hannah Walters forces a kick through the defense provided by Central (Grace Dickman, left; Avery Bosshard, right) in the first half of Thursday's contest. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

GIRLS SOCCER SCOREBOARD									
SPARTA OVERALL: 3-3 MVC 1-2					TOMAH OVERALL: 1-2-1 MVC 0-1-1				
OPPONENT	US	THEM			OPPONENT	US	THEM		
Portage	4	1	W		Sauk Prairie	1	6	L	
Menomonie	3	2	W		Menomonie	5	0	W	
La Crosse Logan	0	10	W		Holmen	2	2	T	
Baraboo	4	5	L		@ La Crosse Central	0	4	L	
West Salem	0	3	L		NEXT UP				
@ Holmen	1	11	L		4-26 La Crosse Logan				
NEXT UP					4-28 @ West Salem				
4-25 @ Onalaska					4-30 @ Marshfield				
4-28 La Crosse Central					5-3 Onalaska				
4-29 @ UWL tny					5-5 Sparta				
4-30 @ UWL tny					5-6 Mauston				
5-3 @ Aquinas					5-10 @ Aquinas				
5-5 @ Tomah					5-13 @ DC Everest				
5-12 Mauston					5-14 @ DC Everest				
5-14 @ Waupaca tny					5-17 MVC tny				
TBA					5-19 MVC tny				
TBA					5-24 MVC tny				
5-17 MVC tny					5-26 Baraboo				
5-19 MVC tny									
5-24 MVC tny									

TOMAH 12 SPARTA 0



Tomah's Asha Eckelberg puts a ball in play during Thursday's game at Sparta. Eckelberg ended up with just a single hit and scored a run in the Timberwolves' 12-0 win. Tomah will host Onalaska on Tuesday, April 26 and will be home Thursday against Aquinas. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

SEVENTH INNING
STRETCH

Tomah breaks Sparta's grip in final frame

By MAURICE SAVAGE
Sports Writer

The Tomah softball team continued its romp through the Mississippi Valley Conference on Thursday, April 21 by traveling to face rival Sparta.

Sparta, however, succumbed to a fate all too common this season a defeat of 10 or more runs as Tomah used a seven run seventh inning to notch a 12-0 win.

Tomah scored two in the first inning. The first was on an error and the second was on a triple by Madison Johnson which scored Lauren Noth. Tomah added another run in the third.

Johnson drove in Noth again in the fourth inning and Libby Mathison double to drive in Johnson as Tomah went up 5-0.

In the seventh inning, Lauren Noth started with a single while Johnson and Mathison both walked to load the bases.

Kennedy Noth picked up 2 RBI on a line drive single to center field, allowing Lauren Noth and Johnson to score runs. Katie Carlson grounded out to the third baseman and Libby Mathison was able to score a run. Kennedy Noth scored on a passed ball. Olivia Wall tripled on a line drive to left field, allowing Asha Eckelberg and Hannah Van Treese to score. Lauren Noth singled to the shortstop and that allowed Olivia Wall to go in for the score as Tomah's seventh inning blitz continued.

In all, Tomah would chime in for seven runs on six hits in the inning.

Lauren Noth finished the game with three hits, three runs, and one RBI on five at-bats on the night. Maddie Johnson finished with three hits, two runs, and two RBI's on four at-bats. Kennedy Noth finished with two hits, one run, and two RBI's on three at-bats. Olivia Wall finished with two hits, one run, and two RBI's on four at-bats.

Maddie Johnson pitched for six innings and allowed six hits and pitched thirteen strikeouts. Olivia Wall pitched one inning and allowed zero hits and struck out two batters.

Despite falling behind by 12 runs, the contest was the first for Sparta in which



Tomah's Olivia Wall beats the throw to third as Sparta's Hallie Burton waits for the ball in an attempt to force a put out in Thursday's MVC matchup. Herald photo by Logan Everson.

they played a full seven inning game this year.

Greta Anderson was 2-3 to lead Sparta.

West Salem 15 Sparta 5 (5)

The Sparta softball team lit the fireworks early, but couldn't hold on as West Salem rallied late for a 15-5 win in five innings on Saturday, April 23.

Sparta put West Salem on its heels early after putting together a five-run first inning.

Hallie Burton, Greta Anderson and Payton Jones all singled to start the game. Emma Blackdeer was hit by a pitch to put another run on and Lucy Schwarz added another single to continue the momentum.

The next two batters stuck out, however, which nearly put an end to the rally. However, Payton Eilers was hit by a pitch and Gracia Anderson put a ball in play that West Salem turned into an error.

The Panthers put one on the board in the first inning and another in the second.

It was the third inning that doomed Sparta's hope notching its first win of the year.

West Salem's Erica Spinler led off with a solo homer that set the table for an 11-run inning.

Sparta committed two errors in the inning, but only trailed 7-5 after tallying the second out of the frame. West Salem scored six runs with two outs and went back to work the next inning to finish off Sparta with a two run effort to put the mercy rule into effect.

Sparta's bats went quiet after the first inning as Emma Blackdeer's single in the second was the last hit the team would accrue.

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Ten year old Conner Thiede of Mayville putting out turkey decoys.



Eleven year old Carysn Thiede enjoying her time in the turkey blind with her dad Tyler.



The memories created on hunts like this last a lifetime!

Dodge County Youth Turkey Hunt

Hello friends,
This week I took part in Wisconsin’s Youth Turkey Hunt! I spent about 48-hours with some very fun kids in Dodge County near Burnett on my good friends Rod Bensley and Wendy Vicks 212-acres of pure paradise.

Friday, April 15th
High 39, low 26

There would be three kids hunting the connected properties and all three of them were very into it. Today I met Conner Thiede who is 10 and would be taking part in his second turkey hunt and I would be his mentor. Eleven-year-old Carysn Thiede would be hunting with her dad Tyler and both Carysn and Conner attend Mayville Elementary School.

You may remember that I have written a couple of stories about Rod having terminal rectal cancer and in reality, Rod has outlived his diagnosis by about six months. Nothing slows this guy down and before he passes, he has made the decision with Wendy to build a new house on their property and Tyler is the ramrod running the show on the project.

Our other hunter would be 11-year-old Hunter Mass who is in 5th grade at Waupon Intermediate School. Hunter



An Outdoorsman’s Journal

By **Mark Walters**

would be teamed up with his father Nick and this would be his second hunting season.

All three of these kids had the day off from school as it was Good Friday, and it was pretty obvious to see that they were into the hunt as we set out blinds and explored the property.

Saturday, April 16th
High 40, low 23

Tyler and Carysn would be on an adjacent property owned by Darwin Berndt who along with another neighbor Randy Henkyn had opened up their land as long as it was just for kids. This morning Conner and I were making the hike at 5:00 a.m. and it was cold as it seems to be every year in April these days.

As soon as we were in the blind, we could hear five toms gobbling from their roosts and it was game on. Reality struck when the toms flew down, we could not see them and headed in the opposite direction.

Tyler and Carysn had a bit of a crazy show from the get-go as a flock of turkey came

from behind and a large tom got in range but blind/turkey positioning did not allow a shot.

Nick and Hunter did not see any birds but had some gobbling close by.

My goal in these situations is to teach and to be fun. We had a pond close by and our world was nonstop duck, goose and deer action. One experience that Conner witnessed was a pair of wood duck that were peacefully swimming in the pond. A stray, drake wood duck flew into the pond, beat the bajeezs out of the drake that was with the hen and the hen kept hiding on him by going underwater.

I had told Conner that when the toms we had heard from the roosts got bored with their hens we may be able get a visit. About 9:00 we truly were having a good time when out of the corner of my eye I spotted a very large gobbler heading our way. I had hen decoys in two spots in the picked cornfield that we were hunting, and he was not super interested.

It kind of looked like he was going to vanish, so I told Conner I was going to try to call him in. I gave it a try with my dad’s Quaker Boy “Little One Sider” box call and that’s all she wrote. The

tom saw a jake/hen setup that I had and kind of like the wood duck story wanted to kick some butt. There was a very large jake with the tom and it kept getting in the way The gobbler was close and should have went to heaven but a young hunter had a heck of an experience and his quarry escaped.

Towards dark Carysn was hunting with her dad Tyler and had a couple of dozen turkey give her quite the show as they were fighting but once again the bird did not make it to the oven.

I had a blast with these kids and was really impressed with Hunter and Nick as they quietly sat in their blind for 9-hours without a heater.

For myself there was lots to think about, several friends were hunting with kids, and we did some texting. It seems the 410 is becoming very popular and some birds were harvested with it.

One friend paid \$73.00 for 5 shells. With Conner we occupied ourselves with a deer, turkey and coyote spotting contest and watching the nonstop show called nature and of course I pretended I was a crazy man, and it seems I was rather convincing!

Get kids outside!

Sunset

Turkey Vultures

The silhouettes of turkey vultures soaring above farm fields and highways kept me company recently on a long drive to Iowa. With snow still falling at home, these drab, brownish-black scavengers gave me hope that a new season is on its way—however haltingly.

Most people probably don’t associate turkey vultures with spring—or even realize that vultures may have flown as far as South America for the winter—but they are one of the earliest returning migrants. “What blazes the trail,” wrote Mary Oliver, “is not necessarily pretty.” Vultures need warm weather so that the smell of their food can rise skyward, and because it’s far easier to eat fresh roadkill than frozen dinners.

Just a few days after I arrived home again, I caught sight of the V-shaped wings and rocking, unsteady flight of a turkey vulture soaring above my road. I suppose the “buzzard” was trying to wait until temperatures increased enough for warm-air thermals to buoy up their gray-fingered wings.

Having thermals to lift the birds upward so that they can coast onward is far more essential to a turkey vulture’s migration than a tailwind. It’s so important to find thermals, in fact, that turkey vultures congregate in big migratory flocks that find invisible air currents. Since migrating in a big group means that there will never be enough food to go around, it’s a good thing that using thermals also significantly reduces the metabolic energy necessary for them to fly.

For as long as I can remember, Dad has been pointing out every turkey vulture (TVs he called them) soaring over every road trip we ever took. And it was fun, even as a kid, to be able to easily identify such a large bird flying so high up in the sky. They have an excellent gross-factor, too, which kids love. “Don’t get to close to a turkey vulture,” warned the park ranger on my first grade field trip to Effigy Mounds National Monument, “they’ll throw up all over you!” That I still clearly remember this fact, and the moment I learned it, validates my own love of using yucky facts to teach kids.

Since that day, I’ve discovered many more wonderfully revolting facts about turkey vultures.

First of all, projectile vomiting is a defense they use against predators, not just curious humans. The foul-smelling mix of semi-digested meat and digestive fluids can sting if it reaches the predator’s eyes. In addition, emptying their stomach may be necessary to lighten the load for take-off and escape if a TV is interrupted while gorging on a roadside carcass.

Natural Connections

By Emily Stone

Naturalist and Education Director at Cable Natural History Museum



Turkey vultures don’t just spray gross stuff on enemies; they also defecate on their own legs. This habit has a scientific name (urohidrosis) and a valid purpose. As water evaporates from the combination of urine and feces (birds don’t separate their waste like we do) it cools the blood vessels in their legs and feet. The acidic liquid may also act as a disinfectant. Even though they can’t sweat, vultures’ feathers sometimes become damp during dewy, foggy, or rainy nights. Then, while they wait for the air to warm enough to begin rising in thermals, TVs perch in a spread-winged stance in the sunshine. This not only dries feathers, but it warms their body, and bakes the bacteria off their feathers and bare, featherless head.

In addition to antibacterial behaviors, turkey vultures have developed excellent immune systems that can ward off and even destroy the microbes that cause botulism, anthrax, cholera, and salmonella. Their stomachs, gross as they may seem, help purify our world. Can you imagine a world in which dead things all rotted slowly in place? Turkey vultures embody the fact that “the secret name of every death is life again.” (Mary Oliver, Skunk Cabbage)

Despite their gross appearance, every adaptation of the turkey vulture seems aimed at cleanliness. How appropriate that the TVs’ scientific name—Cathartes aura—means “purifying breeze.”

The story of the vultures—of winter’s rotting wounds transformed and purified, of the purifier rising up into the sky, of it returning to cleanse the world again and again—sounds a lot like another story I often hear this time of year.

“Like large dark lazy butterflies they sweep over the glades looking for death, to eat it, to make it vanish, to make of it the miracle: resurrection...” from Vultures by Mary Oliver.

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Cassie Schober
Town of Little Falls Clerk
4/25, 5/2 WNAIXLP

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

Case No. 22 PR 37

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

Elmer J. Holm

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-6-1941 and date of death 3-2-2022, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 6500 Cty Hwy BC, 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 13, 2022

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

Case No. 22-PR-1

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

MARK S. GABOWER
Deceased.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 6-16-1955 and date of death 11-8-2021, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 30582 Horizon Avenue, Camp Douglas, WI 54618.

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Diane Berendes
Probate Registrar
April 14, 2022

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

Case No. 22-PR-032

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

DAVID L. GRIFFIN
DOD: 11/30/2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 8/14/1943 and date of death 11/30/2021, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 302 W Clifton Street, Tomah, WI 54660.

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Diane Berendes
Probate Registrar
April 7, 2022

Attorney Dennis Marcou

1206 Caldonia Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
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Bar Number 1011500
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Notice of Bid
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NOTICE REGARDING APPLICATION FOR DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME FROM THE FRANK G ANDRES CHARITABLE TRUST
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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLOSED SESSION
Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 5:23 p.m.
The meeting was held at the Tomah High School Library, 901 Lincoln Avenue, Tomah, WI.
The meeting was called to order by Aaron Lueck at 5:23 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

1. Roll Call
Present: Pamela Buchda, Michael Gnewikow, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray
Absent: Susan Bloom, Gary Grovesteen, Spencer Stephens
Also Present: Members of the Interview Team consisting of five administrators, four district supervisors/directors, and two administrative assistants.

2. Interview of Applicants for Business Manager
The committee interviewed four candidates for Business Manager.

3. Candidates' Strengths and Weaknesses Assessment
When the interviewing was complete, discussion was held on the strengths and weaknesses of the four candidates interviewed. Board members dismissed the committee members and discussion ensued.

4. Adjournment
A motion was made to reconvene into open session. The meeting reconvened into open session at 10:30 p.m.
Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. All ayes, the motion carried.
Charles M. (Mike) Hanson II, District Administrator
Secretary to the Board of Education
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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Lueck at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022.

1. Roll Call

Present: Pamela Buchda, Michael Gnewikow, Gary Grovesteen, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray, Spencer Stephens
 Absent: Susan Bloom

Also Present: Michelle Clark, Patricia Ellsworth, Greg Gaarder, Mike Hanson, Robert Joyce, JoLynn Schmidt, 23 spectator(s), and 1 member(s) of the media.

2. Approval of Consent Agenda Items Below

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented deferring items 2. A. and E. for individual action. Motion made by Spencer Stephens, seconded by Pamela Buchda. All ayes, the motion carried.

A. Approval of Minutes

I. Regular Board Meeting & Closed Session on February 21, 2022

II. Board Academy & Closed Session on March 7, 2022

B. Payment of Bills

As presented in the Bill Payment and Treasurer's Report dated March 21, 2022.

C. Resignations

As presented in the Resignations Report dated March 21, 2022.

D. Contracts

As presented in the Contracts Report dated March 21, 2022.

E. Consideration for Approval of Start College Now (SCN)/Early College Credit Program (ECCP)

3. Approval of Consent Agenda Items Deferred for Individual Action
 A motion was made to approve the recommended corrections to the February 21, Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session minutes as presented. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the Start College Now (SCN)/Early College Credit Program (ECCP) as presented. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. 5 ayes, 0 nayses, 1 abstains (Murray abstained), the motion carried.

4. Communication with the Public

There was no communication from the public.

5. Reports

A. Recognition of Staff/Students

I. 4th and 5th Grade Regional Battle of the Books: Co-Champions Lemonweir and TAMS Teams

JoLynn Schmidt recognized students from the 4th and 5th Grade Regional Battle of the Books: Co-Champions Lemonweir and TAMS Teams.

II. Tomah High School Academic Decathlon Team 2022 State Competition

Students from the Tomah High School Academic Decathlon Team were recognized for their accomplishments at the 2022 State Competition.

III. Tomah High School Student Winners - Fall 2021 Business World Kwik Trip Innovation Contest

Matthew Hennessey and Landon Habeck were recognized by the Board as one team of three to win the 2021 WI Business World (partnering with Kwik Trip) Innovation contest for their creative concept of "Food Delivery to the Pumps".

B. District Strategic Plan Initiatives

I. STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT: Prepare our students to succeed each year and in future postsecondary education and the career of their choice.

a. THS Student Council Student Representative to the Board of Education, Noelle Adler

Dr. Hanson presented the Tomah High School Student Council Representative Report.

b. Discussion of COVID 19 Case Information, Impact on Learning and Instruction. Information Only. No Action.

Dr. Hanson reviewed the District COVID 19 case information, impact on learning and instruction.

c. THS Out of State and Overnight Student/Advisor Trip Request: National Career Development Conference of the National Career Association, May 5-7, 2022, in Dallas, Texas

A motion was made to approve the Tomah High School out of state and overnight student/advisor trip request: National Career Development Conference of the National Career Association, May 5-7, 2022, in Dallas, Texas, as presented. Motion made by Spencer Stephens, seconded by Pamela Buchda. All ayes, the motion carried.

II. SERVICE TO THE TOMAH COMMUNITY: Engage parents and community members to increase student achievement and support for our school district.

a. Acceptance of Gift(s) of Money/Materials

A motion was made to accept the gift(s) of money/materials as presented. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

III. FUTURE FOCUSED: Transform educational opportunities to ensure the Tomah School District remains a school district of choice for students and their families.

a. Public Education Advocacy

Dr. Hanson updated the Board on the state legislative action.

IV. WORKFORCE ENGAGEMENT: Attract and retain and continuously develop highly effective employees for our team.

a. Update on 2022-2023 Employee Hiring Process

Dr. Hanson updated the Board on the 2022-2023 Employee Hiring Process and vacancies in the District.

V. FINANCE AND OPERATIONS: Plan and use resources to best support the district mission, vision, and goals.

a. Annual Report from the TASD School Resource Officer

Officer Melanie Marshall presented the annual report from the TASD School Resource Officer.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

7. New Business- Consideration and/or Action on the Following:

A. Consideration and Possible Approval Appointing Board Members to Hand out THS Diplomas at Graduation Ceremony May 28, 2022

Aaron Lueck appointed Pam Buchda and Spencer Stephens to hand out THS Diplomas at the Graduation Ceremony on May 28, 2022.

B. Consideration and Possible Approval for District Student Information System

The item was tabled.

C. Consideration and Possible Approval for the Following Curricular Items: THS Science Textbook, TMS Science Resources, TAMS Resources for Foreign Language, THS New Course Proposal for AP Music Theory

A motion was made to approve the following curricular items as presented: THS Science Textbook, TMS Science Resources, TAMS Resources for Foreign Language, THS New Course Proposal for AP Music Theory. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Spencer Stephens. All ayes, the motion carried.

D. Consideration and Possible Approval to Include Community Patron Use of District COVID 19 Rapid Testing Site and Maintain Operation of the Site while Funded through DHS.

A motion was made to approve a community patron use of the District

COVID 19 Rapid Testing Site and maintain operation of the site while funded through DHS. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. All ayes, the motion carried.

E. Review and Possible Approval of 2022-23 Employee Health Insurance Renewal

A motion was made to approve a -7.77% decrease in the 2022-23 Employee Health Insurance Renewal with GHT as presented. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Gary Grovesteen. 4 ayes, 0 nayses, 2 abstains (Gnewikow and Murray abstained), the motion carried.

8. First Reading Board Policies. No Action. Policy 0100 – Definitions (Revised); Policy 0142.1 – Electoral Process (Revised); Policy 0142.5 – Vacancies (Revised); Policy 0144.5 -- Board Member Behavior and Code of Conduct (Revised); Policy 0152 - Officers (Revised); Policy 0165.1 -- Notice of Regular and Special Meetings (Revised); 1421/3121/4121 – Criminal History Record Check and Employee Self-Reporting Requirement (Revised); Policy 1460/3160/4160 – Physical Examination (Revised); Policy 2210 – Curriculum Development (Revised); Policy 2266 – Nondiscrimination on Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities (Revised); Policy 2414 – Human Growth and Development (Revised); Policy 3122.01/4122.01 – Drug Free Workplace (Revised); Policy 3340/4340 – Grievance Procedure (Revised); Policy 5113 – Open Enrollment Program Inter-District (Revised); Policy 5200 – Attendance (Revised); Policy 5511 – Dress and Grooming (Revised); Policy 5722 – School Sponsored Publications and Productions (Revised); Policy 6114 – Cost Principles Spending Federal Funds (Revised); Policy 6146 – Post Issuance Tax Exempt Bond Compliance (Revised); Policy 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges (Revised); Policy 8310 – Public Records (Revised); Policy 8450 – Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases (Revised)
 The Board held its first reading of the above-referenced policies.

9. Upcoming Events/Activities

Dr. Hanson presented a list of upcoming events for the Board of Education.

10. Contemplated closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(c) and (f) for discussion, consideration, and action, as appropriate, regarding the employment, compensation, and the terms of the contract for the hiring of the Business Manager for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board will reconvene in open session and may take further action regarding closed session business, if necessary and appropriate, and/or entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn into contemplated closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.85(1)(c) and (f) for discussion, consideration, and action, as appropriate, regarding the employment, compensation, and the terms of the contract for the hiring of the Business Manager for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board will reconvene in open session and may take further action regarding closed session business, if necessary and appropriate, and/or entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned into closed session at 7:58 p.m. Motion made by Spencer Stephens, seconded by Gary Grovesteen. All ayes, the motion carried.

The Board reconvened into open session at 8:05 p.m.

A motion was made to hire Michelle Clark as the District Business Manager at a salary of \$115,000. Motion made by Spencer Stephens, seconded by Gary Grovesteen. All ayes, the motion carried.

11. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Motion made by Gary Grovesteen, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

Gregory G. Gaarder, Business Manager

Secretary to the Board of Education

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TOMAH SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 17, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Tomah High School Library, 901 Lincoln Avenue, Tomah, WI.

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Lueck at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2022.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Present: Pamela Buchda, Michael Gnewikow, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray

Absent: Susan Bloom, Gary Grovesteen, Spencer Stephens

Also Present: Members of the Interview Team consisting of five administrators, four district supervisors/directors, and two administrative assistants.

2. Interview of Business Manager considerations.

Dr. Hanson handed out the interview questions to committee members. Participants in the interview process were comprised of school board members, school employees, and administrators.

3. Contemplated closed session pursuant to § 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., for the conduct of Business Manager candidate interviews and discussion associated therewith. Following such interviews while still convened in closed session Board members and administrators will confer further about the interviews and candidates, and the Board may take action regarding a recommendation for the position.

A motion was made to move into closed session at 5:23 p.m. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Ricky Murray. Roll call vote: Pamela Buchda - Yes; Aaron Lueck - Yes; Michael Gnewikow - Yes; Ricky Murray - Yes. There were 4 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

4. The Board will reconvene in open session and may take further action regarding closed session business, if necessary and appropriate.

The Board reconvened into open session at 10:30 p.m.

A motion was made to recommend hiring Michelle Clark for the District Business Manager position. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Aaron Lueck. Roll call vote: Pamela Buchda - Yes; Aaron Lueck - Yes;

Michael Gnewikow - Yes; Ricky Murray - Yes. There were 4 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 10:31 p.m. Motion made by Michael Gnewikow, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

Charles M. (Mike) Hanson II, District Administrator

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CLOSED SESSION

Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:58 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Rd., Tomah.

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Lueck at 7:58 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2022.

1. Roll Call

Present: Pamela Buchda, Michael Gnewikow, Gary Grovesteen, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray, Spencer Stephens
 Absent: Susan Bloom

Also Present: Greg Gaarder, Mike Hanson

2. Discuss the Employment, Compensation, and the Terms of the Contract for the Hiring of the Business Manager for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Board reviewed a recommendation to hire Michelle Clark as the District's Business Manager at an annual salary of \$115,000.

3. Adjournment

A motion was made to reconvene into open session. The meeting reconvened into open session at 8:05 p.m. Motion made by Michael Gnewikow, seconded by Pamela Buchda. All ayes, the motion carried.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 5:15 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Lueck at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Present: Pamela Buchda, Michael Gnewikow, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray, Spencer Stephens

Absent: Susan Bloom, Gary Grovesteen

Also Present: Members of the Interview Team Consisting of six administrators, three teachers, and one support staff member.

2. Interview of Director of Curriculum and Instruction considerations.

Dr. Hanson handed out interview questions to committee members. Participants in the interview process were comprised of school board members, school employees, and administrators.

3. Contemplated closed session pursuant to § 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., for the conduct of Director of Curriculum and Instruction candidate interviews and discussion associated therewith. Following such interviews while still convened in closed session Board members and administrators will confer further about the interviews and candidates, and the Board may take action regarding a recommendation for the position.

A motion was made to enter into closed session at 5:18 p.m. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Ricky Murray. Roll call vote: Pamela Buchda - Yes; Aaron Lueck - Yes; Michael Gnewikow - Yes; Ricky Murray - Yes; Spencer Stephens - Yes. There were 5 'yes' votes and 0 'no' votes and 0 abstains, the motion carried.

4. The Board will reconvene in open session and may take further action regarding closed session business, if necessary and appropriate.

The Board reconvened into open session at 9:36 p.m.

A motion was made to offer the Director of Curriculum and Instruction position to Angela Plueger. Motion made by Michael Gnewikow, seconded by Pamela Buchda. All ayes, the motion carried.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:37 p.m. Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Spencer Stephens. All ayes, the motion carried.

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Thursday, March 24, 2022, at 5:18 p.m.

The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.

The meeting was called to order by Aaron Lueck at 5:18 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2022.

1. Roll Call

Present: Pamela Buchda, Michael Gnewikow, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray, Spencer Stephens
 Absent: Susan Bloom, Gary Grovesteen

Also Present: Members of the Interview Team consisting of six administrators, three teachers, and one support staff member.

2. Interview of Applicants for Director of Curriculum and Instruction

The committee interviewed three candidates for Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

3. Candidates' Strengths and Weaknesses Assessment

When the interviewing was complete, discussion was held on the strengths and weaknesses of the three candidates interviewed. Board members dismissed the committee members and discussion ensued.

4. Adjournment

A motion was made to reconvene into open session. The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:36 p.m.

Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

Charles M. (Mike) Hanson II, District Administrator

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SPARTA SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Regular Meeting (Tuesday, March 22, 2022) Generated by Wendy Markgren

Board Members in Attendance: Mr. Josh Lydon, Mr. James Rasmussen, Ms. Heidi Prestwood, Mr. Colin Burns-Gilbert. (Absent: Mr. John Hendricks, Mr. Ed Lukasek, Mr. Anthony Scholze)

Mr. Scholze joined the meeting at 6:40 p.m. and Mr. Hendricks joined the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President, Josh Lydon.

The meeting had been noticed to Evans Print & Media Group, WCOW Radio, Magnum Radio, La Crosse Tribune, Sparta City Hall, and Sparta Free Library.

A motion was made by Ms. Prestwood, seconded by Mr. Burns-Gilbert to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 4/0 (Absent: Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Lukasek, Mr. Scholze)

At 6:35 p.m. a motion was made by Ms. Prestwood, seconded by Mr. Burns-Gilbert to move to Executive Session regarding an individual's employment per Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. Roll call: Mr. Rasmussen, aye; Ms. Prestwood, aye; Mr. Lydon, aye; Mr. Burns Gilbert, aye. Motion carried 4/0. (Absent: Mr. Lukasek, Mr. Scholze, Mr. Hendricks)

A motion was made by Ms. Prestwood, seconded by Mr. Scholze to terminate an employee with suggested recommendations. Roll call: Ms. Prestwood, aye; Mr. Scholze, aye; Mr. Lydon, aye; Mr. Burns-Gilbert, aye; Mr. Rasmussen, aye. Motion carried 5/0 (Absent: Mr. Hendricks, Mr. Lukasek.)

At 7:26 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Scholze, seconded by Ms. Prestwood to return to open session.

Public input was brought forward by Julie Ender and Gordon Dace.

Alex Kress gave a Student Report.

Mr. Russ and Ms. Cabanit gave a post High School Field Trip report.

A motion was made by Mr. Scholze, seconded by Mr. Burns-Gilbert to approve the consent agenda minus items G. Discussion and possible action to approve Early College Credit Program and Start College Now Applications, J. Discussion and possible action to approve the District Long-Range Instructional Plan, and K. Discussion and possible action to approve a date for a Board Budget Workshop. Motion carried 5/0 (Absent, Mr. Lukasek), (Abstain, Mr. Hendricks).

A motion was made by Mr. Scholze, seconded by Ms. Prestwood to approve Early College Credit Program and Start College Now Applications, motion carried 5/0 (Absent, Mr. Lukasek), (Abstain, Mr. Hendricks)

A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Scholze to approve the District Long-Range Instructional Plan, motion carried 6/0 (Absent, Mr. Lukasek).

No action was taken on item K.

A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Burns-Gilbert to approve 2021-2022 budget revisions as presented. Roll call: Mr. Hendricks, aye; Mr. Lydon, aye; Mr. Burns-Gilbert, aye; Mr. Scholze, aye; Mr. Rasmussen, aye; Ms. Prestwood, aye. Motion carried 6/0, (Absent, Mr. Lukasek.)

A motion was made by Mr. Scholze, seconded by Ms. Prestwood to approve low lawn care bid. Roll call: Mr. Burns-Gilbert, aye; Mr. Hendricks, aye; Mr. Rasmussen, nay; Ms. Prestwood, aye; Mr. Scholze, aye; Mr. Lydon, aye. Motion carried 5/1 (Mr. Rasmussen), (Absent, Mr. Lukasek.)

A motion was made by Mr. Scholze, seconded by Mr. Hendricks to approve the District Long-Range Buildings & Grounds Plan. Motion carried 6/0 (Absent, Mr. Lukasek.)

A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Scholze to accept the donation from the Gridiron Club for the Memorial Field scoreboard. Roll call: Mr. Scholze, aye; Mr. Rasmussen, aye; Ms. Prestwood, aye; Mr. Hendricks, aye; Mr. Lydon, aye; Mr. Burns-Gilbert, aye. Motion carried 6/0 (Absent, Mr. Lukasek.)

A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Scholze to review and approve employee benefit renewals as presented. Roll call: R. Lydon, aye; Mr. Burns-Gilbert, aye; Mr. Hendricks, aye; Mr. Rasmussen, aye; Ms. Prestwood, aye; Mr. Scholze, aye. Motion carried 6/0 (Absent, Mr. Lukasek)

A motion was made by Mr. Hendricks, seconded by Mr. Burns-Gilbert to approve the recommendation items (Reduce staffing positions and reduce the current health insurance premium cost by 5%) to address projected budget shortfall for the upcoming two school years. Roll call: Mr. Burns-Gilbert, aye; Mr. Hendricks, aye; Mr. Rasmussen,

TOMAH AREA SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD ACADEMY MEETING

Monday, April 4, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.
The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.
The meeting was called to order by Aaron Lueck at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022.

1. Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call
Present: Susan Bloom, Pamela Buchda, Michael Gnewikow, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray, Spencer Stephens
Absent: Gary Grovesteen
Also Present: Greg Gaarder, Mike Hanson, Joe Janusheske, Michelle Clark, JoLynn Schmidt, and Amy Langner

2. Consideration and Possible Approval Alternative Open Enrollment Request(s)
A motion was made to approve the Alternative Open Enrollment request as presented. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. All ayes, the motion carried.

3. Consideration and Possible Approval of Contracts and Resignations
A motion was made to approve the contracts and resignations as presented. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Spencer Stephens. All ayes, the motion carried.

4. Consideration and Possible Approval Adding the Following Professional Educator Positions Funded Through ESSER: (1) FTE Miller Elementary School 4th Grade Teacher, (1) FTE Tomah Middle School Dean of Students

A motion was made to approve the addition of a Miller Elementary School 4th or 5th grade teacher using ESSER funds. Motion made by Michael Gnewikow, seconded by Ricky Murray. All ayes, the motion carried.

A motion was made to approve the addition of a Tomah Middle School Dean of Students using ESSER funds as presented. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Spencer Stephens. All ayes, the motion carried.

5. Consideration and Approval to Open the Following Special Services Positions: (1) Full Time Occupational Therapist; (1) Full Time Physical Therapy Aide; (2) Tomah Middle School IDS Aides; (1) Tomah Middle School Pack Room EBD Aide; (1) Lemonweir Elementary School LD Aide

A motion was made to create a .6 FTE Physical Therapy Assistant position as presented. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. All ayes, the motion carried.

6. Consideration and Possible Approval for Eight (8) Full Time Substitute Teachers with Benefits for the 2022-2023 School Year Funded Through ESSER

A motion was made to approve eight current full time substitute teacher positions with benefits for the 2022-2023 school year using ESSER funds as presented. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Pamela Buchda. All ayes, the motion carried.

7. Consideration and Possible Approval Appointing (3) Board Members to Serve on the LaGrange Elementary Principal Hiring Committee and April 28th Interview Date

President Aaron Lueck appointed three Board Members to serve on the LaGrange Elementary Principal hiring committee and April 28th interview date. Members appointed to the committee were Sue Bloom, Pam Buchda, and Aaron Lueck.

8. Consideration and Possible Approval 2022-2023 CESA 4 Contract for Services

A motion was made to approve the 2022-23 CESA 4 Service Contract as presented. Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. All ayes, the motion carried.

9. Discussion of Possible Addition of Portable Classroom/ Alternative Space for Tomah Montessori School

Mr. Gaarder updated the Board on the possibility of adding a portable classroom at the Tomah Montessori School. Administration is reviewing the feasibility of adding a structure there along with any structural code requirements for placing a building there. Administration will continue to research the possibility of adding a portable structure there with the intent of having available by the start of the 2022-23 school year.

10. Discussion of Board of Education Short-Term Goals and Strategic Plan 2022-2023

Dr. Hanson reviewed with the Board of Education possible 2022-23 District short-term goals as they related to the current Strategic Plan.

11. Contemplated closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.82(1), and 19.85(1)(c) and (e) regarding the employment, compensation, and the terms of the contract for the hiring of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2022-2023 school year; Tomah Middle School Assistant Principal for the 2022-2023 school year; discussion of Teacher Base Wage Negotiations for the 2022-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tomah Education Association; and discussion of District Administrators and Building Level Administrators Compensation for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board will reconvene in open session and may take further action regarding closed session business, if necessary and appropriate, and/or entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.
A motion was made to enter into contemplated closed session pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes section 19.82(1), and 19.85(1)(c) and (e) regarding the employment, compensation, and the terms of the contract for the hiring of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the 2022-2023 school year; Tomah Middle School Assistant Principal for the 2022-2023 school year; discussion of Teacher Base Wage Negotiations for the 2022-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tomah Education Association; and discussion of District Administrators and Building Level Administrators Compensation for the 2022-2023 school year. The Board will reconvene in open session and may take further action regarding closed session business, if necessary and appropriate, and/or entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made to move into closed session at 7:42 p.m. Motion made by Pamela Buchda, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. All ayes, the motion carried.
The Board reconvened into open session at 8:30 p.m.
A motion was made to hire Amy King as the Tomah Middle School Assistant Principal at a salary of \$85,000. Motion made by Spencer Stephens, seconded by Susan Bloom. All ayes, the motion carried.
A motion was made to hire Angie Plueger as the District Director of Curriculum and Instruction at a salary of \$110,000. Motion made by Ricky Murray, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. All ayes, the motion carried.

12. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Michael Gnewikow. All ayes, the motion carried.

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OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
CLOSED SESSION

Monday, April 4, 2022, at 7:45 p.m.
The meeting was held at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.
The meeting was called to order by Aaron Lueck at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, April 4, 2022.

1. Roll Call

Present: Susan Bloom, Pamela Buchda, Michael Gnewikow, Aaron Lueck, Ricky Murray, Spencer Stephens
Absent: Gary Grovesteen
Also Present: Greg Gaarder, Mike Hanson

2. Discuss Contract and Recommendation for Hiring of the Director of Curriculum & Instruction

The Board discussed a recommendation to hire Angie Plueger as the District Director of Curriculum & Instruction at a salary of \$110,000.

3. Discuss Contract and Recommendation to Hire Assistant Middle School Principal

The Board discussed a recommendation to hire Amy King as the Assistant Principal at the Tomah Middle School at a salary of \$85,000.

4. Discuss Teacher Base Wage Negotiations for the 2022-23 Collective Bargaining Agreement

The Board discussed strategies for base wage negotiations with the Tomah Education Association.

5. Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn into open session. The Board adjourned into open session at 8:30 p.m. Motion made by Susan Bloom, seconded by Pamela Buchda. All ayes, the motion carried.

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The Sparta Kiwanis Club welcomed two new members at its meeting on Tuesday, April 12. They are, from Left to Right: Kiwanian sponsor Bill Herrman, new member Larry Larson, Sparta Kiwanis Club President Deb Smith, new member Michelle Rademan, Kiwanis sponsor Bob Hess. The Kiwanis Club of Sparta, along with Sparta-Tomah Broadcasting ESPN-1290 AM and 102.1 FM, will celebrate the 22nd Annual Kiwanis Radio Day on Saturday, April 30th, from 8 A.M. to Noon. Tune in to hear interviews of well-known Spartans as they talk about the variety of services provided by the non-profit organizations within our community. Contributed photo.

TMS 3rd quarter honor rolls

6th Grade
3,500-4,000 Plus: Samuel Ahrendt, Peyton Ashcraft, Madelynn Bernhardt, Norah Betcher, Eva Betthausen, Jacey Brabant, Marleigh Brady, Riley Breitsprecher, Blake Breitung, Tulsey Brown, Brian Burke, Gabrielle Burkhalter, Reiley Burton, Blake Champlin, Brooklyn Chapman, Rebeckah Cleveland, Jolicia Cruz, Isabella Dobson, Colin Dominick, Benjamin Dubois, Kyrar Eckelberg, Jadali Emery, Maizee Grace Eppers, Ares Finch, Brynley Flock, James Franklin, Alysha Frey, Hailey Frost, Addison Garrels, Maddax Gebhardt, Eva Gilbertson, Harper Giroux, Jacob Gleason, Coltin Gray, Aliza Gregar, Isaac Grilley, Kasen Gunder, Sawyer Hagen, Klara Hall, Addison Hammer, Kaydence Hasselberger, Charles Hilt, Amaris Holmes, Joshua Horsley, Liam Huneke, Nathaniel Janiszewski, Jacey Johnson, Lawson King, Nora Klouda, Renee Kodra, Brianna Krings, Jaxson Kuntz, Adrian Labeause, Fauna Last, Gavin Libbey, Warren MacDougall, Abel Martin, Drew Martin, Piper Mathison, Kaysen Meagher, Alexandria Metz, Kaia Moore, Christian Morgan, Alivia Moseley, Nola Mullikin, Karalee Nelson, Emmah Nesja, Evan Newlun, Chloe Noth, Calynn Ollendick, Priyam Patel, Rylee Perry, Jadyan Peterson, Delaney Pierce, Cayden Pingel, Ashton Quist, Karson Randorf, Ayden Rogers, Caden Rowan, David Schanhofner, Karlee Scholz, Alayna Scholze, Alivia Schroeder, Mya Small, Jakob Spieker, Grayson Steen, Emilee Steep, Teag Stephenson, Nicodemus Stiehl, Lily Tank, Alian Trujillo, Makenna Uhing, Shelby Vervoren, Emma Wallace, Lorelei Welch, Nyah Wildes, Rachel Zastoupil.

3,000-3,499: Connor Bailey, Nash Audiss, Lillian Austin, Whyatt Backes, Karlee Bailey, Laynee Bullard, Hope Burnstad, Marshall Burnstad, Xavion Cruz, Keagon Eagleson, Skout Ehlers, Alexis Fancher, Stella Fravel, Faith Greeno, Kingsten Greyowl, Orion Hendl, Marilyn Hesser, Cordell Iverson, William Jacobsen, Brody Jaeger, Kylee Johnson, Makayla Johnson, Naomi Jorgensen, Blake Krause, Logan Lapp, Cameron Lein, Dalton Lein, Riley Magness, Kade Matheson, Lynn Miller, Braxton Minear, Peyton Neitzel, Braydyn Nicholson, Case O'Rourke, Lotty Orozco, Austin Parker, Colby Parlow-Riese, Jackson Parr, Rhiley Pedrin, Daisy Pergande, Gabriel Perry, Aubree Peterson, Wyatt Randall, Christopher Reynolds, Carson Ripley, Nicole Robinson, Rylee Rouse, Kaylee Rustad, Lydon Schindler, Connor Sibert, Gage Small, Hunter Springer, Macy Squires, Elise Stickney, Atticus Stites, Maddex Stuempges, Ellie Tessman, Tyler Thomson, Ashanti Triplett, Joshua TrustyGarber, Mason White, Austin Wickersheim, Nola Wickersheim, Jade Wilson, Henry Zeps.

7th Grade
3,500-4,000 Plus: Karson Asbrand, Isabella Barshaw, Henry Betthausen, Tyler Boettcher, Mae Boyles, Josalynn Bradley, Avery Brohmer, Brennan Brown, Rayne Bush, Hannah Butterfuss, Abigail Byers, Chloe Cicero, Ladainian Coleman, Landon Crego, Angelie Dabney, Lillian Deyo, O'Connell, Lily Donovan, Jandric Downing, Alexandra Dowson, Brooklin Duncan, Kaylee Eagleson, Camryn Eirschele, Cassandra Elsing, Lauren Erickson, Nicole Esposito, Caden Fravel, Rylee Fritz, Quinn Gerke, Jaylah Gill Stickler, Abigail Gordon, James Gratz, Jackson Grauel, Tanner Gross, Max Haldeman, Alora Harp, Nathan Hendricks, Emma Henley, Aidan Hernandez, Isabella Hilt, Abigail Hoag, Stella Huser, Kaelan James, Lucy Jankowski, Alex Jelinek, Gracelyn Johnson, Annie Jungmeyer, Makenzie Kleifgen, Rhett Kreuzer, Alyssa Krings, Ella Kube, Aubrey Lang, Bailey Lang, Alexis Larson, Austin Leis, Vivian Libke, Andrew Lindberg, Emelyn Lisi, Payton Marth, Dakota Martin, Reily Martin, Madilynn McCabe, Tanner McDonald, Nicholas Miller, Samantha Nauman, Zoey Oppert, Kaurie Organ, Ashlynn Parker, Kendal Path, Anabel Peacock, Zoe Pergande, Gabrielle Peterson, Brielle Plueger, Baylie Possone, Kylie Prielipp, Caleb Renaud, Allison Ritter, Yesenia Ruiz, Addyson Sauter, Aethyn Sawyer, Cadence Scholze, Allison Schroeder, Chloe Skiles, Payton Smith, Sydnee Smith, Camryn Steele, Easton Stieg, Joanna Stryker, Juleah Sutherland, Kendra Swenson, Jackson Tackmann, Lynn Ueek, Ethan Valle, Samantha Weaver.

3,000-3,499: Connor Bailey, John Battista, Addilyn Bender, Aaron Borden, Vincent Brom, Noah Browning, Conner Campton, Yaqi Chen, Emma Claussen, Ledell Cossette, Silas Cram, Holly DenHartog, Gerald Dewitt IV, Rachel Ewers, Ruby Ewers, Camdan Franklin, Zoey Goetzka, Deondre Grant, Bastion Gray, Brookelynn Griffin, Caden Haun, Noah Hibma, Lillyan James, Alexis Jester, Jett Jilek, Kevin Jorgensen, Holly Lenz, Reanne Long, Tea Mai, Melody Martinez, Bennett Mason, Olivia Michaels, Kadan Nelson, Carson Newlun, Gage Parris, Chance Peterson, Joey Resop, Danica Rizzo, Taylor Robinson, Maxwell Russell, Natalie Schroeder, Mckenzie Smothers, Lorelei Steinhofel, Gavin Suhr, Makenzie Sweeney, Isaac Tirado Mendoza, Tyler Tran, Kawing Tse, Kieralynn Tupper, Elijah VonHelmst, Cable Voss, Iver Whiting, Xavien Wilson, Kahlan Ziemis.

8th Grade
3,500-4,000 Plus: Shon Abbas, Kendall Abney, Aidan Andrus, Nolan Arch, Cailyn Bacholl, Samuel Bannan, Grace Bardeen, Grace Bardeen, Avery Benjamin, Collin Branch, Piper Brown, Timothy Budde, Alexander Burbach, Hunter Butterfuss, Laney Champlin, Avery Chapman, Kira Claussen, Carson Clay, Justin Cook, Gavin Courtney, Jillian Czarniecki, Nizhu Doddridge Hornett, Whitney Draeger, Erin Drinkwine, Tristin Dulinsky, Lauren Eckelberg, Taylor Ekern, Thomas Evans, Glynnis Fleming, Brede Franks, Kai Garvin, Adeline Gerke, Morgan Gerpoltz, Aleigh Gil, Lucy Gross, Barbara Gutierrez, Yarielis Guzman Rivas, Faith Hage, Karli Hall, Roxy Harmon, Karma Hasselberger, Blake Haun, Sophia Hayes, Alexis Hedding, Ayden Jackson, Jaden Johnson, Ruby Joyce, Kelly Jump, Riley Kaspari, Kaelyn Kelly, Isabelle Lieser, Taylor Lord, Tyson Martin, Allegra Meacham, Kylie Moake, Alexa Moore, Ethan

Murphy, Adisyn Nance, Josie Newbury, Marah Noth, Cale Ollendick, Natalie Olson, Mackenzie Perry, Haylee Pingel, Greta Quinlan, Hannah Raabe, Madison Raap, Victoria Ravet, Marshall Reiman, Boe Rewey, Lillian Riedesel, Hannah Robertson, Morgan Robertson, Makenna Roose, Zachary Rucker, Braden Schultz, Emily Shields, Kaleb Sibert, Jerry Skofronick, Giovanni Small, Delaney Spolum, Morgan Squires, Elizabeth Steep, Lauren Stephens, Ian Thompson, Colten Thomson, Owen Vandenhoogen, Nash Vervoren, Emma Von Ruden, Kadence Walker, Anna Wall, Charlie Waring, Lucas Wilson, Bayley Winrich, Isabell Zabinski, Sarah Zaremba, Michael Zastoupil, Kira Ziemis.

3,000-3,499: Cooper Alexander, Blake Benish, Holden Betthausen, Curtis Bobholz, Clare Brantner, Bryce Brohmer, Vada Brown, James Closner, Taylor Crocker, Mya Darge, Patrick Dettle, Kendall Downey, Syllis Frost, Kaitlynn Gigous, Dylan Gleason, Gage Goetzka, Faith Gray, Brody Habelman, Kylie Hayes, Jessie Hernandez Landaverde, Gavin Hilleshiem, Aidan Huneke, Kendra Jensen, Evan Johnson, Kodiak Kara, Brady Kemp, Xavier Kennedy, DeVon Lamb, Kaleb Larson, Aubrie Leis, Calyn Leis, Gretchen Loveless, Carson Manka, Jarrett Markham, Cash Martin, Noah Martin, Estrella Martinez Cabello, Tyne Newcomb, Hayden Niceswanger, Joshua Osiecki, Madison Parker, Cael Pollack, Madelyn Powless, Wyatt Schladweiler, Trent Scholze, Madonna Schroeder, Addison Smith, Aubrey Weiker, Damian Wilson, Gavin Wilson, Brennen Worden.



At the Sparta City Council meeting last week. District 8 Alderman Gordon Gace was sworn into office by City Clerk, Julie Hanson.



Four of Sparta FFA members competed in Horse Judging at the River Falls Regional contest, earned a virtual state screener, and will continue to advance onto state in-person contests on April 29th at UW-Madison. This group practiced and worked hard since December and set goals to go to state and beyond. Team members from left to right include: Vanessa Janzen, Laney Schroeder, Taylor Donskey, and Jeannette O'Dell. Contributed photo.

Bangor School Board discusses framework for openings/closings

By Rhonda Hess

At the regular Bangor School District meeting Wednesday evening, April 20, the Bangor-Harvard framework was discussed in regard to how school districts are handling school openings and closings.

These situations have arisen throughout the months since in-person learning was reinstituted after the pandemic shut-down last year.

“Obviously, first and foremost, It’s about the safety and health of our students and staff,” Bangor’s superintendent David Brokopp said, adding that the district administrators “lean on” medical professionals to help with reopening and closing decisions due to the pandemic.

The district looks at LaCrosse County Health Department numbers, especially when trending upward.

“We don’t live in a bubble,” he said.

Brokopp said the Harvard model is science based and there are numbers and metrics to be considered in the model. “When we go forward and we have to look at the possibility of closing school, opening school, I am going to be using multiple stakeholders to make that decision,” he said.

Brokopp likened it to the types of communications he

has had to make in the past for snow days.

Neighboring school districts use numbers from their county health departments to help make their decisions.

If the framework is adopted, a color-coded system will be put in place which indicates whether in-person, virtual or a hybrid learning model would be appropriate.

For example, the top category of concern is 25 new cases or a 10 percent positive testing ratio, which results in a “red” metric (virtual recommended).

Secondary metrics, such as close contact resulting in virus spread, are also being considered.

Brokopp said they will continue to look at how the numbers are trending for Covid cases and propose the use of the Harvard Metrics in the LaCrosse County Collaborative. “It gives us good information about our people being positively identified,” he said.

Elementary Principal Mike Johnson explained the different municipalities supported by Bangor Schools, which totals 10,411 people, according to information he received from the LaCrosse County Public Health Department. This excludes Leon and Sparta Township, because they could not get data from those areas.

He said population densities and other factors are weighed

in these calculations of how many positive cases are averaging throughout the municipalities.

“Based on our district population of 700, students and staff, we anticipate anything over 14 cases in our district population would put cases in our schools,” Johnson said. “I think that’s the part that really hits home.”

Brokopp said, when looking at municipalities, considering eight or nine cases in smaller areas, such as Rockland, can be concerning. “We might have to quarantine kids and classes,” he said, adding that staffing issues could also come into play with that situation. He emphasized that the LaCrosse County Health Department is just giving recommendations on how openings and closings are handled due to positive Covid cases.

The board members approved adopting the Bangor-Harvard framework.

To find out more, visit the school’s website and watch the meeting on the link provided.

Ask The Trainer

by Dave Erickson - Owner Fit4Life/Women’s Gym



Exercise improves more than just your health!

Stress affects everyone, young to old. The teenager struggles with the social stress of fitting in. The young adult struggles with the stress of deciding a direction in life, adults struggle with career and family stress, the older adult struggles with retirement and health stress. Because our nervous system doesn’t like to stay in stress, it finds ways to get out of stress. Unfortunately, many of those ways cause harm in other ways like overeating pleasure foods or taking out our stress on those closest to us.

There are many ways to eliminate stress that consequentially harms one’s health and relationships. But there is one method that eliminates stress and consequentially improves health and relationships: Exercise!

Exercise always makes

you feel good. And when you feel good you make better decisions and it’s your decisions in life that create the outcomes in your life good or bad.

It has been said that the quality of your life is the quality of your emotions. Every parent wishes for their children to live happy and healthy lives. Unfortunately, most of us get too caught up in our stress and busy lives to remember that for ourselves.

Here’s a prescription for abundantly more happiness (and success) in your life:

Exercise daily by taking a walk, bike ride, elliptical or rowing machine even for just 10-15 minutes. Add in a strength training session or two at the gym per week. And be sure to exercise your mind by reading material each day (before bed is a good time) that inspires or educates you.

Not only does moving your body dissolve stressful thoughts, your new thoughts of being proud of yourself begin to overtake those thoughts to the contrary. Feeling good about ourselves or our self-appraisal is perhaps the greatest overlooked source of the stress that most leads to self-destructive behaviors keeping our lives stuck.

When you feel good about yourself, you’ll gain the motivation to take the time to shop, prepare and eat healthy foods. And by doing this you’ll gain even more self-approval and soon you won’t need nearly as much approval from others, which is a major source of stress and negative feelings in our lives.

As you can see, establishing the habit of exercise can lead to a positive upward spiral in one’s life. That’s why I love being in this business. See you in the Gym!

Member of the Month



Sander Barrett

“I think having a positive mental attitude and outlook on life in general is as important as fitness and nutrition in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

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-Sander

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