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FROM THE FLAMES

Jay Johnson

Stoughton hoping last season's hardships pay off this year

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

It was a bit of baptism by fire for the Stoughton football team last season.

The Vikings are hoping that will play in their favor this year.

"At one point last season we were starting nine sophomores," Stoughton head coach Jason Becker said. "The experience they gained playing on varsity has allowed us to come into the year knowing we can be extremely explosive on offense in both the pass and the run game."

Stoughton finished 3-7 overall last season and 3-4 in the Badger Small Conference to earn a spot in the WIAA Division 3 playoffs.

Although the Vikings graduated Griffin Empey – who was an unanimous first-team conference selection on both offense and defense his senior season – Stoughton still keeps its defensive core intact.

"Defensively we need to find a

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Football

Senior linebackers part of Stoughton's defensive heart

Sarbacker, Wahlin combined for 213 total tackles last season

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

The heart and soul of Stoughton's defense is back this season.

The Vikings bring back a strong trio of linebackers – including a pair of seniors in Cole Sarbacker and Joe Wahlin. Junior Mason Richter also returns after an impactful sophomore campaign.

"I felt last year we had a really strong linebacker group and defense in general," Sarbacker said. "With all three of us linebackers returning and being healthier than last year – I would say that I believe our defense could be a strong point and be able to win and close out a lot of games this year."

Sarbacker and Wahlin were first and second on the team in total tackles last season with 107 and 106, respectively. Richter led Stoughton with five sacks last season and eight tackles for loss, which was second best on the team.

"My role is to lead the defense and be the captain out there," Wahlin said. "Make sure everyone is doing their job."

Sarbacker added that other responsibilities include communicating with teammates, as well as stopping opposing team's run and pass games.

Trust is key to make that happen. "There's a lot of trust there," Wahlin said. "I trust that Cole is going to do his job and I trust that Mason is going to get his job done. I don't really have to worry about them. I know they're going to be out there making plays."

Along with a strong linebacker trio, Stoughton looks to bolster its defense this season with senior defensive end Ben Harman and senior defensive lineman Beckett Spilde. Harman and Spilde were limited to just a combined four games last season due to injury.

"I definitely think our defense is going to be a big strength," Wahlin said. "It's going to help to have Ben Harman out there on our outside. That's going to make a big difference."

Speaking of making a difference, Wahlin is hoping his time with the Stoughton wrestling team last winter will help him in his growth this year. Wahlin had never wrestled before last year.

"I wanted to be part of a program that was run very well," Wahlin said. "I wanted to get that family feel. I knew it would benefit me for football



File photo

Stoughton's Joe Wahlin reacts to a defensive stop against Portage last season. Wahlin racked up 106 total tackles for the Vikings last season

and make me faster, more explosive, more balanced."

For Sarbacker, wrestling has been a staple. Last season, Sarbacker earned a spot on the podium at the Division 1 state meet after placing sixth at 145 pounds. It was Sarbacker's third straight state wrestling appearance. He also podiumed as a freshman.

"I would say they go together very well," Sarbacker said of football and wrestling. "I feel like wrestling has been able to help me on the defensive side of the ball with my tackling and vice versa."

Offensively, Sarbacker, Wahlin and Richter were all counted on last season. Wahlin was fourth on the team with 108 receiving yards. Richter added 42 receiving yards, while Sarbacker led Stoughton in

rushing last season with 319 yards on 66 carries to go along with three touchdowns.

Sarbacker noted he will mostly be playing running back this season, but said he could be moved to receiver at times.

"I am willing to play wherever to help our team succeed," Sarbacker said.

At the end of the day, Stoughton's defensive heart just wants to see the Vikings succeed.

"I think the sky's the limit," Sarbacker said. "Last year as a team we gained a lot of experience and most of our starters are returning. We also weren't as successful as we wanted to be last year and I feel like that lit a fire inside us to change that this season."



File photo

Stoughton's Cole Sarbacker breaks a tackle during the Vikings' 28-21 overtime win over Fort Atkinson last season. Sarbacker led the Vikings in total tackles (107) and rushing yards (319) last season.

Girls swimming



File photo

Stoughton's Cheyenne Borroughs swims in the 100 breaststroke during the WIAA Division 2 state meet last season.

Medalist Borroughs among Stoughton's returners

Sophomore finished 3rd in 100 breaststroke last season at state

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

The Stoughton girls swimming team returns state medalist Cheyenne Borroughs – who put together an impressive freshman campaign.

Borroughs finished in the top 10 of three events at last season's Division 2 state meet – including a podium finish. Borroughs finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1 minute, 5.5 seconds. She became the first Stoughton swimmer to medal since Sofia Bormett finished fourth in the 200 freestyle in 2019.

Borroughs also tied for 10th in the 50 freestyle (24.8) and was part of the 200 medley relay team that placed 10th (1:54.90). Stoughton's 200 free relay team – which also had Borroughs on it – placed 12th at state with a time of 1:42.6.

Joining Borroughs as a freshman state qualifier last season, was Ainsley

Gerard – who was part of the state 200 medley relay team. Stoughton graduated all other state qualifiers.

Other key returners include seniors Trinity Dreyer, Grace Greenwald, Aubrey Hutchins, Julia Lehman, Kylyn Lovell, junior Chez DeBruin and sophomore Abby Schmidt.

Hutchins and Lovell are both captains. Hutchins also was a state alternate last year.

"We have a great group of seniors to lead the team this year," Stoughton coach Heather Solis said. "I think the girls are going to challenge and push each other."

Stoughton finished 15th overall at the state meet last year with a score of 46.5. Madison Edgewood won its eighth straight state title with 350 points.

Stoughton scored 214 points to take fifth at the Badger East meet last season. Monona Grove outdistanced Waunakee for the team title 587-457.

This season, the Vikings will compete in the newly aligned Badger Small Conference. Stoughton will compete in the Sauk Prairie Sectional this year.

GIRLS SWIM SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Opponent	Location
Aug. 19	11 a.m.	Invitational	DeForest High School
Aug. 26	10 a.m.	Invitational	Milton High School
Aug. 29	6 p.m.	Badger Relays	Jack Young Middle School
Sept. 2	10 a.m.	Invitational	Janesville Parker High School
Sept. 7	7 p.m.	Sauk Prairie	Sauk Prairie High School
Sept. 12	6 p.m.	McFarland	Stoughton High School
Sept. 19	6 p.m.	Triple Dual	Stoughton High School
Sept. 23	10 a.m.	Invitational	Jefferson High School
Sept. 26	6 p.m.	Mount Horeb	Stoughton High School
Oct. 3	6 p.m.	Lodi	Lodi High School
Oct. 10	6 p.m.	Edgewood	Edgewood High School
Oct. 17	6 p.m.	Baraboo	Stoughton High School
Oct. 28	1 p.m.	Conference	McFarland High School

Football

One player from each Badger Small team to watch

Stoughton's Rousseau among list of players

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

Here is one player from each team in the Badger Small Conference to watch this season.

Griffin Rousseau, Stoughton (Jr.)

Rousseau holds an offer from Illinois as the junior looks to lead a strong offensive line group for Stoughton. Rousseau has all the tools to be an impact player for the Vikings – listed at 6-foot-7, 305 pounds.

Carter Morrison, DeForest (Sr.)

Last season, Morrison led the Norskies with eight interceptions and 12 pass deflections. He took three of those eight interceptions back for touchdowns. He added 21 tackles, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

Mason Dressler, Fort Atkinson (Sr.)

Dressler rushed for 626 yards on 120 attempts in 2022 – good for 5.2 yards per carry. He scored seven touchdowns and finished with 78.2 rushing yards per game. The running back added 70 yards and a touchdown catch last season.

Gavin Hablewitz, Monona Grove (Sr.)

Hablewitz just broke the 1,000-yard mark last season – finishing with 1,004 yards on 162 carries. The running back averaged 100.4 rushing yards per game thanks to his 6.2 yard per carry average. He finished with 14 touchdowns on the ground.

Kasey Helgeson, Mount Horeb (Sr.)

In 11 games under center last season, Helgeson threw for 2,073 yards. He tossed 23 touchdowns with just nine interceptions, finishing with a quarterback rating of 96.8. Helgeson added 213 yards and three scores on the ground.

Keagan Hooker, Portage (Sr.)

Hooker ran for 445 yards on 86 attempts last season at running back, good for 5.2 yards per carry. He found the end zone three times on the ground and was third on the team with 11 catches – turning that into 131 yards and two touchdowns.

Boden Frosch, Sauk Prairie (Jr.)

As a sophomore last season, Frosch led the Eagles' air attack with 30 receptions, 356 yards and five touchdowns. Frosch also led Sauk Prairie with 11.9 yards per catch.



Photo by Jack Miller

Stoughton junior Griffin Rousseau holds an offer from Illinois and looks to be one of the area's most imposing offensive lineman this season.

Football

Eight Badger Conference games to circle on the calendar

Stoughton to host Oregon in season opener on Friday

MARK NESBITT
Sports editor

A combined 10 teams from the Badger Large and Small Conferences made the playoffs last year.

Two teams – Waunakee and Sun Prairie East – made a run to the Level 3 playoffs. Both Stoughton and Oregon made postseason runs despite battling some injuries and adversity.

Waunakee won the Badger Large championship with the addition of two Sun Prairie schools – Sun Prairie East, which finished second, and Sun Prairie West.

Mount Horeb/Barneveld went unbeaten to win the Badger Small Conference title last year. Stoughton along with DeForest and Mount Horeb/Barneveld are expected to be conference title contenders this season.

Stoughton will be home warriors with six games at Collins Field. This comes one year after the Vikings opened last season with four straight road games since they had to wait for the completion of the turf and renovations to Collins Field at the Anderson Sports Complex.

The following are eight games in the Badger Conference to circle on the calendar this season.

Aug. 18 – Oregon at Stoughton

The Panthers shutdown Stoughton in a season-opening 13-0 win



File photo

Stoughton defensive lineman Kaeson Salonek (65) goes for a sack during last season's game with Oregon. The Panthers won 13-0 last year and the series has been split 5-5 in the last 10 matchups.

at Panther Stadium last season. Oregon took advantage of two interceptions. The Panthers rushed for 200 yards as a team. Jeremiah Rockiett had 63 rushing yards and one touchdown.

In the last 10 matchups between Stoughton and Oregon, both teams have won five games.

Sept. 1 – Milton at Oregon

In a nail-biter, Oregon survived Milton for a 21-20 double overtime win last season.

Former Oregon linebacker Camron Hall intercepted a two-point conversion pass from Milton quarterback Aidan Schoen to preserve the victory.

Oregon linebacker Trevor

Barlow spearheaded the defense with 14 tackles and a forced fumble.

Two years ago, the two teams met in Week 8 – with Milton topping Oregon to knock the Panthers out of playoff contention.

Sept. 1 – Sun Prairie East at Waunakee

A showdown between two perennial powers will go a long way in the conference title chase.

Waunakee averaged 37.5 points per game last year and had a defense that gave up only 11.5 points per contest. Waunakee running back Ben Lindley rushed for 103 yards and a touchdown in the Warriors' 28-13 victory last year

over the Cardinals.

Sun Prairie East has some big shoes to fill on offense after the graduation of running back Cortez LeGrant – who is on the football team at Minnesota – and quarterback Jerry Kaminsky – who is now playing for the University of North Dakota.

Sun Prairie East had a high-powered offense that averaged 47.7 points per game last year.

Sept. 1 – Mount Horeb/Barneveld at DeForest

Mount Horeb/Barneveld senior quarterback Kasey Helgeson tossed a game-winning 2-yard TD pass about midday through the fourth quarter to help the Vikings beat the Norskies last season.

DeForest will have home field advantage in the rematch. The winner of this game along with Stoughton could have the inside track for a conference championship. The Norskies graduated first-team all-conference selections – quarterback Mason Keyes and running back Cale Drinka. The leading rusher back for the Norskies is Jaylen Carter who ran for 271 yards and two TDs last year.

Sept. 15 – Stoughton at DeForest

A high octane DeForest offense was tough to contain last year.

The Norskies racked up 483 total yards in a 41-0 win over Stoughton last season. DeForest passed for 253 yards and rushed for 230. Stoughton will likely need to do a better job this year if they want to come away with a win.

Sept. 29 – Waunakee at Oregon

Waunakee is a measuring stick for just about every team in the state.

To become a conference title contender in the Badger Large, the Panthers can use the test against the Warriors to see how far they have come since last year's 48-0 loss to the Warriors.

Oct. 6 – Mount Horeb/Barneveld at Stoughton

Stoughton lost the battle of the Vikings twice last season.

In two contests last year, Stoughton threw six interceptions against Mount Horeb.

Stoughton lost to MH/B 37-7 in a Division 3 Level 1 playoff game last year.

Stoughton's secondary did come up with two interceptions in the playoff game. Stoughton might need to lean on big plays and sustained drives in this year's matchup. In the first meeting, Stoughton passed for 179 yards

Oct. 13 – Oregon at Sun Prairie West

This could be a key game down the stretch for Oregon.

The Panthers had success on the road last season, but lost to the Wolves 21-0. Oregon rushed for 141 yards, 4.0 yards per carry. The Panthers committed two turnovers (one fumble and one interception).

Coming up with more big plays and forcing turnovers could turn the tide in this season-finale matchup.

FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Yr.
1	Sawyer Schipper	WR/S	Sr.
2	Casey Quam	QB/DB	Jr.
3	Drew Viney	QB/DB	Jr.
4	Riley Schaub	DB/RB	Sr.
5	Jake Julseth	WR/DB	Sr.
6	Ethan Strandlie	WR/DB	Jr.
7	Reis Nisius	WR/S	Sr.
8	Mason Richter	TE/LB	Jr.
9	Joe Wahlin	LB/TE	Sr.
10	Jay Johnson	WR/DB	Jr.
11	LeShawn Brown	WR/DB	Jr.
12	Colyn Kotlowski	QB/DB	So.
13	Andrew Perkins	QB/DB	So.
14	Damien Johnson	WR/DB	So.
15	Kellan Stokstad	TE/LB	Jr.
16	Logan Hedstrom	LB/RB	So.
18	Colin Butler	LB/TE	Jr.
21	Parker Sellnow	WR/DB	So.
22	Kasen Sperle	WR/DB	Sr.
23	Bransen Vitense-Klingaman	LB/RB	So.
24	Owen Corbet	WR/LB	So.
25	Chris Cooksey	WR/DB	Sr.
26	Hayden Frank	WR/DB	Sr.
28	Bo Iverson	RB/S	Sr.
29	Gatlin Empey	LB/RB	So.
31	Jayce Turner	P/DB	So.
32	Danil Kostetskyi	LB/RB	So.
33	Cole Sarbacker	LB/RB	Sr.
35	Miles Hoselton	RB/S	So.
40	Ethan Soderbloom	TE/DE	Sr.
42	Reid Blackburn	TE/DE	So.
50	Brandon Hohol	LB/OL	Sr.
52	Will Nelson	OL/DL	Sr.
54	Ben Harman	DE/OL	Sr.
56	Dylan Clark	OL/DL	So.
58	Cameron Baker	OL/DL	So.
62	Elijah Riley	OL/DL	So.
64	Canaan Geborek	OL/DL	So.
65	Kaeson Salonek	OL/DL	Jr.
69	Beckett Spilde	OL/DL	Sr.
70	Colin Meinholz	LB/OL	Sr.
71	Braeden Dalsoren	OL/DL	Jr.
72	Max Nelson	OL/DL	So.
74	Jackson Handel	OL/DL	Jr.
74	TJ Rather	OL/DL	Jr.
77	Griffin Rousseau	OL/DL	Jr.
78	Anthony Gutierrez	OL/DL	Jr.

2023 STOUGHTON FOOTBALL

SCHEDULE

18

AUG

OREGON

COLLINS FIELD | 7:00 PM

25

AUG

WISCONSIN RAPIDS

COLLINS FIELD | 7:00 PM

01

SEP

MONONA GROVE

COLLINS FIELD | 7:00 PM

08

SEP

FORT ATKINSON

COLLINS FIELD | 7:00 PM

15

SEP

DEFOREST

DEFOREST | 7:00 PM

22

SEP

SAUK PRAIRIE

COLLINS FIELD | 7:00 PM

29

SEP

PORTAGE

PORTAGE | 7:00 PM

06

OCT

MOUNT HOREB

COLLINS FIELD | 7:00 PM

13

OCT

SUN PRAIRIE EAST

ASHLEY FIELD | 7:00 PM

Preview: Juniors look to lead Vikings' offensive line

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replacement for Griffin Empey up front but the return of all three starting linebackers from a season ago combined with Beckett Spilde and Ben Harman returning from injury give us a defense that should compete with everyone we face this season," Becker said.

The Vikings return seniors Cole Sarbacker and Joe Wahlin, along with junior Mason Richter to anchor the team's defense out of the linebacking positions. Sarbacker and Wahlin were first and second on the team in total tackles last season with 107 and 106, respectively. Richter led Stoughton with five sacks last season and eight tackles for loss, which was second best on the team.

On offense, Stoughton will be moving senior Sawyer Schipper from running back to slot receiver. Schipper led the Vikings in carries last season with 74. He turned that into 233 yards and three touchdowns.

Becker said the team is moving Schipper to receiver to take more advantage of his explosiveness.

Joining Schipper as wideouts will be juniors LeShawn Brown, Jay Johnson and Chris Cooksey.

Johnson hauled in 11 catches for 269 yards last season, good for 24.5 yards per reception.

Sarbacker led Stoughton in rushing last season with 319 yards on 66 carries to go along with three scores. Anchoring the run game from the offensive line will be juniors Griffin Rousseau, Kaeson Salonek, Anthony Gutierrez and senior Colin Meinholz.

Rousseau currently holds an offer from the University of Illinois.

Drew Viney and Casey Quam are both battling for the starting quarterback spot, according to Becker.

Stoughton's season ended with a Level 1 playoff loss to Mount Horeb/Barneveld last year. Becker said Mount Horeb, DeForest and Monona Grove will all be tough this season.

"We hope to be at or near the top of the conference competing for a conference championship and a high playoff seed," Becker said.

Stoughton starts its season against rival Oregon at home on Aug. 18.



Photo by Jack Miller

Stoughton head coach Jason Becker talks to his team before the first practice of the season on Tuesday, Aug. 1, at Collins Field. The Vikings kick off their season against rival Oregon on Friday, Aug. 18.

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Girls tennis

No. 1 doubles power Stoughton in opener

Model, Sankbeil win two matches at invitational

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

Lauren Model and Allison Sankbeil led the Stoughton girls tennis team at its season-opening invitational on Saturday, Aug. 12, in Monona and Madison.

Model and Sankbeil – playing at No. 1 doubles for the Vikings – went 2-1 on the day. The Stoughton duo defeated Madison East’s Claire Pietruszka and Nyree Pipsen 6-1, 6-2 and also

defeated Sun Prairie East’s Grace Durham and Teegan Davis 6-3, 6-2.

At No. 2 singles, Stoughton’s Samantha Weber earned a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Madison East’s Melkiya Hirekatur. The Vikings also got singles wins from Julia Schaefer (No. 3) and Claire Olin (No. 4). Schaefer defeated Madison La Follette’s Miriam Beck 0-6, 6-3, 14-12. Olin earned a 6-3, 6-4 victory over La Follette’s Thea Cook.

At No. 2 doubles, Stoughton’s Allie Kolberg and Caitlin Kreger were 7-5, 6-1 winners over Sun Prairie East’s Lorelei Gauger and Emily Nawrot.

Break: Stoughton’s sweet tradition continues in style

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Streets was ideal for hiring women because it was so near their homes and they could run home to check on the kids, the house and see how the next meal was progressing.

With these chores done and a hot pot of coffee constantly on the stove, what was more natural than to have a cup?

So began today’s coffee break - a few minutes to relax and refresh with coffee.

Coffee Break Festival is held the third Saturday in August with a Coffee Brew-Off, Cup O’ Joe All Wheels show, arts and crafts, pork roast and beer garden. All-Wheels Show Awards include: Best AMC, Best American Bike, Best Antique, Best Camaro, Best Camper Trailer, Best GM, Best Convertible, Best Cruising Car, Best Ford, Best Hod Rod, Best Import, Best Investment, Best Mopar, Best Mustang, Best Paint, Best Saturday Night,

Best Sunday Drive, Best Tractor, Mayor’s Choice, People’s Choice, Young Gun and more.

People are invited to purchase a \$10 tasting mug to sample coffee in the Brew-Off or a \$20 handmade collector’s mug for their collection.

For more information, visit stoughtonwi.com/coffee-break-festival.

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If You Go

What: 26th Annual Coffee Break Festival

When: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19

Where: Mandt Park, 108 S. Fourth St., Stoughton

Info: stoughtonwi.com/coffee-break-festival

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Obituaries

Patricia A. “Pat” Erickson

Feb. 20, 1936 – Aug. 8, 2023



Erickson

STOUGHTON – Patricia A. “Pat” Erickson passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 8, 2023.

Pat was born Feb. 20, 1936, in Reedsburg, Wis., to parents Albert and Loretta (Meyer) Ziech. She attended schools in Reedsburg and graduated in 1954 with high honors from Reedsburg High School, where she was also a cheerleader. Pat then attended the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, graduating in 1958 with high honors. She earned a degree in Secondary Education with majors in English and French, and minors in speech and history.

In 1957, Pat married UWP classmate Charles “Bud” Erickson, with whom she worked on the school’s newspaper – she as editor and he as sports editor. In August of 2022, Pat and Bud celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Early in her career, Pat

taught English at Portage Junior High School and was a substitute teacher and lay reader in the Janesville school system. Later, while on a teaching project with her husband in Nigeria, Pat taught the children of missionaries as well as her own children for two years.

When the family moved to Stoughton in 1968, Pat worked part time at the Stoughton Public Library, while at the same time working to complete her master’s degree in Library Information and Science at the UW-Madison. In 1977, she became the Stoughton Public Library Director, a position she held and enjoyed until her retirement in 2002. During her tenure, she worked

tirelessly with the architects and design committee to build the city’s new library, which was dedicated in 1990. Pat also organized the Stoughton Friends of the Library group and was an active member thereafter.

She was also a long-time active member of the Stoughton Entre Nous Study Club and P.E.O. and greatly valued the many friendships she developed there. Over the years, Pat enjoyed many travels abroad. In addition to the family’s time in Nigeria, she and Bud toured Italy, France, Switzerland, Germany, Norway, and England.

Pat is survived by her husband, Bud; her children, Tim of Madison, Kip of Taiwan and Dana (Kamil) Tanyeri of Sarasota, Fla.; grandchildren, Eren Tanyeri (Maddie Bright) and Tanner Tanyeri (Ellen Sauer); and sisters, Sally Duckert, Paula Ziebarth, Linda Walker and Michelle Stevenson, all of Montana. She is further survived by many extended family members and friends.

Pat was preceded in death by her parents and

sisters, Ruth Cassidy, Helen Rohde, Audrey Senner, Nancy Scott, Judy Ziech and Cindy Keeney.

A memorial service was held at Gunderson Stoughton Funeral and Cremation Care, 1358 Highway 51 N., at Jackson St., Stoughton, at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 14, 2023. Immediately following the service, a luncheon was held at the Stoughton American Legion Post No. 59, 803 N. Page St., Stoughton. Visitation was held at the funeral home from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023, and also at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday.

Pat requested that memorials be directed to Stoughton Entre Nous, P.E.O. and/or Friends of the Stoughton Public Library. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

Pat was a very humble person who made everything special.

Gunderson Stoughton Funeral & Cremation Care
1358 Highway 51 N.
at Jackson St.
(608) 873-4590

Cynthia “Cindy” Joye Bahr



Bahr

Cynthia “Cindy” Joye Bahr, 64, of Stoughton, WI, danced her way to heaven on August 2, 2023, joining her late parents and brothers: Dan, Terry, and Jim. She was a true gem, born on April 17, 1959, spreading joy like confetti wherever she went.

In this vibrant journey called life, Cindy found her partner-in-crime, Robert Bahr. Together, they

built a fairy-tale love story that even Cinderella would envy. Their children, Michael Bahr, April (Troy) Smith, June

(Andrew) Shaw, and Jennifer Bahr, were her pride and joy, filling her days with an abundance of love and laughter. Cindy also embraced her role as a doting grandmother to Dominic Smith and Oakley Shaw, knowing how to spoil them just right.

Aside from her amazing human family, Cindy’s heart also belonged to her furbabies, who held an honorary place in her queen-sized heart. She purred more than she barked, and her furry friends pawsitively

adored her.

While we shed tears of laughter mingled with sorrow, Cindy’s celebration of life will be a symphony of mirth in the future. Brace yourselves for the anecdotes, the cheerful reminiscences, and perhaps a dance-off or two. Make no mistake, this won’t be a somber affair but rather a gala fueled by inextinguishable joy.

Thank you for the love and support from family and friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

Forward: Innovation Center aims to fill void in community

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Stoughton will be an event location for the first time on Tuesday, Aug. 22 when Innovation Center Stoughton hosts “Cut the Confusion Out of Your Advertising Decisions” from noon to 1 p.m. at the Stoughton Fire Department training room, 401 E. Main St.

According to a Forward Festival news release, the event provides entrepreneurs, creatives, small businesses, tech folks and difference-makers the opportunity to make connections, share advice, and learn over the five-day format with approximately 40 different events.

Innovation Center Stoughton (ICS) finds synergy between their own mission and the mission of Forward Festival.

ICS Executive Katrina Becker said when the center heard about the festival, “we knew we had to participate.”

“It’s focused on big ideas, shared knowledge, and collaborating towards multi-industry advancement,” she said in the news release. “That is exactly what we are talking about when we present the idea of Open-Source Thinking.”

As an organization, Innovation Center Stoughton is dedicated to contributing in ways that fill a void rather than duplicating existing resources, Becker said.

“The Forward Festival has many established events about tech and venture capital,” she said. “There is a Startup Summit and a Pitch Event. Advertising and marketing is a big part of building a business. There was a need within the event lineup and we had the resources to fill it.”

Forward Festival offers three options for their Forward Pass- a Free Events Forward Pass; the Forward Pass without

If You Go

What: Forward Fest 2023 Stoughton event

When: Noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug., 22

Where: Stoughton Fire Department training room, 401 E. Main St.

Info: forwardest.org

Swag, which gives access to all virtual and in person events plus access to the Forward Fest app and web platform; and the Friend of the Fest Pass, which includes paid and free events and adds the 2023 merchandise.

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