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Just Desserts



Rob Westerlund-Times Tribune

Supporters enjoyed more than just pasta at the Cross Plains-Middleton American Legion's 23rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Jan. 27, finishing up with a variety of desserts like the one above. The Legion hosted the dinner to raise money for their non-profit work in the Legion Hall and Legion Park to pay for playground equipment and other facilities. This year the post made over 60 pounds of spaghetti and served more than 250 people.

Towns Ignore Fire District Invoices, Billing Misunderstanding Cited

By Kevin Murphy

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—An invoice that didn't look like an invoice is the explanation given why the towns of Middleton, Springfield and Westport didn't pay their 2017 capital assessment to the Middleton Fire District.

The town of Middleton will consider paying their \$248,083 assessment at a town board meeting next month.

Each year the Fire District sends its member municipalities a bill for their share of the

capital equipment the district has purchased that year. In 2017, that included the property at Century Ave. and CTH M for Fire Station #3, a vehicle and self-contained breathing apparatus.

Each municipality is assessed a portion of the cost based on the equalized value of the property within the municipality. The town of Middleton is responsible for 25 percent of the district's expenses.

In 2017, the three towns were assessed a combined \$358,870.

The district assesses each town separately for its operational expenses. That invoices were unchanged for 2017 and were paid on time, said Melissa Bohse, the City of Middleton's assistant finance director.

The City of Middleton is the fiscal agent for the district, producing the billing and receiving the payments.

Last year, the district's invoice changed in appearance enough that the municipalities didn't recognize it as an invoice, said Fire Chief Aaron Harris.

"It didn't look like an invoice, so they didn't pay it... The City of Middleton did, because they knew what it was,"

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Meet the District 3 Common Council Candidates

By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Alder Joanna Richard is not pursuing her Middleton District 3 Common Council seat in April, leaving the spot open. Two women who live in the district are running for the position, both citing a desire to be liaisons between the City of Middleton and residents, and both wanting to serve the community.

Sarah Cords lives in the Sak's Woods neighborhood with her husband and two children. She was raised on a farm west of Middleton, was a former librarian and now works from home doing freelance editorial work.

Katy Nelson grew up in Janesville, and lives in a his-

Town of Middleton Releases Shaw Performance Review

By Kevin Murphy

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Nearly a year before town of Middleton Administrator/Treasurer David Shaw resigned, board supervisors were concerned with his failure to report a crew member's DUI citation and his work productivity, according to Shaw's recently released 2017 performance review.

Shaw resigned in November 2018, along with then Deputy Treasurer Patti Keichinger. Board Supervisors have not disclosed why Shaw's employment ended after 10 years on the job. And, there are not many hints in his last performance review, the only one that exists, said Town Administrator Greg DiMiceli.

"There are no others... There are none for (Keichinger)," DiMiceli said Friday.

The Times-Tribune originally asked for the documents on Nov. 1, 2018, immediately following the resignations of Shaw and

Keichinger, through an Open Records Request.

According to the review:

Overall, Shaw met or exceeded job standards in eight of 10 graded performance areas. His work excelled in attendance, job knowledge and problem solving. He met the board's expectations in communication, interpersonal skills, adaptability, leadership and planning and organization. He fell below expectations in work quality and delegation and supervision.

It was noted that in the work quality/productivity section of his 2017 review, Shaw should have informed the board in advance that a crew member that was in jeopardy of losing his commercial driver's license.

The crew member ultimately lost his commercial driver's license.

An agent for the town's insurer was surprised to learn in December 2017 that a crew member had a DUI citation and

should immediately be prohibited from driving any town vehicle.

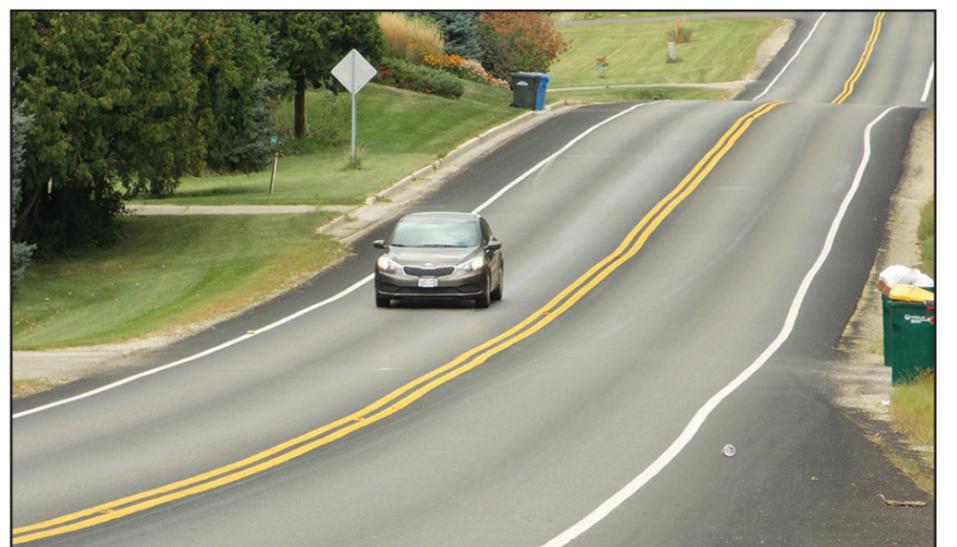
Any infraction on the job could significantly increase the town's Worker's Compensation premiums for up to three years.

Shaw also didn't "proactively" inform the board and its outside attorney of the date that crew member's status changed from seasonal to full time employee. He was still classified as a seasonal hire for payroll and retirement purposes.

The review acknowledged that the town relies on outside consultants to help address the varied and complex nature of issues that come before the town board and committees. And, it's Shaw's job to keep the board informed of relevant information in a timely manner.

The squiggly pavement markings applied after a section of Airport Rd. was resealed in the

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Kevin Murphy-Times Tribune

The wavy lines painted on Airport Rd. in 2017 were blamed on David Shaw's inadequate supervision of the field operations manager.



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Sarah Cords

toric district near Park St. and Hubbard Ave. with her partner. She is the owner of Zucca Pilates & Functional Fitness. Nelson came to Middleton 14 years ago and started her business 12



Katy Nelson

years ago. Cords said she had not paid attention to politics for some time, but when she and her neighbors had questions about an apartment building called the

Addison planned for University Ave., she felt there were citizen questions left unanswered.

"I think residents aren't always aware of how the city runs, and I would like to be more open in that process," Cords said.

"I thought, I want to be a part of that," she added, explaining her main reason for running for council.

She said that being a librarian was a public service job, and she would like to serve the public again.

"I want to focus on what makes the city and community," she added. "People have a lot to offer and not everyone

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LOCAL

Warming Public Art Approved in Downtown Plaza Concept

By Cameron Bren

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Public art that would include heating elements was approved along with other new features by the plan commission in the latest concept revision for the planned downtown public plaza. The common council will review the features at its Feb. 5 meeting and discuss funding options.

The design change approved also includes a solar array on top of a bandshell and bathroom building, a gas fireplace in the bandshell at the back of the stage and motion sensing lights.

Director of community development Abby Attoun says the public art concept dubbed Rural Meets Urban is meant to be interactive and provide a place for people to warm up when it's cold.

Oversized barn lights would hang down over a dozen stone seats, five of which would be

heated to shed off snow and ice and provide a warm place to sit, Attoun says.

The gas fireplace, heating elements and lights would likely be activated by motion sensors and be set on timers, Attoun says.

A storm water trough that is required on the site could also double as a fire pit, Attoun adds. There is the option of having a fire cauldron for special events, she adds.

The public art also includes an iconic sculpture at southwest corner of the plaza across for Longtable Beer Cafe.

Attoun says the warming features were one of the most requested things during the public input process. A splashpad was considered but did not get a lot of support from residents, so the downtown plaza advisory team, an ad hoc committee overseeing the process, recommended moving forward exclusively with heating features.

“One of the primary design

principles that had emerged was for the plaza to be a source of light and warmth in the cold winter months,” Attoun states.

The details are yet to be worked out on the energy that could be generated from the solar array and how much will be needed for the heating elements. She says city engineers are reviewing the plans and the details will be available before the council approves the final concept.

The total estimated cost is \$1.5 million for the concept. The plaza advisory team outlined funding options that could cover some or all of the cost through fundraising. Hiring a professional fundraiser would be considered, Attoun says.

In August 2017 the common council directed city staff to enter negotiations with T. Wall for the purchase of three downtown properties adjacent to Middleton Center to create a public plaza. The council approved a purchase agreement in

October for \$1.2 million.

The planning has been in the works for over a year. The city has stretched the timeline out for the project compared to other city projects to make sure to get as much community engagement and input as possible.

“Because there is so much public interest in the project, we want to make sure we are keeping everybody apprised of every step of the process,” Attoun says.

The plaza is on schedule to have construction start in the spring with a completion date expected by late summer.

Attoun notes the naming contest goes till Feb. 7. Those interested can submit their idea in person at the library or the senior center or online at cityofmiddleton.us/middleton-plaza.



Photos Submitted

Models of art installations for the Middleton Downtown Plaza include one with built in warming features (above), and another called “Rocking Horses” (below), which would be interactive and begs to be climbed on.



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LOCAL

Inspire to Host Open House, Animals Trickling In

By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

WAUNAKEE—Inspire Early Childhood, located between Middleton and Waunakee, will hold an open house for the community on Feb. 3, offering tours and a chance to check out the first animals at the facility.

Inspire president Bob Davis said, “Families, or anyone who is interested, can see our school and find out more about our program. The tours will offer lots of information about our program and curriculum and we will be available to answer questions about upcoming programs.”

The school welcomed a pair of ring-tailed lemurs named Liana (female) and Gidro (male) about two weeks ago, the first exotic animals to arrive. Davis said they are expecting to get a bonded macaw pair in time for the open house. Harley is a female harlequin macaw and Rosco is a male green and blue macaw, both are rescues from Feathered Friends.

The rest of the animals have been delayed in part due to the government shutdown and a lack of an inspector to conduct the pre-license inspection. Davis said he is expected in the next three weeks.

“We have hired a full-time zookeeper named Katie Gries who has a degree in Animal Science and six years zoo experience with the Baraboo, Green Bay, Dallas and Denver zoos. She is setting up the enclosures, care plans and enrichment programs for the exotic animals that we are bringing to Inspire,” Davis included.

He said the live animals offer a unique learning opportunity for students though interaction. These interactions then spur questions and discussion among the children.

The open house will be from 2-3 p.m. at 5821 Oncken Rd., Waunakee, and give the community a chance to see firsthand what Inspire can offer.

“We see lots of people just driving in and peaking in so we thought it would be nice to start opening up the school and getting to know everyone,” Davis said.

For more information, visit inspireearlychildhood.com.



Photos Submitted

Inspire Early Childhood offers the opportunity for on-site, exotic animals providing a unique, hands-on educational experience. Liana, the ring-tailed lemur pictured above, is one of the first animal residents at Inspire. She arrived with a male ring-tailed lemur named Gidro. Stop by Inspire on Sunday, meet the animals, and learn about programs at the school.

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SPARK to Host Workshop to Discuss Hiring Teens & Young Adults with Special Needs

By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—SPARK, a parent run group for those whose children have an IEP (Individualized Education Plan) or a 504 Plan (for children with disabilities) in the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District, will be hosting a community conversation called Finding Workforce Solutions on Feb. 6.

The event is designed to offer an opportunity for businesses in the area to discuss, support and learn about hiring students and young adults with special needs.

Liza Hellenbrand, who founded of the group with Kristin Voss in 2016, said Employment First (EF) was one of two grants that SPARK recently received through the Wisconsin Board for People with Disabilities. It will fund the Finding Workforce Solutions event.

“They offer direct training and grant programs, and connect people in the community,” Hellenbrand said.

EF ambassadors will be on hand to speak about what is it like for people with disabilities to work.

“I don’t think people realize what working means to people with disabilities,” Hellenbrand stated, and explained that it is very empowering to have responsibility, independence and purpose.

“Often they are dependent on others for everything.”

The event will have people gather in small groups to discuss employment, and community leaders and employers are encouraged to attend. The groups will be given questions to talk about then come back together for a group discussion.

“There are a lot of myths out there. We want to get a conversation going in the community,” Hellenbrand explained, and included there can even be financial benefits for businesses that hire those with disabilities. SPARK, which aims to work

with parents and the school district, received a second grant that will be used to provide childcare during their monthly meetings, and to form a teen group.

Hellenbrand said, “We want to have more programs for teens. There are not a lot of opportunities for teens with special needs to get together.”

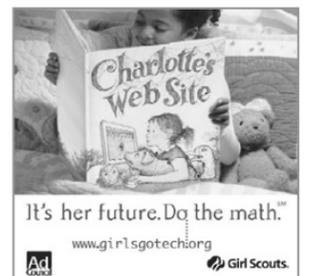
She said that often parents feel isolated and overwhelmed, and SPARK gives them a place to come and hear speakers, tell their personal stories and find support in each other.

“A lot of the parents do feel lost and isolated and there are feelings of guilt,” Hellenbrand said. “Sometimes it’s hard for to parents to see the value (of SPARK) right out of the gate. It’s one more thing they have to do, and many are already burnt out.”

She said the group tries to advocate for parents, build relationships and take away the “us vs. them,” feeling that some parents with special needs have toward schools. “We really wanted to break that stigma and improve that relationship,” Hellenbrand said.

Finding Workforce Solutions will begin at 7 p.m. on Feb. 6, at Kromrey Middle School, Room 510, and SPARK asks that you RSVP by Feb. 3. RSVP by email at SPARK-MiddletonWI@gmail.com, on Facebook or by calling Voss at 608-843-8299.

For more information on this Finding Workforce Solutions or to learn more about SPARK, visit sparkmiddletonwi.com.



Invoices

Harris said

The new form included details of what the district had acquired but didn’t state that it was an invoice.

“I think they all expected to receive a follow up invoice. Melissa thought they would pay off the (new-look invoice),” Harris said.

When the money didn’t come in, Harris visited each town and explained the change. Bohse said she produced a different looking invoice in December and the towns agreed to pay up.

Going a year without receiving the capital assessments had no effect on safety or operations, said Harris.

“It was just a fund balance that needed to be fulfilled,” he said.

Bohse agreed.

“We watched it through the year and contacted the towns to see what the issue was...But there was enough cash flow to fund the (capital expenditures),” she said.

The towns caught a break in 2018 as there were no capital purchases and no capital assessments to be invoice. The same is expected this year, Harris said.

To prevent any future misunderstandings, Harris said, the district’s invoices will clearly state they are invoices.

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Shaw

summer of 2017 was also noted in the Work Quality/Productivity section of the review.

The wavy lines laid down by a city of Middleton crew was necessary after Dane County Highway Department, which did the resealing, couldn’t paint center and fog lines until after the opening of the 2017-18 school year.

The town’s “contract” with the county evidently allowed the county to restripe the road at its convenience.

Many calls came into town hall about the lack of pavement markings, including those concerned about the start of the academic year for Sunset Ridge Elementary.

The town turned to the city as it had striped Pleasant View Rd. Unfortunately, re-striping Airport Rd. went embarrassing wrong with more calls received about the wavy lines causing motorists headaches and vertigo.

Town Chair Cynthia Richson said the town took a beating on social media as well and explained that the city, although its effort were notable, didn’t have the proper equipment to adequately do the job.

Town staff’s response was to let the squiggly lines wear off,

Richson said, which the board felt was unacceptable. So, at a cost of \$20,000 and significant public embarrassment, the lines were redone that fall.

The work quality section of Shaw’s review pinned the blame on him. The expense and embarrassment could have been avoided had Shaw more closely supervised the Field Operations Manager.

Pierson was presumed to be unfamiliar with the town’s roads and had some previously unstriped roads, striped for no passing without the benefit of an engineering study.

Although Shaw meet expectations for communications, he didn’t inform the board that large amount of tree and brush debris removed after a large storm in 2017 was dumped on the town-owned Eastwood property.

While the board was told the town crew was busy chipping this larger-than-normal amount of debris, it wasn’t mentioned that it also was being dumped at Eastwood, Richson said.

Richson walked the property and was surprised to see the massive piles of trees and brush. The piles were unsightly and evidently embolden the disposal

of unwanted furniture, too, she said.

After rejecting contractor bids to remove the debris, town crew members hauled it off during the winter of 2017-18.

Shaw’s resignation coupled with Keichinger’s suggests the board wanted staff with more financial expertise to curb the deficit budgets that have been approved in recent years.

Board Supervisor Paul Connell probably made the most pointed public comment on the deficit budget situation when, at a December meeting to approve the tax levy, he criticized former staff.

“We were poorly led by an administrator and a finance person for a long time which is why we’re in the position we are in now,” said Connell.

Better preparation of annual budgets was included in the seven items in the List of Concerns in Shaw’s 2017 review.

“Improve the presentation of the 2019 budget and budget process, to make it more user friendly and transparent from the perspective of the Town Board and Town residents,” according to the review.

Another concern was better utilization of the new Public

Works Committee to increase input from residents regarding priorities, effectiveness and efficiency in delivery of town services.

The review noted that in 2017 Shaw was the town’s administrator, clerk and treasurer which requires a lot of hours on the job. In 2018, the board created a clerk position to ease Shaw’s load and provide separation of accounting matters.

In addition, Shaw often went beyond his job description tasks including rolling up his shirt sleeves to help clear debris from roads during July 2017 storm, and fixed plumbing leaks at town hall.

His dedication to duty resulted in his forfeiting 19 days of unused vacation in 2016.




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Opinion

MICHELLE'S Musings

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS



Snow

In December when I was complaining about no snow, my coworkers assured me that we would get snow. In Iowa we were no longer getting very many snowstorms, particularly more than three inches at a time. We were more likely to get rain and freezing rain in recent years.

I love that people here don't complain much about the winter weather, and in many cases, they even look forward to the cold and snow.

A few weeks ago, I saw someone on Lake Wingra when the ice was clearly not safe. It struck me that maybe, like myself, he was so excited about winter that he couldn't wait to

get on the ice, even if it meant risking his life.

I am not that eager, and have a healthy fear of thin ice, having fallen more than waist deep into a frozen pond as a kid. I remember my friends freaking out from the shore as I tried to lift myself from the frigid water. In the end they threw me a long, hand knit scarf and pulled me from the water as if they were playing a life or death game of tug of war.

The other thing I remember is how cold I was, sloshing home in a soaked snowmobile suit and Sorel boots that felt as though they were each harboring a gallon of water. Maybe they were. My mittens were frozen, wool

blocks and, to add injury to insult, I had cut my face on the sharp, jagged ice when I went down.

I am sure I was a sight when I arrived home, partly wet, partly frozen with blood running down my cheek. Of course, my grandma, having taken care of many adventurous children in her time, did not flinch, helped me out of my wet suit and sent me straight to the bathroom for a scrub and some mercurochrome.

During my first round of shoveling on Monday, I was reminding myself of how I wanted snow. I watched as a dozen or more people came in and out of the trailhead across from our

house, all sporting snowshoes or cross-country skis. I thought to myself, "I would rather be skiing than shoveling," as I flung scoop after scoop of fluffy flakes onto the already giant snow mounds.

Just a day earlier I had been online shopping for some skis but determined I really needed to go into a store and try them out. So until then, I will just shovel the snow and envy those who were prepared for snow season.

The other thing I noticed last week was all the ice huts that have cropped up on Lake

Mendota. It has been a long time since I have lived in a place where there is ice fishing. People in Iowa, aside from the northern tier counties, don't get that excited about ice fishing.

All of these things brought me to the realization that I had really been missing out on winter by spending so many years in Iowa. I look forward to embracing Old Man Winter and am excited for all the snow and ice adventures to come. Who knows? Maybe I can even talk my husband into ice fishing!

GEIGER Counter



by Matt Geiger, Editor



Narrative Species

We are a narrative species.

Each animal has its own special adaptations that allow it to survive, and sometimes even thrive, in a hostile world. Giraffes have their long necks. Cheetahs have their speed. Birds of paradise have their resplendent plumage. Turtles have their shells. Wolverines have mandibles shellacked in bone marrow.

And we have our stories.

When other species are young, they play with their gifts, honing their adaptations to a razor's edge. The baby pronghorn jumps and runs, practicing maneuvers that will one day keep its haunches just out of a pursuing wolf's snapping jaws. The baby tiger stalks a leaf.

We play, too. We play with words. And once we are good enough, we play with stories. Because stories are how we survive. They are how we elude the devils that pursue us, and they are how we give meaning to magnificent little lives that, when you think about the scale of the cosmos, and billions of years that our earth has been here, and the 200,000 years that our species has been walking and wondering, are so very small.

One of the most important things stories do is to help us really see the world around us.

There is a bumper sticker, popular in the part of the country where I live, that proclaims: "If you aren't outraged, you aren't paying attention!" I think the opposite is true. Outrage is easy. Outrage will come to you. You don't even have to try. Your phone will deliver outrage directly to your eyes, which will instantly transfer it to your amygdala, where it will fester and eventually cause you to lash out at your fellow human beings, before it eventually gives you a heart attack or a stroke.

You don't have to pay attention to be outraged. Outrage is for the lazy. What you really need to pay attention in order to see, is all the beauty, and all the humor, that paint the spaces between the anger in our vast world. Those are real, and they are here with us, but it is *they* that require effort on our part. It is they that require vision. If you don't see them, you aren't paying attention.

And that is where stories come in. You have to be observant, and you have to assume your readers are not. Yet.

Stories help us see the world around us. They disrupt our habitual perception of the world, shaking us out of the autopilot

we use to get through our days. They make us really *see*. And once we start really seeing the world, what we find is not horrible, cruel, evil, ugly things—which we knew were there all along—but rather beautiful, funny, wonderful things.

Beauty and humor mean nothing if you do not see them. You, as a writer, show them to people, really put them in front of people, and say, "look!"

The first step is simply to stop and see the things right in front of you, which is what most novels and short stories do. There is even a word for it (in Russian): "Ostrananie." It means "to make strange" or to "defamiliarize." When writers employ ostrananie, they use semantic or linguistic shifts to slightly change the reader's perspective, and they give the gift of sight. They make the reader really see the things in the story, by showing them in the illumination of strangeness, and the result is a gift.

And with that strangeness comes intimacy, and the opportunity to share.

I've written before that there are really only two times in life when we really, really see things. The first time, and the last. What you try to do when you write, is to let people back into the world, so that they can see it as if for the first time, but before it's the last.

Our minds already know this. Each night while we slumber in darkness, our brains go to work, flooding themselves with ideas and images from our ordinary lives, but made strange. And in your dreams, when your mother

rides in on a Huguenot, or your boss morphs into a homunculus in a jar of spirits on the desk in front of you, your mind sees the problems that lay before you in the real world and works to solve the puzzles of everyday life.

If you write humor, you want your readers to laugh more; not just when you tell a joke in your book, but out there, in the big, messy world. You want your stories to make them see more humor in the real world.

If you write horror, you don't just want your readers to jump on page 130, when a monster jumps out of the shadows; you want their skin to crawl a month later, when they have to go into the basement to change a light-bulb.

If you write romance, you don't just want them to fall in love with your characters; you want them to be more able to give and receive love in the real world.

Words are merely symbols. "Love," "hate," "beauty," "death"—they are not the things they represent. But they can make you see the things they represent.

Anton Chekhov, one of the greatest writers of humor and tragedy, knew that a comprehensive view of the world is impossible, but he also showed us, through his stories, that little bursts of insight, meaning, and humor are possible. That's why we have our stories, our species' adaptation, which help us to see the world, and to share it with those around us.

Letters

ReMitts a Success in 2018

Letter to the Editor:

Thanks for strong support of ReMitts

On behalf of my co-workers at ReMitts, it is my pleasure to once again thank the patrons of ReMitts for their overwhelming and passionate support of our mission to feed the hungry.

This year ReMitts raised \$74,278, which is \$9,000 more than last year. Our group of about 25 women and a few husbands who specialize in laundry are in awe of our patrons' continued enthusiasm. We appreciate the avid support of our vendors who welcome our mitten displays and wholeheartedly embrace our project to give back to our community. We would be lost without them.

Now we go back to our workshop to prepare for ReMitts 2019. We look forward to providing our returning customers and first timers with a new array of unique mittens, perfect for our Wisconsin winters. They will warm your hands, and the hearts of those we feed.

Thank you all for the amazing support.

Kathy Rothering, Madison

Candidates Continued from page 1

has time to learn about things on their own."

Cords would also like to see public input on the city's comprehensive plan. "I think the city employees and council have ideas for what they want for the city, and I want to hear from citizen's as well," she said.

She said that she is very interested in how the city operates and would like to learn about all aspects of city government, which is why a council spot would suit her.

Nelson currently serves on the Middleton Zoning Board of Appeals and said she hadn't considered running for council until she was asked. "Joanna (Richard) approached me and asked me to run for her seat," Nelson said. "While it's flattering, it's a little but daunting.

"It felt like this is your shot, this is your time to help the city you love," she said, citing that this is a time in which a lot of women are running for public office.

Development is also at the forefront of Nelson's campaign, and she said she is concerned about all the people that work in Middleton but don't live in the city, and said housing is a big concern. She said the city needs to balance its progress

with the needs of the citizens, while considering the environmental impact.

This leads to another concern she has, climate change. She said the flood in August 2018 made her realize the need to revisit zoning laws and use more permeable surfaces to limit runoff. For example, "A certain percentage of a property can be covered in solid surface, but it doesn't include the driveway," she explained, and said permeable surfaces could reduce that runoff and in turn flooding.

"All our hearts were broken to see Pheasant Branch Conservancy literally wash away," she stated.

Both candidates expressed their love for Middleton and said they enjoy living in the city.

When asked how they were going to get the word out, both women said they would go door to door and hold meet and greets.

Cords plans to have meet and greets Feb. 9 at 10 a.m., at the Chocolaterian, and Feb. 28 at 6:30 p.m., at Common Ground.

Nelson said she doesn't have specific event planned at this time but will post them on her Facebook page, Katy Nelson for Alder, District 3, Middleton.

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Letters to the Editor policy

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For additional information, please contact news editor Michelle Phillips at timestribuneeditor@newspublic.com.

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LIFESTYLES



Recipe BOX

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS

Chicken

Chicken is something that many people eat several times a week, but sometimes it's hard to decide how to cook it. Here are a few ways to prepare the country's best loved poultry.

Chicken Hash

- 1 c. diced potato
- 3 T. olive oil
- 1 onion, diced
- 1/2 c. red pepper diced
- 1/2 c. green pepper diced
- 1 c. cooked, boneless, skinless, chicken breast, chopped
- 1 1/2 tsp. fresh thyme leaves
- 1 c. golden delicious apple, diced
- 1/4 c. parsley chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 8 eggs, poached

Place potatoes in a saucepan, cover with salted water and bring to a boil. Cook until just tender, about seven or eight minutes. Drain and set aside.

Heat two tablespoons of oil in a medium non-stick skillet, over medium heat. Add the onion and cook five minutes, stirring occasionally. Add peppers and cook five minutes more.

Raise heat to medium high and add remaining oil, chicken and potatoes. Sprinkle with thyme, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring for five minutes. Weight the hash down with a smaller skillet and cook five more minutes. Turn the hash over in the pan and weight with skillet. Cook for 5 more minutes.

Add the apple and parsley, cover and cook for three to four minutes, turning once during the cooking process.

Transfer the hash to a platter, and top with poached eggs.

Serves 4.

Chicken and Wild Rice Soup

- 1/3 c. wild rice

- 1/2 c. brown rice
- 12 c. water
- Salt
- 1 chicken, cut into pieces
- 4 celery ribs, chopped
- 4 carrots, chopped
- 3 parsnips, chopped
- 2 onions, chopped
- 3 garlic cloves, slightly crushed
- 1 small bunch fresh dill, tied with kitchen string
- 1/4 c. parsley, chopped

Rinse rice in a strainer under cold water.

Bring four cups of the water to a boil in a saucepan and add two teaspoons of salt. Stir in rice and simmer over medium heat until just tender, about 35-40 minutes.

Drain and set the cooked rice aside.

Meanwhile, place the chicken in a large stockpot with remaining water and a teaspoon of salt. Cover and bring to a boil. Uncover and skim off foam.

Add all the vegetables and dill, cover and simmer over medium heat until the chicken is tender, about 45 minutes.

Remove the chicken and let it cool. When cool, discard the skin, take the chicken off the bone and coarsely chop.

Return meat to pot and dis-

card the dill.

Add the reserved wild rice. Simmer over medium, uncovered for about 10 minutes. Stir in parsley and serve.

Serves 8-10.

Fried Chicken Breasts

- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1/2 c. buttermilk
- 3/4 c. flour
- 1/2 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. pepper
- Oil for frying

Place buttermilk in a shallow dish.

Put flour and seasonings in a paper lunch sack and shake to combine.

Heat 1/2 an inch of oil in a large skillet over medium heat.

Dip a chicken breast in the buttermilk, allowing excess to drip off. Place in the bag and shake. Put the breast in hot oil. Repeat with remaining chicken.

Fry for about 6-8 minutes on each side, without disturbing. Test the chicken for doneness and cook a couple more minutes if necessary. Drain on paper towels.

Serves 4.

OBITUARY

Dolores Mary Ann (Laufenberg) Simon

MIDDLETON/MARTINSVILLE/CROSS PLAINS-Dolores Mary Ann (Laufenberg) Simon, age 92, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Jan. 23, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital in Madison. Dolores was born July 15, 1926, in the town of Springfield, the daughter of Adolph and Christina (Krantz) Laufenberg. She attended St. Peter's Catholic School in Ashton. Dolores married the love of her life, John M. "Jack" Simon, on Aug. 5, 1947, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Madison.



Dolores was a stay-at-home mother until her children were in school, and her house was always full of love and laughter. She babysat for other children and spent 12 years as a Nursing Assistant at Middleton Village. Her kind nature and warm heart were admired by everyone who was lucky to know her. Throughout her life, Dolores loved horses and gardening, and she had a flair for sewing and crafts. She always looked forward to having lunch with family and friends, and those meals were always brightened by her smile.

Dolores is survived by her children, Linda (Daniel) Pertzborn, Samuel (Gladys), Jennifer (Terry) Utter, Randall (Joyce), John (Katie), Deanna (Dennis) Kessenich, Jeffrey (Michelle), Sandra (Ken) Utter, Marla, Charles, Annette (Kevin) McWilliams and Marcia (Ray) Parkin; sisters and brothers-in-law, Greg Dahmen, Elaine Busch, Emogene (Vern) Frederick, Alice Simon, Diana (William) Scherer and Judy (Paul) Olson; 31 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; and many dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; in-laws, Emma and John H. Simon; grandson, Nathan Utter; great-grandson, Charlie Frohne; great-granddaughters, Rylee Payne and Christina Simon; sisters, Agnes (Barney) Endres, Lucy (Joseph) Meinholtz and Cordelia (Peter) Meinholtz; brothers, Peter (Leona) Laufenberg, Matt (Betty) Laufenberg, Joseph Laufenberg and Jerome (Della) Laufenberg; and Jack's family, Magdalen (Roland) Luxton, Lorraine (LaVerne) Hellenbrand, Mary Ann Dahmen, Donna (Fritz) Statz, Stanley Simon, Marlene (Arnold) Endres and Marland Busch.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Bernard Catholic Church, Middleton, at 11 a.m. on Jan. 28, 2019, with Fr. Brian Wilk presiding. Burial was held at St. Martin of Tours Martinsville Cemetery at 2 p.m. Visitation was held at the church from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. on Jan. 27, 2019, and again at the church from 9 a.m. until the start of the Mass on Monday.

We would like to thank all the doctors and staff at SSM Health for their tender care of mother throughout the years and especially the last few days of her life.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Dolores' name to St. Bernard Catholic Church or to the Sara's House for Unwed Mothers. Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

It's Not Too Late to License Pets

DANE COUNTY-It's never too late to get pets licensed. The 2019 pet license year runs from Jan. 1-Dec. 31. It is a yearly requirement to license all dogs kept in Dane County that are five months or older. Cats are also required to be licensed in most cities and villages in Dane County.

"Licensing dogs and cats is basic public health prevention," says John Hausbeck, Animal Services Supervisor for Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC). "It ensures that people are vaccinating their pets for rabies regularly. Because of regular rabies vaccination for our pets, we don't tend to worry about rabid dogs and cats running at large in our community."

While it is important to license pets each year, it is equally important for licensed dogs and cats to wear their pet license tag at all times, as it makes the work of Public Health Animal Services Officers, and others charged with animal control, easier.

"When we arrive on the scene of a call, that license tag around the dog or cat's neck helps us know right away if the animal is currently vaccinated against rabies. This is really important for us to know if the animal has been in any kind of altercation where it has bitten another animal or a person," says Patrick Comfort, Animal Services Officer for PHMDC. "The other thing a pet license helps us with

is ownership disputes. If two people are claiming to be an animal's owner, it helps us prove who the real owner is by checking the animal's pet license."

In the City of Middleton, the license fee for a spayed or neutered cat or dog is \$15, and for unspayed or unneutered pets the fee is \$20. Fees in the rest of the County vary by municipality. Contact the community municipal clerk for information. Pet owners who do not license their dog or cat annually may face a fine of \$124 in the City of Madison. Fines in the unincorporated

parts of the county are \$169 and may be different within other villages and cities.

To get a dog or cat license in Middleton visit: ci.middleton.wi.us and click on Licenses.

Dog owners who license their pet are able to purchase a dog park permit to enjoy the 17 off-leash dog parks in the area. A portion of both dog and cat license fees goes to help support the work of PHMDC Animal Services Officers, who ensure a safe and healthy environment between animals and people in Madison and Dane County.

NWDSS CALENDAR

Northwest Dane Senior Services

1837 Bourbon Road, 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 a full listing of the daily menu see the newsletter on our website: www.nwdss.org

Menu & Calendar of Events

Jan. 30: Turkey in Gravy

- Bingo
- Jan. 31: Pulled Pork on a Bun
- Player's Choice
- Feb. 1: Chicken Stew
- Nickel Bingo
- Feb. 4: Beef Pot Pie
- Exercise-a.m.
- Euchre-p.m.
- Feb. 5: Chicken Gravy
- Dominos
- Feb. 6: Fish Sandwich
- Bingo

Iowa State University

Approximately 9,752 Iowa State University students have been recognized for outstanding academic achievement by being named to the fall semester 2018 Dean's List.

Students named to the Dean's List must have earned a grade point average of at least 3.50 on a 4.00 scale while carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours of graded course work.

Area students named to the Dean's List include: Middleton

Lillie Frances Perry, junior, Financial Counseling and Planning, Madison Virginia Pincombe, senior, Journalism

and Mass Communication and Camille Wirkus, junior, Pre-Diet and Exercise (H SCI).

Verona

Taylor Matthew Blair, junior, Industrial Design and Paige Elizabeth Disch, senior, Apparel, Merchandising, and Design.

Wauaukee

Alana Marie Pauls, junior, Materials Engineering and Clay C. Strang, senior, Supply Chain Management.

Baylor University

Jillian Grace Engan Veldey of Verona has been named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll for the 2018 fall semester. Stu-

dents honored on the Dean's List are Baylor undergraduates with a minimum grade-point average of 3.7, while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Baylor is located in Waco, TX.

Gonzaga University

Christopher Geanon of Middleton has earned placement on the Gonzaga University Dean's List for fall semester 2018. Students must earn a 3.5 to 3.84 grade-point average to be listed. Gonzaga is private Catholic college in Spokane, WA.

Bethel University

Emmanuela Ness of Verona, and a Freshman at Bethel Uni-

versity in St. Paul, MN, has been named to the Dean's List for academic excellence for the fall 2018 semester.

The Dean's List honors students who achieve an outstanding scholastic record during a semester with a grade point average of 3.6 or greater.

CHURCH NOTES

Middleton Community Church

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645 Schewe Road, 2 mi. West of Beltline on Old Sauk Road
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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

3673 Co. Hwy. P
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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.gatewayofmiddleton.com
Sunday Coffee 9:30am
Worship/Nursery/Sunday School 10am
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CROSS PLAINS

STATZ Corporation Wins WEDC Outstanding Business Award

By Rob Westerlund

Times-Tribune

CROSS PLAINS—STATZ Corporation of Cross Plains was awarded the Small Company Outstanding Business Award in the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) Business Excellence Competition at the 2018 MARKETPLACE Wisconsin Governor's Conference on Minority Business Development which was held at the Potawatomi Expo Center in Milwaukee on Dec. 13, 2018.

The Outstanding Business Award recognizes a State Certified DVB Enterprise each year that has demonstrated the capacity to grow over the past five years with plans to continue expansion in the future. Judges consider revenue growth, employment growth, the company's strategy for pursuing new opportunities, ability to overcome challenges, and past investments in employee development, business systems, marketing, equipment and other company assets.

The MARKETPLACE awards are open to Wisconsin-based companies that have been certified as a Minority Business Enterprise (MBE), Women's Business Enterprise (WBE), or Disabled Veteran-Owned Business (DVB) by one of the recognized certifying agencies.

STATZ Corporation was founded as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) in 2004 by Bill Statz in Cross Plains. Since that time, STATZ Corp. has grown to become the largest SDVOSB, largest "small business" federal Department of Defense (DOD) supplier in Wisconsin, and 10th largest government contractor in Wisconsin for 2018, with prime contracts valued at \$45,000,000.

Growth plans for STATZ include marketing to the state and local governments and institutions, such as the University of Wisconsin, and large businesses, such as Oshkosh Truck and Marinette Marine.

The STATZ Corporation's business focus is on procurement of manufactured parts, components, and supplies primarily for the Department of Defense. Statz said, "If you fly it, drive it, or float it, we've probably supplied parts for it."

Because he is service disabled and is the founder and owner, the company qualifies as a SDVOSB verified nationally by the Veteran Administration Center for Verification and Evaluation (VA-CVE), and at the state level as a DVB certified by the State of Wisconsin. With Statz' background in engineering and manufacturing, and motivated by his military service, he was

prepared to start-up his business in 2004 which focused on delivering supply chain support to the government, military and commercial entities by providing cost-effective solutions to achieve procurement objectives. STATZ functions as a prime contractor to the federal government and teams with a diverse supplier base of manufacturers and distributors to provide a wide variety of manufactured parts, components, assemblies, and finished products.

He served in the Vietnam war when he was just 19 from 1968-69 as a Staff Sergeant E6, Chief of Firing Battery. He is a decorated war hero, sustaining his disability injuries while under heavy rocket, mortar, and perimeter attacks by the North Vietnamese army. Unfortunately, a number of those men serving beside him are listed on the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. Statz was selected for the Badger Honor Flight on May 12, 2018.

STATZ Corporation had been nominated for the award by several of his company's clients, both suppliers and customers. Statz, accepted the award on behalf of all 12 of his employees. His company received the award due to the outstanding service they have delivered, but Statz is quick to share the credit. "It's a



Photo Submitted

The STATZ team, L-R, Mark Lyons, Barb Pearsall, Bill Statz, Chad Fuller, Jasmine Olson, Kristine Wogsland, accepted an Outstanding Business Award from WEDC.

company award. It's a team effort. The twelve people here, everybody has a big role in it. This

is not an award for Bill Statz, it's an award for STATZ Corporation. I accepted this award on be-

half of STATZ Corporation and all the team members," he said.

Cross Plains Library Features Winter Events

Storytimes News

Join us Tuesdays for Wiggles and Giggles (babies and toddlers), and Thursdays for Big Kids Booktime. Both programs begin at 10 a.m. Our new winter session, Let's Play!, is in full swing now. Come and play with us.

Read to a Dog

Chase, our canine reading buddy joins us on Feb. 18 from 4-5:30 p.m. 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: rgpl.org/kids.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

You are your child's first and best teacher. You can give them a great jump-start with this program that encourages families to read together. No child is too young! Stop in anytime to sign up and get a special keepsake record book and book bag for your child. For more information, go to www.rgpl.org/1000-books-kindergarten.

Lego Club is Back!

Beginning Feb. 11 from 4-5 p.m., the Lego Club with start up for its first session of the year. Please just give a jingle to let us know you plan to come, 608-798-3881. For ages 5 and older.

Tween Book Club Feb. 18, 4 p.m.

Jessica Townsend's "Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow" is our selection for February. "A cursed girl escapes death and finds herself in a magical world - but is then tested beyond her wildest imagination..." Need we say more? Well, many comparisons have

been made between this series and the Harry Potter series, so there you go. All are welcome, sign up and get a copy of the book at the service desk.

School's Out Movie Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m.

Join us for an animated adventure comedy that will keep you on your toes, no matter how small they are. Check the library website or call the library for details.

Morning Movie—Feb. 14

Our February pick interweaves the story of a couple's youthful passion and ambition with a portrait of a marriage, thirty-plus years later - a lifetime's shared compromises, secrets, betrayals, and mutual love. Adapted from the Meg Wolitzer novel, "The Wife," the film stars Glenn Close, who won a Golden Globe Award for her performance, and Jonathan Pryce. Rated R. Run time is 1 hour, 40 minutes. Coffee and breakfast treats are ready at 9 a.m., and the movie beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please call 608-798-3881 to sign up!

Job Services Help

Our Job Services Employment and Training Specialist is back to assist you. Get one-on-one help applying for unemployment benefits, resume writing, job search strategies, interview skills and more on Feb. 15 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Sign up for 30- or 60-minute appointments by calling the library at 608-798-3881. Walk-ins are also welcome.

An Afternoon with Mare Chapman

Mare, a Madison-based psychotherapist and author of "Unshakeable Confidence: The Freedom to Be Our Authentic Selves - Mindfulness for Women," teaches guided imagery and mindfulness meditation. On Feb. 23 from 1-2:30 p.m., she will discuss how gender conditioning creates disempowering beliefs that give root to self-doubt, chronic anxiety and depression, and how mindfulness practice cultivates connection with authentic self to recover self-respect, confidence and well-being. A brief guided "Drop In" practice will be included. Mare's book will be available for sale and author signing. This is a free program. No age limit. Men are welcome, too. Registration is helpful but not required. Please call 608-798-3881.

Monarch Butterfly Program

Join us March 6 at 6:30 p.m. when Danita Doyle and Lois Lehmann will be here to tell us all about monarch butterflies. Learn how you can create a habitat corridor for monarchs and other pollinators while also adding beauty to your garden. Call to sign up.

Realism to Abstract Art Exhibit

Area resident, Luci Shirek, creates both realistic and abstract artwork, reflecting her need for structure and spontaneity. Although her main focus is on watercolor, she also works in oil, acrylic and mixed media. She teaches watercolor for University of Wisconsin Union Mini-Courses, Madison College Enrichment Classes, as well as various weekend watercolor workshop. Luci's exhibit runs through March 15.

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!

Auction Fundraiser—Art Needed

Bidding at the 2019 Friends Used Art Auction will start April 15 and end May 9 with a reception and announcement of the winning bids. In order to make this an outstanding event, the Friends are asking for your donation of appealing art items. So, if you have art you love but no longer want, please consider donating it to the Friends of the Library. Donations of professional quality art in good condition—framed paintings, prints, lithographs, and photography, sculptures, jewelry, pottery, textiles, and glass—are accepted at the library throughout the year. Proceeds from the auction go to fund library programming and special projects. Donations are tax deductible.

Materials Donations to the Friends

The Friends welcome donations of new or gently used books, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles. Donation guidelines are posted on the library website and at the library, so please check it out before you donate. The next Friends used book sale is May 3-4.

New Cross Plains-Berry Historical Society Display

Stop by the library to take a peek at the Vintage Tiny Shoe Collection, on loan from Ginny Faust. Started in the early '50s by her mother, Martha Esser, and continued by Ginny, the collection now contains over 300 shoes. The display is a sampling of some favorites.

WEEKLY

Health TIP!

B12 May Help Parkinson's Patients

Low levels of B12 in early-stage Parkinson's patients are linked to a more rapid decline in motor and cognitive abilities, according to new research. Researchers measured B12 levels in 680 newly diagnosed patients. Those with low levels were given the option to supplement with B12. Subjects were tracked for 2 years, during which time physical and cognitive evaluations and B12 assessments were done. The study found that symptoms developed more quickly in patients with lower B12 levels, unless they chose to supplement, in which case they progressed much more slowly. Results are encouraging, but experts say more research is needed.

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CP Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast Sunday

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Students Advance to Regional Spelling Bee



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MIDDLETON—Providing four hours of spell-binding entertainment, 40 students from Glacier Creek and Kromrey Middle School competed in the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District Spelling Bee on Jan. 16 at the Middleton High School Performing Arts Center. Students participated in single-elimination rounds with challenges in spelling and definitions.

The top eight spellers will advance to the regional spelling bee on Feb. 25 at the Stoughton High School Auditorium, with those winners advancing to the State

Badger Bee. The additional four students will serve as alternates.
 Winner: Ray Feinberg, grade 6 at Kromrey
 Runner Up: Roddy McLellan, grade 7 at Kromrey
 3rd Place: Kevin Wu, grade 7 at Glacier Creek
 4th Place: Jahnvi Datta, grade 8 at Glacier Creek
 5th Place: Nikhil Quintin, grade 6 at Glacier Creek
 6th Place: Akshay Manna, grade 6 at Glacier Creek
 7th Place: Norah Feinberg, grade 5 at Kromrey
 8th Place: Stephanie Kalscheuer,

grade 8 at Glacier Creek
 9th Place: Evelyn Washburn, grade 7 at Kromrey
 10th Place: Jackson Rademacher, grade 8 at Glacier Creek
 11th Place: Rishika Kommuri, grade 6 at Kromrey
 12th Place: Isha Chilukuri, grade 7 at Kromrey

The bee was run by the district advanced learning teachers including, Ruth Frawley, Jennifer Sadkovich and Diane Boles with help from retired educators Mary Jo Nelson and moderator, Pam Hotz.

Apprenticeship Offers Hands On Experience for Garcia

MADISON—Middleton High School senior Garrett Garcia is currently doing an apprenticeship at Walgreens Pharmacy through Youth Apprenticeship. He is mentored by Dr. Chris Hastreiter. Garcia plans to attend the University Wisconsin in the fall and major in Pharmacy.

Garcia explains his experience as an apprentice.

What do you do at your place of apprenticeship?

In my apprenticeship I fill prescriptions under the direction of the Pharmacist, sell retail items and prescriptions, receive phone calls from patients, doctors, and insurance providers regarding prescriptions. I also am responsible for providing top notch customer service while staffing the drive thru window and insuring the timely delivery of prescriptions.

How does having an industry mentor benefit you?

Dr. Hastreiter has given me an opportunity to work at Walgreens as a first step in pursuit of my goal



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as a pharmacist. His guidance and feedback, along with the other pharmacists and staff have helped me to learn in a hands-on environment.

What do you want to tell others

about Youth Apprenticeship?

This experience has been extremely positive for me. It allows to picture myself as a pharmacist and has solidified my desire to be a pharmacist.

Bridal Guide

Tips For Planning Your Special Day!

Wedding tools make planning easier

Ensuring an event goes on with minimal hiccups takes patience and thorough planning. This is especially true for weddings, when many elements must merge together for a memorable day. Today's couples have a bevy of new resources at their disposal to facilitate wedding planning.

Check your local newspaper! Area businesses want your business and advertise their services locally, letting customers know how to find them, while including more detailed information on their website. The internet makes vetting vendors and reading reviews that much easier, but wedding-related apps also can simplify wedding planning. The following are some top picks as culled by Wedding Shoppe, Inc., The Knot and Lifehacker.

- Wedding Spot: Couples can search for their ideal wedding venue based on location, budget, styles, and capacity. The website

enables users to plan their ideal weddings and get cost estimates based on guest list and options. Users also can access discounts and exclusive deals.

- Wedding LookBook: This app enables couples to browse through thousands of dresses, accessories, jewelry, and much more. The app will help customers find products in their area.
- Shutterfly: This photo, invitation and image-sharing tool can be an inexpensive place to create save-the-date stationery, invitations, and photo memory books.
- Appy Couple: This app and website helps couples manage their budgets, timelines, wedding parties, and seating charts, while also allowing them to share photos. There is a free version and basic packages that allow access to more features.
- iWedding Deluxe: In addition to managing timelines, to-do lists and vendors, this app offers inspiration ideas for gowns, manages and tracks gifts, and offers first dance suggestions from iTunes. However, it is only available to iPhone users.
- AllSeated: This tool can help couples figure out seating arrangements by creating 3D floor plans of the event, and couples can pull contacts from email and social networks to establish a guest list. If floor plans are unavailable in their database, they can be drawn.
- The Knot's Marketplace: With the click of a button, couples can search for wedding vendors in all different categories, read reviews, and directly connect with those businesses.
- HitchSwitch: Brides or grooms who may be changing their names can do so in one convenient place. Three different packages cater to various name-changing needs.
- Vistaprint: These stationery specialists offer an array of services, from cards to invitations to personalized envelopes. Once a design is chosen, Vistaprint will offer add-on suggestions for coordinating items, helping to create a cohesive look for the festivities.

Did you know?

How much money a couple spends on their wedding depends largely on where they decide to tie the knot. While couples across the nation spend an average of roughly \$27,000 on their weddings, the cost of tying the knot is considerably higher in major cities such as New York and Chicago. According to TheKnot.com, the average cost of a wedding in New York City in 2011 was a shade under \$66,000, making the Big Apple the most expensive city in the country to get married. That's considerably more than the runner-up, the Windy City, where couples spent just more than \$53,000 to get married. Couples who wince at those figures should know that there are more affordable places to get married. The state of West Virginia, for example, is the least expensive place to get married in the United States. Couples who tie the knot in the Mountain State spend an average of \$14,203, nearly 80 percent less than their counterparts who walk down the aisle in the Empire State.

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SCHOOL

MHS to Perform 'I Never Saw Another Butterfly'

MIDDLETON—MHS Theatre will do three performances of "I Never Saw Another Butterfly" at the Performing Arts Center next week.

The play is the true story of the more than 15,000 children who passed through the Terezin Concentration Camp on their way to Auschwitz—only about 100 were still alive when Terezin was liberated at the end of World War II. Raja Englanderova lived through it all at Terezin, teaching the children when there was nothing to teach with, helping to give them hope when there was little reason for hope.

Katrina Brunner, who will direct the performances chose this play last summer against the backdrop of children being separated from their parents and housed in detention centers along the southern border of the United States.

"Watching innocent children become the fallout of political divisions struck a chord," she said. "We have seen a rise of nationalism across the globe, often spawning anti-Semitic behaviors as well as hatred towards other racial, ethnic and religious groups. While the Holocaust is an extreme that we can barely imagine, this play reminded me that we are susceptible to the same things happening if we are not diligent and

stay true to ourselves as humans."

The cast and crew worked with Nicole Jahr, director of lifelong learning at the Temple Beth El in Madison. Jahr contrasted the pre-Holocaust, vibrant Jewish communities with that of the difficulties and heaviness of being Jewish in Europe during WWII. She also created a study guide for the student matinees with a timeline and brief history of Terezin.

"It is relevant to be reminded that in the not-so-distant past there was an attempt to wipe out an entire nation of people, with millions being slaughtered right under the nose of the citizens of the world. Genocides are still happening today, so we can't forget the lessons of the past," Jahr said.

However, Brunner stresses that the play is ultimately about hope. In the face of adversity, in the wake of terrible times, Raja explores with us the significance of life, love, and what it means to be happy. Raja created a little world of laughter, of flowers and butterflies behind the barbed wire. There were no butterflies at Terezin, of course, but for the children, butterflies became a symbol of defiance, making it possible for them to live on and play happily while waiting to be transported.



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There will be a talk-back after each show, with a moderator helping the audience examine what they have just seen and heard and reflect on the powerful messages in the show, Brunner said.

"I Never Saw Another Butterfly," written by Celeste Raspanti, is based on a collection of works of art and

poetry by Jewish children in a book with the same title.

The performances will take place on Jan. 31-Feb. 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Reserve tickets online at www.middletontheatre.org. Tickets can be purchased at the door before show time. Prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and seniors.

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Sports

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Cardinals notch two huge wins

Middleton ends slide against Memorial

BY DENNIS SEMRAU

For the Times-Tribune

The post on a Madison Memorial Twitter account said it all.

“It has now been 1,078 days since Middleton beat us in boys’ basketball, and we’re looking to keep the streak going tonight,” according to the item on JMM Sports Themes.

But a determined Middleton squad led by senior guard Chandon Thomas put a fork in that streak last Saturday night.

Thomas scored 18 points and senior forward Jake Klubertanz chipped in with 14 to rally Middleton from a one-point halftime deficit to a 61-50 victory over host Madison Memorial in a Big Eight Conference game.

“This was a good one to get, breaking a long curse,” said senior guard Jack Boyle who added 11 points for the Cardinals.

Middleton (11-6 overall, 8-5 Big Eight) moved into a tie for fourth place in the Big Eight with Madison Memorial (9-5, 8-5). The Cardinals had lost six straight games in the series with the Spartans dating back to Feb. 13, 2016,

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Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Chandon Thomas sparked Middleton’s boys basketball team to their first win over Madison Memorial in nearly three years last Saturday.

Close leads Middleton past West

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

When your father runs a business called ‘Shot Dr. Academy,’ there’s a high level of pressure for you to also be a deadly shooter.

Sam Close has always been a marksman and one of the top shooters in the Madison-area. But Close, a senior guard at Middleton High School, has struggled at times this season.

Last Thursday, though, Close erupted for a career-high 28 points and grabbed a team-high 10 rebounds. In the process, Close helped power Middleton to an impressive 62-48 win over Madison West.

The Cardinals, who also defeated Madison Memorial two nights later, are now 11-6 overall and tied for fourth place in the Big Eight Conference at 8-5. Middleton also avenged a one-point loss to the Regents on Dec. 4.

“Sam hasn’t been as automatic from three-point range as we had hoped early in the season,” Middleton coach Kevin Bavery said. “He grew so much athletically from his junior to senior year by spending quality time in the MHS strength and functional

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Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Middleton’s Evie Coleman had 16 points in the Cardinals’ win over Madison Memorial last Friday.

Staying alive

Middleton’s girls top Memorial, stay in hunt for Big Eight title

BY GREGG HAMMILL

For the Times-Tribune

Beating a conference rival twice in a season is never easy, especially when both teams are in contention for a league title and the rematch is on the road.

Middleton’s girls’ basketball team faced that challenge when it traveled to Madison Memorial for a pivotal Big Eight Conference battle last Friday night.

“This game I felt like we

had that much more intensity because we knew it’s a home game (for Memorial), they’re going to bring up their intensity and they’re really going to want to get out there and beat us,” Middleton junior Sitori Tanin said. “We just had to bring it up that one more level.”

The Cardinals brought it up one more level — and then some — as they cruised past the Spartans, 63-37. Middleton improved to 11-5 overall,

See GIRLS BB page 14



Photo submitted

Champs!

Middleton's wrestlers won the Big Eight Conference dual meet title thanks to their win over Janesville Parker last Friday.

Wrestlers win dual meet title

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Middleton's wrestling team wrapped up the Big Eight Conference dual meet championship last Friday.

The Cardinals defeated Janesville Parker, 50-24, to win the league's dual meet

title.

Middleton's Hunter Grimm notched a technical fall over Tracey Kessler, 17-0, at 113 pounds and Lesley Neisius pinned Drexel Norman in 42 seconds at 120. Jesus Quechol Ramirez defeated Nicolas Lux, 17-2, at 138 and Joseph Hoffman pinned Damian Quaerna in 5:24 at 152.

Kevin Meicher pinned Treveon Sanda in 1:46 at 160 and Remington Lockwood pinned Jacob Law in 1:03 at 170. Cole Olmsted pinned Alec Anderson in 5:15 at 182, Elliot Zanon won by major decision over Salvador Acosta, 13-0, at 195 and Gavin Adler pinned Bryce Heerey in 5:50 at 220.

Middleton also defeated Hudson, 36-35, and dropped

a 64-5 decision to Wisconsin Rapids at the Rapids Duals last Saturday.

In Middleton's win over Hudson, Meicher pinned Garrett Wood in 52 seconds at 160 and Lockwood pinned Jacob Hansen in 1:17 at 170.

Zanon pinned Ben Steltzner in 1:21 at 195 and Adler pinned Shao Yang in 1:03 at 220. Jack Briggs pinned Hank Wettleson in 58 seconds at heavyweight, and Grimm notched a 6-5 win over Jacob Fanning at 113.

In Middleton's loss to Rapids, Meicher notched a 19-4 win over Roger Fuller at 160.

• **On deck:** Middleton will be at the Big Eight Conference meet at Verona Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.

**Jan. 25
MIDDLETON 50, PARKER 24**

106—Ian Ramirez (JP) pinned Luis Nevarez, 3:19.

113—Hunter Grimm (M) tech fall Tracey Kessler, 17-0 4:00.

120—Lesley Neisius (M) pinned Drexel Norman, 0:42.

126—Blake Krueger (JP) maj. Dec. John Ndoi, 12-3.

132—Jakob Williams (JP) tech fall Hernan Carranza, 16-1 6:00.

138—Jesus Quechol Ramirez (M) tech fall Nicolas Lux, 17-2 5:30.

145—Dominic Dransfield (JP) pinned Gavin Hoffman, 1:50.

152—Joseph Hoffman (M) pinned Damian Quaerna, 5:24.

160—Kevin Meicher (M) pinned Treveon Sanda, 1:46.

170—Remington Lockwood (M) pinned Jacob Law, 1:03.

182—Cole Olmsted (M) pinned Alec Anderson, 5:15.

195—Elliot Zanon (M) maj. Dec. Salvador Acosta, 13-0.

220—Gavin Adler (M) pinned Bryce Heerey, 5:50.

285—Nathan White (JP) dec. Jack Briggs, 5-0.

**Jan. 26
WISCONSIN RAPIDS 64, MIDDLETON 5**

Dual-meet records: Wisconsin Rapids 2-0; Middleton 1-1; Hudson 0-2.

MIDDLETON 36, HUDSON 35

132: Weinzirl, H, dec. Carranza, 12-5. 138: Hatch, H, mdec Quechol Ramirez, 13-5. 145: Sullivan, H, pinned G. Hoffman, 3:12. 152: Hansen, H, pinned J. Hoffman, 3:01. 160: Meicher, M, pinned Wood, 0:52. 170: Lockwood, M, pinned Hansen, 1:17. 182: Gierke, H, pinned Olmsted, 3:49. 195: Zanon, M, pinned Steltzner, 1:21. 220: Adler, M, pinned Yang, 1:03. 285: Briggs, M, pinned Wettleson, 0:58. 106: Henn, H, mdec Nevarez, 15-2. 113: Grimm, M, dec. Fanning, 6-5. 120: Feia, H, pinned

Neisius, 3:49. 126: Ndoi, M, dec. Hunsberger, 8-4.

WISCONSIN RAPIDS 64, MIDDLETON 5

138: Hamel, WR, pinned Quechol Ramirez, 2:52. 145: Braatz, WR, pinned Hoffman, 1:03. 152: Lubeck, WR, mdec Hoffman, 17-5. 160: Meicher, M, tfall Fuller, 19-4. 170: Diaz, WR, dec. Lockwood, 6-4. 182: Schutz, WR, pinned Olmsted, 3:09. 195: Rucker, WR, mdec Zanon, 11-3. 220: Kalata, WR, dec. Adler, 5-3. 285: Iverson, WR, pinned Briggs, 1:54. 106: Spray, WR, tfall Nevarez, 19-4. 113: Greening, WR, pinned Grimm, 0:52. 120: Bennet, WR, dec. Neisius, 5-3. 126: Benitz, WR, pinned Ndoi, 3:27. 132: Sering, WR, pinned Carranza, 1:47. At Wisconsin Rapids.

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Colin Kalsbeek and Middleton's boys swimmers finished third at their own invite.

Swimmers third at Middleton Invite

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Middleton's boys swimming and diving team finished third at its own invitational last Saturday.

Stevenson (Ill.) was first with 472 points, while Madison West was second (409.5) and Middleton was third (337) at the 11-team invite.

Middleton also defeated both Sun Prairie and Janesville Parker at the Sun Prairie Triangular last Friday.

At the Middleton Invite, the Cardinals' quartet of senior Archer Parkin, junior Nate Lamers, junior Forrest Peterson and senior Andrew Martin won the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Middleton's 200-yard medley relay team of Parkin, senior Jack Mondy, junior Nathan Kim and Lamers finished second in the 200-yard medley relay.

And the Cardinals' 400-yard freestyle relay team of Peterson, senior Blake Zillner, Martin and Kim was second.

Kim won the 200-yard IM and Martin won the 500-yard freestyle.

Peterson was third in the 200-yard freestyle. Kim was third in the 100-yard butterfly, while Peterson was fourth and Lamers was eighth.

Parkin was fifth in the 50-yard freestyle and Lamers was seventh. Parkin was seventh in the 100-yard backstroke, while Zillner was ninth. Zillner was also sixth in the 100-yard freestyle.

Middleton also downed

Sun Prairie, 93-77, and cruised past Parker, 134-36, at the Sun Prairie Triangular.

Parkin, Mondy, Kim and Lamers won the 200-yard medley relay. Parkin, Peterson, Lamers and Martin won the 200-freestyle relay. And Martin, Kim, Zillner and Peterson won the 400-yard freestyle relay.

Middleton's other first place finishes came from Peterson in the 200 freestyle, Martin in the 200 individual medley, Calvin Roberts in the 50 freestyle, Parkin in the 100 freestyle, Matthew Gutzmer in the 500 freestyle, Kim in the 100 backstroke and Jack Mondy in the 100 breaststroke.

Jan. 26

MIDDLETON INVITATIONAL

Team scores: Stevenson 472, Madison West 409.5, Middleton 337, Madison Memorial 238, Sun Prairie 204, Verona-Mount Horeb 144, Stevens Point 114.5, Neenah 101, Appleton West/Kimberly 80, Waunakee 78, La Crosse 42.

200-yard medley relay: 1, Madison West (Weiss, Miller, Jekel, Feller), 1:34.16; 2, Middleton (Parkin, Mondy, Kim, Lamers), 1:37.89.

200 freestyle: 1, Martin, Mid., 1:42.98; 2, Bensch, MW, 1:46.38; 3, Peterson, Mid., 1:46.38.

200 individual medley: 1, Kim, Mid., 1:57.13; 2, Song, Stev., 1:58.57; 3, Miller, MW, 1:59.97.

50 freestyle: 1, Stensby, Stev., :21.21; 2, Wiegand, Sun., :21.64; 3, Roggenbauer, Sun., :22.06.

100 butterfly: 1, Jekel, MW, :51.31; 2, Bensch, MW, :51.79; 3, Kim, Mid., :51.93.

100 freestyle: 1, Stensby, Stev., :47.44; 2, Casey, MW, :47.79; 3, Roggenbauer, Sun., :48.07.

500 freestyle: 1, Martin, Mid., 4:47.26; 2, Harris, STPT, 4:50.05; 3, Gates, Stev., 4:58.63.

200 freestyle relay: 1, Middleton (Parkin, Lamers, Peterson, Martin), 1:27.04; 3, Madison West (Casey, Fernandez, Bensch, Feller), 1:27.45.

100 backstroke: 1, Jekel, MW, :49.85; 2, Weiss, MW, :52.93; 3, Conn, N., :53.56.

100 breaststroke: 1, Miller, MW, :59.71; 2, Wiegand, Sun., :59.94; 3, Feller, MW, 1:00.54.

400 freestyle relay: 1, Madison West (Casey, Fernandez, Bensch, Jekel), 3:09.43; 2, Middleton (Peterson, Zillner, Martin, Kim), 3:12.84.

Diving: 1, Bennett, MM, 426.95; 2, White, Stev., 407.62; 3, Roush, Mid., 380.60.

At Middleton.

Jan. 25

Middleton Triangular

Team scores: Middleton 93, Sun Prairie 77; Sun Prairie 137, Janesville Parker 33; Middleton 134, Janesville Parker 36.

200 medley relay — Middleton (Parkin, Mondy, Kim, Lamers), 1:38.39.

200 freestyle — Peterson, M., 1:46.38.

200 individual medley — Martin, M., 1:58.88.

50 freestyle — Roberts, M., 22.46.

100 butterfly — Roggenbauer, SP, 55.56.

100 freestyle — Parkin, M., 49.21.

500 freestyle — Gutzmer, M., 5:10.39.

200 freestyle relay — Middleton (Parkin, Peterson, Lamers, Martin), 1:26.80.

100 backstroke — Kim, M., 53.64.

100 breaststroke — Mondy, M., 1:04.56.

400 freestyle relay — Middleton (Martin, Kim, Zillner, Peterson), 3:12.73.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Baseball, softball registration

Middleton's Baseball Softball Commission has online registration open for summer baseball and softball leagues for children that attend or live in the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District. Baseball is for boys age 7-18 and softball is for girls age 6-18.

Please visit the MBSC website at www.mbsciwi.com to register.

Good Hops is coming

The Middleton's Baseball Softball Commission will host its annual "Good Hops" event. The event features beer, wine and whiskey from local companies.

The event is April 6 from 5-9 p.m. at the Holiday Inn West. Tickets can be purchased from a MBSC board member or at the MBSC website: www.mbsciwi.com

The night will also include music, a silent auction, 50/50 raffles, food from local restaurants and community spirit. All proceeds go to help support the volunteer MBSC to run summer baseball and softball programs.

Casino Night

The Middleton Booster Club is hosting a Casino Night on Feb. 8 from 7 p.m.-midnight at the Holiday Inn West. All proceeds benefit Middleton athletics.

Tickets are \$50 online and \$55 at the door. Tickets can be prepurchased at middletonboosterclub.com.

There will be a raffle, a silent auction, bingo, blackjack and roulette. Casino attire is optional.



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Middleton's bench erupted last Saturday as the Cardinals notched a huge win over Madison Memorial.

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when Middleton won 77-63 at Memorial.

The Cardinals also swept the season series that year, taking down the Spartans 71-63 at Middleton on Dec. 19, 2015.

Cardinals' coach Kevin Bavery was particularly pleased how his team responded after Memorial won at Middleton, 60-34, on Dec. 7.

"We were pretty steady the whole game against a team that beat us by 26 at Middleton," Bavery said. "We couldn't stay with them in that game."

"They've had our number over here. But we deserve to beat this team if we do all of the things we're capable of doing."

Middleton used an aggressive defensive effort and some clutch free throw shooting to turn the tide against the Spartans and win for the third time in the last four games, while dealing Madison Memorial its fourth loss in a row.

The Cardinals mixed in a 1-3-1 zone with a tenacious man-to-man effort to keep the Spartans in check for most of the game.

"It's a good feeling," said Klubertanz, who sank four straight free throws in the final 2 minutes to keep Memorial at bay. "It's a great environment and is super fun to play here."

Both teams opened the game with deliberate attacks. Memorial ran more than a minute off the clock on its ini-

tial possession, while the Cardinals didn't attempt a field goal for nearly 2 minutes.

Thomas drained a three-pointer to open the scoring and set the stage for a first half that saw three ties and five lead changes.

Klubertanz said Thomas provided a spark to get the Cardinals going on both ends of the floor.

"He'd do anything for the team, anything at all," Klubertanz said. "Just how much we appreciate him is unreal. He did so much good tonight and he was a big reason we won that game."

Thomas and Boyle scored six points apiece in the first half, while Klubertanz added five for Middleton. The Cardinals sank 8 of 16 field goal attempts and 3 of 6 from beyond the arc.

Meanwhile, the Cardinals' defense held Memorial to 37.5% shooting (9 of 24), including 4 of 12 (33.3%) from 3-point range.

Middleton outrebounded the Spartans, 19-7, in the opening half, but the Cardinals committed nine turnovers to none for Memorial to keep the game close.

Boyle's old-fashioned three-point play gave Middleton a 21-20 lead with 1:07 remaining before halftime.

But Memorial senior guard Cade Ellingson sank a layup off an inbounds play with 2 seconds remaining to give the Spartans a 22-21 lead at the break.

"In the first half, honestly,

I don't think we could have played better," Klubertanz said. "Ellingson's a good player, and he's going to make a lot of those. It was super frustrating when that shot went in."

Middleton took the lead for good at 25-24 on Boyle's driving layup 2 minutes into the second half.

Madison Memorial kept it close behind Ellingson, who scored 13 of his game-high 19 points in the closing 12 minutes of the game.

"We let him get to the rim too much in the second half," Bavery said of Ellingson, a retuning second-team all-conference performer. "He started going one-on-one and taking us too deep."

The Cardinals did hold sophomore guard Kyle Yu, who scored 12 points in the teams' earlier meeting, to just three points on one second-half trey.

"He really hurt us at Middleton," Bavery said of Yu. "But Sam (Close) did a great job on him. He was on Yu most of the night and took the three away."

Thomas, who picked up his third foul in the opening minute of the second half, sank two free throws with 4:57 remaining to give Middleton its largest lead of the game at 49-40.

"I was in foul trouble, guys came in and stepped up, played defense and ultimately got boards," Thomas said. "That's what we needed to win games, those rebounds."

Thomas, who eventually fouled out with 1:40 to play, took turns defending Ellingson, whose two free throws with 2:27 remaining pulled the Spartans within 52-48.

But Klubertanz sank two free throws, senior forward Ben Scher made one of two at the line, and Klubertanz added two more foul shots to push the lead to 57-48 with just more than a minute to play.

"I take a lot of pride in that," Klubertanz said of his free-throw shooting. "I want to be the best free throw shooter. Early on, that wasn't the case. Down the stretch, it was important that I hit those four, and I'm glad I did."

Middleton shot a sizzling 75 percent from the field in the second half (12 of 16). The Cardinals outrebounded the Spartans, 31-16, and also shot 63.6% at the line (14 of 22) for the game.

"We responded really well," said Boyle who was 4 of 5 from the free-throw line. "We did a good job of finding the one open guy that we could and hit him and down the stretch knocked down our free throws when we got fouled."

Scher, who came off the bench to score five points — all in the second half — provided the dagger when he rebounded a missed free throw and sank a layup to cap the scoring.

Bavery lauded the play of the Cardinals' reserves that included key contributions

not only from Scher, but also junior Henry Patterson and seniors Casey Hellenbrand, Keegan Severn and Wyatt Wirkus.

"That's important when you have a long, grinding game like that," Bavery said.

Thomas said the Cardinals were determined to end the Spartans' winning streak against Middleton and provide a glimpse of the team's postseason potential.

"This is the game that we needed," Thomas said. "But it wasn't just me. It wasn't just Jack and Jake. It was the guys on the bench who didn't play. It was everybody."

"We've got a great team here and our chemistry is great and we've just got to continue that this season."

Jan. 26
Middleton 61, Madison Memorial 50
Middleton 21 40 — 61
Madison Memorial 22 28 — 50
MIDDLETON — Chandon Thomas 6 3-4 18, Sam Close 3 0-0 7, Jack Boyle 3 4-5 11, Jake Klubertanz 4 6-9 14, Parker Van Buren 2 0-2 4, Henry Patterson 1 0-0 2, Casey Hellenbrand 0 0-0 0, Wyatt Wirkus 0 0-0 0, Keegan Severn 0 0-0 0, Ben Scher 2 1-2 5. Totals 21 14-22 61.

MADISON MEMORIAL — Cade Ellingson 7 5-6 19, Logan Younk 1 0-0 2, Nick Caropreso 5 0-2 12, Dryden Schaefer 2 1-3 6, Kyle Yu 1 0-0 3, Dae-miontae Bates 1 2-2 5, Kwan Lewis 0 0-2 0, Ian Brown 1 0-0 3, Justin Jackson 0 0-0 0, JR Mitchell 0 0-0 0, Drew Collins 0 0-0 0. Totals 18 8-15 50.

3-point goals — M 5 (Thomas 3, Close 1, Boyle 1), MM 6 (Bates 1, Brown 1, Caropreso 2, Schaefer 1, Yu 1).
Total fouls — M 16, MM 21. **Fouled out** — Thomas (M).

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fitness program, so we started emphasizing to him to get in tune with all phases of the game and not put so much pressure on himself to hunt that three-point shot.

“He’s been one of our leading defensive rebounders the past several games, is getting the ball in to the post, is guarding the ball better, and he’s been taking the ball to the basket strong and finishing. He’s more relaxed on his three-pointers now and the majority of his 28 points were from driving finishes and getting to the free throw line. And his constant threat from outside the arc stretches the defense and helps keep the lane open for teammates.”

Senior guard Jack Boyle added 15 points and made 9-of-11 free throws, including all six in the second half as West was forced to foul late. Close also made 8-of-9 free throws — including 7-of-8 in the second half — and the Cardinals were 24-of-29 overall from the charity stripe (82.8%).

Senior guard Chandon Thomas added seven points and seven rebounds, while senior center Keegan Severn added four points and two blocked shots.

Middleton shot 44% for the game and held West to 29% shooting. The Cardinals also had 28 points in the paint vs. 20 for the Regents.

“To have two of our guards lead us in rebounding is a big key,” Bavery said. “It tells the rest of the team that it always has to be five guys. Sometimes that involves one of our bigs holding someone else off the board while our guards clean up, so it is definitely a team effort.”

Middleton’s defense was terrific in the first half and the Cardinals built a 25-17 lead at the break. Close had 10 first half points and Boyle added seven.

Senior guard Casey Hellenbrand also relieved Boyle when he picked up two fouls and helped handle West’s full

court pressure. Hellenbrand also made a pair of first half free throws.

“We kept a large squad again this year, 17 players in all,” Bavery said. “It’s hard to balance playing time and achieve our best possible performance on game night, and it clearly is a season long process.”

“We have some amazing guys who work their tails off every night in practice, not knowing how much or even if they will see the court game by game. It’s not an easy thing to do. But we have a loose rotation script we follow with input from the staff, based a lot on our opponent’s style and personnel matchups, and of course how things unfold in a game.”

West closed within 40-39 midway through the second half, but Middleton answered with a 12-1 run to take a commanding 52-40 lead. The Cardinals then slammed the door on the Regents by making 18-of-22 free throws in the second half.

“Anytime you get that kind of performance from the free throw line it keeps us in a confident frame of mind,” Bavery said. “We’re able to handle the ball with more confidence, take the ball to the basket harder, get post touches, and in general it puts individual players in a mindset of wanting the ball in their hands. That’s a lot more important than people might think it is. Like many things in sports, it can become contagious.”

Just six days earlier, West defeated top-ranked Madison East, 96-80. So understandably, Bavery and the Cardinals were giddy with the win.

“We’re starting to figure out that our strength clearly is inside-out,” Bavery said. “Getting touches in the paint through post feeds, drives in to the lane, passes to cutters, and offensive rebounds are big keys for us. Then when it comes back outside we’re getting better spacing and



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Middleton senior guard Sam Close had a career-high 28 points to power the Cardinals past Madison West last Thursday.

more time to release the three-pointer. We’re reacting better and hitting on offensive concepts more and more without us having to call them from the bench, which is a big step in the right direction.

“And to hold the team to 15 first half points and 48 for that

game, who had just put up 96 points on the No. 1 team in the state, shows that we can defend at a higher level now than we were earlier in the year. We had spent a lot of time building a matchup zone defense that has helped us at times, but we are starting to

stay in front of the ball better in 1 on 1 situations, the help is there quicker, and we’ve been rebounding better out of our man to man with all five players getting involved. Hopefully that continues and we can be a tough out in the final five games of the regular season and then on in to tournament play.”

Middleton 25 37 — 62
WEST — Jones 1 1-5 3, Reed 1 2-5 4, McCray 5 3-4 14, Armwald 7 1-2 16, Thompson 1 1-2 3, Barry 1 0-0 3, Brooks 1 0-0 2, Richmond 0 1-2 1, Neugebauer 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 9-20 48.

MIDDLETON — Thomas 2 3-5 7, Hellenbrand 0 2-2 2, Close 9 8-9 28, Boyle 3 9-11 15, Severn 2 0-0 4, Deptula 1 2-2 4, Pa. Van Buren 1 0-0 2. Totals 18 24-29 62.

Three-point goals — MW 3 (McCray 1, Armwald 1, Barry 1), MID 2 (Close 2). **Total fouls** — MID 23, MW 23. **Fouled out** — Reed, McCray.

Jan. 24
 Middleton 62, Madison West 48
 Madison West 17 31 — 48

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Hoops of Dane County, Inc. d/b/a The Club Tavern is requesting a Class “B” fermented malt beverage and “Class B” intoxicating liquor license located at 1915 Branch Street, Middleton, WI, with Dale Beck, 6009 Exchange Street, McFarland, 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.

Lorie J. Burns, City Clerk

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10-2 in the league and moved into second place in the Big Eight, 1½ games behind first-place Sun Prairie (12-1).

Memorial slipped to fourth in the conference at 12-5 and 9-4. Madison La Follette (10-3 league) is third in the conference.

The Spartans connected on just 27.1% of their field goals (16-of-59) in the contest, including 11.1% from 3-point range (2-for-18), and had 20 turnovers.

"I thought, all in all, we had a pretty nice defensive effort," Middleton coach Jeff Kind said. "We didn't give them a lot of easy things."

The Cardinals used a defensive switch to pull away early in the second half.

"The first half we were all man," Kind said. "The second half we came out and used our 1-3-1 a little bit. They were struggling with it so we mixed it in there a little bit more and then tried to go man-to-man once in awhile, but a pretty good defensive effort. I was pretty pleased with that."

The switch from a man-to-man defense to a zone defense forced the Spartans into several turnovers and sparked a 9-0 run that gave the Cardinals a commanding 43-23 lead.

"We went into our 1-3-1," Tanin said. "Up to that point we had been playing our man and then we jumped into our 1-3-1 and it threw them off

guard. We went into it for a couple of sessions then jumped back into our man and that really threw them off."

Tanin started the run with a basket off the glass. Junior Evie Coleman followed with a 3-pointer after an offensive rebound by senior Hannah Flottmeyer and junior Kendall Roquet converted a 3-point play after being fouled on a putback.

The Cardinals showed off their hustle during the surge as Flottmeyer scrambled to rebound a miss by Tannin, then quickly found Coleman for an open 3-pointer.

"We work on that a lot at practice doing inside out passes like that," Coleman said. "They call it 'open window' and the person in the corner is supposed to rise and catch that 3-pointer so it literally worked out just how we practice it. That whole play is just repetition."

Much like their previous contest vs. Memorial — a 67-46 victory on Dec. 6 — the Cardinals used an inside-outside attack with post-players Tanin, junior Karina Bursac and Flottmeyer controlling the inside and Coleman connecting from outside.

"She's probably our best 3-point shooter," Kind said. "The big thing for her is to be in the right position to get some open shots."

Coleman led the Cardinals with 16 points and connected

on three 3-pointers. She also had 16 points with four 3-pointers vs. Memorial in the first meeting.

"I knew I was going to get really tightly defended in this game just because I had four 3-pointers against them last time, so I really wasn't expecting to get a lot of open 3-pointers in the game," Coleman said. "But my teammates did a really good job of driving in gaps and opening that shot for me."

Tanin picked up two early fouls and had to sit out much of the first half, but still managed to score 14 points.

"I got a bit frustrated because they were early fouls," Tanin said. "When I went back in I was like, 'I've got to play solid defense, I can't let these fouls get to me and I've got to play to the refs.'"

Tanin picked up her second foul with 15 minutes, 18 seconds remaining in the half and didn't return until the 6:01 mark.

"(Tanin) picked up a couple of quick ones there," Kind said. "We had some kids come in and do a nice job when she was out. We were able to weather that."

Tanin scored four points and Bursac scored all five of her points in the opening minutes of the game to give Middleton a 9-2 advantage. A 3-point play and layup by Coleman and a free throw by Tannin pushed the lead to 19-8. The Spartans closed within 25-19 on a pair of free throws by Cynthia Rosales and a 3-pointer by Abby Wilson, but Flottmeyer converted a layup to give Middleton a 27-19 lead at halftime.



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Karina Bursac and Middleton's girls basketball team defeated Madison Memorial last Friday and stayed within one game of Sun Prairie in the loss column.

Coleman drilled a 3-pointer to start the second half and the teams traded baskets until Middleton's decisive 9-0 run which gave them a 20-point cushion with 11:33 remaining. The Spartans couldn't get closer than 15 points the rest of the way.

There was a scary moment late in the game when Middleton junior Josie Lemirande scrambled to control a loose

ball and Rosales charged into her at midcourt. The girls appeared to knock heads and crashed to the floor, but both were okay. Lemirande, who was fouled, calmly converted her first foul shot.

"I was pretty shook (up) after that," Lemirande said. "I just had to get up and keep playing. I played through it." Memorial continued to miss Leilani Kapinus who was their leading scorer before suffering a season-ending knee injury in November.

"That hurts them a ton," Kind said of Kapinus' absence. "They're real small without her and she's such a good player she makes everybody else better around her. They're going to be a great team next year."

After notching a third consecutive victory, Lemirande is hoping the Cardinals can keep it going with six conference games remaining including key matchups against Sun Prairie and Madison LaFollette to close the season.

"We're going really good," Lemirande said. "We really stepped it up from the beginning of the season. We knocked down a few shots, Evie knocked down a few shots this game and our bigs are pretty solid."

Jan. 25
Middleton 63, Madison Memorial 37
 Middleton 27 36 - 63
 Memorial 19 18 - 37
MIDDLETON - Charlotte Dunn 0-2 2-2 2, Karina Bursac 2-10 1-2 5, Sitori Tanin 4-10 6-8 14, Hannah Flottmeyer 3-8 1-2 7, Evie Coleman 6-9 1-2 16, Melanie Accola 1-2 0-0 2, Josie Lemirande 2-3 1-3 5, Megan Schwartz 0-0 0-2 0, Kendall Roquet 3-7 1-1 7, Makenzie Hodson 1-2 1-2 3, Brianna Acker 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 23-54 14-24 63.

MADISON MEMORIAL - Charlotte Sweet 0-8 0-0 0, Daiysha Brown 1-6 0-1 2, Emmoni Rankins 8-14 0-2 16, Liliana Garcia 1-5 0-0 2, Cynthia Rosales 2-6 2-2 6, Abby Maier 1-2 0-0 2, Maya White Eagle 1-9 0-0 3, Abby Wilson 2-5 1-2 6, Reete Thorns 0-3 0-0 0, Brooke Peters 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 16-59 3-7 37.

3-point goals - M 3 (Coleman 3), MM 2 (White Eagle, Wilson). Total fouls - M 12, MM 23. **Fouled out** - Rosales.

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS PLAN COMMISSION AGENDA Monday, February 4, 2019

**8:00 pm at the Community Center,
 3734 County Road P in Pine Bluff**

1. Call to order.
2. Approve the minutes of the January 7th meeting.
3. Public Comment.
4. **Discussion/Action:** The Theimann's will appear to request a rezone to shift property lines between adjacent properties at 3700 Old Military Rd. This is the second appearance in front of the Commission.
5. **Discussion/Action:** The Plan Commission is considering a Land Use Plan Amendment to permit the Hellebrand's to reallocate the density entitlements on the property on Sherwood Forest Lane.
6. **Discussion/Action:** The Nelson's are requesting the ability to run an electrical contraction business on parcel number 0707-043-8515-0). This is the second appearance in front of the Commission.
7. **Discussion/Action:** The Fredrick Festge estate is requesting a rezone of a parcel located on Stagecoach Rd. (parcel number 0707-112-9070-0).
8. **Discussion:** Consideration of accepting into Town a parcel of the Schoepp property being removed from the Village boundaries.
9. **Discussion/Action:** Adopting Dane County's Chapter 10 Comprehensive Rezoning of Town of Cross Plains properties and remaining in County zoning.
10. **Discussion/Action:** The Commission will discuss defining conservation subdivisions as they apply to transfer of development rights and areas for receiving and obtaining bonus development entitlements.

Note1: A majority of the Town Board may be present. No votes or other action will be taken by the Town Board at this meeting.

Note 2: Papers and information on the agenda topics above may be found on the Internet at <http://www.plancommission-TCP.com>

Mary Scott, Secretary for the
 TCP Plan Commission/Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Tuesday February 19, 2019 7:32 p.m.

CITY OF MIDDLETON
 7426 HUBBARD AVENUE, MIDDLETON, WI

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

J&M Middleton Inc. d/b/a Fuji Sushi & Hibachi is requesting a Class "B" fermented malt beverage and "Class B" intoxicating liquor license located at 1610 Deming Way, Middleton, WI, with Hui Yang, 705 Quiet Pond Drive, Verona, 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.

Lorie J. Burns, City Clerk

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