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Photo by Eddie Brognano

Stoughton resident Connie Relyea happily welcomes the arrival of Syttende Mai on Friday, May 13. Relyea was perfectly situated to watch the canoe portage from her swing.

Mai, oh, Mai!

Despite a stormy start to the festival on Friday night that cut the canoe race short, Syttende Mai was back in full force last weekend, with colorful arts and crafts, musical and dancing performances, and lots and lots of tasty treats.

The Stoughton Chamber of Commerce sold more than 5,000 booster buttons for events throughout the weekend, and the Stoughton FFA Alumni stand was a busy place, selling 3,100 cream puffs and more than 2,000 pounds of cheese curds. The Sons of Norway sold out of all Norsk foods except for packages of lefse and

donuts on Saturday, and served 160 people at the fish boil Friday night.

The Syttende Mai Classic Run/Walk was well-attended, with top men's finisher Daniel Pederson, 24, of Madison crossing the line first in the 20-mile run with a time of 1:54:14. The top women's finisher was Milwaukee's Sophie Bolich, 23, who finished in 2:24:01. The top Stoughton times were Ray Ostrander, 33, who crossed the line in 2:26:43, and Linnea Cochran, 24, who finished in 2:33:56.

And in the kids' Lil Run, Alex Smith finished first among the boys with a time of 11:22, followed by Lucas

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Grossman and Aidan Collins. Audra Smith finished with the fastest time among the girls, crossing the line in 14:41, followed by Elliana Prevo and Laura Johnson.

Stoughton Area School District

Ground broken on Collins Field May 10

Construction of artificial turf expected to finish in September

The shovels have hit the dirt, and now it's construction season through the summer for the much-anticipated renovation of Stoughton High School's Collins Field to an artificial turf surface.

The Stoughton Area School District and construction management

firm CG Schmidt hosted a groundbreaking event for SASD staff, school board and community members Monday, May 9 to mark the start of the project and the introduction of the new Anderson Complex.

The groundbreaking event began with an introduction by district athletics and activities director Andie Alexander, followed by speakers Steve Lyons (president of Stoughton Sports Boosters) and Bob Wahlin

(president and CEO of Stoughton Trailers).

The new Anderson Complex project was made possible due to the financial support of SHS alumni Keith and Tammy Anderson, Stoughton Trailers, and numerous Stoughton community businesses, families and individuals.

A natural grass surface limits opportunities for use and requires

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Stoughton Area School District

Keyser named new district superintendent

Former Beloit superintendent will succeed Tim Onsager

The meeting must have gone well, because after paring down potential finalists to one, the Stoughton Area School District Board of Education hired its chosen candidate, current Beloit superintendent Daniel Keyser. He will start in his new role on July 1.

Keyser, selected as the lone finalist after a first round of interviews last month, met May 6 for a day of final interviews with school board members, a tour of the district and meetings with staff and key stakeholders.



Keyser

After meeting with Keyser, the board planned to determine whether he was the right person and the best fit for our district for the long-term.

A May 13 district news release stated that Keyser's met the board's "robust candidate profile" during a "rigorous search process" to find a successor to Tim Onsager, who served for more than a decade as district superintendent before retiring in February. Director of curriculum Kate Ahlgren has served as interim superintendent since then.

"We're excited to announce our new district administrator," said school board president Frank Sullivan. "We set high expectations and Dr. Keyser delivered."

According to the news release, the school board involved the community in

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Stoughton Area School District

Schools facilities survey due May 30

SASD seeking community input on long-term needs

SCOTT DE LARUELLE
Staff reporter

As the Stoughton Area School District Board of Education moves closer to making a decision on a multi-million dollar facilities referendum, they are seeking out community input with a survey that hit area mailboxes over the weekend.

The survey follows a series of workshops the district hosted in February and

March to get community feedback on the district's facilities needs. Interim superintendent Kate Ahlgren said the survey, which is due on Tuesday, May 30, is also available online.

"Please fill them out and return them to us," she said. "We do want to hear from you about our facilities."

Ahlgren said the district's core team will review survey results with consultant Bill Foster, who is scheduled to be at the Monday, June 20 board meeting to go over the results of what the group learned from the survey results and make

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