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Syttende Mai 2023



Photo submitted

This year's royalty was announced at the Norse Afternoon of Fun on Sunday, Feb. 5 - long-time Stoughton residents and community leaders Cindy and Dan McGlynn.

Cindy and Dan McGlynn are royalty for Syttende Mai

Hazel Widerski is princess; 'Gus' Schafer is prince

Since 1969, Stoughton's Syttende Mai festival has elected a 'Festival King and Queen,' who serve as event ambassadors.

These "royal" ambassadors can be nominated by anyone in the community, based on community service and commitment to sharing their pride for the city's Norwegian heritage with Stoughton residents and visitors. And during the annual weekend of ceremonies in May, The king and queen visit the Capitol in Madison to declare Stoughton's Syttende Mai Festival weekend a state-wide celebration.

This year's royalty was announced at the Norse Afternoon of Fun on Sunday, Feb. 5 - long-time Stoughton residents and community leaders Cindy and Dan McGlynn. The 2023 Syttende Mai Princess is Hazel Widerski, and August Schafer is the 2023 Syttende Mai Prince.

The 2022 Syttende Mai royalty were Donna and Roger Strandlie.

Falling in love with Stoughton

According to biographical information provided to the Hub, Dan and Cindy McGlynn's very first trip to Stoughton was for him to interview with Mike

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Business



Photo by Scott DeLaruelle

Trailers on the move

Stoughton Trailers will be moving its corporate headquarters to 182 acres on the corner of Hwy. 51 and County B, as the company continues to modernize and grow.

New headquarters, park planned for Hwy. 51 development

SCOTT DE LARUELLE
Staff reporter

Considering how far most Stoughton Trailers travel, this move will be just a hop, skip and a jump. The company announced plans this week to move from their home office since 1961 on 416 S. Academy Street

to a new, state-of-the art corporate headquarters on 182 acres of company land at the corner of Hwy. 51 and County B; possibly by the end of next year.

But that's only part of the project. That vision also includes working with city, community and business leaders to develop a "gateway" community park on that roadside parcel that could incorporate city and county trail systems and other mixed uses, depending on what people are interested in.

The fourth-largest semi trailer manufacturer in the country (and ninth in the world), Stoughton Trailers employs more

than 1,800 team members - the city's largest employer - and is also the source of a significant community foundation. Founded in 1961 by Don and the late Carol Wahlin, these days it is run by the youngest of their eight children, who grew up in the company, starting as a seventh-grade janitor and working his way up to the top.

During an interview and tour of some of the Stoughton Trailers facilities last week, president and CEO Bob Wahlin talked with the Hub about plans for the new

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Park could attract employees, provide recreation

Stoughton Trailers holding open house Feb. 20 on plans

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When Stoughton Trailers builds its new corporate headquarters on 182 acres at the corner of Hwy. 51 and County B, it's intended to include a community park that could have quite a number of different

amenities. Much of that will be up to the public-community groups and businesses that the company is trying to partner with, along with the city, which would likely need to provide tax incremental financing.

To help sort all that out, the city has paid for a feasibility study with the parks committee which started last month and is set to wrap up in March, examining what the needs are in terms of trails and other potential features. The company is

hosting a "community conversation" at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20 at Sandhill Elementary School to show the public the preliminary master plan and get public input before approaching the city with a concept.

"We have the land, we have ideas, and we're trying to make them a reality, but there's still a lot to figure out, and a lot of gaps to fill," said Stoughton Trailers president and CEO Bob

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If You Go

What: Stoughton Trailers 'community conversation' on Hwy. 51 park plans

When: 5:-30-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20

Where: Sandhill Elementary School, 1920 Lincoln Ave.

Info: Visit stoughtontrailers.com



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Opera House kicks off spring season Feb. 9

Dirty Dozen Brass Band, Iris DeMent, Hot Tuna scheduled for 2023

If you can't find a show you'd like this season, don't blame the Stoughton Opera House.

With 50 shows scheduled from Feb. 9 through June 17, it's going to be busy over at 381 E. Main St. as the opera house's 2023 spring season is just around the corner.

Karla Bonoff, Peter Rowan Bluegrass Band, Buffalo Nichols, Iris DeMent, Dirty Dozen Brass Band, and Tuba Skinny are a few of the shows that were already had in their spring lineup before the opera house recently announced several more additions to the second half of the 2022-23 season. Here are some highlights:

It all starts Thursday night as Sarah Voss (Dead Horses) and Adam Gruel (Horseshoes & Hand Grenades) return, leading a great Rucksack Revolution through the mountains of their minds. It's all harmony and good times heading down that road.

On March 1, Chicago lends a dab of "twisted sunshine pop" in the form of The Flat Five—Chicago's beloved band of in-demand music biz touring and recording ringers - Kelly Hogan and Nora O'Connor (Neko Case, Mavis Staples, The Decemberists, The New Pornographers) Scott Ligon and Casey McDonough (NRBQ, Brian Wilson) and Alex Hall (J.D. McPherson, The

Cactus Blossoms.)

Sierra Ferrell, hailed as "One of the brightest up-and-coming country stars" by OffBeat Magazine, will perform on March 7. Ferrell's Long Time Coming Tour was put on hold while the West Virginia vagabond traversed the country, opening for Ray LaMontagne, and collecting the kind of popularity that only comes with a notable talent like her own.

On April 18, Hot Tuna (acoustic duo) will perform. To some, Hot Tuna is a reminder of some wild and happy times. To others, that name will forever be linked to their own discovery of the power and depth of American blues and roots music. To newer fans, Hot Tuna is a tight, masterful duo that is on the cutting edge of great music.

Illinois will make a strong showing with Rockford's Miles Nielsen & the Rusted Hearts, who are set to appear May 5. Said the Chicago Sun Times, "There are rock n' roll gigs like the Hollywood Bowl and 'Live at Budokan.' Then there's the homespun itinerary of Miles Nielsen, son of Cheap Trick guitarist-vocalist Rick Nielsen. He plays an ethereal mix of pop and folk-rock that travels well."

Tickets for spring 2023 shows are on sale now at stoughtonoperahouse.com. For more information, email boxoffice@stoughtonoperahouse.com or call 608-877-4400 Tues. through Fri. from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Photo by Scott De Laruelle

Stoughton Trailers president and CEO Bob Wahlin leads a tour through the facilities last week. The company plans to relocate its headquarters to the corner of Hwy. 51 and County B, a project that would include a community park.

Moving: Aim to promote collaboration

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headquarters and park, and the company's continuing growth and shift toward 21st century technologies.

Home, sweet home

The company's administrative offices have been located in an increasingly cramped, aging South Academy Street facility since John Kennedy was President, and frankly, it was time to do something long ago, Wahlin said.

"We probably needed to upgrade our office building by about 1965," he chuckled. "(But) now was the right time, especially finding the right property. We looked for a long time, and went through a lot of different things. We felt it was a good fit and it all came together so far, but a lot of work to do."

In the end, the company chose a location just a few miles away, which will be convenient for current employees as well as a "refreshing change" from the old facility. Wahlin said only administrative operations will be moving in - neighbors don't need to worry about semis going in and out - but he does want to bring in employees in sales, accounting, and IT from the company's Brodhead and Evansville facilities, or those who have been working from home, to promote more collaboration.

Wahlin said a new office building "has always been in the back of our minds," but after surviving the "Great Recession" more than a decade ago, the company's first priority was investing in the plants and the equipment. He said the company's "aggressive timeline" is to start moving in by the end of next year.

"Especially with the skills gap and the employment shortage, we do need this as well to bring in those team members to the area," he said.

Focus on modernization

Things are changing around the company's series of Stoughton plants, as it continues to move toward automation, and shifting worker responsibilities more from making and moving parts to actually constructing the trailers.

"(It's) kind of a culture change," Wahlin said. "Cleaner, more organized, greater discipline."

A new robotic sheet metal operating system is integrated into several pieces of equipment, all done with the push of a button or two. Laser cutters and robotic arms move from step to step, from just typing in a combination.

"All those bigger, heavier parts that used to be lugged around by a couple people, those heavy components, now it's done robotically," he explained. "It knows how to stand it and space it."

Or when it's time to change out die sets, for instance.

"An arm will reach out and remove each section, and it will scan it for wear," Wahlin said. "If it's worn, it will automatically order its replacement. If it's not worn, it will put it into storage and put the new one out."

Stoughton Trailers worked for years with a German company to finally install last year a separate zinc facility that galvanizes

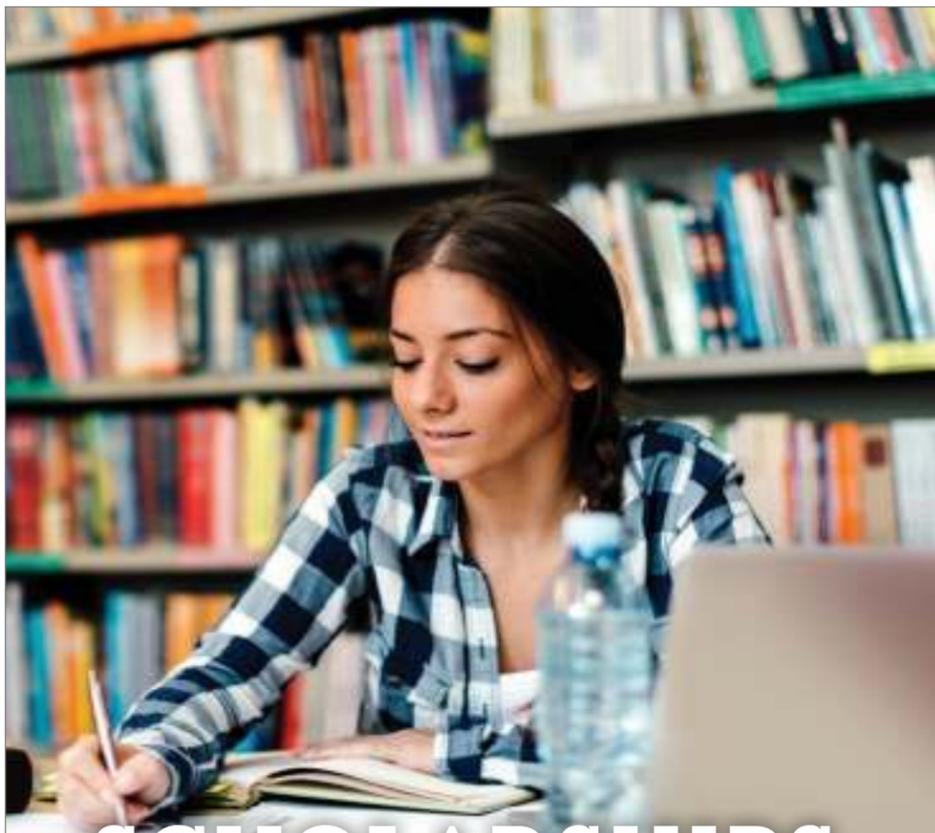
Wahlin Foundation charity

Started by Don and Carol Wahlin, The Wahlin Foundation is well-known for its generous support of area causes, such as the Mandt Community Center, Youth Center, and school scholarships, something Don Wahlin said the company is happy to continue. Recently, the company donated \$600,000 toward the completion of the renovated Collins Field at Stoughton High School, which opened in September.

Wahlin said in the last year, the company and its employees have put at least \$100 million back in the south central Wisconsin area.

"Wages, donations, taxes ... it may be coming through the pay of the welder who's spending it at the local diner," he said. "We're proud of how that has helped support and maybe help grow not just Stoughton but Evansville and Brodhead."

For more information, visit wahlinfoundation.org.



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steel parts, which offers better corrosion protection, but is also more environmentally friendly, as it eliminates the use of paints, and also frees up room inside the plant.

"We were able to shut down the old paint area and remove old equipment to make room for more automation," he said.

Wahlin said the next phase of similar equipment is expected in April - two more robotic press brakes - as the company continues to automate and grow.

We're moving from one generation to another - right now, we have a mix of the old and the new as we're expanding, but eventually it will all be this type," he said. "We feel we've got the plant infrastructure to support our growth needs, so it's not going to be as much investment in plant growth and additions but still a significant investment in automation."

All that new technology helps Stoughton Trailers keep ahead of the competition, as it's able to build a variety of fixtures, depending on design and customer needs. UPS trailers, for instance, require different interior specifications - last year, the company produced its 50,000th trailers for UPS.

"We are one of their key suppliers," he said. "We're partnering with the biggest companies in the world - Schneider, Amazon, UPS, FedEx, Walmart - they all have different dock environments and loading strategies, so there will be a lot of differences, particularly on the inside, as to how they are set up."

Company-wide, Stoughton Trailers builds nine different lines of chassis and builds around 900 trailers a week. Last year, the company built 24,750 dry van, chassis, grain and refrigerated trailers.

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More national recognition for Stoughton Hospital

Receives 2023 Women's Choice Award for hospital experience

Stoughton Hospital has been named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Patient Experience by the Women's Choice Award.

According to a Feb. 1 Stoughton Hospital news release, the award signifies that it has been ranked within the top 100 hospitals of similar size based on the number of beds and is one of a total of 400 award recipients representing the hospitals that have met the highest standards for patient experience in the U.S. by the Women's Choice Award.

"Women make the majority of healthcare decisions for their families so earning their trust means a great deal to us," said Amy Hermes, Stoughton Health vice-president of patient services and chief nursing officer.

"Whether seeking care at Stoughton Hospital, one of our urgent care clinics or other locations, our number one priority is quality, personalized care for our patients."

According to the news release, the methodology used to select Stoughton Hospital is unique in that it evaluates specific Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) survey results along with primary research about women's healthcare preferences. The Women's Choice Award collects the data for the following HCAHPS survey measures and uses a weighted average to award the best hospitals for patient experience:

- Effective communication with nurses and doctors
- Responsiveness to requests for help
- Providing patient recovery information
- Explanation about medications

- Bathroom and room cleanliness
- Peacefulness of room at night
- Patient recommendation rating

"By raising your standards to meet the highest expectations – which studies show tend to be held by women – you're giving everyone the best you have to offer," said Delia Passi, founder and CEO of the Women's Choice Award. "As one of America's Best Hospitals for Patient Experience, your entire hospital and all of your service lines are lifted up for the exceptional experience you provide – not only for women but for all patients."

For the full list and more information, visit womenschoiceaward.com/best-patient-experience.

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Dane County

'Clean energy' tax credits available

Homeowners, businesses, groups eligible for funding

Dane County's Office of Energy & Climate Change is gearing up to encourage everyone in Dane County to take advantage of new opportunities to go green under the federal Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

According to a Feb. 1 Dane County news release, the 2022 IRA provides a historic level of funding - estimated at \$370 billion - for clean energy and climate action projects. Much of the funding will be available via tax credits which, for the first time, will be available to tax-exempt entities like local governments, schools, and nonprofit organizations via a direct pay feature.

Under the IRA, businesses and tax-exempt entities can qualify for credits totaling 30% of the cost of solar, geothermal, and battery storage projects. A new Direct Pay feature makes the credits available to non-taxable entities like nonprofits and local governments.

The credits are not capped so, for example, an entity could get \$300,000 back for a \$1,000,000 project. Homeowners can also qualify for 30% off the cost of solar installations as well as other tax credits associated with energy efficiency measures.

"Dane County staff are already analyzing how we can take advantage of the new incentives for our own projects and we encourage everyone in Dane County - individuals, businesses, nonprofits, local governments and schools - to do the same. The unprecedented funding, combined with all the innovation in our communities, is creating a once-in-a-generation opportunity to accelerate climate action," said county executive Joe Parisi.

According to the news release, specific to Dane County operations, Parisi set a goal that the County's facilities, fleet, and land operations would be carbon neutral by 2030. An earlier goal, that all of the electricity used in County operations would be 100% renewable, will be met once the 17 MW Yahara Solar Project begins operation this year. County staff are now analyzing how the available IRA incentives can support the County's efforts to cut emissions by 2030.

The 2020 Dane County Climate Action Plan set the goal that county-wide emissions be cut in half by 2030, which is consistent with recommendations from the climate science community. The new funding from the IRA can help local governments, school districts, nonprofits, businesses and individuals pursue clean energy projects ranging from solar or geothermal installations to energy efficiency and electrification of buildings to electric vehicles and help Dane County achieve these climate goals.

For more information, visit daneclimateaction.org/what-you-can-do/federal-funding.

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Relay For Life kickoff is Feb. 15 at Cheeser's

The weather may be a bit frosty, but it's time to think about warmer weather and getting outside for some exercise for a great cause.

People are invited to Join the kick off of the 2023 Relay For Life of Dane and Rock Counties from 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15 at Cheesers, 183 E Main St, Stoughton. Food and drinks will be available as the group discusses the successful 2022 event and shares updates on the 2023 Relay.

Resources will be available for fundraising, sponsorships, luminaria, registration, and more.

"We cannot wait to make more progress in the fight against cancer together this year," read an email from Dane and Rock Counties Relay For Life. "We welcome team members, individuals touched by cancer, school personnel, sponsors and anyone interested in being a part of our event to come."

For more information, email maddie.petre@cancer.org or visit relayforlife.org/daneandrockcountieswi.

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If You Go

What: Dane and Rock Counties Relay For Life 2023 kick-off event

When: 5:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15

Where: Cheesers, 183 E Main St, Stoughton

Info: Visit relayforlife.org/daneandrockcountieswi

Best reads: February book recommendations

Book recommendations from Stoughton library staff for February, compiled by adult services librarian Amanda Bosky:

One of Amy H's favorite books of 2022 was "You're Not Listening: What You're Missing and Why it Matters," by Kate Murphy. She especially recommends the audiobook, available in book on CD as well as downloadable from Libby.

This was a fascinating read about all aspects of listening: "equal parts cutting exposé, rousing call to action, and practical advice."

Amanda B. is currently reading "The Hyacinth Girl: T. S. Eliot's Hidden Muse," by Lyndall Gordon. Eliot kept up a correspondence with the girl he fell in love with

as a teen, Emily Hale. As per his instructions, she sealed up his letters and gave them to a university with strict instructions not to read them until fifty years after her or Eliot's death.

In early 2020, the letters were released, revealing Hale as the inspiration behind much of Eliot's poetry, including the Hyacinth Girl in The Waste Land.

Cynthia S. recently added a teen fiction title to the library: "The Agathas," by Kathleen Glasgow. Alice Ogilvie's disappearance last summer is the biggest scandal at Castle Cove High School - until her ex-boyfriend is accused of murdering his new girlfriend, and Alice must pair up with her tutor Iris Adams to clear his name by

relying on the wisdom of Agatha Christie.

Jim R. recently added an adult fiction title to the library: "Factory Girls," by Michelle Gallen. A darkly comic novel about three friends working in a shirt factory in Northern Ireland while they plot their escape from their provincial families and the simmering violence of the Troubles.

Mary O. recently added a children's picture book to the library: "The Story of Our Tree," by Ruth Owen. This engaging, science-packed picture book follows two very different groups of young friends as they each plant a tree and then share their excitement through a series of pen pal letters.

League of Women Voters primary election candidate responses

Candidates for the Feb. 21 primary election have responded to questions from the League of Women Voters of Dane County. Their unedited responses are now available at Vote411.org and lwvdanecounty.org.

Madison voters can vote early (in-person absentee voting) beginning Tuesday, Feb. 7, at City of Madison libraries and other locations across Madison. Voters in other Dane County municipalities should check myvote.wi.gov or their municipal clerk's

website to learn about local early voting locations, dates, and hours.

Voters can learn which candidates are on their ballot, find contact information for their municipal clerk, request or track their absentee ballot, or find their polling place for February 21 at myvote.wi.gov. Vote411.org will display candidate information for judicial, city, and school board offices (though not for town and village offices) based on the voter's address.

The League website, lwvdanecounty.org, also has information about voting, voter photo ID, and voter registration, in English and Spanish. Voters who have questions about voting may contact the nonpartisan Voter Helpline at (608) 285-2141 to reach experienced volunteers who can offer assistance.

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Letter to the editor

Thanks to Stoughton's very own Norwegian Dancers

The Winona Sons of Norway Lodge were recently blessed to have the Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers perform in our community. We were looking for a major event to sponsor and chose the talented Stoughton High School Norwegian Dancers to enhance the mission of our Norwegian heritage.

One of lodge members, Mia (Skaar) Martin, was an original organizer over 70 years ago. This was very exciting for Mia and our entire lodge. The program presented was attended by over 700 spectators. "Wow!" was the response of many of those in attendance! The dancers were awesome!

Of equal importance, they were tremendous ambassadors for Stoughton, their school, and their families. The Norwegian Dancers are a first class act. It was evident during their stay that they are truly ladies and gentlemen.

This is a remarkable story and we recognize and give thanks to those instrumental in starting this activity. We also recognize those giving the necessary guidance and support to keep it going all these years!

Sincerely,

**Don and Joni Klagge
Sons of Norway,
Winona, Minnesota**

Letters to the editor policy

This newspaper is proud to offer a venue for public debate and welcomes letters to the editor, provided they comply with our guidelines.

Letters should be no longer than 400 words. They should also contain contact information – the writer's full name, address, and phone number – so that the paper may confirm authorship. Unsigned or anonymous letters will not be printed under any circumstances.

The editorial staff reserves the right to edit letters for length, clarity and appropriateness. Letters with libelous or obscene content will not be printed.

The editor generally only accepts letters from writers with ties to our circulation area.

Letters to the editor should be of general public interest. Letters that are strictly personal – lost pets, for example – will not be printed.

Letters that recount personal experiences, good or bad, with individual businesses will not be printed unless there is an overwhelming and compelling public interest to do so. Letters that urge readers to patronize specific businesses or specific religious faiths will not be printed, either.

Community voices

Aim to make thoughtful changes in the new year

Those who have made New Year resolutions might now be seeing some of the benefits as we are in the second month of 2023. The first month of the new year reminds us that we can change for the better, the second month of the new year reminds us that it may take discipline and hard work to make some changes.

I see three ways to make a change. 1. We can change ourselves. 2. We can change the environment. 3. We can combine one and two.

If I decide to spend more time reading, I could just sit down and read and not be concerned about what else is around me. I could learn to read in the midst of commotion. I could learn to read when I know other things need to be done.

If I make this change within me, I could spend a lot of time reading. This is a way that I can change myself to reach my goal.

If I decide to spend more time reading, I could change my environment. I could disable my television. I could leave my cell phone and my computer at the office. I could take the things out of my life that I chose to do instead of reading.

With all of those things gone the only choice I leave is to read. This is a way that I can change my environment to reach my goal.

If I decide to spend more time reading, I could change both things. I could schedule a time every day for reading and force myself to stick with it. I could also shut off or put away anything that might distract me during this time. I can



Budnar

change myself and my environment.

Any of these strategies could work to help me to spend more time reading. A problem can come in when other people are involved and affected

by what I do.

If a student is having trouble at school a parent could sit down with the child and say, after listening, "You need to change. You need to learn how not to be hurt by a bully, or you need to learn how to let things go, or you need to learn how to pay attention in class when some of your classmates are not."

Then teach them to deal with the issues. Following No. 1, we can change ourselves. A problem with this is that while the child may learn and even do well in a harmful environment, the harmful environment is still present.

If a student is having trouble at school a parent could sit down with the teacher, and after listening say, "we need to change what is happening for the whole class." Maybe consider a new discipline, maybe make the expectation clearer to the students, maybe help the parents give more support to the teacher, maybe teach a class on what is a healthy way to be in a classroom.

This is following No. 2, we can change the environment. A problem with this way is that it misses dealing with each student as an individual. Everyone does not respond the same way to the same things. Everyone has problems and issues they need to learn how to

handle, even when there is a good environment.

Changing the external, the environment, does not necessarily change the internal, myself.

If a student is having trouble at school a parent could sit down with the child and figure out what the child needs to change, and how to change it. If the child can not overcome the environment and make the change, the parent might sit down with the teacher and say, "this is the problem and here is how we are trying to handle it. Is there anything that can be done in the classroom that will help my child while not hindering and even benefiting other children?"

This follows No. 3, a combined approach, to change myself, and change the environment.

While any of these approaches could work, I think the third one is the best because it acknowledges that we are individuals who are responsible for the choices we make and the person we become. It also acknowledges that we live in a community, the way we act, think and live helps to create our environment and also to change it. It also acknowledges that our environment is a community effort, everyone contributes.

I offer you these reflections not as a rule to follow but as something to consider. Change is inevitable. My hope and prayer for 2023 is that we make good, thoughtful changes in ourselves and in our environment.

The Rev. Randy Budnar is pastor of St. Ann Catholic Church in Stoughton.

We can do better together

I hope you are all doing well. I'm writing to you because you are all well intentioned people that are, in one way or another, in a position of power (as I am too).

Being in that position means that we are living in a different reality than some (or many) are living in.

Last week it came to my attention that in order to get food from the food pantry one needs to show some sort of documentation and proof of residence. It is not enough to state your name or say where you are living. I am totally ignorant of why but I suppose the pantry needs to show data of numbers and the areas that it is serving (which makes sense in order to get funded).

I also don't know if this is a policy, a procedure or both (Again, I'm ignorant about this except for the fact that the so-called "illegal" immigrants cannot access federal money). In any case, I want to bring you all to the front of a reality that most of us do not know (maybe some of you that have been working closely with the resettlement group helping to settle refugees in Stoughton are closer to understanding this reality).

There are people that have no documents stating where they live or no documents at all that show their names... due to many different reasons:

They just arrived to the USA and they are not living in their own residence

Recently arrived refugees that now have a residence still do not have them under their names

Some people are homeless and

living in their cars or (if lucky) living with someone else

Or just something else (again, there are many realities out there).

If we are to create a welcoming place, an environment of belonging, an equitable city, we have to start by looking at all the services we provide and the barriers to access those services. We also have to shift the way we look at (and judge) the receivers, and stop thinking of those services as mere charity.

Instead, we need to respect, value and treat these people with dignity. It is already hard enough to have to go there and ask for food.

I'm not saying that the pantry or anyone there was being disrespectful. I completely admire and I'm thankful for all of the volunteers and all the generosity of the people around here. They are all amazing. Unfortunately though, the system has shaped us into believing that there's only one way of doing things.

Policies and procedures continue to be barriers for people to access services and for us to reach out to the ones that are in need. They are also a barrier to addressing systemic issues and creating sustainable social change.

We all need to tackle societal norms that blind us and do not let us see other ways to do things. We need to look at the laws and policies that, rather than solve problems such as poverty and inequality, are enabling and perpetuating them.

In this specific case, asking for proof of identity and residence is a huge barrier. This is closing the

doors to those that are already dealing with other doors closing.

If data is needed for funding or donors, can we look at just numbers? Can we ask people to just sign their names and the number of people in their household? Can we check on our biases about "undocumented" people?

Are we trying to make sure people do not come to the pantry more than the amount of time they should? What solutions are we looking into to make sure we are really serving people?

Last, the wonderful volunteers serving at these places are doing that with their heart but they also need to do it with knowledge. Stoughton is starting to get an influx of more diverse people in need of services.

Many of them come from different cultures, do not know the system or the language and it can be scary for them as well as the volunteers to interact (do you know the book by Dr Seuss "What was I scared of?"). I am a firm believer that, when we know better, we do better.

So I would like to ask that those that are in the front of any social service get DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) and cultural awareness training that will allow them to do a more informed and compassionate job.

Thank you for taking the time to read and I hope we can all come together, learn together and do better together.

Yolibeth Rangel-Fitzgibbon is the executive director of Mosaicos.

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Wrestling

Silence is golden

Empey goes for gold at Badger Conference Tournament after revenge win over Bunker

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

Griffin Empey hasn't forgotten how he lost his Bi-State Classic final back in December – it was at the hands of Monroe's Isaac Bunker – the No. 1 ranked heavyweight wrestler in Division 2.

Empey was able to turn the tables as the Stoughton senior defeated Bunker in the 285-pound final at the Badger Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Milton High School.

Bunker got Empey with a first-period pin back at the Bi-State Classic in late December, but in the rematch, Empey – ranked No. 2 at 285 in Division 1 by Wisconsin Grappler – pinned Bunker 1 minute, 52 seconds into the conference title bout.

"I wrestled him at Bi-State this year and lost in a way I didn't want to lose," Empey said. "I think I had to change my approach a little bit. In the other match, I was maybe a little bit overconfident. This match I just wrestled."

After a first-period pin in the quarterfinals, Empey picked up another pin in the semifinals (2:33) against Sauk Prairie's Nolan Vils – who is ranked No. 4 at 285.

"Griffin is one of the most

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Photo by Jack Miller

Stoughton's Griffin Empey quiets the crowd after pinning Monroe's Isaac Bunker in the 285 final during the Badger Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Milton High School.

Girls basketball

Late run seals Stoughton's win over rival Red Hawks

Hamacher leads Vikings with 19 points as Stoughton snaps losing streak

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

Brad Pickett believes despite recent results, his Stoughton girls basketball team is playing its best ball as of late.

The Vikings were finally rewarded with their improvement when Stoughton beat Badger East rival Milton 65-51 on Thursday, Feb. 2, at Stoughton High School.

The victory snapped a five-game losing streak for the Vikings.

"I think we're playing better as of late," Pickett said. "I know that doesn't necessarily show in wins and losses, but I think that makes us a scarier team down the stretch here. Hopefully we continue to keep getting better."

The Vikings (8-13, 5-7 Badger East) got pushed by the Red Hawks late in the game as Milton chipped



Photo by Jack Miller

Stoughton's Ava Perkins looks to get by a defender during the Vikings' 65-51 Badger East win over Milton on Thursday, Feb. 2, at Stoughton High School.

away at an 11-point halftime deficit to make it a 51-47 Stoughton lead with 5 minutes, 30 seconds left in the game.

Stoughton responded with a 12-0 run to put the game away.

"We stepped up when we had

to," Pickett said. "It got close there in the second half. We didn't do a great job of putting them away when we could have. But we showed our resiliency a little bit,

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Boys swimming

Callender sets school record at Badger East Championships

Vikings place third as team with 347 points

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

The Stoughton boys swimming team placed third at the Badger East Conference Championships on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Monona Grove High School.

The Vikings scored 347 points at the seven-team meet. Waunakee (382) edged out Monona Grove (370) for first place.

Sophomore Julian Callender was part of two first-place finishes for Stoughton. Callender won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 59.31 seconds. The time was good for a school record. Callender set the program record last season as a freshman with a time of 1:00.21.

In the 200 freestyle relay, Callender teamed up with sophomore Josh Phillips, junior Parker Housley and freshman Gavin Reiser to take

first with a time of 1 minute, 35.56 seconds.

The Vikings claimed three third-place finishes. The first was from the 200 medley relay team of senior Max Mueller, Callender, Reiser and senior Dylan Hill. The group clocked in at 1:47.42 for third.

Phillips (100 free, 54.79) and Reiser (100 breaststroke, 1:03.74) also added third-place finishes. Reiser finished fourth in the 100 butterfly with a time of 59.83. Phillips placed fourth in the 200 free with a 2:03.11.

Up next for Stoughton is a Division 2 sectional meet on Saturday, Feb. 11.

If You Go

What: WIAA Division 2 sectional

When: 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 11

Where: Sauk Prairie High School

Coming Up

THURSDAY, FEB. 9

Boys hockey

Stoughton at Monroe, 7 p.m., SLICE

Boys basketball

Stoughton vs. Waunakee, 7:15 p.m., Stoughton High School

FRIDAY, FEB. 10

Boys hockey

Stoughton at Kenosha Bradford, 7 p.m., IcePlex

Girls basketball

Stoughton vs. Fort Atkinson, 7:15 p.m., Stoughton High School

Girls hockey

Stoughton vs. University School of Milwaukee, 7:15 p.m., Mandt Hockey Arena

SATURDAY, FEB. 11

Wrestling

Stoughton at WIAA Division 1 Regional, 9 a.m., Sun Prairie East High School

Boys swimming

Stoughton at WIAA Division 2 Sectional, 1 p.m., Sauk Prairie High School

Girls hockey

Stoughton at Black River Falls, 3:30 p.m., Tomah Ice Center

Boys basketball

Stoughton vs. Milton, 7:15 p.m., Stoughton High School

TUESDAY, FEB. 14

Boys basketball

Stoughton at Monona Grove, 7:15 p.m., Monona Grove High School

THURSDAY, FEB. 16

Girls basketball

Stoughton at Badger East Playoffs, TBD, TBD

Athlete of the Week



Griffin Empey

Stats

Record: 3-0

Pins: 3

Placement (285): 1st

Boys basketball

Vikings cut down DeForest



Photo by Jack Miller

Stoughton's Jacob Hibner goes between the legs during the Vikings' 68-56 Badger East win over DeForest on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Stoughton High School.

Fernholz, Hibner combine for 36 points in bounce-back win

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

The Stoughton boys basketball team had the weekend to stew over a disappointing loss to Beaver Dam.

Stoughton hit the reset button and picked up a 68-56 Badger East win over DeForest on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Stoughton High School.

Stoughton was coming off a 59-49 conference loss to Beaver Dam on Friday, Jan. 27. The Vikings saw their three-game win streak snapped by the Golden Beavers while being held to their second worst offensive output of the season.

"I think that Beaver Dam game set us straight," said senior guard Mason Marggi, who had seven points. "We learned a lot from that game. That weekend was hard – it was not fun thinking about that game. We were all excited to get out here and beat DeForest."

Stoughton (13-4, 7-3 Badger East) also

earned a 74-48 conference road win over Watertown on Friday, Feb. 3, to move a game ahead of rival Milton (11-8, 6-4) in the Badger East's Southeast Division.

Junior guard Ty Fernholz scored seven of Stoughton's first 15 points against DeForest – helping vault the Vikings to a 34-22 halftime lead. Freshman guard Jacob Hibner came off the bench to knock down five of Stoughton's 10 3-pointers to finish with 15 points.

"I thought we came out with good energy," Stoughton head coach Nolan Weber said. "Obviously we made shots from the perimeter, that's kind of who we are right now. They didn't take it (perimeter shots) away as well as other teams did like Beaver Dam. Our energy was good. We had our struggles but overall I thought we had a little bit more energy, effort and toughness."

The Vikings came out with an edge – taking a 9-2 lead to force a Norskie timeout with 15 minutes, 50 seconds left in the first half. A putback from sophomore wing Jay Johnson grew the lead to 21-7 with 9:08 left – forcing another DeForest timeout.

Hibner drilled three of his five 3-pointers in the first half. The freshman has made 21 3-pointers on the season, good for 2.3 per game.

"Teams aren't really 100% ready for him," Marggi said. "He's made a lot of 3s this year. He's consistent and it's hard to guard him."

DeForest cut its deficit to as little as eight points in the second half, but Stoughton kept at least a three-possession lead the rest of the game.

"Every time it got into a little bit of a danger zone, someone made a 3," Weber said.

"I really like the way we responded and came up big when we needed to come up big."

Hibner made two 3-pointers in the second half – both of which brought the game from a single-digit Stoughton lead, to a double-digit advantage.

"He (Hibner) moved better, I thought we as a team moved better," Weber said. "When you have two guys like Ty and Sawyer (Schipper) who teams really need

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Boys hockey

Stoughton sweeps season series with DeForest

Vikings earn No. 8 seed in WIAA Division 2 tournament

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

After the Stoughton boys hockey team split a pair of Badger East Conference games, the Vikings received a No. 8 seed in the WIAA Division 2 tournament.

Stoughton will take on top-seeded Saint Mary's Springs on either Thursday, Feb 16 or Friday, Feb. 17 at 7:30 p.m., according to the WIAA's Division 2 bracket.

Saint Mary's Springs is ranked No. 2 in Division 2 by Wisconsin Prep Hockey.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, Stoughton (4-15,

3-9 Badger East) defeated DeForest 4-1 to snap a four-game losing streak. The Vikings completed the season sweep of the Norskies with the win as Stoughton also topped DeForest 2-0 on Jan. 12.

In its Badger East finale, Stoughton was edged by Milton 4-3 on Friday, Feb. 3, at the Mandt Community Center.

Stoughton trailed 3-0 before junior Colton Vinson and senior Brenden Huston scored goals to trim the deficit to 3-2, 7 minutes, 5 seconds into the third period. Milton answered with a goal 15:59 into the third. Vinson scored his second goal of the game at 16:23 to cap the scoring.

Huston finished with two assists, while Vinson added one assist. Junior Ian Westberg also had an assist in the loss.

Badger East Standings

Team	Pts.	W	L
Waunakee	22	11	1
Beaver Dam	22	11	1
Monona Grove	16	8	4
McFarland	12	6	6
Stoughton	6	3	9
Milton	4	2	10
DeForest	2	1	11

Waunakee and Beaver Dam tied for first in the Badger East this season with 11-1 conference records.



Photos by Jack Miller

Stoughton's Ethan Soderbloom wrestles in the 152 final against Baraboo's Talan Pichler during the Badger Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Milton High School.

Badger: Spilde continues to be postseason performer for Vikings

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dedicated, hardest workers we've ever had and that's saying a lot because we've had some great kids," Stoughton co-coach Dan Spilde said.

Empey helped the Vikings finish fourth at the 15-team tournament with 213.5 points. Reedsburg won the overall Badger Conference title and Badger West title with 293 points. Milton was the Badger East Conference champion with 273.5 points.

"It felt good," Empey said of his individual title. "I haven't been on top of the podium as much as I would have liked this year...It felt good to get on top for the team and for myself."

Stoughton advanced to five finals, but it was only Empey who walked away with a conference title.

Stoughton's Chance Suddeth – ranked No. 3 at 132 – lost to Milton's Tyson Peach – ranked No. 2 – in a 5-0 decision. In the 145 final, Stoughton's Cole Sarbacker – ranked No. 5 at 145 – lost to Milton's Royce Nilo – ranked No. 2 – via a 8-1 decision.

Fifth-ranked Beckett Spilde (220) was pinned by Milton's Aeoden Sinclair at 3:21 in his final. Sinclair is ranked No. 1 at 220 and is ranked No. 8 in the national class of 2024 by Flowrestling.

"We ran into some super tough kids," Dan Spilde said. "You're going to take those losses once in a while. Hopefully we can redeem ourselves down the road."

Stoughton's Ethan Soderbloom lost a 3-2 decision to Baraboo's Talan Pichler in the 152 final.

"The hard part is you



Stoughton's Chance Suddeth wrestles in the 132 final against Milton's Tyson Peach during the Badger Conference Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 4, at Milton High School.

If You Go

What: WIAA Division 1 regional
When: 9 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 11
Where: Sun Prairie East High School

never want to take a loss, you'd love to learn from a win," Dan Spilde said. "But a lot of times you learn more from losses, it's the reality. There's not a lot of places to pick at with some of our great kids. We have to watch some film and find something."

Beckett Spilde beat Reedsburg's Jesus Gonzalez by a 4-3 ultimate tie breaker in the 220 semifinal. Gonzalez entered the match ranked No. 3 at 220 and 33-0 on the season.

Spilde also made a run to a Badger Conference title match last year after being seeded No. 7.

"Beckett is a gamer," Dan Spilde said. "He's the kind of guy that is always going to get better when it really matters. He's worked really hard and he puts his time in."

Will Hollister (138) and Kaeson Salonek (195) placed fifth and sixth, respectively. Danil Kostetsky took seventh at 160, while Gatlin Empey placed eighth at 170.

Stoughton will head to the Sun Prairie East/West WIAA Division 1 regional on Saturday, Feb. 11.

hool. "We've been a little bit banged up and haven't quite had our best team all year," Dan Spilde said. "We're getting real close to that."

Run: Vikings fall to Middleton despite strong offense

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fought through some adversity. We were able to find a way."

The Vikings were coming off a 78-66 nonconference road loss to Middleton on Tuesday, Jan. 31. Stoughton's last win before Thursday came on Jan. 14 against Sauk Prairie.

"We've been working really hard in practice the past few weeks working on getting downhill," said sophomore guard Elizabeth Stokes, who had a team-high 17 points against Middleton. "It feels good for it to finally pay off."

Sophomore wing Ella Hamacher led Stoughton against Milton with a game-high 19 points – including 14 points in the first half. All nine of Hamacher's field goals were 2-pointers as she made a habit of going to the rim.

"I think we're being more aggressive," Pickett said. "We're looking to attack the basket a little bit more."

Added Stokes: "We weren't holding it (basketball) above our heads. That's been a big issue for our team. Instead we just went downhill right away and didn't just wait."

Eight early points from Hamacher gave Stoughton a quick 13-4 lead with 12:48 left in the first half. The Vikings pushed their lead to double digits when senior wing Ava Perkins connected on a floater to make it 26-16 with 4:46 left until half. Perkins extended the advantage to 29-16 when Hamacher found her at the top of the arc for a 3-pointer.

Perkins connected on three 3s on her way to scoring a season-high 15 points.

Stoughton took a 32-21 lead into the break.

With 12:30 left in the game, the group of sophomore Gracie Schmidt, senior Jordan Bellisle, senior Teagan Pickett, sophomore Gretchen Tange-man and sophomore Ellah Ketelsen relieved the Vikings' starters with Stoughton up 39-31.

The group pushed the lead to 42-31 after a Pickett floater – and with 9:09 left in the game, four of Stoughton's five starters came back in with the Vikings leading 46-38.

"It's not necessarily about any



Photos by Jack Miller

Stoughton's Ella Hamacher goes up for a shot during the Vikings' 65-51 Badger East win over Milton on Thursday, Feb. 2, at Stoughton High School.

individuals," Brad Pickett said. "We're in this together. We're a team. It was good to get that off the bench."

Teagan Pickett finished with 12 points.

"It shows we're all ready for each other," Stokes said. "If one of us is having a hard time, there's always someone there to step in and help us out."

With 5:15 left, the Vikings lead was cut to 51-47. Stoughton responded with a Stokes layup, followed up by a Hamacher lay-in. Pickett drilled a 3 and then knocked down a floater. Perkins connected on another 3-pointer to cap a 12-0 run – making it 63-47 Stoughton with 1:40 left in the game.

Stoughton held Milton scoreless for over four minutes during the run.

"We talked in one of the later timeouts that we just needed to lock it

down on defense," Stokes said. "We weren't really moving our feet very well. We just locked down and took it to the rim."

Senior guard Maddie Reott added seven points in the win.

Middleton 78, Stoughton 66

The Vikings had one of their best offensive outputs of the season, but still fell to the Cardinals in a nonconference game on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Middleton High School.

The 66 points was the third most scored by Stoughton in a game this season.

Stoughton trailed 38-34 at half. Middleton pulled away after the break, winning the second half 40-32.

Stokes led Stoughton with 17 points. Perkins and Reott added 11 and 10 points, respectively. Hamacher finished with eight points.



Left: Stoughton's Maddie Reott attacks the hoop during the Vikings' 65-51 Badger East win over Milton on Thursday, Feb. 2, at Stoughton High School.



Right: Stoughton's Elizabeth Stokes dribbles down the court.

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Basketball: Fernholz nets season-high 33 in win over Watertown

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“When you have two guys like Ty and Sawyer (Schipper) who teams really need to pay attention to, it’s hard to guard three guys who are dangerous. I think he ended up being the guy that they maybe didn’t pay quite enough attention to. When that’s the case, he’s capable of having a big game.”

Hibner’s season-high this year is 23 points back on Dec. 9 against Monroe.

Fernholz – who entered the game leading the Badger East in scoring with 19.7 points per game – finished with a game-high 21 points. Johnson netted nine points. Sophomore forward Carter Sullivan and junior forward Ben Harman both added six points.

“I thought Ben had a nice game,” Weber said. “Didn’t always finish, but he’s making steps in the direction we need him to.”

Junior guard Sawyer Schipper scored four points, but helped limit DeForest senior guard Brody Hartig to just eight points. Hartig came into the contest second in the Badger East in scoring with 17.3 points per game.

“Sawyer did a really nice job taking away his drive,” Weber said. “He’s a really strong kid. He didn’t make perimeter shots tonight. If he makes perimeter shots he’s really tough.”

DeForest beat Stoughton twice last season – including a win over the Vikings in a regional final.

“Playoffs might be down the road a bit, but every game matters now,” Marggi said. “If we treat every game like a playoff game, we’re going to be in good shape.”

“It’s always good beating DeForest. This one felt really good.”

Stoughton 74, Watertown 48

Fernholz poured in a season-high 33 points in the win. He knocked down seven 3-pointers and finished 12 of 20 from the field.

Schipper added 13 points and sophomore wing LeShawn Brown scored 10 points.

The Vikings raced out to a 42-18 halftime lead.



Photo by Jack Miller

Above: Stoughton’s Jay Johnson dribbles during the Vikings’ 68-56 Badger East win over DeForest on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Stoughton High School.

Below, left: Stoughton’s Sawyer Schipper gets by a defender. **Below, middle:** Stoughton’s Carter Sullivan looks to make a pass. **Below, right:** Stoughton’s Ben Harman looks to make a pass.





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Sherry for a pharmacist job at Sherry Pharmacy. He was offered that job, accepted, and the couple moved to Stoughton the fall after he graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

They fell in love with the city and now, over 30 years later, they still call Stoughton home. A lot has changed since their arrival in 1992, both with regard to the city and their lives. Their sons, Nick, Tommy and Sean were all born and raised in Stoughton and graduated from Stoughton High School.

After Cindy's graduation from UW-Madison in 1993, she joined the Stoughton Senior Center as the volunteer coordinator. Working with and assisting Stoughton's senior community proved to be her passion, and in 2004 she took over as director, replacing retiring director Dennis Ganshert.

Dan also realized early on that he loved working in and caring for the people of Stoughton, eventually purchasing Sherry Pharmacy and starting McGlynn Pharmacy in 2002. As the years continued, the couple found themselves drawn to be involved in the community in a variety of ways.

Cindy has been a member of the Stoughton Wellness Coalition, Seniors in Need and several Stoughton Area School District committees, and serves on the Stoughton Hospital Ethics Board and the Courier Hub's Editorial Board. She has served as Board President of the Stoughton Community Foundation and the Skaalen Board of Directors, and is currently the president of the Housing Advocacy Team of Stoughton.

Cindy is active in her work community and was honored to serve as the Board President of the Wisconsin Association of Senior Centers. Currently both Dan and Cindy are working with the Stoughton Resettlement Project, helping some Ukrainian refugees relocate to Stoughton.

Dan was a volunteer on many local committees including the Smart Growth committee and the Stoughton Hospital Board of Directors, and was a member of the Stoughton Veterans Memorial Steering Committee. He was a member of the first graduating class of the Leadership Stoughton Program, and has been a volunteer boys basketball coach at Stoughton High School for 29 years and



Photo submitted

The 2023 Syttende Mai Prince is August Schafer, and Hazel Widerski is the 2023 Syttende Mai Princess.

counting. He was active in the Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Chamber Ambassadors as well as the Chamber Board and as board president in his final year on the board

Junior royalty

Widerski, a third grader at Sandhill Elementary, is the daughter of Alex and Rhenna and sister to Reid, Theodore and Jack. She enjoys playing with her dog Buck and taking care of her six chickens. Hazel is an excellent baker and looks forward to cooking and doing art projects with her family and grandparents. She loves swimming and plans to join the swim team in the near future.

"Gus" Schafer, 9, a third-grader at St. Ann's Catholic School, is the son of Scot and Karley. He has two older sisters and a younger brother. Gus is very interested in the arts, and takes pottery classes downtown and loves his musical theater dance class at Stoughton Center for the Arts. Along with the arts, he enjoys football, skateboarding, and playing video games.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dane County

Hearts for Helping Sneaker Ball fundraiser event is Feb. 10

It's time to get dressed up—and laced up.

The Boys and Girls Club of Dane County will host its first signature event of 2023, the Hearts for Helping Sneaker Ball, on Friday, Feb. 10. Enjoy live music and entertainment from Chicago's premiere event band, Hey Jimmy, while raising funds to inspire and empower all Dane County youth.

Tickets are \$150 for the full Gala, which includes entry into the event, casino games, hor d'oeuvres, dessert and live entertainment. Just looking to get your groove on? "Groove Tickets" are \$25, valid from 8:30-11 p.m., which includes live music and dancing, but no food will be included in the price.

The event will also include a \$4,000 jewelry raffle, hor d'oeuvres, casino games and silent and live auctions. While it is a vital fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club of Dane County, the event also serves as a time to recognize outstanding community members and organizations.

This year's award recipients including Ascendium, American Family Insurance, Bank of Sun Prairie, Dane County Office of Equity and Inclusion, Daniel and Julie Hartung, Foley & Lardner LLP, Josh Grotheer, Madison365, Madison Area Builders Association, Madison Metropolitan School District, Mary Burke, Millicent Sutters, Thermo Fisher, Tim and Pat Size, UW Health, Verona Safety Supply, Inc., and Wisconsin Athletics.

"We LOVE our signature events! They are something that we look forward to every year," said Michael Johnson,

If You Go

What: Hearts for Helping Sneaker Ball
When: 5:30-11 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10
Where: Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W. Dayton St.
Tickets: Gala tickets \$150, Groove tickets \$25 at <https://www.bgcdc.org/h4h>.

President & CEO. "They allow us to raise funds that are crucial to the continuation and expansion of our programs for youth in our community. Funds raised support our afterschool programs like Career Launch which prepares young people to explore careers and set goals, our TOPS (Teens of Promise) College Success Program which provides additional support services for college students who were in AVID/TOPS, and our new CareerForce Buildup program where youth can learn about careers in skilled trades, visit residential and commercial job sites, apprenticeship training centers, and building projects with hands-on activities."

This year several community leaders such as Jason Ilstrup, President of Downtown Madison, Inc; Brandi Grayson, Founder & CEO of Urban Triage; Kate Miller, Executive Director of the Middleton Chamber of Commerce and many more have volunteered their time to be Community Leader Casino Dealers at the event.



Stoughton Trailers graphic

This rendering shows some of the possible features of the company's proposed park that would be located on the corner of Hwy. 51 and County B.

Park: Aiming to attract more young families

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Wahlin. "We're still figuring out details with the city and the needs analysis that's going on, but we're hopeful that once we get to the point we know what Stoughton needs, what is a benefit to the community, we'll be able to draw in other business members and community members to participate and make it truly a community park."

The general idea, Wahlin said, is to create a space with at least 40 percent green space and parkland, with a natural theme.

"There will be some stormwater management tied into that, but the vision is very nicely done nature areas, maybe some bike paths and walking paths kind of meandering through that area tied into the bigger system that's coming in through Stoughton," he said. "That could really be something special."

Seeking a Stoughton attraction

Wahlin said with company leaders deciding to build a new headquarters, they didn't want "just another building in an industrial park," but wanted to do something special, to help the company and the community. Attracting employees was a big factor.

"Sometimes we found it difficult to bring that top talent to Stoughton," he said. "We love Stoughton, but some of the other communities around here have grown and have amenities that are far further than what we have. So this is a way to try to catch up a little bit and it's the idea of a community park, especially at that location, where it can be an entry point to Stoughton."

The area's natural theme and walking

trails are part of a focus on employees' mental and physical health, Wahlin said, as well as providing more space for collaboration that was available previously.

"We want to do nice health facilities, activities rooms, areas where people can learn and get educated at things beyond just Stoughton Trailers, maybe have guests and really make it a place, especially in this era of work from home, where people want to come and work," he said. "If we could accomplish that, it's something great for our team members, it's something good for the company to help us attract the best talent possible, and it's good for the community."

While the park won't be a "silver bullet" to helping bring new families to the area, Wahlin said it can be a "significant piece of the foundation."

"With that (park) and access to the lake and river, all the activity going on with the whitewater park and the other good things in Stoughton, this could really be a catalyst to get people more interested, especially those young professionals coming here and choosing Stoughton over Waunakee or Verona," he said. "They want to go to a place that has that nice park features, nature, nice baseball fields, good football programs, things like that ... but it can't be something that's Stoughton Trailers alone, it's got to be a community project. We need to work with the city, and we've always had a good relationship. We will have a TIF request as part of this."

"All of that will be needed to make this a pretty special place."

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Moving: Company hopes to transition operations to new space in 2024

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Wahlin said with the new automated systems, it takes about three or four days to take the product from sheet steel to a finished trailer.

"It moves along pretty fast," he said.

Looking to the future

Wahlin said as the company continues to grow he wants to do more to "open up to the community."

"We feel like there's a lot of good things going on at the plant that we'd like to share what we're doing, and kind of invite people in to see those types of things," he said. "I think people are curious and we'd like to show a little more about who we are and what we do."

And what they are doing right now is winning, growing, and turning a healthy profit. Wahlin said Stoughton Trailers had a record setting year for revenue last year, and he looks for that to continue.

"Our significant investment in automation and technology has greatly increased our production efficiency and operating performance," he said. "We've been executing our growth plan, and with some of the expansions and the new partnerships, that's been growing, and we've had a very positive environment in the trailer industry as well, so that's been good wind at our backs."

"We're in better shape now with some of the diversification that we have on different products and in parts of the country, and stronger customers, all of those things. We're in better shape now to handle those tougher times."

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More information on Stoughton Trailers

Stoughton Trailers designs, manufactures, and markets a wide range of semi-truck trailers used for over-the-road trucking, intermodal chassis as well as agricultural trailers and other specialty transportation equipment, with manufacturing facilities in Stoughton, Brodhead, Evansville, and Waco, Texas, and builds trailers in West Point, Mississippi. For more information, visit StoughtonTrailers.com.

Women in the workforce

Take a look around the various Stoughton Trailers work stations, and you'll see about the same number of women as men. That's changed in the industry in recent years, and the company is leading the way, sponsoring "Welding for Women" classes to help get high schoolers involved. Wahlin said the assembly operations comprise nearly 40 percent women.

"It's definitely a mix," he said. "We're showing them how to weld and develop skills in the trades and it's really been a successful program for us."

One of the company's trailblazers is Kelly Calabrese, who has worked for Stoughton Trailers since she graduated from SHS in 1999. She started building flatbeds, moved to sheet metal in 2001, then worked as a machine operator, then started training new employees on sheet metal, then worked her way up to the team lead in sheet metal, and is now programming and operating some of the company's most expensive equipment.

"Starting 23 years back and as we evolve and get all the new equipment, it's nice to be a part of that," she said. "I like working with robotics; I do programming for it, I'm the main operator and I also do some of the maintenance to the machine."

Wahlin said skill requirements are very different for employees than they used to be, and much more technical.

"Where before it was basic welding and basic machine operation, now it's robotic programming, it's more sophisticated maintenance programs and control system management," he explained. "It's a very different skill set and most of that, you couldn't just go and get."

"That's where people like Kelly, who graduated from Stoughton High School, came to Stoughton Trailers, and just kept on having different jobs and learned more and more every time, and now she's programming and running a \$20 million dollar piece of automated equipment."

Wahlin said for some employees, the automated equipment can be a little intimidating at first, but it doesn't take long to get acclimated.

"They are well-trained, they are smart, they're great workers and it all works out," he said. "A lot of our training is taking place right here, in house. A lot of our competitors, they won't do this themselves, they'll just assemble the trailers. This gives us flexibility, it gives us speed, it drives out inefficiencies, reduces material handling and gives us a competitive edge."

Growing a business

1,123 Stoughton Trailers facilities employees (all Dane County locations) at the start of 2023

767 Stoughton Trailers facilities employees (all Dane County locations) at the start of 2022



Photos by Stoughton Trailers and Scott De Laruelle

Stoughton Trailers facilities are getting automated upgrades that are allowing more workers to focus on trailer assembly, though some still focus on skills like welding.



Obituaries

Sean Kelly Hendrickson

Sean Kelly Hendrickson, age 34, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at his home in Madison, Wisconsin. He was born on Oct. 5, 1988, to parents Peggy and Jerry Hendrickson at Prince Georges Hospital in Cheverly, M.D. At 14 months, Sean moved with his parents to the Madison area and grew up in Stoughton, Wisconsin. He attended St. Ann's School and graduated from Stoughton High School in 2007.

Growing up, Sean was involved in Boy Scouts, played in the Lacrosse Club, and participated in Stoughton High School Theatre. He worked for Culvers, and later Stoughton Cable TV, filming City Council meetings and Sytende Mai events. Later his skill sets led him



Hendrickson

to pursue carpentry work specializing in remodeling, drywall, and painting. His hobbies included being an avid and exceptional disc golfer, and Badgers, Brewers, and Packers fan for many years. As an adult, Sean struggled from time to time with personal demons, but loved family and friends, and lived life to its fullest.

Thank you to all who offered and provided support to Sean and his family through the years. Sean is survived by his parents,

Peggy and Jerry; his sister and brother-in-law, Molly and Kyle Quam; and nephew, Connor. He is further survived by grandparents, Bob and Nancy Butler; aunts and uncles, Cathy and Jeff Witt, Clare Butler, Jeff and Kae Verhey, Matt and Patty Verhey and Jerry Verhey; and cousins, Kevin Nixon, Steve and Avery Nixon and Dayna Verhey.

A private memorial service for the family will occur at a later date.

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Mimi K. Brush

Mimi Brush, 57, of Stoughton, Wisconsin, died on Monday, Jan. 23, 2023, after decades of struggle against Multiple Sclerosis and other health problems which she endured with stoic determination. Before her health made it too difficult to work, Mimi was employed by Demco Inc., for many years and was admired for her energy and work ethic. Mimi made many lasting friendships among her co-workers.

Mimi was preceded in death by her parents, William B. and Marcela C. (Hauser) Brush; and her brother, Peter P. Brush. She is survived by her brothers, William D. (Susan) Brush, Jeffrey P.

(Martha Hagen) Brush and Steven T. (Tammie Schleif) Brush; her sister-in-law, Jeanne Brush; her uncle, Peter J. Hauser; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to acknowledge the staff of SSM Health who worked to help Mimi manage her health issues. Special thanks also to dear friends, Kerry, Dave, Tracy and June.

At Mimi's request there will be no service. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Joseph G. "Jay" Hatheway

Joseph G. "Jay" Hatheway, Jr., age 73, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Kathy M Olson, Clerk
Posted January 26, 2022
Posted February 9, 2023
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NOTICE TOWN OF PLEASANT SPRINGS
This is to notify anyone it may concern; a change of agent has been applied for to have Jame Fecht to serve as agent for Road Ranger, LLC., db/a Road Ranger 136, located at 2762 County Highway N, Cottage Grove, WI, 53527, for a Class "A" Fermented Malt Beverage License in the Town of Pleasant Springs, Dane County, Wisconsin.
/s/Maria Hougan
Clerk/Treasurer
Published: February 9, 2023
Posted: February 1, 2023
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SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID CITY OF STOUGHTON
2023 STREET PULVERIZATION CONTRACT 1 2023
The City of Stoughton (OWNER) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:
2023 Street Pulverization Contract 1 2023
Electronic Bids for the construction of the Project will be received by OWNER until Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 1 P.M., local time. At that time the Bids received will be publicly downloaded and read aloud publicly via teleconference. The login information for the teleconference is as follows:
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The Project includes the following approximate quantities of Work: 22,000 square feet of concrete

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For this Project, Bids will ONLY be received and accepted via the online electronic Bid service through QuestCDN.com. To access the electronic Bid Form, download the Project Documents and click the online Bidding button at the top of the Advertisement. The Issuing Office is Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715.
All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from QuestCDN.com.

Bidders who submit a Bid must be a Plan Holder of record at the Issuing Office. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as not being responsive. The Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to OWNER in an amount of 10% of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.
The City of Stoughton reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 85 days after the time set for receiving Bids.

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.
Prospective Bidders are required to complete and submit a prequalification questionnaire with supporting documents to OWNER (see Instructions to Bidders). Prequalification forms will be provided with Bidding Document sets. Completed forms are to be submitted no later than 1 P.M., local time, on February 23, 2023.
The Strand Associates, Inc.® project manager is Mark A. Fisher, P.E., and can be contacted at Strand Associates, Inc.®, 910 West Wingra Drive,

Madison, WI 53715, (608) 251 4843, regarding the Project.
For further requirements regarding Bid submittal, qualifications, procedures, and Contract Award, refer to the Instructions to Bidders that are included in the Bidding Documents.
Published by the authority of the City of Stoughton
Rodney Scheel, Director of Planning and Development
Dated at City of Stoughton, Wisconsin
February 9, 2023 and February 16, 2023
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ELECTION NOTICE CITY OF STOUGHTON
Notice of Voting Equipment Test Monday, February 13, 2023 1:00 p.m.
A public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the 2023 Spring Primary (February 21, 2023) will be held on Monday, February 13, 2023, at the Stoughton Fire Station (Election room), 401 E Main Street, Stoughton, WI. This test is open to the public.
Candee Christen
City Clerk
Published: February 9, 2023
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NOTICE APPLICATIONS FOR ALCOHOL BEVERAGE LICENSE YEAR 2022-2023
(July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023)
City of Stoughton, Wisconsin
Please take notice that the following retailer has applied for alcohol beverage licenses within the City of Stoughton, Dane County, Wisconsin. The Public Safety Committee met to consider application recommendations to the Common Council on Wednesday, January 25, 2023. The City Council will consider the application at the Regular Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 14, 2023, at 7 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard.
LARA A. ROMINE dba The Dairy-land Dessert Cafe, located at 176 E. Main St., has applied for a Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage License and "Class C" Wine License.
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Community Calendar**Thursday, Feb. 9****Virtual Author Visit: Lana Harper's 'Witches of Thistle Grove'**

6-7 p.m. Online

Tune in for a magical evening with New York Times bestselling author Lana Harper as she discusses the enchanting third installment of her immensely popular "The Witches of Thistle Grove" series, "Back in a Spell." A recording will be available if people can't watch live. Register and view here.

Rucksack Revolution

7:30-10 p.m. Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.

Rucksack Revolution - Sarah Vos of Dead Horses and Adam Greuel from Horseshoes & Handgrenades - return to the stage. Picked by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel as one of "5 Wisconsin Artists to Watch in 2022", Vos and Greuel were named "Two of the most accomplished Wisconsin bands of the past decade, building up significant fan bases with multiple tours across the country." Tickets are \$25. For more information, visit rucksack-revolution.com. For tickets, visit stoughtonoperahouse.com, or call 608-877-4400 or email boxoffice@stoughtonoperahouse.com.

Friday, Feb. 10**Coffee with the Mayor**

10 a.m. Stoughton Area Senior Center, 248 W. Main St.

Mayor Tim Swadley of the City of Stoughton holds monthly meetings with the public at the Stoughton Senior Center. All are welcome to join in on the discussion of the latest news.

Keller Williams at the Stoughton Opera House

7:30-10 p.m. Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.

Virginian Keller Williams, released his first album in 1994. Un-bolden to conventionalism, he seamlessly crosses genre boundaries. The end product is music that encompasses rock, jazz, funk and bluegrass, and always keeps the audience on their feet. Keller built his reputation initially on his engaging live performances, no two of which are ever alike. Tickets are \$35. For more information, visit kellerwilliams.net.

Saturday, Feb. 11**Peace, Love, and Chocolate with Melanie**

9-10 a.m. Stoughton Yoga, 101 Silverado Dr.

Treat yourself or one you love to one hour of deep relaxation. Enjoy gentle, restorative yoga and meditation designed to melt away tension. Sample a piece of Valentine's Day chocolate after class! Cost: \$10. Email info@stoughtonyoga.org for more information or to register.

Sunday, Feb. 12**Yoga with live classical guitar**

6-7 p.m. Stoughton Yoga, 101 Silverado Dr.

Join us in our studio for a relaxing, yin-inspired yoga experience with StoYo instructor Lauren V, accompanied by soul soothing live music performed by classical guitarist Jack Beylor. All levels are welcome. Cost: \$15. Email info@stoughtonyoga.org to register.

Tuesday, Feb. 14**Organ Donation Presentation**

10 a.m. Stoughton Area Senior Center, 248 W. Main St.

Join us as we observe National Donor Day with an educational presentation from UW Organ and Tissue Donation as a way to spread awareness and education about organ, eye and tissue donation. The presentation will review the organ and tissue donation process, discuss the need for donation, explain the power of donation, address common misconceptions about organ and tissue donation and allow time for you to ask questions. RSVP by calling 608-873-8585.

Teen Anti-Valentine's Day celebration

4-5:30 p.m. Carnegie Room, Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth St.

Join us for gloomy crafts, dreadful snacks, and a Wednesday Addams Costume Contest. Ages 11-16. No registration required.

Stoughton City Council meeting

7 p.m. Council Chambers, 2nd Floor of Public Safety Building, 321 South Fourth St. Or live streamed on wsto.tv/live and Spectrum Channel 981 or on TDS Channel 12.

Wednesday, Feb. 15**Red Cross Blood Drive**

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 825 S Van Buren St., Stoughton

Donors of all blood types - particularly type O blood donors, the most needed blood group by hospitals - and platelet donors are needed daily to meet demand. All who come to give in February will get a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card by email and be entered to win a trip for two to Clearwater Beach, Florida. Details are available at RedCross-Blood.org/heart.

Bingo

1 p.m. Stoughton Area Senior Center, 248 W. Main St.

Who's ready to yell Bingo? Come join in on the fun and bring a friend!

2023 Relay for Life of Dane and Rock Counties kick-off event

5:30-7 p.m. Cheesers, 183 E Main St, Stoughton

People are invited to Join the kick off of the 2023 Relay For Life of Dane and Rock Counties. Food and drinks will be available as the group discusses the successful 2022 event and shares updates on the 2023 Relay. Resources will be available for fundraising, sponsorships, luminaria, registration, and more. For more information, email maddie.petre@cancer.org or visit relayforlife.org/daneandrockcountieswi.

Thursday, Feb. 16**Virtual Author Visit: Grace M. Cho's 'Tastes Like War'**

Noon to 1 p.m. Online

You don't want to miss an insightful chat with award-winning author Grace M. Cho as she discusses her book "Tastes Like War: A Memoir." A recording will be available if you can't watch live. Register and view here.

Free COVID-19 vaccines

3-7 p.m. Carnegie Room, Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth St.

Vaccines are provided by Public Health Madison & Dane County. No appointments or ID are needed, no insurance is required. Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax available while supplies last. Everyone 6 months and older is welcome - 6 months through 17 year olds need a parent or guardian present

Compression Only CPR (COCPR) training courses

1-2 p.m. or 5:30-6:30 p.m. Community Health & Wellness Center located at 3162 County Hwy B, Stoughton

Stoughton Health will be offering free Compression Only CPR (COCPR) training courses. COCPR, also known as hands only CPR, is similar to CPR but without the rescue breaths. Only CPR has been proven to increase a cardiac arrest victim's chances of survival by up to three times. To register for this free online workshop, visit stoughtonhealth.com and click on "Classes and Events." Questions? Contact Kelly Perna, community education coordinator, at 608-877-3498.

Friday, Feb. 17**Movie: 'Ticket to Paradise'**

1 p.m. Stoughton Area Senior Center, 248 W. Main St.

George Clooney and Julia Roberts team up as exes who find themselves on a shared mission: to stop their love struck daughter from making the same mistake they once made.

Card-making session

1 p.m. Stoughton Area Senior Center, 248 W. Main St.

If you enjoy creating handmade cards, sign up today for this fun card making session. Each participant will be able to make three greeting cards. Cost is \$4/person. Pay the group leader. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now by calling 608-873-8585.

Buffalo Nichols at the Stoughton Opera House

7:30-10 p.m. Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.

Since his earliest infatuations with guitar, Buffalo Nichols has asked himself the same question: How can I bring the blues of the past into the future? After cutting his teeth between a Baptist church and bars in Milwaukee, it was a globetrotting trip through West Africa and Europe during a creative down period that began to reveal the answer. Tickets are \$25. For more information, visit buffalo-nichols.com.

Saturday, Feb. 18**Guided Meditation with Melanie**

9-9:45 a.m.

Stoughton Yoga, 101 Silverado Dr., Stoughton

We'll start with 10-15 minutes of gentle yoga to relax, open, and prepare the body for meditation. Next, Melanie will guide us through a 15-minute meditation (choose to sit on a chair or a floor cushion). The final 15 minutes will be dedicated to questions and sharing (optional) as a group.

Cost: Free. Email info@stoughtonyoga.org to register.

Sunday, Feb. 19**Pakistani Cooking Demonstration with Huma Siddiqui**

2-4 p.m.

Carnegie Room, Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth St.

Join local chef and White Jasmine founder Huma Siddiqui for a Pakistani cooking class! Huma will demonstrate how to prepare Karahi Chicken (boneless chicken cooked with peppers, tomatoes, onions, garlic and spices), Matar Pulao (Basmati rice cooked with whole spices like whole cumin and whole cinnamon with green peas), and Palak Dal (lentils cooked with fresh spinach, turmeric, chili powder and topped with fried onions). Space is limited and registration is required.

Please submit a separate registration for each person attending. Registration starts January 23. Email the library or call 608-873-6281 to register.

To submit events, email staff reporter Scott De Laruelle at sdelaruelle@wisconsinmediagroup.com

Stoughton churches**Baha'i Faith**

Stoughton study classes.

For information: Alfred Skerpan, 877-0911 or Gail and Greg Gagnon, 873-9225 or us.bahai.org

Bible Baptist Church

2095 Hwy. W, Utica

For information: 873-7077 or 423-3033

Christ Lutheran Church

700 County Road B, Stoughton

For information: 873-9353 or office@clcstoughton.org

Christ the King Community Church

401 W. Main St., Stoughton

For information: 877-0303 or christthekingcc.org

Christian Assembly Church

1844 Williams Drive, Stoughton

For information: 873-9106

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

825 S. Van Buren, Stoughton

For information: 877-0439, Missionaries: 957-3930

Cookville Lutheran Church

11927 W. Church St., Evansville

For information: 882-4408 or cookvillelutheran.org

Covenant Lutheran Church

1525 N. Van Buren St., Stoughton

For information: 873-7494 or covlutheran@covluth.org or covluth.org

First Lutheran Church

310 E. Washington, Stoughton

For information: 873-7761 or flc-stoughton.com

Fulton Church

9209 Fulton St., Edgerton

For information: 884-8512 or fultonchurch.org

Good Shepherd By The Lake Lutheran Church

1860 U.S. Hwy. 51, Stoughton

For information: 608-873-5924 or goodshepherdbythelake.org

LakeView Church

2200 Lincoln Ave., Stoughton

For information: 873-9838 or Facebook.com/lakevc or lakevc.org

Seventh Day Baptist Church of Albion

616 Albion Rd., Edgerton

For information: 561-7450 or albionsdb@gmail.com or forministry.com/USWISDBGCASD1

Stoughton Baptist Church

Corner of Williams Dr. & Cty. B, Stoughton

For information: 873-6517

St. Ann Catholic Church

323 N. Van Buren St., Stoughton

For information: 873-7633 or visit stannparish.weconnect.com

Stoughton United Methodist Church

525 Lincoln Ave., Stoughton

For information: stoughtonumc10.org or 608-873-3273

United Pentecostal Church of Stoughton

1501 E. Main St., Stoughton

For information: upcestoughton.com or on Facebook: UPC of Stoughton

West Koshkonong Lutheran Church

1911 Koshkonong, Stoughton

For information: 873-9456 or westkoshkonongchurch.weebly.com/

Western Koshkonong Lutheran Church

2633 Church St., Cottage Grove

For information: 873-6744 or westernkoshkonong.org