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Local Author-Artist Lisa Yourell Publishes Book



When she's not helping SASD students achieve their best, Lisa Yourell is probably either gardening, tending to her goats, or drawing and writing about the things she loves. Her newest publication, "Native Wildflowers and the Creatures Who Depend on Them: Upper Midwest Summer" is already gaining accolades from naturalists and beginners alike, as they color their way across a beautiful array of local flora and fauna. Find copies by emailing Lisa at layourell@proton.me and at the local retailers found in the story below! Herald photo by Jennifer Rodriguez Moran

By JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ MORAN
contributing writer

This spring, Lisa (Gaunky) Yourell released her newest publication, "Native Wildflowers and the Creatures Who Depend on Them: Upper Midwest Summer." This amazing new wildlife book is also an engaging and informative coloring book for all ages. Yourell is a local author and artist with a passion for capturing what she sees and loves around us in Sparta and the Driftless region with pen and ink. Yourell has been at her craft for over 40 years and has published other books including "An Illustrated History of Sparta," along with a wide variety of popular note and greeting cards and other art, to date. Continue reading to learn more about her artistic inspiration, some of the plants and animals which inspired her to create this beautiful and educational book, what she hopes people will take away from it,

and how to find copies of your own to share and enjoy.

Books, nature, and rural life were formative for Lisa's artistic lifepath: "I have always been enchanted by illustrations - especially watercolor and pen and ink. I had access to a lot of books from the 19th century on my Grandma Webster's bookshelves and would sit and study the drawings. When I was about 20, a series of drawings just flowed out of me. I realized later that they were all about my childhood on my grandparents' farm- I have always loved learning about history, nature, farming... I am interested in so many things!"

For a long time "Native Wildflowers and the Creatures Who Depend on Them: Upper Midwest Summer" was a treasured idea, not quite ready to form into something tangible. It began with a love for nature and continued to form as Lisa learned more about the intricate

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Mark Kauffman of the Sparta VFW Post 2112 awards scholarships to students of Sparta High school Class of 2025. Herald photo by John Gessner.

College Bound with financial help - Sparta High Students receive Scholarships

By: JOHN GESSNER
Herald Staff Writer

Wednesday evening, May 7, 2025, was the night for scholarship awards for college-bound Sparta High School seniors. Their hard work in academics, sports, and extracurricular activities paid off, as 71 different organizations awarded 156 scholarships. The financial assistance totaled over \$150 thousand. Some students received multiple awards with the top student receiving nine scholarships.

Sparta High School Principal Erik Forde remarked that he was humbled by the generosity of the community in sponsoring the many awards and scholarships. The students will use them well as they pursue higher education and develop themselves as future leaders. He thanked the parents, role models, and teachers for their efforts to guide the students in their future endeavors.

The names of the scholarship winners were held in confidence until the night of the awards. The scholarships are listed below in alphabetical order by organization.

The 2025 scholarships included:

Academic Excellence Awards were awarded to Taran Muehlenkamp and Ellie Falkner.

Alexander Nichols Scholarship was awarded to Makayla Jo Blount.

Alton D. Ask Education Award was awarded to Ma-

dalynn Polus. The Alton Ask Awards were created in 1984 by the late coach Woody Willson in honor of all Ask's in athletics and education.

Alton D. Ask Fine Arts Award was awarded to Io Forsberg.

Alton D. Ask Leadership Award was awarded to Brooke Evans.

Alton D. Ask Outstanding Senior Athlete Award was awarded to Grant Geier and Leah Modjeski.

Alton D. Ask Private School Award was awarded to Daniela Altamirano Cruz.

Alton D. Ask Student-Athlete Awards for Basketball were awarded to Leah Modjeski and Nate Guns.

Alton D. Ask Three Award Sports Athlete was awarded to Devon Lietzau.

Ann & Harold Schendel Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Keira Jerome.

American Legion Post 100 Scholarships were awarded to Jaiden Schauf and Luke Tempski.

American Legion Post 100 Auxiliary Scholarships were awarded to Madalynn Polus and Logan Eilers.

Barbershoppers Scholarship was awarded to Cooper Schauf.

Cataract Sportsmen's Club Scholarship was awarded to Braxton Anderson.

Class of 1939/1989 Scholarship was awarded to Nate Guns.

Class of 1940 Music Scholarships were awarded to Cooper Schauf, Gabriella Wart-

han, and Daisha Vanbeek.

Class of 1978 Scholarships were awarded to Conner Greeno and Lily Davis.

Class of 1981 Scholarship was awarded to Stella LaRock.

Class of 1983 Scholarship was awarded to Grahm Halverson.

Coach Red Wermer Scholarships were awarded to Ellie Faulkner and Conner Greeno.

CO-OP Credit Union Scholarship was awarded to Logan Eilers.

Dale & Phyllis Harrie Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Trey Manske. This scholarship is given to students with an interest in engineering.

Darren Schauf Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Braxton Anderson.

Douglas Schroeder Academic Scholarship was awarded to Connor Greeno.

Douglas Schroeder Athletic Scholarship was awarded to Grant Geier.

Dr. Jack Brown Student Athlete Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Makayla Jo Blount, Nate Guns, Devon Lietzau, and Nyla Dille. Dr. Brown was the long-serving team doctor for Sparta HS.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes Scholarships were awarded to Brook Evans and Lillian Peterson.

1st Commercial Credit Union Scholarships were awarded to Libby Oswald and Ava Erickson.

Friends of Cataract Scholarships were awarded to Tristin

Chapman, Keira Jerome, and Braxton Anderson.

George (WW2, Korea and Vietnam Veteran) & Phyllis Lundy (Sparta HS Class of 1948) Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Makayla Jo Blount.

Good Citizens Scholarships were awarded to Devon Lietzau, Nate Guns, Grant Geier, Lucas McKee, and Hayden Anderson. The organization was formed in 2003 to celebrate the goodness of the United States and to give back to the community.

Howard "Boot" A. Teasdale Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Nyla Dille.

Innovations STEM Academy Scholarships were awarded to Trey Manske and Jaiden Schauf.

Janelle Britton Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Madalynn Polus. Janelle Britton was a teacher in the Sparta School District and passed away in 2022.

Janet Krotzman Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Nate Guns.

Jason D. Finstad (Sparta HS 1987) Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Daniela Altamirano Cruz.

JD Olson (Sparta HS Class of 2004) Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Devon Lietzau, Grant Geier, Nate Guns, Owen Berendes, Lucas McKee, and Conner Greeno.

Joel Konze (Sparta Area SD Class of 1978) "Best Day

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Photo (from left): Brianna Betterly, Rise of Adrenaline recipient, 2024 Miss Sparta Jenna Martin, Roman Olbert, Backstage Beats recipient, and Xavier Centeno, Upstage Adrenaline recipient

Sparta Show Choir receive first ever Shining a Spotlight show choir scholarship

By ANGIE MARTIN

Monday evening three talented Sparta Show Choir students were recipients of the first ever Shining a Spotlight show choir scholarship. Miss Sparta, Jenna Martin, established this full tuition scholarship as part of her community service initiative, shining a Spotlight on Music Education, which supports removing financial barriers for student participation in music activities. "As someone who

grew up loving the stage, I know first-hand how music performance can empower young people," said Martin. Tuition costs for one year of show choir can be as high as \$650, depending on which group you participate in. "I have seen first-hand how hard parents work to support their students in show choir. By funding tuition cost associated with the activity, I hope to alleviate some of the financial stress that is placed on Spar-

ta's music families."

Applicants applied through an online form where they were given the opportunity to describe what show choir means to them and how the scholarship will benefit their upcoming season.

Throughout her years in the Miss Sparta organization, Martin has raised over \$6000 which will allow the Shining a Spotlight scholarship program to continue for an additional two years.

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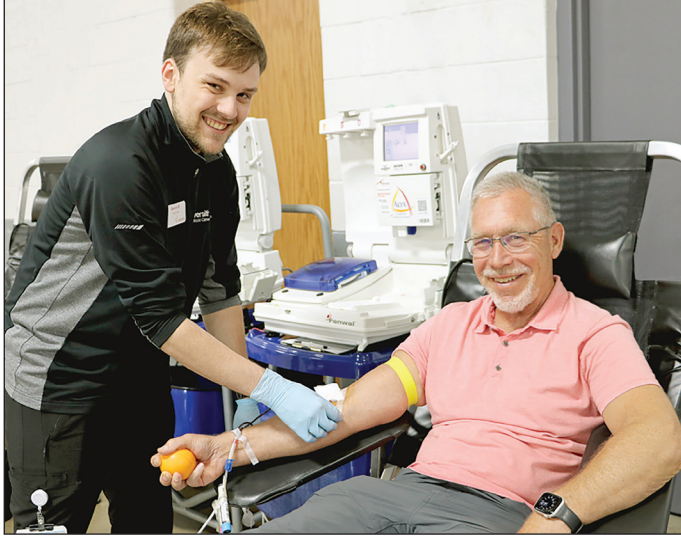


Pictured winning an award for the “Best in Engineering” are Cayla Johnson and Teva Ebel-Naber with their Epicenter Tower.



Pictured winning an award for the “Best in Science” is Gianna Moffett with her Stream Restoration project. Contributed Photos.

Tomah resident donates blood to help others



Versiti Blood Center team lead Garron Bowers, left monitored Walt Weiland of Tomah during a Tomah Health / Versiti Blood Drive at Recreation Park, Tomah May 14. Contributed photo.

Walt Weiland says he donates blood to help others. “It’s easy and the benefit is to help others in need,” Weiland said prior to his blood donation at Tomah Recreation Park May 14. The Tomah resident was one of 79 people who donated blood during a two-day Tomah Health / Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin May 14 & 15. Weiland said he has been donating for a couple of years at the encouragement of his wife, Amber, who is a nurse at Tomah Health. Weiland also appreciates that his donation can help save the life of someone in his community. “I think

that’s great, and it is local, that’s even better.” Blood collected during the Tomah drives helps to support nearly 50 hospitals in Wisconsin including Tomah Health. Weiland plans to continue donating blood and encouraged others to donate too. “I’d say it’s piece cake and pretty efficient. There’s a questionnaire that you can fill out before you get here so

it’s pretty seamless and easy.” Versiti account representative Lauren Sanders Fleming said collections during the two-day drive will help over 207 patients at community hospitals. “Giving blood at community drives like this is a powerful way to make a real difference for patients in Wisconsin,” said Sanders Fleming. She said donating blood now ensures

that blood banks are well-stocked to meet the anticipated increase in demand during the warmer months when there’s an increase in trauma-related incidents, such as car accidents and outdoor injuries, that require blood transfusions for victims.

Tomah Health and Versiti have scheduled their next drive on July 16 & 17 at Recreation Park in Tomah.

Ask The Trainer

by Dave Erickson - Owner Fit4Life/Women’s Gym



Your Best Healthcare

Being in the gym business isn’t just about helping people fit into their jeans or wedding dresses, it’s also about helping people avoid the diseases that so often can hinder and disrupt a person’s life. We all want to avoid diseases that can slow us down, cause pain or even shorten our lives. Having adequate healthcare insurance to help pay for any illnesses that may come into your life is smart, but having a disease avoidance plan is an even better idea!

Along with eating a healthy diet, exercise is the Most effective way you can help prevent or decrease disease in your life as you age. Here are a few examples:

Arthritis. Exercise can ease pain, build muscle strength around joints, and lessen joint stiffness. It also can help those with arthritis move better and improve the quality of life.

Asthma. Exercise can help control how often asthma attacks happen and how bad they are.

Back pain. Stretching exercises as well as abdominal and back strengthening exercises, also known as core exercises, can help ease symptoms by making the muscles around the spine stronger and more flexible.

Cancer. Exercise can improve the quality of life for people who’ve had cancer. It also improves the body’s immune function to help prevent and battle cancer. It has been found to lower the risk of dying of breast, colorectal and prostate cancer.

Dementia. Exercise can improve thinking skills in people with dementia. People who exercise regularly are at less risk of dementia and cognitive decline.

Depression and anxiety. Exercise makes you feel good and is one of the main recommendations to help experience less depression and anxiety and improve emotional resilience.

Diabetes. Regular exercise helps lower blood sugar levels and boost insulin sensitivity. Exercise helps control weight, the main factor for the onset of type 2 diabetes.

Heart disease. Regular exercise helps the heart. Exercise can lower the risk of dying of heart disease and slow or arrest the progression of heart disease.

Osteoporosis. Weight bearing exercise like walking and especially lifting weights helps build strong bones and slow bone loss.

When it comes to your health and longevity, it’s a wise idea to make exercise an important part of your personal healthcare plan. See you in the Gym!

-Dave

Member of the Month

Abby Wiedmeyer

“I joined the gym because my active lifestyle slowed down when we transitioned our dairy farm and I got a desk job in town.

I had never stepped foot in a gym before... I have grown to love working out so much that I have since become a certified personal trainer myself, and have started working with other beginners.

I experienced first-hand how investing in myself at the gym empowered me to make changes in my life.

Helping others see that for themselves gives purpose to my passion for exercise.”

-Abby



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Upcoming Area Events

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS POLICY: Groups that earn profits from their event are asked to place a display ad in the MC Herald in order to be included in "Upcoming Area Events." Any non-profit adult organization or church will get a 25% discount on advertising. Half price ads are available for second run. There is no charge for youth groups. Items placed in "Upcoming Area Events" cannot contain prices, and the word "raffle" is prohibited. Regular consumption events must be run as a paid advertisement. We appreciate your cooperation. E-mail to monroecountyherald.com to place your item.

SPARTA AREA CANCER SUPPORT 2025 WALK/RALLY - Evans Bosshard Park Friday, August

1st, 4pm - 11pm. visit spartaareacancersupport.org

CLASS OF '76 Breakfast will be the first Tuesday of the month at the Family Restaurant at 10 AM. in the back room.

TOMAH AMERICAN LEGION POST 201 Legion and Auxiliary meeting every 2nd Thursday of every month. Doors OPEN at 5:00 pm, meetings start at 6:00 pm.

AMERICAN LEGION POST #100 in Sparta has their monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 7PM. The Auxiliary starts at 6:30 on the third Wednesday of the month. All veterans and families of veterans are welcome to join the legion. Stop by 1116 Angelo Rd for more information.

VFW POST 2112 monthly

membership meeting, **first Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm.** Auxiliary meeting **second Tuesday at 7:00pm.** All meetings at the Post Home, 121 South Husk.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 9438 MIDDLE RIDGE - BANGOR - WEST SALEM monthly meeting. 1st Tuesday each month, 6:00 pm St. Teresa Parish, West Salem.

THE SPARTA GARDEN CLUB: The Garden Club is changing the cadence, of their Monthly meeting, to the Third, Tuesday. The New Time: 11:30 am to 1 pm. Note, our meeting may last longer because of topics. Anyone with an interest in gardening is welcome to join and become a member. The New Location: Sparta Floral & Greenhouses, 636 E. Montgomery Street, Sparta WI.

THE TRI-COUNTY CHAPTER #1386 OF NARFE (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES) MEETS MONTHLY (March thru November) the 3rd Thursday of the month at Perkins Restaurant, 1015 E. McCoy Blvd. (Hwy. 21), Tomah, WI. Lunch is available at 11:30 AM - order off the menu. The meeting starts at approximately 11:45AM. All members, their guests, and interested retired federal employees are welcome.

SPARTA FREE LIBRARY hosts **TR-I-N-G-O (BINGO Trivia)** at **VFW Post 2112 (121 S. Rusk) on the 4th Wednesday of the month.** Game starts at **5:30pm.** No admission fee. Join the fun as we play four games, each game being a different category.

CLASS OF 64 Breakfast will be the first Monday of the month unless its a holiday then it will be the second Monday, 9 a.m. at the Family Restaurant.

BANGOR VFW POST 8278 monthly meeting. **3rd Tuesday each month, 7:00 pm** Legion clubrooms. New members welcome.

BANGOR AMERICAN LEGION POST 40 & LEGION AUXILIARY monthly meeting. **2nd Tuesday each month, 7:00 pm** Legion clubrooms. New members welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) is not about dieting or selling a special food plan. We give support and tools to make lifetime changes. Join us Mondays from 3:00-3:45 at the Methodist Church. Call Nila at 608-797-2784 with any questions.

FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY EVENINGS. St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County provides **FREE MEDICAL CARE** for uninsured adults. Registration 5-6:30 p.m. at Mayo Clinic, 310 W. Main St., Sparta. For more information about services and eligibility, visit www.stclaremonroecounty.org or call 608-366-5343.

SPARTA LIONS CLUB MEETING Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Sparta VFW starting at 6:30 pm. We are always looking for new members!

SPARTA GROUP #1 (AA) has meetings Monday through Fridays at NOON. There are also meetings seven days a week at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The meetings are held at the Masonic Valley Lodge on the corner of Montgomery and South Court streets. Use the side entrance. Hotline Numbers: 608-784-7560 OR 1-866-491-8004

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY is in Sparta the third Monday of each month at **2:30p.m.** at the Summer (May through October) location at **Memorial Park via Osbourne Dr.** the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00p.m. at the **Tomah Fairgrounds (1625 Butts Ave.);** and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00a.m. at the **Norwalk Village Hall** for curbside pickup.

EVERY TUESDAY, 7 P.M. Are you struggling with

someone else's drinking? **AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** is there to help. Meetings are held at the Sparta United Methodist Church, 210 N. Court St.

SENIORS AT THE BARNEY CENTER, AGE 40 AND OLDER. We play 500, Euchre, & we will probably have a table of Canasta. 1st Thursday of the month 1:00 p.m. and 3rd Saturday pot luck & cards, 11:30 a.m.



Claudine Stockman from Wisconsin Rapids accompanied Pat Christensen to Tomah on Wednesday for a class reunion meeting. The reunion will be held on Friday, September 5th at Cranberry Country Lodge

Ken and Sue Olsen played cards on Tuesday at the Senior center.

Sue Olsen joined the Priscilla Group from St. Paul's Lutheran church for lunch at Perkin's on Monday.

Bonnie Hedding visited her mom Kate Batten in Shennington on Friday.

Bonnie Hedding and her mom Kate Batten from Shennington went to Sturgeon Bay on Saturday for the wedding of Destiny Waltemath and Brandon Leis.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Lexie Prielipp and her Dad Duane Prielipp. Lexie's was Thursday and Duane's was Sunday.

John and Mike Blija spent Saturday in Whitewater visiting Katie Blija and boys.

Ken and Sue Olsen were Sunday visitors at Duane and Becky Prielipp's to celebrate Duane and Lexie's birthdays.

Alicia Waltemath from Wyeville visited Bonnie Hedding on Sunday.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Winners at Duplicate Bridge on Tuesday, May 20, were:

First place - Maila Kuhn and Ken Kuhn. Second place - Sandy Schaefer and Doug Furnier. Third place - Lloyd Larson and Dave Hollmann.

This group meets regularly each Tuesday afternoon at 12:30 p.m. in the Hospitality House of St. John's Episcopal Church.

Interested participants are welcome. Partnerships can be arranged. Contact Doug at 608-343-2411.

Celebrating 70 Years



June 8, 1955



June 8, 2025

RETRACTION:

This anniversary ad was inadvertently published as an open house, but the couple's celebration will be a private affair by invite only.

We sincerely apologize to the Forde family for the error.
Staff of the Monroe County Herald

MEMORIAL DAY AUCTION

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The Family of Little Stinker Doug Brabant would like to Thank ALL Family, Friends, Neighbors and Customers for all the Food, Cards, Money, Visits and Phone Calls.

Peggy Brabant and Family

SUDOKU

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Level: Intermediate

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
4. British thermal unit
7. Afflict
8. Refrain from harming
10. Galls
12. Leg bone
13. Rhine distributary
14. Recipe measurement
16. Chap
17. Useful book
19. Mountain Time
20. Snake-like fishes
21. Places where people live
25. US, Latin America, Canada belong to
26. Periodical
27. A type of sense
29. A way to get possession of
30. Everyone has one
31. Body art
32. Mr. October
39. Abba __, Israeli politician
41. Head movement
42. Jeweled headdress
43. VCR button
44. A way to change color
45. Basketball move
46. Upright stone slab
48. Forest-dwelling monkey
49. Pulsate steadily
50. Negative
51. Sino-Soviet bloc (abbr.)
52. Unit of work

CLUES DOWN

1. Island
2. Pittsburgh ballplayer
3. Chemical compound
4. Indicates density of data (abbr.)
5. Mesas
6. Wild, long-legged sheep
8. Engine additive
9. "CSI" actor George
11. Stony waste matter
14. Thyroid-stimulating hormone
15. Pores in a leaf's epidermis
18. Digraph
19. Married woman
20. Peripheral
22. Northern Italy city
23. Klutz
24. Type of tree
27. Witnessed
28. Popular breakfast food
29. __ Mahal
31. BoSox legend Williams
32. Professional drivers
33. Atom or molecule type
34. The Constitution State
35. Chest to store clothes (Scottish)
36. Type of solution
37. Speaker
38. Specifying
39. Formerly (archaic)
40. Wiseman and Krom are two
44. The bill in a restaurant
47. Tennis shot

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Letters to the Editor



Federal Funding Community Workshop

Dear Editor,

Want to know how federal dollars are making a difference in Sparta schools? The Sparta Area School District is hosting a community workshop on Tuesday, May 27th at 5:00 PM at Meadowview Middle School to provide a clear overview of our federal funding. Learn about the specific types and amounts of funds the district receives and participate in an open Q&A session. Your input and understanding are important to us. The workshop is prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting at 6:00.

Kyla Manske
Director of Instructional Services
Sparta Area School District

Big Beautiful Bill

Dear Editor,

Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill is working its way through congress. He is pushing it relentlessly. He usually gets what he wants.

The goal of this Big Beautiful Bill is basically to slash enough money from programs for poor folks so that more cash can be shoveled, via tax breaks, to our nation’s most greedy: our precious billionaires.

The Bill involves stripping away money from programs like SNAP, which provides nutrition to low-income families. It appears that portions of Medicaid, a federal program providing health services to low-income folks, will also need to be slashed to more bountifully enrich the wealthiest among us.

Interesting that so many Christians support Trump and his policies. Wasn’t it Jesus Christ himself who preached that it is our heavenly duty to take from the poor and the sick and give to the rich and the healthy?

Ronald Geurkink
Tomah

Senator Pfaff Shares His Cherished Life Lesson with 2025 Graduates



Brad Pfaff
32nd Senate District

I was honored to speak at Viterbo’s Commencement Ceremony in early May. When thinking about what to share with this group of students, I reflected on my life journey and the people I’ve worked alongside, each with unique lived experiences, educational backgrounds, and perspectives. And, I believe, it is those differences that we should celebrate and lean into as we pursue our very own career paths and explore our life journey. With so many graduating seniors in the area, from high school to college, I’d like to congratulate them and share the remarks I made to Viterbo students, summarizing an important lesson that I’ve learned in life:

Graduating seniors, we celebrate not just your academic accomplishments, but also your character, curiosity, and life experiences that brought you here. I grew up on a dairy farm in the coulees and valleys of western Wisconsin. My mornings began before the sun, in the barn with my dad, listening to the farm report on the radio.

I heard about crop prices, milk futures, and global trade, and it widened my understanding of the world far beyond the rolling hills I called home. Farming was more than just work—it was knowledge, experience, and resilience. Years later, that deep understanding of agriculture is what landed me a job with U.S. Senator Herb Kohl. Senator Kohl, a man who built his career in the grocery business, knew how food was sold—but as a farm

boy, I understood how it grew.

And that knowledge, rooted in my upbringing, my labor, my experiences, was valuable. It meant that even as a young farm kid, I had something to offer one of the most influential people in the U.S. Senate. Be proud of where you come from, and be proud of what you know. Everyone brings something unique to the table, and you never know when your own experiences will be exactly what the world needs.

A lesson I learned from my rural farm parents that still stays with me to this day: you do not know where you are going unless you know where you are from. As you step into the next phase of your journey, remember that life does not follow a straight line. Sadly, your career will not unfold according to a master plan. Instead, like the winding roads through the Driftless Region, it will twist and turn, presenting unexpected bridges and unseen curves.

You will face challenges. You will encounter detours. But your success will not be defined by a perfectly mapped path—it will be shaped by your temperament, judgment, hard work, and perseverance. I encourage you: resist cynicism. Play the long game, not just the short game. Stay curious, stay open-minded, and never underestimate the value of what you bring to the world.

Because it is your experiences, knowledge, and character—these attributes will take you further than you ever dreamed. So, congratulations on your accomplishment and on the start of an exciting new chapter in your life. I am confident that you have what it takes to be the next leaders of the Great State of Wisconsin!



Fiscal Facts: Wisconsin Could Join Call for Change on Cell Phones in Schools



Wisconsin could join the growing list of states with laws restricting student cell phone use in schools. Our research finds that of the more than 300 districts or schools responding to a recent

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) survey, most already restrict student cell phone use to common school areas.

Wisconsin school districts currently have a patchwork of cell phone policies for students. While permitting use in common areas only is the most prevalent policy, some districts impose a more restrictive policy, fully banning students from using phones on school premises. Others impose no blanket restrictions, while typically permitting teachers to restrict cell phone use in their classrooms.

Now, Wisconsin lawmakers are debating a bill that would bring greater uniformity to these policies, enacting a statewide ban on student cell phone use during instructional time in public school districts. There would be limited exceptions, such as during an emergency or to manage a student’s health care. Under the bill, districts also would be permitted to adopt more stringent restrictions.

It’s a salient issue for educators, many of whom find themselves competing with devices for students’ attention. In a recent Pew Research survey, 72% of high school teachers said student distraction due to cell phones is a “major problem in their classroom.”

The DPI survey data show Wisconsin’s smallest districts or schools are more likely to have adopted more stringent restrictions. Among those with 500 or fewer students, 36.2% had full bans, significantly more than the statewide share. Districts or schools with greater shares of students of color also have adopted more stringent restrictions.

We also analyzed districts and schools according to four categories of urbanization:

city, suburban, town, or rural. The latter three categories showed minimal differences in their policies, but the city, or urban, category had a markedly larger share of districts or schools with full bans, at 31.8%. Notably however, all of the urban districts or schools with a full ban are independent charter schools.

Data from KFF, a leading national health policy think tank, show that a growing number of states are eschewing the cell phone policy patchwork in favor of a uniform statewide restriction or policy -- or at minimum, a baseline policy recommendation. Such proposals are gaining bipartisan support. Looking to our borders, in Iowa, Gov. Kim Reynolds just signed a law banning student cell phone use during instructional school time. In Illinois, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced his support for a similar ban.

Student phone usage restrictions are only part of a larger picture. More schools — recognizing the difficulty of enforcing such restrictions — are adopting additional restrictions on when and where students can possess phones during the school day. Such policies may include requiring students to keep their phones in their lockers during instructional time, requiring that students place their phones inside personal lockable pouches, or requiring students to place their phones in a classroom phone caddy at the start of each class.

While surveys show that cell phone restrictions in schools are generally popular, not all students and parents are on board. Policymakers would be well-advised to better understand these objections as they craft new policies or tweak existing ones.

This information is a service of the Wisconsin Policy Forum, the state’s leading resource for nonpartisan state and local government research and civic education. Learn more at wispolicyforum.org.

Van Orden Introduces Bill to Streamline CNA Training Requirements



Derrick Van Orden
3rd Congressional District

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Congressman Derrick Van Orden (WI-03) introduced legislation to address the nationwide shortage of Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) by expanding the number of qualified supervisors for CNA training programs. The Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Workforce Improvement Act will allow Registered Nurses (RN) with a minimum of two years of nursing experience to supervise CNA training, regardless of whether their experience comes from working in a long-term care facility or another healthcare facility.

CNA staff shortages are a growing concern across the country, especially in rural communities with limited access to healthcare facilities and providers. By eliminating the long-term care requirement, more nurses will

be available to supervise the training of CNAs, ultimately accelerating workforce recruitment and helping alleviate the CNA shortage.

“I have heard from countless healthcare providers who are in desperate need of more CNAs,” said Rep. Van Orden. “In rural Wisconsin, folks depend on these critical workers to receive timely and quality care, and when facilities are short-staffed, entire communities feel the impact. This bill removes the bureaucratic red tape and gets more boots on the ground to ensure patients are receiving the care they need.”

“Opening pathways to crucial health care careers takes creative solutions. This legislation is a step toward building the CNA workforce to aid better patient care and to train future health care professionals. We’re grateful Rep. Van Orden is prioritizing this issue, and we look forward to advocating with him for its passage,” said Heather Schimmers, MBA, RN, Gundersen Region President, Emplify Health.

Rep. Billings Honors Hometown Hero



Madison – Yesterday, Representative Billings honored educator and local Hmong leader NaoHoua “Tony” Yang of La Crosse with the Assembly Hometown Hero Award. Tony was born in Laos during the Vietnam War and after enduring persecution and surviving with his family in the jungle for years, he made the journey to a refugee camp in Thailand before being granted asylum in the US. After arriving in Wisconsin, Tony learned English and graduated from Logan High School in La Crosse and later earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from UW La Crosse. Representative Billings released the following statement:

“I was honored to welcome Tony Yang to the Assembly

Chamber in the State Capitol to present him with the Hometown Hero Award. His contributions to education, cultural preservation, and community service have provided an immeasurable service to the people of La Crosse and the 95th Assembly District, and I am proud to be able to celebrate and honor Tony’s service to the Coulee Region.”

“As we recognize the 50th anniversary of Hmong people in Wisconsin, it is important to acknowledge and celebrate the work and contributions of people like Tony. His invaluable efforts as a community leader and educator has made the Coulee Region better and touched the lives of countless students and I was honored to present Tony with the Hometown Hero Award.”

Submit your letter to us at
editor@monroecountyherald.com

OBITUARIES

AND DEATH NOTICES

ANDREW “ANDY” STEPHEN SUTHERLAND

May 15, 2025

Andrew “Andy” Stephen Sutherland, 55, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday May 15, 2025.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025, 12:00 Noon at the Living Stones Fellowship Church, 310 Main St. Warrens, WI 54666. Pastor Darrin Oakes will officiate. Relatives and friends are invited to call on Saturday from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service. Online Condolences may be sent to www.sonnenburgfamilyfh.com. The Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Sonnenburg Family Funeral Home

MICHELLE M. EDGERTON

August 10, 1970 — May 17, 2025

Michelle M. Edgerton, age 54, of Warrens, Wisconsin, passed away Saturday May 17, 2025, at her home surrounded by her loved ones.



Michelle Edgerton

She was born August 10, 1970, to Dennis and Joyce (Williams) Gillette in Tomah, Wisconsin.

Michelle spent her life deeply rooted in the community she cherished, leaving behind a legacy of love, joy, and resilience. She was a 1988 graduate of Tomah High School. After school, she became a working mom, starting at USEMCO and later at the phone company before stepping away to help her mom manage The Warrens Mall after her father’s passing in 1998. In 2001, Michelle found love and companionship when she married Scott Edgerton at Open Door Church in Warrens. In 2003, they purchased the family cranberry marsh, Gillette Cranberry, which her father had established, showcasing her dedication to her family’s legacy. Her entrepreneurial spirit continued to flourish when they purchased The Warrens Mall in 2005 and The Berry Vine convenience store in 2010.

Her family will forever remember her as a loving wife, an attentive mom, and a doting grandma who filled their lives with laughter and warmth. Michelle had a special way of bringing people together with her infectious positivity and energy. She loved attending her children’s sports games and events, always cheering them on from the sidelines. Her love extended beyond her immediate family; she cherished her time spent with her Jellystone family and her many friends, creating lasting bonds that enriched her life and the lives of those around her.

Michelle was someone who always put her family’s needs and care above her own. After being diagnosed with metastatic breast cancer in 2018 her first concern was how her family was

copng with the news. Even in her final days Michelle just wanted to make sure her husband, kids and grandkids would be ok.

Her kind heart and infectious laugh will be profoundly missed, yet her spirit will forever resonate in the many lives she touched. Michelle lived her life with passion, determination, and an unyielding love for her family, friends and community.

She is survived by her husband, Scott, her children, Dylan Burkhalter, Tayler (Kenan) Shaw, and Ellie Edgerton, her grandchildren, Oliver, Stella, and Brodie Burkhalter, her brother, Brian Gillette, her father-in-law and mother-in-law, Jerry and Ginger Edgerton, a brother-in-law, Bryan (Joellyn) Edgerton, aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Dennis and Joyce, her son, Kyle, maternal grandparents Ray and Vera Williams, paternal grandparents Warren and Ruth Gillette, cousins Teresa Williams and Becky Arttus.

Michelle’s family would like to extend a special thank you to her two Gundersen providers, Dr. Leah Dietrich and Eileen Williams PA-C who have been with mom since her diagnosis in 2018 along with their nurse Kathy. The Tomah Health Infusion Department and Gundersen Infusion Department where she was treated like family. And lastly her amazing friends who accompanied her to appts over the years, especially Lori Larsen.

Funeral services will be held Monday, May 26, 2025, 1:00 p.m. at St. Matthew’s Lutheran Church in Warrens, WI. Pastor David Weber will officiate. Burial will follow in the Warren Mills Cemetery, Warrens, WI. Family and friends are invited for visitation on Monday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at the church. The Torkelson Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are available at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

Torkelson Funeral Home

ARLENE GERTRUDE (JANDT) BARNES WALTER

June 1, 1924 — May 16, 2025

Arlene Gertrude (Jandt) Barnes Walter died on Friday, May 16, 2025, 15 days shy of her 101 birthday!



Arlene Barnes Walter

She lived a good, long life and we are thankful for every minute!

Arlene was born on June 1, 1924, to Gertrude (Schams) and George Jandt. She grew up in Bangor, WI and graduated from Bangor High School in 1942. She married Charles Barnes in 1944. They lived for a short time in La Crosse, WI but moved to Bangor to raise their family. Arlene worked as a waitress, school secretary/librarian’s assistant, and receptionist in the Bangor/La Crosse area.

After Chuck’s death, she met and married Jerome Walter. They lived in La Crosse and Sparta. They traveled to Florida and Arizona to visit family and friends but, mostly, for Spring Training!

She had many friends, was well respected, and was loved by many.

Arlene is survived by her children, George (Sandra) Barnes, Dana (Gary) Peterson, LeAnn Flores, Amy (Jon) Leonhardt, and Julie (Jerry) Ender; stepchildren, Ron Walter, Roger (Kathleen) Walter, Steve (Wendy) Walter, Mike (Barb) Walter, David (Patty Jo) Walter, and Patricia (Ken) Filloon; grandchildren, Todd and Tim Barnes, Erika Evanko, David Peterson, Kendra Alex, Brianna Ritter,

Jenavieve Hemmersbach, Erica Kelly, Bryce, and Dylan Walter, Jason Walter, Katie Walter, Patrick Walter, Tanya Ghali, and Emilie and Ryan Filloon; and step-grandchildren, Brandon Collard and Calvin, Joe, and Jon Leonhardt. She is further survived by 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and many special nieces and nephews. She was very proud of all of us!

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Ardell Schroeder; her husbands, Chuck Barnes and Jerry Walter; grandson, Peter Walter; sons-in-law, Jim Collard and Christopher Flores; and step-grandson, Bryce Collard.

The family wishes to thank the wonderful staff at Rolling Hills for their excellent care of Arlene for the past 13 years. You were her family too!

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 612 N. Water St., Sparta. Pastor Josh Buzbee will officiate. Burial will follow in Burns Cemetery, rural Bangor. A visitation will be held from 9:00 a.m., until the time of service, Wednesday, May 28th, at the church. A light lunch will be served after the interment.

Fredrickson Funeral Homes and Crematory, Bangor, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be offered at fredricksonfuneralhomes.com

Fredrickson Funeral Homes

ANNETTE H. RICKERT

April 2, 1939 — May 11, 2025

SPARTA - Annette H. Rickert, 86, of Sparta, passed away Sunday, May 11, 2025 at her residence in Sparta.



Annette Rickert

was born on April 2, 1939 to Spencer Johnson and Margaret (Brown) Johnson in Sparta. Annette grew up in the Cataract/Sparta areas. She attended Sparta High, was voted to the 1956 Prom Court, and graduated from Sparta High School in the Class of 1957.

Annette married Lee Rickert, November 8, 1958 and were blessed with and raised their 5 boys; Steven, James, Kelly, Scott and Jeffrey. Annette very much enjoyed Cooking, Baking, Crocheting, playing the Accordion, Painting, and Singing in the Church Choir. In their earlier years, Lee and Annette were on and enjoyed their bowling leagues and playing cards.

Upon retirement, Lee and Annette enjoyed traveling in their RV and spending the winter months in the Albuquerque, NM area. There they were blessed to reunite with Lee’s sister and her family, and several years of catch up. They cherished each visit, and met and gained several new friends.

Annette is survived by her children; Steven (Deanna) Rickert of Sparta, James (Sandi) Rickert of New Castle, Co., Kelly (Jane) Rickert of French Island,

Scott (Dawn) Rickert of Sparta, and Jeff (Nicole) Rickert of Schofield; 14 Grandchildren, 17 Great Grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Annette is further survived by her sibling’s, Roger Johnson and Dennis Johnson, both of Sparta.

Annette was preceded in death by her parents; Spencer and Margaret Johnson; husband, Lee Rickert, and brother, Bruce Johnson.

Annette expressed numerous times, “I have been blessed with Wonderful Family and Friends, enjoyed being a housewife and a very busy mother of 5. I have great memories I will take with me, when my time here is over. I believe we’ll all be together again someday!! Love you all very much!”

A Graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2025, at Cataract Cemetery. Following the Graveside service, a Celebration of Life will be held at Big Dan’s Longbranch, in Cataract.

A Visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2025 at Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta.

Online condolences may be offered at www.schanhoferfh.com.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation

Remembering ...

Daniel J O’Connell

5/22/68 -9/29/84

“Fly free and happy beyond birthdays and across forever, and we’ll meet now and then in the midst of the one celebration that never can end.”

(Richard Bach “Jonathon Livingston Seagull”)

Deeply missed by Family and Friends

AUTHOR

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cate balance of life in nature. Including the way that beloved butterflies depend on certain wildflowers, and how those plants in turn depend on those butterflies, too. Butterflies are not the only amazing creatures featured in this fun and educational coloring book – made for everyone from beginner to expert artist and naturalist. For example, rusty patched bumble bees and other bees including mason, cuckoo, long-horned, sweat, green metallic, Eastern Carpenter, Common Eastern, beebalm short face, sunflower miner, and cellophane- each with their scientific names-are featured throughout the pages as frequent visitors to our local wildflowers. Importantly, Yourell included other wild things which make up our intricate web of life, such as moths, wasps, flies, beetles, arachnids, birds, and mammals. Later, when she sought feedback from friends and experts in the field to gauge engagement and confirm accuracy, Yourell told the Herald, “I’m very pleased with the responses from people. There are some people who are in the wildlife field who are impressed and that means a lot!”

To achieve beautiful, accurate, educational, and engaging content, Lisa started with one particular wildflower, and then dove in deep to learn which creatures depend on them throughout the year. For example, on page 43, Lisa penned Blazing Star with: “Also called “Gayfeather”, there are over 30 kinds of Liatris throughout North America, blooming from late

summer into fall. The tall flower spikes have blooms that last for many weeks and are visited by monarchs, painted ladies, fritillaries, swallowtails, sulfurs, and skippers. Bumblebees, carpenter, miner, and leaf-cutting bees are also greatly attracted as are hummingbirds. Songbirds eat the seeds in winter.”

Lisa Yourell has written, illustrated, and micro published this timely piece as a fun and beautiful way to learn more about the wonderful and fascinating wild things we can find right here in our yards and parks. While coloring the book, Lisa hopes that a deeper understanding of vital native plants, pollinators, and other wildlife will become widespread, as it becomes increasingly critical (and popular!) to add native plants back into our landscapes, whether it’s a container, a section of our yards, or even a rethinking of our lawns-with pollinator friendly, no mow options becoming easier than ever to accomplish. As a result, we could see a return of butterflies, birds, moths, bees, and other keystone insects and wildlife... by planting plants which WANT to be in our yards.

Lisa Yourell’s book can be found at KEPS, the Upper Mississippi Wildlife Refuge and Pearl Street Books. She will also pop up at local markets on occasion. Contact Lisa at layourell@proton.me to learn more, to order copies, or to have her share her new book with your nature/garden club, class, or other group!

Divorces

Monroe County Records

February 2025

Aaron Larson, 48 of Tomah, WI, from Micko Larson, 53 of Tomah, WI.

Kristin Schendel, 42 of Sparta, WI, from Kenneth Schendel, 42 of Sparta, WI.

Diep Nguyen, 39 of Sparta, WI, from Evie Tran, 33 of Plover, WI.

Nicholas Olsen, 31 of Camp Douglas, WI, from Tayler Olsen, 33 of Tomah, WI, with a maiden name of Westpfahl restored.

Audree Kinnunen, 24 of Tomah, WI, from Shane Kinnunen, 27 of Camp Douglas, WI.

David Godfrey, 55 of Sparta, WI, from Meredith Godfrey, 52 of Sparta, WI, with a maiden name of Anderson restored.

Amy Henderson, 48 of Sparta, WI, from Billy Henderson, 43 of Columbus, Georgia, with a maiden name of Majeres restored.

Ashley Miller, 34 of Holmen, WI, from Dakota Miller, 32 of Tomah, WI, with a maiden name of Fauteux restored.

Tanya Leisgang, 48 of Sparta, WI, from Ronald Leisgang, 56 of Greenwood, WI, with a maiden name of Luther restored.

March 2025

Marcus Radloff, 43 of Tomah, WI, from Amy Radloff, 42 of Brooklyn Park, MN.

Christopher Gokey, 35 of Cashton, WI, from Joseph Gokey, 30 of Salisbury, MA, with a maiden name of Christopher Herricks restored.

Travis Marshall, 43 of Sparta, WI, from Rebecca Marshall, 45 of Silver Springs, FL.

Paul Gandy, 57 of Elroy, WI, from Breonna Gandy, 40 of Tomah, WI, with a maiden name of Minear restored

Allison Rice, 36 of Tomah, WI, from Dillon Rice, 38 of Warrens, WI.

Mary Richmond-Stremcha, 61 of Sparta, WI, from David Stremcha, 64 of Black River Falls, WI, with a maiden name of Richmond restored.

Julie Stogner, 34 of Tomah, WI, from Jason Stogner, 43 of Tomah, WI, with a maiden name of Alkhovsky restored

Jennifer Hubbard, 41 of Kendall, WI, from Ryan Hubbard, 42 of Milwaukee, WI.

Estaban Rodriguez, 53 of Norwalk, WI, from Adriana Garcia Rivera, 66 of Nowalk, WI.

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Deepest Sympathy

SCHOLARSHIPS

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Ever” Award was awarded to Devon Lietzau. Joel Kronze strived to make every day “the best day ever.”

John Janusheske Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Lillian Peterson and Geynallys Moreno Rodriguez.

Karla Ronke Memorial Nursing Scholarship was awarded to Ellie Falkner.

Kiwanis Club Scholarships were awarded to Aubrey Ebert, Nyla Dilley, Madalynn Polus, Ellie Faulkner, and Braxston Anderson.

Knights of Pythias Scholarships were awarded to Io Forsberg and Braxston Anderson.

Lady Butterfest Scholarships were awarded to Nyla Dilley and Conner Greeno.

Mabel Dupee Foundation Scholarships were awarded to Logan Eilers, Daniela Altamirano Cruz, Owen Berendes, Makayla Blount, Lucas McKee, Braxton Anderson, Gracie Corton, and Luke Tempski. The scholarship was developed due to her devotion to higher learning.

Margo Degenhardt (Sparta HS Class of 2012) Memorial Wrestling scholarship was awarded to Devon Lietzau.

Mark D. Wall (Sparta HS Class of 2002) Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Gabriella Warthan.

Monroe County Agricultural Society Scholarship was awarded to Devon Lietzau. The society evaluates participation in 4-H, FFA, Boys and Girls Clubs and community activities.

Neil R. Jacobs Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Keira Jerome and Philip Girardan.

PFC Alex Gaunky Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Logan Eilers. It is given by the McCoy Association of the United States Army in honor of PFC Gaunky who was killed in action. Priority goes to students pursuing health care studies.

Prescott O. Piper (Sparta HS Class of 1936) Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Braxston Anderson, Rowan Yourell, Stella LaRock, Brooke Evans, Jaiden Schauf, and Lillian Peterson.

Ranjit Grewal Scholarships were awarded to Aubrey Ebert, Cooper Schauf, and Jaiden Schauf.

Singh Grewal Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Makayla Jo Blount in honor of his 36 years as the boy’s golf coach.

Snowmobile Trails Scholarship was awarded to Grant Geier.

Sparta Coop Scholarships were awarded to Braxston Anderson, Devon Lietzau, Aubrey Ebert, and Lucas McKee.

Sparta Education Association Scholarships were awarded to Addison Alvarado, Ava Erickson, Nate Guns and

Madalynn Polus.

Sparta High School Alumni Scholarships were awarded to Landon Steidl, Iris Charles, Jarret Schofield, Hannah McLendon, and Owen Berendes.

Sparta Lions Club Scholarships were awarded to Daniela Altamirano Cruz and Ellie Meyer.

Sparta Gridiron Scholarship was awarded to Nate Guns, Devon Lietzau, and Grant Geier.

Sparta Performing Arts Booster Scholarships were awarded to Cooper Schauf and Daisha VanBeek.

Sparta Public Education Foundation Scholarships were awarded to Stella LaRock, Hannah McLendon, and Ellie Faulkner.

Sparta Rod & Gun Club Scholarships were awarded to Emma O’ Neil and Braxston Anderson.

Sparta Sparks Scholarships were awarded to Ellie Meyer, Brooke Evans, and Madison Pedretti.

Sparta Soccer Club Scholarships were awarded to Cooper Greeno and Jaiden Schauf.

Steve & Linda Haugland Scholarship was awarded to Madison Pedretti.

Technical Excellence Scholarships were awarded to Derek Hetzel and Ty Baseman.

Tim & Karen Greeno Sparta HS Class of 1978) Gatorfest Walk/Run Scholarships were awarded to Lily Davis and Taran Muehlenkamp.

Veterans of Foreign wars (VFW) Post 2112 Scholarships were awarded to Aubrey Ebert, Owen Berendes, Luke Tempski, Logan Eilers, Cooper Schauf and Jaiden Schauf.

Vernon Electric Coop Scholarship was awarded to Conner Greeno.

Winona Haney Memorial Scholarships were awarded to Trey Manske, Ava Erickson, Libby Oswald, Logan Eilers, Geynallys Moreno Rodriguez, Lillian Peterson, Ellie Falkner, Lily Davis, Taran Muehlenkamp, and Madalynn Polus. Winona Haney devoted 45 years to education and passed away in 1999.

Wisconsin Sheriffs & Deputy Sheriffs Association Scholarship was awarded to Hannah McLendon.

Women’s Golf Association Scholarship was awarded to Jaiden Schauf.

The success of the Class of 2025 reminds the Juniors in the Class of 2026 that it is never too early to plan for college or technical schools. Apply and compete for scholarships early. Those students considering the military as a career should also consider appointments to the service academies through senators and congress men. Also available are Reserve officer Training Corps (ROTC) scholarships that pay full tuition and fees for up to four years.



Buck Engel, Sparta School Forest Coordinator, is an experienced teacher and coach with a lot of outdoors knowledge and know-how. His enthusiasm is contagious, as evidenced by students’ reactions to his first outdoor classroom session.

Sparta School Forest has a New Coordinator - with a passion for nature, art and history

By JENNIFER RODRIGUEZ MORAN
Contributing writer

Sparta Area School District teacher and coach Buck Engel, a well-rounded outdoorsman who enjoys teaching everything from pottery to football, has stepped up to the plate as the new Sparta School Forest Coordinator. As a man who loves and respects nature, he is eager to share his knowledge and experience in nature with the next generations of conservationists, naturalists, and nature lovers. Continue reading for an informative Q & A session, where we will learn more about Buck, his dreams for the forest & our community, how the public can enjoy the Sparta School Forest, how we can help, and more!

Question. When did you get hired as Sparta School Forest Manager?

Engel. I was hired last fall as the School Forest Coordinator.

Question. What other positions do you hold?

Engel. Along with being the School Forest Coordinator I teach pottery and digital photography at the High School, and in the fall, I coach the defensive line for the football team.

Question. How was your ‘first day of class’ with kids in the forest?

Engel. I think our first run at school forest programming went very well. I want to thank administration and classroom teachers for supporting both me and my staff of volunteer students. I was very blessed to have a staff of high school students who did a great job running their stations and I want to show my gratitude. Thank you to Ayrael Dearman, Logan Engel, Lilly Gilbertson, Abby Greeno, Aysha Hibbler, Kayden Kaat, Stella LaRock, Cam Mctaggart and Lilly Weber. Those nine students volunteered to lead programming for 166 third graders and 150 fifth graders over five days.

Question. Are there any things from past school forest managers which you plan to continue?

Engel. Yes. Joe Cook was the coordinator prior to me, and he was very kind in sharing the knowledge, materials, and activities he had used. I have also started conversations with another previous School Forest coordinator, Steve Schauf, who has supplied me with more information, activities, and tools.

Question. What are some of your dreams for the School Forest?

Engel.

- I’m currently working on a web site for the school forest that will include a calendar of events including student programming and community programming
- Educational visuals: A large-scale map at the welcome center, more trail markers and maps at trail intersections, interpretive signage that will educate hikers about Aldo Leopold and the Leopold shack as well as the Wild Lupine and the Karner Blue Butterflies.
- The addition of community event and programming: open hike times (where onsite bathrooms would be open etc.), snowshoeing events, youth archery opportunities, possible historical society presentations on the life of Aldo Leopold.
- Getting the trails added to the alltrails App.
- A new roof on the pavilion

Question. What are some activities students can look forward to?

Engel. Students this year can learn about the Wild Lupine and the Karner Blue butterflies. The “Leave No Trace” or “Leave It Better Than You Found It” principles. The logging industry including trying their hand at old time logging by using a crosscut saw. Students shot Genesis bows at an archery station, sharpened their observation skills on a shed hunt, got to meet, learn about, and watch

a common snapping turtle eat. They also learned about Aldo Leopold and the Leopold Shack.

Question. What do you hope to impart on each child who visits the forest?

Engel. Aldo Leopold once said, “We abuse land because we see it as a commodity belonging to us. When we see land as a community to which we belong, we may begin to use it with love and respect.” Our goal is to instill that love and respect for nature that Aldo spoke about.

Question. Can anyone visit the forest?

Engel. Anyone can visit. There are many who hike the trails already. We encourage those who hike to follow the National Parks policy of “Leave No Trace”, leaving nature as unchanged by our presence as possible.

- Stay on established trails: To avoid damaging vegetation and soil, visitors should stick to marked trails.
- Leave natural objects as they are: This includes rocks, plants/flowers, animal remains and cultural artifacts.
- Respect wildlife: Maintain a safe distance from

animals and avoiding feeding them is crucial.

- Properly disposing of waste: All trash should be packed out or placed in designated bins.
- Minimizing campfire impacts: Follow local guidelines for fire permits and safety is essential.
- Be considerate of others: This includes minimizing noise and respecting the quiet of the environment.

Our School Forest is home to Wild Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*). Wild Lupine is a crucial host plant for the Karner Blue butterfly, a federally endangered species.

Question. Is there anything you need help with from the community and is there a way to get involved?

Engel. At this time, I’m still trying to organize, take inventory, and start the to-do list. As I solidify the foundation of the school forest I am most certainly going to need and want community involvement. With the Leopold Shack on site, I would collaborate with the historical society and the museum to get more community programming. Possibly partnering with the library. Youth archery possibly?

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Wisconsin Legends and Lore

Dead by Dawn, “Dead and Breakfast”

By: JOHN GESSNER
Herald Staff Writer

In downtown Manitowoc at 901 S. Eighth Street there exists a building with paranormal activity that has been turned into a profitable business. The name even suggests hauntings with a play on words, “Dead and Breakfast.” It is suggested that customers (most) survive the nightly ordeal to enjoy the gourmet breakfast in the morning.

The establishment is owned by a woman who, indecently is named Dawn. Dawn Dabeck bought the building in 2015 after it had served in many functions such as a hardware store, barber shop, appliance center, and even a surgeon’s office. Most recently before Dawn bought the building it was used as a haunted house. Dawn Dabeck has been a fan of Halloween since her teen years and said visitors will not get a good night’s sleep at the bed and breakfast, as things are guaranteed to go “bump” in the night. Many instances within the walls are contrived for the business itself, but are they all?

While initially setting up the shop of horrors, Dawn had locating a red velvet couch at

an estate sale. When she was installing perfect for match for the ghostly decor, Dawn was working late into the night. She noticed a mysterious woman walking towards the couch before she disappeared as quickly as she had appeared. Apparently, the women likes the couch so much that people say they have heard footsteps around the couch accentuated by the creaky wooden floors of the 160-year-old building.

The basement, of course, appears to have the greatest level of paranormal activity. Near an old medical cabinet, left over from the surgeon’s days. People have reported objects flying off the shelf. There are several themed rooms designed to create shivers and frighen the guests. In the pirate room, guests have said that an unseen voice whispers, “hey you.” Is that a recording set up for the business or an actual spirit? You be the judge.

Of course, what’s a haunted house without a séance room. With no windows or outside light sources, people have reported shadowy figures moving about the room. One figure is actually named, “the crawler” who likes to use the ceiling to move about. Not into

a séance, the crawler can also be spotted in some of the guest rooms. And cats! Cameras have picked up cat figures jumping from furniture on to beds. While sleeping, don’t be alarmed to feel a cat snuggling up to you but don’t attempt to pet it though, because it may not actually be there.

Visiting the Dead by Dawn begins with “unhappy hour,” where visitors meet their host family and role model characters who occupy the house. Guests can enjoy drinks, food and activities such as pocket billiards as well as visiting Manitowoc but must be back in the building by 11:00 pm... when the doors are locked. If one makes it through the night, breakfast is served at 10:00 am in the main parlor.

Dead by Dawn has three themed rooms: the Nightmare Room, the Pirate Room and the Coulrophobia (fear of clowns) Room that up to two adult guests may spend the night. More information can be found by calling 920-683-3268, visit [deadbydawn.com](#) or on Facebook at Dead by Dawn Dead and Breakfast for more details. Some source material from “The Wisconsin Guide to Haunted Places,” by Chad Lewis.



The parlor where guests enjoy breakfast after a harrowing night of frights. Internet photo.



Dead by Dawn, “Dead and Breakfast” in downtown Manitowoc. Internet photo.

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FRIDAY EVENING										MAY 23, 2025	
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	Shark Tank		20/20 (N)				News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live!	(35) Nightline		
CBS-WKBT	Greatest @ (N)		Fire "Welcome to the Cult"	NCIS: Sydney			News 8 (N)	(35) Late Show-Colbert	(35) Midnight		
FOX-WLAX	United Football League San		Antonio Brahmas vs. St. Louis Battlehawks (N) (Live)				News (N)	(35) Big Bang	(35) Big Bang	(35) Sheldon	
NBC-WEAU	Happy's	Happy's	Dateline NBC (N)				News (N)	(35) Tonight Show (N)	(35) Meyers		
PBS-WHA	Week (N)	Here & Now	Sherlock "The Empty Hearse"				(10) American Masters "Amy Tan: Unintended Memoir"				
A&E	The First 48		The First 48 "Chopper"	The First "Taken for a Ride"	(05) The First 48		(05) The First 48		(05) The First 48		
AMC	(6:00) ♣ National Treasure	♣♣ National Treasure: Book of Secrets (07) Jon Voight,			Harvey Keitel, Nicolas Cage.		The Last Anniversary (N)				
APL	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters	Treehouse Masters				Treehouse Masters				
COM	(120) The Office "Vandalism"	(55) Office "The Office	The Office	The Office	♣♣ 50 First Dates (04) Drew Barrymore, Adam Sandler.						
DSC	Gold Rush: White Water (N)	Gold Rush: (N)		Gold Rush:			Gold Rush: "Love and War"				
ESPN	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars (N) (Live)						SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)			
FREE	(5:30) ♣♣♣ Moana (16)	♣♣♣ Lilo & Stitch (02) DAVEIGH CHASE.					The 700 Club (N)	Boy/World	Boy/World		
LIFE	The Rookie "Escape Plan"	The Rookie "Pilot"	(05) The Rookie				(05) The Rookie	The Rookie "Escape Plan"			
PARMT	(6:00) ♣♣♣ Mission: Impossible Rogue Nation (15) (P)	(05) ♣♣♣ Mission: Impossible – Ghost Protocol (11) Jeremy Renner, Tom Cruise.									
SYFY	(6:00) ♣♣♣ Snitch (13) Dwayne Johnson.	♣♣♣ Operation Fortune: Ruse de guerre (23) Jason Statham. (P)					Resident Alien "Lone Wolf"				
TNT	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (N) (Live)			Inside the NBA (N) (Live)	Foul Play		(05) NBA Basketball				
WGN-A	Cuomo (N) (Live)	On Balance (N) (Live)	Banfield (N) (Live)		Cuomo		On Balance				
WTBS	♣♣♣ Doctor Strange (16) Benedict Cumberbatch.		(120) ♣♣♣ Rampage (18) Naomie Harris, Malin Akerman, Dwayne Johnson.	(35) ♣ Flash							

SUNDAY EVENING										MAY 25, 2025	
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		Funniest Home Videos		News (N)	(35) Inside Ed.	(05) Top 10		
CBS-WKBT	60 Minutes (N)		Tracker "Man's Best Friend"	Watson			News 8 (N)	Outdoors	Sports (N)	The Equalizer	
FOX-WLAX	MasterChef		Secret Service "Parthenon"	News (N)	(35) Heroes		(05) Big Bang	(35) Big Bang	(05) Sheldon	(35) Sheldon	
NBC-WEAU	♣♣♣ Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom (18) Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.						News (N)	(35) Invest.	(05) Opry		
PBS-WHA	National Mem (N) (Live)		National Memorial Day Concert 2025				Antiques Roadshow (N)	Austin City Limits			
A&E	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	Duck D.	(05) Duck D.	(35) Duck D.	(05) Duck D.	(35) Duck D.		
AMC	(5:30) ♣♣♣ Twister (96)	Walking "Feisty Friendly" (N)	(10) Walking "Feisty Friendly"				(20) ♣♣♣ Twister (96) Bill Paxton, Helen Hunt.				
APL	Wardens of the North	Wardens of the North (N)	Wardens "It's on Fire Here"				Wardens of the North	Wardens of the North			
COM	The Office "The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Family Guy "Family Guy		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		
DSC	Naked and Afraid "A Thief in the Night" (N)		(05) Naked and Afraid		(05) Naked and Afraid		Naked "A Thief in the Night"				
ESPN	(6:00) Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Mets (N)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N)		
FREE	(5:15) ♣ Jumanji: Welcome to ...	(55) ♣♣♣ Jumanji: The Next Level (19) Kevin Hart, Jack Black, Dwayne Johnson.			(55) ♣ Flamin' Hot (23)						
LIFE	Judd "A Mother's Smile"	Judd Family "Why Not Me?"	(05) Judd Family		(05) Judd "Child of the Light"		Judd "A Mother's Smile"				
PARMT	(05) Yellowstone	(15) MobLand "Stick or Twist"			MobLand "Jigsaw Puzzle" (N) (35) Yellowstone	(50) Yellowst.					
SYFY	Movie	(35) ♣♣♣ John Wick: Chapter 4 (23) Donnie Yen, Bill Skarsgård, Keanu Reeves. (P)			(05) ♣♣♣ Lost in Space (98)						
TNT	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers (N) (Live)			Inside the NBA (N) (Live)	The Librarians (N) (P)	(40) Basketball					
WGN-A	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)	NewsNation Prime (N) (Live)	NewsNation Prime		NewsNation Prime	NewsNation Prime					
WTBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	♣♣ Barbershop (02) Anthony Anderson, Ice Cube.						

TUESDAY EVENING										MAY 27, 2025	
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	Celebrity Wheel (N)		Jeopardy! Masters (N)		The Game Show Show		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(35) Nightline		
CBS-WKBT	FBI "Monumental"		FBI: International	FBI-Wanted "Money Moves"			News 8 (N)	(35) Late Show-Colbert (N)	(35) Midnight		
FOX-WLAX	The Cleaning Lady (N)		Alert "Chase" (N) (SF)	News (N)	(35) Big Bang	(05) Big Bang	(35) Big Bang	(35) Sheldon	(05) Bob Heart	(35) Housewife	
NBC-WEAU	America's Got Talent "Auditions 1" (N) (SP)		Destination X (N) (P)		News (N)	(35) Tonight Show (N)	(35) Meyers				
PBS-WHA	Roo's "Stranger Than Fiction"	American Masters "Nam June Paik: Moon Is the Oldest TV"			Wisconsin "Stevens Point"	NOVA					
A&E	Neighbor.	Neighbor.	Neighbor. (N)	Neighbor. (N)	Parent (N)	Parent (N)	(05) Parent	(35) Parent	(05) Neighbor.	(35) Neighbor.	
AMC	♣♣♣ Gran Torino (08) Christopher Carley, Bee Vang, Clint Eastwood.		♣♣♣ Tombstone (93) Val Kilmer, Michael Biehn, Kurt Russell.								
APL	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellowstone Wardens	Yellow "Tracking Trouble"		Yellow "The Big Bully"		Yellowstone Wardens				
COM	Family Guy "Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		
DSC	Street Outlaws (N)	Red Bull Welcome to Wrexas	Red Bull Welcome to Wrexas		Rides "Back in the Club"		Street Outlaws: Locals Only				
ESPN	NHL Hockey Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)				
FREE	(5:30) ♣♣♣ Pitch Perfect	♣♣ Pitch Perfect 3 (17) Hailee Steinfeld, Anna Kendrick.			The 700 Club (N)	Boy/World	Boy/World				
LIFE	Castle "Dial M for Mayor"	Castle	(05) Castle		(05) Castle "Pandora"		Castle "Dial M for Mayor"				
PARMT	Yellowstone	(15) Yellowst. "The Apocalypse of Change"	(25) Yellowstone			(40) Yellowstone	(50) Yellowst.				
SYFY	Movie	(25) ♣♣♣ Halloween Ends (22) Andi Matichak, Jamie Lee Curtis.	♣♣♣ Nobody (21) Connie Nielsen, Bob Odenkirk.								
TNT	NBA Basketball New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers (N) (Live)			Inside the NBA (N) (Live)	Inside the NBA Going Inside						
WGN-A	Cuomo (N) (Live)	On Balance (N) (Live)	Banfield (N) (Live)		Cuomo		On Balance				
WTBS	(5:30) MLB Baseball		MLB Close	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.	Modern Fam.		

THURSDAY EVENING										MAY 29, 2025	
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	9-1-1 "No Place Like Home"	9-1-1 "Masks"			9-1-1 "Confessions"		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(35) Nightline		
CBS-WKBT	George & M. Ghosts	Matlock			Elsbeth "Tearjerker"		News 8 (N)	(35) Late Show-Colbert (N)	(35) Midnight		
FOX-WLAX	Burgers (N)	Grimsburg	Family Guy "The North (N)	News (N)	(35) Big Bang	(05) Big Bang	(35) Big Bang	(35) Sheldon	(05) Bob Heart	(35) Housewife	
NBC-WEAU	Transplant "Home" (N)	Law-SVU "First Light"		Law & Order "Report Card"			News (N)	(35) Tonight Show (N)	(35) Meyers		
PBS-WHA	Wisconsin	Shelter Me	Agatha and the Midnight Murders		The Office	Secrets of the		Alan Cumming-Most			
A&E	Critical Minutes (N)	Accused: Guilty (N)	Accused: Did I Do It? (N)	(05) The First 48		(05) Critical Minutes					
AMC	♣♣♣ My Cousin Vinny (92) Marisa Tomei, Ralph Macchio, Joe Pesci.	♣♣♣ Major League II (94) Tom Berenger, Corbin Bernsen, Carlos Estevez.									
APL	I Was Prey "Feeding Frenzy"	I Was Prey "Silent Scream"	I Was Prey		I Was Prey "Night Stalker"	I Was Prey "Feeding Frenzy"					
COM	The Office "The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Family Guy "Family Guy		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		
DSC	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!	Caught!		
ESPN	NHL Hockey Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars (N) (Live)				SportsCenter (N) (Live)	SportsCenter (N) (Live)					
FREE	(6:00) ♣♣♣ The Parent Trap (98) Lindsay Lohan.		Not Her Fi (N) Not Her Fi (N)		The 700 Club	Boy/World	Boy/World				
LIFE	The Rookie "The Shake Up"	The Rookie "Homefront"	(05) The Rookie		(05) The Rookie "Free Fall"		The Rookie "The Shake Up"				
PARMT	♣♣♣ The Departed (06) Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson, Leonardo DiCaprio.				(35) ♣♣♣ Gladiator Russell Crowe.						
SYFY	(6:00) ♣♣♣ The Matrix (99) Keanu Reeves.	Surreal "Grave Matters" (N)	♣♣♣ Pride and Prejudice and Zombies (16) Lily James.								
TNT	NBA Basketball Indiana Pacers at New York Knicks (N) (Live)			Inside the NBA (N) (Live)	The Librarians	Librarians					
WGN-A	Cuomo (N) (Live)	On Balance (N) (Live)	Banfield (N) (Live)		Cuomo		On Balance				
WTBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	♣♣ Law Abiding Citizen (09) Gerard Butler, Jamie Foxx.					

MONDAY EVENING										MAY 26, 2025	
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
ABC-WXOW	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud	Celebrity Family Feud		Celebrity Family Feud		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(35) Nightline		
CBS-WKBT	2025 American Music Awards (N) (Live)		NCIS: Origins "Bugs"		News 8 (N)	(35) Late Show-Colbert (N)	(35) Midnight				
FOX-WLAX	LEGO Masters (N)	Amer. Most Wanted (N) (SF)	News (N)	(35) Big Bang	(05) Big Bang	(35) Sheldon	(05) Bob Heart	(35) Housewife			
NBC-WEAU	Yes, Chef! "Chels Rank" (N)	America's Got Talent "Simon's Most Memorable Auditions"	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show (N)	(35) Meyers						
PBS-WHA	Antiques "Charleston Hour 2"	Death in Paradise	Independent Lens		National Memorial Day Concert 2025						
A&E	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Patrol K9 (N)	(05) Live PD	(35) Live PD	(05) Live PD	(35) Live PD		
AMC	(6:30) Band of Brothers	(10) Band of Brothers "The Last Patrol"	(35) Band of Brothers		NCIS: Origins "Bugs"						
APL	Naked and Afraid "Knives Out on Day One"		Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing "Dung Deal"		Naked and Afraid						
COM	The Office "The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Family Guy "Family Guy		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy		
DSC	Contraband: Seized	Contraband: Seized	Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband "The Rookies"				
ESPN	(6:30) NBA (N) Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Minnesota Timberwolves (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)		SportsCenter (N) (Live)				
FREE	(5:55) ♣♣♣ Finding Dory	♣♣♣ Lilo & Stitch (02) DAVEIGH CHASE.			The 700 Club (N)	Boy/World	Boy/World				
LIFE	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	Dr. Pimple "Jaw Dropper" (N)	(05) 6000 Lb (N)		(05) 6000 Lb (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper				
PARMT	(6:15) Yellowst.	Yellowstone	(45) Yellowstone "Horses in Heaven"		Yellowstone	(15) Yellowstone					
SYFY	(6:30) ♣♣♣ Now You See Me (13) Jesse Eisenberg.	♣♣♣ Now You See Me 2 (16) Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg.									
TNT	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Florida Panthers (N) (Live)				Post-Game	The Librarians (N)	♣ Shazam!				
WGN-A	Reagan: Portrait of a Presidency		Clinton: Portrait of a Presidency		American	American	Reagan: Portrait of				
WTBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	American	American	American	American		

AGE	Live PD	Live PD	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Patrol K9	Patrol K9 (N)	(05) Live PD	(35) Live PD	(05) Live PD	(35) Live PD
AMC	(6:30) Band of Brothers	(10) Band of Brothers	The Last Patrol	(35) Band of Brothers	(55) Band of Brothers	Points				
APL	Naked and Afraid: Knives Out on Day One				Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing "Dung Deal"				Naked and Afraid	
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
DSC	Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: Seized		Contraband: The Rookies	
ESPN	(6:30) NBA (N)	Basketball	Oklahoma City Thunder at Minnesota Timberwolves (N)	Live	SportsCenter (N)		Live	SportsCenter (N)		Live
FREE	(5:55) *** Finding Dory				*** Lilo & Stitch (02) Daveigh Chase		The 700 Club (N)		Boy/World	Boy/World
LIFE	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)		Dr. Pimple "Jaw Dropper" (N)		(05) 6000 Lb (N)		(05) 6000 Lb (N)		Dr. Pimple Popper	
PARMT	(6:15) Yellowstone		Yellowstone		(45) Yellowstone "Horses in Heaven"		Yellowstone		(15) Yellowstone	
SYFY	(6:30) *** Now You See Me (13) Jesse Eisenberg				*** Now You See Me 2 (16) Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson, Jesse Eisenberg					
TNT	NHL Hockey Carolina Hurricanes at Florida Panthers (N)				Live		Post-Game		The Librarians (N)	
WGN-A	Reagan: Portrait of a Presidency				Clinton: Portrait of a Presidency				Reagan: Portrait of	
WTBS	Big Bang		Big Bang		Big Bang		American		American	
WEDNESDAY EVENING										
MAY 28, 2025										
	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
ABC-WXOW	Celebrity Wheel (N)		Jeopardy! Masters (N)		Celebrity Jeopardy!		News (N)		(35) Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	(35) Nightline
CBS-WKBT	Hollywood Squares		Raid the Cage (N)		Equalizer "Trust No One"		News 8 (N)		(35) Late Show-Colbert (N)	(35) Midnight
FOX-WLAX	MasterChef (N)		Secret Service (N)		News (N)		(35) Big Bang	(05) Big Bang	(35) Sheldon	(05) Bob Heart (35) Housewife

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p.m.) Programming from 6-7 p.m.
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May 25: 9:15 – Fish Creek Ridge Worship / Coffee
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11:00 – North Coon Prairie Worship /
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May 26: 11:00–1:00 – Portland Memorial Day
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May 27: 1:00 - No Bible Study
June 1: 9:15 –Portland Worship / Coffee following
Worship. 10:30 – Portland Faith in Action. 11:00 –
Brush Creek Worship
June 3: 1:00 - Bible Study at the Parsonage at 621
Lewis St. in Cashton. Everyone is Welcome!!
June 4: 9:00 – Portland WELCA Meeting
June 6-7: - ELCA Synod Assembly – Westby
Coon Prairie Church
June 8: 10:00 – Synod Assembly Worship at
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Coon Prairie or Fish Creek Ridge that day.
June 10: 1:00 - Bible Study at the Parsonage at 621
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June 11: 6:30 – Brush Creek Council Meeting.
6:30 – Joint Wednesday Worship with Trinity at the
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June 14: 9:00 – Fish Creek Ridge WELCA
Meeting – School Supplies Kickoff Begins
June 15: 9:15 – Brush Creek Worship / Coffee
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June 17 – 1:00 - Bible Study at the Parsonage at
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June 22: 9:15 – Fish Creek Ridge Worship / Coffee
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Worship
June 24: 1:00 - Bible Study at the Parsonage at
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Services
Tuesday, May 27 9:30am – Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, May 28 6:30am - Men as Christians
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Sunday, June 1 8:00am & 10:30am – Worship
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8 a.m. Women's Breakfast at Jarochos Restaurant
Sunday, May 24th:
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Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

John 14:23-29

Psalm 67

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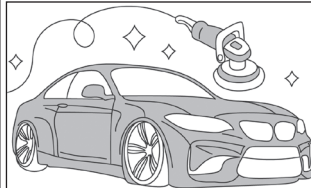
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3. All interested persons waived notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 25 PR 39**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
Beverly R. Linenberg
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 09/29/1951 and date of death 04/15/2025, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 26406 County Highway ET, Tomah, WI 54660.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 09/02/2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, WI Room 2300.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the Monroe County Zoning Board of Adjustment will examine at a public hearing the Petition for an after-the-fact Variance of Jean Hinrichsen, at 5628 Cedar Rd, Sparta, WI, for an addition that was added to an existing structure when said addition is contrary to Sec. 47-296(3), of the Monroe County Zoning Ordinance.
This hearing will be held on May 29, 2025 at 9:00 AM at 5628 Cedar Rd, Sparta, WI which is located in part of the NW¼ of the SW¼, Section 28, T19N, R3W, Town of New Lyme. Tax Parcel #028-00306-0000.
Any person may appear in person or by his/her agent or attorney, to give testimony for or against this matter.
Alison Elliott, Monroe County Zoning Administrator
5/15, 22 WNAXLP

**NOTICE OF BOARD OF REVIEW
STATE OF WISCONSIN
TOWN OF SPARTA-MONROE COUNTY**
Notice is Hereby Given: The Board of Review for the Town of Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin, shall hold the Board of Review Meeting, Thursday, June 12, 2025 from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Avenue, Sparta, Wisconsin.
Pursuant to Section 70.45 of Wisconsin Statutes, the Assessment Roll for the year 2025 will be open for examination (OPEN BOOK) on Thursday June 5, 2025 from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at the Sparta Town Hall, 5724 Hamlet Ave, Sparta, WI.
If the property owner is not satisfied with an assessment, the owner may file an objection form any time prior to the Board of Review. Anyone wishing to file an objection must contact the Town Clerk to complete and submit the required objection form prior to appearing before the Board of Review. Objections will be scheduled to be heard by the Board of Review in the order in which the Clerk receives the request.
Please be advised of the following statutory requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board:
No person will be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone, or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of such property being assessed.
After the first meeting of the board of review and before the board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the board of review may contact or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection, except at a session of the board. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the board of review.
The board of review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the board's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the board's clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the board shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, and the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the board of review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.
Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the clerk of the board of review within the first 2 hours of the board's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the board may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The board may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Department of Revenue, and the board shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the board in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the board, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the board.

When appearing before the board of review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the board of review the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses, as specified in the assessor's manual under s. 73.03 (2a), Wis. stats., that the assessor requests. The Town of Sparta has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determines before the first meeting of the board of review that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under s. 19.35 (1), Wis. Stats.
The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon, or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

No person may appear before the board of review, testify to the board by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the board, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under s. 70.47 (3) (a), Wis. stats., that person provides to the clerk of the board of review notice as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the board of review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.
Notice is hereby given this 22nd day of May 2025. Sparta Town Clerk
5/22 WNAXLP

The City of Tomah Planning Commission will hold a public hearing regarding the application for a conditional use permit for 231 Nicholas St, Tomah, WI 54660. The applicant is requesting that the above stated address be authorized as a place of business in accordance with the conditional uses listed in Chapter 52 of the Municipal Code. The public hearing will be held at the Tomah City Hall in the Council Chambers at 5:30pm on Thursday 5 June 2025.
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Public Notice of Board of Review Town of Adrian
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the Town of Adrian will hold BOARD OF REVIEW on Thursday June 12, 2025 at 6:00 pm at the Adrian Town Hall, located at 15937, County Highway T, Tomah, WI. 54660. You must file an Objection Form and submit it to the Town Clerk at least 48 hours before the Board of Review. Objection forms are available from the Clerk or the Assessor. Kathy Schmitz, Adrian Town Clerk.
5/22, 29 WNAXLP

**A - Z Mini Storage
608-467-1200**
Notice of Public Sale or Deposition of Property on Friday, June 6 th at 6 p.m. at 417 W Wisconsin St., Sparta, WI 54656 Location.
Items to be sold at a public auction: OR sold outright: OR disposed of after 14 days.
Location: A-Z Mini Storage 417 W. Wisconsin St., Sparta, WI 54656
Contents of Jamie Camden consisting of; Boxes, Luggage, Tackle Box, Furniture, Clothes, Household Items, Misc.
Contents of Staareze Nickelson consisting of; Totes, Laundry Baskets, Boxes, Furniture, Household Items, Misc.
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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 2025PR000032**
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
Mildred I. Brettingen
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth 02/04/1935 and date of death 03/16/2025, was domiciled in Monroe County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 200 Liberty Place, Tomah, WI 54660.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
THE COURT ORDERS:
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is 08/15/2025.
5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse Courthouse, 112 South Court St, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.
Mary S. Miller
Probate Registrar
05/01/2025
Attorney Thomas J. Casey
Curran, Hollenbeck & Orton, SC
111 Oak St, PO Box 140, Mauston, WI 53948
(608) 847-7363
State Bar Number 1006622
5/8, 15, 22 WNAXLP

Our File #W179049
Case No. 25CV000043
STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY DISCOVER BANK Plaintiff, vs. BRIDGET SUMMERFIELD Defendant.
**AMENDED SUMMONS
THE STATE OF WISCONSIN
TO: BRIDGET SUMMERFIELD
408 E OAK ST
SPARTA WI 54656-1930**
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action.
Within Forty (40) days after May 8, 2025, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, MONROE COUNTY, 112 S COURT ST, ROOM 2200, SPARTA WI 54656 and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you.
If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above.
If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.
Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin April 25, 2025.
KOHNS LAW FIRM S.C.
ELECTRONICALLY SIGNED BY:
/S/JOHN H. DANNER IV
JOHN H. DANNER IV
State Bar No. 1125953
Attorney for Plaintiff
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NOTICE OF MEETING TO ADJOURN BOARD OF REVIEW TO A LATER DATE STATE OF WISCONSIN, CITY OF SPARTA, MONROE COUNTY
The Board of Review for the City of Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin, shall hold its first meeting on the 4th of June, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at Sparta City Hall, 201 W Oak Street. The purpose of calling the Board of Review into session during the 45-day period beginning on the 4th Monday of April, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 70.47(1).
The assessment roll will not be completed by this meeting date; therefore, the Board of Review will be adjourned until the 14th of August, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.
Please be advised of the following requirements and procedural requirements to appear before the Board of Review per Wis. Stat. 70.47(2):
1. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board of Review's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board of Review about that person's objection, except at a session of the Board of Review.
2. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board of Review or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under Wis. Stat. 70.47(3)(a), that person provides to the Board of Review Clerk notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under Wis. Stat. 70.47(6m)(a) and, if so, which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the of length of time that the hearing will take.
3. When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate.
4. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than seven (7) days before the first meeting of the Board of Review, the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses that the assessor requests, as specified in the Assessor's Manual under Wis. Stat. 73.03(2a). The City of Sparta has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by the order of a court. The information that is provided in this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. Stat. 19.35(1).
Notice is hereby given this 15th day of May, 2025
Jennifer Lydon, City Clerk
5/22 WNAXLP

**Spartan Storage
(608) 269-3602**

Notice of Public Sale or Deposition of Property on Friday, June 6 th at 6:30 p.m. at 317 E. Wisconsin St., Sparta, WI 54656.
Items to be sold at a public auction: OR sold outright: OR disposed of after 14 days.
Contents of Kim Dinger: Owes \$ 464.00
Clothes, tote bags, end table, camper booth cushions, tools, speaker, pet carrier, house décor, toy, kitchen wear, DVDs, suitcase, chest and other miscellaneous items .
Contents of Rebecca Ayala : Owes \$947.00
Shoes, VHS, backpacks, pictures, stuffed animals, collectible doll, vanity table, chests, hats, blankets, photos, décor, candle stands, clothes, books and other miscellaneous items .
5/22 WNAXLP

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Village of Warrens, Monroe County, Wisconsin
Notice is hereby given that the Village of Warrens will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 2, 2025, at 6:00 PM** at the Warrens Community Building (Log Building), 720 Pine Street, Warrens, WI 54666.
The purpose of the hearing is to consider proposed amendments to the Village's zoning ordinance, zoning map, and related regulations. Items under consideration include the rezoning of properties near the Three Bears Resort, zoning district adjustments, updates to the zoning map, revisions to permits and fees (including alcohol licensing), and the potential introduction of a Cabaret License. Other ordinance changes and general updates may also be discussed.
Written comments must be submitted by 12:00 PM (noon) **Thursday, May 22, 2025**, to info@villageofwarrens.com or to the Village Office, 301 Main Street, Warrens, WI.
For more information, contact the Village Clerk at (608) 378-4177. Dated this 15 day of May, 2025.
5/15, 22 WNAXLP

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notice

2025 Board of Review

June 10th 8 am to 10 am

Bear Bluff Town Hall

W919 County Hwy HH

Please be advised of the following requirements to appear before the Board of Review and procedural requirements if appearing before the Board of Review:

1. After the first meeting of the Board of Review and before the Board of Review's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact or provide information to a member of the Board of Review about the person's objection, except at a session of the Board of Review. Open book shall occur no less than 7 days prior to the Board of Review.

2. The Board of Review may not hear an objection to the amount or valuation of property unless, at least 48 hours before the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, the objector provides to the Board of Review Clerk written or oral notice of an intent to file an objection, except that upon a showing of good cause and the submission of a written objection, the Board of Review shall waive that requirement during the first 2 hours of the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, and the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session, or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days, with proof of extraordinary circumstances for failure to meet the 48-hour notice requirement and failure to appear before the Board of Review during the first 2 hours of the first scheduled meeting.

3. Objections to the amount or valuation of property shall first be made in writing and filed with the Board of Review Clerk within the first 2 hours of the Board of Review's first scheduled meeting, except that, upon evidence of extraordinary circumstances, the Board of Review may waive that requirement up to the end of the 5th day of the session, or up to the end of the final day of the session if the session is less than 5 days. The Board of Review may require objections to the amount or valuation of property to be submitted on forms approved by the Wisconsin Department of Revenue, and the Board of Review shall require that any forms include stated valuations of the property in question. Persons who own land and improvements to that land may object to the aggregate valuation of that land and improvements to that land, but no person who owns land and improvements to that land may object only to the valuation of that land or only to the valuation of improvements to that land. No person may be allowed in any action or proceedings to question the amount or valuation of property unless the written objection has been filed and that person in good faith presented evidence to the Board of Review in support of the objections and made full disclosure before the Board of Review, under oath, of all of that person's property liable to assessment in the district and the value of that property. The requirement that objections be in writing may be waived by express action of the Board.

4. When appearing before the Board of Review, the objecting person shall specify in writing the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information used to arrive at that estimate.

5. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or object to a valuation if that valuation was made by the assessor or the objector using the income method of valuation, unless no later than 7 days before the first meeting of the Board of Review, the person supplies the assessor with all the information about income and expenses that the assessor requests, as specified in the Assessor's Manual under Wis. Stat. § 73.03(2a). The Town of Bear Bluff has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about income and expenses that is provided to the assessor under this paragraph that provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their officer or by order of a court. The information that is provided in this paragraph, unless a court determines that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1).

6. The Board of Review shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse prescriber certified under s. 441.16(2) that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone unless the Board of Review, in its discretion, has determined to grant a property owner's or their representative's request to testify under oath by telephone or written statement.

7. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by telephone, or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board of Review, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under Wis. Stat. § 70.47(3)(a), that person provides notice to the Board of Review Clerk as to whether the person will ask for the removal of a member of the Board of Review and, if so, which member, and provides a reasonable estimate of the length of time the hearing will take.

8. No person shall be allowed to appear before the board of review, to testify to the board by telephone or to contest the amount of any assessment of real or personal property if the person has refused a reasonable written request by certified mail of the assessor to enter onto property to conduct an exterior view of the real or personal property being assessed.

Notice is hereby given this 22nd day of May, 2025

by: Sue Eickelkamp, Town Clerk

5/22 WNAIXLP

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR ALCOHOL LICENSES

Village of Warrens, Monroe County, Wisconsin

Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have applied to the Village of Warrens for alcohol beverage licenses for the license period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026 (unless otherwise noted). The Village Board will consider these applications at its regular meeting on **June 10, 2025**, at the **Warrens Village Hall**.

1. **Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine**

2.

3. **Warrens Lions Club**, 720 Pine St, Warrens, WI

4.

5. **Event Dates: July 2 – July 6, 2025**

6. **Class "B" Beer and "Class B" Liquor**

7.

8. **Morrie's Retreat LLC**, d/b/a Big Mo's Pub & Grub, 219 Grant St, Warrens, WI

9. **Class "B" Beer and "Class A" Liquor**

10.

11. **The Pines of Warrens**, d/b/a The Pines Restaurant, 3514 Blarney Rd, Warrens, WI

12. **Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor**

13.

14. **Hari Om Corp**, d/b/a Berry Vine, 1800 Jellystone Park Dr, Warrens, WI

15. **Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor**

16.

17. **Ma Kali Inc.**, d/b/a Warrens Mall, 201 Main St, Warrens, WI

18. **Reserve "Class B" Liquor**

19.

20. **NPSJ Hotels and Resort**, d/b/a Three Bears Resort, 701 Yogi Circle, Warrens, WI

21. **Class "A" Beer and "Class A" Liquor**

22.

23. **Cranberry Country Cafe LLC**, d/b/a Discover Cranberries, 204 Main St, Warrens, WI

24. **Temporary Class "B" Beer and Temporary "Class B" Wine**

25.

26. **Van Wychen Wine**, 103 Main St, Warrens, WI

27.

28. **Event: Last full weekend in September for Cranfest (Sept 26-28, 2025)**

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2025.

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St. Patrick's Catholic School
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Student of the Year Award

Joey Lavelle

Monroe County Circuit Court News

May 12:

- Brian Berglund, 67, of Tomah was charged with domestic abuse disorderly conduct against an elderly victim. Released on a \$500 signature Bond.
- Shanna Endle, 32, of Sparta was charged with carrying a concealed knife, and possession of THC and drug paraphernalia. Released on a \$1000 signature bond.
- Angel Gonzalez-Portillo, 44, of Tomah was charged with a 3rd offense of OWI and obstructing an officer. An \$850 fine was imposed.
- Wayne Guie, 64, of Sparta was charged with battery or threat to judge, prosecutor, or law enforcement officer, disorderly conduct and 4 count pf bail jumping. A \$300 cash bond was set.
- Daisy Mendoza, 25, of Wilton was charged with repeated domestic abuse disorderly conduct and bail jumping. Released on a \$5000 signature bond.
- Dorinda Meno, 40, of Sparta was charged with repeated possession of drug paraphernalia, and 2 counts of bail jumping. Released in a \$5000 signature bond.
- Austin Pickett, 28, of Warrens was charged with repeated disorderly conduct and obstructing an officer. Released on a \$500 signature bond.

- Charles Reh fuss, 48, of Sparta was charged with swearing a false statement, making false complaints of police misconduct, and 4 counts of bail jumping. Released on a \$5000 signature bond.
- Charles Reh fuss, 48, of Sparta was charged with 9 counts of bail jumping. Released on a \$5000 signature bond.
- Matthew Sizemore, 41, of Tomah was charged with disorderly conduct, obstructing an officer and bail jumping. A \$100 arrest warrant was issued for failure to appear.
- Ronald Stankey, 42, of Sparta was charged with repeated possession of narcotic drugs, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia, and bail jumping. A \$2500 cash bond was set.

May 13:

- Eric Lemke-Seastrand, 34, of Waupun was charged with repeated use of a vehicle to flee or elude an officer, resisting an officer and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$5000 cash bond was set.
- Marcio Maradiaga-Lagos, 42 of Sparta was charged with disorderly conduct. A \$250 warrant was issued for failure to appear.
- Jared Olson, 38, of Westby was charged with resisting an officer and 2 counts of

bail jumping. A \$100 arrest warrant was issued for failure to appear.

May 14:

- Suzanne Herlitz, 40, of Sparta was charged with criminal damage to property, battery, and disorderly conduct, all related to domestic abuse. Released on a \$500 signature bond.
- Gurpreet Singh, 23, of Saskatoon was charged with party to a crime in the intentional retail theft. Released on a \$500 signature bond.
- Pavanpreet Singh, 23, of Saskatoon was charged with party to a crime in the intentional retail theft. Released on a \$500 signature bond.

May 15:

- Johnny Boy Morales, 27, of Tomah was charged with possession of methamphetamine, an illegally obtained prescription, and drug paraphernalia, and 3 counts of bail jumping. Released on a \$1000 signature bond.

May 16:

- Deatra Green, 38, of La Crosse was charged with operating a vehicle under a revoked license and bail jumping. A \$250 fine was imposed.
- Roderick Johnson, 47, of Sparta was charged with disorderly conduct in the use of a dangerous

weapon and conduct acts of harassment. Released on a \$500 signature bond.

- Ryan Williams, 35, of Tomah was charged with tampering with or failure to install an ignition interlock device in violation of a court order, operating under a revoked license, repeated and bail jumping. A \$400 fine was imposed.

Editorial Notes:

1. *These are only charges. An individual is presumed innocent until proven guilty.*
2. *A signature bond releases a person on their signature to return to court on a specified date.*
3. *A cash bond normally requires 100% cash to be posted.*
4. *Prosecutors may recommend higher bails than is finally set. Bail is ultimately determined by the judge in the case. Several factors weigh into this decision, most commonly whether the defendant is a flight risk or presents a danger to others.*
5. *Bail jumping charges are violations of the conditions of the bail.*
6. *Bail jumping creates a further strain on law enforcement requiring rearrest and reprocessing.*
7. *THC is tetrahydrocannabinol, more commonly called cannabis or marijuana.*
8. *OWI = Operating a vehicle while intoxicated.*

Cashton Fire and First Responders responded to a call around 5 pm for a semi rollover on the corner of Oklahoma Ave and Hwy 33 just east of Cashton. They were assisted by Monroe County Dispatch team, Tri-State Ambulance, Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Cashton Police Department and Hazmat team. Contritued photo.

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Dallas Gardner (front center) was selected as this year's 'Little Tike' for the 2025 Big Bikes for Little Tikes charity ride. This year, more than 150 bikers drove around the Coulee Region to help raise funds to send Gardner and his family to a Dallas Cowboys game. Contributed photo.

Bikers turn out in support of Hillsboro teen

By NICOLETTE NAUMAN
Sentry-Enterprise Editor

On Saturday, May 17, over 150 bikers converged on Great River Harley-Davidson dealership in Onalaska. The bikers were there to participate in the annual Big Bikes for Little Tikes charity ride, in which they would cover almost 130 miles around the Coulee Region to help raise funds in support of one area child's dream.

This year, the child selected by the committee was 15-year-old Dallas Gardner of Hillsboro. Gardner experienced a rough entry into the world when he suffered multiple fractures during birth. Going into their son's birth, the Gardners had been informed that there was something not quite right, though the data available at the time couldn't pinpoint precisely what the issue was.

At birth, Gardner suffered fractures and breaks to his wrist, shoulder, and ankle bones. He received immediate treatment, and tests were run to get a better understanding of exactly what had happened. Six weeks later, Gardner's family was informed that their son had been born with a rare genetic connective tissue disorder—osteogenesis imperfecta type 4, also known as "brittle bone disease."

This condition is largely characterized by its impacts on the body's ability to produce collagen, either making the body unable to produce it correctly or unable to produce it at all. Collagen is a key component of bones, skin, muscles, and tendons, making this deficiency potentially devastating.

As the name suggests, the disorder results in particularly fragile bones that can be easily broken, or which can fail to form correctly as the person with the condition grows. It also carries with it the potential of the afflicted developing a variety of additional medical issues, ranging from the barely noticeable to the life-threatening.

Of the seven potential types of this condition, Gardner was born with type 4, listed as moderate severity. In his case, his symptoms may include reduced stature, frequent broken bones in early childhood that may decrease through puberty, and mild or moderate bone deformities. The defect triggering this condition in Gardner can be found in his COL1A2 gene, which means he also faces comorbid conditions such as macrocephaly, scoliosis, and restrictive lung disease.

While Gardner's condition is not curable, there are treatment options that can help mitigate some of the symptoms. For example, he receives regular

infusions and has undergone multiple surgeries aimed at strengthening his bones by inserting metal rods to stabilize them.

Gardner is a student over at Wonewoc-Center High School, and enjoys spending his free time either fishing or playing video games. He's also been a life-long fan of the Dallas Cowboys, and was even named after them. His interest in the team is shared by his family, and he would love to be able to go catch a game in person. This is the dream last Saturday's Big Bikes for Little Tikes event was working to help him achieve.

The annual event is hosted by 95.7 The Rock and focuses on children in the area who are either ill or dealing with chronic conditions but do not qualify for support from other charities such as the Make A Wish Foundation. While Gardner's condition is one he'll have to contend with for the rest of his life, it's not terminal and he is expected to achieve an average lifespan.

He was nominated for consideration by the committee through the infusion center he regularly visits for his treatments. The money raised from the event's registration fees, and from the raffles hosted during the event, will be donated to Gardner's family in support of his dream.



Sparta's Lady Butterfest Donated to the Sparta Garden Club (GC), at their May's meeting: The *Lady Butterfest sponsor's a Ladies Night Out, on the 3rd Thursday, in November; the proceeds are donated back to community organizations. Pictured here, are members of the Sparta Garden Club, Top Left to Right, Becky Solberg, Eric Solberg, Debby Hytry, Mark Mueller - GC President, Kate Hoff, Cynthia Lockington - GC Sparta's Garden Walk; Lower Left to Right Leona Slayton - GC Accolade, *Cyndi Wise - 2012, Lady Butterfest and Nancy Fischer - GC Treasurer & Secretary. As a reminder, on Friday, July 11th is the date for the "Sparta's Day of Gardens & Music". Contributed photo.



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Dr. Yenni received his medical degree from the University of Kansas School of Medicine and completed residencies at Saint Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center in Patterson New Jersey, and Kansas University in Kansas City, Kansas.

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Various veteran organizations will be on hand to celebrate and present honors at 2025 area Memorial Day celebrations. Herald photo by John Gessner.

By: JOHN GESSNER
Staff Writer

First known as Decoration Day, Memorial Day honors those military service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives in the service of their country. Many individuals, states, and organizations have laid claim to its origination. Still, it became official in 1868 when the Commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, General John Logan, proclaimed Decoration Day in a written proclamation. However, the original idea may have come from Mary Ann

Williams, who had the “idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers—Union and Confederate” with flowers. An interesting fact is that with Congress regranting United States citizenship to Confederate soldiers, they were included in the celebration. By 1890, the tradition had spread to the entire United States.

The American Legion was established in 1919 following World War One. Part of its purpose statement was to preserve the memories and incidents of our association with the Great War (WW1). In over 100 years, the only change to this purpose state-

ment was adding an “s” to the word war to include all conflicts in which the United States has been involved. The same philosophy continued with Decoration Day from the Civil War on. After World War One, the name was changed to Remembrance Day, and in 1971, the name was officially changed to Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

Today, rather than flowers, American flags are placed on service member’s graves in cemeteries worldwide. Volunteer organizations and veterans’ groups will place flags in local cemeteries.

Some local pre-Memorial

Day activities include a Memorial Day Observance on May 23 beginning at 10:00 AM at the Tomah VA Medical Center, 500 East Veterans Street. The celebration will be held outside of Building 400.

On of those communities who have contacted the newspaper or posted Memorial Day activities on their calendars, the following events are listed:

Bangor:
1:00 pm - Memorial Day Program and Hootenanny, Bangor Lanes.

Black River Falls:
Memorial Day Pow Wow to honor their sacrifice, May 24-26 at the Andrew Blackhawk

Pow Wow grounds., W8426 Highway 54. Camping and events all weekend, with a flag-raising ceremony at 10:00 am on Monday.

Sparta:
6:00 am - Breakfast at VFW
8:00 am - Ceremonies at various area cemeteries
10:00 am - Line up for Parade
10:30 am - Memorial Day Parade
11:00 am - Memorial Day ceremony Blyton Park
11:00 am - American Legion Chicken Q (until gone)
11:30 am - Laying wreath for sailors lost at sea, VFW, Perch Lake.
1:00 - 6:00 pm - Meat Raffle

at the VFW
3:00 pm - American Legion Cash Raffle Drawing
6:00 pm - VFW Cash Raffle Drawing
Wilton:
9:30 a.m. St. John’s Catholic Cemetery
9:50 a.m. Hillside Cemetery
10 a.m. Kickapoo Bridge
10:15 a.m. St. Paul’s Lutheran Cemetery
10:45 a.m. South Ridge Lutheran Cemetery
11 a.m. Day Cemetery
11:30 a.m. Dorset Cemetery
11:45 a.m. Wilton Area Veterans Memorial

Interesting facts related to Memorial Day

Memorial Day is celebrated annually on the last Monday of May across the United States. The proximity of Memorial Day to the summer solstice has led many to view the weekend preceding the holiday as the unofficial kickoff to summer. However, Memorial Day is about more than backyard barbecues and weekend getaways.

Memorial Day honors service members who died while serving in the United States military. Though Memorial Day traces its origins to the years following the American Civil War in the mid-nineteenth century, it did not become an official federal holiday until 1971. That’s one of just many interesting facts about Memorial Day that are worth noting as the United States prepares to commemorate the sacrifices of

military personnel who died in service of the country.

- Memorial Day began as something of a grass roots movement. According to History.com, by the late 1860s individuals in towns across the war-ravaged United States began holding springtime tributes to soldiers who lost their lives during the American Civil War.
- Among the more notable postwar commemorations was one organized by former slaves in Charleston, South Carolina. That commemoration occurred less than a month after the Confederate forces surrendered in 1865. Despite that, History.com notes that in 1966 the federal government declared Waterloo, New York, the birthplace of Memorial Day.

- Postwar commemorations also were organized by northern veterans of the Civil War. General John A. Logan, who led an organization of Union veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance in May 1868. General Logan referred to the holiday as Declaration Day and chose May 30 because it was not the anniversary of any specific battle and therefore unlikely to be viewed by some as controversial.
- Early commemorations of Decoration Day, which gradually came to be known as Memorial Day, initially honored only those soldiers who died during the American Civil War. However, that changed over time as American servicemen fought in various wars, including both World Wars, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and other conflicts.

- The red poppy has become a symbol of Memorial Day. That red poppy can be traced to a poem by Canadian John McCrae, who served as a Lieutenant Colonel in World War I. “In Flanders Field” notes the red poppies that grew in fields where countless soldiers had been buried in modern-day Belgium. The poem was published in 1915, three years before the war ended. Sadly, McCrae himself was a casualty of the war, succumbing to pneumonia in France in 1918 while still in the service.

Memorial Day honors service personnel who lost their lives while serving in the U.S. military. The holiday’s inspiration and lengthy history merits consideration as the nation prepares to commemorate countless soldiers’ sacrifices once more.



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MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS FOR THE LOCAL AREA

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KENDALL

10:00 a.m. St. Luke's Cemetery honors
11:00 a.m. Fountain Lutheran Church Cemetery honors
1:00 p.m. Kendall Area Veterans Memorial honors, guest speaker Nancy VanderMeer. Legion Hall Luncheon following.

LAGRANGE

1:00 p.m. LaGrange Cemetery Memorial Service

MILLSTON

11:00 a.m. Millston Cemetery Memorial Service

OAKDALE

2:15 a.m. Oakdale Cemetery Memorial Service

SPARTA

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SPARTA CONTINUED

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1:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Meat Raffle at the VFW
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9:00 a.m. Tomah Veterans Memorial Services
9:30 a.m. Wreath Laying Ceremony, Lake Tomah
9:45 a.m. Wood Cemetery Memorial Services

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10:00 a.m. Oak Grove Cemetery Memorial Service
10:15 a.m. Blue Wing Native American Cemetery Memorial Service
2:15 p.m. Mount Vernon Cemetery Memorial Service
TUNNEL CITY
1:30 p.m. Tunnel City Cemetery Memorial Service
WARRENS
11:00 a.m. Warrens Cemetery Memorial Service
12:45 p.m. Mathers Pine Grove Cemetery

WYVILLE

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Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

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