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Heroic duo teams up with new friends

Photoillustration by Gary Nauman, Nathan Peterson and Brad Allen



Local artists embark on their latest comic adventure

SCOTT DE LARUELLE
Managing editor

It all started with a dream that faded but revived again, thanks to some teamwork among unexpected allies.

Wait. Are we talking about Vidar and Hans, or are we talking about their co-creators, Gary Nauman and Nathan Peterson?

Well, after the "Bunny Incident," who knows?

OK, let's take a step back.

In real life, Nauman, a Stoughton native, and Peterson, a Madisonian, met several years ago when they were both working full time non-comic-book jobs. It turned out they both had a gift for art - though in slightly different ways - and also shared a gift for a certain style for visual storytelling.

Nauman is a graphic designer, while Peterson is a writer, though it turns out both are artists at heart.

"Gary loves drawing and art, and when I was younger I used to draw all the time but the older I got, the more I just kind of felt like, 'Well, I don't know why I do this anymore, I'm not sure what I'm supposed to do with it?'" he said,

That all changed one day when he happened to be talking with Nauman, who told him about his own idea for a "story about a Viking and troll."

"He just started scribbling doodles, and it's fun looking back at those original drawings to 'boy, we came a long way.'"

It turns out, Nauman went to Syttende Mai one year and met



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Heroes: Duo has incorporated Stoughton residents, backgrounds into series

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someone who was dressed up like a Viking and started talking to him before eventually realizing he knew the person. Something clicked right there.

"It just gave him this idea of just this normal person who's also a Viking and leading this kind of double identity kind of thing," Peterson said.

Given that creative license, the two set out to stake their own lands, and create not just two characters, but an entire world around them. Peterson said Vidar and Hans soon took on lives of their own.

"Vidar, he's a stoic Viking, he's pretty straightforward, but can be a little sneaky from time to time," he explained. "Hans is the source of comedy, so you just have to imagine the situation, you know what Vidar's going to do, and then Hans is like the agent of chaos, and then Vidar has to solve the problem.

Gary and I kind of joke that the goal is like, what would a middle school boy want in a story, because when we were younger, it was like, 'Oh, wouldn't it be cool if this happened and then this, and what if you had a ninja, and then a robot, and blah blah blah.

"Now it's 'Well, there's no one saying we can't do that.'"

Vidar and Hans' excellent adventure

Peterson said their first comic book, Vidar and Hans (Small Town Defenders), released in the spring of 2020, "just kind of happened" between work buddies who happened to be artists, casually swapping some creative ideas before they realized they should take things more seriously.

"It wasn't until halfway through the process where it was, 'Hey, we should actually make a comic book,'" he said. "At first, we were just going to do a single image and maybe see if we can get it released to the newspaper or something - this Viking character who lives in Stoughton.

"It was kind of fun, and then eventually, we were like, well, we should make this all into one comic."

The story so far ...

Issue One

This is a tribute to Stoughton with Vidar and Hans visiting many local hangouts and just living their day-to-day lives. This is an introduction to the characters and establishes the small-town vibe we're going for. With a cliffhanger at the end ...

Issue Two

Vidar has always longed to be a superhero and use his powers for good, and now he gets his chance when Bunzilla, a 50-foot bunny, attacks Stoughton. (We won't get into the fact that Hans may or may not have created Bunzilla in the first place.) This issue has a nice blend of action, banter, and fun.

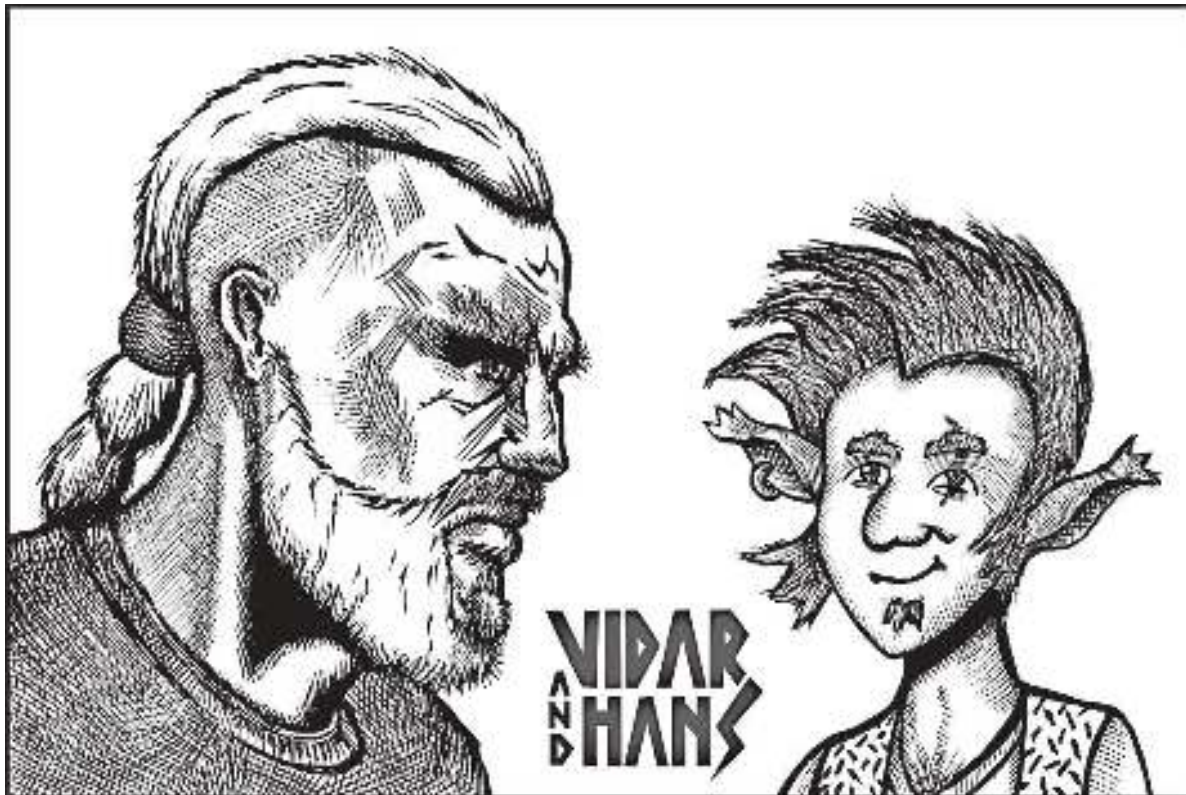
Issue Three

In the wake of the bunny attack, all kinds of random superheroes come to Stoughton hoping to boost their own superhero careers. Just wanting to go unnoticed, Vidar gets frustrated and butts heads with several of the heroes. In the midst of their conflict, a new villain steps into the scene and sends all the heroes into a tailspin and scrambling to work together.

Since then, they've steadily added new characters - some of whom are based on Stoughtonites.

"I'll just walk up to people (and say), 'I have this comic, I need to study you for a character,'" Peterson said. "We're trying to have this group of heroes where there's one from Oregon, one from the small town where I grew up in in Rockton, Illinois. So we're trying to expand the universe a little bit, where there's other superheroes in small towns, too, it's not just all from the big city like Spiderman in New York."

Once they've gathered enough



Vidar (left) is the solid, stoic Viking-type, while his sidekick, Hans, can be a bit less predictable.

inspiration and ideas, it's time to put it down on storyboards and begin the long process of creating a comic book. Peterson said they've come up with an efficient way for both of them to keep busy on different parts of the production to keep things moving along. It's a time-consuming process as well - they started work on their third issue in June 2021.

"I draw a lot of the characters and he does backgrounds, and basically we do each step of the process together," he said. "We brainstorm first, how many pages - Issue 3 was 32, the first one was 24, so we're just adding and adding. When we do the storyboard, it's just sketching out images. I never realized how much work goes into a comic book, and how many images there are just on one page. It might take an hour per character, and with five characters in a panel, it starts adding up."

And as challenging as the art is, Peterson said coming up with new storylines can be even more difficult.

"As a writer and a lover of stories, sometimes you see - especially in movies - the original is great, but the sequel is hit or miss, and it's because the original story is over," he said. "The hardest part is having a bigger point in mind - different themes, certain questions, what does it mean to be a hero, going more into hero mythology."

Having accomplished that in the first issue, the next goal was a follow-up with a more "comprehensive, start-to-finish full story." And, as it turns out, one featuring a new antagonist for the duo - a decidedly disgruntled 50-foot

bunny, portrayed in issue #2 - "Vidar & Hans vs. Bunzilla."

For Issue #3: The Accidental Reunion of the Old-School Superheroes, the goal was to "amp up the level of art," Peterson said.

"We've been just growing our skills and we've also been wanting to get more into character development," he explained. "That was kind of the goal we had, and we wanted to pick up right where the story left off in issue two."

In the new story, some "old school superheroes" join the story, with some perhaps unexpected local twists thrown in.

"It's a little bit like 'The Incredibles,' where superheroes really aren't needed any more," Peterson said. "Now they're just, 'Oh, something happened in Stoughton, let's go check it out,' so it's this kind of natural progression."

Peterson said getting Stoughton a bit more in the spotlight has been a goal of the series, including more real-life locations and melding them into the plot.

"We have restaurants, and the

library in the first issue," he said. "Big cities get a lot of credit, but there's a lot of beauty and charm to Stoughton, too, a lot of history."

And when it comes to following your dreams in life - like Vidar and Hans, it never hurts to have a companion to help you along your journey.

"Don't ignore your passion," Peterson said. "For many years, I just didn't have time for (art) and was too busy and stressed out at work. We have those passions for a reason. I just like drawing. Well, what could you do with it? The beauty of this is the collaboration, because Gary has so much creativity and so much energy, and I love being able to partner with him, and we just build off each other's ideas.

"If you have a passion, think of a way to do it and try to find someone who can complement those skills, too."

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Where to buy Issue #3 (and more) of 'Vidar & Hans'

After the Bunny Incident, (in Vidar and Hans vs. Bunzilla) the word is out! Old-school superheroes are showing up in droves to recapture their glory days and get in on the action. Tensions will rise. Fists will fly. Will they be able to get past their petty disagreements and jealous rage?

Find out in issue 3 of the Vidar and Hans comic book series:

The Accidental Reunion of the Old School Superheroes! at the following downtown Stoughton locations: Diakonos Designs, 187 E. Main St, Gemini Games, 193 W Main St., Wildwood Cafe, 218 S Forrest St, Overt Space Gallery, 130 E. Main St., Mystery to Me Bookstore, 1863 Monroe St, Madison or shop on ETSY at etsy.com/shop/DeepWellStudios.

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From left, Gary Nauman and Nathan Peterson have brought a whole new angle to life in Stoughton with their "Vidar & Hans" comic book series, recently releasing the third edition.

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TowerNorth Development is proposing to construct a 185-foot self-support telecommunications tower (overall height including top-mounted appurtenances) located at 1896 Williams Dr., Stoughton, Dane Co., WI. The type of lighting (if required) for the tower has not yet been determined.

TowerNorth Development invites comments from any interested party on the impact the proposed undertaking may have on any districts, sites, buildings, structures or objects significant in American history, archaeology, engineering, or culture that are listed or determined eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Comments pertaining specifically to potential effects on historic resources may be submitted within 30 days from this publication to: Ben Youra, G2 Consulting Group, LLC, 1186 Heather Dr. in Lake Zurich, IL 60047, Phone: 847-353-8740, e-mail: byoura@g2consultinggroup.com

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Dane County

County to convert former jail into new mental health center

'Mental Health Crisis Triage and Restoration Center' to open early

Dane County plans to refurbish and remodel its Huber Detention Center into a new Mental Health Crisis Triage and Restoration Center designed to treat those in crisis as a result of a mental health emergency or addiction, County Executive Joe Parisi announced on Thursday, March 9.



Parisi



Barrett

He said redeveloping this county-owned space will allow Dane County to open the much needed facility at least a year faster than it would take to acquire a privately-owned site and seek necessary zoning/land use approvals. The Huber facility was used for decades to house people sentenced to work release. According to a county news release, a number of them were moved to downtown jail facilities at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, but since last fall, those sentenced to Huber have been part of the Sheriff's electronic monitoring program, freeing up space needed to house these residents.

"As the county saw in our pursuit for a new Homeless Day Resource Center a few years back, siting these vital, much needed services can turn into a challenge that takes years to resolve," Parisi said. "Repurposing what had been correctional space for a treatment facility that will help keep individuals out of our jail and hospital emergency rooms sends an important message about our priorities."

Parisi was joined at a news conference by Sheriff Calvin Barrett to announce the decision, who said the Sheriff's Office has worked hard in recent years to safely reduce its jail population by creating a "highly successful electronic monitoring program."

"It is time to focus our proactive efforts on our community members before they enter the criminal justice system," he said. "Jail is not a place for someone experiencing a mental health crisis or substance use disorder, but currently, Dane County is lacking a safe and secure treatment facility. I look forward to partnering with the County Executive to put this plan into action."

Mental health a priority

In fall of 2021, Parisi and the County Board announced they were prioritizing funding in the county budget to acquire and develop a Crisis Triage and Restoration Center. County leaders have approved over \$14.3 million for acquisition, construction, and to begin operations of the new around-the-clock, 24/7 rehabilitation and stabilization facility. Since then, the county has worked with partners to fine-tune details about services the new Crisis Triage Center will offer.

According to the news release, selecting a site up front will allow the county to more effectively proceed at seeking a partner agency to operate the Crisis Triage Center. The county will hold a competitive selection process for prospective operators this year and will look to hire a consultant in the coming weeks to assess the facility and produce a concept plan for its redevelopment.

A resolution to approve that contact will follow a county request for proposals to hire the firm that will partner on this consulting work. Parisi said "time is of the essence" to keep the high-priority project on track.

The new Crisis Triage Center will help connect individuals with treatment they need and out of our criminal justice system," he said. "When paired with other county-led mental health initiatives such as the Behavioral Health Resource Center, the work we are doing is the template for how a community cares for its own."

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Transition fair offers, support resources for families of special needs students

From 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, the Stoughton Area School District will host "Transition Road Map to Adult Life Fair" for families of special needs students, educators and administrators.

Open to Stoughton and surrounding communities, the fair aims to provide students and families with information about programs and support. The district's Special Education department recruited relevant community agencies and organizations for attendees to ask questions of.

"We planned this transition fair to give all our families an opportunity to network with different agencies, support staff as well as each other. This will be great information for all families with kids who are approaching or in high school. It is never too early to start thinking about the transition process." SASD Transition Coordinator Jennifer Collins said.

"Connecting with support agencies early will make the process easier to understand and give people more time to gather

information about important transition-related decisions," she added.

More than 25 local agencies have signed up for the fair, including the UWW Life Program, PCS Dane, the Aging and Disability Resource Center and the Community Living Alliance.

Snacks will be available throughout the evening. Potential attendees are encouraged to RSVP via the district's website.

- Alisyn Amant

If You Go

What: "Transition Road Map to Adult Life"

When: 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, March 23

Where: Stoughton High School, Cafeteria, 600 Lincoln Ave., Stoughton

Info: Visit stoughton.k12.wi.us

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Dane County

Public Health closing COVID testing clinic April 14

Tests will still be available to the public through mail, local providers

After three years of emergency operations, Public Health Madison & Dane County will close the doors to its community COVID testing clinic on April 14.



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The closure coincides with the expiration of the federal emergency declaration on May 11, and the end of the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Community Testing Support Program.

"Since May 11, 2020, we have provided more than half a million COVID tests at no cost to our community," said Janel Heinrich, director of Public Health Madison & Dane County. "This tremendous effort was made possible thanks to the unwavering dedication of our staff and partners including Dane County Human Services, Wisconsin National Guard, Alliant Energy Center, Dane County and Madison Public Libraries, and many more."

At-home rapid tests will continue

to be available through the Say Yes COVID Tests program until the end of May. Families can place one order per month, per household. Ten tests are included in each order.

"We understand that testing is still vital for monitoring COVID and protecting public health," said Colton Ritchie, COVID testing supervisor. "Tests will continue to be available through the mail as well as through community testing partners and through healthcare providers. The best way to find the latest options is on our website," he continued.

Tests can also be purchased in stores, pharmacies, and online. Insurance companies, Medicaid (BadgerCare), and Medicare are required to reimburse up to eight tests per month, per member.

The end of the federal emergency declaration will also lead to changes to COVID vaccination and contact tracing efforts at Public Health. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

For the latest information and updates, visit publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus.

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City of Stoughton

Tax help available at senior center through April 8

Got taxes? Of course you do.

The good thing is you've also got a friend to help figure them out at the Stoughton Area Senior Center (248 W. Main St.), which is hosting a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site this tax season. To make an appointment, people can visit from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays through April 8.

The VITA program is staffed by IRS-certified volunteers for tax preparation with no fees. The Stoughton VITA site does not limit preparation based upon either income levels or age. Certain tax returns cannot be prepared such as those with rental properties, farm properties, or married filing separately.

According to city records, nearly 70 people made appointments in the past six weeks at the site.

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What to bring

- Completed Intake Forms
- Last Year's Tax Returns
- Social Security Cards
- Photo Identifications Cards
- W-2's
- 1099's and 1098's
- Property Tax Bill
- Medical Insurance paid outside of work
- Completed Rent Certificates

More online

To read more news stories and see additional photos from around the community, visit the newspaper's website at StoughtonCourierHub.com.

Thank You, Dan Utter!

20 Years of Service

Protasiewicz for Supreme Court

Americans are faced with dozens of decisions and choices every day. Choices affecting general public welfare, by necessity, must be made by officials.

For example, it would be disastrous if individuals choose which side of the road to drive on. That must be a government decision.

But generally, most decisions are private and made personally. Choosing where we live, work, play, and what to eat are examples of personal choices.

Government intervention in any of the above personal choices would bring about nationwide outrage. Where to vacation, choice of friends, apparel? The list goes on.

Paramount among our choices are personal health decisions. My body, my choice, a common

phrase, seems appropriate. Supreme Court candidate Kelly and his sycophants would have us believe the government should control our health care decisions.

Like Kelly I'm an old white man, but unlike Kelly I don't want to make your health care decisions. I'm currently receiving treatment for prostate cancer. In a Kelly court, would I be able to make my health care decisions?

With abortion rights in jeopardy, are other life-saving treatment choices next? Do you want Kelly to decide your cancer treatment options?

We must protect women's rights. On April 4, vote for Judge Janet Protasiewicz for Supreme Court.

**Russ Kaping
Stoughton**

Vote Zentner for Rutland chair

We are writing to enthusiastically endorse the candidacy of Deana Zentner for another term as Rutland Town Chair.

Deana has served with us on the Dane County Broadband Task Force through multiple iterations of the Task Force dating back to 2021. Deana has tirelessly advocated for the needs of the Rutland community on the Task Force and it is clear to us that she is the very best version of an elected official and public servant.

Deana is relentless in her advocacy, thorough in her preparedness and pursuit of knowledge, and equitable and kind when it comes to the people she serves. In addition to serving with us on the Dane County Broadband Task Force,

Deana will soon join us on Dane County's Area Agency for Aging Board's Access subcommittee, as well as the county's Regional Housing Strategy committee.

Through her service, Deana is coordinating with RSVP of Dane County to lay the groundwork to launch Computer Buddies, a program that connects senior citizens and youth, in Rutland. Deana's willingness to roll up her sleeves and work hard for her constituents is what makes her the only choice for Rutland Town Board Chair!

We hope you'll join us in supporting her!

**Melissa Ratcliff,
State Assembly Representative
and Kate McGinnity,
Dane County Supervisor**

Community voices

We are nature's best hope

My hand wraps around my morning coffee. The scent of the garden wafts up around me. I feel the warmth of the sun on my skin and see it reflected on drops of dew, precious jewels left from the night before.

Birdsong fills the air. My daughter rests her head on my thigh as we take in the morning quietly together. We aren't expecting any visitors.

But then, we see her. She floats in on silent wings. She flits and flutters and after what seems like an eternity lands on the underside of a milkweed leaf in our garden. After a brief moment, she floats to another. Then another. And then, as quietly as she arrived, she is gone.

She has left behind three tiny treasures, no larger than a pencil tip. The importance of the gift she has left in our garden is not lost on us as we sit in awe of what we have just witnessed.

Does our visitor know how precious her gift is to the survival of her kind?

The Monarch Butterfly, an iconic species, has recently been added to the growing list of endangered species. While the Monarch is known to many, it joins the ranks of a plethora of lesser known creatures and plants that are in danger of disappearing.

According to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, our state currently lists over 20 bird species alone that are endangered or threatened. Add to that list 23 insect species, six mammals, eight reptiles/amphibians, 23 fish/mussels/snails, and over 100 plants.

What is the cause of this growing list? The number one reason: loss of habitat.

As human populations increase, so does demand for housing, food, jobs, retail, and entertainment. Land that was



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once prairie, savanna, forest, or wetland, and home to the Ornate Box Turtle, Little Brown Bat, Yellow Throated Warbler, Northern Blue Butterfly, or White

Lady Slipper, is now home to a four-lane highway, a subdivision, a cornfield, a big box store, a parking lot.

Progress we say. Nature's reply has been almost imperceptible. But there are some of us who have heard and lately nature's voice has gotten louder and harder to ignore.

Worldwide, the warmer temperatures, rising sea levels, and more intense weather patterns, including floods and drought, are what many scientists claim are the precursor of what will ultimately add humans to the list of species on the verge of collapse. Additionally, our pollinating species are in major decline which highly impacts the guaranteed availability of much of the food we eat.

The reality of the situation can leave many of us feeling defeated or hopeless.

And yet, there is hope. Us. While the acts of humans have contributed to this scenario, we also are nature's best hope.

Doug Tallamy, author of the book, "Nature's Best Hope," states that our designated park lands are too fragmented to support the diversity that balances our ecosystems. Because 78 percent of land in the U.S. is privately owned, Tallamy is setting forth a call-to-action he calls the Home Grown National Park.

This grassroots movement asks homeowners to help regenerate ecological diversity by planting native plants and trees in their own yards, especially species that host caterpillars and bees, essential insects for

pollination and food chains. The result is the creation of new ecological networks that connect and support our native species nationwide.

I live a block south of Main Street in the heart of Stoughton and my efforts to be a part of this movement have already begun. My backyard currently hosts a 200 square foot rain garden full of native plants, as well as numerous young oak trees in various stages of life. According to Tallamy, Oaks are a keystone species that can support up to 2,000+ different species!

However you don't need a garden (or even a yard) to be a part of this movement. The website homegrownnationalpark.org is full of resources to help you know what you can plant in your yard or even pots on your balcony!

Because this movement can't be successful with just a few of us, Sustainable Stoughton, want to help as many members of our community become a part of the Home Grown National Park. We're hosting a book club discussion of Doug Tallamy's, "Nature's Best Hope" at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 5 and we'll be hosting a workshop from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 22 to help you learn about and design your own native plant garden.

Locations for both will be announced soon. If you would like to be a part of the book club, or added to our mailing list, email sustainablestoughton@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook to stay in the know of what we're up to and join us to be a part of this movement.

We are nature's best hope. Let's do this!

Stephanie Shong strives to live in a way that aligns with nature and nurtures our earth. She hopes to inspire others to do the same. She is a board member of Sustainable Stoughton.

Letter to the editor

Wisconsin needs an independent judiciary

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal. . . That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

To protect our democratic system of checks and balances we need an independent judiciary. Four members of the Supreme Court place a premium on politics instead of law. One of those seats is now open in the April 4th election.

The Court's 4-3 conservative bloc just reappointed Attorney Jim Troupis to the Judicial Conduct Advisory Committee. Trump's campaign hired Troupis to oversee ballot recounts in Dane and Milwaukee counties after the 2020 loss, when Troupis "sought to overturn results by throwing out hundreds of thousands of ballots" for fabricated technicalities. Such brazen politicking is not fitting for the court.

Wisconsin needs a new, independent justice, Janet Protasiewicz, to restore balance and

credibility to the Supreme Court.

Former justice Daniel Kelly, also running for the seat, assisted Republicans with their fraudulent elector scheme as a "special counsel" who had "pretty extensive conversations" about the effort, according to the Wisconsin State Journal.

A suit filed against the fraudulent electors charged: counterfeiting of public records, illegally interfering with official procedures, defrauding the public, and engaging in conspiracy. The subversives met in a secure location at the state Capitol "signing phony documents submitted to Congress to overturn Joe Biden's election by casting the state's electoral votes for Donald Trump instead."

Former, disgraced supreme court justice Michael Gableman, also ran a pro-Trump election scam, bilking taxpayers of millions to perpetuate right-wing lies and intimidation about the 2020 election.

The court's right-wing drift has warped its perspective.

Today, six individuals associated with the court—three sitting justices, a renewed appointee, and two former justices—worked to overturn Wisconsin voters to seat Trump on the throne. Voters must condemn these efforts to hijack our judicial system and install one-party control in Wisconsin.

Candidate Kelly also supports another anti-democratic scheme that allows state legislatures to determine presidential elections, instead of voters. With state gerrymandering, one party could lose the vote every year but still run the nation through legislative power—a model for authoritarianism, not majority rule.

Extreme elements have permeated Wisconsin's court for too long. It's a national embarrassment. This April, voters must support independent justice, Janet Protasiewicz, to restore balance and credibility to our judicial system.

**Jeffrey Leverich
Stoughton**

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Girls basketball



Photo by Jack Miller

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

Reott earns honors on Badger East's top team

Senior guard led Stoughton in both points and rebounds this season

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

Senior guard Maddie Reott was selected to the Badger East's first team during the recently revealed all-conference voting.

Reott led the Vikings in scoring with 13.5 points per game – good for second best in the Badger East – and rebounds with 5.3. The 5-foot-9 guard also added 2.1 assists per

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Badger East First Team

Name	School	Position	Year
Gabby Wilke	Beaver Dam	F	Jr.
Bella Oestreicher	Beaver Dam	G	Sr.
Rylan Oberg	DeForest	G	Jr.
Jaelyn Derlein	DeForest	G	Sr.
Abbey Inda	Monona Grove	G	Jr.
Brooklyn Tortorice	Monona Grove	G	Jr.
Maddie Reott	Stoughton	G	Sr.
Ellie Demet	Watertown	G	Jr.
Drew Hinrichs	Watertown	G	Jr.
Claire Medut	Waunakee	G	Jr.

Boys basketball

Spartans hold off Vikings



Photo by Eddie Brognano

Junior Sawyer Schipper shoots a 3 during the Vikings' 74-66 WIAA Division 2 sectional semifinal loss on Thursday, March 9, at Oregon High School.

Stoughton overcomes early deficits, but McFarland hangs on to win sectional semifinal

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

The Stoughton boys basketball team rallied from a couple early deficits, but ultimately lost a WIAA Division 2 sectional semifinal to McFarland 74-66 on Thursday, March 9, at Oregon High School.

The top-seeded Spartans raced out to a 9-0 lead before the second-seeded Vikings answered with an 8-0 run to trim their deficit down to one point.

"We tell the kids the first three minutes of the game is always a mess," Stoughton head coach Nolan Weber said. "Could be up 9-0, could be down 9-0. Eventually the game – especially between two fairly even teams – is going to settle in."

McFarland grew its lead to as much as 28-16 with under seven minutes left

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Fernholz lands Player of Year honors in Badger East

Junior guard was guard was unanimous first-team selection

BY JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

Junior guard Ty Fernholz was a unanimous first-team selection in the Badger East along with being named the conference's Player of the Year.

Fernholz led the Badger East in scoring with 20.7 points per game to go along with 5 rebounds and 4.4 assists per game. He knocked down 111 3-pointers on the season on a 45.1% clip.

Fernholz scored in double digits in 26 of 27 games. He scored 20 points or more in 13 games this season – including

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Photo by Jack Miller

Stoughton's Ty Fernholz gets by a defender during the Vikings' 68-56 Badger East win over DeForest on Tuesday, Jan. 31, at Stoughton High School.

Wrestling

Soderbloom, Empey earn spots on conference's first team

Photo by Jack Miller

Stoughton's Ethan Soderbloom wrestles Verona's Bryson Kundinger in a 152 semifinal during a WIAA Division 1 regional on Saturday, Feb. 11, at Sun Prairie East High School.



Stoughton gets five wrestlers selected to Badger East all-conference teams

BY JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

The Stoughton wrestling team had a pair of first-team Badger East selections to go along with a trio of second teamers.

Junior Ethan Soderbloom and senior Griffin Empey were both named to the conference's first team at 152 and 285 pounds, respectively.

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Badger East First Team

Name	School	Class
Mason Spear	Waunakee	106
Madi Peach	Milton	113
Aiden Slama	Milton	120
Matt Haldiman	Milton	126
Tyson Peach	Milton	132
Gabe Guralski	Waunakee	138
Royce Nilo	Milton	145
Ethan Soderbloom	Stoughton	152
Gavin Vitense	Beaver Dam	160
Aiden Worden	Fort Atkinson	170
Braden Holleman	Watertown	182
Owen Sjoberg	Watertown	195
Aeoden Sinclair	Milton	220
Griffin Empey	Stoughton	285

Girls hockey

Gruner garners honorable mention all-conference

Senior racked up over 1,000 saves

BY MARK NESBITT
Sports editor

Stoughton senior goaltender Aven Gruner received honorable mention Badger All-Conference honors recently.

Gruner led the state in the regular season with 1,054 saves and she had a .915

save percentage. She posted one shutout and the Icebergs girls hockey co-op finished the regular season 4-18 and sixth in the conference with a 4-12 mark.

The Madison Metro Lynx – a state qualifier for the third time in four years – rolled to a conference championship with a 12-0 record.

The Icebergs lost to Rock County 2-1 in a regional. Gruner saved 61 of the 63 shots she faced.

Boys hockey

Huston receives honorable mention all-conference nod

BY MARK NESBITT
Sports editor

Stoughton senior Brenden Huston was named honorable mention Badger East All-Conference in the recently revealed all-conference voting.

Huston was second on the Vikings with 18 points this season. He scored a team-high 11 goals and had seven assists.

Stoughton finished the season 4-17 and fifth in the conference with a 3-9 record. The Vikings lost a WIAA Division

2 regional game to St. Mary's Springs 13-1. Oregon went on to beat St. Mary's Springs 1-0 in a sectional championship to advance to the state tournament.

Huston had a stretch where he scored at least one goal in three of four games this season. The Vikings swept the season series from DeForest and split two games with Milton. Huston scored two goals and had four assists in two games against Milton this season.

Waunakee and Beaver Dam both went 11-1 to earn a conference co-championship.

Wrestling: Milton gets six on Badger East's first team

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Soderbloom was a regional champion, while Empey captured conference, regional and sectional titles. He also advanced to his third straight state final at heavyweight.

Senior Chance Suddeth (132), as well as juniors Cole Sarbacher (145) and Beckett Spilde (220) were both second-team selections.

All three wrestlers advanced to the state

tournament and found the podium. Suddeth finished fourth at 132, while Sarbacher and Spilde both took sixth in their respective weight classes.

The Badger East Conference Wrestler of the Year went to Milton's Aeden Sinclair – who captured the state title at 220 pounds this season. The conference's Coach of the Year went to Beaver Dam's Tim Winker.

Reott: Meudt, Wilke share Player of the Year honors

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game. Reott scored 20 or more points six times and had a season-high 27 points during a win over Milton.

Stoughton sophomore wing Ella Hamacher earned an honorable-mention nod. Hamacher was second on the team in scoring with 8.7 points per game. She scored 19 points twice this season and had 11 games scoring in double figures.

Waunakee junior guard Claire Meudt and Beaver Dam junior wing Gabby Wilke shared Badger East Player of the Year honors. Meudt led the conference in scoring with 17.6 points per game.

Beaver Dam and Monona Grove both finished 14-1 in the Badger East standings. Stoughton ended its season 6-9 in conference contests.



Photo by Eddie Brognano

Stoughton senior Michael Turner corners McFarland senior Evan Dean during the Vikings' 74-66 WIAA Division 2 sectional semifinal loss on Thursday, March 9, at Oregon High School.

Sectionals: Vikings set to bring back four starters

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Stoughton sophomore forward Carter Sullivan cut the Spartan lead down to 28-21.

Stoughton capped off a 14-2 run when senior guard Mason Marggi knocked down a 3-pointer to deadlock the game at 30-30.

McFarland took a 35-32 lead into the locker room.

Stoughton grabbed its first lead of the game at 46-43 when freshman guard Jacob Hibner knocked down a deep 3-pointer with 13:18 left in the game.

The Spartans reeled off a 9-0 run to take a 52-46 advantage and never gave up the lead from there. Stoughton got it down to two possessions at 72-66 with 45 seconds left. Some stout Spartan defense forced the Vikings' to run 20 seconds off the clock before blocking a shot attempt and grabbing the rebound to all but seal the win with 25 seconds left.

"Every time we made a little run or we started to put things together a little bit, they did what they needed to make a push or stay in the lead," Weber said. "It was hard for our kids to get over the hump against a good team with a lot of seniors."

Junior guard Sawyer Schipper led Stoughton with 20 points. Fellow junior guard Ty Fernholz netted 15 points to go along with five rebounds and six assists.

Sullivan also added 15 points. Marggi scored six points.

"Carter had some success scoring close to the rim, where he's good," Weber said.

McFarland senior forward Aidan Chislom scored 22 points to go along with 14 rebounds and five assists. McFarland senior guard Deven Kulp also scored 22 points. He added four rebounds and five assists.

Stoughton is set to return four of its five starters with Fernholz,



Photo by Eddie Brognano

Stoughton junior Ty Fernholz takes a shot during the Vikings' 74-66 WIAA Division 2 sectional semifinal loss on Thursday, March 9, at Oregon High School.

Schipper, Sullivan and sophomore wing Jay Johnson. Of the nine players who played for the Vikings on Thursday, seven are set to return next season.

"What we bring back next year is about as much talent, experience and toughness as we've probably brought back from one year to the next in my time here," Weber said.

Stoughton graduates Marggi, as well as senior forwards Michael Turner and Braylon Kane.

"Mason Marggi – as far as his growth and his maturity from his freshman year to where he was as a junior and senior is amazing," Weber said. "Just a great kid who did what we asked him to do. Never tried to

do too much." Turner overcame a pair of ACL injuries to play his senior season.

"We told him after the game we were just happy we got to coach him," Weber said. "We didn't know if we were ever going to actually coach him in a game situation."

Added Weber on Kane: "He cared probably as much as anybody on our team. He just really cared about the team."

Stoughton ends its season with a 19-8 record.

"Just really love this group," Weber said. "They listened and carried out the things we asked them to do as well as any group that I have had."

Fernholz: Marggi earns spot on honorable mentions lineup

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breaking the 30-point mark three times.

Fellow junior guard Sawyer Schipper joined Fernholz on the first team. Schipper was second on Stoughton in scoring with 14.2 points per game. He scored 20 or more points in six games, with three of those games coming in the postseason.

Senior guard Mason Marggi

earned an honorable-mention nod. Marggi netted a season-high 20 points in a win over Milton.

Stoughton lost in the Badger East Conference championship to Waunakee. The Warriors completed a perfect conference season with a 14-0 record. Stoughton ended its season at 10-4 in the conference standings.

Badger East First Team

Name	School	Position	Year
Ayden Goll	Milton	G	Jr.
Ty Fernholz	Stoughton	G	Jr.
Sawyer Schipper	Stoughton	G	Jr.
Keatson Frisch	Waunakee	G	Jr.
Jake Bova	Waunakee	G	Jr.

Boys basketball



Photo by Bob Christofferson

The Stoughton boys basketball team won a Division 2 regional title this season after a 71-69 win over Mount Horeb on Saturday, March 4, at Stoughton High School. The Vikings went on to lose to McFarland in a sectional semifinal. Stoughton is set to graduate three players from its regional championship team – Mason Marggi (4), Michael Turner (behind, right of Marggi) and Braylon Kane (11).

‘Scouting for Food’ collects more than 4,000 pounds of donations



Photos submitted

Last weekend, Cub Scouts and Scouts B.S.A picked up food for their annual Scouting for Food event, as the two-weekend effort resulted in over 4,100 lbs of food donated to the Stoughton Food Pantry, thanks to the volunteers at the Stoughton Food Pantry and the donations that will help many neighbors.



Town of Rutland candidate questionnaires

ALISYN AMANT
Staff Reporter

On Tuesday, April 4, Rutland voters will elect a new town chairperson and two supervisors.

Incumbent Deana Zentner and Kent Knutson contend for the position of chairperson. Incumbent Susan Williams, James

Town Chairperson - Deana Zentner

Biographical Information

Age: 39 and holding

Years in Rutland: 21

Education: 5 years of professional training in local government; BS UW-Madison



Zentner

Employer/job title: Retired/Elementary Education

Political experience: 3 years Town of Rutland Supervisor, 2 years Town of Rutland Chairperson, Past Member Oregon Area Senior Center Municipal Committee (4 years), Current Commission Member Oregon Area Fire/EMS District (3 years), Current Member Town of Rutland Collection Center Committee (1 year), Current Member Town of Rutland Grant Writing Committee, Current Member Oregon Area Fire/EMS Grant Writing Committee, Past Chairperson Town of Rutland Website Committee

Notable affiliations: Current Member Dane County Broadband Task Force, Current Member Dane County Regional Housing Strategy, Current Member DSPS – State Auctioneer Board, Past Board member Oregon Area Historical Society, Community presentations through the Oregon Library

Essay Questions

Why are you running for office? While serving as the Chair and Supervisor positions on the Board, I have learned the strengths and weaknesses of the Town's operations. The most pressing issue is the need to bring our town residents much more into the overall process through regular "listening sessions," to discuss what is important to them, in addition to the "pressing issues of the day." Listening Sessions will allow the Town to better identify key issues and perspectives such that we can better resolve disagreements, set priorities, and improve the internal operational processes. We need to take advantage of residents' skill sets and interest when staffing task forces to assist the Board in the decision making process. I would like to continue to provide the leadership to create an environment where our residents... can help formulate priorities that best serve the taxpayers who pay for our services. This approach will allow ALL residents input across the ENTIRE Town

Dorn and Norman Arendt are running for supervisor positions, with only two seats open.

The Oregon Observer and Stoughton Courier-Hub sent questionnaires to all candidates. They were asked to limit their answers to around 150 words. Responses may have been trimmed to meet word requirements.

of Rutland's geographical boundaries.

What makes you qualified to lead the Rutland Town Board? In-depth, 5-year successful learning experience including: complete participation in government classes, workshops, seminars and conventions. Experience in day to day operations. Familiar with policy, ordinances and statutes. Developed and maintained a trusting working relationship with many neighboring municipal leaders and worked with shared services.

What is the most pressing issue Rutland faces in the next few years? The day to day much needed improvement is "Community Building," meaning bringing our residents together to respect and appreciate differences of opinions, choices, needs and lifestyles. I am planning to create "Listening Sessions" outside of formal board meetings where residents can discuss and get to know one another in a comfortable, informal setting. All information would then be shared with the board and/or committees. We may start with a small group of attendees and grow, through what we learn, to attract additional residents. This may include expanded venues to increase involvement, such as an expanded Town's website or other technology solutions. Our Comprehensive Plan renewal is due in 2024; residents will work together with compromise and total community consideration so we can meet the needs of Rutland residents.

The potential quarry expansion in Rutland has caused significant debate and tension throughout the community. How should the Rutland Board handle such disagreements moving forward? The quarry expansion has caused increasing resident discord since March of 2020. There have been 3 separate and independent Conditional Use Permit Applications considered. Many residents do not understand (through no fault of their own) how ACT67 changed the legal way Conditional Use Permits must be evaluated. I believe lack of understanding exacerbated the confusion and conflict. I will incorporate specific education into the process. We need to work with Dane County Zoning to review and eliminate the lack of clarity and measurability of the criteria (requiring resident input for usability) in the overall approval process. Thus Rutland will soon be offering a Conditional Use Permit Program presented by Dane County Zoning.

What sets you apart from your opponent? Experience. Government education. Established working relationships with neighboring municipalities. Commitment to important committees that affect us all. Endorsements from many government officials. Most importantly, a developed platform for ALL Residents moving forward.

DOT resources to help apply for infrastructure funding

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) has announced online resources to help local communities compete for federal grants under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). WisDOT's new Summary Guide of Discretionary Grants, Letter of Support request form, and other items help guide local governments through the grant application process so they can take full advantage of this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to improve infrastructure across Wisconsin through federal funding.

"Grants are available to fund everything from building safer streets to reducing traffic congestion to improving school bus fleets to recycling electric vehicle batteries," WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson said. "These grants cover a wide range of transportation modes and activities, so it pays for communities and institutions to find out if they're eligible for these programs."

While much of the BIL funding Wisconsin receives is administered by WisDOT, other programs, known as discretionary grants, must be applied for directly through the federal government by local governments and other institutions. The path to accessing federal funding includes finding open grants, determining qualifications, gathering required documentation, and meeting deadlines. WisDOT collected all of these resources into one succinct site to help navigate this competitive grant process: wisconsindot.gov/discretionarygrants.

Identifying and accessing discretionary grant

WisDOT's experts curated key information and compiled direct links to the most valuable resources to identify funding opportunities for local entities. This Summary Guide of BIL

Town Chairperson - Kent Knutson

Biographical Information

Age: NA

Years in Rutland: 18

Education: Bachelor of Science in Finance

Employer/job title: Financial Advisor with Edward Jones Investments for 30 years in Stoughton, Wisconsin

Political experience: My practical experience in community advocacy includes helping create the Stoughton Area Community Foundation, leadership roles with Stoughton Rotary and Stoughton Hospital, coaching youth sports and volunteering with my church.

Notable affiliations: AAMS Accredited Asset Management Specialist

Essay Questions

Why are you running for office? I'm not running for office just for me. I'm running for all of the residents who want a board who will follow the processes and procedures that citizens had been accustomed to. Residents should be able to ask questions and receive respectful and thoughtful responses. Not everyone may agree with the answers but at least there would be a sense of closure – something that residents have not felt in the Town of Rutland for the past few years. My goal is to get the community more involved and to include all board members in decisions. We have a broad diversity of highly capable and talented people in our township and one of my strengths is bringing people together. I've used my leadership skills in my professional life for many years and now I'd like to bring that experience to help the Town.

What makes you qualified to lead the Rutland Town Board? I have 30 years of experience working with hundreds of clients throughout Rutland, Stoughton and neighboring communities - helping them plan their futures, set goals, and achieve financial stability. I'd like to do the same for the Town of Rutland as Chair. With a long history of community service, I helped establish the Stoughton Area Community Foundation and have held leadership roles in Stoughton Rotary, the Stoughton Hospital Board, and other organizations. The rapport I have with people is far reaching and I think the residents will experience a more welcoming approach when I'm Chair. I've lived here since 2005 and am committed to working for the common good of the people in this community.

What is the most pressing issue Rutland faces in the next few years? Road safety and road maintenance are issues that concern a large number of residents. Fast internet and the replacement of our

aging town hall are also pressing issues. Residents should know that our town received funding over a year ago for high speed internet and yet no information has been announced about results. Our town hall is at the end of its lifespan. We need a practical solution for town employees who currently have to work at home – and for board members and residents who attend meetings/elections in this building. Current Board members Sue Williams and Mark Porter have done terrific work on potential options for a new Hall; I'm confident that residents will hear good news on that in the future. I feel that it is vital to have the citizens voice their opinion early in this process and suggest ideas in such an important matter. Resident participation is essential.

The potential quarry expansion in Rutland has caused significant debate and tension throughout the community. How should the Rutland Board handle such disagreements moving forward? Debate over quarries reveals something important about Rutland, and about Dane County. It's becoming increasingly residential which creates tension with land uses that are not compatible with family homes. Residents here enjoy living in proximity to farming, animals, and the landscape of open spaces. We depend on the Town's Comprehensive Plan to preserve the things we value, and we need to make sure it has resident consensus. This document guides the Town in making recommendations to the County, and conflicts over land use will always occur. A lot can be done to make difficult land uses more palatable to residents, and one of my strengths is engaging people in a constructive approach. But this has to happen at the Town level. Our current Chair did not honor her responsibility to represent residents in this way, and it has created an antagonistic relationship with residents. I pledge to fulfill my duties with fairness and impartiality and to address every issue that comes before me as an elected official.

What sets you apart from your opponent? The genuine relationships that I have formed with my Rutland neighbors speaks volumes. My skills as a proven leader and my years of experience will help me to guide the town board and planning commission to follow the comprehensive plan, laws, ordinances, policies, and standards that have been agreed upon. Conversations I've had with previous board members and Chairs revealed how the town's comprehensive plan was used as their guide. I value the voices of my Rutland neighbors – all of them – and will listen with patience and an open mind. Cindy Thompson, the director of the Stoughton Area Resource Team, described me as "A can-do person who makes the vision happen, and a passionate person who inspires other people to keep the vision alive and moving forward." My plan is to bring this positive approach to the Town Board and to residents of Rutland. I would appreciate your vote on April 4.

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Discretionary Grants includes information on the federal agency offering the grant, who is eligible, the overall amount available nationwide, and when applications are due.

Assistance through Letters of Support

A strong grant application shows backing from stakeholders as demonstrated by a breadth of Letters of Support from community groups, elected officials and other organizations. WisDOT's website provides a sample Letter of Support and a template for this important supplement to a USDOT Federal Grant application.

Other services Timing is another critical factor. With Federal grants rapidly becoming available, WisDOT has developed an At-A-Glance calendar to show the cadence of past

and current releases. This tool can help communities' grant developers anticipate grant releases to ensure their project is ready and the necessary documentation is prepared to meet Federal deadlines. This calendar is now also on the website.

These discretionary grants are highly competitive against projects in communities across the country and are awarded based on qualifications and merit. The applications are submitted to the specific federal agency offering the grant via grants.gov.

In addition, WisDOT's streamlined main BIL webpage (wisconsindot.gov/BIL) has tips for communities on the application process and links to federal resources available through other programs.

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Candidates: Incumbent, two challengers running for supervisor position

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Town Supervisor - Susan Williams

Biographical Information

Age: 63
Years in Rutland: 28



Williams

Education: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education from Hope College and Graduate Level Courses towards a Masters Degree in Physical Education: Motor Development from University of Wisconsin Madison (studied)

Employer/job title:

Retired as Assistant Chief of Police after 31 years with the City of Madison Police Department

Political experience: 2 years, Town of Rutland Supervisor

Notable affiliations: Board member of the Madison Community Policing Foundation, Instructor for Dogs Best Friend Training, Instructor for Busy Dog Training, Lead Driver Instructor for Oscar Mayer Wiernmobile

Essay Questions

Why are you running for office? I am running for Town of Rutland Supervisor because I just finished my first term in this position and have found the work very important and rewarding yet there is much more to be done. The Town will be working on several important topics in the coming years; a new Comprehensive Plan, possibly building a new town hall, looking for ways to save money through collaborative efforts and improve our tax base. I want to be part of this future work. I have gotten to know many of the residents that call Rutland their home and see how they truly care about this township. I too care about what happens here and want to help navigate through the good and tough times ahead. I believe I offer the Town someone who is dedicated to the position, comes prepared thoroughly, and brings issues forward in an unbiased fashion.

What makes you qualified to serve on the Rutland Town Board? I think I have been very successful during my first two years on the Board. Many of the skills I obtained while employed with the Madison Police Department has assisted me in this position. I believe I am an excellent active listener and understand the importance of giving people a chance to be heard. I believe I can be a calming influence when situations get heated and understand the nuances of conflict resolution. I believe my experience in creating budgets, writing policies/procedures and my oversight of hiring processes has been extremely useful during these past two years. My entire

professional career was involved in serving my community. I look forward to continuing this in a second term as a Supervisor for the Town of Rutland.

What is the most pressing issue Rutland faces in the next few years? There are several significant issues facing the Town of Rutland in the next couple years, such as road safety, road maintenance and repair, lack of broadband access, tight budgets, and the need for something to be done with the current town hall; either remodel or build new. But I think the biggest issue facing the Town is the completion of our new Comprehensive Plan. This plan will be the road map from which all decisions will be made. It will take a lot of time, work, and community involvement for it to be a document that everyone will have trust and faith in. I am committed to putting that necessary effort into this project.

The potential quarry expansion in Rutland has caused significant debate and tension throughout the community. How should the Rutland Board handle such disagreements moving forward? There will always be two sides to any big issue. Community members want a chance to provide input and to be heard before decisions are made. It is extremely important that all community members be treated the same and with dignity and respect regardless of their position on an issue. If members of the Board are not consistent with all community members, distrust in the local government occurs. I have worked hard to allow for all community members to provide input, on any issue desired, at every Board meeting. I will continue to advocate for the training of Board members that the community can also attend, so there is better understanding of the rules and processes that need to be followed. A respectful atmosphere during meetings is accomplished through the Board modeling proper behavior, even when the public becomes passionate about an issue. This requires leadership and active listening skills, which I feel I possess.

What sets you apart from your opponents? I have performed the job of Supervisor successfully these last two years. I have been an active member of the Board, and have made myself available to the community for whom I serve. I have tried to be a balanced, calming influence and come prepared to discuss all topics that are presented to the Board. I listen attentively and participate when appropriate. I am comfortable taking the lead on projects as well as being more of an assistant. I know how to take control of a situation when necessary all while being fair. I am not afraid to ask hard questions and believe in the importance of considering all sides of an issue. I will continue to base my decisions on what I believe is in the best interest of the Town of Rutland. I would be honored to represent the Town of Rutland community for another two years and ask for your vote on April 4.

Town Supervisor - James Dorn

Biographical Information

Age: 70
Years in Rutland: 39



Dorn

Education: 12 plus 4 year State of WI Maintenance Mechanic Apprenticeship, along with many extra Electrical and Computer courses

Employer/job title: Retired

Political experience: Member of Rutland Collection Center Committee. Regularly attend Rutland Board meetings and their Budget meetings.

Notable affiliations: Many of my youth years I was a member of 4H. 4 years in FFA. Many years of Coaching Youth Soccer and some Youth Basketball. Over 40 years of "Work Related" Safety

Committee Member.

Essay Questions

Why are you running for office? To hopefully improve Communications with the Town Board and All the Residents Of Rutland.

What makes you qualified to serve on the Rutland Town Board? Over 20 years of Supervisory Employment. Employment Budget planning and operating within the Budget. Regular attendance at Rutland Board and Budget meetings.

What is the most pressing issue Rutland faces in the next few years? Relevant Resident/Citizen input for Major Issues for Board Decisions.

The potential quarry expansion in Rutland has caused significant debate and tension throughout the community. How should the Rutland Board handle such disagreements moving forward? The Process needs to be reviewed for improved future resolutions.

What sets you apart from your opponents? Focus on what is good for the entire Town of Rutland.

Town Supervisor - Norman Arendt

Biographical Information

Age: 76
Years in Rutland: 5 years

Education: BS mathematics, geology and English, PhD Safety Engineering

Employer/job title: Retired. Formerly worked for SEH Inc. a full service consulting engineering firm, prior to that with Mead and Hunt and WISDOT. I was a volunteer firefighter and officer for the Shorewood Hills Fire Department and the Middleton Fire District.

Political experience: Former Dane County Board Supervisor and Village of Shorewood Hills Trustee, previously active in several political campaigns

Notable affiliations: Board of Directors/Executive Committee for the following: American Society of Safety Professionals, American Society of Industrial Security, Wisconsin Society of Professional Engineers, Technical Club of Greater Madison, Winnequah Junior Rifle Team. Volunteer with FEMA as a grant application reviewer. Serve on the Joint Fire Board for the Oregon Fire District. Other affiliations include: Infragard Wisconsin, International Society of Fire Service Instructors, International Association of Arson Investigators, National Fire Protection Association, Association of Fire Ecologists, Wildland Firefighters Association. Serve on the Engineering Mathematics and Science board at UW Platteville, and served on the Center for Human Performance and Risk Analysis at UW Madison Engineering Center. I currently serve on the Collection Center Committee and grants committee for the Town of Rutland. Retired as an OSHA/MSHA Authorized Outreach Trainer.

Essay Questions

Why are you running for office? I enjoy giving back to the community in the committees I currently serve on and wish to expand that since with my experience in County and Village government there are many fields that I have extensive experience in and could assist the Township further. These include my experience in highways design, waste systems, town building design, operational and location studies, as well as my experience with the fire services. I have been involved in public office for many years with the Dane County Board and the Village of Shorewood Hills board as well as local committees such as the Collection Center and Dane County Housing Strategy Taskforce.

What makes you qualified to serve on the Rutland Town Board? I have

served in similar positions and possess the skills necessary to be successful. As an outreach trainer I have had to utilize my teaching skills and customer service capabilities that are essential in a community such as Rutland. I serve on the Dane County Housing Strategy Task Force right now and that is an issue that will be coming to Rutland in the near future.

What is the most pressing issue Rutland faces in the next few years? That is an interesting question as what is pressing for one person may not be pressing for the town as a whole. The updating of the collection center and the recycling ordinance needs to be completed this year. Along with this may go several issues of the future of trash/recycling collection in the township. There is currently discussion of roadway speeds so that will most likely be an issue and with my time working at Wis DOT my experience would be a benefit for that issue. There will be the coming issue throughout Dane County of affordable housing. Although the Town currently prohibits multi-family housing it appears to some degree that Dane County will be pressing all the towns to change their stance and provide some type of incentives for affordable housing. With my work on the strategy taskforce in housing this will be an added benefit to the Town with my experience.

The potential quarry expansion in Rutland has caused significant debate and tension throughout the community. How should the Rutland Board handle such disagreements moving forward? Government needs to be transparent. What is perception by some is not necessarily reality with others on an issue. There needs to be clear communications and all residents deserve to be heard. When you are elected to office you are elected to do what is best for the town which may conflict with your own personal views and at the same time preserve the rights of the residents. Sometimes it is a hard position to be in. A supervisor needs to stick to the facts and not get into disagreements with residents. Supervisors need to explain their positions by sticking to the facts of the issue before them. Their position may not be popular but if it is communicated with facts and not emotions it should be understood.

What sets you apart from your opponents? Experience sets me apart. I have been active in government at various levels and still am active with organizations that participate at the various levels of government. This provides me with contacts and experience that others do not possess. I consider myself a consensus-builder who listens to other points of view, and more often than not I have helped forge compromises, even if it has meant stepping back from my own original positions.



STOUGHTON HISTORY

March

115 years ago - 1908

• The new high school building, which has just been completed at the cost of \$61,000, was formally opened and dedicated on Friday last, the exercises lasting throughout the afternoon and evening of that day. It is estimated that more than 1,000 of our citizens were present and made an inspection tour throughout the beautiful house of learning. There are eight recitation rooms that will seat 30 students each. The gymnasium, 77x48, is located in the basement. The building is amply supplied with cloak rooms, toilet rooms, bath rooms, rest rooms, and two laboratories, with lecture room, manual training room, etc. A huge ventilating fan forces fresh air to every part of the building. The place is heated by steam heat from the waterworks station.

• They tell us prohibition is coming, that there is a tidal wave rolling up from the south which is certain to strike this state within two years and sweep every saloon into the Arctic Circle, where there is nothing but Esquimaux and icebergs

• The new free public library was dedicated last Friday with appropriate exercises, with a good percentage of our citizens in attendance. A reception was held at the building in the afternoon and a 15 cent lunch served. The new library was donated to the city by Andrew Carnegie, the amount donated being \$13,000. The city paid \$4,000 for the corner lot on Main Street where the building is located. It is a pretty little building of one story and very conveniently arranged for the purpose intended. Shelving on the main floor is arranged for a capacity of 10,000 volumes. The room is finished in mission oak. The basement contains a furnace for steam heating, a lecture room, work room and reading and smoking room. Fred Hill was the contractor who erected

the building and well did he do his work well. The city must levy a tax of \$1,3000 annually to maintain the Free Public Library.

50 years ago - 1973

• James and Kathryn Anderson will reign as king and queen of the 1973 Syttende Mai celebration.

• The figures at the end of last month showed that food prices have risen over 20 percent in but a year's time.

• On Saturday, Stoughton residents saw something new in their neighborhoods as the U.S. Postal Service's new delivery trucks went into operation. With the addition of the trucks, carriers will be able to deliver both letters and packages.

• With spring just a few days away, Stoughton's FFA chapter has announced plans to develop an arboretum and orchard on 2.2 acres of land overlooking Stoughton High School on a hillside just north of the football field.

• Periodically over the years there has been much discussion by the Stoughton school board about the question of an indoor swimming pool. Monday night the subject arose again.

• One of the problems causing headaches at the high school is the tossing of beer cans and trash all over the property, especially in the parking lot.

25 years ago - 1998

• Updated open enrollment figures indicate the parents of 38 youngsters from the Stoughton school district have applied to attend school in neighboring districts, while the parents of nine children from outside Stoughton, port who are in the process of moving out, have applied to attend school here. Stoughton Supt. Elgie Noble said although the number of students wishing to leave the district is higher than he anticipated, he is not alarmed because the vast majority of

those applying to leave live on the edge of the district and their motivation appears to be related to convenience rather than to concerns over the quality of education here.

• Two Wisconsin school district administrators are finalists for the position of superintendent of the Stoughton Area School District. They are: Mel Lightner, the superintendent of the Kimberly School District, and Myron Palomba, the assistant superintendent of the Jefferson School District.

• Should the Stoughton Area School District provide full day kindergarten? Don't expect full day kindergarten to be offered in the near future, but district officials are exploring the possibility of implementing it down the road. The district is welcoming input from parents and taxpayers on full day kindergarten and parents who register children during Stoughton's kindergarten registration week may be surveyed for their views.

• Myron Palomba, assistant superintendent of the Jefferson school district, will be the next superintendent of Stoughton's public schools. Palomba, 44, has been selected by the Stoughton Board of Education to succeed current Supt. Elgie Noble, who is retiring June 30.

• It was a moment to savor. There were hugs, tears and exultations. Rock music blared and hundreds of people milled about on the Stoughton High School gym floor, soaking in the sweetness of a dream come true. Nobody wanted to leave, and who could blame them? The Stoughton High School girls basketball team had just earned its first trip to the WIAA State Tournament.

• Elvin "Sonny" Swangst has declared himself a write-in candidate for the Stoughton mayoral election April 7. Swangstu, a self-employed carpenter and farmer owner of Sonny's Bar, said he filed his candidacy

Monday because he doesn't think the position should go unopposed. The only candidate to file for the mayor's race prior to the formal filing deadline was Bob Barnett, a Stoughton alderman. Mayor Helen Johnson is not seeking re-election; instead she is running for county board.

10 years ago - 2013

• The Common Council voted last week to accept a study finding many downtown properties qualify for the state's definition of "blighted." The council voted 10-1 - with council president Eric Hohol (Dist. 4) casting the lone dissenting vote - to declare Redevelopment Area No. 2 - which covers most of downtown Stoughton - a blighted area. The vote followed the Redevelopment Authority's recommendation and was a necessary step in expanding the RDA's authority over a larger portion of the downtown. Finishing the process will enable the RDA to administer a revolving loan fund that will give downtown businesses and property owners an opportunity for no-interest or low-interest loans to improve their properties.

• Head coach Matt Hockett and the Stoughton boys basketball team celebrated after a 55-51 win over DeForest in the WIAA Division 2 sectional finals. The win clinched a spot in the state tournament for the first time since 1939, and was revenge for last year's defeat to the Nor-skies, who edged Stoughton on a buzzer-beater. This was the third straight year the Vikings were in a sectional final.

• Forty acres of undeveloped land along the Yahara River that the Common Council accepted Tuesday is an ideal place to build recreational trails, says Mayor Donna Olson. "It's a beautiful area out there," she said. "It will make room for a great trail connecting to some of our current biking and hiking trails. The land

is owned by developer Andrew Arnett, who is selling the property to acquire seed money to begin funding a housing development he's planning northwest of the city, near County Hwy. B and U.S. Hwy. 51.

• The Stoughton Area School District would add a school resource officer to its ranks under a broader staffing plan that is expected to return to the school board for a vote on Monday. The same critical staffing plan would also add a new physical education teacher at teh middle school and a new "community information and resource coordinator" but shed more than half-dozen others elsewhere, including a couple through layoffs, as the district continues to weather declining enrollment.

• Wrestling is a family pastime for seventh-grader Corey Suddeth and sixth-grader Hunter Lewis. The two youth wrestlers continue the tradition by not only making the state tournament this weekend but also being selected to compete April 13-14 in the eighth annual Mazovia Cup, a youth freestyle tournament that includes children from around the world, in Warsaw, Poland. "I am really excited," Lewis said. "It is a pretty cool thing that I got to be selected."

• With only a couple exceptions, next Tuesday's election features few contested races for local offices. In the Stoughton Area School District, six candidates will compete April 2 for four seats on the Board of Education. Incumbents Scott Dirks and Donna Tarpinian will each seek a second term. Bev Fergus, who was appointed to the board in January following the resignation of Verlynn Schmale, is also running. They face three newcomers - Wanda Grasse, Francis "Frank" X. Sullivan and Joseph Brent Freye.

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Wisconsin Conservation Congress, DNR open house set for April 3-6

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) and Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invite the public to attend an open house the week of April 3-6 to learn about resource management in their area.

Location details for each county open house are available on the WCC/DNR Open Houses webpage.

DNR staff and WCC delegates will be on hand at these open houses to discuss local issues of importance, answer questions from the public, and open a dialogue between the public, the DNR and the WCC about areas of interest and concern.

The WCC will also hold their delegates' elections at each open house. Two of the five WCC seats will be up for election in each county.

The open houses precede the annual WCC/DNR Spring Hearings. In addition to the opportunity to engage with DNR staff and WCC delegates at these open houses, the public is also invited to

participate in the annual spring hearings the following week that focus on natural resource-related advisory questions and proposed rule changes.

The Spring Hearings will again be held in a virtual format, as has been done since 2020. This year's online questionnaire will be open for input from April 10 at noon through April 13 at noon via the Wisconsin Conservation Congress Spring Hearing webpage.

The Wisconsin Conservation Congress is the only statutory body in the state where the public elects delegates to advise the Natural Resources Board and the DNR on responsibly managing Wisconsin's natural resources for present and future generations. The Congress accomplishes this through open, impartial, broad-ranged actions. Learn more about the WCC and how to become involved in resource management decisions on the Wisconsin Conservation webpage.

- Scott De Laruelle

Nominations open for 2023 Governor's Service Awards

Serve Wisconsin is pleased to open nominations for the 2023 Governor's Service Awards. The award ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 7, at Olbrich Botanical Gardens in Madison.

The Governor's Service Awards honor outstanding national service members, volunteers, and programs. Those honored by these awards will have made significant contributions to Wisconsin through their service, with their generous service impacting the lives of countless Wisconsinites.

Awards will recognize outstanding national service by individuals and programs serving through AmeriCorps and AmeriCorps Seniors and the tremendous impact volunteers make throughout the state by honoring a Volunteer of the Year from each of six Wisconsin regions.

When honoring the recipients of the 2022 Governor's Service Awards, Lt. Governor Mandela Barnes told the 2022 honorees that "all of you demonstrate the importance of service... It was you

all who have been there to lend a helping hand. You may not know it, but you made a difference." Barnes continued by describing the overall importance of service, explaining that "every year, there are countless Wisconsinites and provides instant millions of hours of volunteer service that impacts people in every part of Wisconsin. Service makes a tangible difference in the lives of people all over the state and never more so during the challenges we have recently experienced. I want to express my deep appreciation for the spirit of caring for others and the willingness to make a difference. Especially during the tough times, but most importantly, the work that you'll do in the future, because that is what this is all about."

Nominations for the awards are due on Monday, April 10, with the 2023 nomination form and information on past recipients available on the Serve Wisconsin website at <https://www.servewisconsin.wi.gov/governors-service-awards>.

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Tuning in: WSTO reaching new audiences

Stoughton station recently won pair of media awards

SCOTT DE LARUELLE
Managing editor

At a TV station that got its start when color television was still a novelty, WSTO TV is continuing to evolve in the digital age, increasing its reach to new audiences, and adding new programs in the past few months.

Recently the station launched SmartTV apps for Roku, AppleTV, Fire TV and Android TV as well as Smartphone Apps, and are now also in full high-definition on TDS in addition to the standard definition channel on Spectrum 981. WSTO senior network administrator Derek Westby told the Hub that the station is now available on as many as 10 different platforms, from high-definition HD on TDS and various apps to good old-fashioned analog standard definition on Spectrum.

"It just makes it a lot easier for people to watch us," he said. "To upload to all of the apps is just the click of one button."

And no matter how you choose to watch, there are a few new shows to see. In October, WSTO started "Council Catch-up," hosted by Westby, who interviews Stoughton Mayor Tim Swadley about the previous Council meeting. The idea is to try to encapsulate in 15-20 minutes what happened in what could have been a three-plus-hour meeting on more than a dozen topics.

"The council meetings can be quite long," Westby said. "This is so people can really understand what their government is doing and what it means for them. We shoot it the day after the council meeting, so it's fresh in everyone's minds."

Another show is "Fresh Faces," which features businesses that have started in the area within the past year.

"We decided it would be good to help promote new local businesses - that's when businesses tend to fail, when they are new," he said. "We're planning on it being 10 minutes or less, we can put it in our Apps, put it on Facebook, and also give a file to the businesses so they can post it to their Facebook directly or YouTube or website or whatever they want."

WSTO is also working with the Stoughton Downtown Merchants' Association on "Discover Downtown Stoughton," which will be a monthly, half-hour show highlighting various downtown businesses. Westby, a Stoughton native, said the city's downtown has changed and adapted over the years from shops to restaurants, art galleries and art sales.

"The stores that sold stuff that you could get at Walmart, people were going to Walmart for, but if there's a person who makes handmade baby shoes, you can't get those at Walmart," he said. "There's all this very specialized stuff downtown where you go there for 'that.' That's what's drawing people downtown. Our downtown is a great asset for Stoughton."

Got an idea for a business to feature? Email info@wsto.tv.

Station wins Midwest Media Fest awards

WSTO recently won two Merit Awards out of nearly 200 entries from the "Best of the Midwest Media Fest," hosted by Wisconsin Community Media, for productions created last year. WSTO staff will accept the awards at the Best of the Midwest Media Fest Banquet and Show on May 4 in Madison.

Eligible media included any media producer or community media center in the area covered by Wisconsin Community Media and the Midwest Region of the Alliance for Community Television including Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. Wisconsin Community Media considers a Merit award as a "Bronze" level award with Excellence being "Gold" and Achievement being "Silver."

The first program awarded was one of the many Shop Local Promos created to help draw people to shop in Downtown Stoughton for the holiday season. This program was edited by Derek Westby with camera work by Spencer Meier. This video is available on YouTube as well as all WTSO apps in the Shop Local category.

The second was produced in cooperation with the Stoughton Area School District for Veterans Day 2022. The video was created

to provide Stoughton Area School District Students a glimpse into the stories of Stoughton Area Veterans. Several area veterans were interviewed and collectively told a story. This project was recorded and edited by Spencer Meier with the assistance of SASD's Abbey Sharp, and is available on YouTube as well as on the station's apps.

"This was a very special project and WSTO is very proud of it," read a post on the station's website.



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Stoughton Mayor Tim Swadley sits down with WSTO TV senior network administrator Derek Westby during a recent "Council Catch-Up" show.

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All about WSTO

WSTO TV is operated by the City of Stoughton Information Technology and Media Services Department, providing local content including local government meetings, school concerts and local events. It first went on the air in 1968 and is the oldest continually operating community cable channel in the United States, connecting the community through television and online media to the events in the city.

WSTO TV is a public access media center where citizens can produce their own content for broadcast and web viewing in a state of the art facility, covering a wide range of programming including gavel-to-gavel coverage of Stoughton City Council, Planning Commission and Municipal Court, Stoughton High School events and local events. For more information, visit wsto.tv.

Town of Dunkirk

Dunkirk teams up to protect more riverfront

Town adds 1.64 acres to increase public access to Yahara

A joint effort between the Town of Dunkirk, Groundswell Conservancy and the Dunkirk Dam Lake District will allow more people to safely access the Lower Yahara River for recreation.

According to a March 3 news release from the Dunkirk Dam Lake District, Groundswell Conservancy purchased 1.64 acres south of the Dunkirk Dam adjacent to property owned by the Lake District and to the Town's Charlie H. Lyon Memorial Park. Funding was provided by the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and the Dane County Conservation Fund.

Immediately after the acquisition, Groundswell transferred the parcel to the Town of Dunkirk.

The property had been in the Hansen family since 1945, when Otto Hansen purchased it. His son, Rollin, fished from the property and cleared about an acre of the land for a vegetable garden. The current landowners are third and fourth generations who chose to preserve the property rather than sell it to a developer.

"We want the public to be able to enjoy this land next to the Yahara River for years to come," said Judy Adler, Otto's



Photo submitted

A drone photograph of the Yahara River near the south part of the Dunkirk Dam.

granddaughter. "Public access will enhance the town's park lands."

According to the news release, there is no safe public access for boaters to portage the Dunkirk Dam due to turbulent water immediately below the dam. This acquisition, just below the dam, will allow the public to use canoes and kayaks on this segment of the Yahara Chain Water Trail, while an existing parking lot at the Lyon Memorial Park will connect with the riverside improvements by a planned footpath.

"This purchase makes possible safer and accessible access to the Yahara River, while protecting the fragile shoreline,"

said Laura Davis, Chair of the Dunkirk Dam Lake District. "Right now people who want to fish must access the water on brushy, steep, and sometimes muddy trails. Our plans are to construct a safe, accessible trail that leads to an accessible fishing pier and an accessible boat launch."

According to the news release, a stewardship committee comprising Dunkirk residents and Lake District members will formulate a plan on land use, preservation, and protection with future projects and funding, as river usage in this area is expected to increase with the City of Stoughton's planned River Park just two miles upstream.

Current plans include an

ADA-accessible path, an accessible canoe and kayak put-in/take-out, and an accessible fishing pier. The Lake District is preparing grant applications to state and county DNRs for grant funding to build the facilities. If funded, boat slips and piers will be constructed in 2024.

Dunkirk Town Chair Norm Monsen termed the acquisition "a landmark day for our township."

"We look forward to working with the Lake District to increase and improve public access to our beautiful section of the Yahara River," he said.

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State of Wisconsin

Spreitzer, Jacobson Oregon budget listening session March 21

Senator Mark Spreitzer (D-Beloit, 15th District) and Representative Jenna Jacobson (D-Oregon, 43rd District) will hold a joint listening session from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21 at the Kickback Cafe, 107 S Main St., Oregon, to discuss Wisconsin's 2023-2025 State Budget or any other state issue.

"With a record state surplus, this budget presents a critical opportunity to shape our state's future. We hope that residents will attend these listening sessions to hear about the budget process and share their

If You Go
What: Oregon area budget listening session
When: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 21
Where: Kickback Cafe, 107 S. Main St, Oregon
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thoughts about the Governor's budget proposal," said Sen. Spreitzer.

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St. Ann students collect food for local pantry



Photo submitted

On Wednesday, March 7, the sixth grade students at St Ann Catholic School delivered many boxes of cereal the whole school was collecting for the food pantry at the Stoughton United Methodist Church.

Syttende Mai 2023

Stoughton Chamber seeking Syttende Mai volunteers

Snow may be on the ground, but Syttende Mai is right around the corner. The Stoughton Chamber of Commerce is seeking volunteers to help out during this year's event, set for May 19-21.

For more information on the event, visit stoughtonfestivals.com. For more information on volunteering, visit:

- Syttende Mai Classic: runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/WI/Stoughton/SyttendeMaiRun
- Syttende Mai Booster Buttons: signupgenius.com/go/8050c4ea4ae2daaff2-20231#/
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Obituaries

Lynn A. Howard

**Oct. 28, 1935 –
March 9, 2023**

Lynn A. Howard passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 9, 2023, in his home, with his family, following a brief illness. He's now safe in the arms of Jesus!



Howard

Lynn was born on Oct. 28, 1935, to Albert and Irma (Yater) Howard in Benton, Mich. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1953. Because he was of draft age, no one wanted to hire him out of high school, so he enlisted in the U.S. Army. After his basic training at Fort Knox, Ky., he spent two months in Yokohama, Japan, before first being sent to Pusan, Korea, and then to Inchon where he spent a year and a half. After returning to the

states, he married his high school sweetheart, Donna J. McNees, on Oct. 2, 1955. He finished out his enlistment time serving with the U.S. Navy Seabees in Fort Polk, La. Their first child, Nancy, was born one week after he returned home to Michigan.

His career path after the military began with working as a Telephone Line-man for Michigan Bell

Telephone where he worked for seven years.

During that time, they added two sons, Jim and Bob. Work in Michigan started to slow down, but his brother told him there was lots of work to be had in Wisconsin, so he moved his family to Cambridge, Wis., in 1964. He worked for Wisconsin Telephone Company for the next 35 years, at which time he retired and began his own communications company, Howard Communication (How-Com). He subcontracted work to various phone companies, as well as other customers for another nine years before finally retiring for good.

Lynn loved the Lord! While living in Cambridge, they attended the Willerup Methodist Church.

Over the years, he devoted countless hours to serving. He was an Awana leader for many years. He was also a Deacon at Christ the

King Church in Stoughton. Lynn and Donna loved to travel. They went to Europe for their 25th anniversary and Hawaii for their 50th. Overall, they visited all 50 states and 18 foreign countries.

Lynn was introduced to hunting at age 12 and quickly fell in love with it. He had the good fortune to be able to hunt in nine states plus Canada. He taught his kids how to safely handle guns and taught Hunter's Safety to young people for several years. After the kids graduated from high school, they moved to Stoughton where they lived from 1978 until 2003. Following a two-year RV traveling experience, they moved to Orfordville in 2005.

Lynn loved gardening and raised flowers, berry bushes and fruit trees. Over time he found he needed

something more to fill his days, so he volunteered to be a driver for the DAV (Disabled American Veterans). He drove for them for six years and then started driving for RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). He loved meeting the people he drove for.

Lynn is survived by his loving wife, Donna; daughter, Nancy (Bob) Millar; sons, Jim (Cindy) Howard and Robert Howard; five grandsons, Jason (Sara) Millar, Daniel (Quinn) Millar, Matthew (TaLaryya) Millar, Grayson Howard and Jonathan Howard; four great-grandchildren, Audrey and Tyson Millar, and Sloane and Jase Millar; two sisters, Judith Herman and Betty (Tom) Mueller; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Irma (Yater) Howard; brother, Glenn Howard;

and sister, Barbara Flagel. A funeral service will be held at GUNDERSON STOUGHTON FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 1358 Highway 51 N. @ Jackson St., Stoughton, at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. Burial will be held at Riverside Cemetery. A visitation will be held at the funeral home from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service on Wednesday.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Rock County Chapter 14, P.O. Box 443, Beloit, WI 53512. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Kathleen Gail Brekke

Kathleen Gail Brekke, age 82, died peacefully at home with her loving husband Olaf by her side. Her family surrounded her with love and comfort in her final days. The eldest child of Norma and Malcolm McCulloch, Kathy began her joyful journey on Jan. 17, 1941, in Little Falls, MN. Kathy's formative years were spent in Stoughton, WI, where the value and traditions of her Norwegian heritage were celebrated. She was the loving and proud eldest sibling to sister Connie and brother Mike.



Brekke

and Olaf were married in Stoughton, Wisconsin. They soon moved east for graduate school and Kathy's first teaching position at Chestnut Junior High in Springfield, MA. Kathy was inspired and challenged by this experience, an indelible exposure to the impact of privilege and race in education.

In 1965 they returned to Wisconsin where Kathy taught Home Economics at Woodworth Middle School in Fond du Lac, cultivating

lifelong friends who remain in their lives today. Following the birth of their eldest son Jan in 1967, they sought permanent roots in their hometown, Stoughton and soon after welcomed their daughter, Kirsten. Kathy resumed teaching at Stoughton Middle School and was beloved by her students as a caring, impactful, and dedicated teacher. Once Jan and Kirsten were in middle school, she took on the challenge of completing her master's degree from UW Madison in 1984.

In 2002, the Brekkes were honored as Stoughton royalty, which was fitting given Kathy's contributions to Norwegian traditions, including the Syttende Mai run, bunad fashion show and the baking of countless lefse rounds.

Kathy was a fiery champion of issues including women's rights, climate action and other matters impacting

her communities. She proudly participated in the 1978 ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) march in Washington DC and nearly 40 years later the Women's March in Phoenix. Global initiatives led her to lend hands and heart to the children of St. Gertrude's hospital in Nairobi and the building of a school in rural Mexico.

In retirement, Kathy and Olaf moved to Sun Lakes, Arizona where they fully embraced the desert climate for hiking, tennis, walking and biking. As life partner, Mom, Grandma and friend, Kathy loved hosting family and friends during their 18 years in Arizona.

In 2021, Kathy and Olaf moved to Minnesota to be closer to family, settling into their new home at Folkestone in Wayzata, Minnesota. Kathy truly loved her weekly bridge games, exercise classes, meeting new friends

and the blessing of time and proximity to family. Friends at Folkestone quickly came to know and love her beautiful smile and big heart.

Family, friends and faith centered her life and allowed her to focus on the hopefulness of life rather than the fear of death. Despite multiple open-heart surgeries and related challenges, she lived life with remarkable joy. Her family wishes the world to know the kind of love that shined within and around her.

Preceded in death by brother Mike McCulloch, nephew Nick McCulloch, sisters-in-law Sonja Philpot (Gordon) and Karen Brekke. She is survived by her husband of 60 years Olaf Brekke of Wayzata, MN; sister Connie (David) Jungwirth of Little Pelican MN; sister-in-law Karen McCulloch of Fridley, MN; brother in law Harald (Adil Karimbux) Brekke of

Tucson AZ; son Jan (Sandia)Brekke of Appleton, WI; daughter Kirsten Brekke (Dan) Albright of St. Louis Park MN; grandchildren Jens Albright, Lillie Albright, Kari Brekke & Anders Brekke; nieces Kelly (Bud) Thompson, Sara Philpot, Jennifer (Mike) Sutter, Sara Jungwirth and Brianna Morse.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 am on Thursday, March 23 at Westwood Lutheran Church, 9001 Cedar Lake Rd, St. Louis Park, MN 55426. A lunch will follow the service as Kathy's wishes were to "feed them well".

*In lieu of flowers, donations in her name may be made to Planned Parenthood MN at: <https://www.plannedparenthood.org/get-involved/other-ways-give>
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Obituaries

Ashley Anne Thornton

**Feb. 17, 1992 –
March 3, 2023**



Thornton

Ashley Anne Thornton, age 31, of Evansville, and her unborn daughter, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, March 3, 2023. This spirited young lady was born on Feb. 17, 1992, to Randy and Susan (Taylor) Thornton and was dearly loved from that moment forward. She had a special bond from the beginning with her maternal grandmother who was there for her delivery.

Ashley graduated from Stoughton High School in 2010. She continued her education at Elite Nail School, eventually becoming an instructor there before opening Victory Nail Academy in 2021. If you were lucky enough to know Ashley, you know she had a passion for teaching and fashion. She opened Sculpted Nails by

Ash in Oregon in 2016, Pink Cactus Trading Post in 2021 and was passionate about her leather creations, A.T. Leather Craft. Ashley was an accomplished individual who won several international awards for her nail designs.

Outside of her businesses, Ashley's family was her entire world. In 2017, she became a mom to Randy who she adored and was her precious little man. Together with her loves, Dan and Randy, they made their home in Evansville filled with dogs and chickens. If you knew Ashley,

you knew she loved her animals! She and Dan were over the moon to meet their new baby girl, due in August.

Ashley is survived by her son, Randy Arneson; partner in life, Daniel Arneson; mother, Susan Thornton Horn; brother, Michael Thornton; step-father, William Horn; grandmother, Eddie Seamonson; step-daughters, Hailey and Aubrey Arneson; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and step-siblings. She was preceded in death by her father, Randy Thornton; and step-grandfather, Darrell Seamonson.

A private funeral service will be held. Burial will follow at Lutheran South Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family c/o Gunderson Stoughton Funeral and Cremation Care, 1358 Highway 51, Stoughton, WI 53589.

The family wishes to thank the Oregon Police

Department, Oregon EMS and St. Mary's Hospital for all their efforts to save our sweet Ashley. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

"Ashley, I could not be more proud of you. You were a precious blessing to our family. I thank you for gifting us your son, Randy, who I will continue to cherish. I will miss and love you forever, my sweet Ashley Anne." ~Mom

"Babe, from the first time I saw you, I knew you were the one. I will never forget you and will make sure our son knows just how incredible you were as a mommy and how much you loved him. Till we meet again, Beautiful. I love you the MOSTER-EST. FOREVER." ~ Dan

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**Constance Mae
"Connie" Fellows
(Wheaton)**

**Feb. 2, 1931 -
March 10, 2023**



Fellows

Constance Mae "Connie" (Wheaton) Fellows, age 92, of Stoughton, passed away on Friday, March 10, 2023, at Azura Memory Care. Connie suffered a stroke in December 2016, which was critical in her quality of life. She had another stroke on Feb. 2, 2023 (her 92nd birthday) and was basically "the final straw."

Connie was born on Feb. 2, 1931, in Augusta, Wis., the daughter of Carroll and Theodora (Uren) Wheaton. She lived seven miles out of Fairchild, Wis., in a log cabin her dad built, where he worked for the Conservation Department. She went to school through the 6th grade after which the family moved to Superior, Wis., where she completed junior high school, and later graduated from Stoughton High School in 1948.

Connie went to work at Cuna Credit Union in Madison, and married Curtis Fellows in 1952. They moved to Evansville, where she worked as a dental assistant for five years. She attended Blackhawk Tech in 1972, while working as a nursing assistant at the Rock County Healthcare Center in Janesville, where she worked for 25 years until retiring in 1997. In her free time,

Connie enjoyed bowling, snowmobiling, watching ball games, dancing, going to garage sales, and she loved to cook and bake.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Kay (Larry) Neuenschwander; sister-in-law, Mary Alice

Wheaton; step-grand and great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Carroll Hudson Wheaton and

Theodora Lorraine Wheaton; brother, Dr.

Robert Wheaton; nephew, David Wheaton; and by her little dog "Pooka."

A graveside service was held at ROSELAWN MEMORIAL PARK, 401 Femrite Drive, Monona, on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Visitation was held at GUNDERSON STOUGHTON FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE on Tuesday, March 14, 2023.

Special thanks to the caregivers at Azura and Agrace HospiceCare for their wonderful care and support of Connie. Flowers are welcome, but the family suggests donations be made to the

Dane County Humane Society. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

*God saw her getting tired
So he put his arms
around her
and whispered, "Come
with me"*

*With tearful heart I
watched her fade away.
Although I loved her
dearly,*

*I could not make her stay.
A golden heart stopped
beating.*

*God broke my heart to
prove to me,
He only takes the best.*

*Love you and miss you,
my mother, my friend.
Susan*

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Dr. Daniel J. Benson

Dr. Daniel J. Benson, 90, of Beaver Dam, WI went home to be with his Savior on February 24, 2023. Dan was born in Galena, IL, the youngest son of Tom and Augusta (Grady) Benson. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Korean Conflict and was a lifelong patriot.



Benson

Dan married Virginia (Ginny) Roth in Galena and they moved to Milwaukee where he graduated from Marquette Dental School. Dan & Ginny made their home in Stoughton, WI, where he had a dental

practice. They created a beautiful family life for their 5 children. Dan was a devoted husband and a fun and wise dad. He was an especially gifted mentor to and teacher for his

children, passing on what he knew and learned and encouraging each to follow their own path. He was a member of St. Michael's in Galena, St. Ann's in Stoughton, and St. Katherine's in Beaver Dam. Dan served in the Elks in Galena, Rotary in Stoughton, and as Scoutmaster of St. Ann's Troop 49.

Dan & Ginny spent their retirement in Arkansas where he enjoyed his hobby of repairing and restoring antique furniture. They moved to Beaver Dam in 2020 to be near family. Dan is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Ginny;

children Jeff (Jane) Benson, Green Bay; Lina (Jess) Rooney, Columbus; D.J. (Lisa) Benson, Copperopolis, CA; Andy Lynn Benson, New Franken; and Amy (Chris Roehm) Benson, Forest Grove, OR; and grandchildren Peter, Cherith, Josiah (Kaley) Zanghi; Max, Elizabeth and Katie Benson; Danny and Martalisa Benson.

Private family services are planned. The family thanks Dr. Joel Miller; Bridget Kilbride, PA; ER staff, and the nurses at Marshfield Medical Center who cared for Dan.

Dennis M. "Dino" Bratz

**February 11, 1958 –
March 9, 2023**



Bratz

Dennis M. "Dino" Bratz, age 65, passed away on Thursday, March 9, 2023, at

Agrace HospiceCare in Fitchburg, after a hopeful and exhaustive battle with esophageal cancer.

He was born on Feb. 11, 1958, in Watertown, Wis., the son of Herman Bratz and Helen (Oviatt)

Bratz. Dino graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1976. He married Sherri (Neath) Bratz on Aug. 18,

1984, in Stoughton, Wis.

Dino is survived by his wife, Sherri; two daughters, Tara (James) Robb and Alyson Bratz;

granddaughter, Braelynn Bratz; grandson, Henry Robb; two sisters, Ellen

Bratz (Stoughton) and Lois Thompson (Eagan, Minn.); and his beloved pup, Stella. He was preceded in death by his father, Herman Bratz; and mother, Helen Bratz.

Dino loved and loved fiercely - his family, his friends, bowling, coffee, and grilling. He lived by his own schedule and always added his own flair to things. He had issues with authority figures

but always followed the rules. His unofficial motto was "If some is good, more is better."

We love you. We will miss you. Drive safe.

A visitation will be held at GUNDERSON

STOUGHTON FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 1358 Highway 51 N. at Jackson St., Stoughton, from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023. Memorials may be made to the family.

A celebration of life will be held at Otis Sampson American Legion Post 59, 803 N. Page St.,

Stoughton, on Saturday, May 13, 2023, time TBD.

Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

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Dane County

Candidates' questions available through League of Women Voters

Candidates for the April 4 election have responded to questions from the League of Women Voters of Dane County. Their unedited responses, plus the wording of state, county, city, and school district referendums, are now available to Dane County voters on two websites: Vote411.org and lwvdanecounty.org.

The League of Women Voters of Dane County is making this information available as voters begin to receive their absentee ballots, which are scheduled to be mailed starting March 13. The League encourages voters to start their voting research before casting their ballot so they can be informed and prepared voters.

Madison voters can vote early (in-person absentee voting) beginning Tuesday, March 21, 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 April 4 at myvote.wi.gov. Voters can find information on referendums and candidates for judicial, city, and school

board offices (though not for town and village offices or referendums) based on the voter's address at Vote411.org.

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.

"We understand voters are busy. That's why we strive to provide voters with these easy-to-access resources so they can be fully prepared to cast their ballot," says Wendy Hathaway, Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Dane County.

Stoughton's Arians graduates from South Dakota State

South Dakota State announces Ashley Ann Arians of Stoughton has graduated following the summer and fall 2022 semesters.

Arians graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in SDSU's College of Nursing.

Founded in 1881, South Dakota State University confers degrees from seven different colleges representing more than 200 majors, minors and specializations.

The institution also offers 39 master's degree programs, 16 Ph.D. and two professional programs.

Contact editor Scott De Laruella @sdelaruella@wisconsinmediagroup.com

Johnson makes St. Cloud Technical & Community College President's List

Jeremy Johnson of Stoughton was among the St. Cloud Technical & Community College students who earned academic achievements in the Fall 2022 semester.

They have earned recognition on the President's List for a grade point average of 4.0 or the Dean's list for a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99.

Johnson was named to the President's List.

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The work for which bids are asked includes the following:
•Construction of a new 10-foot wide asphalt Multi-Use Trail.
•Trail Signage, Pedestrian Guard-rail and Boulder Retaining Wall.
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No proposal will be accepted unless accompanied by a certified check or bid bond equal to at least 5% of the amount bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract and bond within 15 days after the award of the contract. BIDDER is required to deliver the original certified check or bid bond within the 72 hours of bid opening to MSA Professional Services, Inc., Attn: Daniel Schmitt, PLA, 1702 Pankratz Street, Madison, WI 53704. The certified check or bid bond will be returned to the bidder as soon as the contract is signed, and if after 15 days the bidder shall fail to do so, the certified check or bid bond shall be forfeited to the OWNER as liquidated damages.

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You must make a request for an absentee ballot in writing or online at MyVote.wi.gov.

Contact your municipal clerk and request that an application for an absentee ballot be sent to you for the primary or election or both. You may also submit a written request in the form of a letter or you may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov. Your written request must list your voting address within the municipality where you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot

should be sent, if different, and your signature. You may make application to your municipal clerk for an absentee ballot in person, by mail, by fax, by email or at MyVote.wi.gov.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail
The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is:

5 pm on the fifth day before the election, March 30, 2023

Note: Special absentee voting application provisions apply to electors who are indefinitely confined to home or a care facility, in the military, hospitalized, or serving as a sequestered juror. If this applies to you, contact the municipal clerk regarding deadlines for requesting and submitting an absentee ballot.

Voting an absentee ballot in person
You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

Kathy Olson, Town of Dunkirk 654 County Highway N, Stoughton WI 53589

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Friday: 9:00AM – 12:00PM

and by appointment only for dates and times other than those specified. Please call (608) 873-9177 to make an appointment.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office:
Tuesday, March 21, 2023

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office:
Friday, March 31, 2023

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election.

The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 4, 2023. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION Stoughton Area School District
BOARD - Regular Meeting (Monday, February 20, 2023)

1. Meeting Opening

A. Call Meeting to Order- The meeting was held virtually for the public and for board members unable to attend in person as allowed per Policy 110.50 Board Meetings Using Technology and Remote Participation in Emergency Situations. Those who could attend in-person met in the Boardroom located at the Administrative & Educational Service Center, 320 North Street, Stoughton, WI 53589. A regular meeting of the Stoughton Area School District Board of Education was called to order on Monday, February 20, 2023, at 6:37 pm by Board President Francis Sullivan in the Boardroom.

B. Roll Call: Tim Bubon, Mia Croyle, Joe Freye, Steve Jackson, Lisa Pugh, Allison Sorg, Holly Tellander, Student Rep - Janae S., President Francis Sullivan. Excused: Jill Patterson.

2. Regular Board Meeting
A. Public Comment - Erlene Bishop Killeen, 804 Berry St, Stoughton - Library Media Specialist

B. Legislative Report - Jackson updated the Board on the latest legislative events.
C. Committee Reports - The Governance committee chair gave a brief recap of meetings that took place since the last board meeting.

D. Student Board Representative Report - Janae reported that SASD has won both the Region V and State Spirit of Excellence Awards from WASC.

3. District Administrator Report - Dr. Koyser's report included updates on WASC Spirit of Excellence & Advisor Awards, National Superintendent's conference, and staffing.

4. Consent Agenda - A motion was made by Sorg seconded by Bubon to approve the February 6, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented, the February 2 through March 7, 2023 check register and February 15, 2023 p-card statement as presented, \$150.00 from Philayne Chose for dancer supplies, \$150.00 from Jill Patterson for a scholarship, \$125.00 from Steve Jackson for a scholarship, \$100.00 from Louisa & Merlin Havlik for meals for students in need, \$5,161.37 from various donors supporting the Gobble Wobble (Chip In for Meals) for meals for students in need, and related cash donation budget adjustments totaling \$5,686.37, and the resignation of Natalia Ergas as submitted. The motion was approved with Jackson abstaining.

5. Discussion
A. Service Delivery - Special Education: Keli Melcher, Director of Student Services gave an overview of philosophy & beliefs, the special education process, self-assessment results, staffing & student demographics, parent rights, and staff development.
Bubon was excused from the meeting at 8:18 pm.

6. Discussion/Action
A. Yahara Lease Amendment: After no discussion, a motion to approve the Yahara lease amendment as submitted was made by Sorg, seconded by Jackson and approved.

7. Meeting Closing
A. Adjournment - A motion was made by Freye, seconded by Croyle and carried unanimously to adjourn at 8:38 pm.

Allison Sorg, Clerk
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TOWN OF DUNKIRK OFFICIAL NOTICE
ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2023 ROAD BIDS
FOR TOWN OF DUNKIRK ROADS PULVERIZING AND PAVING

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Dunkirk, Dane County, Wisconsin, that it will receive sealed bids for pulverizing and for asphaltic concrete paving of Town roads, and a portion of the project will be funded by TRIP program. Engineers certificate will be needed.

All bids shall be sealed, marked "Highway Quote," and submitted to the Town Clerk at the town hall up to and including 3:00 p.m. on March 27, 2023. Bids will be opened at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023, at the town hall. Bids will be awarded at the Town Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 3, 2023. The Town of Dunkirk reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept that bid deemed to be most advantageous to the Town.

Kathy M Olson, Clerk
Bids are being requested as described below:

To provide pulverizing and asphaltic paving for the following roads:
Hanerville Road (21 ft)
Hwy N south to Townline Taylor Lane (22 ft)
Hogie Road north to Tareyton Circle

2 inch overlay only:
Hogie Road (22 ft)

Asphalt specifications:
Two pass, three inch total overlay
Power sweep and track coat applied

1st pass (lower) 4LT 58-28S
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Price per ton of hot mix included in bid

Includes bump outs
Materials shall regression of air requirements the current WDOT ASP 6, 460.2.1, which includes the regression of air voids from 4.0% to 3.0% with asphalt cement.

Quotes for the pulverizing shall include the estimated square yardage, the cost per square yard and total cost for pulverizing each road.

Payment shall be actual tons preformed
Posted March 9, 2023
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TOWN OF DUNKIRK
ADVERTISEMENT FOR 2023 ROAD BIDS

The Town of Dunkirk is taking seal coat bids for various Town roads.

Specific bid information may be obtained from John Bothum at (608) 873-9177, or at the Town Hall, 654 County Road N, Stoughton, WI 53589.

All bids shall be sealed, marked "Highway Quote," and submitted to the Town Clerk at the town hall up to and including 3:00 p.m. on March 27, 2023. Bids will be opened at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, March 27, 2023, at the town hall. Bids will be awarded at the Town Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. on April 3, 2023. The Town of Dunkirk reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to accept that bid deemed to be most advantageous to the Town.

Kathy M Olson, Clerk
Posted March 9, 2023
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TOWN OF DUNKIRK
2023 ROAD BID SPECIFICATIONS
Town Roads to be bid for seal coat:
Kaase Road
Washington Road east to Townline
Washington Road from Kaase Road south to Hwy 51

The bid information for shall have the following information (pea gravel):
Road measurement for each road
Price per road for seal coat

The amount of _____ gallons of oil to be used per 20 foot mile & 22 foot mile

The amount of aggregate to be applied per 20 foot mile & 22 foot mile
Work to be completed by August 15, 2023

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Town of Rutland Official Notice
Advertisement For Bids
For Town of Rutland Roads Pulverizing and Paving

Notice is hereby given by the Town of Rutland, Dane County, Wisconsin, that it will receive sealed bids for pulverizing and for asphaltic concrete paving of several Town roads. A portion of the project is receiving LRIP funding . Bids should be submitted to Town Clerk Dawn George at 4177 Old Stage Rd., Brooklyn, WI 53521 by 11:00 a.m. on March 9, 2023.. Clerk's email – clerk@town.rutland.wi.us for questions.

Bids will be publicly opened on March 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the Town Hall located at 785 Centre Rd. It is anticipated that the Bids will not be awarded until the Board meeting on March 16, 2023.

Bids on the projects may be awarded individually or in combination.

Bids are being requested as described below.

To provide pulverizing and asphaltic paving for the following roads:
Danks Road (Old Stage Rd north 4000 feet.)

Paving shall consist of a base course of 2 inches and a surface course of 1 1/2 inches. After the existing pavement is pulverized, the Town of Rutland will complete all of the preparatory work on the base necessary for the contractor to do the paving. Bids should be submitted as separate courses in the event that the Town could select only the base course or the entire project.

2 " OVERLAY
Bids should include the cost of butt joints.

Use the specifications below for all bids. If you have questions, please contact lead patrolman Nels Wethal at 608-577-5691.

Asphalt Specifications:
The hot mix asphalt base coat layer (2") shall be 3LT 58-28S.

The hot mix asphalt surface coat layer (1 1/2") shall be 5LT 58-28S.

Quotes for the pulverizing shall include the estimated square yardage and the cost per square yard.

Quotes shall specify the number of tons of bituminous pavement to be used, and the per ton cost of the bituminous pavement material.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS
The successful bidder will provide the Town of Rutland a certificate of insurance in the minimum amount of one million dollars before beginning work.

The Town of Rutland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

SPECIFICATIONS:
All work and materials supplied under this proposal shall conform to the current Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction and any special provisions of the Wisconsin Division of Highways, Department of Transportation.

CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES
The work schedule will be one mutually agreed to by the Town and the successful bidder. All work shall be completed no later than August 1st of this year.

The contractor will be responsible for all traffic control in accordance with current Wisconsin Division of Highways, Department of Transportation Standards.

The Town reserves the right to have material samples tested to ensure compliance with standards.

Contractor shall guarantee the paving for a period of not less than one year from the date of the paving. Any defects as determined by the Town within this period shall be corrected by the successful bidder at their expense.

PAYMENT
The contractor shall provide the Town tickets showing the ticket number, date and time, the type of material and the net weight. Tickets must be from a certified scale.
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Community Calendar**Thursday, March 16****Teen Yo-yo clinic****4-5:30 p.m., Stoughton Public Library 304 Fourth St.**

Learn tips and tricks from a yo-yo pro. All materials provided. Ages 11-16. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 608-873-6281 or email storef@stolib.org to register, starting March

Friday, March 17**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**

All who come to give blood, platelets or plasma March 1-31 will receive a \$10 Visa Prepaid Card by email. Plus, they'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$3,000 Visa Prepaid Card. To make an appointment, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-RED CROSS or download the Red Cross Blood Donor App.

St. Patrick's Day fundraiser**Drive-thru pick up 11 a.m. to noon; dine-in at 11:30 a.m., Stoughton Area Senior Center, 248 W. Main St.**

Featuring Kim's Corned Beef & Cabbage. All are invited to help support the Stoughton Area Senior Center's mission and annual fundraising goal. Place your order for Kim's delicious corned beef, cabbage, carrots, red potatoes, roll, and We Invite You to Share Ideas and Enter to Win \$25 mint brownie. Enjoy great food and make a difference in your community! Cost: Single Meal \$10 or Meal for Two \$20. Order by Wednesday, March 15 by calling 608-873-8585, or place your order online at: stoughtonseniorcenter.com/fundraiser Dining space is limited so call to reserve a seat if you plan to dine-in.

Movie: "A Man Called Otto"**1 p.m., Stoughton Area Senior Center, 248 W. Main St.**

Otto (Tom Hanks) is a grump who's given up on life. When a young family moves in nearby, he meets his match leading to a friendship that will turn his world around.

Watchhouse - special duo set: Johanna Samuels opens**7:30-10 p.m., Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.**

Over a year after Andrew Marlin and Emily Frantz of Watchhouse (formerly known as Mandolin Orange) reintroduced themselves on their 2021 self-titled LP, the pair shared a special surprise release: Watchhouse (Duo), a self-produced recording of Marlin and Frantz performing the most elemental possible arrangements of all nine songs from Watchhouse.

It's a project that captures the fundamental power of Watchhouse: Two singers and musicians with profound chemistry, performing earnest yet masterfully crafted songs that encompass the unknowable mysteries, existential heartbreak, and communal joys of modern life. In 2023, Marlin and Frantz will celebrate the release of Watchhouse (Duo) with a short run of shows that will feature just the two of them, harkening back to their earliest days of performing. Tickets are \$50. For more information, visit watchhouseband.com.

Saturday, March 18**Sons of Norway Bingo****6 p.m., Sons of Norway-Mandt Lodge, 317 S. Page St.**

Bingo is held the third Saturday of the month except for December. There will be food available after 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6. Any bingo questions can be directed to Becky Lunde at 608-205-2234. Anyone under 18 years old must have an adult family member present to play. Bingo is open to everyone. We are handicapped accessible with a lift on the south side. Street parking is available in Livreise's lot only if they are closed. For more information on Sons of Norway events or membership: arnesonfamily5@gmail.com or 608-873-7209.

The Travelin' McCourys**7:30-10 p.m., Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.**

From a source deep, abundant, and pure, the river flows. It's there on the map, marking

place and time. Yet, the river changes as it remains a constant, carving away at the edges, making new pathways, gaining strength as it progresses forward. The Travelin' McCourys are that river.

The McCoury brothers - Ronnie (mandolin) and Rob (banjo) - were born into the bluegrass tradition. Talk about a source abundant and pure: their father, Del, is among the most influential and successful musicians in the history of the genre. Years on the road with Dad in the Del McCoury Band honed their knife-edge chops, and encouraged the duo to imagine how traditional bluegrass could cut innovative pathways into 21st century music.

The Travelin' McCourys were honored by the International Bluegrass Music Association in 2018 as the Instrumental Group of the Year. They were further feted in February 2019 with the Grammy Award for Bluegrass Album of the Year. Tickets are \$40. For more information, visit thetravelinmccourys.com

Sunday, March 19**American Legion Post 59 pancake breakfast fundraiser****7:30-11:30 a.m., Stoughton American Legion Post 59, 803 N. Page St.**

Stoughton's American Legion Post 59 is hosting an all-you-can-eat breakfast fundraiser - tickets for adults are \$10 and children under 10 are \$5 for a breakfast consisting of pancakes, French toast, hash browns, scrambled eggs, sausage patties, bacon, biscuits and gravy, coffee, orange juice and milk. Also, the auxiliary will hold a basket raffle. Proceeds go to the post's veteran and community programs.

For more information, call 608-205-9090 or visit post59.us.

Monday, March 20**Music Appreciation Series - Nick Hill, piano****3-4 p.m., Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.**

Nick Hill is a pianist from Stoughton who is studying Piano Performance at the Lawrence University Conservatory of Music. Hill has been taking piano lessons since age 7, and has been involved in numerous musical activities in his teenage years, including playing clarinet and conducting the Stoughton High School Marching Band, as well as playing in a student-led band at Lawrence.

Stoughton Area School District Board of Education meeting**6:30 p.m., SASD Administrative and Educational Services Center Board Room, 320 North St.**

Regular meetings will be held in the Administrative and Educational Services Center Board Room (320 North St.) or other location designated by the board on the first and third Mondays of each month, time to be set by the board. For more information, visit stoughton.k12.wi.us.

Tuesday, March 21**Virtual Author Visit: Celebrity chef Jernard A. Wells****3-4 p.m., Online**

The Stoughton Public Library presents a talk that will leave you starving for more! Join us as we chat with celebrity chef Jernard Wells about his newest cookbook, "Southern Inspired: More Than 100 Delicious Dishes from My American Table to Yours." A recording will be available if you can't watch live. Register and view here: library.org/stoughtonpubliclibrary/24779

Shawn Mullins and Larry Campbell & Teresa Williams**7:30-10 p.m., Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.**

After a series of indie record releases, Shawn Mullins' critical breakthrough came when 1998 Soul's Core album shot him to fame on the strength of its Grammy-nominated No. 1 hit, "Lullaby" followed by AAA/American No. 1 "Beautiful Wreck" from 2006's 9th Ward Pickin' Parlor. Mullins also co-wrote the Zac Brown Band's No. 1 country tune "Toes." Tickets are \$30. For more information, visit shawnmullins.com.

Multi-instrumentalist-singer-songwriter Larry Campbell and singer-guitarist Teresa

Williams' acclaimed eponymous 2015 debut, released after seven years of playing in Levon Helm's band - and frequent guesting with Phil Lesh, Little Feat, Jorma Kaukonen and Jack Casady, brought to the stage the crackling creative energy of a decades-long off-stage union. A whirlwind of touring and promo followed, and when the dust cleared, the duo was ready to do it all again. For more information, visit larryandteresa.com.

Wednesday, March 22**Newberry & Verch****7:30-10 p.m., Stoughton Opera House, 381 E. Main St.**

Ever since Newberry & Verch met, and discovered a musical spark that few can match, they have toured across North America, Europe, and the U.K. Their CD, "Going Home," was released to wide acclaim. Whether it is the power of two voices lifted in harmony, or the sound of traditional tunes calling people to get up and move, these two masters of tradition put on an unforgettable show. And, when their feet kick up the dust in perfect rhythm and those two voices become one. Tickets are \$20. For more information, visit aprilverch.com/2022/02/newberry-verch.

Thursday, March 23**Free COVID-19 vaccines****3-7 p.m., Carnegie Room, Stoughton Public Library, 304 S. Fourth St.**

Provided by Public Health Madison & Dane County. No appointments, ID or insurance are needed. Pfizer, Moderna, and Novavax are available while supplies last for first, second and booster doses. Everyone 6 months and older is welcome - children 6 months-17 years old need a parent or guardian present.

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

Charlie Parr is an incorruptible outsider who writes novelistic, multi-layered stories that shine a kaleidoscopic light on defiant, unseen characters thriving in the shadows all around us. Parr has a new record with only his name on it, and it isn't shiny and perfect and commercial and catchy. It's him. It's pure Charlie Parr and that's enough. Tickets are \$25. For more information, visit charlieparr.com.

Friday, March 24**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 3 greeting cards for Easter. Cost is \$4/person. Pay the teacher. Space is limited so reserve your spot now by calling (08-873-8585).

Teen after house fun and games**7:30-10 p.m., Stoughton Public Library 304 S. Fourth St.**

Hang out at the library after we close to play some games in the dark. Ages 11-16. Space is limited and registration is required. Call 608-873-6281 or email storef@stolib.org to register, starting March 1. A permission slip from a parent or guardian will also be required.

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

A bustling boulevard in the heart of Milwaukee provides a colorful backdrop for the latest album by folk duo Dead Horses. "Brady Street," released last August, is Dead Horses' first full-length release since 2018. The last album charted on the Americana Top 50 radio charts for three consecutive months. The single "Turntable" accrued more than 35 million spins on Spotify and was also featured on the Amazon and Apple Americana playlists. The pair's select media highlights include a Rolling Stone "Artist You Should Know" mention as well as profiles in Billboard, Noisey, and even independent global news publication Democracy Now! Tickets are \$25. For more information, visit deadhorses.net.

To submit events, email staff reporter Scott De Laruelle at sdelaruelle@wisconsinmedia-group.com

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