



# New Police Chiefs Hired in Middleton & Cross Plains

The City of Middleton hired interim police chief Troy Hellenbrand permanently after interviewing two other candidates. He replaces chief Chuck Foulke. Read about Hellenbrand on page 3.



The Village of Cross Plains recently welcomed new police chief Tony Ruesga, who spent most of his career in Darlington. Ruesga replaces former chief Tom Jansen. Read about Ruesga on page 8.

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## Welton Sentenced to Four Years for Sexually Assaulting Two Girls

By Kevin Murphy

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MADISON—A Middleton man found guilty of sex assault of two young girls occurring about 10 years apart in Harbor Athletic swimming pools was sentenced Monday to four years in prison and four years extended supervision.

The sentence Dane County Circuit Judge Susan Crawford imposed on Kevin D. Welton, 59, was less than half of what the prosecution or victims' family members sought.

Deputy District Attorney Matthew Torbenson asked for a 10-year prison sentence saying that Welton "had perfected the methodology of assaulting children under water," in incidents that happened in 2010 and again in June 2018.

"He took advantage children counting on what they would misinterpret as incidental contact...but we know it was grabbing and squeezing," Torbenson said.

The victim of the 2010 incident told Crawford on Monday that as a six-year-old she saw Welton's "creepy eyes" follow her around the pool and then



Kevin Welton

waited until "his hand rubbed my body."

"He selfishly hurt two little girls," she added.

The impact on her continues, she said.

"I've lost all faith and trust in society. I'm more aware of old men and less trusting of them," she said.

The girl's father asked Crawford to impose at least nine years, the amount of time his daughter has suffered since the assault.

The sentence should do two things, "tell future victims that they should report (sex crimes) and allow my daughter to begin healing," he said.

A written message from the mother of the 2018 victim stated that Welton had "caused extreme pain and suffering in my family."

"I believe he's been at it awhile. I don't believe he took an eight-year wait been assaults," Assistant District Attorney Erin Karshen read from the message of the mother of the seven-year-old victim.

"He's the true epitome of evil...I hope he dies (in prison)," Karshen read.

Torbenson said Welton continues to blame the victims and their parents and refuses to take responsibility for his offenses. That denial makes him a continued danger to the community.

"Prison is the only way to protect the community until he completes treatment for his conduct," he said.

Seeking a probation-only sentence, Welton's attorney, Robert Ruth, said this was his client's first offense, he's done charity work, been a church volunteer, has letters of support from 16 friends and family, and has been "a good, productive law-abiding citizen."

Ruth admitted Welton hasn't accepted responsibility for his actions, "but this is so humiliating for him. Acceptance doesn't come at once."

Welton has begun counseling and "is on the road to fully accepting responsibility," Ruth

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## Committee of the Whole Reviews Community Campus Concept

By Cameron Bren

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—The Middleton Committee of the Whole (COW), made up of all members of the city council and plan commission, reviewed the initial concepts for downtown community campus, a redevelopment of downtown public buildings including the library, city hall and senior center.

Director of Planning and Community Development Abby Attoun presented the history leading up to the community campus concepts presentation. The impetus goes back to 2012 when the city purchased the site of the former Middleton Outreach Ministries building next to city hall, Attoun said. The city demolished the building and has held onto the lot to serve a purpose for reconfiguration or expansion of city buildings.

She said development pressure in downtown Middleton began ramping up in 2014 with the construction of Middleton Center Apartments followed by the redevelopment of Middleton Center.

In a survey conducted in 2016, a space needs study which recommended nearly tripling the size of the library.

Attoun said making a plan to redeveloping city buildings could also address deferred and expected maintenance on city buildings.

She pointed out the success of Middleton's TIF district #3 which had the most increment generated in 2019 compared to all other TIF district in the state. Putting a plan in place now could allow the city to use TID #3 funding while it's available.

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## City Council Takes Steps Toward LEED Certification

By Cameron Bren

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—As the city makes efforts to reach its goal of having all city buildings and operations carbon neutral by 2040, developing a system to measure energy use and efficiency will be vital. Middleton Sustainability Coordinator Kelly Hilyard says new program could help the city develop and implement such a system.

Hilyard says Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) is the most trusted and well known, third party, green building certification standard in the world. LEED recently expanded beyond buildings and landscapes, and is now piloting a new cer-

tification called LEED for Cities and Communities offering cities a globally consistent way to measure and communicate performance under categories including: nature and ecology, energy use, water efficiency, transportation and land use, materials and resources, and quality of life.

"This certification is about evaluating where we stand as a city on sustainability compared to other similar cities," Hilyard states. "My hope is that LEED for Cities will help the city to identify where we need improvement if we evaluate sustainability holistically."

The city council approved moving forward with a grant application for the LEED for

Cities and Communities Certification. The application is due Jan. 31 and the city may apply jointly with Dane County. Hilyard says if accepted staff can begin assessing the city using measurable data to see where it stands on sustainability, resiliency, quality of life and equity compared with other similar cities.

Hilyard envisions the program helping to align goals of the city's comprehensive plan, sustainability plan, and recently drafted energy plan created with a coalition of six other Dane County municipalities. The program could also help foster more trust and government

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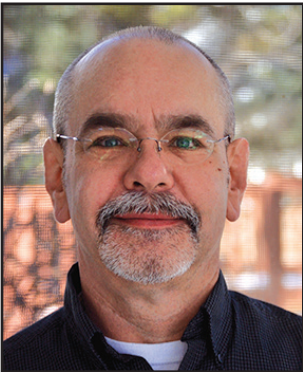
By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Middleton District 7 Alder Dan Ramsey II said there are some issues that have come up over the past two years that played into his decision to run for mayor.

"I was approached to run after Gurdip [Brar] said he was not running," Ramsey explained, and decided to continue with the campaign even though Brar did decide to run again.

"One of the things that is really important to me is the number of apartments," he said and noted that without single family homes and townhomes, there is little room for homeownership



Dan Ramsey II

and building equity.

"It's a missing part of our market," added Ramsey, who currently serves as council president.

Ramsey said that although

there have been discussions about increasing homeownership, the city needs to encourage developers to address the issue. He noted that Middleton is poised to keep growing and families continue to move to the city because of the reputable school system.

"I hear that individuals don't want to buy houses, but I find that to be false," he said.

Ramsey said the city is currently working on formulating a TIF policy, which he supports. He said the TIF funds should go to the city and incremented from there. "I want to see it work for the whole community, not just the developer by not giving the developer 100 per-

cent," Ramsey explained. He said the discussion about TIF policy came to the forefront during discussions of future projects. The item was a large part of the Committee of the Whole retreat last week.

Public transit is another area that Ramsey said needs some work. "I think we can all agree that we don't have as good of public transportation as we could have," he said.

He said he would like to address this by working with the City of Madison to have more buses during peak hours. He said it was a surprise when Madison told the city dur-

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People

# Weitzel Dedicates Life to Environmental Studies & Sustainability

By Katherine Perreth  
*Times-Tribune*

MIDDLETON—“I tell my neighbors I have embraced diversity,” said Deb Weitzel, 67, laughing, “I have dandelions in my yard.”

The long-term Middleton resident, former Middleton High School science teacher and current sitting board member for a variety of related causes, promotes chemical-free yards, native prairie plants serving as rain gardens and networking between educators and environmental issues. But Weitzel hasn’t always been as passionate about the environment as she is now.

As a self-described US “Air Force brat,” she had little chance growing up to explore the natural world, she said. “There are a lot of planes on an Air Force base,” Weitzel said, “but not lots of nature.”

Born in Mississippi, Weitzel moved to Wisconsin when her father retired from military service after 20 years. The family settled in his hometown, Wisconsin Dells. Post-graduation there, Weitzel attended UW-Eau Claire, initially seeking a social studies degree, she said. She quickly changed her mind.

“My social studies classes were lecture oriented, dry, but my science classes were interactive labs,” she recalled. She switched to a biology major with a physical education minor.

“I was kind of the class shrimp, and I think I got hurt in every Phys. Ed. class I took,” Weitzel recalled, with a wry grin. “So, I never wanted to teach Phys. Ed., but I did coach high school girls basketball.” Later, she also founded the Wisconsin Association of Cheer and Pom Coaches, and was inducted in 2012 into the WACPC Hall of Fame.

Yet, it was experiencing wilderness first-hand that captured her heart. The summer before Weitzel’s senior year, her UW-EC biology professor took students on a three-week road trip to the Oregon coast. They

camped throughout the Rocky and Cascade mountain ranges along the way.

“Camping, hiking, sleeping under the stars, being one with nature,” Weitzel reminisced. “It was very cool.” She had never seen or done anything like it.

After struggling to find continued employment as a biology teacher, Weitzel pursued a General Science Education degree at UW-Madison, allowing her to teach any science discipline. “That degree opened up the world,” she said.

She landed at MHS the fall of 1978, finally retiring in 2011. During her three decades teaching thousands of students, Weitzel impacted the MHS science department in ways that are still positively affecting students, from semantics to curricula to pedagogy.

Weitzel changed a course name to reflect the changing times, from “Man’s Environment” to “Our Environment,” created a chemistry class based upon concept rather than mathematics, and after receiving her master’s degree in natural resources, she and a co-worker team-taught, meshing her environmental studies class with his social studies class. Weitzel and Mike Duren were the first in the state to combine the two. It seemed a no-brainer to Weitzel, pairing the study of human society with our environment.

“The key for us,” Weitzel explained, “was to get the kids outside.” The 50-minute class period only allowed them to get as far as Black Earth Creek and Festge Park in Cross Plains. However, that was enough to teach students about the local watershed and trout resources. Longer field trips rounded out the hands-on class.

“We watched electro-shocking in the Black Earth Creek,” Weitzel said, during the Department of Natural Resources annual fish count. She remembered the surprise on some students’ faces, those who fished, at the size of the trout. “They’d say, ‘We gotta remember where this is!’”

When the year-long course “Advanced Placement Environmental Science (APES)” began, Weitzel set her sights further than within the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District boundaries.

“We need to go to cool places, too,” Weitzel recalled thinking, after noting other departments routinely took trips abroad, the band marching in London, England, foreign language classes going overseas. She launched the program, and for three years accompanied APES students to Costa Rica.

“(The Costa Rican government) got rid of their army, to put money into their people, offset carbon emissions and protect their rainforests,” Weitzel explained.

“In the off years,” she said, she and her husband, Bob Weitzel, took MHS students backpacking in the Rocky Mountains. Tragically, in 2012, while attempting a solo voyage around Lake Superior to raise funds for Big City Mountaineers, Bob died.

Yet his legacy lives on, Weitzel said, as the non-profit he championed still equips local students living challenging lives with new skills, by trips to the Boundary Waters in Minnesota. Both Glacier Creek and Kromrey Middle School students have benefited from the program, she said.

Weitzel once accompanied the students and witnessed the program’s value. “You sleep on ground, battle mosquitoes, cook outside, portage canoes,” Weitzel said, building students’ self-esteem and resilience. One of her former APES students was the group leader.

Through the program, students are also required to complete a local project. They’ve seeded, put down erosion netting and planted trees between Pheasant Branch Creek and the outdoor pool and Kromrey, respectively, Weitzel said.

Pheasant Branch Creek Conservancy continues to prominently feature in Weitzel’s life. She can see it from the home she and Bob built, constructed with reclaimed barn and Douglas Fir Chicago warehouse wood, the latter originally from the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest, furnishing the home with re-purposed antiques, and installing carpeting made of recycled soda bottles. And she’s had a long relationship with the Friends of Pheasant Branch Conservancy during her years teaching, and as a board member.

For 10 years, she’s been at



Katherine Perreth Times Tribune

**Champion of a slew of environmental causes, Deb Weitzel, can see the Pheasant Branch Conservancy from her deck; The interior of the home she built with her late husband, Bob Weitzel, utilized reclaimed wood from barns, for the kitchen cabinetry, as well as ancient Douglas Fir timber frame, reclaimed from Chicago warehouses, and carpeting made of recycled soda bottles.**



the helm of the Friends Education Committee, linking local educators with environmental needs and issues, a win-win-win scenario. Sixth grade teachers at Kromrey, looking for ways to get students outside, now have a curriculum teaching kids about native and invasive species, prairie and rain garden restoration and management, the purpose of rain gardens and monitoring wildlife living in them, on school grounds.

“Kromrey has extensive rain gardens, so many that custodians have a hard time keeping weeds out,” Weitzel said. “It’s a never-ending project that exposes 300 kids to prairies and rain gardens.”

Weitzel has poured herself into other local and statewide issues, volunteering with the Wisconsin Sustainable Schools Coalition, Madison Audubon

Society, Black Earth Creek Watershed, the city of Middleton’s Sustainability Committee and the Dane County Humane Society’s Wildlife Center. For the latter, once a week she fields calls about injured native species. She also team-teaches a Wisconsin Master Naturalist Course.

As a networking idea-generator, Weitzel proudly points to a 2019 accomplishment, connecting Clark Street Community School students with a cutting-edge study, Bird Collision Corps. Volunteer citizens monitor the effect of glass windows upon birds. While the study primarily featured counting dead birds outside UW-Madison campus buildings, the CSCS students counted outside Kromrey. Those students are now poised to educate the architects of Pope Elementary, Weitzel said.

“When you do activities in school that have a life beyond a grade,” Weitzel explained, “it

hooks kids and excites them to learn more.” Indeed, many of Weitzel’s former students have pursued professions that address environmental concerns, a fact Weitzel finds rewarding.

Weitzel gladly expands kids’ learning opportunities, whether during the schoolyear or out.

“My yard is alive in the summer, birds, insects, butterflies,” Weitzel explained. All have a haven in the yard filled with native Wisconsin species, and sprouting the ubiquitous dandelion. A girl in Weitzel’s neighborhood raises monarch caterpillars and happily raids Weitzel’s yard for the sole plant that sustains monarchs, milkweed.

While Weitzel has organized her possessions, plot of earth, and personal life to reflect her environmental values, it is clearly the education of our future generations that she finds most gratifying, influencing them for their own good, that of others and that of the planet.

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LOCAL

Hellenbrand Wants to Foster Community Relationships

By Michelle Phillips  
Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Troy Hellenbrand has been on the Middleton Police Department for 21 years, serving in many capacities, from Student Resource Officer (SRO) to captain, and now the Middleton native can add police chief to his resume.

“I never had an ambition to be police chief when I started out,” he revealed. “I love this community and I am honored to take on this role. I’m proud to lead this organization and town as police chief.”

Hellenbrand was chosen as the permanent police chief on Jan. 16, after community input and two other qualified candidates were interviewed for the position.

He said he doesn’t having any sweeping changes to make and that former chief Chuck Foulke left the department in good shape. One of the things he said he feels is already strong is community outreach by the department. He said he plans to maintain and grow the programs that have helped police connect and communicate with the public.

“We are constantly working on ways to meet with the community,” he said. It is a big goal of mine. We can only be as successful as our bond with the community.”

Some of the programs currently in place include:

National Night Out  
Coffee with a Cop  
Shop with a Cop  
Citizens Academy  
Senior Car Winterization  
Family Safety Day  
Battle of the Badges

Hellenbrand said he wants to foster the SRO program in the schools as well, and added that the connections police make with students can become life-long relationships.

“I have had students I worked with call me for advice. It helps to build an overall relationship with the community,” he said of those ties.

He said it is important to continue working on the Neighborhood Officer Project, which is designed to deal with issues on a specific patrol beat. Sometimes those issues are following up on a complaint or mental health concerns.

“As far as staff, I think we have been doing a great job of hiring officers that match our community with different backgrounds that are highly qualified,” Hellenbrand said.

He added that he does want to increase services and programs for employees, and that caring for the whole individual is key for police departments.

“We have had some tragedies,” he said, citing the Paradigm shooting, flooding in August 2018 and the death of fellow officer Katie Barrios from brain cancer. “I want to



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**Cross Plains Chief of Police Tony Ruesga had multiple opportunities to pursue law enforcement employment elsewhere, but chose Cross Plains after reading staff bios and considering the friendliness of the growing community. Ruesga, who is fluent in Spanish, left a legacy of strong relationships between the police force and community in Darlington, where he served for most of his 20-year career.**

make sure they are getting the help and treatment they need.

“It has been very trying for the department. I told Chick [Foulke], if we can make it through all of this, we are going to be okay,” he recalled.

“It has brought us closer together,” he noted. “These things affect us, just as they would af-

fect anyone else.”

Hellenbrand said there has previously been a stigma surrounding expressing feelings about trauma, and cites burying those feelings as contributing to high divorce, alcoholism and suicide rates among officers.

“I want to make sure the staff knows that the department is there for them, and I am there for them,” he said.

Hellenbrand also wants to maintain the police department’s accreditation, a designation enjoyed by only 31 police departments in the State of Wisconsin. “There are 235 standards the department must meet each year to achieve accreditation,” he explained, including an assessment of equipment, training and procedures.

He said the department is in its third year of accreditation, and said the achievement shows that the department is engaged in “best practices,” and that the department and officers are doing the right things.

“We take our reputation very seriously,” he added.

He said he also wants to maintain and build upon the relationship the department has with the school district and look at new ways for the organizations to work together. He said he is especially concerned with reaching those who have had a bad experience or traumatic interactions with police. That may include having lunch with kids, visiting the playground, or joining a soccer game.

“We want to build those relationships, and not just show up when something bad happens,” he stated.

He said he would also like to build more relationships with the business community. He plans to join the Middleton

Chamber and be more visible at business related events.

When asked what he saw as his biggest challenge, Hellenbrand didn’t hesitate, “I have some pretty big shoes to fill. Chuck was very approachable and visible in the community. I think he has set the bar pretty high,” he said.

Hellenbrand said he has been overwhelmed by the way the community has reached out to congratulate him since he took on the role of chief.

“It’s a lot of pressure! I’m up for the challenge, but I hope I don’t screw it up,” he said with a laugh.

Hellenbrand said he has received overwhelming support from his wife and two teenaged children. “I couldn’t have considered this without their support.”

Hellenbrand said he likes to spend time with his family doing fun things and making memories. In his spare time he enjoys coaching youth sports.

Although he said he feels a sense of duty to the community, he had a brief moment when he had doubts about whether he should apply for the job of police chief, but it was fleeting.

“I am ready to serve the community. I want to lead from the front,” he concluded.

Drainage District Offers Promise, Asks for Patience

By Kevin Murphy  
Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—It may take at least two years before residents of the upper Black Earth Creek watershed should expect improvements that would lower water tables keeping their properties soggy, Dane County Drainage District Board officials said recently.

About 20 of the 120 homeowners in the Hidden Oaks subdivision and other property owners have dealt with continuously running sump pumps and high water levels since the August 2018 flood.

Last fall, they petitioned the Dane County Drainage District Board to revive the long-dormant Middleton Drainage District to provide current and future flood relief.

Inactive since 1959, the 104-year-old district was established to improve drainage from Middleton and along Black Earth Creek for a distance of about five miles.

Flood waters and urban development have expanded the size of glacial Old Lake Middleton, also called “Old Mud Lake,” located just north of US 14 in the town of Middleton. The height of highway and railroad culverts are impeding the outflow from the lake into Black Earth Creek, and overgrown brush and fallen trees impedes the flow as the creek winds west toward the village of Cross Plains.

A privately-owned pump and a berm just north of the highway had added to the outflow into the creek from its installation in 1976 until the pump quit during the 2018 flood, and

hasn’t been repaired.

Complicating matters is Dane County’s recent announcement of purchasing from the Judith Hellenbrand Family Trust, 79 acres that includes the pump and berm on the old lake.

The county has said it wants to remove the pump permanently but it may need approval from the district if it wants to remove or alter the berm, according to John Mitby, an attorney for the county Drainage District Board. Approval from the Department of Natural Resources may also be required.

Jeremy Balousek, of the county’s Water Resources Engineering Division, said the county would like to release water through the culverts in order to lower the level of old lake. The county would eventually convert the Hellenbrand property to perennial cover grasses which would lessen runoff from the property.

“But nothing is set in stone,” he told a Jan. 22 meeting of the Middleton Drainage District.

Drainage districts can assess its member property owners a percentage of the cost of improvements that would benefit drainage of the land within the district, said county Drainage District Board Commissioner Leonard Massie.

Each property owner is assigned a benefit assessment calculated by how quickly the soil drains, topography and crop cover. A public hearing is held by the three-member county Drainage District Board to determine individual property assessments.

Residential property has previously been assessed a flat

\$75 rate per lot, however, that amount could increase as the district attempts to improve Black Earth Creek drainage, Massie said.

A sample assessment prepared for \$100,000 in district improvements could cost some farmers up to \$14,000.

Property owners are encouraged to send information that could factor into their benefit assessment within 30 days to the Dane County Drainage District Board in c/o:

Attorney John C. Mitby, P.O. Box 1528, Madison, WI 53701-1528.

“If your property does receive benefits from the drainage district then you’re not assessed,” Massie said.

The county Drainage District Board will hold a public hearing within 90 days and assign benefit assessments to individual property owners.

At that hearing, the district board may also assess property owners the cost of an engineering study of the creek and, possibly how to improve its flow.

Resource Engineering Associates (REA), of Middleton, has offered to conduct the initial study for \$19,900, the county drainage district’s administrative and other costs could increase the total assessment to \$35,000, said Scott Rubgekstetter, who chairs the county’s district board.

“We’re starting from nothing,” Massie said, about data on the creek. “And, we can’t do anything without money.”

The money for the REA’s study would be collected on property tax bills of Middleton Drainage District members

and wouldn’t be available until early 2021.

REA is expected to identify problems to Black Earth Creek’s flow as lowering the culvert heights and clearing trees downstream from the culverts, which could be at least a few hundred thousand dollars, Massie said.

Drainage districts were established in the early 20th century to benefit agricultural lands but are increasing being looked at by urban landowners

to function as flood mitigation districts, said Barton Chapman, state drainage engineer, with the Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection.

“That’s trying to put a square peg in a round hole,” said Chapman.

If the cycle of warmer, wetter weather continues, the legislature will have to statute governing drainage districts, he said.

Ald. Luke Fuszard, lives in Hidden Oaks, and has been

instrumental in getting the Middleton Drainage District reactivated. He said he wasn’t too concerned about Chapman’s “square peg” remark.

“This is the best option we have to get all the communities involved to be on the same page,” he said.



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OPINION

MICHELLE'S Musings

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS



Bifocals

I feel like I have been pretty much rolling with the changes of getting older. Of course, sometimes I lament about the lines that continue to deepen on my face, or maybe I express my discontent in my neck resembling a turkey snood. A gray hair here and there is not so bad and easy enough to remove. For the most part I have accepted, even embraced, those things, but this latest rite of passage into old age is most disturbing—

bifocals. Until my mid 40s I never had to wear glasses, then I started needing readers to see close up. I didn't mind the readers because it wasn't full time, and there are some really fun and colorful frames out there. I did mind not being able to see. I had amazing vision up until that point. I could read the tiniest of font, and see road signs from an incredible distance. I was something of a phenomenon in my family. Everyone else wore glasses. My

parents, my cousins, my aunts and uncles, and I was often called upon to read something for one of them. Late last year I started to feel like my distance vision was not what it had been. In December I went to the optometrist, and he broke the sad news that I had moved beyond readers and would now require bifocals to see clearly at a distance. The first thing I noticed when I put the new glasses on was that my field of vision is small at a distance. I also had good peripheral vision, so this was something entirely new to me. It was even smaller close up, and I now know why people with bifocals move their heads when they read, they are trying to hit that sweet spot in which you can actually read text. Now I am one of them.

In addition, one must look straight ahead for optimal view. I feel like I am constrained by a neck brace while sitting at my laptop, the victim of extreme whiplash. When my sight strays from the field of vision, I feel like Mr. Magoo, and have great concerns that I could walk off a plank in a construction zone, get in the wrong car or carry on a conversation with a bear, thinking it's a human. It you should encounter me doing one of these things, please, gently point me in the right direction. I remember when my mom first got bifocals. We were walking in downtown Des Moines and she keep trying to step off the curb, unsure of where the street was because she couldn't determine distance. She would frequently lift her glasses off

her face to try to see through the lower portion to read. When I picked the glasses up they told me to wear them all day, every day for a week, then I can use just readers again when I am on the computer for long stretches. As I write this, I am trying to adjust to the new

glasses. I must admit, I am enjoying being able to see at a distance again. I hadn't realized how much of the sharpness I had lost. And, as it turned out, I found some fun, colorful frames for the bifocals, too.

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"If the city does decide to proceed with this community campus we should try to maximize TIF #3 where we can to help cover the costs," Attoun said. She said there have been ongoing concerns about parking availability in the downtown, but assured that is being taken into consideration as numerous parking studies have been conducted alongside development and currently another underway. Attoun laid out the primary goals that were sent out in the city's request for proposals for the community campus plan including: identify ways to modernize and/or replace city buildings; identify opportunities for more efficient use of land; ensure space needs are met; identify opportunities for private development; and align with city's sustainability goals including committing to 100 percent renewable energy by 2040.

A city committee has also been established to lead the way through the planning process. The concepts were presented by urban designer Bob Kost from Short Elliot Hendrickson Inc (SEH) and Paul Raisleger from Epstein Uhen Architects (EAU). Kost started out by saying at this point everything is high level and conceptual. The parcels total about three acres combining the library, city hall, senior center, parking lot and empty lot. The concepts presented emphasize mixed-use, Kost explained. "Our focus was on utilizing most of the land together to distribute the program and explore ideas for public-private partnerships," Kost said. "Maybe there is a library with housing above for example." The city could increase density by developing three or four story mixed-use buildings. The buildings could feasibly have underground parking in that area but that would increase the cost perhaps significantly in overall project. Concepts maintain street parking as well as some at-grade level stalls. The plans include an intergenerational center which would offer programming for youth and adults as well seniors. Raisleger said combining all current and desired and space totals about 153,000 sq. ft. He added that number accounts for shared use spaces. Plan commission member Kathryn Tyson said she felt the level of programming and space needed may be overstated. She said her experience in city planning communities have been eliminating their libraries. Tyson said the city is changing the concept of a library to make it a communal work and meeting space but there seems to be a lot of redundancy if all city buildings have a similar concept. Council president Dan Ramsey pointed out that the overlap could be used to reduce space. Alder Emily Kuhn said she was troubled by the fact the city could triple the size of the library which mostly benefits those that live closest to it. She said she would like to see other areas of the community served if the city is making that level of investment. Attoun said that would be part of the community discussion should the concept move forward. Tyson also said she doesn't think underground parking is a good idea because of potential flooding. Attoun said parking could instead be at ground level underneath the buildings or portions of the buildings rather than underground. Kost talked about the streetscape options including a concept would make Hubbard Avenue a closable plaza-style street and open lawn concept converting the street into a green space. Raisleger said the total estimated cost for the entire project including underground parking is between \$51 and \$72.5 million, noting there are a lot of variables remaining at this level. Finance Director Bill Burns talked about possible funding strategies first stating that because the project is highly conceptual at this point not a lot has been researched. He said, however, the place to start would be looking at the city's debt profile. He said as city buildings will be paid off in coming years, new debt could be taken on as existing buildings are paid off. TIF district #3 closing could provide funding, Burns said. TIF could also fund certain aspects of the development as it is built. Development impact fees could be targeted for a community campus fund. There is also the possibility of fundraising and grant sources, Burns added. Burns said the city needs to first determine the scope of the project and then flesh out financing options. Ramsey asked if any consideration has been given to how the private development partnerships could impact the financing, such as businesses leasing property from the city. Burns said that had not been looked at yet but could offset costs.

GEIGER Counter



by Matt Geiger



Let it Snow...

Snow brings with it newness, changing the world so completely in just a few hours that we are forced to actually see our everyday surroundings. And when we see them, we are so often amazed by their splendor. I've always thought of the snow as beautiful, but really it isn't the snow at all. The snow is just white. What the snow does is make other things beautiful, draped over them, accentuating their forms and separating them from their functions. I stood in awe of a scraggly bush in our backyard yesterday, amazed at the intricacies of its many tendrils, each one suddenly visible to me because of a layer of ice crystals that had fallen from the heavens the night before. The bush had been there since we moved in, six years ago, yet it was so alien to me, and so exquisite. Snow has no agenda, but it changes the world in fundamental ways. A road is no longer a road, and people's cars slide into ditches, reminding us that our vast transportation infrastructure can go away in moments, thanks to some cold precipitation.

It transports homes to a different reality, too, enhancing how cozy and snug they are. Look at a house in the summer and you will notice the leaves in the gutters or the chipped paint on the siding. Look at it in the winter, and it's impossible not to imagine that it is warm and safe, full of families that love one another and play games, watch movies, read books, and cook food in their own little domestic space. It is in the winter that you are struck by the fact that our homes, big or small, attractive or ugly, keep us alive. They are where we laugh, fight and dream up our crazy plans. Yesterday we made a snow fort in the yard. It started as a small endeavor, then turned into something more ambitious. I'm not an engineer, and I think planning ahead is usually reserved for cowards and dullards, but even I was caught up in the exciting possibilities of the new structure. The snow was just right for it; a little wet, nice and cold, plenty of it around, not too much dog pee quite yet. Soon, the walls of the fortress began to look truly impenetrable, and when it was done, our five-year-old daughter could stand inside and be completely concealed from the outside world.

It was so very new, a thing that had not existed, and then suddenly did as the result of three people—a kid and her parents—playing for a few brief moments. We humans are happiest when we get to see things, really see them, because most of our adult lives are spent blindly going from one mundane task to another. Our vision, our ability to see pleasing forms and sprawling stories around us, is our greatest asset and adaptation, and yet we are often too busy doing other things to really see anything. Ask me what color the walls in my garage are and I honestly couldn't tell you, because every day I scurry in and out of that room, always on my way to do something unimportant, with never enough time to stop and look around at those old walls that keep my family safe. The snow's greatest gift is to make things new and force us to see them. We love new things. I sometimes wonder if that's why everyone likes babies so much. People say it's because they are innocent, or full of potential, but really, it's perhaps simply the joy of meeting someone completely new. Perhaps it is a pleasure to take in all the details of a human face for the first time, which was created over the course of just a few moments, and one day sprang forth into existence in a world full of blindness; a little, cooing reminder to look around and see, just for a moment.

Or perhaps we love babies because we know they probably won't complain to us about politics, at least for a few years. When we begin our lives, we are new, for a little while, and the world takes us in and really sees us, like a snow-covered branch or a perfect fortress in the backyard. Then, the fortress descends into gray. The snow falls off the branches. The leaves in the gutters and the shabby siding gradually appear. And we are no longer seen, cast instead into archetypes, tribes and groups; conservatives, liberals, artists, entrepreneurs, idiots, actors and engineers. The snow melts, and we are old, or at least not very new anymore, and we walk through life virtually undetected, even by those who know and love us most. Eight billion unimportant people who are so rarely seen. And we know that someday soon the fortress will melt, and even though the water that made it won't be totally gone from the Earth, it will be so different that we will never recognize it again. Until the next winter storm, because snow comes again and again, just as new faces emerge into the world at every moment, a little bit of newness in an old world, a little bit of vision in the darkness. A little bit of light, for just a moment, again and again.

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Board Introduced to New Education Foundation Director

By Cameron Bren  
Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Board of Education was introduced to the new director of the district’s education foundation, Amber Kiggens-Leifheit. Board members were also reintroduced to Peg Shoemaker who has been hired as Middleton High School (MHS) principal after serving as interim principle since June.

Kiggens-Leifheit has a background in education managing a preschool, substitute teaching, working in a mentoring program and serving various volunteer positions including three terms on the school board in Marshfield.

“I know a lot about school policy and public education in Wisconsin,” Kiggens-Leifheit said.

As her day job Kiggens-Leifheit worked as executive director of Marshfield Diary Community Foundation.

“During that time I increased the assets with the help of the board to \$2.8 million in 75 funds to 17 million in 225 funds,” Kiggens-Leifheit said.

Scholarship funds made up a majority of the money awarded totaling about \$120,000 annually. The foundation also created several grants to address equity issues, Kiggens-Leifheit said, and a competitive grant for teachers for classroom resources outside the district’s

budget.

She said she helped setup a matching fund for the student council to anonymously donate ticket sales for events to help students in need of basic clothing and supplies.

Kiggens-Leifheit said she was attracted to the position because “Middleton” was always the name she heard when attended the Wisconsin Association of School Boards conventions.

Board member Todd Smith said the district struggles recruiting and retaining people of color on staff and was aware that is something education foundations can help with in some ways. Smith said he would love to see Kiggens-Lei-

fheit move that forward.

School board president Bob Green said he was looking forward to seeing how the foundation can help students in ways the board can’t.

Board member Anne Bauer said she serves on the foundation board as well. She noted that there are currently openings on the board for people interested.

The district launched an education foundation in the summer of 2011 to develop additional financial resources and has since awarded more than 100 grants to district schools totaling more than \$106,000 and scholarships to graduating seniors totaling nearly \$20,000.

The Foundation has raised

nearly \$400,000 through its endowments and grants received. Funds have been used to support a weekend food program that benefits around 150 students across all six elementary schools, the Youth Frontiers program at Kromrey, provides Chromebooks to every elementary school, develop an intergenerational art program involving Sauk Trail students and senior citizens and provide materials for the environmental education center at Kromrey.

The board was also reintroduced to Peg Shoemaker who is now officially principal at MHS. Shoemaker said she felt privileged to accept the position.

“These students are wonder-

ful, challenging, innovative and inspiring and really a pleasure to serve,” Shoemaker said. “I have been so incredibly impressed how deeply my staff care for the students.”

Shoemaker said she wants to remake and rethink what high school looks like.

s““We have a bold agenda led by [superintendent] Dana [Monogue] and I am 150 percent into the school agenda as we look for ways to redesign what school looks like for students,” Shoemaker said. “We know that the needs of our students are shifting and changing and our society is changing and our schools need to match up with that.”

Town Of Middleton to Replace, Add Signs

By Kevin Murphy  
Times-Tribune

TOWN OF MIDDLETON—The Town of Middleton’s attempt at posting boundary signs was successful during daytime hours but not so after dark.

The three colorful “Welcome To...” signs lacked the reflective markings the Department of Transportation requires for traffic control signs.

While the “Welcome” signs are not considered traffic control devices and not subject to DOT rules, Town Chair Cynthia Richson concluded that it’s not a good idea to put objects in a road right of way that are difficult for motorists to see.

reflective lettering that spells out Welcome To The Town of Middleton, all in the same sized lettering.

Middleton was displayed more prominently in the previous boundary signs which didn’t tell motorists that they were in the Town of Middleton defeating the purpose of the signs.

The signs not only tell drivers what municipality there are in, they also inform sheriff’s deputies when they are dispatched, who then can determine if the town of Middleton or Cross Plains should be called, Richson said.

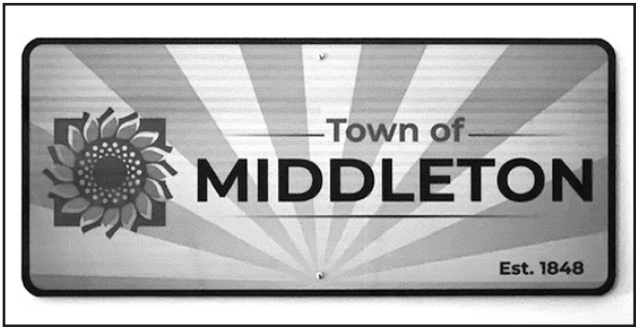


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The Town of Middleton is set to replace signs that it installed this winter, welcoming drivers to the town. The signs are not reflective, and not visible at night and will be replace with those that are.

during a routine inspection of the bridge.

Capitol View Road is a boundary line between the city and town of Middleton so both municipalities would share in the repair costs preliminarily estimated at \$25,000 to \$30,000, said Richson.

Some of the steel pilings have deteriorated at the water line of the intermittent creek but probably can be adequately patched with more steel with sealant applied.

“The cost is a question of how deep the corrosion goes. Hopefully, most of the damage is visible and above ground,” Richson said.

The bridge was constructed in the mid-1960s and while its

concrete deck remains in good shape and safe for normal vehicle traffic, the condition of the pilings will prohibit school buses, semi-trucks, heavy farm equipment and garage trucks from using it.

The City of Middleton was unaware of the corroded pilings and hadn’t budgeted specifically for repairs, DeMiceli said.

An agreement between the municipalities will have to be reached on repairing the bridge, he added.

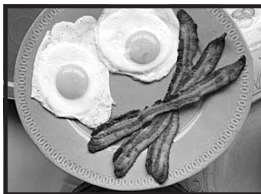
As soon as the 10-ton limit signs can be produced, Dane County will instruct the town on where to locate them, he said.

Kiwanis Club Donates to MOM



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Middleton Kiwanis President Todd Puzenburger presented Ellen Carlson, Executive Director of MOM, a check to support MOM’s work with children in the community with food and housing security. The Middleton Kiwanis raise funds to support many organizations through events, such as their upcoming pancake breakfast on Saturday, February 22.



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Fennimore Alzheimer’s Event Provides Advice for Caregivers and Professionals

FENNIMORE—Professionals and caregivers are invited to attend an educational conference providing information about Alzheimer’s risk factors, prevention, self-care and maintaining hope and dignity through the dementia journey. The 22nd Annual Understanding Alzheimer’s Disease, Dementia and Memory Loss Workshop is March 12 from 8:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Southwest Wisconsin Technical College, 1800 Bronson Boulevard, in Fennimore.

The event is hosted by the Alzheimer’s & Dementia Alliance of Wisconsin (ADAW) in partnership with the Grant County Dementia Care Network and Grant County Aging & Disability Resource Center. The day-long workshop features a selection of five breakout sessions specifically tailored to family caregivers and professionals.

The workshop will open with keynote speaker Dr. Thomas Lopefe, a Consultant at the Mayo Clinic and an assistant professor of medicine at the Mayo Clinic of Medicine. He will discuss the symptoms, risk factors, diagnosis, and prevention of Alzheimer’s disease.

Also featured at the conference will be an inspirational presentation by Dr. Jade Angelica who designs workshops, services, and trainings for Healing Moments of Alzheimer’s. Angelica will focus on providing hope and consolation to those who accompany loved ones throughout their journey of diminishing capabilities.

Afterward, Angie Donovan, a care coordinator at St. Croix Hospice, will present how one can respond appropriately in real-life care scenarios to those with dementia.

Agrace Hospice Care Clinical Educator and Social Worker, Deanna Rymaszewski, will discuss grief, its process, and healthy survivorship. Dementia Care Specialist, Cori Marsh, will be closing the event with her uplifting and insightful talk filled with coping methods and caregiver tips throughout the dementia journey.

Register online at <https://conta.cc/2PcXabW> or call the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC) at 608-723-6113. The cost to attend is \$25, which includes breakfast and lunch. Respite care and scholarships are available for family caregivers. Respite care must be scheduled in advance by contacting 608-723-6113 by March 1.

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The Doobie Others to Perform at PAC



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MIDDLETON—With their hard-rocking rhythms, dual drummer power, and tight three-part vocal harmonies, The Doobie Brothers have been a mainstay in the rock & roll landscape for nearly five decades. They recently were named to the 2020 class of The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, OH.

There’s no one in the industry today that can recreate the sound and style of the world-famous Doobie Brothers like the Doobie Others. Seven of Long Island’s top professional musicians have pooled their talents, years of performance experience, and their love of the Doobies to become the very best Doobies tribute show in the country today.

Inspired by the Brothers superior song writing, the Doobie Others deliver powerful harmonies

and a fun filled high energy performance. Yes, the Doobie Others masterfully play them all, from “Listen to the Music” to “What a Fool Believes,” from “Long Train Running” to “Minute by Minute,” from “Black Water” to “Takin’ it to the Streets,” and all the rest. If you have a favorite Doobies tune (and everyone does) it will surely be included in a Doobie Others Tribute Show.

This powerful energetic show is coming to Middleton Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center located in the Middleton High School. Presented by the Friends of The Performing Arts, tickets are: Adults \$40, seniors \$35, and students \$10. Tickets can be purchased at Monona Bank on Parmenter Street, by calling 608-886-3103 or online at freindspac.org.

Mayoral Debate Planned for Feb. 5

MIDDLETON—On Feb. 5, 6:30 p.m., at Capital Brewery, 7734 Terrace Avenue in Middleton, the *Middleton Review* is hosting a debate for the city’s three candidates for MayorGur-dip Brar, Kurt Paulsen & Dan Ramsey II. The debate will take place in the internal brewery space. The Bier Stube will open at 4 p.m. and people should be

able to get to the debate room after 5:30 p.m.

At least 150 chairs will be available, but without tables. People can buy drinks in the Bier Stube, and take them to the debate. *Middleton Review* Editor/Owner George Zens will briefly introduce the candidates and ask some questions, and the public will also be allowed

to ask questions. There is as yet no time limit on how late the event will go, although the Bier Stube closes at 9 p.m

The City’s mayoral primary is scheduled for Feb. 18. The two candidates with the most votes will face off on April 7, in the city’s general election.

LEED

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transparency with residents through a data/metric-driven assessment of current city policies and practices.

“It would also help launch a more public facing sustainability initiative to meet our community-wide energy goals and develop more stakeholder networks to accomplish this more rapidly,” Hilyard says. “It would provide a comparison with other cities like ours nationwide, using common metrics and standards. Through this process we could identify gaps as well as things we are doing

very well.”

Hilyard says sustainability, and especially the LEED rating system hasn’t historically measured quality of life issues or gotten to the crux of how equity, injustice, housing, and public health are intertwined with community well-being and the environment. Collecting this data will require building public partnerships with community groups outside city hall which in itself builds resiliency in a community if done correctly, she says.

LEED will award this grant to 20 cities or communities across the country who will take part in a six month long pilot cohort LEED will provide free registration, certification review, training, technical support and ongoing support through the next year to help the city move forward to address any gaps in the areas highlighted within the certification.

“I think it will be a very competitive grant process nationwide,” Hilyard says. “I know

there are other cities and counties in Wisconsin that are applying.”

The grant covers registration fees, certification review fees, a two-day in-person training for city staff and elected official, technical support and resources, access to Arc software for continuous reporting and benchmarking, an approximately \$30,000 value.


There are no Wisconsin cities yet certified, compared to seven certified in Iowa. Hilyard is very familiar with the LEED certification process, having worked as a LEED project manager for 12 major LEED building projects in Wisconsin including the Wisconsin Institutes of Discovery, Union South, Madison Central Library, and Madison Children’s Museum.

A motion to support the city’s grant application for participation in the LEED for Cities and Communities Certification program passed unanimously by the council.



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Gilda’s and Kromrey Team Up for Cancer Support

By Michelle Phillips  
Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Gilda’s Club makes its facility available to the entire family when they welcome a new client who has been diagnosed with cancer at their clubhouse. But Gilda’s also takes their programs into the community, so when Kromrey Middle School counselor Kerry Burke reached out to the organization, a partnership was forged.

Burke contacted Carissa Metcalf, Gilda’s program manager, to see if someone could come to Kromrey. “I reached out to Carissa after learning from another school counselor in our district that Gilda’s Club might be interested in co-facilitating support groups at schools in the community. I was already thinking about running a group at Kromrey for some of the students I work with who are affected by cancer in their families, and it seemed like a great opportunity to team up with Gilda’s Club.”

Metcalf said that the program is an extension of Gilda’s Family Night programming and offers information about cancer and cancer treatment, teaches coping skills, helps to express feeling and communicating as a family. She said Gilda’s has found the program has helped families reduce anxiety, in-

creased communication and offers connectivity for kids.

She said cancer education often includes dispelling myths. Kids are taught that nothing they did caused the cancer and that it is not contagious, and of course, death as part of the natural life cycle.

“Kids actually do better with it than adults. They ask questions and are very intuitive,” she said.

The Kromrey group met for the first time last week, and Metcalf said one of the things a student said was, “I want to know that I am not alone.”

“All of the other students nodded their heads. It helps to know there are other people at the school they can talk to,” Metcalf said. “Gilda’s is about communication and kids need that, too. Kids need to belong.

Burke agreed, “Students benefit greatly from connecting with other students who have shared similar life experiences and can provide support and encouragement. We find that these groups boost students’ social/emotional learning and also increase their ability to cope with life stressors.”

The woman worked together to set the goals for the pilot program, which may expand at Kromrey or to other schools in the district. Both said the district was very supportive of the

initiative.

“We will be gathering data, and looking to other schools that may be a good fit,” Metcalf said.

The program currently serves five fifth and sixth graders, and the time is rotated each week so the students are not always missing the same class.

“The group will run eight weeks with this group of students. It is not an ‘open group’ where new students could join at any time. If there is a need for similar groups to run for other grade levels at Kromrey, we will consider additional groups, but likely not this school year,” Burke explained.

Burke said having the program in the school removes barriers like transportation and scheduling. Metcalf agreed and said parents often want to utilize services at the schools rather than another facility.

“Our goal is for students to learn more about cancer and to develop skills for coping with the stress associated with it. Hopefully the students will also have fun engaging in the group activities and will build a sense of hope and resiliency through the experience,” Burke said.

It’s great for the community to be creative,” said Metcalf. “It doesn’t always have to happen in the clubhouse.”

Ramsey

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ing budgeting that it would be responsible for an addition \$70,000. “We should have known way before we were in the budgeting process,” he stated.

Restoring Pheasant Branch Conservancy (PBC) also makes Ramsey’s short list of areas to be addresses. “I’d like to see us continue to work on putting the conservancy back together,” he said, and included that PBC is one of the biggest conveyances of storm water in the area.

“We need to work with the county, state and City of Madison to tighten stormwater runoff restrictions,” Ramsey said.

He said that the city needs to work on an ordinance for stormwater to avoid another disaster like the flood in August

2018, as well as working on mitigation.

“We need to encourage all developers to go above and beyond state regulations for runoff,” he said.

He also favors a public safety levy to hire new officers and emergency management personnel.

Some of the things Ramsey would like to continue working on include:

- Becoming a 100 percent sustainable city.
- Continuing to keep a close eye on the budget.

He said that he feels he works well with other members of the council, which can be an advantage for a mayor, “I try to go into a situation without my mind made up, and find a

solution that will work for the majority of the people, he said.

Ramsey has served three years on the Middleton City Council, and has spent most of his life in Middleton, with the exception of some time in Minnesota. He is the owner of RPM Management LLC, and he and his wife, Michele, have six children and three grandchildren.

“I’m looking forward to working together to help Middleton grow and become a place where all income levels and diversity are welcome,” he concluded.

Ramsey will face off against Mayor Brar and plan commissioner Ken Paulsen in the primary on Feb. 18.

Welton

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said.

While Welton faced a maximum statutory penalty of 60 years for each First-Degree Assault conviction, Crawford acknowledged that the statute encompasses a broad range of sexual activity. Not trying to minimized Welton’s conduct or the harm to his victims, his conduct is less severe than many of the cases she has presided over.

She commended the two girls for their “courage and strength,” in coming forward to authorities and testifying before a jury as to what happened to them.

Welton is already a repeat offender as the first incident was 10 years ago, and while reported to Middleton police, it resolved by having Harbor Athletic staff “keep an eye,” on Welton, said Crawford. However, that was insufficient to keep Welton from re-offending.

Although there is the possibility of incidental contact in swimming pools which would give

Welton some “plausible denialability,” Crawford doesn’t dispute the jury’s finding that Welton’s underwater contact of the two girls was intentional.

The four-year prison sentence should provide some general deterrence as these crimes carry significant consequences, the judge said.

Welton will be on the state’s sex offender registry “so others can take precautions in their interactions with him,” and will be closely monitored while on extended supervision.

He must undergo any proscribed sex offender treatment and have no contact with his victims or with minors without approval of his probation agent.

Welton was remanded into custody after the proceedings.

After court, the father of the 2010 victim declined to comment on Welton’s sentence.



LOCAL

Aldachach Named Student of the Month



Photo Submitted

The Middleton Optimist Club named Sarah Aldachach as its January “Rising Star” student from Middleton High School (MHS) last week. Sarah was introduced by MHS Social Worker Marcy Smith, who described her as one of the most mature and good-hearted people she has known. Marcy noted that Sarah seems much more like a peer than a student. In addition to her studies, Sarah mentors seventh grade students at Kromrey needing assistance with math. She also works with young people as part of her job at Madison School and Community Recreation and is a member of the MHS Black Student Union. Sarah plans to pursue a Social Justice academic and career path, initially at Madison College.

L-R: Smith, mother Nida Aldachach, Brad Hartjes, Middleton Optimist Club, Sarah Aldachach, father Abdul Aldachach, brother Ibrahim Aldachach and Steve Britt, president of the Optimist Club).

Girls on the Run Seeks Volunteer Coaches

DANE COUNTY—Girls on the Run of South Central Wisconsin is seeking coaches in a number of communities to ensure that girls will have an opportunity to participate in their transformational empowerment program this season. Girls on the Run is a physical activity-based, positive youth development program that inspires girls in third through fifth grade to be joyful, healthy and confident. The ten-week program teaches critical life skills, encourages personal development and fosters team building and community service. Volunteer coaches utilize a psychology-based curriculum to engage teams of girls in fun, interactive lessons.

Coach Annie Taff, a long-time Girls on the Run volunteer shares, “As a Girls on the Run coach, I have learned the joys of giving, enthusiasm, respect, and resiliency from these young women. Through coaching, I feel like I am having a direct impact on helping girls build big dreams so that they can become women with vision.”

Volunteer coaches facilitate lessons to small teams of girls during practices held twice weekly after-school for 90 minutes. The program culminates with the girls creating and executing a community impact project and completing a celebratory 5K event.

This season, practices will begin during the week of March 23 and the Girls on the Run 5K will be held on June 6 in Middleton. Coaches can be of any gender identity and they can be parents, school staff, or community members. Coaches do not need to be athletes or “runners”—they just need to be 18 and have a passion for motivating and empowering girls to realize their limitless potential.

Girls on the Run of South Central Wisconsin serves girls at 70+ sites

Applicants must complete a background check and online and in-person training sessions. For more information or to sign-up to coach visit [girlsontherunscwi.org/coach](http://girlsontherunscwi.org/coach).



February Events at the Middleton Public Library

**Storytimes**  
Big Kids Storytimes (ages 3-6)—Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Books, music, and movement activities followed by a craft project or sensory activity.  
Little Kids Storytime (ages 2-3)—Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Books, music, and movement activities followed by a craft project or sensory activity.  
Tiny Tots Storytime (ages 1-2)—Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Songs, rhymes, puppets, music, and short books.  
Baby Lapsit Storytime (pre-walkers)—Fridays, 9:30 a.m.  
Songs, rhymes, and short, interactive books specifically designed for young babies.  
Saturday Storytimes (ages 2-5)—10 a.m.  
Feb. 8: Friends & Family  
Books, music, and movement activities followed by a craft project or sensory activity! Please register. [Archer Room]  
Monday Evening Storytimes (ages 2-6)—6 p.m.  
Feb. 10: Friends & Family  
Books, music, movement activities, a picture-book movie, and a craft or sensory activity! Please register. [Archer Room]  
**Events for Younger Children**  
Family & Toddler Yoga (ages 2 & up)  
Feb. 3—10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Fun songs and poses for families with younger children! Registration is required, space is limited. Please register for only one class per month.  
Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime (all ages) with Yesianne Ramirez  
Feb. 21—10:30 a.m.  
Books, songs, and fun in Spanish and English for all ages.  
i9 Sports: Soccer & Basketball (Ages 3 and up)  
Feb. 10—10:30 a.m.  
Professionals from i9 Sports bring a fun introduction to soccer

and basketball skills. Registration is required: space is limited.  
**Children, ‘Tween & Family Events**  
3DS & Switch Club (All ages)  
Feb. 6—Thursdays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., New Programming Room  
Bring your 3DS, Switch and games for the group to share!  
‘Tween Books & Cooks (Grades 3-6)  
Feb. 17—6-7 p.m.  
Theme: Warm Winter Reads  
Recipe: Grilled Cheese! Put on your chef’s hat and grab your books! We’ll fire up the griddles for hot, gooey grilled cheese sandwiches and escape the winter by discussing our favorite books. Bring book suggestions to share. Registration is required: space is limited.  
MAD Science of Milwaukee: Up, Up and Away! (Recommended for ages 5 & up)  
Feb. 17—1 p.m.  
This spellbinding special event introduces children to the principles of air and pressure. Children see an incredible exothermic reaction take place and even get the chance to watch a hovercraft in action!  
LC3 = Loosely Controlled Chaos Club (Grades K-6)  
Feb. 14, 4:15-5 p.m.: Frozen Science  
Calling all MAD SCIENTISTS! Join forces to explore and create. Adults, please don your own goggles to assist your younger scientists. Registration is required: space is limited.  
Chess Club (All ages)  
Feb. 16—Sundays, 1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Chess lessons will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by open play. All ages and skill levels are welcome.  
Media Maker Schedule  
Learn Computer Science and have fun in a supportive and collaborative environment with Mr. Miles, a Technology Integrator and Computer Science

Teacher for MCPASD, in the lower-level computer lab. Registration is required for each class as space is limited. Registration opens on the 25th of the month prior to the class date.  
Coding Club (Ages 7-13)  
Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24—Mondays, 6-7 p.m.  
Activities will include: Scratch, Kodu, Game Creation, Sphero and Code.org programs.  
Minecraft Club (Ages 7-13)  
Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27—Thursdays, 6-8 p.m.  
Have fun while interacting with peers in the Library Minecraft Server!  
**Teen Events (grades 7-12)**  
T.A.Co. (Formerly Teen Advisory Committee) (Ages 12 and up)  
Feb. 3—4:30 p.m.  
Your opinion matters! Suggest and discuss new programs and projects for the library. Attendance counts towards volunteering. Snacks provided.  
Anime Club  
Feb. 5—Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m.  
Discuss favorite anime and manga, eat Japanese snacks, and decide future anime viewing selections. What we watch is up to you!  
Edible Cookie Dough  
Feb. 18—6 p.m.  
Customize (and eat) your own edible cookie dough with fun mix-ins. We’ll have vegan and gluten-free options for everyone to enjoy. Registration is required.  
VR Club  
Feb. 28—Fridays, 4:30 p.m.  
Experience virtual reality: play games using PS4 VR headsets. Light snacks.  
**Adult Events**  
Gentle Flow & Alignment Yoga  
Feb. 3-7 p.m.  
This class is accessible to all levels, connecting the breath and body through the movement of yoga postures. To register, call 608-827-7403 or

email [info@midlibrary.org](mailto:info@midlibrary.org).  
Memory Screenings  
Feb. 6-1 p.m.  
A memory screen is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory. It also creates a baseline so future changes can be monitored. Specialists from the Aging & Disability Resource Center will provide these free 15-minute memory screenings and will have information about memory, memory clinics, brain health and local resources that are available. Call 608-827-7403 or email [info@midlibrary.org](mailto:info@midlibrary.org) to register.  
8 Things Every Wisconsinite Should Know About Estate, Finance, and End-of-life Planning  
Feb. 6-6:30 p.m.  
Call 608-827-7403 or email [info@midlibrary.org](mailto:info@midlibrary.org) to register.  
Virtual Reality Workshop for Adults  
Feb. 12-7 p.m.  
In this class we will explore Virtual Reality technology by playing with a VR mask in different games like slicing fruit as

a ninja, eagle flying over Paris, viewing the night sky constellations, or exploring the sunken Titanic on a submarine. Call 608-827-7403 or email [info@midlibrary.org](mailto:info@midlibrary.org) to register.  
First Steps for Families (ADAW Family Education series)  
Feb. 20-5:30 p.m.  
A year-long series of educational events for families, friends, and caregivers of those with Alzheimer’s or other dementias. Free and open to the public. No registration required.  
A Conversation with Bill Stokes: Author of “Margaret’s War”  
Feb. 23-2 p.m.  
Learn more about the history of German WWII POWs in Wisconsin and the writing of “Margaret’s War”, the fascinating story of a small Midwestern town where German POWs have been brought in to work on farms.  
Bill, who lives in Mazomanie, is retired after 35 years as a columnist and feature writer

for the Chicago Tribune, the Wisconsin State Journal, the Milwaukee Journal, and the Stevens Point Daily Journal. This is his first novel.  
Estate Planning & Your Finances  
Feb. 27-6:30 p.m.  
We will cover the basic decisions of Estate planning as it relates to your retirement, investments, financial planning, and your desired legacy. The course is appropriate for everyone concerned with what will happen to their money once they are gone or die unexpectedly, or have family members with special needs. Call 608-827-7403 or email [info@midlibrary.org](mailto:info@midlibrary.org) to register.

CHURCH NOTES

**St. Martin's Lutheran Church**  
2427 Church St. Cross Plains  
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
[www.stmartinscp.org](http://www.stmartinscp.org)

**Middleton Community Church**  
Connecting Faith and Life  
645 Schewe Road, 2 mi. West of Beltline on Old Sauk Road  
For information on events, visit: [www.middletonucc.org](http://www.middletonucc.org)  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**  
3673 Co. Hwy. P  
Pine Bluff  
608-798-2111  
Father Richard Heilman  
Mass:  
Saturday: 8:00am & 4:00pm  
Sunday 7:30am (TLM) & 9:15am  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 7:30am

**Gateway Community Church**  
Pastor Paul Lundgren  
3510 High Road, Middleton  
[www.gccmiddleton.org](http://www.gccmiddleton.org)  
Sunday Coffee 9:30am  
Worship/Nursery/Sunday School 10am  
Hope Class 11:30am

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CROSS PLAINS

New CP Police Chief Leads on Principles of Love

By Katherine Perreth  
Times-Tribune

CROSS PLAINS—Chief of Police Tony Ruesga (REZ-gah) has been on the job a mere three weeks as the newest employee of the Cross Plains Police Department. Having had experience with changing administrative personnel over his decades in law enforcement, he’s cognizant of the extra trouble that can place upon colleagues, he said.

“Even something silly, like moving the stapler,” Ruesga said with a smile. Initially he met with staff to ask what each needed from him, in an effort “to make the transition to new administration easy for them, not confusing or stressful, as our jobs are stressful enough.”

Ruesga noted the importance of monitoring “officer wellness,” physical, mental and spiritual, explaining, “If (officers) are misfiring in one of those areas, they can misfire when dealing with the community, especially in stressful situations.”

For Ruesga, 48, careful observation and paying attention to detail is part and parcel of police work. Whether in a traffic stop, choosing a likely can-

didate to step into his shoes should an emergency arise, which he said he did within three days, to the psychology of law enforcement within diverse communities.

“I believe understanding why people do what they do helps us as a society,” Ruesga explained. “And knowing cultural diversity is very important, especially in a profession like mine, when you’re dealing with different types of people, it’s important to understand how their culture influences their responses.”

To that end, Ruesga is slowly pursuing a master’s degree in Public Administration with an emphasis upon Multiculturalism and Social Diversity, he said, as time allows.

Ruesga, who is Hispanic and was born in New Mexico but raised in Minnesota, said he’s concentrated on broadening the perspective of those in law enforcement and building relationships within the Hispanic population of the communities he’s served.

Most of his career has been in rural Southwestern Wisconsin, primarily in Darlington. As an officer and then sergeant, Ruesga watched the commu-



Katherine Perreth Times Tribune

**Cross Plains Chief of Police Tony Ruesga had multiple opportunities to pursue law enforcement employment elsewhere, but chose Cross Plains after reading staff bios and considering the friendliness of the growing community. Ruesga, who is fluent in Spanish, left a legacy of strong relationships between the police force and community in Darlington, where he served for most of his 20-year career.**

nity of approximately 3,000 significantly change demography. In the late ’90s, only five people hailed from Hispanic backgrounds, he said; now 25 percent of the population is Hispanic.

“I speak Spanish fluently and understand the Hispanic

culture, which in our area was predominantly Mexican, but included people from all over Central and South America,” Ruesga said. No one assigned him the job of Hispanic liaison, he said, but he took it upon himself to build strong relationships and increase trust in the

police force. He won multiple awards for doing so.

“Building trust is an everyday job, especially now, when there isn’t a lot of trust,” Ruesga explained. Citing Darlington’s Hispanic population Ruesga said, “If one out of four people don’t trust the police in a community, that means they fail to report crimes, fail to cooperate with police, and it hurts all forms of policing.”

Ruesga lives by and trains law enforcement on principles built upon love, he said, employing the acronym HEART: Honor, Excellence, Adaptability, Respect, Teamwork.

“I don’t think you can accomplish much without a team,” Ruesga said, adding that as part of the team, he strives to be the kind of leader who will simultaneously “influence and inspire” his officers to uphold laws as well as function in the community as mentors, counselors to children, social workers and settlers of disputes.

“We’re expected to do more than policing,” Ruesga said. “It’s changed over the past two decades.” As leader, finding the right niche and training for each officer is a prime responsibility, “so that the department can

handle many tasks.”

Conducting all aspects of the job respectfully is of the utmost importance, Ruesga said, especially giving respect when a person doesn’t deserve it.

“We’re not here to judge, we’re here to serve humbly,” Ruesga said. “Whether there’s a camera on you or no one is watching, and I really value (the latter), that’s a true sign of a public servant.”

HEART qualities make for a well-rounded and functional police force, one in turn respected by the community, Ruesga said, a goal he said he holds dear in his heart.

“It’s only a matter of time before an incident happens,” Ruesga said, even in Cross Plains. “The day something bad happens, and the community has your back, that’s true community policing.”

With his Hispanic expertise and public speaking connections, Ruesga had other employment opportunities, he said, yet chose Cross Plains. When he read the bios of department staff and learned the friendly western Dane County community was growing quickly, he

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Upcoming Cross Plains Library Events

Storytime News

Storytime is in full swing, and the winter theme is “Be Yourself.” Wiggles and Giggles (babies and toddlers) gather on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m. and Big Kids Storytime (ages 2.5-4) meets on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Join Catherine for a morning filled with delightful books, fingerplays and great music. Parents and caregivers can stick around afterward for social time and playtime for the kiddoes.

There will be a special Valentine’s-themed visit to Milestone Senior Living on Feb. 13—meet us there at 10 a.m. Contact Catherine for questions or if you’d like to be added to the email list. Full schedules are available on the library website, rgpl.org.

Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group

Join us Jan. 30 for a discussion of Alexander Chee’s luminous epic novel about Paris Opera singer, Lilliet Berne. Books are available at the service desk.

A Very Special Valentine Storytime—Donuts with Dad (or another special person)

Love donuts? Love dad (or another special person)? Then this very special storytime on Feb. 15 at 10:30 a.m. is your ticket. Kids and dads, or another special family member/friend of your choice, are invited to a morning of great stories, special songs, and creative crafts. There’s big fun to be had with Dad! Join us for stories, songs, and a craft to go along with your donut! And ... let’s make something for Mom! (Shhhhhh – surprise her!)

Valentine Card Crafting

Judy Arawinko will be here on Feb. 5 from 1-3 p.m. to show you

how to make six beautiful valentines. Materials are provided, and the class is free, but there are limited slots.

School’s Out Movie

From the creators of “How to Train Your Dragon” comes another enchanting animated feature to warm your heart on even the coldest of winter days. After discovering a young, but very large creature on the roof, three friends embark on a thrilling adventure to return him to his family. Join us Feb. 17 from 1-3 p.m. for popcorn and an afternoon of great entertainment in our very own screening room! To sign up, please call the library at 608-798-3881, or email Catherine at cabaer@rgpl.org.

“On Ouisconsin: An Illustrated Historical Catalogue”—Art Exhibit by Philip Heckman

“On Ouisconsin” contains highlights of an alternate history of our beloved state. Heckman’s hope for this fond but irreverent “re-imagining” is to stimulate a search for more accurate depictions of historical truth. This clever and thought provoking exhibit will be at the library until March 31.

Job Services Help

Job Services Employment and Training Specialist, Jennifer Seese, will be at the library twice a month to provide free job services support. Get one-on-one help applying for unemployment benefits, resume writing, job search strategies, interview skills and more. Jennifer will be available the first Tuesday of each month from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., and on the third Tuesday from 1-4 p.m. Call the library at 608-798-3881 to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Read to a Dog—Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m.

Chase will join us again on Feb. 24 to listen to your child read. This is a great opportunity, particularly for reluctant readers, to practice their skills with a happy and appreciative listener. Please call the library if you are interested in reserving a 15-minute session. Check our website for a story about Chase at rgpl.org/kids.

Lego Club

We’ve been having lots of fun in Lego Club. The kids’ latest creations are on display in the library, so come and have a look at our holiday Lego scenes from our last session. Please call 608-798-3881 to sign up for the next session on Feb. 10 from 4-5 p.m. As a bonus, the kids’ latest creations are on display in the library, so come and take a look.

Register to Vote at the Library!

Volunteers trained by The League of Women Voters will be joining

WEEKLY

Health TIP!

Eat More Fruits and Vegetables

Visceral or belly fat (fat surrounding internal organs) and liver fat both increase a person’s risk of cardiovascular disease and diabetes more than fat that’s stored elsewhere in the body. In a recent study, researchers found that a higher intake of fruits and vegetables is linked with reduced visceral and liver fat. Conversely, higher intake of sweets, cakes and candies is associated with increased liver fat. To help trim visceral fat, eat a healthy diet focused on vegetables, fruits, lean sources of protein and low-fat dairy. Limit processed foods and added sugar. Watch portion sizes and make physical activity part of your daily routine.

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us at the Library in February and March to assist people in registering to vote. The League is a non-profit, non-partisan, national organization whose purpose is to promote informed and active participation of citizens in government at all levels. Please call the library or check our website for details.

For complete information about how to register or to confirm that you are still on the voter roll, go to myvote.wi.gov. Hurry because deadlines are approaching for the primaries!

Friends of the Library Used Book Donations

The fantastic Spring Used Book Sale is scheduled for May 1-2, and the Friends could use your donation of gently used books, DVDs, CDs and puzzles to make it a great one. A list of materials the Friends can and cannot accept is posted on our website and at the library. Please take a look at it before you bring is your donation. Proceeds support library programming and special projects!

Tax Forms

The library has received a limited number of Wisconsin State tax forms/instruction booklets that are available to the public for free. We are expecting to receive federal forms/instruction booklets in late January or early February.

Cross Plains Berry Historical Society

The historical society is currently sponsoring an exhibit from the American Legion Auxiliary. Along with memorabilia, the display features a silver tea set that serves as a “traveling trophy” honoring the Auxiliary unit that reaches the highest membership goals.

New Art Exhibit—“Resilience”

Our new exhibit features mixed-media art by area artist, Dawn Wians. Dawn works in oil paint, wax and graphite, often mixing layers of media and asemic writing over her paintings. Recently, she has given reflective meaning to her work through poetry to express the healing power of making and viewing art. The exhibit runs through March 20.

Open Music Jam

Stop by the library on Thursday nights, 6-8 p.m., and join other area musicians in a weekly music jam. All abilities welcome!

NWDSS CALENDAR

Northwest Dane Senior Services	1837 Bourbon Rd., Cross Plains	Lunch serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Call 608-798-6937 by 1 p.m. the day before, to reserve your meal. For more information visit nwdss.org.
Menu & Calendar of Events	Jan. 29: Ham & Potato Casserole BINGO	
	Jan. 30: BBQ Chicken Breast	Players Choice
	Jan. 31: Stuffed Pepper Soup	Nickel BINGO
	Feb. 3: Enchilada Casserole	A.M. Exercise P.M. Euchre
	Feb. 4: Brat on a Bun	Dominoes
	Feb. 5: Chicken Strips	BINGO



CROSS PLAINS

Citizens Pack Board Meeting Over ATV Use on Village Streets

By Katherine Perreth  
*Times-Tribune*  
CROSS PLAINS—It was standing room only at the Cross Plains Village Hall on Monday evening. Over 60 citizens packed the first Village Board meeting of 2020 on Jan. 27, most concerned with the first item on the General Business agenda: the proposal for village streets to be open year-round, from 8 a.m.-10 p.m., for ATV/UTV use.

President Lengfeld cautioned the crowd before public comment, urging respectful dialogue. “Everyone in this room cares a great deal about Cross Plains,” Lengfeld said, “and different views don’t mean one side cares more than the other.” For the most part citizens complied.

Doug Brunner, main spokesperson for the proposal and the head of the Cross Plains Wheelers, which this month merged with the Badger ATV Club, bolstering their numbers, he said, commented first.

Brunner read an email he received that day in favor of the proposal from Paulette Glunn, executive director of Northwest Dane Senior Services. In it she said that she sees ATV/UTV usage in the village as a benefit to the community and that NWDSS looks forward to partnering with the club “on fun rides.”

“We’ve spent three years,” Brunner said, with an eye to safety and training, and gaining the support of local landowners in the Town of Cross Plains and Town of Berry.

Brunner cited the successful implementation of ATV/UTV use in communities in Iowa and Grant counties, giving the examples of Black Earth and Mazomanie as nearby Dane County villages allowing four-wheelers on streets.

“ATV users spend money,” Brunner said. He expects economic benefits to the village from riders coming to the community, from Madison, Middleton and elsewhere.

Further benefits to the community, Brunner stated, are adding an amenity that allows for greater diversity of opportunity for those wishing to experience local natural beauty, and the ability of ATV/UTV owners to help out neighbors.

Over 20 others spoke in favor, while only a handful spoke against the proposal. However, while the proposal came to the board’s attention last summer, those speaking against said they had only learned of it four days before Monday’s meeting. In that short period of time, over 100 signatures had been collected on a petition against the proposal.

Jennifer Bonti, spokesperson for that contingency, complimented Brunner on being collaborative, before reading a long list of concerns. Primary concerns included the safety of children and others, especially walking on village streets without sidewalks, increased noise pollution, and the possibility of out-of-town riders being disrespectful. She also stated that residents and visitors may not participate as they currently do in the quiet recreational activities the village is known for, such as fishing, biking, hiking and running.

Bonti then cited statistics regarding ATV injuries and fatalities. Notably, she quoted from a United States Consumer Product Safety Commission, CPSC, letter sent to the village board September 2018, outlining opposition to use of ATVs on public roads as they were not designed for road use. “From 1998-2007, roadway fatalities increased twice as fast as those off-road...roadway crashes are more likely to involve multiple fatalities...crashes on the road account for over 60 percent of ATV-related deaths.”

In 2019 in Wisconsin, there were 22 four-wheeler fatalities, 64 percent on a road, many with alcohol use as a factor, Bonti stated. She quoted from an ATV Safety Institute training manual, “Remember, ATVs are intended for off-road use only. Never operate an ATV on public roads and always avoid paved surfaces.” Many proponents pushed back, explaining ATVs are similar to snowmobiles and motorcycles, and they merely wish to ride on village roads as motorcyclists do, following the same rules of the road, although ATV-riders aren’t required to wear helmets. Brunner asserted they are not interested in riding “around and around” village streets, but want a destination to ride to. Others said manufacturers are changing the industry to make ATVs more road-worthy. Bob Sagmoen, who teaches ATV/UTV safety in the village, said, “Testing (on UTVs) isn’t done off-road, it’s on blacktop.” He cited a handbook for public safety allowing ATVs on roads if the municipality so designates, and said there are current changes to tire regulations. Amalia Hicks, who had experience in Colorado living in a subdivision with access to an ATV trail route, said the increased noise, litter and trailers parked on the street were negatives. “I know our local crowd wouldn’t do that, maybe others wouldn’t,” Hicks said, “but that’s my personal experience.” She said as she researched ATV use over the weekend, she became alarmed for the riders themselves, “ATVs are more dangerous than motorcycles,

and are not designed to operate on roads.”

John Dahlk, who said he owns three UTVs, explained that the vehicle can be outfitted with either off-road or street tires. Addressing the noise issue, he said what is being proposed for use here is different from what can be found elsewhere in Wisconsin. “I’ve ridden up in northern Wisconsin many times...and we’ve run into vehicles up there that have huge mud tires on them and they’re all souped-up and jacked-up in the air, and the noise is just unbelievable,” Dahlk said. “I hate them also!”

Many proponents spoke to the social nature of riding, with family, friends and even owning vehicles that can seat up to six people.

Dale “Crowbait” Kelter, a 58-year village resident, said as the president of the Madison Motorcycle Club, he puts on an annual event that brings 350 cyclists to the community to ride on properties of 60 landowners.

“Last year was our eleventh year, and we’ve never had an incident,” Kelter said. “We want to do the same thing with ATVs...leave from here, go to a property, ride through it, continue on and go to the next property, it’s not all just going to the bars.”

Kelter explained the difficulty of finding contiguous

land means road riding, which ATV-users would prefer not to do, he said.

Although most speakers against the proposal do not own a four-wheeler, some, like Mike Wollmer, do. He’s opposed to the proposal, concerned “It will change the character of the village.”

Brunner summed up, “The fear for me is not getting an opportunity to try this, we’re open to doing this in a partnering way.”

The proposal had already passed two village board committees, Public Safety and Parks and Recreation, with the plan calling for a trial period. The board referred the proposal back to the Public Safety Committee’s next meeting on Feb. 4 at 7 p.m., at Village Hall.

Board approvals included:

- A settlement agreement with Duhr Investments, covering 2017, 2018 and 2019.
- Pursuing preliminary engineering and design work cost assessments for a Zander Community Park amphitheater.
- Engineering services for flood control.
- Annexing sections of County Highway P to the Village of Cross Plains.
- Approaching the Town of Berry for a multi-jurisdictional transfer of a section of N. Hill Point Road.

Area Residents Fill American Legion for Spaghetti Dinner



Katherine Perreth Times Tribune



Server Louise Powell, an Auxiliary member, dashed to and fro with plates piled high, placing spaghetti and meatballs in front, L-R: Phyllis Reindl, her sister, Beverly Brunner, and William Parrell at the 24th Annual Cross Plains American Legion Post 245 Spaghetti Dinner on Jan. 26; Baguettes at the ready to slice, butter and sprinkle with garlic salt, Stan Nonn could take time to smile as he staffed the less-heated and hectic kitchen station; Chaplain Pat Andreoni concentrates on lifting a steaming pot of noodles, as nine others worked various stations; Juliette Montagne, 9, shows off her pasta twirling technique at the dinner last Sunday. Nearly 80 showed for lunch, with scores more for dinner, proceeds to benefit youth programs and fruit baskets at Christmas, among other things.



SCHOOL

Choral Boosters Country Breakfast Draws Large Crowd



Photos Submitted

MIDDLETON—The 25th Annual Country Breakfast, hosted by the Middleton High School Choral Boosters was held on Jan. 26 to benefit the choral music program at Middleton High School. It was a day of entertainment, delicious food and fundraising.

All Middleton High School Choral ensembles performed, including Cantus, Cardinal Chorale, Bristol Street, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir, directed by MHS Choral Director Jamie Pitt. Numerous students performed in solo and small groups, accompanied by a house band comprised of Sarah Stine, Rohan Shah, Andrew Karibusicky and Jude Fleischman. Students and volunteers continued the long-standing tradition of wearing plaid flannel to perform and serve food to guests.

The Country Breakfast is the only fundraiser of the year for the MHS choral program. While final calculations are still pending, the event is expected to net more than \$10,000 to support solo and ensemble accompanists, music and supplies, guest conductors and clinicians, field trips and scholarship assistance to students throughout the year.

Willy Street Co-op was the title sponsor of this year's event, joined by many other businesses and families. A silent auction returned this year, with many items donated by local businesses and families. A complete list of donors available at [middletonchoirs.com](http://middletonchoirs.com). Country Breakfast co-chairs Kelley Engle and Jenn Harless expressed gratitude for the generous contributions of sponsors, attendees and volunteers.

MHS Theatre Presents 'Love/Sick' This Weekend

MIDDLETON—Middleton High School (MHS) Theatre's winter season is about to begin, featuring the full length play "Love/Sick: An Exploration of Romantic Love in Many Forms," Jan. 30-31, and Feb. 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middleton Performing Arts Center (PAC). Through nine different stories, the various stages of love are represented in each scene.

A unique aspect of the production is that the nine stories told in the play were each directed by a different student director. MHS Theatre Director Katrina Williams Brunner served in the role of producer, ensuring a seamless story. Williams Brunner has been impressed with the way the students embraced working through the entire creative process from casting, rehearsing, and making technical and artistic decisions.

The student directors include seniors Josiah Dyer and Julian Engle, juniors Julia Connell, Kayley Hellenbrand, Anzka Helmers, Aberdeen Kurka, and Torii Snortum Haney, and sophomores Evelyn Anderson and Darshi Balaji. The set was designed by PAC Director Zane Enloe.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors, and are available at the door or in advance at [mhswi.booktix.com](http://mhswi.booktix.com).



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Vivian Szot and Ceia Kasper will perform in the Middleton High School production of "Love/Sick" this weekend.

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# SCHOOL

## Dance Team, Pom Team and Soloists Headed for State Competition

WATERTOWN—The Wisconsin Association of Cheer/Pom Coaches (WAPAC) Southwest Regional competition was held on Jan. 25. Division 1 Pom and Division 1 Hip Hop competed at the event, which was held at Watertown High School.

There were 15 teams in Division 1 Pom and 11 teams in Division 1 Hip Hop. Teams were required to place top six in each division to qualify for State.

“Both divisions are incredibly tough full of very talented competition, so we knew it would be a challenge to make it to State. We placed 6th in D1 Pom and 5th in D1 Hip Hop earning our bid to State in both routines! This is our 7th year in a row qualifying for the State Dance Championship, said coach Jackie Rehberg, who leads the team with Ana Hursh.

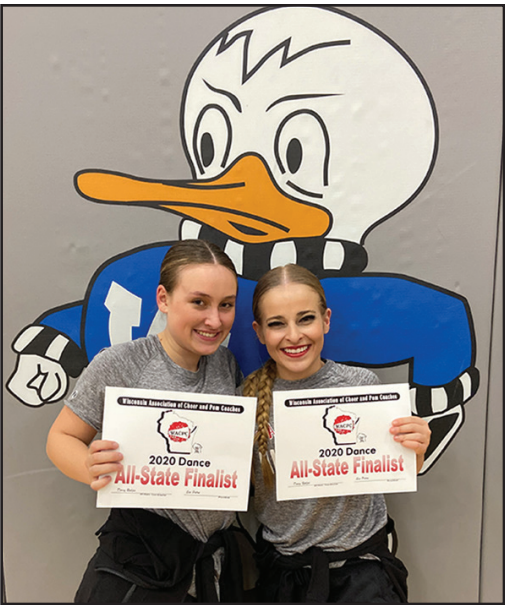
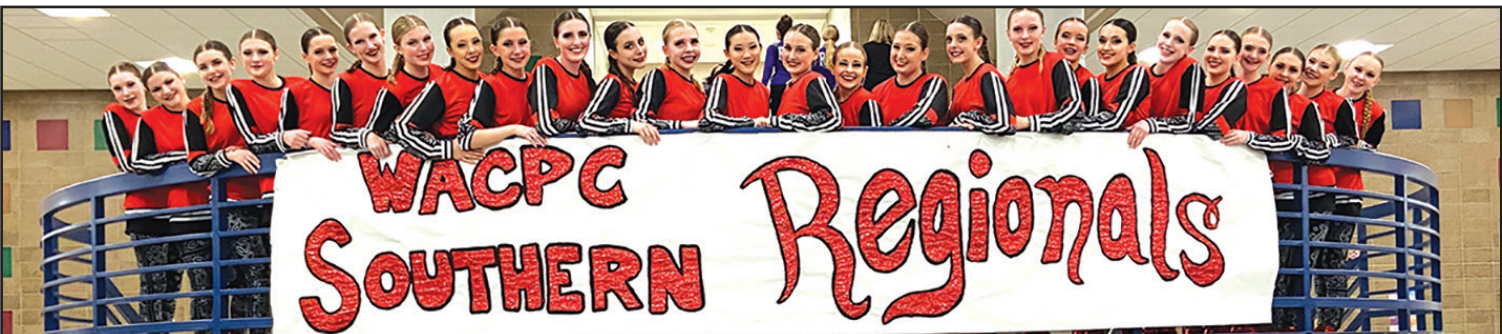
Seniors Payton Giles and Cece Lindblom were named as Division 1 All State Solo Finalists as well. They have earned the opportunity to compete their solos next weekend at State for a chance to be named to the Division 1 All State Dance Team.

The team roster includes  
Seniors: Payton Giles, Cece Lindblom, Hannah Statz

Juniors: Avery Collien, Anna Coyne, Paige Powers, Morgan Sabol, Sadie Schreier-Jacobson, Kayla Stoecker

Sophomores: Katy Bouril, Kalea Long, Ashlyn Roush, Josie Whitford

Freshmen: Aleide Achenbach, Elizabeth El-sner, Alyssa Gonzales, Neva Hinsey, Jade Huemmer, Chloe Knaak, Olivia LaCour, Laura Lawn, Marissa Madaus, Hadley Maher, Maddy Pindilli, Natalie Pinka, Olivia Sutor.



Top: The entire Middleton High School Dance and Pom Team at Regionals last weekend. The team will compete in two divisions at the state event; Above: Soloists Payton Giles and Cece Lindblom also won spots at state.

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LIFESTYLES

BSA Troop 140 Announces Three New Eagle Scouts

MIDDLETON—BSA Troop 140 in has announced that three members of the troop have achieved Eagle Scout. Aiden McEllistrem, Issac Buxton and Ben Fagre have all met the requirements for Eagle scout, and completed a variety of projects to meet the goal.

McEllistrem joined scouting at an older age than most youth—when he was in eighth grade. His motivation was to have a good time with friends. Over the course of four years in Troop 140, however, McEllistrem did much more than just have fun. He managed to progress through the ranks rapidly and earn 25 merit badges, passing his Eagle Scout Board of Review on April 16, 2019. Aidan has served his troop in several leadership positions, including librarian, patrol leader, webmaster, and scribe. In 2018, he was elected by his fellow Scouts to the Order of the Arrow. McEllistrem participated in high adventure outings at BSA's Sea Base in Florida and Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. He regards his experience at Philmont as one of the most memorable and important events in his life.

McEllistrem is a freshman at UW-Madison, majoring in Computer Engineering. He graduated with high honors from Middleton High School in 2019, where he found his passion of writing computer software and designing circuitry. He ran on the cross country team for four years and in a half-marathon this past summer. During his senior year, McEllistrem and his friends made several bold public performances, including winning a pep-rally karaoke contest, and performing in a musical that they wrote themselves.

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, McEllistrem built a trailhead informational kiosk for the Ice Age Trail Alliance on the south edge of Verona. It not only provides information for trail users, but also a solid place to rest and keep dry during rain. It has transformed the parking lot into a welcoming trailhead for Verona residents.

Buxton has been in Scouting since 2007. He was a

Cub Scout in Pack 772 of The Woodlands, TX, for two years before joining Pack 340 of Middleton for three years, earning his Arrow of Light in April 2012. He then joined Troop 140 where he advanced through the ranks and passed his Eagle Board of Review on Aug. 20, 2019. Over the course of his scouting career, he earned 30 merit badges. Buxton served his troop in four leadership positions: quartermaster, instructor, Order of the Arrow Troop representative, and patrol leader. He was elected to the Order of the Arrow by his fellow scouts in 2014 and is currently a Brotherhood member.

Buxton graduated from Middleton High School in 2019. He regularly informed the school of current events on the school announcements. He currently attends the UW-Madison as a freshman majoring in history.

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Buxton led his fellow scouts in the construction of four seat-cushion storage shelves for the Middleton Senior Center. The senior center is open to the public, and as such, all who go there and need a seat cushion can benefit from the more convenient locations for them.

Fagre has been in scouting since 2008 when he joined Cub Scout Pack 283 in Wayzata, MN. He earned his Arrow of Light on Jan. 23, 2012, and crossed over to Troop 283 in Wayzata. At the beginning of sixth grade, he joined Troop 140 in Middleton and advanced through the ranks, passing his Eagle Board of Review on Aug. 20, 2019. In his quest for the Eagle Rank, he earned a total of 37 merit badges. Fagre served in several leadership positions, including junior assistant scoutmaster, assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leader, chaplain aide and assistant patrol leader. He also attended National Youth Leadership Training. Fagre was elected by his fellow Scouts to the Order of the Arrow and completed his Ordeal in 2015. Along the way he attended high adventures at Philmont Scout Ranch and Florida Sea Base.

Fagre graduated from Mid-



Aiden McEllistrem



Ben Fagre



Issac Buxton

dleton High School in June 2019. He was active in the Marching, Concert, and Jazz Bands and Percussion Ensemble. He also participated in Middleton High School Theatre all four years. Fagre is currently a first year student

at Berklee College of Music in Boston planning to major in music composition.

For his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, Fagre designed and led others in the rebuilding of a major portion of the Middleton High School

Theatre costume closet. The program will benefit by having more usable space and easier access to its costumes.

St. Luke's Church sponsor both Troop 140 for boys and Troop 40 for girls. For additional information about BSA

140, contact Scoutmaster Ed Grindle at egrindle@gmail.com and for Troop 40, contact Scoutmaster Connie Fagre at constance.fagre@gmail.com.

OBITUARIES

Gilbert J. Esser

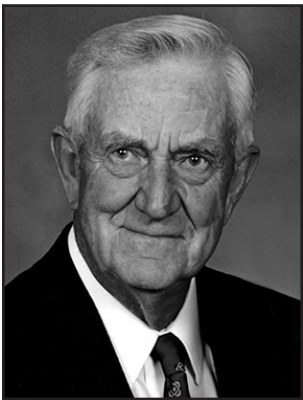
MIDDLETON—Gilbert J. Esser, age 93, of Middleton, passed away on Jan. 21, 2020. He was born on Sept. 11, 1926, on the family farm in Middleton, the youngest child of Peter and Elizabeth (Bronner) Esser. Gilbert graduated from Middleton High School in 1944, and on May 21, 1947, he married the love of his life, Arlene Vosen.

Gilbert proudly worked as a farmer with his father and brother, Leo, on the family farms known as Esser Bros. Throughout his life, he was active in the local farming community. He always kept up with the crop and cattle cost with the farm report, even when he wasn't physically able but was still actively involved with the farm. He was a lifetime member of St. Bernard Catholic Church. Gilbert loved traveling with his family, attending social card club with other local farmers and being with his dogs. He was known for his witty knowledge and he enjoyed conversation with any and every one. He touched the lives of everyone who was lucky to know him.

Gilbert is survived by his children, James L. (Sharon) Esser, Carol A. Esser, Kathleen M. (George) Brumm and Thomas C. Esser; daughter-in-law, Kathy Esser; grandchildren, Barbara Esser, Paul (Vicky) Esser, David (Jen) Esser, Cori (Tad) Stepan, Geoff (Tammy) Esser, Tami (Austin) Ripp and Brian (Caitlin) Esser; great-grandchildren, Marissa and Keira Esser, Kade and Trent Stepan, Zachary and Madelyn Esser, and Emma, Axel and Beau Ripp; and many relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Arlene; son, Michael Esser, his parents; brothers and sisters, Regina Anderson, Leo Esser, Martha Esser, Joe Esser and Helen Annen; and daughter-in-law, Doris (Acker) Esser.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 7450 University Ave., Middleton, at 11 a.m. on Jan. 28, 2020, with Father Brian Wilk presiding. Burial followed at St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery. Visitation was held at Gunderson West Funeral and Cremation Care from 5-7 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2020, and also at the church from 10 a.m. until the start of the Mass on Tuesday.

The family would like to thank Brookdale Madison West for their compassion and tender care. Memorials in Gilbert's name may be made to St. Bernard Catholic Church or Agrace HospiceCare. Online condolences may be made at gundersonfh.com.



Gene E. Gray

MIDDLETON—Devoted husband, father, bumpa and papa, Gene E. Gray succumbed to cancer with his wife by his side at Agrace HospiceCare on Jan. 23, 2020. Gene was born on March 14, 1939, in Sparta, WI. to Ioen and George Gray. Prior to moving to Madison, he lived his earliest years in various communities due to his father's work with the Milwaukee Road Railroad. During his school years, Gene developed close friendships that were fostered and lasted his entire lifetime. A 1957 graduate of the former Central High School, Gene briefly served in the US Army National Guard before studying education/PE and history at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During the summers, he followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps, working for Milwaukee Road as part of the line crew. Gene graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1962.

Gene met his bride, Marge Johnson, while working with St. John's Lutheran Church youth group; the two were married on Aug. 11, 1962. They moved to Harvard, IL, where Gene taught Junior High PE and coached both JV basketball and track. Their daughter, Karen, was born in 1964, and in 1966 Gene completed his master's degree in School Administration from the University of Northern Illinois.

After moving to Middleton in 1967, their son John was born. Gene was hired by the Middleton Cross Plains-Area School District, teaching PE and Health at Kromrey Junior High, as well as coaching boys' basketball and track. Gene became a Junior High Assistant Principal and then an Elementary School Principal. He spent 18 years as the Sauk Trail Elementary School Principal before ending his career at Sunset Ridge Elementary School. Gene was revered by teachers, parents and students. Working with children, particularly the "underdog" was his life's calling.

Gene was extremely active in the community; he served on the Middleton Library Board, as Middleton Recreational Director, chaired multiple committees at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Morey Field Airport Commission, and Wisconsin River Rail Transit Commission. Gene served in several capacities for Middleton Outreach Ministry. Following retirement, he worked for Viterbo University, mentoring teachers who were completing course work to become principals. Albeit, Gene was passionate for the St. Louis Cardinals and UW Basketball, his true devotion was to his family, friends, community of educators and students as well as the community at St. Luke's Church.

Gene is survived by his wife, Marge Gray; daughter, Karen Gray (fiancée John Wood); granddaughter, Allyson Keller; grandson, Nicholas Keller; son, John Gray; daughter-in-law, Jodi Gray (Flocker); grandson Bryce Gray; and a multitude of close friends.

A funeral service will be held at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 7337 Hubbard Ave., Middleton, at 12 noon on Feb. 1, 2020. Visitation will be held at the church from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Middleton Outreach Ministry, the UW Carbone Cancer Center, or St. Luke's Lutheran Church.



Fish Fry Planned in Dane

DANE—The Blessed Trinity Parish will be hosting a fish fry at St. Michael's Church in the Town of Dane on Feb. 7 from 5-8 p.m.

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# County Appoints Two Board Chairs in Same Week

By Michelle Phillips  
*Times-Tribune*

DANE COUNTY—A whirlwind of resignations and appointments over the past week has left the Dane County Board of Supervisors with a new board chair and a new interim executive director of the Alliant Energy Center.

Board chair Sharon Corrigan, of Middleton, rendered her resignation on Jan. 23 at the supervisors' meeting, effective immediately. Corrigan told the board, "Tonight I want to share with you what is, for me, bitter-sweet news," said Corrigan. "I am submitting my resignation from the County Board effective tomorrow morning. I have been asked to consider an opportunity that will take me from this seat as your Chair and from my seat representing the 26<sup>th</sup> district on this Board."

The next morning that opportunity was revealed, when county executive Joe Parisi announced Corrigan would replace Mark Clarke, who resigned from as Alliant Energy Center Executive Director on Jan. 10.

"I decided to resign early after the county executive asked me to become the interim executive director of the Alliant Energy Center. I did not anticipate this possibility until the request was

made. The former executive director, Mark Clarke, resigned on January 10. Not long after that, the county executive asked that I consider leading the campus until the county could complete a nationwide search and find a permanent replacement. I have devoted a lot of time and energy into leading the effort to redevelop the campus so that the facility can continue to thrive in a changing market," Corrigan told the *Times-Tribune*.

Corrigan added that this did not change her original plan of moving to the Chicagoland area, and that she has agreed to act as executive director until May 15.

Paul Nelson, who is the vice chair of the board was automatically moved to the position of chair when Corrigan quit. Nelson, who represents District 9, also in Middleton, gave his resignation as board chair on Jan. 27.

In his letter to the board, Nelson said, "My primary reason for this action is the belief that the succeeding chair be someone with an eye on the board's future, someone who will continue to serve as a board member after the April elections. As I am in the last weeks of my third and final term on the county board, I do not fit this criterion."

He added that he plans to fulfill

his term.

When asked by the *Times-Tribune* if there were any plans for an appointment in his future, Nelson said, "No. I decided not to run for a fourth term because I want to reduce my outside commitment and have more personal time. I have no interest in transitioning to another position."

By order of succession, Analiese Eicher, District 3 Supervisor of Sun Prairie, was then appointed to the position of board chair on Jan. 27.

"I appreciate how thoughtful Supervisor Nelson has been in weighing what is best for this body in a time of transition," said Eicher. "I think we all may be reeling a bit from the pace of leadership changes in the past several days. That said, I look forward to guiding the work of the Board over the remaining weeks of this term, and setting a course for the next term, which will include many new members," she said in another press release issued by the county.

"I am willing to resume my duties as first vice chair, if board members so choose at our Feb. 6 meeting, when elections for a new first and second vice chair will take place," Nelson added.

# Mardi Gras Celebration Opens Madison Jazz Society 2020 Season



Photo Submitted

FITCHBURG—The Madison Jazz Society (MJS) will open its 2020 concert season with a Mardi Gras celebration and concert on Feb. 23. The Chicago Cellar Boys with vocalist Roya Naldi will perform at the celebration that will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, 2969 Cahill Main, Fitchburg.

MJS President Linda Marty Schmitz said, "This band appeared at our January 2019 concert and got a tremendous response! Our board has decided that our 2020 concerts will look at the roots of traditional jazz to emphasize the fact that MJS is one of the few Madison-based organizations promoting trad jazz. This concert is the first that will look at these roots; this band plays some tunes you haven't heard before or rarely hear."

Formed in 2017, the Chicago Cellar Boys is a five-piece band

specializing in the jazz and hot dance music of the 1920s and 1930s. The band can be heard every Sunday at the Honky Tonk BBQ in Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. The band can also be regularly seen playing for dances, parties, concerts and other events. They also are in demand on the Fest circuit around the country. The band prides itself on its attention to detail and professionalism and, as such, is at home in any situation.

Joining them again will be vocalist Roya Naldi who is one of the few vocalists who sings Madison Jazz Society February 23 Concert in the authentic 1920s and 1930s style, crooning with a style that is both romantic and passionate.

In addition to kicking off the MJS Roaring (20) Twenties, this concert will be a Mardi Gras celebration since Fat Tuesday is Feb. 25. It will

be a great day of music and specially prepared food for the celebration.

Tickets for the concert are \$20 for MJS members; \$25 for non-members and those age 18 and younger will be admitted free. Doors open at noon. Details can be found at [www.madisonjazz.com](http://www.madisonjazz.com) or by calling 608-850-5400.

Formed in 1984, the Madison Jazz Society is a non-profit, all volunteer organization formed to encourage the performance of and education about jazz. It annually sponsors six concerts that attract jazz fans from all over the Midwest. It has also has a school grant program that awards grants to Wisconsin schools to enhance their jazz education programs and a jazz school residency program that introduces students to traditional jazz.

# Last Chance to Apply for Alice in Dairyland

MADISON—The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) reminds individuals interested in applying to become the next Alice in Dairyland—the 73rd in the history of the program—that the application deadline is Feb. 3. Application materials are available at [https://datep.wi.gov/Pages/Growing\\_WI/BecomingAlice.aspx](https://datep.wi.gov/Pages/Growing_WI/BecomingAlice.aspx).

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- Public speaking experience, and
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- Applicants must be female Wisconsin residents who are at least 21 years old.

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tractual position starts June 1. The position is headquartered in Madison and travels extensively throughout the state. The salary is \$45,000 annually and includes holiday, vacation, and sick leave as well as use of a vehicle for official business. Reimbursement is provided for health insurance as well as travel expenses for official purposes.

### Selection Process

Interested individuals should submit an application form, cover letter, resume, three professional references, and a summary of their qualifications by 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 3.

In contrast to previous years, preliminary interviews will be held on a Feb. 22 and may be conducted via Skype or in person. Following these preliminary interviews, up to six top candidates will be required to attend a two-day program briefing and press announcement on March 13-14. Top candidates must also attend the three-day final interview process May 14-16 in Walworth County, which culminates in the selection of the 73rd Alice in Dairyland.

Questions regarding the position or application process can be directed to Debbie Vine (Gegare) at 608-224-5116 or [Debbie.Gegare@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Debbie.Gegare@wisconsin.gov).

# Horrible Hilly Lottery Opens Feb. 3

BLUE MOUNDS—Registration for the 2020 Horrible Hilly Hundreds (HHH) bike ride on June 20, 2020 will open at 12 a.m. on Feb. 3 and close at 11:59 p.m. on Feb. 16. With the increased popularity of the bike ride, a signature fundraiser for the Friends of Blue Mound State Park (FBMSP), organizers transitioned to a lottery system to allow the event to accommodate a swelling number of interested riders. To register, visit [horriblyhilly.com/registration-lottery](http://horriblyhilly.com/registration-lottery)

Now in its 18th year and drawing nearly 1200 participants, the 2020 HHH cycling event is an important fundraiser for FBMSP. The 501(c)(3) non-profit, all volunteer organization works year round to

benefit Blue Mound State Park by enhancing and preserving its natural resources while offering activities and projects to improve the park guest's visit.

Proceeds from the HHH annual event have provided significant funding for the new swimming pool, new playground on top of the mound, mountain bike trail improvements, bike repair stand, trail signage, campsite upgrades, solar panels, winter trail grooming equipment, a 2400 square foot ADA accessible all-season shelter and learning center and other park needs.

Future funds will help continue mountain bike trail improvements, and group campsite development. Perhaps the largest project that

benefitted from the HHH was the building of the year round shelter in 2013. It remains a one-of-a-kind for Wisconsin State Parks.

Other notable ongoing efforts for the Friends group encompass the candlelight ski events, support of the educa-

tional programs, and prairie restoration.

For more information or to become a member of the Friends of Blue Mound State Park, visit [fwspbluemound.blogspot.com](http://fwspbluemound.blogspot.com)

# Ruesga

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felt he and his policing philosophy would mesh, he said.

He and his wife of 30 years, Sheri, who works at the Carbone Cancer Center, also wanted to continue living in a smaller community, he said.

"We should live with purpose, we don't know how long we have on Earth," Ruesga said. "Coming to Cross Plains was purposeful, it was the right fit. It's a very friendly community with a committed police department."

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# Kryka takes over as interim A.D.

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

Mark Kryka’s retirement didn’t last long.

Kryka, Verona High School’s athletic director from 1989-2019, retired at the end of last school year. But with Middleton athletic director Bob Joers battling pancreatic cancer, Kryka recently agreed to become the Cardinals’ interim A.D.

Kryka is under contract to work 92 days between now and the end of the school year. Joers, who has been working limited hours since being diagnosed last fall, will continue in a reduced role.

“I was not looking to go back to work,” Kryka said. “But I had to do it for Bob.”

Kryka enjoyed a long and extremely successful run at Verona.

He was named the Big Eight Conference’s athletic director of the year in 2016, then was selected as the state’s 2016 A.D. of the year at the Wisconsin Athletic Directors Association meeting.

Kryka was also one of nine individuals honored as recipients of the 2013 Distinguished Service Awards from the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association.

“So it’s a little weird wearing Middleton colors,” Kryka joked.

Kryka was a three-sport athlete in Antigo and was drafted by the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1976. Kryka tore his rotator cuff in 1977, though, and was out of baseball altogether two years later.

Kryka earned his teaching degree at UW-La Crosse and came to Verona as a physical education teacher in 1983. He then became the Wildcats’ A.D. when the position opened up in 1989.

During Kryka’s time as Verona’s A.D., the Wildcats won 15 state titles in boys and girls cross country, boys and girls track, boys and girls swimming, girls soccer, girls basketball, girls golf and hockey.

Kryka, 62, was spending more time with his grandchildren in retirement. But with Joers cutting his workload, Kryka stepped in.

“Bob’s still coming in, probably more than he should,” Kryka said. “I’m pretty much full time, so I’m trying to convince him to stay away and get healthy.”

Joers began an aggressive cancer treatment last November in which he’s undergoing chemotherapy every two weeks for a six-month stretch. The goal is to shrink the tumor to the point where it’s operable.

If things go well, Joers would undergo surgery this spring.

In the interim, Middleton’s athletic department should be in good hands with both Kryka and Joers leading the way.

“It’s been kind of nice getting back into it,” Kryka said. “Bob has everything extremely well-organized, so things should keep running efficiently. And I’ve been through this many, many years, so I’m happy to be helping out.”



Mark Kryka, Verona’s athletic director for more than 30 years, has come out of retirement to become Middleton’s interim athletic director.



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Nate Lamers and Middleton’s boys swimming and diving team won the Big Eight Conference dual meet championship.

# Swimmers win Big Eight

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

They are the champions — of the Big Eight Conference dual meet season.

Middleton’s boys swimming and diving team won its own triple dual last Friday. The Cardinals rolled past Madison La Follette, 135-30, and upended

Beloit Memorial, 126-44.

Middleton improved to a perfect 9-0 in conference dual meets and captured the league title.

“It was a good moment to stop and appreciate, and a nice early payoff for all the hard work some of these guys have been doing for years,” Middleton coach Danny Lynam said.

“It also was a nice confirmation for us that we are on the right track. Now we get to set our sights on the conference and state meets.”

Middleton’s quartet of Nate Lamers, Jay Sullivan, Nick Chirafisi and Ben Collier won the 200-yard medley relay, while Nathan Kim, Venden Berge, Tyler Choedak and Calvin Roberts was second.

The Cardinals’ foursome of Jack Madoch, Sullivan, Alex Starr and Forrest Peterson was first in the 200-yard freestyle relay, while the quartet of Nick Hinz, Wesley Carpenter, Berge and Roberts was second.

Middleton’s 400-yard free-

See SWIMMING page 19

# Middleton’s girls roll past Verona

BY ADAM HATLAN  
*For the Times-Tribune*

**VERONA** — Middleton and Verona’s girls basketball teams met earlier this season in a game where the Cardinals struggled with the Wildcats’ 2-3 zone, but eventually prevailed.

Middleton knew it would encounter another battle with Verona — and its aggressive zone defense — during last Thursday’s rematch. This time, though, the Cardinals handled things much better.

Fueled by a strong second half from Sitori Tanin and clutch moments from their bench, the Cardinals pulled away in the second half and posted a 59-41 win.

“Verona is always going to battle. (Verona head coach) Angie (Murphy) coaches them very well,” Middleton head coach Jeff Kind said. “They’re going to be scrapers, they’re going to play sound defense. They’re a young team and did a nice job against us.”

The fourth-ranked Cardinals won their sixth game in a row and improved to 13-1 overall and 9-1 in the Big Eight Conference. Middleton is in second-place in the Big Eight, behind undefeated and No. 2 Madison Memorial (15-0, 12-0).

Verona dropped to 5-8, 4-6.

“We know Verona runs the zone, and we don’t face it very often,” Kind said. “We have to get a little bit more experience against it, but we did some nice things against it. We made Verona adjust because we were getting the high-low passes in the first half.”

Tanin agreed, saying the 2-3 zone took some getting used to in the first half.

“Not a lot of teams in the conference play the zone, but we know Verona does. We just needed to adjust,” Tanin said. “By the second half, we realized we could get the ball inside and go up strong in the post, but also kick it outside

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# Middleton falls short against East

## Cardinals struggle with both tardiness and turnovers

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

Timeliness is next to godliness.

Apparently, Middleton's boys basketball team has yet to hear that old adage.

Cardinals coach Kevin Bavery was set to conduct his pregame talk last Friday before Middleton met Madison East. When Bavery was ready to begin, though, only seven of his 16 players were in attendance.

"They got caught up watching the freshmen and not paying attention," Bavery said. "A whole bunch of 'em were late."

Things didn't get dramatically better.

Middleton had 20 first half turnovers and 26 for the game. The Cardinals' only lead was at 2-0. And East finished the game on a 10-3 surge and notched a 58-49 win over the host Cardinals.

Middleton, which dropped its fourth straight game, fell to 4-7 overall and 3-5 in the Big Eight Conference. Cardinals senior center Parker Van Buren had a big night with 16 points, 11 rebounds and four blocked shots, while senior wing Cole Deptula added 13 points.

East, which improved to 8-3 overall and 7-2 in the league, was without standout Anthony Washington, who is serving a suspension. The Purgolders still had enough weapons, though, and got 20 points from senior wing Keonte Jones and 12 from junior guard Michael McIntosh.

Afterwards, Bavery held a lengthy meeting with his team, hoping to get through as the second half of the season arrives.

"It was a lot about caring, toughness, we touched on a lot," Van Buren said. "Coach has been giving us the same message the whole year. Hopefully it starts to get through."

Deptula agreed:

"We have a lot of pieces here," he said. "We have enough talent to turn it around."

Of course, being ready to go would help, too.

After several Cardinals were late for the team meeting, Bavery changed his starting lineup and sent two of his tardy players to the bench. Middleton then got off to a predictably slow start and found itself in a 12-4 hole just more than 6 minutes into the game.

"We keep trying to push the right buttons," Bavery said. "We're trying to figure out what the spark is going to be collectively."

"Individually, we've found out what a few of the guys respond to. But we haven't found that collectively yet to get them all playing at their best, their sharpest. Our biggest competition right now is ourselves."

Fighting East was an immense challenge, too. The Purgolders' intense ball pressure — in both the full- and half court — gave the Cardinals fits.

In the first half alone, Middleton turned the ball over 20 times and managed just 15 shots from the floor. East had 19 transition points off of turnovers and led, 29-23 at the

break.

"Tonight was the worst so far this year," Deptula said of Middleton's turnover woes.

Bavery agreed.

"Twenty (turnovers) is enough for two games, let alone a half," Bavery said. "It was all things we talked about, things we worked on. Don't panic, don't pick it up, you've got to come to the ball. Be alert. You've got to ask for help. We didn't do any of that."

East pushed its lead to 11 on a pair of occasions early in the second half, the last coming at 41-30 with 11:26 remaining. But the Cardinals — who had just six second half turnovers — made a charge.

Van Buren scored the first eight points in 14-5 run that pulled Middleton within 46-44 with 5:30 remaining. Van Buren scored on a well-designed inbounds play, hit a pair of mid-range shots and drilled two free throws.

"We actually need him to become more selfish," Bavery said of Van Buren. "When he gets it, he needs to think drop step, score. He should think jump hook and he should be 20-plus (points) a game."

Logan Schultz and Deptula each drilled a three-pointer to finish the burst as Middleton seemingly had all the momentum.

"We were starting to feel good," Deptula said. "But they just kept scoring."

Yes, they did.

Middleton was within 48-46 with 3:15 left, but East finished the game on a 10-3 burst. The Purgolders scored on five of their final seven possessions, while Middleton went cold down the stretch.

Afterwards, Van Buren was asked if frustration has begun to creep in.

"A little bit, yeah," Van Buren said. "I mean, that's a very good team and we were right there."

"There's blame all the way around. But as a team, collectively, we just need to be better. We have pieces. We're a very long team. We have some insane athletes. It's just fitting those pieces together."

And making sure everyone's on time.

• **On deck:** Middleton is at Verona (2-8, 2-11) Thursday at 7:15 p.m., then heads to Madison West (3-5, 5-7) Saturday at 7:15 p.m.

**Jan. 24**  
**MADISON EAST 58,**  
**MIDDLETON 49**  
**Madison East ..... 29 29 — 58**  
**Middleton ..... 23 26 — 49**  
**MADISON EAST (fg ft-fta**  
**pts) —** Anderson 1 0-0 3, Jones 9 2-6 20, McKinley 4 1-2 9, Fadele 1 0-2 2, Jackson 0 1-2 1, McIntosh 6 0-0 12, Boyton 2 0-0 4, Puglielli 2 0-0 4, Justice 1 1-1 3. Totals 26 5-13 58.  
**MIDDLETON —** Raffel 1 1-2 4, Bauer 1 0-0 2, Deptula 4 3-4 13, Patterson 2 1-2 5, Huff 1 0-0 2, Schultz 1 0-0 3, Van Buren 6 4-9 16, Ballwig 1 0-0 2, Johnson 0 2-2 2. Totals 16 11-19 49.  
3-point goals: ME 1 (Anderson 1); Mid 3 (Deptula 2, Schultz 1). Total fouls: ME 17; Mid 14.



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Tanner Ballweg (top) drives to the basket during Middleton's loss to Madison East last Friday. Above, Logan Schultz is trapped by a pair of Purgolders.

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# Gymnasts cruise past Cougars

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

Week by week, meet by meet, Middleton's girls gymnastics team continues to improve.

Last Thursday, the Cardinals defeated Janesville Craig, 133.225-128.0.

"The girls are becoming more comfortable with their routines and becoming more comfortable with new difficulty they have added to their routines," Middleton coach Kari Steck said. "Both of these increase scores and start values, and we have plenty of meets left for the comfort to grow even more."

Middleton's Megg Weiler finished second in the all-around competition with a score of 33.550, while Taylor Engelkes was third with a 33.325.

Engelkes was first on the vault with an 8.70, while Weiler was second (8.625). Lexi Quartaro was fourth (8.525) and Emily Bernd was sixth (8.40).

Ella Mock was first on the beam (8.450), while Weiler was second (8.10), Bernd was fourth (8.050) and Engelkes was seventh (7.90).

Weiler was second on the bars (8.475), while Mock was third (8.40), Lucy Hellenbrand was fourth (8.075) and Engelkes was fifth (8.0).

And on the floor exercise, Engelkes was second (8.725), Weiler was third (8.350), Hel-

## MHS ROUNDUP

lenbrand was sixth (8.10) and Bernd was seventh (8.10).

"I was very pleased with the girls' performances," Steck said. "I've said this all season, but the depth on the team is amazing."

"We had a few falls on varsity beam, but the girls have been working so hard to add in difficulty to their routines, so the falls don't concern me. The girls put up a great team score even with falls, which also speaks to the level of talent all around for this group of girls when they are able to have a tough event, but make up for it on other events."

Middleton was also scheduled to compete at the Southwestern Invite last Saturday, but made the decision not to attend due to inclement weather.

"Several teams pulled out," Steck said. "We made the decision not to go Friday evening to allow plenty of time for families and the bus company."

• **On deck:** Middleton is at Janesville Parker Thursday, then heads to the Madison Memorial Invite Saturday at 10 a.m.

Jan. 23  
MIDDLETON 133.225,  
JANESVILLE CRAIG 128.0



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Lexi Quartaro and Middleton's girls gymnastics team defeated Janesville Craig last Thursday.

Balance beam: Mock, Mid, 8.450. Floor exercise: Rebout, JC, 8.775. Uneven bars: Rebout, JC, 9.325. Vault: Engelkes, Mid, 8.700. All-around: Rebout, JC, 34.650.

### HOCKEY

Verona has one of the state's elite hockey programs, having qualified for state five times since 2012 and winning a championship in 2014.

Middleton, which reached the state tournament three times

between 2003 and 2011, hasn't been able to repeat its past successes under current head coach Steffon Walby.

Those two programs met last Friday and the results weren't pretty for Middleton. The Wildcats scored five first period goals and routed the Cardinals 8-0.

Middleton fell to 10-8 overall and is 7-4 in the Big Eight Conference. Verona improved to 15-3 overall and leads the Big Eight with a 10-0 mark.

The Wildcats took a whopping 46 shots on goal and had seven different players score. Middleton took 15 shots, but Wildcats goalie Kaden Grant stopped them all.

• **On deck:** Middleton was at Madison West Tuesday, then hosts Madison La Follette/East Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Jan. 24  
VERONA 8, MIDDLETON 0  
Middleton ..... 0 0 0 — 0  
Verona ..... 5 1 2 — 8

**First period:** Renlund (Jurrens), 0:23; Osting (Heinrichs, Moline), 11:43; Ploc (Ritter, Lindell), 12:40 (pp); Ploc (Iszczyszyn), 15:39; Moline (Codray, Heinrichs), 16:47.

**Second period:** Jurrens (Rufenacht, Haessig), 3:21.

**Third period:** Moloffier, 3:10; Rufenacht (Renlund, Jurrens), 12:45 (pp).

**Saves:** M 38 (Hogan), V 15 (Grant).

**Penalties-minutes:** M 9-18, V 6-15.

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# Wrestlers finish third in Big Eight

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

Middleton’s wrestlers defeated Janesville Parker, 50-30, last Friday and clinched third place in the Big Eight Conference.

Trailing 18-12, the Cardinals won six straight matches and pulled away for a 50-30 win.

Middleton got pins from Seth Howard at 106 pounds, Hunter Grimm at 120, Walker Hargrove at 126, Herman Carranza at 152, Jeremiah Huff at 170, Mason Engelen at 182 and Keda Seals at heavyweight.

Middleton’s Luis Nevarez won a 10-1 major decision at 113, while Lesley Neisius won a 13-4 decision at 132.

• **On deck:** Middleton will be at the Wisconsin Rapids Quadrangular Friday beginning at 4:15 p.m.

**Jan. 24**  
**MIDDLETON 50,**  
**PARKER 30**  
106—Seth Howard (M)

pinned Owen Pittinger 3:32;  
113—Luis Nevarez (M) major dec. over Deeze Richards 10-1.

120—Hunter Grimm (M) pinned Luke Pleiss :40.

126—Walker Hargrove (M) pinned Carter Herbst 1:05.

132—Lesley Neisius (M) major dec. over Drexel Norman 13-4.

138—Jakob Williams (P) pinned John Ndoyi 1:36.

145—Dominic Dransfield (P) pinned Wyatt Grauwels 1:13.

152—Herman Carranza (M) pinned Eli Thurman 3:29.

160—Nicolas Lux (P) pinned Gavin Huffman 3:33.

170—Jeremiah Huff (M) pinned Jacob Law 1:35.

182—Mason Engelen (M) pinned Alec Anderson 1:40.

195—Bryce Heerey (P) pinned Gayven Cooper :21.

220—Salvador Acosta (P) pinned Kaleb Rossier 1:26.

285—Keda Seals (M) pinned Adam Marshall 1:03  
Starting weight—160.



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Walker Hargrove and Middleton’s wrestlers finished in third place in the Big Eight Conference.



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- The City Engineer is directed to prepare a report thereon consisting of:  
a) preliminary plans and specifications for said improvements for the project area; and  
b) an estimate of the entire cost of the proposed improvements for the project area; and  
c) a schedule of proposed assessments for all affected properties; and  
d) a statement that the properties against which the assessments are proposed is benefited.  
Upon completion of such report, the City Engineer is directed to file copies thereof in the office of the City Clerk for public inspection.
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There will be no pre-bid conference for this project.

No Bid will be received unless accompanied by a surety in a form acceptable to the City equal to at least 5% of the maximum Bid, payable to the OWNER. See Instructions to Bidders on City website for details.

The City of Middleton reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 85 days after the time set for receiving Bids (consisting of up to: 60 days for issuance of Notice of Award; 15 days for Contractor to return signed agreements, bonds and insurance; and 10 days for City execution of agreement).

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder.  
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# GIRLS BB

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for threes. Once we got into our pace, our offense worked better.”

Tanin, Middleton’s leading scorer at 16.2 points per game, was held to three first-half points and faced a double-team most of the time in the post. Tanin only attempted four shots in the first half.

“In the first half, our outside shooters hit some three’s and started taking more shots from out there,” Tanin said. “But in the second half once we got the ball inside, I felt like I could take more chances and go up strong with the ball.”

The second half was a different story for Tanin, as she shot 5-for-7 and converted on two, “and-one” opportunities. Tanin tallied 12 second

half points and finished with a game-high 15, to go along with eight rebounds and seven assists.

“Sometimes we don’t know how good we have it down low with Sitori,” Kind joked. “If she gets posted up down low and is strong with the ball, there aren’t a lot of people that are going to be able to stop her. We got her the ball down low in the second half tonight.”

Senior guard Evie Coleman added 11 points for the Cardinals, while senior forward Kendall Roquet had 10.

Middleton had some key contributions from its bench as well, notably sophomore McKenna Monogue.

Monogue was held scoreless in the first half, but had

seven points in the second half. Monogue drilled a clutch three-pointer in the second half that quieted a Verona run and gave the Cardinals a 39-28 lead.

Monogue then teamed with Tanin down the stretch, as the duo combined to score 11 of Middleton’s final 14 points.

The Wildcats defense made it tough for the Cardinals to get the ball down low in the first half and Middleton attempted 15 three-pointers, as opposed to seven from inside the arc. The Cardinals shot 8-of-22 (36.3%), and committed six turnovers in the first half.

Verona jumped out to an early 4-0 lead, but Middleton answered with a 9-0 run and led the rest of the game. Three-point baskets from Coleman and Josie Lemirande contributed to the early run.

Middleton’s lead was 13-8 when Roquet went on a personal 5-0 run, hitting a three-pointer and a layup to put the Cardinals ahead, 18-8. Verona hung with Middleton the rest of the half and the Cardinals led, 26-18, at halftime.

Middleton opened the second half with an 8-2 run to widen its lead to 34-20 less than three minutes into the half. The Wildcats pulled within 45-38 after Verona’s Rachel Parman hit a three-pointer with 7:44 left in the game.

Monogue and Tanin then took over as the Cardinals outscored the Wildcats, 14-3, over the final 7:44 of the game.



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McKenna Monogue (top, 30) and Josie Lemirande (5) helped Middleton’s girls basketball team topple Verona last Thursday.

## NOTICE OF SPRING PRIMARY AND SAMPLE BALLOTS FEBRUARY 18, 2020

OFFICE OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETON CLERK  
TO THE VOTERS OF CITY OF MIDDLETON:

**Notice is hereby given** of a Spring Primary to be held in the City of Middleton on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

### INFORMATION TO VOTERS

Upon entering the polling place, a voter shall state his or her name and address, show an acceptable form of photo identification and sign the poll book before being permitted to vote. If a voter is not registered to vote, a voter may register to vote at the polling place serving his or her residence, if the voter presents proof of residence in a form specified by law. Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that a voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter’s minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

#### Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

The voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall write in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote and fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to the write-in line. On referendum questions, the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall fill in the oval or connect the arrow next to “no” if opposed to the question.

When using an electronic ballot marking device (“Automark”) to mark an optical scan ballot, the voter shall touch the screen at the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which he or she intends to vote. To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, the voter shall type in the name of the person of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote. On referendum questions, the voter shall touch the screen at “yes” if in favor of the question, or the voter shall touch the screen at “no” if opposed to the question.

#### After Marking the Ballot

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. After casting his or her vote, the voter shall leave the booth, insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. If a central count system is used, the voter shall insert the ballot in the ballot box and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit. The voter shall leave the polling place promptly.

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing or understanding English or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the voter’s employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the voter.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

#### City of Middleton Mayor

Kurt Paulsen  
Gurdip Brar  
Dan Ramsey II

Lorie J. Burns, Clerk  
City of Middleton

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#### Jan. 23

**Middleton 59, Verona 41**  
**Middleton ..... 26 33 — 59**  
**Verona ..... 18 23 — 41**

**Middleton —** Lemirande 2 2-2 8, Tanin 6 3-4 15, Roquet 3 2-2 10, Coleman 3 2-3 11, Bursac 2 3-6 7, Monogue 2 2-3 7, Smith 0 1-2 1. Totals 18 15-22 59.

**Verona —** Rupnow 1 0-0 2, Briggs 4 6-6 14, Stremlow 0 1-2 1, Witthuhn 2 1-1 5, Murphy 2 3-4 9, Parman 3 0-0 8, Pederson 1 0-0 2. Totals 13 11-13 41.

**Three-point goals:** MID 8 (Coleman 3, Lemirande 2, Roquet 2, Monogue), VER 4 (Murphy 2, Parman 2). Total fouls: MID 14, VER 17.



# SWIMMING

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style relay team of Lamers, Chirafisi, Joe McNerney and Peterson was first, while the foursome of Madoch, Choe-dak, Collier and Nathan Kim was second.

Lamers, Theo Wolf and Collier went 1-2-3 in the 100-yard backstroke. Sullivan, Caleb Davey and Jacob Beckman went 1-2-3 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

Madoch won the 50-yard freestyle, while Hinz was second and Alex Starr was fourth. Chirafisi won the 500-yard freestyle, while Choedak was second and Koby Renfert was fourth.

Berge won the 100-yard butterfly and Sam Carey was fourth. Peterson won the 200 IM, while Carpenter was fourth.

Ian Bohachek, Sam Larsen and Wolf were second, third and fourth, respectively, in the 200-yard freestyle. Kim, McNerney and Roberts were also second, third and fourth, respectively, in the 100-yard freestyle.

"We always treat every meet as an opportunity to practice racing," Lynam said. "We had some good races after a tough couple of weeks. They were the last few tough weeks for our varsity guys before postseason

tapers start.

"We also swam some events that the guys don't normally do and found a couple of end of season races we didn't expect, which will be useful going into a highly competitive post-season."

- **On deck:** Middleton hosts its own invitational Saturday beginning at 1 p.m.

**Jan. 24**  
**MIDDLETON TRIPLE**  
**DUAL**

**Team scores:** Middleton 135, Madison La Follette 30; Middleton 126, Beloit Memorial 44; Beloit Memorial 106, Madison La Follette 57.

200 medley relay — Mid (Lamers, Sullivan, Chirafisi, Collier), 1:42.21. 200 freestyle — Jacobson, BM, 1:53.68. 200 individual medley — Peterson, Mid, 2:04.45. 50 freestyle — Madoch, Mid, 22.90. 100 butterfly — Berge, Mid, 56.45. 100 freestyle — Saladar, BM, 49.72. 500 freestyle — Chirafisi, Mid, 4:56.73. 200 freestyle relay — Mid (Madoch, Sullivan, Starr, Peterson), 1:29.98. 100 backstroke — Lamers, Mid, 57.66. 100 breaststroke — Sullivan, Mid, 1:08.49. 400 freestyle relay — Mid (Lamers, Chirafisi, Mc-Nerney, Peterson) 3:18.60.

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**ARO EBERLE PROJECT NO. MID-19-01**  
**CITY OF MIDDLETON, WI**

The City of Middleton will receive sealed individual bid packages for construction of Lakeview Park Shelter improvements until 12 PM, Thursday, February 6, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The work includes the renovation of the Lakeview Park Shelter at 6300 Mendota Avenue. Project elements include but not limited to concrete footings and foundations; concrete masonry units; steel; wood siding, soffits, and ceiling; sheet metal trim; standing seam metal roofing; insulation, vapor retarder, hollow metal doors and frames; gypsum board ceilings; epoxy floor coating; toilet partitions; signage; plumbing fixtures; furnace; exhaust fan; earthwork; erosion control; concrete paving; and site restoration.

A voluntary site walk-through tour will be held 1/29/2020 from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

Construction could begin as early as March 3rd as scheduled by the Construction Manager, with a substantial completion date of 08/07/2020

Bids are to be addressed to the City of Middleton and shall be marked "Sealed Bid – Project 20-114 – Lakeview Park Shelter."

Digital Bidding Documents are available on Thursday, January 23, 2020 through the Quest Construction Data Network ([www.questcdn.com](http://www.questcdn.com)). You may contact the Construction Manager (Harmony Construction Management) for a digital copy of the Construction Documents. You may download the digital Bid Documents for Quest project # 6592520 at a cost of \$15. Please contact Quest at (952) 233-1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com) for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with the digital project information.

There will be no pre-bid conference for this project. Any questions should be directed to the project architect, Doug Pahl, Aro Eberle Architects, Inc., 608-204-7464 or Construction Manager, Jason Jackson, Harmony Construction Management, Inc., 608-224-3310.

Bidding Documents may be reviewed at the at the City of Middleton, 7426 Hubbard Avenue, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562

No Bid will be received unless accompanied by a cashier's, certified or bank check or a Bid Bond equal to at least 5% of the maximum Bid, payable to the OWNER as a guarantee that after a Bid is accepted, Bidder will execute and file the Agreement and 100% Performance and Payment Bonds within fifteen days after the Notice of Award.

The City of Middleton reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the time set for opening Bids.

Dated January 17, 2020.

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From top, Joe McEnerney, Nathan Kim and Jack Madoch helped Middleton's boys swimming and diving team win the Big Eight Conference dual meet championship.



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CITY OF MIDDLETON

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the February 18, 2020, Spring Primary, will be conducted on Tuesday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m. at the following location:

Middleton City Hall  
7426 Hubbard Avenue  
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, February 18, 2020 @ 7:32 p.m.

CITY OF MIDDLETON

7426 HUBBARD AVENUE, MIDDLETON, WI

Class "B" Fermented Malt Beverage and "Class B" Intoxicating Liquor

Rey Investments Corp.. d/b/a Lupes Taqueria is requesting a Class "B" fermented malt beverage and "Class B" intoxicating liquor license located at 6719 Frank Lloyd Wright Ave, Middleton, WI, with T. Chahuizo Reyes, 2810 Victoria Lane, Madison WI, as the agent.

During the public hearing citizens will have an opportunity to be heard concerning the above fermented malt beverage and intoxicating liquor license application. The Common Council will then consider action on this license request.

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Please take note that the City of Middleton enacted the following Ordinances on January 21, 2020.

**O1511 Rezoning from Planned Development District Specific Implementation Plan to Downtown Business District B-4 – Stone Horse Green.** This Ordinance amends Section 10.20 of the Middleton Code of Ordinances and the Official Zoning Map.

**O1512 Ordinance to Amend and Repeal Ordinances Related to Fire Inspections in Response to Changes in State Law.** This Ordinance repeals Section 5.12, 5.13 and amends section 5.14 of the Middleton Code of Ordinances.

**O1513 Ordinance to Create Official Stop Signs on Parmenter Street at Hubbard Avenue.** This Ordinance amends section 15.03(1) of the Middleton Code of Ordinances.

**O1514 Ordinance to Repeal Sections 21.01(2)(i) and 21.03(2)(i) Relating to Fire Arms in Parks and Conservancies.** This Ordinance repeals Sections 21.01(2)(i) and 21.03(2)(i) of the Middleton Code of Ordinances.

Full text of the above ordinances may be obtained at the City Clerk's office at 7426 Hubbard Avenue. Clerk's Phone: 608-821-8350.  
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