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Barnes Reads to Fourth Graders



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Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes stopped at West Middleton Elementary and read “The Story of Ruby Bridges” to fourth graders on Valentine’s Day. Barnes told the students about the importance of reading in his day to day life.

Atterbury Announces Write-in Campaign for Middleton Town Chair

By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Luke Atterbury has come forward as a write-in candidate for the Town of Middleton, planning a run against incumbent, Town Chair Cynthia Richson. The 28-year-old consultant for Nordic said he will seriously begin campaigning at the beginning of March for the spring election.

“I have worked for the town off and on for the last 15 years, starting as an intern election inspector,” he said of his relationship with the town.

He said that the resignations and dismissals and lack of transparency are his main reasons for running for public office.

“I think there is an illusion of transparency. There are more committees and processes,” he said, but doesn’t feel that more people and time spent equals transparency.

He also questioned the timing of the resignations of David Shaw and Patti Keichinger. “Getting rid of two people two weeks before the biggest election we have ever seen is irresponsible,” he said in what he called the “forced resignations” of Shaw and Keichinger. “The hush-hush, under the table business and sudden resignations is not the way accompany, let alone a town, should be run.”

Atterbury said he felt that information should be readily available to the press and the public. “There needs to be some accountability, and people need to know what’s going on.”



Luke Atterbury

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Nelson Institute Looks at Cross Plains Environmental Changes

By Rob Westerlund

Times-Tribune

CROSS PLAINS—The Cross Plains flood on Aug. 20-21, 2018, dumped 15.33 inches of rain from 5-11:30 p.m. NOAA reported this rain event as exceeding the 1,000-year event and surpassing the state record of 11.72 inches set in Mellon in 1946. To address the flood and other climatic change, the Nelson Institute Community Environmental Forum hosted

The New Normal: What Does Climate Change Mean for Cross Plains and the Black Earth Creek Watershed on Feb. 13 at the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library in Cross Plains.

The Nelson Institute Community Environmental Forum functions to bring together speakers and audience members from all segments of the community to learn about some of the most pressing issues facing the environment of Wisconsin, Dane County, and Madison. The attendees were led on an informative journey through the impact climate change is having on the Cross Plains area, what is being

done to mitigate the causes and what adaptations are needed to increase resiliency in these changing times.

The first speaker was Dan Vimont, the Director of the Center for Climatic Research at the University of Wisconsin, whose research group focuses on three major themes: mechanisms of climate variability and change, interactions between weather and climate, and global and regional impacts of climate change. Vimont gave a brief overview of the research and evidence reflecting the warming of the earth since the 1880s. “The overall trend of warming is robust, supported around the globe,” he said, presenting charts of a hundred years of weather records demonstrating the overall trend of warming, including statistics reflecting the change in ice cover on Lake Mendota, which is much shorter in just one generation.

Vimont related how change in climate affects Wisconsin, even in something as simple as the Birkebeiner, the largest cross-country ski race in North America. While the organizers can change the path and length of the race depending on snow coverage, they found that fewer attendees will come if there are scant amounts of snow to train on in Minnesota and Wisconsin. And summers are becoming warmer, too. The number of days over 90° is projected

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Brar Gives State of the City Address

By Cameron Bren

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Middleton Mayor Gurdip Brar delivered the State of the City Address Feb. 14 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Brar said 2018 was like a tale of two cities, on one hand having many successes, but on the other getting hit with a natural disaster and mass shooting.

“We were really humming along until the floods came,” Brar said. “When the floods came it is not what happens to you it’s what you do about it.”

He said if not for the quality

of city staff and public safety workers things could have been much worse.

“Our first responders and city staff responded so quickly and so well that they minimized the damage,” Brar said. “There was no loss of life in Middleton and all trails, except the one around Tiedeman Pond, are open and also all roads are open as well.”

Brar noted that most of the damage occurred in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy, which the city is still working on addressing. He said repairs will be covered in part by FEMA and

through a grant from DNR for about \$600,000. All the work will be reviewed by FEMA staff and if approved the city will be reimbursed 87.5% of the costs.

“We will be working with them for the next three to four weeks and they will say, ‘this qualifies and this doesn’t,’” Brar said, and added the city is also hoping to get funds from Dane County.

“We are going to try to get money wherever we can because we want to make

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LOCAL

Garcia to Receive Wisconsin Restaurant Association Award

By Cameron Bren

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Hubbard Ave. Diner general manager and part-owner José Garcia will receive the regional Champion in Restaurant Entrepreneurship award from the Wisconsin Restaurant Association next month. Garcia along with winners from the state's other five regions will be honored at an award gala March 12 at the Marcus Center for Performing Arts in Milwaukee.

Garcia says he wasn't expecting an award or even aware that he had been nominated but being recognized feels nice.

"Sometimes you get caught up in the day to day, keeping up the equipment, snow removal, customer complaints and you kind of forget what it's really for that we are doing this," Garcia says. "So it is kind of nice to get a recognition to remind you what you are doing here."

The state is divided into five regions which each receive awards respectively. Madison area is the largest of all five with the most restaurants per capita. Garcia says knowing how many other good restaurants there are in the area makes him feel honored.

"It means a lot to me," Garcia says. "I usually try to stay

behind the scenes and not put my name or face out there. I try to make sure that I do what I do and not get much credit for it, but sometimes it is nice to get a recognition without doing much."

Garcia says he has had many mentors over the 15 years he's worked at the diner and he credits them for inspiring him. He says it will also be nice to show the company, Food Fight, which co-owns Hubbard Ave. Diner and 18 other unique restaurants in the area that they are being recognized for their work.

"It is a recognition for me, but it wasn't just me who earned it," Garcia says. "The support of Food Fight has been great over the years. The people I have worked with, my employees they all have a big role in my winning the award."

Garcia says Food Fight strongly believes in promoting within the company. He says he is an example of that having started in the kitchen and working his way up to general manager and part owner in a few years.

He says he is grateful in having the opportunity to invest in his restaurant and others owned by the company. Garcia is part owner of four other restaurants.

Garcia also credits the community that supports the restaurant.

"Our restaurant is very community oriented, it is a big part of our success," Garcia says. "We couldn't be where we are as a restaurant without their support over the years."

He says there are a lot of good restaurants in the area and they must set themselves apart in order to stand out. Besides the food and pies, hospitality is most important.

"For us hospitality is the way we set ourselves apart from other restaurants," Garcia says. "We want to be that place that the customers come in repeatedly and we know them by name and some of their story and they know a little about us and they feel like a family when they come in."

There are not a lot of diners in the area or as many as there once was around the country, Garcia says. Hubbard Ave. Diner preserves the classic diner feel but also adds new twists, he says. "We stay true to some things that people consider a diner should have but we also have added twists to things to stay on top of changes and the times," he explains.

They get especially experimental with the pies and he



Cameron Bren-Times Tribune

Jose Garcia, general manager and part owner of Hubbard Ave. Diner, (R) will receive the Wisconsin Restaurant Association's Champion in Restaurant Entrepreneurship Award in March. He is pictured here with Jason "The Pie Guy" Harder inside the diner.

credits head baker Jason "The Pie Guy" Harder for his work on that front. He says the tacos are the latest innovation.

He says the restaurant adds one or two new items to the menu each year and also brings in seasonal flavors.

Garcia has been a Middle-

ton resident for 18 years after moving to Wisconsin from Venezuela 21 years ago. He says he loves living in Middleton because it is similar to his hometown and he especially appreciate the quality of schools for his daughters.

"Diners were not part of my culture growing up," Garcia says. "I knew about them but not something I really connected with." He didn't learn much about the culture of diners until he started the job. But once he started, he spent his first six years visiting many diners all around the country.

"Kind of like research and

development, finding new ideas, what was it, how they present things, what they use and what they name it," Garcia explains. "You hit good and bad and somewhere in between but it is always something new for me."

Garcia says regardless of the overall experience he can always find something to think about.

"Even the horrible ones there is always one or two things that catch your attention and you play with the idea perhaps if executed right maybe it will work," Garcia says.

Not Too Late to Get ID Before Spring Election

WISCONSIN—Most Wisconsin voters already have some form of ID needed to vote, including a Wisconsin driver license or ID. There is no separate "voter ID." The Wisconsin Elections Commission explains the acceptable options to bring to the polls on its website.

Voters looking to get their first Wisconsin ID can turn to Wisconsin Department of Transportation Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) for help at wisconsinidmvt.com/id-cards or visit a DMV Customer Service Center and bring the required documents to apply.

The DMV's website has a locator to find the nearest DMV and check wait times.

There are documentation requirements, such as a birth certificate, proof of identity and Wisconsin residency, to obtain an official Wisconsin ID card (see wisconsinidmvt.com/identity-list). If all documentation is not readily available, the ID Petition Process (IDPP) can be used to obtain a receipt valid for voting while the remaining documents or verifications are obtained. The voter should bring any documentation available to the DMV and fill out two forms. A photo ID document will be sent in the mail that can be taken to the polls and used for voting.

DMV offers this IDPP service and ID card for voting purposes free of charge. Anyone who doesn't have an ID to vote in the spring primary should start the process now. The DMV's voter ID hotline at 844-588-1069 is available for questions on obtaining an ID to vote. Questions regarding voter eligibility, poll locations, voter registration information or other election information can be directed to the Wisconsin Elections Commission elections.wi.gov/.

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LOCAL

Middleton Author Combines Love of Writing and Dogs

By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Jenny Pavlovic loves telling stories, and she loves dogs, so it is of little surprise that she has written two books on canines. What may be a surprise is that the Middleton resident seems to have found a niche writing for the “Chicken Soup for the Soul” books.

Currently, she has five stories under her belt for the popular series of books that have become prolific in our society. Although some of her stories and essays for the books are on the subject of dogs, the stories range from a holiday story about a family Thanksgiving tradition to her latest about coping with a sudden death, which was published in January. Pavlovic will have a sixth story coming out in April.

“It seems to be a good fit because it’s the kind of writing I like to do,” Pavlovic said of the short stories. “A friend suggested I try submitting some-

thing after reading a dog story.” Pavlovic said that she has had six stories accepted to the series but has also submitted several that were not. She said only about one-two percent of the stories submitted ever make it into the books.

“I work full time, so it’s something I can fit in between other things,” said Pavlovic, who works as a bio-medical engineer.

She said that “Chicken Soup” will post themes of the stories they are looking for, and Pavlovic searches for topics that interest her.

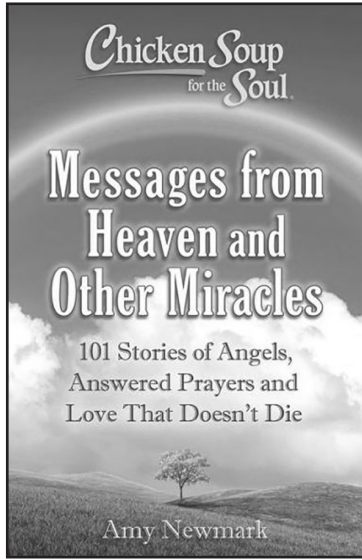
“Sometimes I have already written the story, sometimes I write it, and sometimes I just can’t think of a topic,” she explained and said once she finishes, she sends the story off to a friend for editing.

She said that her love of writing has been lifelong. “The first little book I wrote was about a dog. I tried to sell it to my mom when I was five or six years

old,” she recalled of how she got her start as an author.

Pavlovic said sometimes ideas come to her when she is walking her dog, Chase, who is well known for his role in Read to a Dog at the Rosemary Garfoot Library in Cross Plains. She said that she and Chase started working with a library in Minnesota before she moved back to Middleton four years ago, and she wanted to continue the work here. Chase, a rescue who has survived two bouts with cancer, has a patient demeanor and she said that Read to a Dog has been beneficial all around.

Her writing career began after Hurricane Katrina when she went down south to help with animal relief efforts. There she met a cattle dog named Kate and decided to write about her journey in “8



Local author Jenny Pavlovic has written several stories for the “Chicken Soup” book series. Her latest story “A Woodpecker with Purpose” was released in January and appears in “Chicken Soup for the Soul—Messages from Heaven and Other Miracles. Her next story “On Eagle’s Wings” will publish in April.

State Hurricane Kate: The Journey and Legacy of a Katrina Cattle Dog.”

“It ended up being a story about all the people that went down there from all across the country,” she said, and added that she adopted Chase from a woman she met on that trip.

Her second book, “Not Without my Dog Resource and Record Book” is more of a how-to guide on caring for a dog. It offers places for notes and record keeping along with tips for understanding your dog, and even a disaster relief plan.

“The editor at ‘Chicken Soup’ was surprised to learn I was a bio engineer, she thought I was a dog rescuer,” she joked.

She is an animal rescuer of sorts, and her newest endeavor is working with White Owl Sanctuary on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. The organization was founded by Calvin RedOwl III founded White Owl Sanctuary with his cousin Zoey White (hence the

name “White Owl”) in 2014. It aims to help protect and care for dogs, cats and horses because there are no shelters or veterinarians on the reservation.

Pavlovic said Nutzy Muts in Madison has partnered with her to help provide pet supplies to White Owl Sanctuary and in October she drove them to the reservation.

“We will probably do another fundraiser here in the spring. We’re hoping to establish relationships with Madison-area rescues to help with the overflow of pets on the rez, while we work on plans for better population control. I’m currently working on grant applications with Calvin RedOwl III,” she said.

For now, though, she is anticipating publication of her next story, “On Eagle’s Wings” to be published in “Chicken Soup for the Soul: Life Lessons from the Dog.” And, of course, looking for future topics for future stories.

‘AbrCANdabra’ Theme for 2019 Canstruction

MADISON—Middleton Outreach Ministry (MOM) calls for local teams to build structures of cans and packaged food at the Ninth Annual Canstruction Madison, a community competition to end hunger beginning on April 24 at West Towne Mall.

Canstruction brings local businesses, architects, engineers, students and community members together to build imaginative structures out of canned goods and packaged food. Supplies used are donated to the MOM Food Pantry, serving Madison, Middleton and Cross Plains.

“We are so thankful for everything teams give to make

each year’s event a success. The collective creativity and generosity of teams not only provides education and awareness surrounding the issue of hunger in our community but provides significant food to keep our shelves full throughout the summer,” said Ellen Carlson, MOM Executive Director.

This year’s event at West Towne Mall is themed “AbrCANdabra”, boasts 10 days of community structure viewing and voting, and encompasses two full weekends. Structures will be displayed from April 25-May 5. Each will be evaluated by design professionals and community leaders based

on color, creativity and engineering. The “People’s Choice Award” will be voted on by the community in-person, text, through Facebook and Instagram, and announced at the Awards Ceremony.

The MOM Food Pantry is one of the largest food pantries in the area, serving West Madison, Middleton and Cross Plains.

For details, to register your team or become a sponsor, please visit: canstruction.org

This year’s event is generously presented by Godfrey & Kahn, CBRE, Chase Brieman and National Guardian Life.

Sheriff Reminds Motorist to Move Over

MADISON—The Dane County Sheriff’s Office is reminding motorists to move over for emergency vehicles and give county snow plows adequate room, after two incidents the night of Feb. 12.

Right before 7 p.m. on Tuesday evening, a Dane County deputy was providing coverage for a vehicle that had slid in the ditch on US Highway 151 in the town of Verona, when he was rear ended by another vehicle. The deputy did not appear to be injured but was evaluated at a local hospital as a precaution. The driver of the at-fault vehicle was cited.

Just a few minutes later, a Dane County plow driver reported a hit and run after a blue Jeep

crashed into the wing of the snow plow on USH 151 at CTH F in the Village of Blue Mounds. The driver of the Jeep was traveling southbound on USH 151. There were no injuries reported.

Wisconsin’s Move Over Law was put in place to protect our first responders. Drivers must provide a safety zone for stopped law enforcement, emergency and maintenance vehicles. Please help ensure safety for our emergency responders, especially considering the winter road conditions we are all dealing with at the moment. Failure of motorists to move over is one of the reasons many law enforcement officers are killed in motor vehicle crashes every year.

Child Approached by Man, Police Ask for Public’s Help

MIDDLETON—On Feb. 13, at approximately 2:50 p.m. a nine-year-old boy was walking home from school in the 6600 block of Franklin Ave. when he was approached by an unidentified male wearing a black hooded sweatshirt. The subject

asked the child if he wanted to come to his house. The child left the area with no further contact.

The suspect was described as a male, 5’10” with black hair and a thin build wearing a black hooded sweatshirt that was covering his face.

The Middleton Police are asking anyone with information on this incident to contact us. They are also asking residents in the area with home surveillance to please check their devices as well to determine if there is any video of this suspect.

Naturally Speaking: Catkins



Photo Submitted

By Jerry Davis

DANE COUNTY—A number of early-flowering trees and shrubs begin spring by producing catkins—a spike of flowers tightly-grouped, with the entire structure resembling a large bud—which often contains one or the other type of flowers.

In willows, the catkins, with their pollen or seed flowers, are grouped on individual small trees or shrubs. Some willows are dubbed pussy

willows because of this soft, furry catkin.

All the catkin-containing twigs on one tree are the same type, sometimes referred to as “male” or “female” catkins, and trees, too.

Willow catkins and others, too, are some of the earliest flowers of spring; hence they are generally wind-pollinated, because insects are rarely out and about.

Above: Hundreds of anthers, each a flower, emerged from this one willow catkin, which was force-developed indoors.

Atterbury

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He said he would like to move to a more public process with staffing decision, and said he feels the board often “rubber stamps” appointments and employment decisions. “People need to have conversations with each other and be straight up,” he said.

One of the ways he would try to increase communication is through a more frequent and consistent newsletters to inform townspeople of what is going on in their local government. “I want to help make people more aware of what’s going on in the community.”

The staffing issues that have plagued the town (14 resignations or dismissals in 18 months)

need to be stopped he said. “The town is experiencing growing pains, and needs to be fully staffed,” Atterbury stated.

Atterbury said he knows it is hard to beat an incumbent, let alone through a write-in campaign, but said he felt he could no longer sit by idly and watch the town he lives in struggle. “It’s your duty as a citizen in a democracy to speak up, get out and vote, or run as a candidate,” Atterbury said.

He said he knows he has a lot to learn about serving on a town board but is willing to put in the time and work necessary to serve as town chair.

“I hope it’s a wake-up call to the board and citizens in town

and for them to have an opportunity to make improvements in the town they live in,” he said of his write-in campaign.

Atterbury said he plans to be in the public eye and available to his constituents. “When you are working a public job, you’re a public servant, and I hope to have a good line of communication with residents,” he concluded.

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Opinion

MICHELLE'S Musings

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS



Twice Berned?

It's no secret that I loved and supported Bernie Sanders in the last presidential primary. In spite of wanting him to run again in 2020, I must say, I am extremely disappointed in his choice to align himself with the Democratic party. The same party that refused to provide a donor list.

In addition, high profile, female, members of the party—the three I can think of off the top of my head after three years—former California Senator Barbara Boxer, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and women's rights advocate Gloria Steinem went on the attack.

Steinem accused young women (remember I said a second ago she is a famous women's

rights advocate) of supporting Sanders just to meet young men who were coined "Berniebros." The Berniebro label came from an article in *The Atlantic* titled "Here Comes the Berniebro." The piece is a sarcastic depiction of young, educated, social media-using, NPR-supporting, equal rights loving, middle-class, white men.

Dang, that's a lot of labels. And not at all representative of what I saw at Sanders rallies in Iowa. The crowd was in fact quite diverse, especially the younger people. This term took hold, though, and Steinem jumped on it.

You do not claim to empower women and then say they are becoming involved in politics to find dates. I guess it is a last grasp at the spotlight for a woman who became the face of a movement in the 1970s. I re-

ally expect a little bit more from someone who claims to have spent her life uplifting women.

Boxer, a senator who served in the US Senate for 24 years and the California Legislature prior, was booed at the Nevada Democratic Convention where she was supporting Hillary Clinton. The botched convention left 64 delegates uncounted causing the crowd to rush the stage and shout claims that the convention was fixed.

Boxer famously told the crowd that if they were booing her, they were booing Sanders, but the crowd was not buying it, and the raucous convention came to a close, hours behind schedule. Delegates demanded a recount but were ignored.

Albright went on the campaign trail for Hillary, a move that seemed wise for a Clinton campaign at the time. Then she said something that was not of help to the then stagnating Hillary campaign. "There's a special place in hell for women who don't help each other."

Later she wrote in a *New York Times* column that her statement was misconstrued. "I absolutely believe what I said, that women

should help one another, but this was the wrong context and the wrong time to use that line," she said.

All these women have something in common, they were staunch Hillary Clinton supporters. They are also influential in the party and the nation. Sadly, they also tried to isolate women and pit them against one another. All of them claim to be feminists, but to me feminism is about joining women together and lifting them up, not making threats and false accusations to cajole other women to think how you think and vote how you vote.

Our own Iowa caucus was run solely by Hillary supporters who did not explain the rules of the caucus thoroughly. In fact, my husband and I who had caucused on several other occasion, were confused about the rules. Many people left before the second count because it was not made clear that there was another count after deliberating and trying to sway the non-viable candidate supporters into another camp.

In addition, the Democratic party refused to give the Sanders campaign its donor list, which,

according to its bylaws, are made available to every candidate. There was a lawsuit filed in Florida over this refusal to turn over the donor list. Sadly, the judge ruled that the Democratic National Convention does not have to follow its own bylaws. The case is currently under appeal.

I have a theory that the DNC promised the nomination to Clinton, therefore, they would do anything in their power to make sure that happened. But much like Obama in 2008, the campaign never saw Bernie coming. They were blindsided by a much lesser known candidate who rallied people and brought Americans together. Something Hillary has struggled to achieved.

I know what people will say, "Hillary isn't running this time."

Or will she? There has been all sorts of speculation that she is going to throw her hat into the race, including an opinion piece by Mike Penn, former Bill Clinton advisor and Hillary advisor when she was secretary of state, that appeared in the *Washington Examiner* in November. It claims that Hillary is in the process of reinventing herself "as a liberal

firebrand," which nearly caused me to spit my coffee across the room when I read it. Hillary? A liberal firebrand? It would be generous, in my opinion, to say that's a stretch.

To me, who is in the Democratic race at this point is irrelevant to the Sanders campaign. It is clear that the party doesn't want him as their nominee, no matter the will of the people. Maybe because he is too progressive, maybe because he is not deeply entrenched in the system, maybe because he's too radical, or maybe, and most likely, because they don't want him to chip away at the plutocracy they have helped to create.

Bernie said on Tuesday morning that he is running as a Democratic because he feels the party has seen change and is more progressive. Although a few progressives have won seats in various offices around the country, by no means has the party become progressive.

To beat Trump in 2020, the candidate is going to have to have full backing from his or her supporters, whether they be Independent or Democrat. Just ask Hillary.

GEIGER Counter



by Matt Geiger, Editor



Baby Shoes

Baby Shoes

A bunch of writers are sitting around a table in a bar, debating who can write the most powerful story in the fewest words. They all throw money into the pot. They agree that the author of the best tale will win it all. Hemingway takes a slug of his Pernod, pinches a pen between his muscular fingers, and writes on a napkin, just narrowly avoiding a ring of moisture: "For Sale: Baby shoes. Never worn."

Everyone else at the table gives up. Hemingway wins, and we all assume he uses the pot to buy another round of drinks.

He probably never did this, an in fact the story predates him, but the narrative, a popular one online, matches up with the Hemingway mythology. After all, he's one of our most treasured

names to drop when we have a clever remark or anecdote but don't really know its provenance.

I'm guilty of it all the time. I've preceded so many quotes with: "I think it was (Dorothy Parker/Mark Twain/Winston Churchill/Ernest Hemingway) who said..."

I'm never sure who actually said it — maybe it's just me saying it — but putting my words into great mouths gives them a certain emotional and intellectual heft.

The worst part of by newspaper job, aside from all the other worst parts of my job, is the fact that each week I am forced to read obituaries. It's not something I would normally do; read about a human soul that so recently vanished from the earth. Whenever I read them, I'm overcome with nagging sadness.

"This person sounds interesting," I think. "I could have talked

to her/him until Friday. But now I never can."

If the person was younger than me, which hardly ever used to happen but now happens with alarming frequency, I tend to think they "died too young," which simply means they died younger than me.

If the person was older than me, the cold tendrils of nihilism start grasping at my innards. "She lived to be 102!" I think. "That's amazing. But then she just died, anyway. What's the point?"

But of course, Hemingway's story hits the most resonant psychological chord. Because the ones for children are, for parents in particular, almost unfathomably tragic. I remember, during my many years working for a newspaper, I would occasionally see a family's 500-word tribute to a baby who lived on Earth for a few months, weeks, days, or even hours. They all said something similar, usually addressed to the child, and it tended to go like this: "Your short time with us has changed us forever."

It took many years to understand what they were saying. I wasn't callous or apathetic — it's

not like I thought maybe it was somehow easier to lose a loved one early, before you could get too attached to her or him. It's just that I thought that time mattered. I thought the amount of time you spend with someone is a vital part of the relationship, and that the longer you are together, the more inexorably woven together your lives were. I thought relationships were like fermented beverages or sauerkraut; the longer they stuck around, the more potent they became.

I thought that more, was more. This, of course, is preposterous. Because time is, in many very real ways, an illusion that helps us get to appointments on time. But all that ever *really exists is the present moment*. We spend so much of our lives wasting our powerful imaginations on what might have been, or what might be, that we rarely stop and feel the full romance of the fact that we are here, now.

And time isn't a commodity. It isn't gold, or wheat, or something else you can stockpile for a rainy day or put in your post-apocalyptic bunker. The richest emperor,

the poorest serf, and everyone in between, in every single moment of his or her life, has the exact same amount of time; the present moment. That is all we are owed, and that is all that matters. The good column I wrote about the cold two weeks ago, and the stupid one I wrote about a chicken last week; neither of them matters. As I type these sentences, they only matter in that tiny moment when the letters appear on the screen, and then they are relegated to the past. As you read them, they only matter for a fraction of a second. And then they are gone.

Because this is the nature of time. One hundred years is not more or less than 100 days. If you doubt me, just ask one of the grieving parents who wrote one of those obituaries. Or ask the mythological Hemingway, who knew that quantity is an illusion, and that you can get right at the heart of life (and death) once you accept this fact. Sometimes in so few words that you can fit them all on a napkin and still leave room for your drink.

I tend to only write about the good aspects of my parenting

philosophy. I rarely pontificate about the time I gave my kid a cupcake for breakfast, or the time I forgot to give her a bath for roughly a week, or the time my neglect unintentionally gave her dreadlocks.

But there is one thing I've done hundreds, probably thousands of times, that I think is truly good. Ever since she was a baby, when we are together, swinging on a swing set, or sprawled out on the grass, or playing in the sand or the dirt, or watching a movie, or even just bored and doing nothing, I often lean over to her and say, "Hey, I'm happy."

When she's silent for a moment, because this is part of our routine, I'll ask: "Do you know why?"

"No, why?" she asks, even though she already knows.

"Because I'm here," I say. "With you."

And then the moment, like every other moment that came before it, and every moment that will follow, is gone. Forever. But I hope it helps her remember that this, right now, is all we ever have.

And it is plenty.

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All letters must include the author's name, address and phone number. We won't publish your address and number, but we need to be able to verify who you are. Anonymous letters and letters written under pseudonyms will not be considered.

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

Letters

Fuszard Breath of Fresh Air

Letter to the Editor:

With the upcoming Common Council election inching closer, Luke Fuszard's candidacy is a breath of fresh air. His agenda is straightforward; investing in schools, the quality of life in our community, and transparent local government. As a member of the police commission, I personally appreciate his commitment to investing in public safety.

What I like about him the most, however, is his willingness to listen: The very fact that his website has an "email me" and "call me" link means everyone has direct access to a candidate who's progressive, approachable, and ready to listen. Luke Fuszard is both a great listener and a great communicator, which are vitally important traits for someone interacting with constituents or fellow council members.

Just as importantly he's passionate, enthusiastic, and has a vision. To some, running for Common Council may seem like going after a thankless job; to Luke Fuszard it's an opportunity to make a positive difference for his neighbors and our great community. No matter who earns your support, don't forget to vote; that's how each of us gets to make a difference too.

Moses Altsech, Middleton

LOCAL

Wisconsin Open Enrollment Runs Through End of April

MADISON—Parents and guardians can apply to send their children to any public school in the state through the Wisconsin Public School Open Enrollment program.

The online applications period for the 2019-20 school year is now open and runs through April 30.

Traditionally, children in Wisconsin are assigned to attend school in public school districts based on the location of their parents' home. Open enrollment is a tuition-free opportunity for parents to apply for their children to attend a public school in a school district other than the one in which they live.

Administered by the DPI, the state's public school open enrollment program has been in operation since the 1998-99 school year. In the first year of open enrollment, 2,464 students transferred from their home district to a nonresident public school district. Last year, 60,820 students transferred through open enrollment. Program statistics for the 2018-19 school are not available until

fall of 2019.

Under public school open enrollment, parents or guardians apply during the three-month application period to the school district they wish their children to attend using the online application website. Application deadlines are firm. Early and late applications are not accepted. Districts will notify parents by June 7 whether their open enrollment applications have been approved or denied. Although an alternate application procedure allows parents to apply for open enrollment outside of the three-month application period, there are more restrictions associated with the alternate procedure.

Transportation to and from a nonresident school, in most circumstances, is the responsibility of the parent. However, some school districts may provide partial transportation. Parents with questions should call the nonresident school district office to find out if any transportation will be provided. Reimbursement of a portion of transportation costs is available for families

whose children are eligible for free or reduced-price school meals based on federal income guidelines.

The open enrollment program is funded by state general equalization aid transfers between sending and receiving school districts, with the transfer amount calculated on statutory provisions. For the 2018-19 school year, the transfer amount is an estimated \$7,379 per student or \$12,431 for students with disabilities. Resident districts cannot deny any student's open enrollment application for cost reasons.

To assist parents in submitting open enrollment applications, a directory of public school districts, dpi.wi.gov/directories, is available on the DPI website. To find additional information about open enrollment, visit the department's Public School Open Enrollment website, dpi.wi.gov/open-enrollment. More information also is available from local school districts or from an open enrollment consultant at DPI, 888-245-2732 (toll-free), or openenrollment@dpi.wi.gov.

Library Offers 'Sneak Peek' of Wisconsin Film Fest

MIDDLETON—For the fifth consecutive year, the Middleton Public Library will offer a special preview of the Wisconsin Film Festival. The "Sneak Peek" will be held on March 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Library's lower level Archer Room. Festival organizers will screen a selection of

trailers from this year's films, provide tips and tricks for getting the most out of the festival, and answer questions about this year's festival. Popcorn, drinks, and movie concessions will be provided.

Registration is appreciated for this event: Online at midlibrary.org/

events or by email at info@midlibrary.org.

This event is made possible by the Friends of the Middleton Public Library, the Wisconsin Film Festival, and the UW-Madison Division of the Arts in association with the Department of Communication Arts.

Brar

Middleton more beautiful than it was before the floods," Brar said.

Middleton businesses were hit worst by the flooding with damage totaling nearly \$33,000,000, he noted. The city needs to focus on mitigation to prevent a similar event from happening again, he added.

Brar said the other unfortunate event, when a WTS Paradigm employee opened fire on coworkers with a handgun, was also minimized due the quality of the city's staff and public safety workers.

"Our police were there within three minutes and the whole thing was under control within 10 minutes," he stated.

The gunman shot three people before being fatally shot himself by Middleton and Dane County law enforcement. The victims were hospitalized and later released.

Brar noted that Middleton spends 43 percent of its budget on police, fire and EMS. "You can see the way they responded here that that is money well spent," Brar said.

The Middleton Police Department added its first K-9 unit this year, he added.

The three biggest responsibilities of city government are public safety, quality of life and economic development, according to Brar.

Regarding economic development he said the city issued permits for \$131 million of new

commercial development over the last year and noted that the number of single-family homes is decreasing.

Brar recognized Developer Terrance Wall for completing Middleton Center phase one and two. He also recognized Electronic Theater Control for their continued growth and expansion and mourned the recent death of its co-founder and CEO Fred Foster. Foster passed away Feb. 8 at age 61 after battling cancer since 2015.

Brar also recognized developer Dawn Casper for her work on bringing a Goodwill to Century Ave. The building will be first to be LEED certified in Middleton he added.

Regarding quality of life, Brar explained that Middleton has second highest property

values in Dane County and yet the lowest taxes of any city.

He said he's kept his promise on improving the roads by doubling the budget for 2019. He pointed to the work already done on Park St. and Gammon Rd. and said in 2019 Maywood Ave. and US 18 will be improved.

"I spent three months studying just the roads, looking at all the technology and everything," Brar said. "We are trying some of the new approaches."

He acknowledged the work being done at the city's free after school program as well. "Our Youth Center is exceeding all expectations," Brar said. "It is helping kids that are disadvantaged."

He noted the Pleasant View Golf Course received recogni-

Events for Kids & Teens at the Middleton Library

Chinese Storytime & Craft—All ages

March 16, 10 a.m.

Ni hao! Increase your cultural understanding and Mandarin Chinese skills during this bilingual program featuring Eric Carle's classic, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Enjoy interactive storytime, language practice, songs, and a craft with Verona Area International School (VAIS) teacher Lumei Huang and several Chinese immersion students.

Trinity Irish Dance Performance—All ages

March 16, 3:30 p.m.

Trinity Irish Dance has been sharing the power, grace and joy of traditional Irish Dancing since 1982. Come ready to be amazed at the complexity of the movements & rhythms!

Pigeon Gets a Party—All ages

April 15, 6-7 p.m., please register

Celebrate the 16th anniversary of "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus" starring favorite Mo Willems stories, movies, and projects.

Day with Dad at KEVA Sports Center—All ages

April 20, 1-4 p.m.

Visit the library at KEVA Sports Center (www.kevasports.com). Dad can't make it? Come anyway. Activities include a library craft area, sports, inflatables, DJ and music, plus much more. KEVA is collecting non-perishable food items to donate to Second Harvest Food Bank of Southern Wisconsin and gently used books to donate for Reach-a-Child. Please consider bringing a donation. Borrow great books at the library's table.

Crafty Kids: Spring Fling—All ages

April 20, 3-4 p.m.

Crafts and fun for everyone! Doors open at 3 p.m. Drop in anytime but allow yourself enough time to complete your craft by 4 p.m.

From Seed to Salad—All ages

April 22, 3-4 p.m. & 6-7 p.m.

Lettuce, onions & tomatoes – plant the perfect start to a healthful salad. Please register for one session and drop in anytime during that hour. Allow 20 minutes to complete the project.

It's "Sew" Emoji!—Grades 3-6

April 29, 6-7 p.m.

Cut, sew & glue to create your own emoji pillow. No previous sewing experience is necessary. Registration is required.

Teen Events

Art & Music & Theater

Do you create your own music? Learn tips from musician Beth Kille at the Song-Writing Workshop on March 7, 6-8 p.m. (Registration required, limit 20.) Do you love to paint? Celebrate the beginning of spring by creating original artwork at Teen Paint Night. Step-by-step instructions provided, no experience required. Grubby clothes recommended, registration required. If all the world's a stage, grab center stage on April 6 at the Shakespeare Nerd-Off as we trade insults, read play snippets, and try a Hamlet skull toss!

Make Change Happen

Learn how much power you can generate by riding a bike at the Earth Day: Pedal Power event on April 19, 4-5 p.m.

Make a difference in Middleton at the Teen Advisory Committee (TAC)! TAC votes on and helps to plan our teen programs as well as suggesting materials to purchase for our teen section—we would love to hear your ideas! TAC counts as volunteer hours with meetings on March 11 and April 8, 4-5 p.m.

Protect your Peeps

Build a fortress to protect your peeps! Teams will have colored peeps to protect while trying to dislodge the peeps on the opposing team at our Protect Your Peeps event on March 9, 2-3 p.m. Feeling artistic? Bring your peeps creations to the peeps sculpture contest. We'll also be discussing the Amulet graphic novel series at the event.

To register for any of these programs, visit our Events Calendar online or call/stop by the Help Desk of the library: 608-827-7402. For more details, please check our event fliers or give us a call. All events are free of charge thanks to our generous Friends group. We hope to see you at the library soon.

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Cynthia E. "Cindy" Albertson

CROSS PLAINS—Cynthia E. "Cindy" Albertson, age 62, died on Feb. 13, 2019, at Agrace HospiceCare, after a courageous battle against Ovarian Cancer. She was born on Dec. 10, 1956 in Cross Plains, WI, the first child of Roman and Margaret (Ballweg) Ripp. Cindy attended Middleton High School and graduated in 1975. After graduation, Cindy continued to work as a teller in a local bank while taking classes at MATC. On Aug. 18, 1979, she married James C. (Jim) Albertson at St. Francis Xavier Church in Cross Plains, and a few months later purchased their first of four homes in Cross Plains. Together, Cindy and Jim raised three children: Elizabeth, Christine, and Andrew. In the spring of 1986, Cindy began her 33-year career at the State Bank of Cross Plains. Over the years, Cindy climbed the corporate ladder and became a senior vice president in 2004. She did this all while wearing her signature high heels every day, and not backing down to any challenge. Cindy was all about supporting her community, serving many years on the church finance counsel and the village zoning board. She was also a member of the Cross Plains American Legion Auxiliary and Chamber of Commerce. Cindy loved traveling with Jim, and together they saw numerous places across the country. She also enjoyed their yearly trip to Mexico. In the summer of 2017, they took their dream cruise to the Baltic Sea, with her favorite stop being St. Petersburg, Russia. When not traveling, they spent many weekends at their lake home relaxing and going on pontoon rides. Cindy loved celebrating holidays because the whole family got together and enjoyed each other's company. She especially loved Christmas because she enjoyed decorating many trees throughout the house and buying the perfect gift for everyone. Cindy is survived by her father; husband, Jim; children, Elizabeth (Andy) Van Slett, Christine Albertson and Andrew (Maggie Roell) Albertson; grandchildren, Taylor and Kacey Van Slett; siblings, Kevin (Rachel) Ripp and Kathy Hilgendorf; brother-in-law, Jerry (Nancy) Albertson; sister-in-law, JoAnn Crampton; nieces and nephews, Brenda Albertson, Geraldine Briggs, Michelle (Randy Baker) Weier, Shelly (TJ) Kilen, Courtney (Steve) Pauls, Kara (Bronson Duhr) Ripp, Romie (Caitlyn) Ripp, and Shane Adler; and numerous other family and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother; her in-laws, Herbert and Judy Albertson; and brother-in-law, Bob Crampton.



Funeral Services was held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2947 Thinnest St., Cross Plains, at 11 a.m. on Feb. 18, with Fr. Thomas Kelley presiding. Visitation was held at the church from 3-7 p.m. on Feb. 17, and also from 10 a.m. until the time of the service on Monday. A luncheon will follow the service.

Memorials may be made to the Wisconsin Ovarian Cancer Alliance or Agrace HospiceCare.

Online condolences may be made at www.gundersonfh.com.

Mary Parrell

CROSS PLAINS/BLACK EARTH—Mary Parrell, age 89, passed away on Feb. 16, 2019, at Agrace HospiceCare. She was born on Jan. 20, 1930, in Vermont Township, the daughter of Frank and Josephine (Bovar) Brunner. She married Martin Parrell on Aug. 17, 1949, in Vermont at St. James Catholic Church. Mary is survived by children, Kathy (Jim) Haack of Deerfield, Bob (Donna) Parrell of Belmont, Mark (Bonnie) Parrell of Scottsbluff, N.E., John (Janet) Parrell of Red Granite, Donna (Carl) Ketelboeter of Mazomanie, Pat (Mark) Sonnenberg of Mazomanie, Wayne (Audrey) Parrell of Black Earth, Carol (Gary) Hollfelder of Black Earth, Joe (Donna) Parrell of Cross Plains, Mike (Jennie) Parrell of Jacksonville, N.C., Marty (Janet Jo) Parrell of Mazomanie and Brian (Lisa) Parrell of Black Earth and son-in-law Rob Berge of Cross Plains; 36 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Don (Goldie) Brunner of Mt. Horeb and Bill (Nancee) Brunner of Arizona; four sisters-in-law, Janice Brunner of Black Earth, Dorothy Brunner of Brule, Delores Kerl of Mazomanie and Mary Ellen Parrell of Black Earth. She was preceded in death by her husband, Martin; daughter, Beth Berge; grandson, Kurt Haack; four sisters; three brothers; and one sister-in-law.



A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 2947 Thinnest St., Cross Plains, at 11 a.m. on Feb. 21. Visitation was held at the church from 4-7 p.m. on Feb. 20, and again from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Thursday.

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State Now Recruiting Troopers, Inspectors

WISCONSIN—The Wisconsin State Patrol is currently recruiting men and women ready to begin a career as a trooper or inspector. Candidates must apply online at wisc.jobs by March 31. Those accepted into the State Patrol Academy at Fort McCoy will receive a salary (\$21 per hour) plus meals and lodging during their six-month training. The State Patrol's 65th Recruit Class will begin training on Sept. 15, and graduate on March 20, 2020. Previous recruit classes have ranged in size from 25 to 50 cadets.

"We're looking for dedicated men and women interested in law enforcement who enjoy a challenge and the satisfaction that comes from serving and protecting the public," State Patrol Captain Paul Matl said. "At the academy, cadets receive com-

prehensive training from experienced law enforcement officers and graduate ready to serve as troopers or inspectors."

Traditionally, applicants were required needed an associate degree or at least 60 college credits before attending the academy. The rule has changed, and cadets now have five years from their date of hire with the State Patrol to earn an associate degree or 60 college credits.

State Patrol officers can serve in a variety of roles including pilots, K-9 officers, crash reconstruction experts and commercial motor vehicle inspectors.

More information on State Patrol careers including cadet training videos can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website at wistatepatroljobs.wi.gov.

DEAN'S LIST

William & Mary

Morgan Pincombe of Middleton was recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William & Mary for the fall 2018 semester. To achieve Dean's List status, a full-time degree seeking undergraduate student must take at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.6 gpa during the semester.

William & Mary is the second oldest institution of higher learning in the United States, and is located in Williamsburg, VA

Albion College

Nicholas Taylor was named to Albion College's Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester.

Students named to Albion College's Dean's List must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or above, while taking four graded courses.

Albion College is in Albion, MI.

UW-Eau Claire

The following students were named to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire fall 2018 Dean's List:

Cross Plains

Claire Brill, Business, Abigail Stopplesworth, Arts and Sciences and Travis Zander, Education & Human Sciences.

Middleton

Sara Gaab, Education & Human Sciences, Ross Johnson, Business, Hannah Joseph, Arts and Sciences, Kelsey Murphy, Nursing and Health Sciences, Anne Squires, Education & Human Sciences, Sophie Tallard-Sklare, Education & Human Sciences, Hannah Thompson, Education & Human Sciences, Laura Wilson, Arts and Sciences.

University of Alabama

Lindsay T Callahan of Middleton was named to The University of Alabama Dean's List for fall 2018.

To be named to the Dean's List, students must have an academic record of 3.5 or above gpa.

The University of Alabama is in Tuscaloosa, AL.

Marquette University

Samuel Anderson, Bachelor of Arts, Economics and Lucy Marcus, Bachelor of Science, Nursing have been named to the Dean's List at Marquette University in Milwaukee for the fall 2018 semester.

University of Iowa

Joshua Meyer, a native of Middleton, has been named to the University of Iowa's Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester.

The University of Iowa is located in Iowa City, IA.

Quincy University

Thomas Robson and Blake Sprecher, both of Cross Plains, have been named to the Quincy University Dean's List for the fall 2018 semester.

Quincy University is a Catholic college in Quincy, IL.

NWDSS CALENDAR

Northwest Dane Senior Services	Menu & Calendar of Events
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	Feb. 20: BBQ Chicken on the Bone Birthday Bingo
	Feb. 21: Meatloaf Player's Choice
	Feb. 22: Pot Roast with Gravy Nickel Bingo
	Feb. 25: Egg Bake Exercise-a.m. Euchre-p.m.
	Feb. 26: Pizza Burger Dominos
	Feb. 27: Ham & Potato Casserole Bingo

CHURCH NOTES

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Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
2427 Church St. Cross Plains
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
www.stmartinlutheran.org

Gateway Community Church
Pastor Paul Lundgren
3510 High Road, Middleton
www.gatewayofmiddleton.com
Sunday Coffee 9:30am
Worship/Nursery/Sunday School 10am
Hope Class 11:30am

St. Mary's Catholic Church
3673 Co. Hwy. P
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If you think your tax rate will be lower when you retire, you might be more inclined to go with the traditional 401(k), which allows you to avoid paying taxes on your contributions now, when your tax rate is high.

Conversely, if you think your tax bracket may rise when you retire, you might want to consider the Roth 401(k) to avoid being taxed at the higher rate when you start taking withdrawals.

Some employers allow employees to split their contributions between the Roth and traditional 401(k) accounts. You may want to consult with your tax advisor before making any moves, but no matter which path you follow, try to take full advantage of your 401(k), because it's a great way to save for retirement.

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Chamber Wind Ensemble Concert Feb. 28



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Four Middleton Students Presidential Scholar Candidates

MIDDLETON—Middleton High School seniors, Kyra Keenan, David Whittingham and Jason Yang, and Middleton resident Andrew Allen, who is home-schooled, have been selected as candidates in the US Presidential Scholars Program sponsored by the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars and the US Department of Education.

Fewer than 125 seniors from Wisconsin earn the honor. Approximately 600 students nationwide will be named semifinalists in April, and the 161-member

Presidential Scholar class will be announced in May.

Students have three paths to become a Presidential Scholar. The majority are selected based on broad academic achievement. Approximately 20 will be chosen based on their scholarship and talent in the arts. Another 20 will be picked based on their ability and accomplishments in career and technical fields.

Eden Girma, an MHS graduate in 2014, was named a U.S. Presidential Scholar the same year.

CROSS PLAINS

Kicks Project Raises Donations for the Homeless

By Rob Westerlund

Times-Tribune

CROSS PLAINS—The Crossroads Coffeehouse on Main Street in Cross Plains is a warm place to stop in for a coffee and a bite to eat. Locally owned, and situated along Black Earth Creek, the coffeehouse welcomes the artist community, featuring works of local artisans, artists, and authors. It is known for hosting events such as science cafes, art shows, history talks, live music and open mics.

One of the most recent art exhibits is entitled the "Kicks Project" by Elizabeth Russell. She photographed people's feet and shoes as they stood at the Crossroads coffee bar between May 2017 and Nov. 2018. Her artist statement about this exhibition reads, "Candid, un-posed photographs of humans who stood at the Crossroads coffee bar weaving the story of small-town community." Visitors will see Russell's photos ensconced on the walls of the coffeehouse where there are often works by various local artists.

In a final celebration of Russell's project is the Crossroads Kicks Project: Shoe Stories, an event everyone is invited to on Feb. 22 from 6:30-8 p.m. at 2020 Main St. People can come share stories with the theme of shoes, either inspired from the images in the exhibit, or their own stories. Hosted by author Sandy Frye, participants will have roughly five minutes to share their shoe story. In lieu of

a registration fee, donations will benefit the Mach OneHealth Foot Care Clinic (MOHFCC), which provides foot care to individuals experiencing homelessness.

Mary Devitt, owner of Crossroads Coffeehouse, explained how the project developed. "She (photographer Elizabeth Russell) came in about once a week and brought her new camera and just started taking a few good pictures, and one of my staff people who makes arrangements for these art installations said this is really cool, that this would make a great art show. All of these people are coming through Crossroads, and the same purpose brought them all together, coffee, and then they go off on their own unique stories."

Russell shared, "I was just testing out the settings on my new camera, just doing it under the table, taking pictures of people's feet, thinking no one would see me. After a while it started getting interesting to see who was coming in here."

When Russell isn't taking pictures of people's shoes in a coffee shop, she is representing clients as a copyright, trademark, and arts lawyer, as well as being an accomplished college instructor, public speaker, author, and musician. Russell earned her undergraduate degree in music, and law degree from New York's Pace University School of Law.

"What started out as photo exhibit turned into a project. Once Beth made the decision,

and Crossroads decided to create a photo exhibit, we decided to make it a social exhibit. We thought that somebody should benefit from this work, Devitt said.

"It was during that process that something just hit me, that we needed an additional component, a charitable component, to do good with it," Russell said.

"We thought, since we all have plenty of healthy feet and shoes, we could help the people who don't, who are homeless, whose feet are their only form of transportation. We want to be sure that they would have footwear that fits, and we wanted people to benefit from this," Devitt said.

The way they found MOHFCC is very special, occurring just a day after they decided to add a charitable element to their project. "The magical part of how it all happened was how I found MACH OneHealth. One day after I decided we needed to have a charitable component, I picked up a copy of the newspaper Street Pulse, and it had a big ad for MACH OneHealth. I showed it to Mary, and she said it sounded just right," Russell said.

All of the donations from the Shoe Stories event will go to MOHFCC, which was created in 2015 to answer the needs of the homeless who were without proper health care. Their mission is to provide and coordinate compassionate, holistic health-care for housing insecure indi-



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viduals in the Madison Area. As of Spring 2018, they have over 220 volunteers helping to fulfill the mission of MOHFCC by providing foot care to over 300 people and identifying the needs and barriers of over 120 people surveyed.

"MACH OneHealth has a foot care clinic. I followed up on this and found out more about this. We found that the catalyst behind MACH OneHealth house was Garrett Lee. I met with him

and we found out more about the foot care clinics. It was a good opportunity to involve the Shoe Box. We thought it would be good to get shoes measured to fit a specific person. We asked the Shoe Box if they would be willing to be a partner in this project, and they were very generous.

"Steve Schmitt, owner of the Shoe Box for 51 years, and his daughter, Jill Adler, were very enthusiastic about the project and offered to provide shoes for

individuals, measuring their feet, rather than having people pick out shoes that might fit. They will measure your feet, and there is something about that personal care. Each person we had shoes for that I measured, all the sudden all of these people had names. It made all the difference when they received shoes, too. They were no longer just 'the homeless,' they were people." Devitt said.

Upcoming Events at the Cross Plains Library

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 March 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.

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The Lego Club will mee March 11 from 4-5 p.m. Please give a jingle to let us know you plan to come. 608-798-3881. For ages 5 and older. Stop by the library to see a display of our latest Lego creations!

Tween Book Club March 18, 4 p.m.

Gary Paulsen's "Hatchet" is our selection for March. Brian is on his way to Canada to visit his estranged father when the pilot of his small prop plane suffers a heart attack. Brian is forced to crash-land the plane in a lake—and finds himself stranded in the remote Canadian wilderness with only his clothing and the hatchet his mother gave him as a present before his departure. Join us as we take on this classic survival story. 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.

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 mindful-

ness meditation. On Feb. 23 from 1-2:30 pm., 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 the 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.

March Monarch Butterfly Program Postponed

Our Monarch Butterfly program has been moved to May. More information and the opportunity to sign up will be available in March, so watch this paper and our website!

Working with Chocolate-Truffles & Tartlets

In this free hands-on introduction to chocolate, Chef J. Miller of Red Barn Catering will teach you the fundamentals of ganache and tempered chocolate. Then you will use your new skills to make Chocolate Truffles with various toppings and Chocolate Tartlets with piped chocolate garnishes. The class is March 20

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CROSS PLAINS

Changes

to grow from 13 to 30 days per year.

Keith Reopelle, Director for Dane County's Office of Energy and Climate Change (OECC), shared information about the county's response to weather events and climate change. The OECC is a new division within the County Executive's Office, created to lead public and private efforts across the community to implement climate change strategies.

Reopelle referred to Cross Plains as Ground Zero for the 'hundred-year event', which are now happening only 10 years apart, and reminded the audience that there was a death during the Aug. 20 event, certainly a great loss, but it easily could have been many more. There were over a thousand 911 calls, hundreds of those for a water rescue. "There was \$70 million of damage in Dane County, and 90 businesses claimed flood damage, totaling over \$50 million." Reopelle laid out how the OECC is taking many different steps to mitigate the damage caused by heavier rains experienced now than in the past.

Dane County has increased its budget for 2019 to provide \$3 million to improve water flow along the Yahara River watershed, \$1 million for shoreline and other repairs, and \$8 million for purchasing land, especially wetlands or land to be converted back to wetlands and restore native plant species.

Dane County is taking several steps to lower carbon emissions, including increasing solar capacity, building bio-digesters, increasing electricity storage, and conducting research and development. These efforts include the growth of riparian buffers, alley cropping, silvopastures, multi-story cropping, and other plans for agroforestry and regenerative agricultural systems. The county is also conducting assessments of its green infrastructure, looking to Europe and Scandinavian countries which

are situated in lowlands and dealing with flooding.

Barbara Borns, a Black Earth Creek Watershed Association (BECWA) board member and Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies Emeritus staff member shared with the audience how BECWA has worked to provide a forum for civil and informed discussion of issues and problems in the watershed. BECWA was formed in the early 1980s to unite the citizens for the protection of the watershed.

Borns' message focused on the local watershed, detailing the damage caused by the flood along the creek, from small landslides which cut off train traffic, to flooded houses, parks, bridges, and how Wolf Run Trail in Mazomanie had been severely damaged as well. Besides flooding, there is ecological damage being caused by the invasive New Zealand mud snail, which has its territory expanded primarily through boats and boots, which carry them from one aquatic location to another, as well as flood waters.

Borns tried to relate not just the environmental impact of the flooding, but also the economic impact. "The cost of repairing the two bridges was \$3.5 million, and highway 14 needs to be repaired," she said.

Melissa Gavin, a Cross Plains resident who has stated her concerns regarding climate change at village board meetings in the past, urged the village board to start thinking about their response to climate change. Gavin shared her story of the effects of climate change, most recently from the August flooding. She presented bird's-eye images of her flooded home, bound by water on both sides by Brewery creek and Brewery road which flooded their basement.

"We had water in our basement with fish swimming around," she said. They had one visitor who was stranded by the rising flood waters and asked to stay for a couple hours until

she could leave. It wasn't safe for her to leave until 1 p.m. the next day.

Gavin had seen on June 19 how the city of "Middleton has taken a stand on climate change, so, I had an idea. Let's start this conversation here."

She started the discussion in Cross Plains, inviting attendees and other residents to answer her call to action and join her March 13 at the library to discuss what can be done to mitigate carbon emissions on the local level. Change in climate side-effects has hit her family personally. Her son started not feeling well one day, having a headache, fever, fatigue, and eventually hallucinations. He was diagnosed with borrelia miyamotoi, a bacterium not closely related to the Lyme disease bacteria but causing a Lyme-like-illness. The growth in cases of Lyme and other tick-borne diseases is exacerbated by climate change.

One attendee asked, "What are the big-ticket items we can do to affect climate change?" Several of the evening's speakers responded, explaining that Dane County's actions are premised on work done globally, that the 16 nations which contribute 60 percent of the greenhouse gases are meeting to develop policies concerning deep decarbonation pathways.

Locally, people can double down on efficiencies on utilities, move away from natural gas for heating, move to electricity for heating, and then support the production of electricity with zero emissions development. The biggest contributor to elevated carbon dioxide levels is transportation, so, there are things the population can start doing tomorrow to lower emissions personally by cutting back on driving gas cars, conserving electricity, and supporting green initiatives.

Library

from 6-8 p.m. Class participants will be able to take anything they don't eat in class home! For ages 18 and up. Sign up by calling the library at 608-798-3881. Space is limited.

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.

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.

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Downward Dog



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Nikita Poffinbarger and her daughter, Lilian, enjoyed some peaceful play at Family Yoga Night with Jamie of little om BIG OM at the Rosemary Garfoot Library in Cross Plains.

CP Optimists Name February Student of the Month

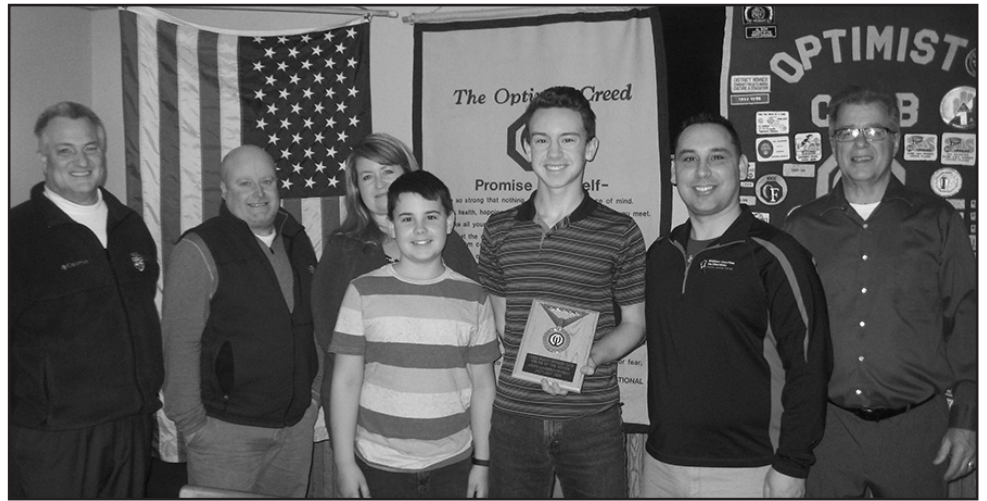


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The Cross Plains Optimist Club recognized Aedyn Lambert-Conohan as the February Student of the Month. Aedyn is in eighth grade at St. Francis Catholic School. His teachers say, "Aedyn is a very hard worker and excels in his academics as well as his extra-curricular activities. He is a member of the Junior National Honor Society and volunteers when given the opportunity." Aedyn has been teaching himself piano & guitar. He enjoys singing too! Sports and school activities keep him busy as well. His favorite school subjects are PE, science, social studies, music, technology and Spanish. Pictured L-R: St. Francis Principal-Bob Abshire, guest teacher-Jim Beall, mother, Erin Lambert, brother, Marek Lambert-Conohan, Aedyn Lambert-Conohan, father, Chris Conohan and Optimist President-Mike Roessler.

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Health TIP!

No Blue Light at Night

If you have trouble sleeping, limit your use of digital devices hours before bedtime. The blue light may reduce the body's production of melatonin, a hormone that helps promote sleep. In a recent small study, participants wore special yellow-tinted, blue-light-blocking glasses for four hours before bedtime. After 2 weeks, subjects had a 60% increase in their melatonin levels, slept longer and logged better sleep quality. In addition to limiting screen time before bed, try setting devices to night mode or applying blue-light filters to screens. There are also apps that will automatically warm up the color temperature of the screen, based on time zones.

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Community Orchestra to Perform Winter Concert

MIDDLETON—The Middleton Community Orchestra (MCO) will welcome Jessica Jensen, trumpet, back to the stage to perform Aleksandra Pakhmutova's "Concerto for Trumpet and Orchestra" with the musicians of the MCO led by conductor Steve Kurr at its Winter Concert.

"I am beyond thrilled to be playing Aleksandra Pakhmutova's Trumpet Concerto with the Middleton Community Orchestra. After completing her concerto in 1955, Pakhmutova (who is still actively composing and performing today at the age of 89!) cultivated a legendary career as one of Russia's top film and popular music composers. Her future cinematic success was foreshadowed in her trumpet concerto as parts of it sound as though they could have been taken directly out of the score to a 1950's film. Week after week the MCO adds a new electricity to the work. I cannot wait to share this rarely performed fiery, dramatic piece with everyone on 2/27," she said.

The program will open with "Polar Nights," a piece com-

posed by MCO violist Nebojsa Macura. "Polar Night uses a variety of instrumental colors to conjure up images of winter above the Arctic Circle. I'm tremendously honored to perform my own piece as a member of such a dedicated orchestra," he said.

The program will conclude with Robert Schumann's "Symphony No. 3, The 'Rhenish.'"

Jessica Jensen began playing trumpet at the age of 10 in her hometown of Hortonville. She went on to earn her bachelor's degree from the nearby Lawrence University in Appleton and later completed her master's and Doctorate in Trumpet Performance from UW-Madison. While at Madison, she was a member of UW's faculty-ensemble-in-residence, the Wisconsin Brass Quintet.

Currently, Jessica instructs a private studio of area music students and is a member of V3NTO, an award-winning, Chicago-based brass trio in addition to other various regional ensembles.

Outside her musical activities, she enjoys spending time with her husband, their enthusi-



Photos Submitted

Photos: Left: Trumpet player Jessica Jensen will play with the Middleton Community Orchestra next week at the Performing Arts Center. Right: A composition by orchestra member Nebojsa Macura, called "Polar Nights" will open the show Feb. 27.

astic golden retriever, and pet rats.

Nebojsa S. Macura is a Serbian-American composer, conductor, and multi-instrumentalist residing in Wisconsin. He holds degrees in music composition from the University of Cincinnati (DMA), University of British Columbia (MM), and University of

Wisconsin-Madison (BM). His music has been performed in North and South America, Europe, and Asia.

He currently plays viola in the MCO and fretted strings in the folk bands Karavay and Blue Accordion & Friends.

The concert will be held at the Middleton

Performing Arts Center at 7:30 pm on Feb. 27, 2019. General admission is \$15, and students are admitted free of charge. Tickets are available at the door and at Willy St. Coop West.

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Sports

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No shame in second

Middleton swimmers happy with runner-up state finish

BY GREGG HAMMILL

For the Times-Tribune

Like two heavyweights, Middleton and Madison West took each other's best shots. Back and forth they went until the Regents finally pulled away late at last Saturday's WIAA Division 1 state meet held at the UW Natatorium.

But, while West went on to win the decision, 314-257, the Cardinals certainly had their moments on their way

to a second straight runner-up state finish.

One of those came from Middleton's foursome of senior Archer Parkin, junior Nate Lamers, senior Andrew Martin and junior Forrest Peterson, who won the 200-yard freestyle relay in a state record time of one minute, 23.12 seconds.

"That was a pretty incredible race," Martin said. "I was

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Middleton's Andrew Martin reacts after winning the 500-yard freestyle at the state swimming meet last Saturday.

They are the champions

Middleton wins outright Big Eight title

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Karina Bursac is one of the most unselfish players on Middleton's girls basketball team.

When it comes to championships, though, Bursac had no interest in going halves.

"I don't want to share," Bursac said of the Big Eight Conference title.

She doesn't have to.

Middleton entered its game with visiting Madison La Follette last Saturday with a one-game lead over Sun Prairie.

The Cardinals made things tough on themselves, falling behind the Lancers, 18-4, in the first 10 minutes. But Middleton rallied back, posted a 58-50 win and captured sole possession of the Big Eight title.

Middleton finished the regular season 16-2 in the league, 17-5 overall and has won nine straight games overall. Sun Prairie (14-3, 16-5) finished one game back of Middleton.

Middleton won the league for the fourth time in the past six years.

"It feels really good," junior forward Sitori Tanin said of winning the league. "I think we just worked really hard going up and now we're on that peak and gradually getting better."

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Josie Lemirande and Middleton's girls basketball team clinched the Big Eight Conference title with a pair of huge wins last week.

'Cobra' keys Middleton's huge win at Sun Prairie

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

SUN PRAIRIE — "Cobra! Cobra!" Middleton girls basketball coach Jeff Kind bellowed.

This is the Cardinals' terminology for their 1-3-1 zone defense.

And just like the venomous snake itself, that defense can choke the life out of foes. Just ask Sun Prairie.

In a Big Eight Conference showdown last Thursday, host Sun Prairie led Middleton, 28-15, late in the first half. After Middleton switched to 'Cobra', it immediately embarked on a 26-4 run.

That switch — and the effectiveness of Middleton's 1-3-1 zone — helped it notch a 53-45 win that clinched at least a share of the Big Eight Conference title. When Middleton defeated Madison La Follette two nights later, it captured the league title for the fourth time in six years.

Middleton finished the regular season 16-2 in the league and 17-5 overall. Sun Prairie ended the regular season 15-3, 17-5.

"I'm really proud of the girls, the way they hung in there and kind of chipped away at it," Kind said of Middleton's early deficit. "They did a great job."

Middleton junior forward Sitori Tanin had 17 points and 17

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Joseph Hoffman (above) and Kevin Meicher (right) both qualified for the state wrestling tournament, which will be held Thursday through Saturday at the UW Kohl Center.

Meicher, Hoffman headed to state

Middleton wrestlers advance through sectionals

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Kevin Meicher and Joseph Hoffman have wrestled together since the third grade.

They are practice partners at Middleton High School. And they avid supporters of each other.

Now, the two senior standouts will end their high school careers at the state tournament together.

Meicher won the WIAA Division 1 Verona Sectional championship at 152 pounds last Saturday, while Hoffman finished second at sectionals at 145 pounds. Both wrestlers earned places at the state tournament, which runs Thursday through Saturday at the UW Kohl Center.

"I'm super proud of (Hoffman)," Meicher said afterwards. "We've been working hard since third grade together. Seeing him make it his senior year is really cool. We both push each other. It's great seeing him make it since we've been (practice) partners since third grade."

Meicher qualified for state for a fourth straight year and earned his third sectional championship. Hoffman

qualified for his first-ever trip to state.

"We've just know each other for so long through wrestling," Hoffman said of his relationship with Meicher. "That's kind of been our bond for all these years. I've seen him get some success. Now it feels good for him to feel like he boosted me here as well."

Meicher won a state title at 126 pounds as a freshman in 2016, finished second at 138 in 2017 and was fourth at 152 pounds in 2018. Meicher will now try becoming the first two-time state champion in school history.

"I'm going there to win," Meicher said.

Meicher improved to 31-0 this year with another impressive performance at sectionals.

First, Meicher pinned La Crosse Logan/Central's Dallas Kapanke in 1:43 in the quarterfinals. Meicher then pinned Holmen's Wyatt McCutchen in 1:34 in the semifinals.

In the finals, Meicher won by injury default over Madison Memorial's Kaden Reetz.

"For Kevin today, it was business as usual," Middleton coach Kent Weiler said. "We

don't have to say much to him at this point. Hopefully that continues into next week. For Kevin, it remains one match at a time. He's ready to go."

Meicher, who will wrestle collegiately at the University of Minnesota, now heads back to the Kohl Center for one final time as a prep athlete.

"I'm just going to cherish every moment of it," he said. "I'm just going to wrestle one match at a time."

"Some people when they get to state are just content at being at state. Some of my past teammates were just happy they got there and didn't really seem like they wanted to wrestle farther than that. I feel some people, if they really want to be at state, will push through it. Others are just happy to make it to state."

Hoffman (25-12) earned his first-ever state appearance after a strong performance at sectionals.

Hoffman defeated Holmen's Carter Vetsch, 6-2, in the quarterfinals, then edged Waunakee's Ty Miller, 5-3, in the semifinals. In the finals,

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Middleton receives No. 6 seed

BY ROB REISCHEL
Times-Tribune

Middleton's boys basketball team earned the No. 6 seed in its 18-team postseason sectional.

The Cardinals received a first round bye, then open the playoffs in a regional semifinal against 11th-seeded Janesville Craig on March 1 at 7 p.m. Middleton, which is 13-8, split with the Cougars (10-10) during the regular season.

If the Cardinals win there, they would likely travel to third-seeded Madison La Follette on March 2 at 7 p.m. for a regional final.

The sectional semifinals are March 7 and the sectional finals are March 9.

"I was surprised how solid we were at No. 6, given we had lost to Craig by two (points) and to Sun Prairie over the last three games," Middleton coach Kevin Bavery said. "Almost every vote had us there and there was no challenge up from No. 7 Waukeez."

Madison East, ranked No. 2 in the state, is the sectional's top seed. Racine Park is seeded No. 2, followed by

Madison La Follette, Sun Prairie, Madison Memorial, Middleton, Waunakee, Racine Horlick, Kenosha Indian Trail, Racine Case, Janesville Craig, Madison West, Verona, Kenosha Bradford, Kenosha Tremper, Badger Beloit Memorial and Janesville Parker.

"It made me realize had we won at Sun Prairie (last Friday), we would likely have jumped to a No. 4 (seed)," Bavery said. "But there is very little change from No. 6 to No. 4 in actuality."

"We get to host on March 1, then with a win would either have to travel to La Follette or host Kenosha Bradford, while other teams will be looking at two-hour opening game bus trips. I like our chances regardless. Throw all the records out — everyone is 0-0 during March Madness and anything can happen."

Jack Boyle hit two late free throws to lift Middleton's boys basketball team past Janesville Parker last Wednesday.

Boyle plays hero for MHS

Cardinals down Janesville Parker, fall at Sun Prairie

BY ROB REISCHEL
Times-Tribune

Jack Boyle insists he wasn't nervous.

He might have been the only one at Middleton High School who wasn't panicky.

Boyle, a senior guard, stepped to the free throw line with 2.0 seconds left last Wednesday with the Cardinals and visiting Janesville Parker deadlocked at 55. Boyle then calmly drained both free throws to give Middleton a too-close-for-comfort 57-55 win.

"I was pretty confident," said Boyle, a 76.1% free throw shooter. "Once they fouled me, I was pretty relaxed and was able to knock them down."

Middleton also dropped a 56-48 decision at Sun Prairie last Friday and is now 13-8 overall and 10-7 in the Big Eight Conference. The Cardinals, who are in fifth place in the league, host second place Madison La Follette (11-4, 14-5) Thursday at 7:15 p.m.

Boyle led Middleton with 14 points in its win over Parker. Senior guard Chandon Thomas added 11 points, five rebounds and three assists.

Middleton led, 40-29, late in the first half. But the Cardinals managed just four field

goals the rest of the game.

"It was hard to explain why our scoring suffered in the second half," Middleton coach Kevin Bavery said. "We gave up 11 three-point shots. But give Parker credit as they had been playing a lot of teams tougher of late, including being tied with Madison Memorial at halftime."

Still, the game was far closer than anyone hoped for. Parker (2-17, 1-15) trailed by 11 with eight minutes remaining, but tied the game at 55-55 on a basket by Matthew Hartwig with 30 seconds left. Middleton played for the last shot, and Boyle was eventually fouled on the perimeter with two seconds left.

"We had to have that one," Boyle said. "We struggled at the end, but we got the win."

Added Bavery: "Wow! We almost let them steal a victory in the final seconds. But it's February, and you take every win you can get, put it in the rearview mirror, and go on to the next game."

Unfortunately for Middleton, it dropped its next game at Sun Prairie last Friday.

Junior post Parker Van Buren led the Cardinals with 14 points and added six rebounds, while Thomas had 11 points and five rebounds.

Senior forward Jake Klubertanz added nine points and five rebounds, while senior guard Sam Close had eight points. Boyle also finished with a team-high nine assists.

"Parker Van Buren had his best game," Bavery said. "When we got it to him down low they didn't have anyone that couldn't stop him 1-on-1. We needed to get him down there more in the second half, and we have some ideas for that for our final game and at tournament time. This team has a chance to do some damage yet."

Middleton fell behind, 11-1, early on, but rallied back to tie the game, 19-19, at halftime when Thomas hit a long three-pointer at the buzzer.

"We missed some early bunnies, but liked how we were attacking the basket," Bavery said. "Despite that continuing to be an emphasis we had a difficult time getting the ball inside in the second half."

Middleton built a 40-37 lead. But Sun Prairie drained consecutive three-pointers and the host Cardinals never looked back.

"Nothing has really changed for us," Bavery said. "Our offense has been up and down, but defensively we've been pretty solid of late. We

give ourselves a chance regardless of the opponent and hopefully that continues in our final game and during tournament play."

Feb. 13
MIDDLETON 57, PARKER 55
Janesville Parker 31 24 — 55
Middleton 40 17 — 57
Parker — Dahlke 3-2-10; DeLong 2-0-6; Biba 3-2-8; A. Thompson 0-1-1; E. Thompson 3-0-8; Curry 5-0-15; Hartwig 3-1-7. Totals: 19 6-12 55.

Middleton — Patterson 0-2-2; Thomas 3-2-11; Hellenbrand 1-0-3; Close 2-2-8; Scher 0-2-2; Boyle 4-5-14; Klubertanz 1-2-4; Van Buren 4-1-9; Johnson 1-0-2. Totals: 16 16-20 57.

Three-point goals—Parker 11 (Curry 5, E. Thompson 2, Dahlke 2, DeLong 2), Middleton 9 (Thomas 3, Close 2, Van Buren, Boyle, Hellenbrand). **Total fouls**—Parker 16, Middleton 11

Feb. 15
SUN PRAIRIE 56, MIDDLETON 48
Middleton 19 29 — 48
Sun Prairie 19 37 — 56
MIDDLETON — Thomas 4 0-0 11, Close 3 0-0 8, Klubertanz 4 1-1 9, Boyle 2 1-2 6, Van Buren 6 2-3 14. Totals 19 4-6 48.

SUN PRAIRIE — Nelson 1 2-3 4, Wherley 3 2-2 8, B. Voigt 4 1-2 10, A. Voigt 7 1-1 18, Hawk 2 0-0 4, Schaefer 2 3-4 7, Hughes 1 3-5 5. Totals 20 12-17 56.

3-point goals — MID 6 (Thomas 3, Close 2, Boyle 1), SP 4 (B. Voigt 1, A. Voigt 3). **Total fouls** — SP 12, MID 18.

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Gymnasts 6th at conference

BY ROB REISCHEL

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Middleton's girls gymnastics team finished sixth at the Big Eight Conference meet last Saturday.

Sun Prairie won the meet with 135.35 points, while Madison Memorial (134.65) and Janesville Craig (132.3) rounded out the top three. Middleton was sixth at 130.825.

"I was actually pleased with the sixth place finish," Middleton coach Kari Steck said. "We have a strong conference this year, and a young team. The girls have shown a lot of growth in their routines this year, which can be contributed to their hard work."

"Our bars scores were low, and that's definitely an area where we know we need work on. However, there is the possibility to add up to two points to our team score just on bars."

Cardinals senior Jordan Baggot tied for the all-around championship with a score of 34.45. Baggot won the floor exercise with a 9.30, was fourth on the balance beam (8.90) and fourth on the vault (8.70).

"It was incredible for Jordan to wrap up her last conference meet with the all-around title," Steck said. "She's worked hard, and has shown a lot of growth. This is also a great confidence boost for her going into sectionals. It's pretty great to see an athlete that consistently works hard be rewarded for her hard work!"

Middleton also counted scores from Ella Mock

(8.675), Taylor Engelkes (8.350) and Emily Bernd (7.775) on the beam, and from Engelkes (8.30), Bernd (7.80) and Nicole Parkinson (7.70) on the vault.

Engelkes (7.825), Mock (7.550) and Bernd (7.450) had their scores count on the uneven bars, while Mock (8.60), Engelkes (8.50) and Bernd (7.850) posted scores on the floor.

"Conference is a good confidence booster for sectionals, and I think the girls hitting their routines on beam and floor really helped with this," Steck said. "The atmosphere in postseason is a little more intense, and with the young team we have they aren't quite used to that yet."

Middleton also lost a pair of tight matches at the Madison Memorial Triangular last Wednesday.

Host Memorial defeated the Cardinals, 134.625-130.325. Verona-Madison Edgewood also nipped Middleton, 130.550-130.325.

Baggot scored an 8.825 on the vault, while Taylor Engelkes had an 8.575, Emily Bernd posted an 8.275 and Mattie Joers had a 7.950.

Baggot had an 8.80 on the beam, while Ella Mock scored an 8.20, Bernd posted an 8.150 and Engelkes had a 7.850.

Baggot had a 9.150 on the floor exercise, while the Cardinals also counted scores from Engelkes (8.325), Mock (8.20) and Nicole Parkinson (7.950).

And Mock led Middleton on the bars with a 7.825, while the Cardinals counted scores from Engelkes (7.750)

and Sami Swiersz (7.250).

• **On deck:** Middleton heads to the WIAA Division 1 La Crosse Logan Sectional Friday. The meet begins at 6 p.m.

"We're really just looking for the girls to hit their routines on Friday and have fun," Steck said. "They've worked so hard this season, and every girl has learned new skills to increase the difficulty of their routines. It would be great to see those new skills hit at sectionals."

"The state race will be close, but we're making sure the girls know it's a possibility! Regardless of what happens, these girls have worked so hard and come so far this season."

Feb. 16

Big Eight Conference meet

Team scores: Sun Prairie 135.350; Madison Memorial 134.650; Janesville Craig 132.300; Verona 131.750; Madison West 131.175; Middleton 130.825; Madison East/La Follette 119.575; Janesville Parker 108.725.

Balance beam: 1. Bender, MLF, 9.350; 2. Nowicki, SP, 9.200; 3. DeAngeles, MW, 8.950; 4. Baggot, Mid, 8.900; 5. Connors, SP, 8.850.

Vaulting: 1. (tie), Hellen, MM, and Carlson, MM, 9.000; 3. McDermott, SP, 8.900; 4. (tie), Baggot, Mid, and Dohnal, V, 8.700;

Uneven bars: 1. Rebut, JC, 9.050; 2. Bender, MLF, 8.800; 3. McDermott, SP, 8.550; 4. DeAngeles, MW, 8.400; 5. Stalsberg, JC, 8.375.

Floor exercise: 1. Baggot, Mid, 9.300; 2. Stalsberg, JC, 9.050; 3. Carlson, MM, 9.000; 4. Nowicki, SP, 8.925; 5. Fischer, V, 8.800.

All-around: 1. (tie) McDermott, SP, and Baggot, Mid, 34.450; 3. Carlson, MM, 34.325; 4. Nowicki, SP, 34.050; 5. DeAngeles, MW, 34.025.



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Middleton senior Jordan Baggot tied for the all-around championship at the Big Eight Conference championship last Saturday.

Hockey Cards win playoff opener

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Middleton's hockey team started the postseason with a bang.

The fifth-seeded Cardinals scored three third period goals and rallied past fourth-seeded Madison Edgewood, 3-1, in a regional final last Friday.

Middleton advanced to a sectional semifinal against top-seeded Verona that was held Tuesday night.

Edgewood took a 1-0 lead with a goal midway through the second period, and it remained that way heading to the third period. But the Cardinals played some of their best hockey of the year at the most critical time.

First, Brooks Kalschuer got the equalizer with an even strength goal at 9:18 of the third period on assists from

Bo Bergenthal and Andrew Chafe. Then just 28 seconds later, Bergenthal had the eventual game-winning goal on assists by Kalschuer and Chafe.

Middleton made it 3-1 at 16:02 when Bergenthal had a shorthanded goal on an assist from Brian Fruscianta.

Cardinals goalie Luigi Pugliese was terrific in net, stopping 41 of the 42 shots he faced (.976).

MIDDLETON 3, MADISON EDGEWOOD 1
Middleton.....0 0 3 — 3
Madison Edgewood.....0 1 0 — 1
Second period: ME — Menzel, 9:11.

Third period: Mid — Kalschuer (Pavelski, Chaffe), 10:34; Bergenthal (Kalschuer, Chaffe), 10:34; Bergenthal (Fauscheante), 16:02 (sh).

Saves: Mid (Walker) 32; ME (Pugliese) 41. Penalties-minutes: Mid 4-8; ME 3-9.



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Bryce Carey and Middleton's hockey team defeated Madison Edgewood in a regional final last Friday.

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Baraboo's Carlos Chavez pinned Hoffman in 5:38.

"It just feels good," Hoffman said of qualifying for state. "I felt pretty good after I beat (Miller). I still wanted to win sectionals. It didn't happen. But this (getting to state) has been a goal for me for a long time. I feel pretty clutch for getting it my last year."

Hoffman's coaches and teammates were thrilled he made it to state in his final season.

"Joe Hoffman has never won a tournament, and he's going to the state tournament," Weiler said. "Obviously, you want to win a tournament and have a wall chart. But let's say he doesn't win a tournament, but comes up second next week, that's a lot of improvement."

Meicher will have a bit of advice for his longtime friend and practice partner.

"There's nothing like the atmosphere (of state)," Meicher said. "It's crazy. But you have to be composed and have fun with it. It's the best part of the season. All of the hard work has already been put in. You just have to execute."

Hoffman is optimistic he'll do just that.

"It's definitely great to be going (to state) with a teammate," Hoffman said. "I can't overthink it. It's just wrestling like all of the other wrestling I've done. I've just got to go out there and compete and that's that."

Middleton had eight other wrestlers at sectionals, and that group fell short of qualifying for state.

Elliot Zanon (22-13) placed third at 182 pounds, while Gavin Adler (28-9) was fourth at 220.

Hunter Grimm (20-13) at 113 pounds, John Ndoi (5-10) at 126, Jesus Quechol Ramirez (18-12) at 138,

Remington Lockwood (21-9) at 160, Cole Olmsted (12-18) at 195 and heavyweight Jack Briggs (7-7) all lost their first match.

But the Cardinals were excited to be sending more than one wrestler to state.

"We got a lot of team wins and a lot of dual-meet wins with this group of seniors," Weiler said. "To get two kids like that to state, that's when it becomes bittersweet at this time of year. Seeing the seniors move on, that's pretty special."

"It's good when you have teammates qualify, and practice partners. Normally, it comes in pairs. It's special this time of year when you can see the life-long fruition that comes to a head."

MIDDLETON RESULTS

113 -- Hunter Grimm (20-13) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Championship Bracket - Alex Pellowski (Holmen) 40-9 won by fall over Hunter Grimm (Middleton) 20-13 (Fall 2:18)

126 -- John Ndoi (5-10) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Championship Bracket - Jessie Tijerina (Portage) 38-2 won by forfeit over John Ndoi (Middleton) 5-10 (For.)

138 -- Jesus Quechol Ramirez (18-12) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Championship Bracket - Eli Davidson (Baraboo) 29-13 won by fall over Jesus Quechol Ramirez (Middleton) 18-12 (Fall 4:46)

145 -- Joseph Hoffman (25-12) placed 2nd and scored 14.0 team points.

Championship Bracket -



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Kevin Meicher (left) and Joseph Hoffman will compete at the state wrestling tournament beginning Thursday.

Joseph Hoffman (Middleton) 25-12 won by decision over Carter Vetsch (Holmen) 28-14 (Dec 6-2)

Championship Bracket - Joseph Hoffman (Middleton) 25-12 won by decision over Ty Miller (Waunakee) 27-7 (Dec 5-3)

1st Place Match - Carlos Chavez (Baraboo) 35-8 won by fall over Joseph Hoffman (Middleton) 25-12 (Fall 5:38)

2nd Place Match - Joseph Hoffman (Middleton) 25-12 won by rule over Ty Miller (Waunakee) 27-7 (RULE)

152 -- Kevin Meicher (31-0) placed 1st and scored 24.0 team points.

Championship Bracket - Kevin Meicher (Middleton)

31-0 won by fall over Dallas Kapanke (La Crosse Logan/Central) 27-11 (Fall 1:43)

Championship Bracket - Kevin Meicher (Middleton) 31-0 won by fall over Wyatt McCutchen (Holmen) 32-10 (Fall 1:34)

1st Place Match - Kevin Meicher (Middleton) 31-0 won by injury default over Kaden Reetz (Madison Memorial) 32-3 (Inj. 0:02)

160 -- Remington Lockwood (21-9) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Championship Bracket - Marques Fritsche (Tomah) 42-7 won by major decision over Remington Lockwood (Middleton) 21-9 (MD 8-0)

182 -- Elliot Zanon (22-13) placed 3rd and scored 12.0 team points.

Championship Bracket

- Elliot Zanon (Middleton) 22-13 won by fall over Nick Blum (Onalaska/Luther) 11-7 (Fall 0:57)

Championship Bracket - Drake Schams (Holmen) 38-10 won by fall over Elliot Zanon (Middleton) 22-13 (Fall 3:07)

3rd Place Match - Elliot Zanon (Middleton) 22-13 won by decision over Austin Rider (Sauk Prairie) 17-20 (Dec 5-2)

2nd Place Match - Drake Schams (Holmen) 38-10 won by rule over Elliot Zanon (Middleton) 22-13 (RULE)

195 -- Cole Olmsted (12-18) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Championship Bracket - Kaden Hericks (Tomah) 31-13 won by fall over Cole Olmsted (Middleton) 12-18 (Fall 1:11)

220 -- Gavin Adler (28-9) placed 4th and scored 8.0 team points.

Championship Bracket - Gavin Adler (Middleton) 28-9 won by fall over Colby Von Haden (Tomah) 24-18 (Fall 2:20)

Championship Bracket - Garett Pfaff (Sparta) 29-9 won in sudden victory - 1 over Gavin Adler (Middleton) 28-9 (SV-1 4-2)

3rd Place Match - Reece Bierstaker (Sauk Prairie) 32-16 won by decision over Gavin Adler (Middleton) 28-9 (Dec 7-6)

285 -- Jack Briggs (7-7) place is unknown and scored 0.0 team points.

Championship Bracket - Jesse Fiers (Holmen) 40-10 won by fall over Jack Briggs (Middleton) 7-7 (Fall 0:49)

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Tanin led Middleton with 14 points, nine of which came in the second half. Junior guard Evie Coleman added 12 points, all in the second half.

With Middleton in an early 18-4 hole, junior guard Josie Lemirande drilled a three-pointer and the Cardinals crept back within 35-25 by the break.

"We were able to hang around and went into half down 10," Middleton coach Jeff Kind said.

The Cardinals did a better job attacking the basket in the second half and got the Lancers into foul trouble. Middleton also shot 14-of-21 from the line in the second half (66.7%).

Demetria Prewitt, the Lancers' leading scorer at 14.6 points per game, picked up her fourth foul with 7 1/2 minutes left in the second half after Middleton closed within 47-45.

Senior center Hannah Flottmeyer later drilled a pair of huge free throws to give the Cardinals a 54-50 advantage with 2 minutes left.

Down the stretch, the Cardinals continued to hit free throws. Meanwhile, the Lancers went cold and Prewitt eventually fouled out.

"It was a nice comeback after an emotional win vs. Sun Prairie and a good way for the two seniors (Charlotte Dunn and Flottmeyer) to close out the regular season by clinch-



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Charlotte Dunn and Middleton's girls basketball team clinched the outright Big Eight title last Saturday.

ing the outright title at home," Kind said. "And it helps maintain some momentum heading into the tournament."

Bursac agreed.

"This is really big," Bursac said of winning the Big Eight. "It didn't look all that promising halfway through the year.

But we've worked well together and become a lot better as the year has gone on."

Middleton now heads to the postseason with a head of steam.

The Cardinals are seeded second in their sectional, and will host either 15th-seeded

Janesville Parker or 18th-seeded Beloit Memorial in a regional semifinal Friday at 7 p.m. If Middleton wins there, it would host either seventh-seeded Verona or 10th-seeded Waunakee in a regional final Saturday at 7 p.m.

"We're really an upper-

classmen heavy team," Dunn said. "So we're kind of like really pushing as far as we can. Hopefully we can keep it going."

**Feb. 14
Middleton 58,
Madison La Follette 50**

**La Follette 35 15 — 50
Middleton 25 33 — 58**
MIDDLETON — Coleman 12, Lemirande 5, Tanin 14, Bursac 3, Dunn 9, Flottmeyer 9, Roquet 2, Accola 4.

LA FOLLETTE — Driver 3, Eder 21, Green 9, Prewitt 4, Walker 8, Olson 5.

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rebounds, while junior forward Karina Bursac added 16 points. Sun Prairie point guard Grace Hilber had 13 points in defeat.

Middleton finished the regular season on a nine-game winning streak. MHS hasn't lost since it dropped a home game to Sun Prairie on Jan. 5.

"I think our past games gave us confidence and we knew that we were better than the first game that we played them," Tanin said of facing Sun Prairie. "We had the perfect amount of confidence."

And the perfect defense in its hip pocket.

Middleton was a mess defensively early on, allowing Sun Prairie to make 13 of its first 18 shots (72.2%). After Sun Prairie made five consecutive shots and surged to a 28-15 lead, Kind hollered out the word that changed the entire night for both teams.

Cobra!

"I like it a lot, especially against (Sun Prairie)," Bursac said. "They cut a lot, so with the 1-3-1, you won't be chasing and following those cuts. And I think a lot of our girls like the 1-3-1."

Tanin agreed.

"I think putting that 1-3-1 in really brought our intensity up," Tanin said. "We could feel the energy and that had a big

effect."

What makes Middleton's 1-3-1 so effective is it puts the 6-foot-2 Tanin at the point. Middleton then lines three players across at the free throw level, with 6-foot forward Hannah Flottmeyer positioned at the free throw line.

While many teams would love to run a 1-3-1, length is essential to make it work — and Middleton has plenty of that.

"It's really hard to simulate our length on that," Kind said. "We have Sitori up on the top and some long, lengthy players. It was an opportune time I guess. I was surprised with how much they struggled with it."

Middleton finished the first half on a 14-3 run over a three-minute stretch and pulled within 31-29 at the break.

On Sun Prairie's final seven possessions of the first half, it turned the ball over four times and shot just 1-of-5.

Middleton, meanwhile, got three points from junior Kendall Roquet and baskets from junior guard Josie Lemirande, Tanin, Flottmeyer and junior guard Evie Coleman.

Then, as the first half came to a close, senior guard Charlotte Dunn stole an outlet pass, made a circus shot as the buzzer sounded, was fouled and hit the free throw. Just like that, Mid-

dleton had closed within 31-29.

"I feel like our coach kind of pounds into our head high and soft," Dunn said of her last-second shot. "And so my first thought was as high as I can get this, it has to fall in. And so my momentum was taking me down, but I knew if I curled up with it, it'd go in."

"Luckily it went in and I followed through with the free throw and we headed into the half with a little more momentum. We needed it."

Middleton maintained that momentum, opening the second half on a 12-1 run and surging to a 41-32 lead.

Amazingly, Sun Prairie didn't convert a field goal on its first 16 possessions of the second half and went a remarkable 8:55 before making a basket. Sun Prairie shot 0-for-9 in that time and turned the ball over

seven times.

Making Middleton's performance in the 1-3-1 even more impressive is it hadn't practiced that defense for days.

"We didn't practice that at all this week," Bursac said. "We rarely ever practice that. We haven't practiced that in weeks, honestly."

While Sun Prairie was scuffling, Middleton got rolling offensively.

Coleman drilled a three-pointer just 13 seconds into the second half to give Middleton a 32-31 lead — its first since 7-6. Bursac followed with a basket and Tanin drained a three-pointer to give Middleton a 37-31 edge.

After a Sun Prairie free throw, Bursac hit a pair of free throws and Tanin had a lay-up to give Middleton a 41-32 edge with 10:35 left.



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so excited, everyone was just swimming lights out. You could tell we wanted it so bad.

“Forrest coming home, bringing it, really blasted the last split. Nate Lamers, Archer Parkin had incredible swims. That was one of my favorite relays that I’ve ever been on. To have that state record it’s very, very exciting and it’s just a testament to how hard everyone on that relay’s been working this season.”

The fact the Cardinals beat out West, which also broke the state record, made the victory even sweeter.

“That was one of the ones we were going for,” Middleton coach Danny Lynam said. “We’ve kind of been running neck and neck with them all season, back and forth and we really wanted to get that one and the guys went out and got it.”

Lamers agreed.

“We barely missed the state record at sectionals,” he said. “We were really shooting for that state record. We were pretty sure we had the first place down. I saw my split, I saw Andrew’s split and I just knew that we had it. It was just a fun moment, not only winning, but also to get a state record.”

Middleton beat out Sauk Prairie/Wisconsin Heights’ 2009 record of 1:24.32. West finished in 1:23.68.

The relay performance helped Middleton finish second for the third time in school history. The others came in 2000 and 2018.

“We swam as fast as we’d hoped,” Middleton coach Danny Lynam said. “We had a great sectional meet. Sometimes it’s really nerve-racking to have a really good sectional, you’re not quite sure if you can repeat it at state and the guys just blew it out of the water. They just kept dropping times, kept getting faster and it was a great meet for us.”

While the Cardinals were hoping for a first-place finish, especially after dropping a 384.0-383.5 thriller to West at the Middleton Sectional, there was no disappointment.

“We were hoping for first, but honestly, all of us swam so well,” Martin said. “I couldn’t have hoped for anything better for the boys. We know we gave our hearts for that race, every single one of those races, and it just so happened that West also did. I’m very proud of the boys, I’m not sad at all that we got second. We did everything that we possibly could. We worked so hard.”

“They’re a great team,” Lamers said of West. “Hopefully we can come back next year and maybe go for that first place spot, but I think right now, I’m happy with what we got.”

After West and Middleton, Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial was a distant third with 161 points. Franklin (157.0) and Brookfield Central/East (131.50) rounded out the top five.

“We had great races all around,” Lamers said. “It was just a lot of fun.”

Martin provided another highlight when he came from behind to capture the 500-yard freestyle in 4:31.12. Martin was running a close third behind Drew Harris of Stevens Point and Caleb Blischke of Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial when he passed both swimmers making the turn for the final 150 yards.

“I don’t know what it was,” Martin said. “My emotions and my adrenaline just overcame me. I knew it was my last ever race with the team and I just wanted to put as many points on the board for my boys as I could.”

“Being a state champion was probably the coolest thing that’s ever happened to me. I never in a million years expected that. The boys at Middleton have just pushed me so hard. I wanted to win it for them and I was just so happy when it happened.”

Martin, who will swim at Xavier next season, was seeded second in the event, nearly four seconds behind Harris’ qualifying time.

“(Martin) kind of struggled to put that race together all season,” Lynam said. “I wasn’t sure if he went out too fast right away or what was going on. We were kind of egging him on and all of a sudden he just popped off at the end there. That was a great race for him.”

Middleton actually led West, 218-199, through nine events after Martin won the 500-yard freestyle and the Cardinals won the 200-yard freestyle back-to-back. However, the Regents were loaded in the next two events with two qualifiers apiece in the final heats of the 100-yard

backstroke and the 100-yard breaststroke. West outscored the Cardinals, 56-5, in those events to clinch the meet heading into the final event of the day – the 400-yard freestyle relay.

“We’re a real front-heavy team,” Lynam said. “We come out hard the first half and then they finish harder than we do, so it doesn’t work too well for us.”

Martin added a second-place finish in the 200-yard freestyle in 1:39.75 leading a contingent of three Middleton swimmers in the event. Also in the 200-yard freestyle, Peterson made the podium with a sixth-place finish in 1:42.43 and sophomore Joe McNerney was 15th in 1:46.77.

Junior Nathan Kim rallied to finish second in the 200-yard individual medley in 1:50.98. Kim was trailing Desmon Sachtjen of Sauk Prairie co-op until the freestyle portion of the race.

“My breaststroke isn’t the best, so I had to make a move in my freestyle,” Kim said. “It was just a great swim for me. I’m proud of it.”

Kim also added a seventh-place finish in the 100-yard butterfly in 50.16, just ahead of teammate Lamers who was eighth in 50.38.

Middleton had three competitors apiece in the 50-yard freestyle and 100-yard freestyle events. In the 50-yard freestyle, Parkin finished eighth in 21.05, Lamers was 12th in 21.28, and junior Calvin Roberts was 19th in 21.87. In the 100-yard freestyle, senior Blake Zillner was seventh in 46.78, Peterson was eighth in 46.97, and Parkin was ninth in 47.03.

Zillner was also 12th in the 100-yard backstroke in 53.20 and McNerney was 20th in the 500-yard freestyle in 4:57.52.



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From left, Andrew Martin, Nate Lamers, Archer Parkin and Forrest Peterson combined to win the 200-yard freestyle relay.

Middleton’s team of Zillner, Kim, Martin and Peterson finished second in the 400-yard freestyle relay in 3:05.33. West’s relay team won the event in a state record time of 3:02.24.

The Cardinals’ squad of Parkin, senior Jack Mond, Kim and Lamers took third in the 200-yard medley relay

in 1:33.78. West’s relay team also won the event in a state record 1:30.83.

Lamers enjoyed facing off against West to open the meet in the 200-yard medley relay.

“That was a fun one to start the meet because West’s relays are so good,” Lamers said. “Racing them right off the bat, you know what

you’re getting into the rest of the meet.”

Middleton junior diver Isaac Roush earned an 11th-place finish with a finals score of 363.55.

While Middleton will lose Martin, Parkin, Zillner and Mond to graduation, there is

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The project part of the Local Road Improvement Program (LRIP). The work includes the improvement of Maywood Avenue from Park Street to Allen Boulevard. The street will be reconstructed from Park Street to Branch Street and resurfaced from Branch Street to Allen Boulevard. The improvement includes approximately 2,630 CY Unclassified Excavation, 7,040 SY Asphalt Milling, 9,440 SY Asphalt Pavement Removal, 2,400 LF Water Main, 610 LF Trenchless Sanitary Sewer Force Main and sanitary sewer spot repairs, 1,030 SF Concrete Sidewalk Removal and Replacement, 1,400 LF Concrete Curb & Gutter Removal and Replacement, 5,500 TONS Dense Graded Aggregate Base Course, 3,500 TONS HMA Pavement, Pavement Markings, restoration of the work area, and other miscellaneous items in conformance with the Contract Documents.

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optimism about the future.

"Everyone else is coming back," Martin said. "It's going to be great. We have such young talent and I only see them continuing to get better because every single one of them is such a hard worker. They may be talented, but they work for it too and that's what sets us apart. We're going to continue to have that high work ethic. It's just awesome to see the boys work so hard."

Kim agreed with Martin.

"Some of us will be back next year and we can be even better hopefully, but this year, we all put in so much work it just showed it all paid off at the end," Kim said. "It was great."

Saturday, Feb. 16

WIAA Division 1 State Meet

Team scores: Madison West 314, Middleton 257, Waukesha South/Catholic Memorial 161, Franklin 157, Brookfield Central/East 131.50, Sun Prairie 118, Hartland Arrowhead 112, Hudson 106, Verona/Mount Horeb 95, Greenfield co-op 82, Muskego 78, Eau Claire Memorial/North 75, Madison Memorial 59.5, Stevens Point 59, Schofield D.C. Everest 58, Bay Port 55.5, Appleton North/East 49, Sheboygan North 46, Waukesha North co-op 45, Green Bay Southwest co-op 43, Milwaukee Marquette 37, Sauk Prairie co-op 31, Menomonee Falls co-op 20, West Bend

East/West 18, Hartford Union/Slinger 14.5, Racine Case 14, Kenosha Indian Trail 13, Waunakee 13, Chippewa Falls 12, Milwaukee King co-op 11, Sheboygan South 11, Homestead 10, Neenah 7, Oshkosh West 6, Appleton West/Kimberly 4, Beloit Memorial 2.

State placemen

Diving — 1, Rumpit, Brookfield Central, 486.55; 2, Konle, Marquette, 476.65; 3, Bennett, Madison Memorial, 456.05; 4, Kleczka, Franklin, 453.70; 5, McCray, Racine Case, 404.30; 6, St. John, Franklin, 392.05.

200 medley relay — 1, Madison West (Weiss, Miller, Jekel, Feller), 1:30.83 (state meet record); 2, Waukesha South, 1:33.69; 3, Middleton (Parkin, Mondy, Kim, Lamers), 1:33.78; 4, Hudson, 1:34.21; 5, Arrowhead, 1:34.26; 6, Appleton North, 1:35.14.

200 freestyle — 1, Linnihan, Brookfield Central, 1:39; 2, Martin, Middleton, 1:39.75; 3, Blischke, Waukesha South, 1:40.98; 4, Bensch, Madison West, 1:41.10; 5, Harris, Stevens Point, 1:41.27; 6, Peterson, Middleton, 1:42.43.

200 individual medley — 1, Blinkman, Hudson, 1:46.99; 2, Kim, Middleton, 1:50.98; 3, Desmon Sachtjen, Sauk Prairie, 1:52.80; 4, Gabbey, Muskego, 1:53.92; 5, Feller, Madison West, 1:54.71; 6, Miller, Madison West, 1:55.91.

50 freestyle — 1, Hayon, Sheboygan North, :20.76; 2, Kostrzewa, Franklin, :20.82; 3, Neverman, Green Bay Southwest, :20.84; 4, Carlson, Waukesha South, :20.85; 5, Perez, Greenfield, :20.86; 6, Wiegand, Sun Prairie, :20.91.

100 butterfly — 1, Jekel, Madison West, :48.14; 2, Nixdorf, Arrowhead, :48.5; 3, Bensch, Madison West, :48.59; 4, Neverman, Green Bay Southwest, :48.62; 5, Hayon, Sheboygan North, :49.37; 6, Bork, Appleton North, :50.07.

100 freestyle — 1, Linnihan, Brookfield Central, :44.94; 2, Kostrzewa, Franklin, :45.39; 3, Casey, Madison West, :45.61; 4, Craig, Franklin, :46.13; 5, Roggenbauer, Sun Prairie, :46.42; 6, Perez, Greenfield, :46.45.

500 freestyle — 1, Martin, Middleton, 4:31.12; 2, Harris, Stevens Point, 4:33.51; 3, Blischke, Waukesha South, 4:34.04; 4, Updegrove, Verona/Mount Horeb, 4:44.07; 5, Kalafat, Bay Port, 6, Lustig, Greenfield, 4:46.06.

200 freestyle relay — 1, Middleton (Parkin, Lamers, Martin, Peterson), 1:23.12 (state meet record); 2, Madison West (Casey, Fernandez, Bensch, Feller), 1:23.68 (state meet record); 3, Franklin, 1:24.65; 4, Sun Prairie (Roggenbauer, Braatz, Brehmer, Wiegand), 1:24.76; 5, Brookfield Central, 1:26.33; 6, Verona/Mount Horeb (Best, Rozeboom, Hoppe, Updegrove), 1:26.41.

100 backstroke — 1, Jekel, Madison West, :48.09 (state meet record); 2, Blinkman, Hudson, :48.48 (state meet record); 3, Nixdorf, Arrowhead, :48.71 (state meet record); 4, Desmon Sachtjen, Sauk Prairie, :49.71; 5, Carlson, Waukesha South, :49.74; 6, Weiss, Madison West, :51.25.

100 breaststroke — 1, Gabbey, Muskego, :56.04; 2, Feller, Madison West, :56.72; 3, Miller, Madison West, :56.96; 4, Wiegand, Sun Prairie, :57.83; 5, Schuster, Muskego, :57.85; 6, Webb, Hartford Union, :58.73.

400 freestyle relay — 1, Madison West (Casey, Fernandez, Bensch, Jekel), 3:02.24 (state meet record); 2, Middleton (Zillner, Kim, Martin, Peterson), 3:05.33; 3, Franklin, 3:05.42; 4, Waukesha South, 3:07.63; 5, Brookfield Central, 3:10.43; 6, Verona/Mount Horeb (Wellnitz, Best, Updegrove, Rozeboom), 3:11.17;



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Blake Zillner and Middleton's boys swimming and diving team finished second at the state meet last Saturday for the second straight year.

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**Board Agenda for February 4, 2019 - Meeting Minutes
MIDDLETON-CROSS PLAINS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
District Services Center
7106 South Avenue, Middleton, Wisconsin**

BOARD WORK SESSION ON SUPERINTENDENT PROCESS AND TIMELINE - 5:45 P.M.

The Board Work Session began at 5:45 p.m. with the following people present: President Bob Green, Vice President Annette Ashley, Clerk Todd Smith, Treasurer Anne Bauer, Board Members Bob Hesselbein, Sean Hyland, Kurt Karbusicky, and Paul Kinne, Superintendent George Mavroulis, Director of Business Services Lori Ames, Executive Assistant Cheryl Janssen and BWP Associates Joe Porto and Debra Hill.

Not Present - Board Member Kelly Kalscheur

BWP updated the board on the superintendent search process. They reviewed the data collected from the district and community regarding attributes of the district and what they would like in a new superintendent. BWP will be at the February 11 board meeting to discuss the candidates they would like to bring in for interviews and the interview process. This discussion will take place in closed session. The interview committee will consist of the nine board members along with Sherri Cyra, Lori Ames and Cheryl Janssen.

1. CALL TO ORDER REGULAR BOE MEETING AT 7:00 P.M.

The regular board meeting of the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Bob Green.

Present: President Bob Green, Vice President Annette Ashley, Clerk Todd Smith, Treasurer Anne Bauer, and Board Members: Bob Hesselbein, Sean Hyland, Kelly Kalscheur, Kurt Karbusicky, and Paul Kinne

Not Present: None

Others Present: Superintendent George Mavroulis, Director of Business Services Lori Ames, BWP Associates Joe Porto, and Debra Hill, and EUA Representatives Robin Savola and Mike Schwindenhammer

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOVED by Hesselbein SECONDED by Kalscheur to approve the Regular and Closed Minutes of January 14, 2019. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

3. COMMUNICATIONS

a. Citizen Comments - None

b. Correspondence/Board Communication

Kurt Karbusicky, Anne Bauer, Paul Kinne, Annette Ashley and Todd Smith all attended the presentations of learning at Clark Street. The MLK Forum was attended by Bob Green, Annette Ashley, Todd Smith and Kurt Karbusicky. Anne also stated she attended the winter carnival at Sunset Ridge and Sean Hyland attend the Park Elementary Science Fair.

c. Legislative

Anne Bauer stated that she did not have anything to report. Todd Smith mentioned the presentation on the Blue Ribbon funding at the State Convention. Paul Kinne reported that several of the board members attended the legislative presentation at the State Convention.

4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Upcoming Events and Updates

George Mavroulis highlighted the following upcoming events:

• Human Rights Week at MHS

• Core Team meeting on February 5

• February 7 is a presentation on the elementary design for the neighbors of the new elementary

• February 8 are the board visits to Elm Lawn and West Middleton 5. CONSENT AGENDA

MOVED by Smith SECONDED by Bauer to approve the following item on the consent agenda: 5.a.1. Approval of Bills Payable, 5.b.1. Approval of Resignations (addendum), 5.b.3. Approval of Staff Appointments, 5.b.4 Approval of Retirements (addendum), and 5.c.1. Approval of School Safety Drills. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

a. Administrative/Business Services

i. Approval of Bills Payable

The board approved under consent agenda the check list totaling \$6,791,746.12. (Exhibit A)

ii. Approval of Treasurer's Report

There was no Treasurer's Report to approve.

b. Employee Services - Certified Staff

i. Approval of Resignations

The board approved under consent agenda the following resignations:

William Deno, Safety Administrator for the district

Marniasha Ginsberg, for 0.25 FTE of her contract as an Occupational Therapist for the district

Lucas Kramer, 4th Grade Teacher at Park

Michel Meeteer, for his 0.20 FTE temporary contract as a Physical Education Teacher at Kromrey

ii. Approval of Leaves of Absence

There were no leaves of absence to approve.

iii. Approval of Staff Appointments

The board approved under consent agenda the following staff appointments:

Michael Meeteer, to a 0.20 FTE temporary contract Physical Education Teacher at Kromrey

Correction - Lue Yang was incorrectly reported on the January 14 agenda. His contract is for 0.80 FTE not 1.0 FTE

iv. Approval of Retirements

The board approved under consent agenda the following retirements:

Blanche Baker-Vlasak, health Services Coordinator for the District

Timothy Barsness, Music Teacher at Glacier Creek

Cindy Chittick, Special Education Teacher at Northside

Julie Krapf, Kindergarten Teacher at Elm Lawn

Andrea Lindberg, 3rd Grade Teacher at Sauk

Suzanne Malliet, Kindergarten Teacher at Northside

Susan Marty, 3rd Grade Teacher at West Middleton

Diane Matzke, Physical Education Teacher at Park

Stephen Miller, 8th Grade Science Teacher at Kromrey

Ann Parks, History Teacher at MHS

Steve Soeteber, Kromrey Principal

c. District Consent Items

i. Approval of School Safety Drills

The board approved under consent agenda the attached school safety drills. (Exhibit B)

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

a. Review Schematic Design of New Elementary School

Mike and Robin from EUA presented the newest version of the elementary designs and the Sauk Trail kitchen upgrade. They reviewed the site plan changes, floor plans for first and second floors, commons area and social stairs, grade wing layouts, safety and security preliminary layouts, and outside views. There were no questions from the board on the items presented.

b. Discussion of Superintendent Search Process and Timeline

There was no additional discussion on this topic.

c. Superintendent Report on District Priorities

George Mavroulis reviewed the district priorities that were attached to the packet. This document consists of the goals and priorities that the superintendent and the administrative staff are work-

ing on in the district. George also listed the organizations that he has been involved with. (Exhibit C)

d. Report on WASB State Convention

Bob Green attended a session on working with boards and administration. Safety, equity and mental health sessions were a common theme this year according to Anne Bauer. Bob Hesselbein attended sessions to see how the district is servicing students compared to other districts. Paul Kinne was impressed with the knowledge and variety of the sessions provided. World language session highlights were shared by Paul Kinne also. Todd Smith attended the session on school shootings and safety. He shared some important points from that session. Bob Green followed up by sharing some items from the legislative delegate forum. George Mavroulis reported on the teacher licensing presentation he attended.

e. Discussion on Amendment to the Declaration of Restrictions and Covenants of District Owned Property

George updated the board on the proposed amendment and the history of the deed restrictions and covenants. This is an item for discussion tonight and will be on the agenda for approval at the February 11 board meeting.

7. ITEMS FOR ACTION

a. Approval of Establishing an Attendance Boundary Committee and Process

MOVED by Hesselbein SECONDED by Smith to approve the attendance boundary committee and process proposal. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0. (Exhibit D)

b. Approval of District Board Goals, Mission, Vision and Guiding Beliefs

All the items were reviewed and voted on separately by the board.

MOVED by Smith SECONDED by Kinne to approve the proposed mission statement - To educate all students to be contributing members of our community and global society by inspiring them with a lifelong love of learning, challenging them with rigorous and innovative curriculum, and empowering them through inclusion and collaboration. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

MOVED by Karbusicky SECONDED by Hyland to approve the proposed vision statement - Inclusive, innovative, and inspiring schools where every student thrives. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

The board previously decided not to vote on the guiding beliefs.

The board discussed several changes on the board goals. After discussion, the board decided to vote on the changes at the February 11 board meeting.

c. Approval of Bond Proceeds Management Firm from RFP for Bond Proceeds Management Services

Lori presented an overview of the need and process of the bonds proceeds management. MOVED by Karbusicky SECONDED by Smith to approve American Deposit Management as the district's bonds proceeds management firm. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

d. Approval of Public Depository

MOVED by Bauer SECONDED by Kalscheur to approve American Deposit Management as an official depository for the district. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

e. Approval of Godfrey & Kahn Invoice

MOVED by Bauer SECONDED by Ashley to approve the Godfrey & Kahn invoice. Motion carried unanimously, 8-0 with Smith abstaining.

8. NEXT MEETING DATES AND ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Kinne SECONDED by Ashley to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously, 9-0.

a. Future Meeting Dates

b. Potential Board Agenda Items

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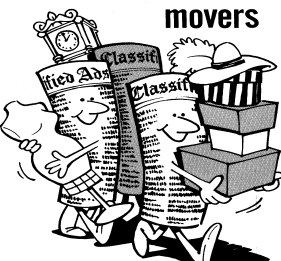
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