

Crawford County Finance committee approves spending of the ARPA funds

By GILLIAN POMPLUN

Crawford County received \$3,133,258 in local fiscal recovery funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) approved by the U.S. Congress. The funds were paid to counties in two payments in 2021, and 2022.

A significant portion of the funds have been used to cover salaries of county employees engaged in extra work in the COVID response effort, with significant chunks also spent or allocated toward funding broadband expansion projects in the county.

At the January 18 Crawford County Finance Committee Meeting, it was reported that \$114,000 of the county's ARPA funds remain unspent or unallocated.

Crawford County Clerk Robin Fisher reported that she had a bill of about \$20,000 for the second installment of payments on a new keyless entry system for county buildings. It is the second of three installments.

The committee voted unanimously to pay the second and third installments for the project out of remaining ARPA funds.

The committee also voted to spend \$7,808 on 20 iPads for county board supervisors, and \$3,238 for a software program that will allow official board documents such as agendas and supporting documents, and meeting minutes to be sent to board members electronically. This will save the county money in postage. The software contract will be on a one-year trial duration to ensure the system works for supervisors.

The committee voted unanimously to fund the purchase and software contract out of remaining ARPA funds.

Fairgrounds buildings

Crawford County Supervisor Wayne Jerrett addressed various issues relating to maintenance of buildings on the Crawford County Fairgrounds.

Jerrett told the committee that the Fair Committee plans to hold a raffles for a four-wheeler purchased from Prairie Motor Sports to raise funds for fairgrounds building maintenance. He said the committee plans to sell raffle tickets from February through August, with the drawing taking place at the 2023 Crawford County Fair.

Jerrett also asked the committee to pay for needed replacement to the doors on one of the buildings at the fairgrounds where the Crawford County Highway Department stores some of their equipment. Jerrett said the old doors presented safety issues for workers. He asked the county to pay the bid amount of \$11,900 to replace the doors.

"I have asked that all proposed capital projects of greater than \$25,000 in the county be sent to the County Clerk to be maintained on a list and considered all together at budget time," Finance Committee Chairman Gary Koch said. "That way, we can look at all the requests and prioritize versus responding to them one at a time throughout the year."

The committee agreed that Koch's suggestion was the right approach to requests for capital expenditures. They also voted unanimously to pay for replacement of the equipment shed doors at the fairgrounds out of the county's contingency fund.

Command Center

Crawford County Emergency Management Director Jim Hackett reported to the committee that the county had received \$24,446 from the Wisconsin Disaster Fund for an event on June 24, 2021.

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THIS BEAUTIFUL PIECE was created by VIVA artist Nan Marshall and will be part of the February 2023 show featuring jewelry and chocolates.

On Main Street in Viroqua

VIVA show highlights jewelry

The VIVA Gallery in Viroqua celebrates February with the traditional theme of jewelry and chocolate. VIVA Gallery jewelers are the featured member/guests for this February 2023 show, along with delicious, locally made chocolates.

Exquisite, one-of-a-kind pieces from the VIVA jeweler artisans will be front and center for the month. You will see nature-inspired pieces in

sterling silver, contemporary adornments in combinations of metalwork with enamel, sterling silver and gems, sculpted wood earrings, beaded leather and lotus seed necklaces and earrings, and crafted bead adornments.

A gift of jewelry is a timeless and perfect way to show someone special your love and appreciation. You will find something that fits with any style and/or taste.

Along with that special piece of jewelry you can add a box delicious hand-dipped chocolates from the Sweet Shop in LaCrosse. The Sweet Shop began the business of handmade chocolates and ice cream in 1921. The opening reception for the 'Jewelry and Chocolate' show will be Thursday, Feb. 2, from 5 to 7 p.m. Consider this your invitation to a night out with art, food and good company.

At their annual meeting

FLOW members affirm board and hear some presentations

By GILLIAN POMPLUN

Almost 30 board members, members and interested citizens gathered at Grandma Mary's Café in Arena on Saturday, Jan. 20 for the Friends of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway (FLOW) Annual Meeting.

FLOW members affirmed the 2023 board of directors, heard reports from the Science Committee, and presentations from a Wisconsin DNR Conservation Warden, a

film maker who had filmed a short movie on the Wisconsin River last summer, and from Mark Cupp, executive director of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB).

FLOW Bylaws state that the board may be composed of up to nine board members, but do not require that there be nine. With two resignations of board members that served in 2022, that left six board members who expressed interest in continuing to serve in 2023.

At the meeting, FLOW members affirmed Timm Zumm, Dave Marshall, Patrick Michaels, Sherry Holly, Dave Krueger and Allyson Scoien as the 2023 board. Board members Susan Graham and Jennie Lanzendorf had resigned from the board prior to the annual meeting.

Science Committee

Dave Marshall provided the Science Committee report as chair Jean Unmuth was unable to attend the meeting. Marshall told the members about the Borrow Pit Study the committee had undertaken in 2022, funded by a \$600 grant from Dane County. That study tested water quality in a man-made lake along Highway 78 in Dane County, and surveyed aquatic plants and fish.

"Our study established that the water in the lake is 'nearly pristine,' and reflects land use on Black Hawk Ridge, which supplies clean groundwater to the lake," Marshall said. "By contrast, the water quality in various oxbow lakes up and down the Lower Wisconsin River, where changes in agricultural practices on the sand terraces along the river since about 2008 has resulted in high levels of nitrate and phosphorous in the groundwater supplying the those lakes."

Marshall said this heavy load of nutrients has resulted in those lakes being clogged with duckweed and filamentous algae, deoxygenated, and has imperiled fish species that



MARK CUPP, right, gives FLOW president Timm Zumm a token of his appreciation for all that FLOW members do for the Riverway. Cupp presented Zumm with a t-shirt that read "When I'm on the River, I go with the flow." FLOW Secretary Sherry Holly, center, appreciates the moment.

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Radon can cause cancer

Residents urged to test for radon

During January, which is National Radon Action Month, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) is encouraging residents and business owners to test their homes and buildings for radon. Exposure to radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer nationally, and easy-to-use tests are widely available, according to the WDHS.

"Radon is an environmental health issue in our state. Approximately one in 10 homes have elevated radon levels across Wisconsin," said Paula Tran, a Wisconsin State Health Officer. "Reducing radon exposure and radon-induced lung cancer in Wisconsin depends on encouraging and supporting all Wisconsinites, including property owners and tenants, to be proactive about testing for radon."

In Wisconsin, the highest incidence of high levels of radon occurs in the northeastern portion of the state. However, the second highest levels of radon is in the southwestern part of the state.

Locally, testing results illustrate the high levels present here. The radon data, used in this story, represent over 100,000 Wisconsin indoor radon test results conducted from 1995 to 2016. The test results are geocoded and aggregated to U.S. Postal Zip Code boundaries. This means residences in the Zip Code, but outside the municipal boundaries are included.

The radon values are reported in picocuries per liter (pCi/L). A map with specific radon information used in this story was created by the Wisconsin Radon Program, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Bureau of Information Technology Services, GIS Program.

Local test results

In the DeSoto Zip Code of 54624, of 37 tests returned, almost 65 percent exceeded the 4.0 pCi/L, which is the cut-off point established by the U.S. EPA for safe levels. The median radon level in the DeSoto tests was 5.7 pCi/L and maximum recorded level was 46.9 pCi/L.

Results in the Gays Mills-54631 were much the same. Of the 35 tests reported, 51.4 percent were above 4.0 pCi/L. The median level was 3.55 pCi/L and the maximum recorded level was 46.9 pCi/L.

In Soldiers Grove-54655, of the 25 tests reported, 32 percent were above 4.0 pCi/L. The median for the tests was 2.4 pCi/L and the maximum level reported was 15.9 pCi/L.

Of the 22 tests reported in Eastman-54626, 59 percent were above the 4.0 pCi/L level. The median of the tests was 4.65 pCi/L, while the maximum level found was 44.2 pCi/L.

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RADON TEST KITS, like this one, are available at Crawford County Public Health in Prairie du Chien and at the Gays Mills Village Office. There is no charge for the test kit and residents are being urged to test. Now is the time to find out what the radon level is in your house or business.

At Annual Meeting

FLOW honors Riverway champs

By GILLIAN POMPLUN

Each year the Friends of the Lower Wisconsin Riverway (FLOW) honors individuals who provide great service in the Lower Wisconsin Riverway with 'Riverway Champion Awards.' This year, at their Annual Membership Meeting held Saturday, Jan. 20, FLOW conferred two awards.

Those two awards were for '2022 Riverway Champion,' and '2022 Youth Riverway Champion.' The youth award was not conferred in 2020 and 2021 due to restrictions in activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Riverway Champion award was given to FLOW member John Jensen. The Youth Riverway Champion award was given to Spring Green high school student Skyla Sutcliffe.

John Jensen

John Jensen has been an active member of FLOW for the last seven years, serving on the FLOW board for six of those years.

"John is more of a hands-on guy who'd rather be out do-

ing than sitting in a meeting - he says he's the Riverway Grunt," according to FLOW President Timm Zumm.

Jensen originally chose to become involved with FLOW as a way to give back to his community and to develop connections with other like-minded folks.

"It's nice working with FLOW because it is selfless work," Jensen explained. "That's a big deal to me."

Jensen's two biggest accomplishments as a FLOW volunteer include the placement of a total of 14 'Kids Don't Float' life vest kiosks at boat landings up and down the Riverway, design of the FLOW website, and creation of the FLOW 'paddle planner.'

"I helped build and install the very first 'Kids Don't Float' kiosk, designed by a Taliesin architect, in 2016," Jensen remembered. "Since then, I have helped build and install 13 more."

The kiosks provide free loaner life vests to Riverway

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Radon, an odorless gas, prevalent in SW Wisconsin, can lead to lung cancer

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The 22 tests reported in Ferryville-54628 revealed similar results—54.57 percent were above the 4.0 pCi/L level and the median for the tests was 4.4 pCi/L with a maximum level of 13.9 pCi/L reported.

In Viroqua-54665, of the 314 tests reported, 57.97 percent above the 4.0 pCi/L; the median was 4.7 pCi/L; and the maxim level reported was 264.9 pCi/L.

In Viola-54664 of 39 tests done, 64.1 percent were over the 4.0 pCi/L level, the median level was 4.8 pCi/L and the maximum was 33.9 pCi/L.

In Richland Center-53581, of 248 tests taken, 36.6 percent were above 4.0 pCi/L. The median for the tests was 2.85 pCi/L and maximum level found was 83.1 pCi/L.

Boscobel-53805 had 76 tests done and 31.5 percent were above 4.0 pCi/L. The Boscobel median was 1.9 pCi/L and the maximum level found was 41 pCi/L.

Prairie du Chien-53821 reported 136 tests with 61 percent over 4.0 pCi/L. The median was 4.6 pCi/L and the maximum reported was 57.9.

Wauzeka-53826 reported 24 tests with a median of 2.45 pCi/L and a maxim of 30.9 pCi/L.

An odorless gas

Radon, an odorless, radioactive gas naturally present in the ground, enters buildings through their foundations. Radon causes more lung cancer among non-smokers than secondhand tobacco smoke.

An estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year among non-smokers are caused by radon, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and U.S. Surgeon General, and approximately 962 of these deaths are in Wisconsin. The number of lung cancer deaths caused by radon is extrapolated, based on an established and accepted percentage for radon-caused lung cancer deaths among the number of all reported lung cancer deaths.

Fortunately, this cause of lung cancer is largely preventable, and the first step is to test your house or apartment for radon.

“Radon is found all over the State of Wisconsin and the only way to know if your house or apartment has elevated levels is to test,” said Jessica Maloney, State Radon Program Manager for DHS. “Reduced-cost test kits are available through Radon Information Centers (RIC) in Wisconsin and test

kit promotions are happening throughout January.”

The Crawford County Health Department is currently providing test kits to residents free of charge, according to Sonya Lenzendorf, the Director of the Crawford County Public Health. Lenzendorf said that public health had made test kits available at the Gays Mills Village Office.

The local testing effort continues year-round. However, an emphasis is placed on the winter months when houses are more closed to outside air and more accurate test readings can be collected. So February is as good a month to test as January, even though January is designated Radon Awareness Month.

Six-county consortium

Troy Moris, an employee of the Grant County Health Department, heads a six-county Radon Information Consortium for Southwest Wisconsin. The six counties include Crawford, Richland, Vernon, Grant, Iowa and Lafayette counties.

Moris emphasized that testing should be done at the lowest level of the residence being regularly used by people living there. He said this can be the basement if anyone regularly spends an hour or more a day in the basement.

Regular uses of the basement can include, but are not limited to, an extra bedroom. Other regular uses could include a den, a family or rec room and even an exercise area. Any use of the space for an hour or more daily means the test kit should be placed there.

The US Environmental Protection Agency recommends that when a test result is at 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) or higher, a mitigation system should be installed to prevent the gas from entering the residence. The cost of mitigation can be a barrier for some families, and Wisconsin residents can visit lowradon.org to find their RIC or speak with local public health department radon experts by calling 1-888-LOW-RADON to discuss available options.

Mitigation efforts

Mitigation in a house can run from \$700 to as much as \$2,000, according to the DHS and more than 100 contractors in Wisconsin are certified to do radon mitigation projects.

Moris explained the radon mitigation project in a residence typically involves breaking through the cement floor of the basement and

making a six to eight -inch deep hole to accommodate a PVC pipe with holes drilled in it. The pipe is fitted into the hole and travels to an exterior wall where a hole is created for the pipe to exit. The pipe then runs alongside the house until it clears the eave. An electric fan is attached to the PVC pipe in the portion running outside of the house and sealed inside of it. The fan runs 24 hours per day every day. It's electric cost is about \$11 to \$12 per month.

In states with high ra-

don levels, new houses are required by code to have a radon mitigation system installed when the house is built. This is required in Minnesota and several western states. It is not required in Wisconsin. The cost of building a radon mitigation system into a new house is about \$700, which can be considerably less than retro-fitting such a mitigation system to an existing house.

Radon test kits are also available from hardware stores. There are more than

100 radon mitigation contractors in Wisconsin that are nationally certified to install radon mitigation systems if elevated radon levels are found. Both old and newer homes can be prone to radon.

Renter's rights

Apartments can also be at risk. Landlords have a responsibility to provide safe living conditions to all their renters. About one third of the nation's housing units are occupied by renters. The first step landlords can take is to understand what radon is,

how to test for it, and what needs to be done to fix it if it does exist. Landlords should work with a certified radon testing and mitigation service to get started on addressing the issue for their tenants.

Effective March 1, 2023, all licensed family child care and group child care centers in Wisconsin will be required to test for radon and mitigate if levels are at or above 4 pCi/L. It is not required for licensed day camps.

More information can be found at lowradon.org.

FLOW Annual Meeting was action-packed with information

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previously thrived there such as the Starhead Top Minnow and Lake Chubsucker.

“By comparison, the borrow pit lake did not have excessive populations of duckweed and filamentous algae, and is home to thriving populations of six native fish species as well as Starhead Top Minnows that were stocked there by the Science Committee,” Marshall said.

Marshall detailed that levels of nitrate in the borrow pit lake had been documented at 1.6 parts-per-million (ppm), which is a level well below the health standard for drinking water of 10 ppm. By contrast, he said, an average of nitrate results from various oxbow lakes documented nitrate levels of 13.6 ppm.

Marshall also reported that the Science Committee had undertaken a new Conservation Aquaculture Project in 2022, gathering Lake Chubsuckers and raising them in a permitted pond on Marshall's property. Their goal will be to stock the fish from the pond in the Wisconsin River above the Prairie du Sac Dam, where water quality in the oxbow lakes is better due to less intensive agricultural land use in that part of the river.

One member of the audience asked what could be done about the high levels of nitrate being delivered into the oxbow lakes by polluted groundwater?

“There is no standard for nitrate in surface water in Wisconsin, but Wisconsin DNR is currently engaged in a rulemaking process to develop one,” FLOW member Ron Grasshof explained. “Another positive development in 2022 was the approval by the Wisconsin State Legislature of the ‘Nitrogen Optimization Study,’ which invites producers to

use grant funds to try different approaches for the most efficient use of nitrogen on their land, and measure the results.”

Riverway safety

WDNR Conservation Warden Al Erickson, who operates out of the Dodgeville Field Office and covers the western half of Iowa County, expressed his appreciation for FLOW's support of public safety on the Riverway through development of the Riverway Text Alert feature.

To sign up, send a text to 77295 with the word ‘RIVERWAY’ in the message. The subscriber can stop the service at any time by sending a text to 77295 with the word ‘STOP.’

“Timm Zumm is a very valuable resource for public safety on the Lower Wisconsin River, both for his personal responses to safety incidents but also his network of people up and down the Riverway,” Erickson said.

Erickson explained that Sheriff's Departments along the Riverway are also adopting text messaging into other public safety features such as using a text message to allow dispatch offices to link with the cell phone of an individual involved in a public safety incident on the river to determine their exact location and assess the situation remotely. He pointed out that there is also an app available for smart phones, ‘What Three Words,’ that can be downloaded and used by citizens to help public safety workers respond to emergencies on the river.

Film on the river

Ben Fritz is a filmmaker from the Madison area who filmed a short movie on the Lower Wisconsin River in the summer of 2022, with assistance from Zumm.

“From my youth, I always wanted to be involved in

making movies,” Fritz told the group. “After doing a stint in the movie business in California, I've returned to Wisconsin and now work with youth in film making.”

The movie Fritz and his crew filmed on the Wisconsin River last summer, ‘Up River,’ will be released in 2023, and local residents will be notified about when and where they will be able to view it. Fritz said that Zumm appears briefly in the movie, playing a WDNR Conservation Warden.

Fritz showed members present at the meeting a brief trailer of the movie, and described the theme as “two unlikely boat mates find commonality and brotherhood on the river.”

Riverway highlights

Mark Cupp, executive director of the Lower Wisconsin State Riverway Board (LWSRB) addressed attendees at the meeting, highlighting “things to know” about the Riverway.

Cupp pointed out that two current and one former members of the LWSRB were present at the meeting. Current members included Gigi LaBudde, president, and Dan Hilberry, the representative from Richland County. Former members present included former LWSRB president Gerry Dorscheid.

Cupp reported that the project to have the State of Wisconsin purchase the Wintergreen Resort in 2022, using Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program funds, had suffered setbacks, especially resistance from WDNR.

“The Shifflet family, which owns the property, is still holding out hope the deal could be negotiated but can't hold onto the property indefinitely,” Cupp said. “With recent changes in Natural Resources Board membership and leadership at WDNR, I

believe that one more try is worth the time.”

Cupp also reported on various Wisconsin Department of Transportation projects coming up in the Riverway, and said that LWSRB is involved in vetting the plans for the projects.

Those projects include replacement of the Highway 130 bridge across the river at Lone Rock, planned for 2023 into 2024; a major project on Highway 60 between Gotham and Muscoda, expected to close that stretch of highway for 1-2 years, planned for 2024-2025; and replacement of the County T bridge over the river at Blue River, planned for 2027-2028.

Cupp reported that he is involved with a planned celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the Marquette & Joliet Voyage of Discovery in Prairie du Chien. He said there will be a fundraising event, the ‘Fete du Voyageur,’ at the Dousman House on February 18, with the larger event planned for June 16-18.

Cupp listed items where FLOW member advocacy could be helpful in 2023. Those include encouraging state legislators to increase funding for the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and fully fund conservation staffing for county conservation departments, and also advocating for clean water initiatives in the state.

“I am deeply grateful for all that FLOW members do in the Riverway, including the ‘Kids Don't Float’ kiosks, Science Committee research, education and outreach, public safety initiatives, volunteer work days at Frank's Hill and the Blue River Sand Barrens, and support for the Voyageur Canoe Trips,” Cupp said. “FLOW is a vibrant organization, and your efforts make a difference in the world.”

SOUTHWEST TECH OPEN BOARD MEMBER POSITIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Board Appointment Committee of the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College Board will accept applications for three positions to the Southwest Tech Board.

Appointments will be made in accordance with the Appointment Committee's Plan of Representation, which specifies categories of membership as well as geographic areas of representation within the district. Following is a list of openings:

ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER (South)

ONE ADDITIONAL MEMBER (At Large)

ONE ELECTED OFFICIAL MEMBER (At Large)

All positions will commence on July 1, 2023, and upon certification of the Wisconsin Technical College System Board. All positions carry three-year terms expiring June 30, 2026.

The **ADDITIONAL MEMBER (South)** must be a resident of any of the following K-12 school districts: Argyle, Belmont, Benton, Blackhawk, Cassville, Cuba City, Darlington, Fennimore, Lancaster, Mineral Point, Pecatonica, Platteville, Potosi, River Ridge, Shullsburg, and Southwestern.

The **ADDITIONAL MEMBER (At Large)** is defined as a resident of any of the 30 K-12 school districts the College serves: Argyle, Barneveld, Belmont, Benton, Blackhawk, Boscobel, Cassville, Cuba City, Darlington, Dodgeville, Fennimore, Highland, Iowa-Grant, Ithaca, Kickapoo, Lancaster, Mineral Point, North Crawford, Pecatonica, Platteville, Potosi, Prairie du Chien, Richland, River Ridge, Riverdale, Seneca, Shullsburg, Southwestern, Wauzeka-Steuben, and Weston.

The **ELECTED OFFICIAL MEMBER (At Large)** is defined as someone who holds an elected national, state, or local office, as defined in Wis. Stats. 5.02 except for the office of party committeeman or party committeewoman. The elected official member must be a resident of any of the 30 K-12 school districts that the College serves: Argyle, Barneveld, Belmont, Benton, Blackhawk, Boscobel, Cassville, Cuba City, Darlington, Dodgeville, Fennimore, Highland, Iowa-Grant, Ithaca, Kickapoo, Lancaster, Mineral Point, North Crawford, Pecatonica, Platteville, Potosi, Prairie du Chien, Richland, River Ridge, Riverdale, Seneca, Shullsburg, Southwestern, Wauzeka-Steuben, and Weston.

Applications must be submitted in writing on forms that may be obtained from: 1) the Southwest Tech President's Office, 1800 Bronson Boulevard, Fennimore, WI 53809; 2) electronically from the College website – www.swtc.edu, then go to “About” and click on the Board Appointment Process under Related Links; or 3) via e-mail by contacting Lori Needham @ lneedham@swtc.edu. Applications must be received by the Board Appointment Committee, Southwest Tech, 1800 Bronson Boulevard, Fennimore, WI 53809, no later than **4:00 p.m., February 9, 2023**. Applications must be submitted in paper form with an original signature.

Applicants must submit at least two letters of reference supporting his or her application to the Board and must attend a public hearing of the Board Appointment Committee and be interviewed. LETTERS OF REFERENCE MUST ACCOMPANY THE APPLICATION.

The Southwest Tech Board Appointment Committee meeting and public hearing are tentatively scheduled for March 2, 2023. A legal notice announcing the exact date, time, and location for the meetings will be published the week of February 16, 2023.

TOWN OF CLAYTON CRAWFORD COUNTY, WI

TYPE E NOTICE - VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT SPRING PRIMARY ELECTION FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Any qualified elector who is unable or unwilling to appear at the polling place on election day may request to vote an absentee ballot. A qualified elector is any U. S. citizen, who will be 18 years of age or older on election day, and who has resided in the municipality where he or she wishes to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election. The elector must also be a registered voter in order to receive an absentee ballot. Proof of identification must be provided before an absentee ballot may be issued.

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

TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT: Contact **Charity Smith, Clerk, Town of Clayton, 14815 State Hwy 131, Gays Mills, WI 54631, or call 608-735-4709** and request that an application for absentee ballot be sent to you for the Fall General Election. You may apply for an absentee ballot online at MyVote.wi.gov or you may submit a written request in the form of a letter. Your written request must contain your name, voting address within the municipality in which you wish to vote, the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different, the date and your signature and a copy of your picture ID. You may make application by mail or in person.

Making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail
The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: **5 p.m. on the fifth day before the election which is February 16, 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 any of these provisions apply to you, contact the 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 person by contacting the **Clerk, Charity Smith at 608-735-4709** to set an appointment to cast an absentee ballot in person.

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the Clerk's office, February 7, 2023
(14 days prior to the election)

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the Clerk's office, February 17, 2023
(No in-person absentee voting may occur after that time.)

The Clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before election day to the polling place before the polls close on Tuesday, **February 21, 2023**. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

Charity Smith, Clerk
Town of Clayton