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Oregon trustee Jacobson defeats Matt McIntyre in Democratic primary

By Sam Martino
Special to The Reporter

Oregon Trustee Jenna Jacobson outpolled former Edgerton Mayor Matt McIntyre by more than 2 to 1 in the Aug. 9 Democratic primary to gain nomination to the 43rd Assembly District contest.

Jacobson will run against Republican Marisa Voelkel of the Town of Janesville in the November election to replace Democrat Rep. Don Vruwink of Milton. Vruwink's district was reconfigured through redistricting and he is running in a different district.

Voelkel was unopposed in the primary.

The 43rd District encompasses Edgerton, Stoughton, Oregon and several townships, including the Town of Janesville.

Jacobson defeated McIntyre, 5,983-1,247 based on unofficial election results in Rock and Dane counties.

Since losing a re-election bid for the Edgerton Common Council in 2017, McIntyre has run unsuccessfully for several offices,



Matt McIntyre

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including mayor and Rock County supervisor.

He said he kept seeking public office to serve his community.

In Edgerton voters favored Jacobson, 500-197.

Jacobson is in her third term as a Oregon Trustee.

Vruwink, who was elected to the legislature in 2016, will run in the 33rd District. The switch in districts was part of legislative redistricting.

The 33rd District stretches from parts of Waukesha county through parts of



Troy Egger

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Walworth and Jefferson counties.

Vruwink will face Republican Scott Johnson, 68, a former Fort Atkinson member of the Board of Education. Johnson defeated Jefferson Mayor Dale Opperman in the Aug. 9 primary.

In the highly contested Rock County Sheriff's race, Curtis Fell, a captain in the department, defeated former sheriff's deputy Troy Egger, of Edgerton, 7,917-5,161.

Fell has been a member of the Sheriff's Department for 28 years serving in a variety



Curtis Fell

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of positions, including ranks from sergeant to captain.

Egger worked in law enforcement in the county between 2006 and 2019 before taking over the Beloit Technical College criminal justice program.

Fell will face Independent Charles Keller, a former sheriff's deputy, in the November election.

In the highly watched Republican primary for governor, Tim Michels, who joined the race in April, topped former Lt. Gov. Rebecca Kleefisch who had



Jenna Jacobsen

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been campaigning for more than a year.

Michels, who reportedly spent \$12 million in the campaign, received endorsement from former President Donald Trump. Michels outpolled Kleefisch, 205-164 in city balloting.

Kleefisch had backing from former Gov. Scot Walker, who she served under, and former Vice President Mike Pence.

City Clerk Wendy Loveland said of 3,370 registered voters in Edgerton, 1,114 cast ballots, including 318 absentee ballots.

Utility officials propose annual sidewalk fee

By Sam Martino
Special to The Reporter

In an attempt to reduce protests by homeowners against costly sidewalk repairs, Edgerton officials are proposing an annual sidewalk repair fee of \$11 per household.

The Public Works Committee Monday approved a proposal to create a separate Sidewalk Utility, similar to the Water Utility, to collect quarterly fees from residents for repairs.

The proposed Sidewalk Utility would replace damaged sidewalks in poor or dangerous condition and pay for the repair.

The Sidewalk Utility would join the city's Water Utility in collecting quarterly fees of \$2.75 per household.

The 2020 U.S. Census showed that there were 2,215 households in the City of Edgerton.

City Administrator Ramona Flanigan outlined the proposal for a Sidewalk Utility before Public Works Committee members Monday as a new way of reducing fear from households facing up to \$1,000-\$2,000 for a new sidewalk.

Flanigan said the sidewalk fee is all encompassing for subdivisions whose homes have sidewalks and those built years ago without sidewalks.

Flanigan said the proposal is for a user-based fee system city-wide to pay for sidewalk repairs that would no longer shock homeowners or residents with a big bill for a major sidewalk replacement or repair.

A large sidewalk repair often draws homeowners into a confrontation with the city over the cost of repairs, said Flanigan in an interview.

The city anticipates collecting about \$29,000 in sidewalk utility fees on an annual basis.

"People who don't have sidewalks will still be charged the fee," said Flanigan. "They benefit by sidewalks as another form of transportation."

She said everyone uses sidewalks in the downtown

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Local Schools and the 2022 Teacher Shortage

By Janice Redford
Special to The Reporter

With the largest school districts in the state posting hundreds of teacher vacancies being unfilled, it is interesting to note how the local districts are doing better with their staffing needs only a few days before the fall term begins.

Edgerton Schools will start this year on August 30 with a full teaching staff. Superintendent Dennis Pauli stated when asked "We are in great shape and ready to have the kids come back." As of this week, there are only a couple support staff vacancies that are soon to be filled.

Cambridge Schools have only one special education teacher vacancy waiting to be filled and three support staff openings.

Deerfield Schools are nearly ready with full staff.

Marisa Weidenfeller, Director of Instruction with the Fort Atkinson Schools, said "We are fully staffed with teachers and only a few support staff are still needed." The district starts school this year on Sept. 1.

Students are eager to come back into schools as the COVID pandemic appears to be changing the rules and allowing better outlooks for all.



The Crimson Tide are training hard for the upcoming football season. Full coverage in The Reporter's fall sports preview, out later this month.

Photo by Jeff Brown

Sterling North celebrates 25th anniversary

Sterling North Society

Sunday, August 14, was a day to celebrate our community's museum that opened twenty-five years ago. Much planning and preparation went into making this event special for our visitors. The afternoon started with founding members Shelby and John Fahlgren, Betty and George Stanek and Al Kimpel sharing memories from their experiences while getting the home to look as it did when Sterling North lived there in 1918. If you've ever seen pictures of what the house looked like when the society purchased it, you realize that it was no easy feat. Arielle North Olson (Sterling's daughter) who lives in Missouri was unable to attend this event, but she sent a video message, which was shared with the audience. Gregory North and his wife Annie (David North's son and Sterling North's grandson) came from New York to thank the people of the community for continuing to honor his

grandfather's legacy. Later in the afternoon, there was the dedication of a bench and planter with a plaque honoring Elizabeth and Walter Diedrick for their many years of devoted volunteering at the Sterling North Society. There were some visitors from Edgerton and the area, including Milton and Janesville, while some traveled from Appleton, Waupun and Plainfield, Illinois (a 3 hour drive for a family of 4). Sterling North left Edgerton after graduating from high school, but he held on to his beloved memories of his boyhood in Edgerton. At age 57, he wrote vividly of his times as an 11 year-old boy enjoying adventures with his pet raccoon at Indianford, on Saunders Creek and Lake Koshkonong. After the publication of RASCAL, North became a world - renowned author who put Edgerton on the map. Members of the Sterling North Society are proud to be a part of continuing to share this great man's legacy.



David North and his wife Anne traveled from New York for our event. He is the son of Sterling North's grandson.

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Gas Watch

Nat. Average.....	\$3.949
WI Average.....	\$3.720
WI lowest - Pleasant Springs.....	\$3.290
Janesville.....	\$3.420
Milton.....	\$3.580
Newville.....	\$3.590
Edgerton.....	\$3.690
Evansville.....	\$3.590
Fort Atkinson.....	\$3.680
Stoughton.....	\$3.590
Cambridge.....	\$3.640
Madison.....	\$3.380
Milwaukee.....	\$3.490

Latest prices reported for one gallon of unleaded gasoline according to local observations and GasBuddy.com as of 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, August 16, 2022. Prices listed are the lowest in each city, which may be one or more stations.

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