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Spring Thaw Causes Spring Flooding in Area



Rob Westerlund-Times Tribune

Creeks and rivers came out of their banks last week after a combination of melting snow and rain sent water levels up. Black Earth Creek in Cross Plains rose enough to cover the new boardwalk at Zander Park.

By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

MADISON—Snow cover, water pooling on snow and warm temperatures were the cause of some minor flooding last week that dampened basements and sent creeks and rivers out of their banks. Assistant State Climatologist Ed Hopkins said that even once the snow is gone, flooding is likely to be a problem for the state, including Dane County.

The National Weather Service in La Crosse just released

its March-May forecast, the time frame that typically marks spring. “They are saying, along the Mississippi River Valley, there is a greater than 50 percent chance of at least minor flooding predicted,” Hopkins said.

He said that warm air being pulled up from the Gulf of Mexico during the “bomb cyclone” last week contributes to the rapid snow melt, and that the condensation from fog fuels the melting. “The humid air comes across the snow and fog

develops. Latent heat from the condensation then accelerates the melting process,” Hopkins explained.

Hopkins said a bomb cyclone is a rapidly moving storm system that causes high winds and large amounts of rain and snow. The storm started in the west, picking up momentum in the Rocky Mountains. It dumped snow and rain across the Plains states, causing massive flooding in Kansas, Nebraska and

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MCPASD Names Elmbrook’s Monogue as Superintendent

MIDDLETON—Dr. Dana Monogue, who has served as the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning in the Elmbrook School District since 2012, has accepted the superintendent position with the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District (MCPASD).

The Board of Education approved Monogue’s hiring at its regular meeting on March 18, and she will join the district on July 1.

“I am humbled and excited to join the MCPASD team,” Monogue said. “I have been impressed by the District’s goals and aspirations for students, our staff and the greater community. MCPASD is an incredible place and I am excited to join this amazing community.”

Monogue will replace George Mavroulis, who is retiring after having served as superintendent the past three years and an administrator in the District for nearly 30 years.

“The school board is proud to announce that Dana has accepted the position of Superintendent with us,” board president Bob Green said. “While we are sorry that George is retiring, we are very excited to start working with Dana.”

In her role at Elmbrook, Monogue has worked to promote student-centered learning, inclusive practices, clear learning targets and aligned



Dana Monogue

curriculum, along with high quality teacher and administrator leadership.

Monogue earned her doctorate degree from UW-Milwaukee in 2014. Her dissertation was on Changing Student Demographics and Suburban School Leadership.

She earned her bachelor’s degree in communicative disorders from Purdue University. She has a master’s degree in educational administration from UW-Madison and another master’s degree in educational leadership from UW-Milwaukee.

Monogue has also served as an adjunct faculty member in Carroll University’s graduate program for educational leadership and has taught there since 2008.

She previously served as a coordinator for special education services, middle school principal and deputy superintendent for curriculum and instruction in the Waukesha

School District for 12 years.

Monogue met with the school board, along with the district’s leadership team, elementary and secondary staff members, high school students, community leaders and district families on March 11.

Elmbrook School District, which includes Brookfield and Elm Grove, has consistently been ranked among the top school districts in Wisconsin by niche.com. It was the number one school district in the state in 2016 and 2017 and second last year.

Elmbrook significantly exceeded expectations—the highest of five categories—on the 2017-18 Wisconsin School Report Cards released by the Department of Public Instruction. Eight of the nine schools in Elmbrook significantly exceeded expectations last year.

There are more than 7,330 students in the Elmbrook. MCPASD has 7,450 students for the 2018-19 school year.

More than 30 candidates applied for the superintendent position. More than 10 were interviewed and six were presented to the school board based on a leadership profile that was put together through a community survey, focus groups and board input.

The search was handled by B.W.P. Associates, which is based out of Libertyville, IL.

Plan Commission Approves Redevelopment Project on Parmenter

By Cameron Bren

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—The Middleton Plan Commission granted concept approval to a proposal from real estate developer T. Wall Enterprises to construct a mix of four-story apartments



and three-story townhouses between Parmenter and Clark St. north of Lee St. The plan commission also approved a conceptual TIF agreement for the project estimated to be \$7.5 million.

The proposal would redevelop three parcels of land purchased by the city in April of last year for \$2.63 million. The city first considered purchasing the land to assist the school district in building a new facility, while the school district opted to build elsewhere the city went

forward with the purchase to redevelop the land for a better use.

Requests for proposals were sent to more than a dozen developers though only two responded. Prominent local developers JT Klein and T. Wall Enterprises both put forward residential developments. Since neither was exactly what city officials hoped for the process of selecting a builder dragged out several months.

Members of the plan commission and city council ex-

pressed the desire to see a mixed-use project with residential and commercial space. Both developers said they felt the area would not support it.

The main distinction between the Wall and Klein’s projects were that Klein’s included workforce housing but paid the city back over time, Wall’s proposal payed upfront but didn’t include affordable units. City officials developed a matrix to order their priorities which resulted in the financial aspect being most important.

Wall’s project was ultimately selected.

The project Wall is calling Conservancy Bend Residences would include 84 multifamily units in one-four story building facing Lee St. and 19 townhomes in three-three story buildings facing Clark St., Parmenter St., and the Pheasant Branch Creek Conservancy respectively. Wall said 43 of the multifamily units will be 80 percent AMI with WHEDA tax credits and six of the units would be workforce housing.

Wall said the architecture will be finalized in later approval, but that it would use brick, HardiePlank and composite panels.

The development would be in phases, starting with the townhomes. Wall said townhomes would only take about six months to build while the apartments would take about 15 months. The total development would not be complete until 2021.

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The Middleton Plan Commission accepted a concept proposal from T. Wall enterprises for apartments and townhouses on Parmenter St. near Clark St. The complex will have 84 apartments and 19 townhouses over four buildings.

LOCAL

Gilda's Club Holds Open House Celebrating Flood Recovery

By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Scores of people came through the red doors at Gilda's Club on March 14 to celebrate the re-opening of the respite facility that received extensive damage from the August 2018 floods.

Guests toured all three floors of the facility, which offers emotional support to cancer patients, and is named after comedienne and Saturday Night Live alumna, Gilda Radner, who fought a battle with ovarian cancer. The idea of the facility is to highlight the positive and sprinkle laughter into cancer recovery, offering support groups, yoga, art and fitness.

After the flooding, which caused over a million dollars in damage to the building located at 7907 UW Health Ct, Middleton, several businesses opened their doors to provide a place for Gilda's Club to continue operating.

The facility held a ribbon cutting at the grand opening, and Middleton Mayor Gurdip Brar praised the facility for offering a place for cancer patients to feel welcome. "Gilda's Club is like a home and the people here like a family," Brar told the crowd that

gathered outside the building.

Van Nutt, Middleton Chamber director, joked that the Chamber had gone through a year's worth of ribbon recently, trying to keep up with all the re-openings after the flood.

As guests sipped wine and enjoyed snacks catered by local businesses, Lannia Stenz, executive director and CEO of Gilda's Club, addressed the group and thanked them for their continued support. "I am deeply humbled and honored by the response for our call for help last August. All of the people in this clubhouse helped us not face this tragedy alone," she said. "From those first days, I never doubted that our community would pull together."

She went on to praise the volunteers that helped remove the debris, the board for connect the facility with resources, the contractor for quickly completing the project and the staff for their leadership and drive. Stenz also thanked those that contributed financially to the flood recovery and said employees at ETC raised funds for employees impacted by the fund and they donated \$55,000 to the club. In addition, board member Joyce Siefering offered up a \$25,000

matching donation. Gilda's club also received many in-kind donations from community members.

"We get by with a little help from our friends, and I am grateful for those friends," Stetz added.

Gilda's board chair Scott Duce was next to address the crowd, and said, "The best part was when I pulled up, and it was too full to pull in (to the parking lot)."

Duce said he was amazed at how quickly the facility recovered after the extensive flood damage.

Water in the creek behind the building was on the rise that morning and Duce said it was cause for concern. "When Lannia called and asked about sandbags today, I thought, 'Oh, lord, not tonight,'" Duce joked.

Helen Lambron, a client at Gilda's then spoke about what Gilda's Club had come to mean to her. The Milwaukee woman said that when she asked if she could make the hour and 45-minute trip to come to Gilda's, she was met with open arms.

"I was, I am, and I will forever be grateful for walking through Gilda's red doors," she

said, noting that the club is welcoming to anyone of any age with any diagnosis.

"Here you feel like a person, not a patient," Lambron added. "They rock you in a world of support."

"Here, today, I feel, I learned

and know there is such a difference between Milwaukee and Madison," she said. "Every community should be so blessed."

Now that the clubhouse is open again, Stenz is looking toward the future and fundraising.

Upcoming events include the annual Backyard BBQ, and a new event, Over the Edge Urban Rappelling, both in June.

For more information about Gilda's Club, visit gildasclub-madison.org.



Michelle Phillips-Times Tribune

Gilda's Club held an open house on March 14 to celebrate the reopening of the facility after extensive flood damage closed its doors in August. A ribbon cutting was part of the celebration. Pictured L-R: Annie Schorbahn, Efrat Livny, Lannia Stenz, Mayor Gurdip Brar, Van Nut, Mike Shea and Diana Decker. For more photos of the event, visit middletontimes.com.

The Regal Find Expands into Neighboring Space

By Katherine Perreth

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Since May 2013, The Regal Find has offered unique artisan gifts in a one-of-a-kind shop. Now, this Middleton boutique is expanding to include space formerly occupied by Bloom Bindery. The store's current entrance, located just around the corner of Parmenter St. on Elmwood Ave., will move to the corner, 1834 Parmenter.

Owner Jessica Regele (pronounced "Regal") declared she is "absolutely thrilled" with the extra 700-square-foot which will allow her to showcase more artists and give the store access to the spacious corner windows.

The Regal Find Grand Re-opening

The Regal Find Grand Re-opening will be held on April 13 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Locally-made "sips and bites," artisanal door prizes, custom-earring jeweler from Waunakee, first 15 customers receive a gift with a purchase.

Windows she will fill with fresh and exciting inventory, she said.

The expansion will also help more local artists gain their first brick-and-mortar presence in the marketplace. Notably, Regele just began a partnership with Middleton High School (MHS) students in the Cardinal Enterprise program, a for-credit collaboration between the business, art and technical education

departments at MHS.

Moyraa Ali, 16, a junior at MHS and Cardinal Enterprise business manager, said the program is in its inaugural year as a business. "Students work together to design and produce pieces that have been specifically ordered by customers. So, in a sense, students are not making things on a whim, but things people...would like for their homes or offices," Ali explained. Around 20 students are in the program each semester, she said.

Currently, the students have a rustic barn-wood table for sale at



Katherine Perreth-Times Tribune

Jessica Regele, owner of The Regal Find, stands in the space in which the store is expanding at the corner of Elmwood Ave. and Parmenter St. It formerly housed Bloom Bindery, and adds 700 sq. ft. of space to the shop.

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LOCAL

Town Board Approves County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite

By Kevin Murphy

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Town of Middleton board supervisors Monday adopted Dane County's historic rewrite of the comprehensive zoning ordinance.

The two-year process began with the Legislature granting Dane County towns the right to opt out of county zoning and oversee land division decisions within their townships.

Tim Roehl, a former town of Middleton board supervisor, an early opt out backer, lobbied

for the enabling legislature, and supported it locally and county-wide. Former town chair Bill Kolar also was an early opt out backer but his enthusiasm for it waned as time for an opt out decision neared.

In mid-April 2017, residents packed town hall and voted 352-29 not to opt out but remain in the "shared" zoning governance with the county. Six towns, including Westport, voted to opt out of county zoning.

Earlier that same month, vot-

ers had turned Kolar and Roehl out of office, replacing them with opt out opponents, write-in candidates Cynthia Richson as town chair and Richard Oberle as a board supervisor.

The county zoning staff went to work and undertook the first extensive rewrite of the comprehensive zoning ordinance in several decades. They met frequently with town staff and residents to update the ordinance but retain zoning provisions unique to the town.

"I'm very pleased. It's some-

thing we've worked for about two years," Richson said Tuesday.

Opt out is still an option but unlikely as long as the county remains cooperative and supportive of local zoning matters, she said.

"I give Dane County a lot of credit. The AT5 (zoning) district was created for the town. It's unique and has worked well for us. It wasn't in their original ordinance, but after a lot of discussion with owners of undeveloped property, they've kept everything substantially the way it was," Richson said.

Existing property uses are grandfathered in the new zoning ordinance and most uses previously allowed on undeveloped land are allowed under the ordinance, she said.

Some changes have been made to uses of land zoned commercial but uses allowed under the old ordinance are permitted by deed restrictions in the new ordinance.

"We didn't want anyone to feel cheated," Richson said.

In what should complete an extensive restructuring of town hall staff, the town board hired Barb Roesslein as town clerk effective April 16. Roesslein is the village of New Glarus' current deputy clerk and has 19 years' experience, Richson said.

"She's very good and she can act as a mentor to our staff which doesn't have a lot of experience," Richson said.

Roesslein succeeds Hailey Roessler who was named interim clerk after Lisa Pardon resigned earlier this year as town clerk to run for the town board against incumbent Oberle.

Roessler had been previously hired as office manager.

Pardon was named town clerk last year following an annual meeting at which residents sought to divide up the duties of the town clerk/treasurer/administrator position then held by David Shaw.

Robin Meier was hired on an ad hoc basis last summer to assist with town finances and budgeting.

Shaw resigned last fall as administrator/treasurer and along with Deputy Treasurer Patti Keichinger under circumstances this newspaper is continuing investigating.

Megan Hughes was hired earlier this month to replace Keichinger as deputy treasurer. Roessler will resume as office manager after Roesslein takes office Meier will leave her position once Roesslein's transition is complete, Richson said.

On Monday, the board also amended restrictive covenants to use the name Pope Family Middle School for a school to be built on land the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District acquired from the Pope family. There was no naming provision in the original covenants, but the provision was secured in negotiation between the school district and Mel Pope in exchange for a 10-foot increase in the building height restriction on the property, said Town Administrator Greg DiMiceli.

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western Iowa.

The flooding could have been worse here if weather predictions that placed the east end of the bomb cyclone over central Wisconsin had been correct. Instead, the storm was center over the east side of the state and Lake Michigan.

"A bomb cyclone is an intense and rapidly moving storm. Low pressure winds in circle, counterclockwise around a low-pressure system," said Hopkins.

Frozen ground can also contribute to flooding, causing

water to runoff or pool. This runoff can cause flash flooding, much like the flooding seen last week that caused the Black Earth Creek to flood in Mazomanie, Black Earth and Cross Plains. Flash flooding also caused several county roads and highways to close due to water over the roadways.

Water saturation in the ground can also factor in to flooding. Much of the ground is full of moisture because of fall flooding, Hopkins said, and added that there is no way to determine the amount of mois-

ture in the soil. He reminded that even frozen soil can be saturated with water and contribute to flooding once the ground thaws.

Hopkins offered some tips to prevent flooding at home. First, make sure the gutters are clean to prevent water from overflowing from them. Next, if you have a large amount of snow or ice build-up, create a channel to move it away from your house or yard. Lastly, move piled snow from winter plowing away from your home as much as possible.

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Expansion

The Regal Find, and are working on humorous wooden nameplates, chess and other game boards, folding stools and tables, and small metal sculptures. In addition, students are designing etched topographical maps and glasses which will be engraved with "Wisconsin" or "Cardinal Pride." Ali noted that MHS will be receiving a laser engraver, "thanks to the referendum which passed," allowing for the development of different products.

"We are grateful for Regal Find for being the first business to work with us and aid in our outreach efforts," Ali said. "We hope to use this as an opportunity to network with other companies and create a solid standing as a business in the Middleton-Madison area."

Regele is proud to promote Wisconsin-made and themed items and said 90 of the 120 artists represented in her store hail from the state. Indeed, over 50 are from Dane County alone. The new space will enable Regele to display large prints and offer bigger pieces, such as the Cardinal Enterprise rustic table and vintage lamps, she said. To protect hung artwork from the sun-filled Parmenter St. windows, Regele is having UV

window film installed.

Although the focus is on local and US products, Regele continues to sell Fair Trade items from other countries; currently she has coin purses from Nepal, and other items from India and Kenya.

Regele has used the results of recent customer surveys to help guide her in sourcing new products. "We want this to be Middleton's store, for our customers to have a voice in what we offer," she explained.

Regele's goal has always been customer satisfaction, or as she puts it, "One-hundred percent happiness guarantee. We want every customer's experience to feel magical; from our whimsical vintage displays to our complimentary gift wrapping."

The Regal Find found support from the downtown Middleton community from the beginning, Regele said, strong support that continues today.

"In an economy that continues to experience the closing of local retailers, Jessica (Regele) and her team stand out as a re-

minder that product, personality and passion can not only survive, but thrive," said Van Nutt, Middleton Chamber of Commerce, in offering his congratulations.

But it's the customers who reign supreme at The Regal Find. "We can't say thank you enough to everyone that has supported our artists. It is because of you that we can grow the business and become your favorite corner store!" proclaimed Regele.

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Opinion

MICHELLE'S Musings

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS



Ila's House

I wanted Ila to live in our house.

Ila, her mom, Susan, and, I met when she was just an infant at the coffee shop I owned. My friend Jacy had brought them in with her and her daughters, and through time, parties and events, I met Susan's husband Jim. I loved their cute little family, and when it came time to list our house on the market, Jacy suggested Susan and Jim take a look.

In December, about a month

or so before we were ready to list, Susan and Ila came to take a look. We moved through the yard, patio and screened in porch, then made out way through the downstairs. It was the downstairs bathroom that stopped Ila in her tracks. We had an oversized, claw foot, slipper tub, and ALL kids loved it. In fact, one of my nieces, Keyla, spent about 1/3 of her childhood in that tub, play with barbies and water toys, and later when she was older soaking in a bubble bath. Some kids, like our nephew, Max, would gasp

at its sight, and Ila's amazement matched those of the kids that had come before her. As her eyes widened, she said, "I want to take a bath in that bathtub."

On we went with the tour. Upstairs we had a room that we had painted gray, pink and purple. Ila went in the room and took in the colors. She looked out the window, then turned to Susan and said, "I want to live in this house."

I wanted her to as well.

Susan loved the house, too, but was unsure about the prospect of selling their house and moving, especially in the dead of winter. I didn't hear from her for a couple of weeks, so I let her know when the house was going on the market. She messaged me after it was listed and said they wanted to look at it again.

The night before they toured the house, we got an offer, of

which Susan was informed. The offer was below asking with \$4,000 in closing costs. Our house had only been on the market for nine days and we had not yet had an open house, so we turned it down. They offered full price and no closing costs, but I wanted to wait until after the open house to gauge the interest before we accepted.

As fate or Mother nature would have it, there was a snow storm the day of the open house and only a couple of people showed up. But in the meantime, Susan's family made an offer outbidding the first buyer, who did not want to go any higher.

The sale would be on contingency, and my husband was nervous. What if their house didn't sell? We decided in the end that we wanted Susan, Jim and Ila to have the house. We think they will love and care for

it just as we did.

Susan's house sold immediately, a closing date was set, and we were ready to go. As is the norm with my life, everything seems to take a detour, or pit stop, if you will, and this was no exception. We got a message from the realtor that the deal fell through because one of the buyers lost their job.

I convinced Matt to hold out a bit and see if they found a new seller as the realtor was sure their house would sell fast. About 10 days later they found another buyer, and we now have an official closing date.

It was worth the wait for us to know that the new owners will eat the fruit from the trees we planted, smell the fragrant lilacs and roses that I tended for almost two decades, bask in the sun on the screened in porch and bathe in a seemingly magical bathtub. That it will remain a home of love and laughter, and that sweet Ila will grow up there.

Sometimes, I guess you can pick who lives in your house once you're gone if you have a little patience.

Now, on to the next task, finding a new home for us.

Letters

Oberle for Town Board

Letter to the Editor:

Richard Oberle is the best choice for seat 1 on the Town of Middleton Board of Supervisors.

Richard was one of the leaders during the contentious zoning issue two years ago. He supported local control of responsible growth by voting to stay in the Dane County zoning code.

Since then he has helped the town move toward more open and responsible policies and for prudent management of town financial resources.

Richard has worked hard for the citizens of the town and merits another term on the town board.

Danny Aerts, Town of Middleton

Fuszard Breath of Fresh Air

To the Editor:

As residents of the 5th District, we are encouraged by Luke Fuszard's campaign for a seat on the Middleton Common Council.

At a time of much negativity in politics, Fuszard's positive approach is exactly what is needed in our community. Fuszard has already visited our neighborhood a number of times. As much as he wants to share his ideas for improving the quality of life in Middleton, he is also genuinely interested in hearing our concerns and those of our neighbors.

Fuszard is definitely a breath of fresh air and would be a much-needed addition to the Common Council. We admire his energy and applaud him for his willingness to get involved.

He would be an excellent representative for residents of the 5th District. With great enthusiasm, we recommend a vote for Luke Fuszard on April 2!

John Finkler & Nancy DeCori, Middleton

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Two Very Different Candidates Vie for Supreme Court Seat

By Kevin Murphy

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WISCONSIN—Voters in the April 2 election for the Wisconsin Supreme Court have choices in candidates with sharply differing political backgrounds in the non-partisan contest.

Both are appellate judges on the Waukesha-based District II Court of Appeals but arrived there from completely opposite directions. Judge Lisa Neubauer was appointed by then Gov. James Doyle in 2007 and has been elected twice since.

She had donated \$8,100 to a Doyle campaign. Also, her husband, Jeff Neubauer, chaired the Wisconsin Democratic Party and served as Bill Clinton's campaign manager for the state in the 1992 and 1996 presidential elections.

Their daughter, State Rep. Greta Neubauer, is a Democrat from Racine.

Brian Hagedorn was appointed to the District II Court in December 2015 by then Gov. Scott Walker. Hagedorn ran unopposed in 2017.

Hagedorn was Walker's chief legal counsel from 2010 to 2015. He helped draft Act 10, Walker's signature piece of legislation that removed collective bargaining privileges from

state employees and brought thousands of demonstrators to the Capitol in 2011.

Now, both candidates are running to succeed Justice Shirley Abrahamson who is retiring after 40 years on the state's high court.

Hagedorn's public service career also includes a state Supreme Court law clerk, and an assistant attorney general which he says him broad experience for the next job he seeks.

"As a judge, no one can criticize me for bringing my personal views into my decisions, because I never have. My job as a judge is to say what the law is, and not what I think the law should be," according to a statement released by Lexi Ardis, campaign manager.

A victory by Hagedorn would increase the court's conservative block to 5 to 2. A Neubauer win would still preserve the court's 4-3 conservative majority.

The high court's five conservative justices have endorsed Hagedorn. Neubauer touts endorsements from 330 current and former state judges.

In the first televised debate last Friday, candidates accused each other of being beholden to special interest groups and challenged their ability to be independent.



Judge Brian Hagedorn

Neubauer called Hagedorn "a political operative" for Walker.

Hagedorn responded that he didn't make decisions, "I did law and law at the highest level."

Neubauer's television ads and ads by anti-Hagedorn groups, have cited Hagedorn's ties conservative ideology. Ads by pro-Hagedorn groups link Neubauer to Hillary Clinton and Eric Holder, former President Barack Obama's attorney general, whose group is spending \$350,000 in the state to elect Neubauer.

Neubauer doesn't welcome outsiders' money and has repeatedly called on "dark money groups" to stay out of the race.



Judge Lisa Neubauer

"Our politics would be better off if the campaigns were left to the candidates," she said in a statement released Tuesday.

University of Wisconsin-Madison political science professor Barry Burden said supreme court campaigns have grown extremely political and increasing costly to run.

"They've become more intensely ideological battles in the past decade as groups beyond the political parties, including pro-business, civil rights, and unions, are spending more money than ever before," he said.

Interest in the elections stems from the court becoming narrowly divided and big issues like Act 10, voter ID and redistricting, really matter, and the state Supreme Court is where they're largely resolved, Burden said.

"With only one seat up during an election whoever wins gets a major stake in the outcome of these important issues," he said.

In an attempt to paint Hagedorn as an extreme candidate and hopefully in an unwinnable position, Neubauer has brought up Hagedorn's earning fees from speaking to Alliance Defending Freedom. The Christian legal organization has supported criminalizing sodomy and urged passage of laws requiring transgendered people to get sterilized and obtain identifying cards listing the names and genders they wanted to be.

"Hagedorn has made statements in the past that seem out of step with the public today, some of those he has since disallowed," Burden said. "The private school he has supported has had exclusionary practices that may have some voters questioning how his personal preferences will affect he behaves on the court."

Hagedorn countered that Neubauer will be beholden to special interest groups that are helping her in the campaign.

"We can't let Judge Neubauer and her special interest

allies turn our supreme court into their partisan political playground. I will defend the rule of law, uphold the Constitution as written, and protect the public on the Wisconsin Supreme Court," he said in the statement Ardis released.

Hagedorn's conservative positions on some social issues prompted the Wisconsin Realtors Association to pull its endorsement and ask for their \$18,000 contribution be returned.

Hagedorn has called out Neubauer for attacking his faith as an attack on all people of faith. He also said that being a faithful Christian doesn't mean he can't be a judge faithful to the law.

Burden has seen only a few studies analyzing Neubauer's and Hagedorn's record as appellate judges and they're not very helpful in determining what kind of justice they will be, as their opinions fall in line with many other judges.

That may be due to many of the cases courts decide are not rooted in political philosophies. Instead, financial matters, criminal proceedings and regulatory disputes don't involve a lot of ideology, so voters have a "gamble" a little bit on what

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DATCP Warns of Vacation Identity Theft Ahead of Spring Break

MADISON—The steps you take to protect your personal information before you start your vacation are the key to mitigating potential identity theft if your devices or documents are stolen or misplaced during your trip. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) offers some simple pre-, during-, and post-trip tips to help travelers limit the threat of identity theft.

“When you are on the go and making memories, you don’t want to constantly worry about whether someone is snooping through your online accounts or making new credit accounts with your identity,” said Lara Sutherland, Administrator for the Division of Trade and Consumer Protection. “Some small preventative measures like updating the operating system and antivirus software on your mobile devices can go a long way toward fending off identity thieves.”

Devote a couple of pre-trip minutes to shoring up your online accounts, strengthening the protection around your mobile

devices, and limiting your risk of information exposure. While traveling, avoid sharing sensitive information over public WiFi networks and keep the trip details you share on social media accounts to a minimum. When you return home, run an antivirus scan on your devices and update passwords for your social media, email, and financial accounts.

Before you start your trip:

- Make sure that your mobile devices are password protected and update the operating systems and antivirus packages.
- Alert your financial institutions about your travel plans and ensure that fraud alerts are in place on your accounts – this will allow you to be immediately notified of suspicious activity while you are traveling. Use the number on the back of your credit and debit cards to contact the banks.
- Put your mail on hold. Identity thieves could steal mail from unattended mailboxes, giving them the information they need to misuse your identity and open credit lines in your name. The post office can hold your letters

and packages until you return.

- Limit what is in your wallet. Keep your bank cards to a minimum and do not pack your Social Security card or carry it in your wallet or purse if it is not necessary.
- Photocopy your documents and cards. Leave the relevant information from the front and back of your passport, driver’s license, credit cards, tickets, and hotel reservation confirmations with a friend or family member at home in case your original documents are lost or stolen during your trip.
- Share your plans with friends and family to avoid “grandparent scams.”
- Turn off auto-connect to WiFi and Bluetooth connections.
- Tighten the security around your social media accounts. Your public posts could give a thief the tools to steal your identity or rob your home while you travel. Adjust the security settings on your accounts to only allow friends and family to view your posts and consider turning off the location services on your phone so the photos you post online are

not tagged with GPS data.

While on vacation:

- Use caution with public WiFi. Avoid banking or sharing sensitive data over public WiFi networks. Only send sensitive information over password-protected networks and in secure websites (those that start with “https”—the information is encrypted).
- Use caution with public computers—even those in your hotel.
- Keep personal documents close. Make use of a room safe when available for mobile devices, valuables, and sensitive documents like passports, ID cards, credit cards, and airline tickets.
- Always keep your mobile devices in a secure location. Your smartphone, tablet, and laptop contain a wealth of personal information. Know where these devices are at all times and keep them secure in public. Log out of all websites so your accounts are not accessed if your device is lost or stolen.

When you get home:

- Change passwords. Any web-

site you accessed on your trip was fair game for scammers, so change all of your passwords—especially for your email account.

- Check accounts. Take a look through your bank and credit card accounts and identify any irregularities. Bring them to the immediate attention of your financial institution.
- Check credit reports. Review your credit reports to ensure that no unexpected accounts have

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Plan commission member Kurt Paulsen asked what the current storm water facilities are on the site. Wall said there is no infrastructure currently and water just runs off into the adjacent Pheasant Branch Creek.

Wall noted that he is not planning to have a fitness center and instead would provide memberships to the fitness center opening in Middleton Center, which he owns and manages.

Plan commission member David Reed asked if the pool was necessary. Wall said it is great for marketing and leasing but very few people tend to actually use the pools at his other developments. Wall said he’d be open to leaving the pool out.

Reed asked if Wall would be open to contributing to the public art in the center of the Parmenter roundabout rather than creating something new along the east side of Parmenter. Wall said he is open to the idea.

Plan commission member Jennifer Murray said she felt the development was blocking a potential public interface to the conservancy. Wall said because of the contour of the land and privacy issues it would be hard to make the land accessible to the public. He said he would be happy to work with the city to improve the cul-de-sac at the end of Clark St. which butts up to the conservancy.

Paulsen said he felt maximizing the interface with the conservancy would add value to the development. Murray asked if there was a way to make the option to include live-work units. City planning director Eileen Kelley said that could be determined in the GIP approval.

Wall said the live-work units were proposed to the council but were not accepted. He said he could include in the zoning the option to make one of the

rooms in the townhomes commercial space.

Reed asked if Wall had spoken with neighboring businesses and property owners about expanding the development beyond the 1.97 acres. He said he did, but they had no interest in selling anytime in the next decade or beyond.

Paulsen asked about the possibility of having light commercial on the first floor of the development. Wall said food or retail would not survive because there is no street parking and not enough foot traffic in the area. He said any business would likely have to cater to

students.

Plan commission member Wayne Pferdehirt asked if Wall was planning to install solar panels. Wall said he does solar wherever possible at all his developments. He said he is learning more about the possibility solar panels on a pitched roof and would have more information at a later date.

Paulsen said he did his own calculations and found the costs to be 120 percent of AMI rather than 80 percent. He said he wanted to make that clear though he believes the site is a good location for market rate and was aware that would be

the result of the city making repayment of the land a top priority.

The TIF request not finalized but is estimated to be \$7.5 million. Kelley said the projected value of the complete project is \$22 million which would generate \$6.45 million in increment over the life of the TIF to 2035. All the increment generated would go towards the project, she noted.

Paulsen said if the assumed value changes or the mill rate, then the increment would change. He asked if there would be a cap on the increment returned to the project so that it

would be no more than the estimated \$6.45 million. Wall said he would be willing to do that but wanted to meet with the city’s finance director Bill Burns to go through calculations.

The plan commission unanimously approved the concept plan and conceptual TIF agreement with a cap to be determined by the finance director and city assessor.

Wall said he planned to have the general plan ready by March 26. If all goes as planned construction would begin in the fall.

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Judges

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positions judges take when they become Supreme Court justices.

Neubauer could take some comfort in the electoral success Democrat candidates have achieved statewide beginning with last April’s Supreme Court election when Milwaukee County Judge Rebecca Dallett defeated Sauk County Judge Michael Srenock, a Walker appointee.

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Spring Election ~ Meet the Candidates

Editor's Note: The Middleton Cross-Plains Times Tribune sent questionnaires to candidates in the local races around our coverage area for the April 2 election. The answers are in the candidates own words and each candidate was asked to be concise and to the point in their answers. An (I) indicates that the candidate is the

incumbent in the seat.

This week we are covering The City of Middleton, the Town of Middleton and the Middleton Storm Water Referendum. We also have a story about and the Wisconsin Supreme Court Race on page 4.

Those that do not provide answers are excluded to

be fair to all candidates. Richard Oberle did not answer the questions as presented. He is running as the incumbent for Seat 1 in the Town of Middleton.

Next week's issue will include the Village of Cross Plains, the Town of Cross Plains, the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District Board of Directors race.ww

City of Middleton

Howard Teal (I)

Seat for which you are running: City of Middleton Common Council, District 5 Alder

Why are you running for public office?

I have served the residents of the 5th district for 20 years on various committees and commissions and have served on the Common Council for 20 years. There is still lots more work to be done.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

Promoting business and commercial growth while at the same time retaining existing neighborhood character. There are a number of examples around Middleton. The underdevelopment Jacob Kline housing project on Century Ave. sits adjacent to the Pheasant Branch Conservancy and across the street from a very successful redevelopment restaurant. The new downtown development from T. Wall has a mix of light retail and

office along with residential housing. When business and commercial locate here, property values go up taxes go up (remember retail doesn't contribute kids to our schools) and the average taxpayer benefits by lower taxes. Promoting economic growth thru the Community Economic Growth initiatives. There are a number of way Middleton can promote economic growth. When we participate in a TIF project by approving a developer TIF request, eventually the increased value in the project comes back into the city's coffers and is used to lower taxes. Roads. We need to continue to try and stay ahead of our deteriorating roads by increased road repair funding.

What experience do you bring to the table?

I served on the council and several committees during my 20 years on the Common Council.

Personal information:

I live have lived in Middleton for 49 years. I'm retired and drive a school bus for the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District.

Fuszard, continued

services mean keeping the citizens of District Five informed on upcoming council deliberations and votes. It also means being responsive to constituent concerns and challenges. Ultimately, citizens must trust their elected representatives and that trust is built upon constant two-way communication.

What experience do you bring to the table?

I grew up with my maternal grandmother driving me to St. Peter's Church in Ashton to visit the graves of our ancestors who settled in this area back in the 1850s. They migrated here from Germany, seeking a better life amidst the fertile ground of Wisconsin farmland. Over the course of numerous generations, my ancestors worked with their neighbors to build Middleton and its surrounding area into the community that we enjoy today. Now, as I raise two kids of my own, I recognize that it is incumbent upon me to similarly "pay it forward" so that future generations can reap the rewards of today's efforts. That ethic of service has driven me to be involved in my city as a member of the Workforce Housing Committee and Community Development Authority. Additionally, I have been active in reforming state politics as one of the Board members of Common Cause in Wisconsin which advocates for clean, ethical government. I've also been on the Board of my neighborhood homeowners association for years and re-

cently joined the MCPASD Education Foundation. I have benefited greatly from these experiences and will rely upon them to be an effective servant to the citizens of Middleton's Fifth District.

Personal information: Where do you live? What is your educational background?

My family and I live in the Hidden Oaks neighborhood of Middleton, tucked behind Bob Suter's Capitol Ice Arena. It's a neighborhood entirely of Veridian Homes of which my parents were one of the first buyers and my wife and I were one of the last. We absolutely love our neighbors, the bike trails right across our street, and the access to such wonderful public schools.

I am most likely the only candidate for Middleton Common Council who attended a public school named after a head coach of the Green Bay Packers-Vincent T. Lombardi Middle School. Both my wife and I graduated from Green Bay Southwest High School in 2000 after which I attended the University of Texas in Austin. After a few years in the workforce, I was fortunate to be accepted to a joint master's program between Harvard Business School and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. I graduated in 2010 with both an MBA and Master's of Public Administration.

Luke Fuszard

Seat for which you are running: Middleton Alder, District 5 Alder

Why are you running for public office?

The seed for this particular City Council run was really planted a few years ago when I was asked to be a part of the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District's (MCPASD) facilities planning committee. As a group we met for over two years to investigate the physical needs of our schools and ultimately made the recommendation that resulted in last November's school referendum. That was one of the most personally rewarding experiences of my life as I have a vested interest in the outcome with my kids matriculating through the Middleton schools. But we also spent so much time getting the entire community involved through Q&A sessions and one-on-one conversations with neighbors. Honestly, it was exactly how local government should work.

After that effort concluded, the desire to serve my community only grew, therefore I had numerous conversations with my family and neighbors over the best way for me to continue that service. After much consideration, we ultimately decided that pursuing a seat on the Middleton Common Council was the best way to go.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

Once the decision to pursue public of-



office was made, I began knocking on the doors of voters in the district and asking about their hopes and concerns for the City of Middleton. Over and over again I kept hearing the same three issues come up: 1. Housing; 2. Public Education; and 3. Constituent Services. Those conversations were the basis of my platform which is: Good Neighbors, Good Schools, and Good Government. I believe that the "magic of Middleton" should be available to all who seek it. And while the Common Council does not directly control the budget of our public schools, it can be a strong advocate for them. Today, our city government, Chamber of Commerce, and school administrators regularly meet to work together, which sadly is not all that common in communities of our size. If we are to continue to be a world-class city, particularly one that offers a world-class education, we must continue this cross-sector collaboration. And finally, good constituent

Katy Nelson

Seat for which you are running: Middleton Alder, District 3

Why are you running for public office?

The timing was right to be a good citizen and do my part in a democratic city government. Our alder, JoAnna Richard, was not seeking another term in her seat, and I took the opportunity to keep a progressive woman in the position.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

Affordable housing is an issue here. We have 18k jobs in the city, with 16k people who come into Middleton from other communities every day to work. The average cost of a house in Middleton right now is \$400k, making it out of reach for workers to live and work here. Mixed-use projects, like Willy Street in Madison, or the Sequoia Library project in Madison, are visions that could add housing above commercial businesses. That brings many issues together and solves them: a smaller



environmental footprint (water and power tests have shown that less is used in one footprint vs separate buildings); walkable areas keep car traffic down; areas of Middleton that are blighted (i.e., Sonic on University Ave), are revitalized, and are on bus lines, further decreasing car traffic; with more people able to live and work here, they spend their money here at local businesses, and real estate taxes they pay ease the tax burden of single residence homes. Lastly, this revitalizing vision keeps Middleton true to its



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City of Middleton

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pact with the Town of Springfield, just north of the city, which holds some of the richest agricultural soil in the USA. Middleton has promised not to push into the town with new development.

Storm damage from the August 2018 storm is another important issue Middleton is dealing with. The Pheasant Branch Conservancy is the crowning jewel of Middleton, offering some of the best bird watching in the Midwest; a fantastic and safe place to commute via bicycle, and a great place to run and walk. The Japanese term Shinrin-yoku means "taking a forest bath." They have proven that walking amongst wooded areas actually makes us healthier. The Common Council and Planning Commission of the past who created this natural space, and

Sarah Cords

Seat for which you are running: City of Middleton Alder, District 3

Why are you running for public office?

I am running for public office because I would like to listen to the residents in my district and represent their interests in local city government.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

Balance is the key word in Middleton. We are literally in the middle in so many ways. We're a suburban community between Madison and rural areas, and we need to find a good balance of affordable housing options that both current and new residents want. We need to protect our natural areas and plan all of our building sites carefully because we're in the middle of a floodplain. We need to find a way to offer livability and amenities without spending so much that we have city budget gaps every year.

Kathy Olson (I)

Seat for which you are running: Middleton District 1 Alder

Why are you running for public office?

I am immensely grateful for all the opportunities that living in Middleton has afforded me and my family. I am running for Middleton Common Council to ensure that future residents will also be able to enjoy the high-quality services that Middleton offers.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

The City of Middleton, as a leader in sustainability, must continue to take big, bold steps to mitigate the environmental and financial effects of climate change. Middleton must continue to support the important work of the city's Sustainability Committee and build on our successes.

The City of Middleton needs to balance

held strong against any urge to build on it are to be lauded by those of us who benefit from it today. It is worth repairing and protecting.

3. I want to see Middleton continue to work on making the city safer for pedestrians and cyclists to cross and ride on city streets along with cars. More bike lanes and blinking cross walks will help.

What experience do you bring to the table?

I am currently on the Zoning Board of Appeals, and I have owned my own business, Zucca Pilates & Functional Fitness, (in District 3) for 12 years.

Personal information:

I have lived on Park Street in Middleton for 14 years. I have a BBA-Marketing degree from UW-Whitewater.



What experience do you bring to the table?

I have attended a lot of city meetings and am getting to know how the city works. I am also a former reference librarian, so I believe in listening to people's questions and helping them find the answers they need.

Personal information:

I'm a product of the MCPASD and have a BA in journalism and an MA in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



development with livability. We must continue to support and promote infill development, affordable homeownership and affordable housing units. With careful planning we can control property taxes to allow our citizens to continue to afford living in their homes.

The City of Middleton must support our public safety services. As our city grows, our commitment to supporting

Olson, continued

the work of our public safety professionals must keep pace. Because Middleton has provided these quality services, we continue to enjoy safe neighborhoods and are able to attract & retain quality businesses.

What experience do you bring to the table?

I have served as the City of Middleton's District 1 Alder since 2015 and have been actively involved in the Middleton community for many years including city committee appointments: (Current) Sustainability Committee, Landmarks Commission, Community Development Authority, Pedestrian Bike Transit Committee, License & Ordinance Committee, (Past) Middleton Plan Commission, Personnel Committee, Middleton Li-

brary Board of Trustees. Other: 2008 Middleton Good Neighbor Award Winner, past president of Historic Middleton Neighborhood Association, past president of Middleton Area Historical Society.

Personal information:

My husband, Steve, and I have owned a home in downtown Middleton for 30 years. Our children, Micki & David, both attended Middleton schools. I earned a Computer Programming Degree from Madison College. I am also a LEED-AP (Leader in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional) and a Certified Administrative Professional, specializing in Organizational Management.

Dan Ramsey II (I)

Seat for which you are running: Alder District 7, Middleton

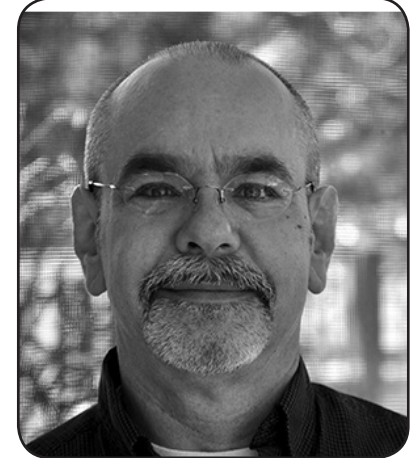
Why are you running for public office?

Middleton is a vibrant energetic community where people want to live and raise their families. As with all growing communities we face challenges. The only way to help guide our direction is to be involved. I also want to be a strong voice for District 7, to be sure our unique position and issues are being heard and addressed. A recent example is the work proceeding on the Northeast Connector/North Mendota Trail Bike Path.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

Growth: With limited room to grow, infill development is going to always be a challenge moving forward. We need to continue to balance market rate and workforce housing. I would like our city Comprehensive Plan to reflect a desire and strategy to create affordable owner-occupied workforce housing opportunities.

Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor: With the unprecedented damage to our storm water facilities from the August 2018 storm and a shortfall in potential FEMA funding, I support taking the question of raising the annual storm water utility fee to our citizens via this year's referendum. While the creek corridor is enjoyed by all for its natural beauty and trails, its main function is as storm water control. As these historic rainfalls are becoming more frequent, it is imperative that we design our repairs now to mitigate the chance for further damage later. I do support ending the annual fee increase earlier than the proposed 5-year time limit if possible, i.e.: if the repair funding is complete prior to the five-year limit. Northeast Connector/North Mendota Trail: After many years of discus-



sion, the council has allocated funds for the design and construction of this multi-use path extending from Old Creek Road to Highland Way. I have advocated for and supported this effort and will continue to be a strong proponent of this project. This path will create a safe connection for residents of Middleton's north side to be able to walk or bike to all of our great downtown destinations.

What experience do you bring to the table?

I have had the privilege of being District 7 Alder since 2017. I currently serve on the Plan Commission, License and Ordinance Committee, Water Resource Management Commission, Conservancy Lands Committee, and as vice chairperson for Pedestrian, Bicycle & Transit Committee and the Airport Commission.

Personal information:

My wife Michele and I have raised six children. We have lived in the Cedar Ridge neighborhood for over 14 years. I grew up in Middleton and have lived here for a total of 37 years. I have an Associate Degree in accounting and am self-employed, owning RPM Management LLC, a real estate management and maintenance company.



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Town of Middleton

Cynthia Richson (I)

Seat for which you are running: Town of Middleton, Town Board, Chair

Why are you running for public office?

I am currently serving in public office to make a positive difference for town residents. The town has grown over time. We are in the middle of making some very important positive changes in the town so that Town Hall will now have a new municipal financial accounting system in place with new internal financial policies and procedures to enhance checks and balances and to better document and track town expenses. We are also close to finalization of a new team in place at Town Hall with essential core skills such as accounting and financial expertise. The internal operations of the town will soon be better suited for the external growth that the town has experienced over time. We have made very good progress on this important objective.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

Financial—I remain committed to keeping town taxes down through better planning, improved efficiency, and setting appropriate priorities. The prior handling of town finances was wholly inadequate for a town of our size and complexity. In effect, this was noted by the town's external auditors in every annual audit report since at least 2013 in which it was specifically stated that the town had a significant deficiency in internal control. Over the past two years, I have worked diligently to put the town's internal financial house in order. Some of the ongoing fundamental financial improvements include: A new internal structure (town electors split the roles of treasurer and clerk at the 2018 Annual Meeting), which will provide increased checks and balances and accountability; Implementation of new financial processes, policies and procedures to increase financial transparency and accountability; Employing/appointing new staff members with needed core skill sets in the areas of accounting and budgeting; and the in process implementation of a new municipal accounting system to better and more accurately track and document Town expenses (January 2019). I have also appointed a highly qualified Finance Committee comprised of town residents to assist and advise the town on all town financial matters, including better and more accurate tracking of town liabilities to analyze and plan for future town expenditures. Zoning—I have spent many hours over the past two years meeting with town residents and town business owners as well as meeting with Dane County Zoning staff so that the newly rewritten Dane County Zoning Code would



be substantially similar to the current Dane County Zoning Code as it relates to the rights of landowners in the Town of Middleton. At the 2017 Annual Meeting, town Residents overwhelming voted to continue the town's shared zoning authority with the county. This has been and remains a top priority for the town.

Transparency and Citizen Input—It is a top priority to continue to make town board, commission and committee meetings more welcoming to the public, including implementation of a new microphone system with better sound quality so town residents can better hear, understand, and participate in town meetings. Over the past two years, citizen engagement in the town has grown and not only includes attendance and participation in town meetings, but we have also created a new Town Public Works & Town Services Committee comprised of town residents to provide greater input on areas of expense that equal approximately sixty-percent of the town's total budget. There is also a new focus on creating a town staff culture with emphasis on providing excellent customer service to town residents and other members of the public. In 2018, in accord with best practices, we implemented a Town Policy requiring physical posting of all town board, commission and committee meeting agendas in three public places that includes the newly installed bulletin board locations at Settler's Prairie Park and Voss Park.

What experience do you bring to the table?

Prior to serving in my current role as Town Board Chair, I served as a town poll worker for elections, and also as a member of the Town Planning Commission where I gained invaluable insights and experience regarding the variety of complex matters that the town should address objectively, expertly, and in a transparent, professional manner. I have over 25 years of experience as an Attorney that includes private and public sector government experience. I have also served as an inaugural member of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's appointed standing advisory group, the audit regulator of publicly-traded companies and registered audit firms.

Personal information:

Richson, continued

I live in the Town of Middleton on Airport Road. I have a B.A., Master of Business Administration, and Juris Doctorate (Law with Honors) degrees, and ongoing continuing legal educa-

tion courses on various legal topics. I am also a UW-Madison graduate.

Luke Atterbury

Seat for which you are running: Town Board Chair, Town of Middleton—Write-in

Why are you running for public office?

I want to return accessibility and accountability to public office, especially at a community level like our town. I believe that government should work for the people, and that public office is about serving others and helping one's neighbors.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

Transparency in government. This is a democracy, and information needs to be free and easily accessible to constituents. I would like to send out monthly town updates/community bulletins and make the Town's website more modern and usable (such as a blog, issue list where users (i.e. Residents) can post, and other helpful information).

Stability. While change is generally positive, the turnover at the Town in the past 18 months has been alarming. While growing pains are felt at any organization, governmental or elsewhere, I don't expect as a high a turnover rate as we've seen; it speaks volumes to (lack of) employee satisfaction, and if we want to be one of the best places to live, we should also be a great place to work. I would implement bimonthly (staff) office hours, where employees could come and discuss issues (off the record) and so that I could see trends in employee performance and job happiness. I understand that HR/staffing is sensitive, and confidentiality is necessary for parts of the process, but employees of long tenure don't suddenly resign/terminate without reason. It's clear to see that the current staffing situation at the town is chaotic and as a former Town employee, I have an ear to the pulse.

Lisa Pardon

Seat you are running for: Seat 1, Town of Middleton Board of Supervisors

Why are you running for public office?

I left my employment as the clerk to run for the Town Board because I saw a critical need to have more board members who are engaged and willing to make responsible decisions rather than be a rubber stamp.

We have two main challenges at the town: rebuilding relationships and reining in uncontrolled spending.



Accountability. Many residents and I see changes happening in our town but can get very little information from the board and are often shuffled off to a contracted lawyer. Oftentimes these changes go against resident wishes and/or had little impact analysis done by/for them. Small government especially should be open to feedback and I would introduce a similar office hour type forum for residents (outside of the board meetings—not everyone can attend these)!

What experience do you bring to the table?

I'm well educated in the various levels of the American government, know every town road and neighborhood, and have worked for the Town of Middleton since I was 15. I'm well versed in Project Management and will use those skills to hold efficient meetings, create meaningful agendas, and ensure that goals are kept open and identifiable to constituents. I also bring flexibility and empathy; I enjoy talking with people, understanding what's important to them, and working with all parties to find common ground acceptable to all.

Personal information:

I grew up on a horse farm and love animals. I went to school at UW Madison and have a Bachelor's in political science. I'm also a private pilot; I fly both airplane and helicopters, and nothing beats the feeling of buzzing around solo in a chopper.



Spring Election ~ Meet the Candidates

Town of Middleton

Pardon, continued

The Town of Middleton has grown to become the largest town in Dane County. This growth has strained the staff and crew, which has led to the greatest loss of personnel in the town's history, with over a dozen resignations in less than a year. The town has also suffered strained relationships with its residents and volunteers, including the resignation of the entire Finance Committee, the Park Chair, and the estrangement of home owners' associations, the Friends of Pope Farm, and the press. We can do better. We are a community rich in highly-educated, dedicated citizens. We should cultivate, not alienate, our volunteers. At a time of low unemployment, we have been fortunate to attract hard-working talented people, and now we must work on retaining these fine workers. We must work as a team.

Last year the town spent record amounts in attorney fees and engineering fees and has operated at a deficit. We must get spending under control by vetting the necessity of projects and also by bidding out projects for more competitive rates.

What are the top three issues that are important to your community and how would you address them?

Fiscal Responsibility. The voters put their trust in the Board to act as stewards of the taxpayers' money. Our engineering costs drive most of the Town's expenses, and yet we do not bid out our engineering fees. The town engineer refers projects to his own engineering firm of which he is

the president, and furthermore, promotes new projects for his firm with the town. Many of the town's legal fees were unbudgeted and incurred without prior approval from the board. In fact, the Town had to have a \$200,000 budget amendment at the end of last year to address the some of these costs.

Stability. Our residents have enjoyed good services: plowing, road repair, garbage pick up, chipping, and yard waste disposal. However, the delivery of these services is at risk due to the town's growth and recent turnover. The town overspends on legal fees, while cutting crew positions. This makes no sense.

Transparency and accountability. People want to know what decisions are being made that affect them and how they are being made. They want to know that their concerns are taken seriously. The board should not be hiding behind legal opinions or deferring residents' issues to the town engineer. The board members, not the attorneys nor the engineer, are the elected officials that are answerable to the taxpayers.

What experience do you bring to the table?

From my roles as the clerk/Deputy Administrator and a member of the Plan Commission, I am uniquely positioned to have a behind-the-scenes perspective on decision-making and its impacts. I regularly reviewed invoices, met with personnel, interacted with residents, and worked alongside our fantastic election workers.

As an attorney, I have years of experience in property and community association law. I advised clients on good governance, contract negotiations, property rights, and liability issues. I can put on my attorney hat and provide the due diligence needed to make responsible decisions, and I can wear my resident's hat and show care and neighborliness in rebuilding relationships within the town. I can provide the balance of critical think-

ing and civility and compromise.

Personal Information:

My husband and I moved to the Town of Middleton in 2005 because of the excellent schools and the rural feel of the community. I have a law degree from the University of Wisconsin. I received my undergraduate degree in Asian Studies from the University of Hawaii.

Brent Renteria

Seat for which you are running: Town of Middleton Board—Seat 2

Why are you running for public office?

I am running to ensure that local government remains responsive to the needs to the citizens. However, I also recognize that hard decisions are part of the job and I am able to make those decisions when necessary.

What top three issues are most important to your community and how would you address these issues?

Town finances are the top priority right now. This is being addressed, initially, by bringing in people with the necessary expertise. Additionally, we have switched from an inadequate accounting system to an accounting system specifically designed for small municipalities. As the picture becomes clearer addition steps may be needed to ensure that the town's finances are properly managed and transparent.



What experience do you bring to the table?

I have served two previous terms on the town board and am looking forward to serving our residents for a third.

Personal information:

I have lived in the old Cherrywood neighborhood for the last 13 years. I have two bachelor's degrees related to Information Technology and data security.

Referendum Would Increase Storm Water Fee in Middleton

By Kevin Murphy

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Middleton residents can determine next month if they want their annual storm water fee increased by \$30 for the next five years to help repair an estimated \$6.6 million in flood damages to city facilities.

If approved, the April 2 referendum would hike the annual storm water fee on residential water bills from \$15 to \$45. That would add \$560,000 to the city's Storm Water Utility's \$280,000 annual revenue, said City Administrator Mike Davis.

The increase is the first proposed since the utility was established in 2015 to fund storm water management projects. The federal government requires increased clarity and less phosphorous in storm water runoff. In response, municipalities have created Storm Water Utilities in recent years to impose the cost of complying with federal regulations on all property owners.

The August 20-21 flood "blew out" a long list of storm water facilities including detention ponds near the police station and near the railroad tracks at Greenway Station.

The flood's biggest impact occurred along the Pheasant Branch

Creek corridor, washing out stretches of creek bed and bank along with pedestrian bridges and trails in the popular Pheasant Branch Conservancy.

Destruction at Pheasant Branch Conservancy accounts for more than one-half of the estimated \$5.25 million in damages to city property submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for reimbursement.

"Anything engineered and built by city is eligible for FEMA reimbursement (at 87 percent)," said Davis.

What FEMA determines is eligible for reimbursement may still be months away, Davis said. Meanwhile, the city needs to get the storm water facilities repaired and its parks and trails restored to where the public and can fully use them again.

The uncertainty about FEMA's assistance recently caused the Common Council to remove language from a postcard to be mailed last week (WEEK OF MARCH 11) that would have stated the infrastructure projects could be delayed if the SWU fee isn't increased, said Davis.

If the SWU fee isn't increased the city could borrow more money to finance the repair projects or use Tax Incremental Finance funds, said Davis. Dane County may have grants

the city could seek, and there's limited insurance coverage on certain properties. There's also \$700,000 in unallocated funds the SWU has.

However, forgoing a storm water fee increase has consequences including risking a lower bond rating if the city borrows too much money, and delaying infrastructure projects if TIF money is diverted to storm water projects.

"Roads or other infrastructure projects that are part of our five-year capital improvement plan could be pushed back. People want their roads built and whether they're delayed depends on how the council would react," Davis said.

Mayor Gurdip Brar prefers to wait on FEMA reimbursements before increasing the SWU fee.

"I love the nature conservancy, that's one of the reasons I moved here in 1982...I love the ponds we have. I started Friends of Kettle Ponds group. I realize the flood did a lot of damage, especially to the Pheasant Branch corridor. But I don't think this is the proper timing for the referendum," he said.

Instead, the mayor wants the trails and bridges restored in Pheasant Branch Conservancy and the bank stabilized. The rest of the flood dam-

age is less costly or critical to the community, he said.

"When you talk to people, they want the Pheasant Branch Conservancy to be the focus. They want bridges replaced. People use that property...The city should get the creek corridor fixed and the bridges up again," he said.

After the FEMA reimbursement amount is determined and the costs of the repairs are finalized, the SWU fee could be increased to fund the balance needed, Brar said.

The SWU could raise \$2.8 million during the next five years from the increased fee. Department of Natural Resources grants, that require a 50 percent local match, could add another \$700,000, and insurance payouts \$200,000 more, according to City Finance Director Bill Burns.

The chief unknown is the amount of assistance FEMA and the state will offer. It's estimated between \$2 million and \$4 million. Subtracted from an estimated \$6.6 million in total flood-related costs leaves the city's share between \$1.7 million to \$3.7 million, according to Burns estimates.

Brar is concerned that, if passed, the fee increase, authorized for five years, would become permanent.

"Once the money starts to come in, it will be difficult to stop it. They will find a million ways to use it," he said.

The council would be "politically and morally, if not legally bound," to let the fee increase to expire, Davis said.

"If I'm here in five years, I would bring that up. If would be incumbent on me to remind the council of that obligation," he said.

Brar also wants to take steps now that would prevent floods or minimize the damage they cause.

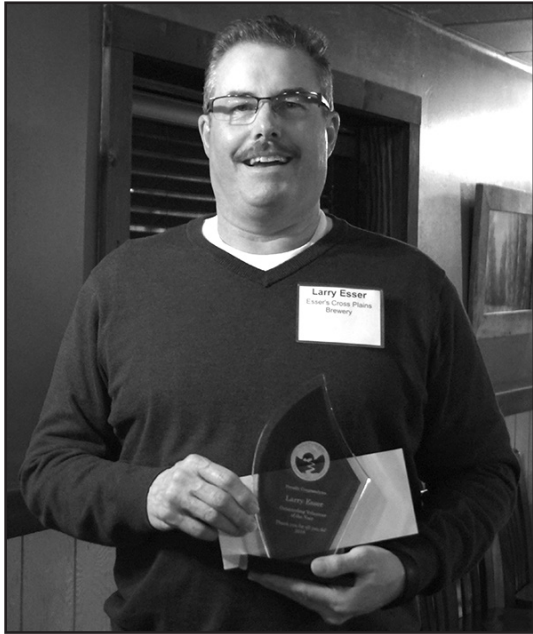
"A lot of the water that enters the city comes from Madison. Madison is working to keep more of their (runoff)," Brar said.

Commercial and other non-residential properties are assessed a fee based on the amount of impervious area they contain. That makes the city the largest contributor to the SWU at about \$20,000 per year, followed by the Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District at approximately \$10,000 a year.



CROSS PLAINS

CP Chamber Holds Annual Dinner, Presents Awards



Rob Westerlund-Times Tribune

Clockwise, from Top Left: Larry Esser was awarded the Outstanding Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award; The Chamber announced the selection of the new Executive Director, Terra Morris, who took on her new role on Mar. 18. She is pictured with Chamber Director Perry Hibner. James Tubbs, President and CEO of State Bank of Cross Plains, accepts the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award on behalf of the bank; Jane Busch received the Outstanding Community Citizen of the Year Award.

By Rob Westerlund

Times-Tribune

CROSS PLAINS—Members of the Cross Plains Area Chamber of Commerce gathered at The Hilltop restaurant to take part in the Annual Chamber Celebration & Awards Presentation on March 14, the premier gathering of area business leaders, to honor businesses and community leaders. After sharing dinner together, members took time to recognize efforts of organizations and individual accomplishments.

The Chamber Business of the Year Award was given to the State Bank of Cross Plains in recognition of their work in the community, specifically for coordinating fundraising for victims of the flood event last August. James Tubbs, President and CEO of State Bank of Cross Plains since July 2011, accepted the award on behalf of the bank.

The award is given every year to a business which displays a commitment to the community, has made a positive impact on the local economy, and maintains a responsible & rewarding workplace environment.

The Outstanding Community Citizen of the Year Award was given to Jane Busch, founder of the Life (Lifestyle Initiative for Fitness Empowerment) Foundation, in recognition of making a positive impact through their volunteer efforts and community service activities, working to improve nutrition, decrease obesity and increase physical activity for members of the community.

In 2017 the Chamber Board initiated the Outstanding Chamber Volunteer of the Year Award to recognize individuals who have pledged their time and talents to Chamber-designated committees and events. The award is designed to recognize the individual who has gone above and beyond to make a positive impact

on the Cross Plains Area community through their volunteer efforts and service to the Chamber.

Larry Esser, of Esser's Cross Plain's Brewery, home of Esser's Best, was awarded the Volunteer of the Year award in recognition of his contribution to the community in his volunteer work with the Jaycees, the Cross Plains World's Fair, Halloween community pumpkin carving, and the St. Francis Catholic Church Festival.

"The awards in each category were well deserved; Jane Busch and her work throughout the community and specifically through the Life Foundation, and Larry Esser has been a great contributor to the chamber and has dedicated many volunteer hours. The State Bank of Cross Plains has done a fantastic job raising money for the flood victims. The community has a lot to be proud of for a fantastic 2018, and now with a new Executive Director and recently appointed board, 2019-20 should be a great success!" said Casey Koenig, recent Chamber Board President.

The board was also proud to present the new Executive Director, Terra Morris, who will be replacing the outgoing director Amy Hansen. Morris took on her new role as director on March 18. She has functioned as a Project Consultant working in the marketing and advertising industry. The skills she brings to Cross Plains are process improvement, management, coaching, advertising, event planning, and team building. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Michigan State University.

The Chamber wrapped up its evening with time to connect with other businesspeople of the area, fulfilling the Chamber mission of "Promoting a strong economy and high quality of life for our Chamber members and the Cross Plains area communities."

Library Spring Programs Now Starting

Storytime 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 winter session, *Let's Play!*, will be finishing up the final week of March. Then we'll go right into our spring programs the first week of April. Please check our website, rgpl.org, for details.

Read to a Dog

Chase, our canine reading buddy joins us on April 15 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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great jump-start with this program that encourages families to read together. No child is too young! Stop in anytime to sign up and get a special keepsake record book and book bag for your child. For more information, go to www.rgpl.org/1000-books-kindergarten. Bring in your record books and watch your kids climb the reading tree!

Lego Club

The Lego Club will meet April 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 April 15, 4 p.m.

"Ice Dogs," by Terry Lynn Johnson, is our selection for April. Victoria Secord, a 14-year-old Alaskan dogsled racer, loses her way on a routine outing with her dogs. With food gone and temperatures dropping, her survival, and that of her dogs and the mysterious boy

she meets in the woods, is entirely up to her. Author Terry Lynn Johnson is a musher herself and her crackling writing puts readers at the reins as Victoria and Chris experience setbacks, mistakes, and small triumphs in their wilderness adventure. Sign up and get a copy of the book at the service desk.

Spring Break Fun-Forts & Shipwrecks

Everyone needs a break, even during Spring Break. On, March 25, from 6-7:45 p.m., there is fun for the whole family with Family Fort Night. Tents, flashlights, walking s'mores and stories make this campout complete. On March 28, at 2 p.m., Wisconsin Water Librarian, Anne Moser, will entertain you as she plunges you into a fascinating program about Great Lakes Shipwrecks. After the program, you'll dive into creating sea shanty and shipwreck art. Program recommended for kids 7 and older.

Carpe Librum Book Discussion Group

Join the Carpe Librum Group the evening of March 28 at 6 p.m. to discuss Helen Oyeyemi's novel about family secrets cleverly set to

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Health TIP!
Sweet News

The flavonoids in dark chocolate seem to have cardiovascular benefits; they improve arterial function. Recent research now suggests that these compounds may also help the brain. Ninety people with mild cognitive impairment were divided into 3 groups. Each day, the participants drank a cocoa beverage that contained either high, medium or low levels of flavonols. After 2 months, the high-flavonol group performed better on a series of cognitive tests, including memory and verbal fluency tests. They also saw improved blood pressure and blood sugar control. Moderate consumption is key so as not to offset the benefits.

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the tune of a well-known fairytale.

Project Home—Preventing Basement Flooding

Whether you have recurring basement water issues, or you've had a one-time event, Jason Hafeman, one of the experts at Madison's "Project Home", can help. With a little bit of planning, a few rules, and some basic landscaping tools, most homeowners can address issues on their own (or with a few extra hands). No large machinery required. Join us April 3 at 6:30 p.m. and find out how. This program is co-sponsored by the Library and The State Bank of Cross Plains. Please call 608-798-3881 to sign up for this free program.

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!

Art Auction Fundraiser

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.

Friends Spring Used Book Sale

While you're visiting garage sales on Trout Day weekend, don't forget to stop by the Friends Used Book Sale for a sweet deal on gently used books, DVDs, and CDs. The doors are open May 3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and May 4, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Proceeds support library programming.

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.

Special Earth Day Community Event, Monday 4/22, 6:30 p.m. "Decoding the Driftless"—a documentary film RESERVED SEATING • To save your seat, call the library at 608-798-3881 or email Kris at kloman@rgpl.org.

The Wisconsin State Journal calls it "A Film to Knock People's Socks Off" and they're not kidding! Join us at the Glacier Creek Middle School Cafeteria for a wild ride of adventure from the air,

ground, water, and a secret underworld, as leading scientists, local guides, and area enthusiasts reveal their passion for, and knowledge of, the Driftless. Learn why the beautiful region we live in is the only "island driftless region" in the world. After the film, award-winning co-producer, George Howe, will be there for Q&A. This FREE film is brought to you by the Rosemary Garfoot Public Library and a Beyond the Page National Endowment for the Humanities Grant. Our partners are Gateway to the Driftless, the Black Earth Public Library and the Mazomanie Free Library.

NWDSS CALENDAR

Northwest Dane Senior Services

1837 Bourbon Road, Cross Plains

Lunch serving begins at 11:30 a.m. Call 608-798-6937 by 1 p.m. the day before, to reserve your meal. For a full listing of the daily menu see the newsletter on our website: www.nwdss.org

Menu & Calendar of Events

Mar. 20: Meat Sauce over Spaghetti

Birthday Bingo

- Mar. 21: Pork Loin in Gravy
Player's Choice
- Mar. 22: Lemon Baked Fish
Nickel Bingo
- Mar. 25: Italian Sausage
on a Bun
Exercise-a.m.
Euchre-p.m.
- Mar. 26: Chili with
Baked Potato
Dominos
- Mar. 27: Pulled Pork
on a Bun
Bingo

Metal Mania Planned

CROSS PLAINS—Time to search your garage, basement, yard, attic, etc. for all your metal items you need to get rid of—bikes, bed frames, swing sets, car ramps, pipe—anything metal. Call the village office at 608-798-3241 to get your name on the list for this special pickup at no extra charge.

The pickup will be held on April 6 and is for village residents only. This is metal only, no appliances, wood furniture or other white goods will be accepted for this special pickup.

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MHS Students Bring Home Honors from State DECA Conference

MIDDLETON—Seniors Lauren Dahler and Searra Funch took second place in their respective events at the Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) State Career Development Conference on March 4-6 in Lake Geneva.

Dahler finished second with a project in financial consulting, while Funch also placed second in retail merchandising. In all, 14 MHS DECA students competed at the conference.

Students performed role plays and took marketing related exams based on scenarios they would encounter if they worked in marketing. Some students also participated in special projects where they created their own business idea, created a financial plan for a customer, or tried to sell security services to a business owner.

Besides Dahler and Funch, other MHS series champions included: Third place: Poojha Prabhara Sundar and Zinnia Nie (Financial Services Team Decision-Making);

Fourth place: Poojha Prabhara Sundar (Financial Consulting); Fifth place: Lily Baird (Hotel and Lodging Management), Lily Baird and Searra Funch (Entrepreneurship Innovation Plan); 10th place: Ashley Biwott (Economics exam); Biwott placed 10th out of 308 students who took the economics exam.

Three other MHS students—Emery Engling (Business Services Marketing), along with Amber Kaplan and Elizabeth Schink (Sports Marketing Team Decision-Making) received honorable mention recognition.

In addition, Elena Roden earned medals in both of her events, Professional Selling and Apparel and Accessories.

Eight students qualified for the International Career Development Conference in Orlando at the end of April, while four students qualified in two events. That's the most MHS has had double qualify for ICDC, said DECA adviser Robert Hutchison, who took over in 2001.



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MHS Orchestra Honors Mike Dewey with Concerto Showcase

By Rob Westerlund

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—The Middleton High School (MHS) music department presented the Mike Dewey Concerto Showcase, performed on March 14 at the Performing Arts Complex at MHS. Dewey was the orchestra teacher at MHS for 18 years, one of the longest tenures of anyone to hold the post. Before his passing in 2001, he touched the lives of many young musicians at MHS. His memory was honored with this concert named after him.

The Sinfonia, the sophomore orchestra, performed four pieces, including selections from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons-Spring" with violin solo by Nathan Giglierano, and

a piece called "Mock Morris." The Symphony orchestra, composed mostly of juniors and seniors, performed pieces by Mendelssohn, with Daphne Wu at piano, a "Violin Concerto No. 1 in G Minor" by Max Bruch, with Mary Hsu soloing on violin, and selections from Stravinsky's "The Firebird."

A particularly unique performance was heard in the "Toy Symphony" by Edmund Angerer, which included instrumentation by the quail call, nightingale, toy trumpet, triangle, toy drum, ratchet, and cuckoo.

Steve Kurr, director of the MHS orchestras, said "In the Concerto Showcase it was nice for us to honor Mike Dewey whose favorite works included

music from outside the ordinary. It was good to hear from our soloists who put in countless hours before they get to the stage."

The MHS music department invites everyone to attend the Spring Supper Concert and

Auction on April 6 at 5:30 in the MHS courtyard in which money is raised to support MHS orchestra operations. Performing that evening will be the Concert Bands, Cardinal and Symphony orchestras, Sinfonia, and Wind Ensemble. The

Spring Supper Concert & Auction is a fundraiser that benefits all band and orchestra students, support the school by providing items to be in the silent auction, or to bid for an item that evening.

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Two for the show

Murphy, Wofford in midst of magical year

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Storm Murphy has always brought great passion, energy and vitality to the basketball court.

These days, Murphy brings the same liveliness to his interviews. And it's easy to see why.

Murphy, a former Middleton High School standout who's currently a sophomore point guard on Wofford's men's basketball team, has helped the Terriers produce the finest year in school history.

Wofford is 29-4 this season and has set a school record for wins. The Terriers have also won a school record 20 straight games and went

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Eady, NDSU seeded 16th in NCAA tourney

BY ROB REISCHEL

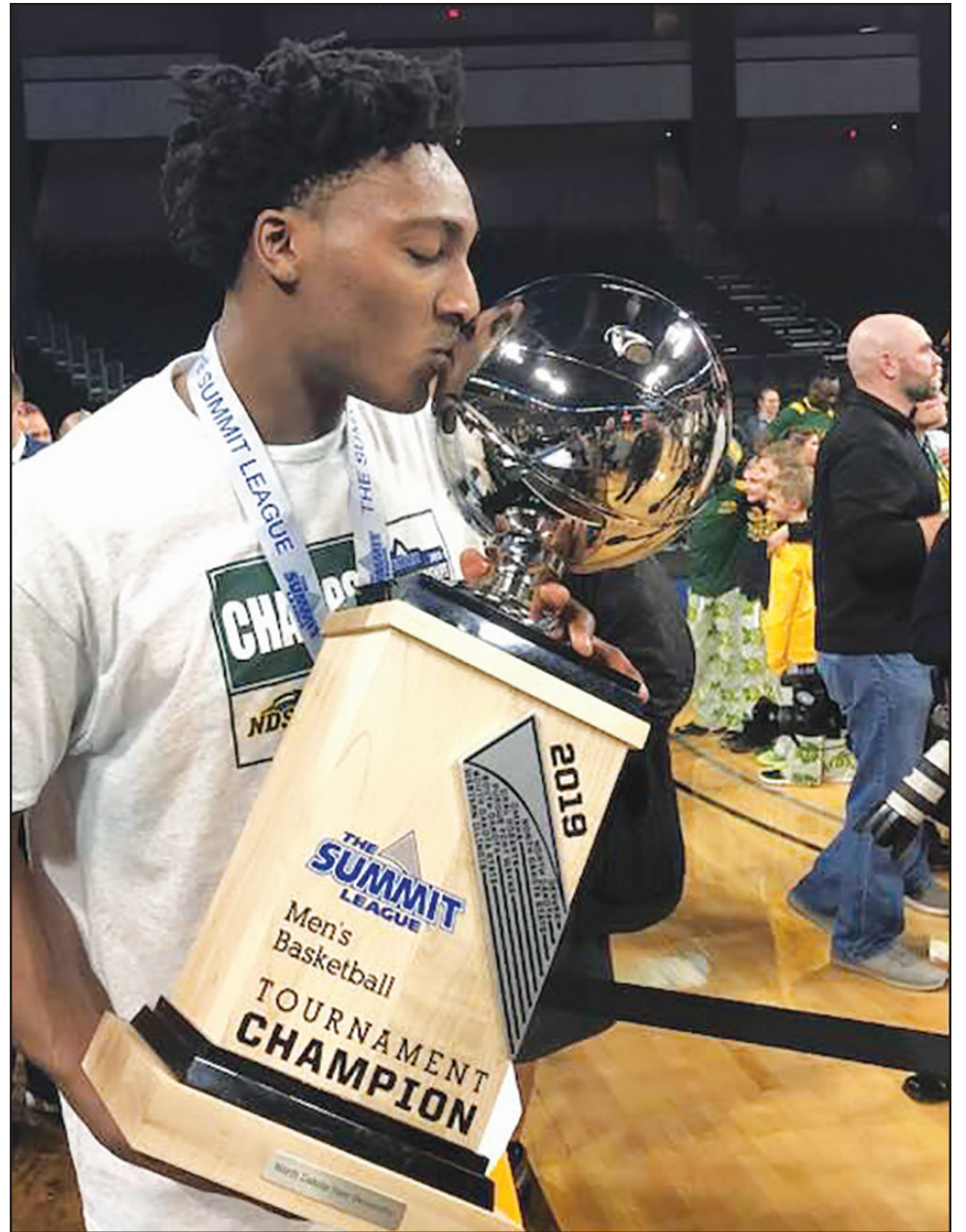
Times-Tribune

It's spring break right now at North Dakota State.

And even with campus less congested than usual, this school of 15,000 students in Fargo, N.D. has been buzzing.

That's because the Bison — which include former Middleton High School standout Tyree Eady — qualified for the NCAA Tournament last week. NDSU, the No. 4 seed in the Summit League, got hot at the perfect time, won the conference tournament and earned the league's automatic berth to the

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Former Middleton High School standouts Tyree Eady (top) and Storm Murphy (above) will both be competing in the NCAA Tournament this week. It's believed this will be the first time ever that two players from Middleton are in the NCAA Tournament at the same time.

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FEMALE ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



HANNAH FLOTTMEYER

HANNAH FLOTTMEYER, BASKETBALL

Flottmeyer, a senior center, helped lead the Cardinals to the WIAA Division 1 state championship game. Flottmeyer and Middleton settled for second after falling to Bay Port, 50-49, in the title game. But it was a year to remember for everyone around the program.

“Hannah had a great year for us,” Middleton coach Jeff Kind said.

Flottmeyer finished second on the team in scoring at 10.6 points per game and was also second in rebounding (6.8). Flottmeyer also helped the Cardinals roll off 14 straight wins before falling in the state title game.

“I am so incredibly proud of this team,” Flottmeyer said. “At the beginning of the season no one thought we’d be playing in the state championship game. However, we played for each other. We played our hearts out every game.

“As much as the ending wasn’t ideal and we weren’t supposed to be there, we proved we were supposed to be there. I am beaming with pride over my team and what we accomplished.”

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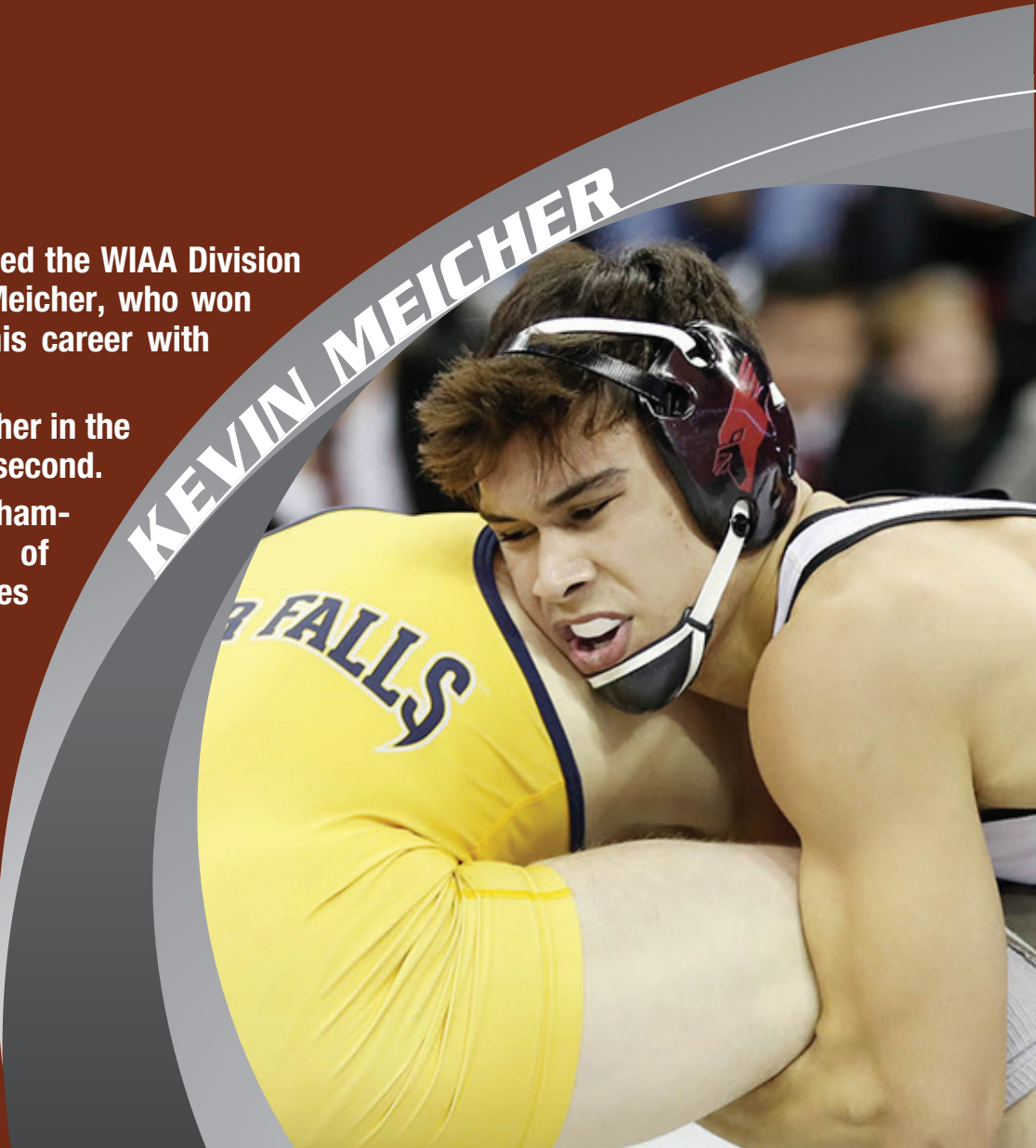
Meicher, a senior at Middleton High School, reached the WIAA Division 1 state wrestling championship at 152 pounds. Meicher, who won a state title as a freshman, was trying to cap his career with bookend titles.

Instead, Nathan Fuller of River Falls defeated Meicher in the finals, 8-3, and the Cardinals’ standout settled for second.

“It would have been a great story, a bookend (championship),” Middleton coach Kent Weiler said of Meicher. “But I’m guessing there are bigger stories for him. He’s a great kid. He’s a great wrestler.”

Meicher finished his brilliant career with a state title at 126 pounds in 2016, second place finishes both this year and at 138 in 2017, and a fourth place showing at 152 in 2018.

“I was just going to try and leave it all on the mat, knowing it was going to be my last high school match,” said Meicher, who finished the year 34-1. “I tried to go out there and be relentless and empty the gas tank. He was a good wrestler on his feet. He really was good at defending everything I tried doing.”



KEVIN MEICHER

MALE ATHLETE OF THE MONTH



File photos

Ashley Bindl (left) and Olivia Hebert (above) are two of the top returnees on Middleton's girls softball team this spring.

Softball Cards hoping to rebound

MHS looks to bounce back from subpar 2018 season

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

The 2018 season certainly wasn't the norm.

And Middleton girls softball coach Perry Hibner doesn't believe it will become the new norm.

The Cardinals finished 9-14 overall and seventh in the Big Eight Conference at 8-10. But Middleton brings back an experienced, talent-laden group that Hibner believes can challenge for a top-three spot in one of the state's elite conferences.

"We certainly weren't happy with our record last year," said Hibner, whose team opens its season in Florida next week. "We lost a lot of close games. We were younger than we have been in past years, but we don't make excuses. The girls expect more of themselves and the coaching staff does as well."

Four of Middleton's losses were by three runs, or less, last year. Now, Hibner is hoping the combination of a veteran group and some gifted newcomers helps the Cardinals become one of the league's most improved teams.

"I expect us to be a lot better, but our focus right now is on getting better each day,"

Hibner said. "If we do things the right way, the wins and losses will take care of themselves."

Middleton's top returnee is senior third baseman Ashley Bindl, who Hibner calls a "five tool" player.

Bindl, a two-time second-team all-Big Eight Conference player, tied for team lead with three home runs last year and led the Cardinals with 18 runs scored. Bindl, a four-year varsity player, also batted .351, had 12 RBIs and had a .935 fielding percentage last year.

"She was clearly one of the top players in the Big Eight last year," Hibner said. "She leads by example, but has also done a great job of mentoring her younger teammates. She is the engine that makes our team go."

Senior shortstop Rachael Roberts batted .304 last year with one home run, 13 RBIs and had a team-high 11 walks. Roberts, a three-year varsity player, also had a .912 fielding percentage.

"Rachael had an outstanding volleyball season and we are looking for even bigger things from her in softball," Hibner said. "She is very talented. She wants to be perfect at everything and we remind her that her best is more than good enough. If she can more consistently take the outside pitch the other way, she will make life miserable for opposing pitchers."

Sophomore Olivia Hebert was a second-team All-Big

Eight selection last year as a utility player and received honorable mention recognition at catcher. Hebert batted .338 with three home runs and 12 RBIs and had just four errors behind the plate in nearly 100 total chances.

"Olivia is immensely talented," Hibner said. "She has a cannon for an arm and is very quick. She could play anywhere in the field. She has a strong bat and makes pitchers pay for their mistakes. She did a great job as a freshman and we are expecting even more from her this year."

Middleton's other returning starters include outfielder/designated player Sam Williams, who hit .286 with 3 home runs and 14 RBIs last year.

C.C. Hiorns played left field last year, but will move to center this season. A year ago, Hiorns batted .270 and had eight walks.

"She has quick reactions and is extremely fast," Hibner said of Hiorns. "She has a very good arm."

Katelyn Graf played right field last year and batted .222 with one home run. This year, she could move to left field.

The Cardinals' biggest question marks come from their pitching staff. But Hibner believes there will be answers.

Ellie Buza had a 2.86 ERA last season, went 4-6 overall and struck out 33 batters in 51.1 innings. Buza missed all, or part, of 12 games with a back injury, but appears ready to roll now.

"Ellie has gained a year of experience and has a better idea of what it takes to get batters out at the varsity level," Hibner said. "She needs to focus on getting ahead in the count more often."

Senior Brynn Thayer missed last season, but has terrific control and good movement on her pitches. Thayer doesn't throw hard, but her location is outstanding.

"It's great to have Brynn back," Hibner said. "She had a fantastic summer. She has been a great leader to our younger players during open gyms and I can't wait to see her take the mound."

And freshman Bailey Flock throws between 56-58 miles per hour and has tremendous upside.

"If she can spot her pitches, she can really help us on the mound," Hibner said. "She has real potential as a slap hitter, which we haven't had in a while."

Middleton also has a handful of positional newcomers it expects to contribute.

Senior second baseman Beth Young played in a handful of games last year and now seems ready for a far greater role. Junior Emily Ross and junior Sydney Helt can both play second base or outfield.

Junior Maddie Joers can play catcher, third base or outfield, while junior Lauren Vander Sanden can play first base or outfield. And freshman Jenna Redders could make some immediate noise

at the plate.

"She has a very good bat," Hibner said of Redders. "She can hit for power to all fields. The speed of the varsity game doesn't intimidate her. We're just trying to figure out the best position for her in the field."

Senior Lauren Horst, who's trying to come back from ACL injuries to both knees, is also in the outfield mix.

Middleton lost two-time first-team All-Big Eight catcher and utility player Jessica Parente to graduation. Parente is now playing at Belmont College (Ohio).

Overall, though, Hibner believes this group has the necessary talent and depth to make some noise.

Sun Prairie, the defending WIAA Division 1 state champs, figures to be outstanding again. Verona and Beloit Memorial should also be extremely strong, while Janesville Craig, Janesville Parker, Madison Memorial and Middleton were all separated by three games in the middle of the league's standings last year.

"What I have really noticed is how much better the pitching was last year," Hibner said of the Big Eight. "More than half of the teams had someone who could throw in the mid-to-high 50s. Sun Prairie's Maddie Gardner throws in the 60s and Verona's Meghan Anderson isn't far behind that."

Middleton won't have a player that throws like that. But the Cardinals will have several gifted — and hungry — players that Hibner believes could do some big things this spring.

"Can we contend? Certainly, but we will need to be solid in the field and do a better job of hitting," Hibner said. "We also have to cut down on our strikeouts. We averaged more than six a game and had 50-plus more than we had in either of my first two seasons."

"We also probably aren't going to strike out 10-12 batters a game. There are lots of ways to win games, and we just have to find the formula that works for us."

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Young and the restless

Girls track and field team packed with young talent

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Middleton's girls track and field team is extremely young this spring, with just 16 seniors on its 113-person roster.

But the Cardinals have proved at the outset of the season that they will be incredibly dangerous.

Middleton finished second last week at the 17-team Platteville Invite. And with a young roster that figures to trend upward, the Cardinals could be poised for a terrific year.

"We really have a young team ... and with that young of a squad we really need strong leadership from our seniors, helping the underclassmen, keeping the team focused, and striving for our goals," Middleton coach Cory Christnovich said. "Also with having a young team there is a lot of promise for great things."

"I can't wait for our first all team meet to see where everyone is at, and use those results as a baseline. From there it's working hard to set new personal bests for each and every lady on the team as the season progresses."

Junior Sitori Tanin is the Cardinals' top returnee. Last season, Tanin finished sixth at state in the triple jump (36-11) and 12th in the high jump (5-2).

"I expect she will be in the running for state again in these events, as well as PRs in the other events we put her in," Christnovich said.

Senior Hadley Braaten has been part of Middleton's 1,600-meter relay team the last two years and will be counted on for big things in her final season.

"She is a strong leader pushing the girls to get another 4x4 team to state," Christnovich said.

Junior Natalie McLain ran the lead leg on Middleton's 400-meter relay team at state last year and figures to contribute in multiple events.

"She also scored at conference individually," Christnovich said of McLain. "I look for her to be a high performer for

us this season."

Sophomore Kenzie Nickels was also part of Middleton's state qualifying 400-meter relay team last season and will be a key cog again this year.

"I look for her to have a more prominent role on our team," Christnovich said.

Senior sprinter Tai Pritts seems poised for a big final year after undergoing surgery last season.

"She had shoulder surgery prior to the 2018 season that really limited her ability to run," Christnovich said of Pritts. "I look for Tai to be a star in the 100 and 200, as well as our sprint relays."

Sophomore sprinter Molly Gaab had a big first year and Christnovich is expecting even bigger and better things this spring.

"Molly is very versatile and can compete at a high level in many events," Christnovich said. "It makes it easier to make meet lineups knowing I have that flexibility. I know I can count on her to do whatever is needed."

Middleton's other top returnees include seniors Quinn Harris (sprints, hurdles), Noell Jellison (sprints), Claire Lorman (triple jump); juniors Charlotte Buck (distance, pole vault), Gabbi Butler (sprints, jumps), Emma Kostecki (sprints, hurdles); and sophomores Bella Chirafisi (distance), Kobi Davis (throws), Sarah Foley (distance), Brielle McDonald (sprints), Kaitlyn Peters (distance), Sophia Peters-Michaud (sprints) and Allison Thomley (high jump).

Christnovich believes his top newcomers will include senior Shea Ruhly (distance); junior Margo Motiashova (sprints, jumps); sophomores Lauren Halterman (sprints, jumps), Brooke Ruskiewicz (sprints, jumps) and Olivia Wissink (sprints, jumps); and freshmen Lauren Pansegrau (distance), Abby Gessler (sprints), Madison La Crosse (sprints, jumps), Mia LaRico (sprints, jumps), Amalia Morner (sprints, jumps), Julia Torresani (sprints, hurdles) and Ryanne Woodall



(sprints, jumps).

Christnovich also expects a large nucleus of returnees to take a big jump. That group includes seniors Keller Frinzi (jumps), Emily Keebler (distance), Anna Keebler (distance), MacKenzie Krueger (sprints), Genevieve Kubsh (pole vault), Shae Lynn Kruchten (distance), Mallory May (jumps), Susannah Murdoch (sprints, hurdles) and Anna Thomley (distance); juniors Georgia Elliott (jumps) and Josie Lemirande (sprints, jumps); and sophomores Jada Cerniglia (jumps), Jordan Dettmann (jumps), Natavia Jackson (sprints, throws), McKenzie Johns (sprints, hurdles), Jasmine Singh (throws) and Kate Weiler (pole vault).

Middleton and Sun Prairie have combined to win the last 12 Big Eight Conference meets, and Christnovich believes that streak will continue. But Christnovich and the Cardinals have bigger goals, as well.

"I'm hoping that we can win the conference meet," he said. "That is my No. 1 meet to win every year. It should be a great meet."

"As far as state goes, I'm just hoping to get as many people as we can to La Crosse for the state meet. It would be great to get all of our events to finals and then see how it goes. We had a lot of first timers to state last season, so hopefully we can use that experience from last season to help us improve our overall point total."



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Sitori Tanin (top) and Tai Pritts (above) will be two of the leaders on Middleton's girls track and field team this season.

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Three girls basketball players named all-Big 8

Tanin, Flottmeyer, Coleman earn honors

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

It was an unforgettable year for Middleton's girls basketball team.

And Cardinals' standouts Sitori Tanin, Hannah Flottmeyer and Evie Coleman were rewarded with postseason honors.

Tanin was named first-team all-Big Eight Conference and was also named honorable-mention all-state by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association after helping lead Middleton to a WIAA Division 1 state runner-up finish. Flottmeyer was named second-team all-Big Eight, while Coleman was an honorable-mention all-conference selection.

Tanin, a 6-foot-2 forward, led the Cardinals in scoring at 13.2 points per game. She also finished first in rebounding (11.0), steals (2.2) and blocks (1.1), and second in assists (2.0).

"Sitori was a force in the conference this year, especially rebounding and defensively," Middleton coach Jeff Kind said of Tanin. "She continues to improve offensively. Look for her to have a great year next year."

Flottmeyer, a 6-foot post, was second on the Cardinals in scoring (10.6) and rebounding (6.5). Flottmeyer shot 48.9% from the field and was also fifth on the team in assists (1.2).

"Hannah played with leadership, maturity and urgency you would expect from a senior," Kind said. "She put us over the top in several close games. It was a well-deserved honor for her."

Coleman was third on the team in scoring (9.8) and led the Cardinals with 48 three-

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FIRST TEAM

Name	Year	School
Grace Hilber	Sr.	Sun Prairie
Ashala Moseberry	Sr.	Madison East
Demetria Prewitt	Fr.	Madison LaFollette
Emmoni Rankins	Jr.	Madison Memorial
Sitori Tanin	Jr.	Middleton

Player of the Year: Ashala Moseberry, Madison East
Coach of the Year: Marques Flowers, Madison Memorial

SECOND TEAM

Name	Year	School
Alexis Baker	Sr.	Sun Prairie
Rayna Briggs	Jr.	Verona
Claudia Fieiras	Soph.	Janesville Craig
Hannah Flottmeyer	Sr.	Middleton
Emily Pierson	Sr.	Janesville Craig

THIRD TEAM

Name	Year	School
Nevaehia Boston	Jr.	Madison East
Kaitlin Eder	Sr.	Madison LaFollette
Sydni Olson	Sr.	Madison LaFollette
Jazzanay Seymore	Soph.	Sun Prairie
Maya White Eagle	Soph.	Madison Memorial

HONORABLE MENTION

Name	Year	School
Daiysha Brown	Jr.	Madison Memorial
Evie Coleman	Jr.	Middleton
Ryann Porter	Jr.	Janesville Parker
Ashley Rae	Soph.	Sun Prairie
Nyenhial Riak	Jr.	Madison LaFollette

pointers (1.9 per game). Coleman shot 32.7% from three-point range and had a memorable performance in the state semifinals when she scored 19 points and made 5-of-9 three-pointers during an upset win over Mukwonago.

"Evie had some very good games shooting, which helped earn her honorable mention," Kind said. "If she becomes more consistent, look for her to be in the mix next year."

The rest of the first team included Sun Prairie senior guard Grace Hilber, Madison East senior guard Ashala Moseberry, Madison LaFollette freshman guard Demetria Prewitt and Madison Memorial junior guard Emmoni Rankins.

Despite winning the Big Eight Conference and leading the Cardinals to the state championship game, Kind was overlooked as the league's Coach of the Year. Instead, that honor went to

Madison Memorial's Marques Flowers.

Division 1 WBCA All-State

Natalie Andersen, sr., Mukwonago; Grace Beyer, sr., Mukwonago; Shea Dechant, sr., Kimberly; Leah Earnest, jr., Stevens Point; Caelan Givens, jr., Chippewa Falls; Natalie McNeal, jr., Germantown*; Ashayla Moseberry, sr., Madison East; Emma Nagel, jr., Bay Port; Sydnee Roby, sr., Milwaukee King*; Maddie Schires, sr., Wausau West.

Honorable Mention

Kaye Clark, sr., Milwaukee King; Grace Crowley, sr., Homestead; Kadie Deaton, sr., Wausau West; Maddie Gard, sr., Oak Creek; Katie Gard, sr., Oak Creek; Grace Hilber, sr., Sun Prairie; Anna Mortag, jr., Brookfield Central; Olivia Pitrof, jr., Racine Horlick; Kendall Renard, jr., Green Bay Preble; Sitori Tanin, jr., Middleton.

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Sitori Tanin (top) was named first-team all-Big Eight Conference, while Hannah Flottmeyer (middle) was named second-team and Evie Coleman (above) earned honorable-mention all-conference honors.

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Close named all-Big 8

MHS guard selected to second team

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Middleton senior guard Sam Close was named second-team all-Big Eight Conference.

Close led the Cardinals in scoring at 11.3 points per game, including 13.6 points per game in his final eight contests. Close eclipsed 20 points on three occasions and had a season-high 28 points against Madison West on Jan. 24.

Close, one of the most dangerous shooters in the area, led the Cardinals in three-pointers made (48) and shot 32.0% from beyond the arc.

"Sam was one of the purest shooters we've ever had," Middleton coach Kevin Bavery said. "He struggled a little bit early in the season with consistency, in part because teams keyed on him and he put a lot of pressure on himself.

"But he improved his mid-range game and his ability to get to the basket as the year went along, and that freed him up to start doing more damage from beyond the three-point line as the year went along. He's going to be a tough guy to replace."

The all-Big Eight first team consisted of Madison East senior Damontae Thompson and junior Anthony Washington, Madison La Follette senior Troy Reeves, Madison Memo-

ALL-BIG EIGHT BOYS BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM

Name	Year	School
Damontae Thompson	Senior	Madison East
Anthony Washington	Junior	Madison East
Troy Reeves	Senior	Madison LaFollette
Cade Ellingson	Senior	Madison Memorial
Brock Voigt	Senior	Sun Prairie
Player of the Year: Damontae Thompson, Madison East		
Coach of the Year: Matt Miota, Madison East		

SECOND TEAM

Name	Year	School
Cliff McCray	Senior	Madison West
Ben Probst	Junior	Madison LaFollette
Aaron Levenson	Senior	Janesville Craig
Ryan Van Handel	Senior	Verona
Sam Close	Senior	Middleton

THIRD TEAM

Name	Year	School
Jack Huml	Senior	Janesville Craig
Keonte Jones	Junior	Madison East
Nick Caropreso	Senior	Madison Memorial
Tremar Curry	Senior	Janesville Parker
Dayne Armwald	Junior	Madison West

rial senior Cade Ellingson and Sun Prairie senior Brock Voigt.

Madison East's Matt Miota was named the league's Coach of the Year.

• **Awards night:** Middleton recently held its postseason banquet and handed out the following awards:

Most Valuable Player — Jack Boyle and Jake Klubertanz
Offensive Player of the Year — Sam Close
Defensive Player of the

Year — Chandon Thomas
Rookie of the Year — Parker Van Buren

Most Improved — Parker Van Buren and Casey Hellenbrand

Sixth Man Award — Ben Scher

Intensity Award — Chandon Thomas and Wyatt Wirkus

Team Captain — Jack Boyle

MTIXE Award — Chandon Thomas



Times-Tribune photo by Mary Langenfeld

Middleton senior guard Sam Close was named second-team all-Big Eight.

Three hockey Cards honored

BY ROB REISCHEL

Times-Tribune

Middleton's hockey team had three players named all-Big Eight Conference.

Senior defenseman Bo Bergenthal was named first-team all-conference. Senior forward Bryce Schuster and sophomore goalie Luigi Pugliese were named honorable-mention all-conference.

Bergenthal was one of the highest scoring defensemen in the conference, finishing the year with eight goals and 12 assists.

Schuster tied for the team lead in goals (18), was first on the Cardinals in assists (21) and led the team in scoring with 39 points. He also averaged a team-high 1.62 points per game.

Pugliese went 6-6-1 with a 3.02 goals against average. He also had a .900 save percentage.

Madison West's Steve Libert, Sun Prairie's Chris Finkler and Janesville's John Mauerman shared the league's Coach of the Year award.

Middleton finished the year 14-9-1 overall and in fourth place in the Big Eight at 8-6.



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Middleton senior defenseman Bo Bergenthal was named first-team all-Big Eight.

ALL-BIG EIGHT BOYS HOCKEY

FIRST TEAM

FORWARDS

Drake Baldwin	Sr.	Madison West
Mack Kerylu	Jr.	Verona
Benett Halbleib	Sr.	Sun Prairie
Parker Lindauer	Sr.	Madison Memorial

DEFENSEMEN

Jack Helle	Sr.	Madison Memorial
Jake Osiecki	Sr.	Verona
Bo Bergenthal	Sr.	Middleton

GOALIE

Kaden Grant	Soph.	Verona
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SECOND TEAM

FORWARDS

Ben Coulter	Sr.	Janesville
Tyler Nelson	Sr.	Madison Memorial
Travis Kernen	Sr.	Sun Prairie
Cale Rufenacht	Jr.	Verona

DEFENSEMEN

Devin Huie	Jr.	Madison West
Kyle Hanaman	Sr.	Beloit
Kade Binger	Sr.	Verona

GOALIE

Aidan Wright	Soph.	Beloit
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HONORABLE MENTION

Forwards: Kaden Brunson, jr., Sun Prairie; **Bryce Schuster, sr., Middleton;** Charlie Collinge, sr., Madison East/LaFollette; Walker Haessig, so., Verona.

Defensemen: Nick Johnson, so., Sun Prairie; Nathan Jurens, so., Verona; Beckett Frey, jr., Madison West.

Goalie: Ian Hedican, so., Madison West; **Luigi Pugliese, so., Middleton;** Owen Leatherberry, sr., Sun Prairie.

Player of the Year: Drake Baldwin, Madison West

Coaches of the Year: Chris Finkler, Sun Prairie; Steve Libert, Madison West; and John Mauermann, Janesville.

MURPHY

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a perfect 18-0 in the Southern Conference.

Wofford received a No. 7 seed in the Midwest Region of the NCAA Tournament — the highest seed in school history — and will meet 10th-seeded Seton Hall (20-13) Thursday at approximately 8:40 p.m. CST in Jacksonville, Fla.

Murphy, an endless ball of energy during his days at MHS, is bouncing off the walls again over the Terriers' remarkable regular season and their chances for postseason success.

"The year has been awesome! Absolutely awesome," Murphy said Monday night. "I don't know if I've ever been a part of something so special. Our team is so close and we enjoy each other so much it feels like the year has flown by. In the offseason and early on in September we knew all the potential we had.

"We knew we were going to be good and knew we had many opportunities to prove that, but all that potential means nothing if you don't put

the work in. So we worked. We have worked incredibly hard day in and day out."

That's always been Murphy's modus operandi.

He spent so much time in the gym during his MHS years it's a wonder his mail wasn't delivered there. Despite being generously listed at 6-feet and 180 pounds, Murphy willed himself into one of the best points guards in Wisconsin.

Murphy became Middleton's all-time assist leader with 280 and finished his career with 1,094 points. Murphy was a first-team all-Big Eight Conference selection his final two seasons and earned honorable-mention all-state honors as a senior from the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association.

"Storm is a one-in-a-lifetime player with the highest overall skill set I have been privileged to see day in and day out," Middleton coach Kevin Bavery said of Murphy.

To the surprise of no one, Murphy has found immediate success at Wofford, too.

Murphy started 29 of 34 games as a freshman where he averaged 6.3 points, 4.0 assists and 2.2 rebounds in 27.4 minutes per game. The Terriers also stunned the basketball world that season by upsetting North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C. and eventually reached the CIT Tournament.

Amazingly, things have gone even better in 2018-'19.

Murphy leads the team in assists (3.2), is fourth in scoring (8.0) and third in three-point field goals made (47). Murphy is shooting 50.8% from the floor, 48.5% from beyond the arc and 84.4% from the free throw line.

Murphy's ability to set up Wofford standouts Fletcher Magee (20.5 ppg), Cameron Jackson (14.6) and Nathan Hoover (13.3) has gone a long in Wofford's sensational season.

"I feel this season has gone really well personally," Murphy said. "I have had a blast. Being a sophomore I've been able to step up into a little more of a leadership role. It's been awesome having such great seniors on our team who lead by



File photo

Former Middleton High School standout Storm Murphy helped Wofford earn the No. 7 seed in the Midwest Region.

example and really push us. I feel I've tapped into that a little and know I will continue in the coming years.

"With guys like Fletcher Magee and Cameron Jackson on our team, a huge job of mine as the point guard is to get them the ball, execute the plays, and be the floor general. They also make it easier for me because they make shots! When teams key in on those two, things tend to open up for me. I've been more aggressive this year, but as I grow and get more opportunities down the line, I'll have to step up even more."

Wofford has stepped up as much as any mid-major in the country in recent seasons.

The Terriers have played

a daunting out-of-conference schedule to get themselves ready for March.

Wofford defeated South Carolina of the Southeastern Conference, 81-61. The Terriers four losses have come against North Carolina, Oklahoma, Kansas and Mississippi State — four teams that all qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

"Playing teams like North Carolina, Kansas, South Carolina and Oklahoma ... has definitely given us confidence, especially playing well against them and beating UNC last year and USC this year," Murphy said. "Those games showed us where we needed to improve, but also showed us we can play with anyone in the country."

The Terriers have showed that all season.

Wofford defeated reigning conference champion UNC Greensboro by 29 and 30 points. The Terriers also rolled through their league by an average of 16.9 points per game.

Wofford hasn't lost since falling to Mississippi State on Dec. 19. And the Terriers jumped to No. 20 in both the AP and ESPN/USA Today Coaches Polls, the program's first-ever national ranking.

So selection Sunday was a day of celebration at Wofford.

"It was thrilling," Murphy said of hearing Wofford's name called. "As a kid you can only imagine what that feeling is like. It was pretty awesome to have so much of the community come out and support our team. To sit in those seats, watching our name get called,

and knowing we'll play in the greatest show on earth is pretty cool."

Now, Murphy and the Terriers hope to make even more history.

Wofford is 0-4 all-time in the NCAA Tournament. The No. 7 seed attained by the Terriers, though, is the best seed given to a Southern Conference team since 1979.

Wofford meets 10th-seeded Seton Hall, which won four of its final five games and reached the Big East Conference finals before losing to defending NCAA champion Villanova. If Wofford wins there, a likely second round date with Kentucky awaits.

Murphy knows the Terriers will need to be at their best to make some noise this weekend. But Wofford has prepared all season for this moment, and can't wait for its big opportunity.

"I feel great about our matchup with Seton Hall," Murphy said. "I'm really excited. They have some great talent and play in a great conference, so it will definitely be a great game."

"Only one game exists right now and that's the opportunity to play against a good team on Thursday night. Everything we've done this year is cool, but there's a time in the future to celebrate all of that. We just have to have a great few days of practice, come ready to play, and enjoy this journey. I can't wait!"

NOTICE OF SPRING ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOTS APRIL 2, 2019

OFFICE OF THE CITY OF MIDDLETON CLERK

TO THE VOTERS OF CITY OF MIDDLETON:

Notice is hereby given of a Spring Election to be held in the City of Middleton on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at which the office named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, for a referendum, if any, in the sample ballot below.

INFORMATION TO VOTERS

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

Where Optical Scan Voting is Used

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

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

After Marking the Ballot

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

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

The following is a sample of the official ballot:

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EADY

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NCAA Tournament.

“The entire community is extremely excited,” Eady said Monday. “Everywhere we go people notice and congratulate us. It’s a very exciting time in Fargo.”

With good reason.

NDSU (18-15) received a No. 16 seed in the East Region and faces North Carolina Central (18-15) in a First Four game Wednesday in Dayton, Ohio. If the Bison win their opener, their reward is a date with No. 1 overall seed Duke on Friday in Columbia, S.C.

“Honestly, we’re just excited to be in the tournament and we were prepared to go anywhere the committee put us,” Eady said. “We’re just going to go to Dayton and focus on one game at a time. Obviously, it’s impossible to see Duke ahead and not think about it, but we’re going stay together as a team and try to lock in day by day.”

Anybody that watched Eady play at Middleton isn’t the least bit surprised he’s in this situation today.

Eady finished his career as Middleton’s all-time leading scorer (1,349) and also set a new school record for career steals (178). Eady was named first-team all-Big Eight Conference during his final two years at MHS and was named first-team all-state by the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association as a senior.

After redshirting at NDSU a year ago, Eady has had an impressive first season with the Bison.

Eady started 13 games this year and averaged 20.5 minutes per contest. He’s also averaging 6.6 points per game, 2.5 rebounds, shooting 47.5% from the field and 90.9% from the line.

“I’ve been pretty happy with my season,” Eady said. “As a redshirt freshman, it was exciting to finally get on the court again after sitting last season out, but I feel like I was better prepared to play at this level.”

“I definitely have found some areas of my game I need to work on in order to take my game to the next level that I will work on this offseason. At the end of the day, we reached our goal as a team and that’s all that matters to me, so I hope to build on that in the future.”

It’s a major surprise to most that the Bison are still alive and earned a trip to the NCAA Tournament for the fourth time in 11 years.

NDSU went 9-7 in conference play, five games behind regular season champion South Dakota State. But the Bison went on a roll at the perfect time.

“Nothing necessarily changed. We have a very young team with no seniors, so we were very inexperienced to start,” Eady said. “We also had a few key injuries during the season which set us back as well.”

“But throughout the year we just continued to get better and buy into the vision that coach had for us. We hit our stride and at that point we gained a lot of confidence and just tried stay true to the process.”

NDSU defeated Oral Roberts, 86-73, in the league quarterfinals. Eady had five points and three assists in that game.

The Bison then edged Western Illinois — which had upset top-seeded South Dakota State — in the semifinals, 76-73. Eady had another

strong game with eight points and a pair of three-pointers.

Then in the title game, the Bison rolled over No. 2 seed Omaha, 73-63. NDSU junior Vinnine Shahis led all players with 22 points to earn tournament MVP honors, while Eady had five points and didn’t miss a field goal or a free throw.

“Honestly, we went into the tournament expecting to win,” Eady said. “We had close games with all the teams in the tournament, so we knew everyone was beatable.”

“The entire team was locked in physically and mentally because we knew our margin for error was so small. We knew among ourselves that if we came to play every game and played hard that we would give ourselves a great chance to win.”

Few will expect the Bison to do much this week. And considering almost no one thought NDSU would still be standing, that’s just fine with Eady and his teammates.

Instead, Eady plans to enjoy the ride for as long as it lasts — and hopes to keep surprising people.

“It’s still surreal because it’s a childhood dream to play in the tournament and I don’t think it will really hit until we’re actually in the game,” Eady said. “It’s a stage that every basketball player wants, so I’m looking forward to going into this with my teammates and trying to make some noise.”



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Tyree Eady, a former Middleton High School standout, and his North Dakota State team surprised many by earning a berth to the NCAA Tournament.

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The City of Middleton reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 60 days after the time set for receiving Bids (consisting of up to: 35 days for issuance of Notice of Award; 15 days for Contractor to return signed agreements, bonds and insurance; and 10 days for City execution of agreement).

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

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NOTICE OF REFERENDUM City of Middleton April 2, 2019

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the City of Middleton on April 2, 2019, the following proposed Resolution 2019-01, will be submitted to a vote of the people:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING HOLDING A REFERENDUM RELATING TO THE MIDDLETON STORM WATER UTILITY RAISING ITS ANNUAL CHARGE FOR A TEMPORARY PERIOD OF TIME

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2014, the electors of the City of Middleton approved a referendum permitting exceedance of municipal levy limits for maintenance of existing storm water management facilities of up to \$15.00 dollars per equivalent runoff unit from each property in the City of Middleton; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Wis. Stats. §66.0602(4), the approval of the resolution by the City's voters permitted the City to exceed its levy increase limit under Wis. Stats. §66.0602(2); and

WHEREAS, the City of Middleton sustained devastating damage to its storm water management facilities in a rain event on August 20, 2018 estimated to exceed the 1 in 1,000 year storm in the City of Middleton; and

WHEREAS, the amount of damage to the City of Middleton's storm water management facilities – and especially those within the Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor and Tiedeman and Stricker Ponds – would require many years of storm water utility revenue to restore to its pre-storm condition without a sizeable increase in funding of the storm water utility's operations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Middleton anticipates that once the storm damage is remediated, the annual charge for storm water management may return to its pre-flood levels; and

WHEREAS, prior to the August, 2018 flood, the storm water utility had made substantial progress toward eliminating the maintenance project deficit that existed at the time of its adoption of Resolution 2014-34A, authorizing the initial charge of the storm water utility;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Middleton as follows: beginning in 2019 and ending December 31, 2024, the City of Middleton Storm Water Utility may collect fees for maintenance of storm water management facilities by usage fees collected from the owners of City properties on the basis of \$45.00 dollars per equivalent runoff unit, and the applicable levy limit shall not be reduced by the fee revenue collected for storm water management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that beginning with fees collected in January, 2025, the fee per equivalent runoff unit shall be reduced to \$15.00. In all cases, the City levy limit shall not be reduced by the fee revenue collected for storm water management.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this Resolution shall not take effect until such time as the electors of the City of Middleton approve a referendum containing the following referendum question:

RESOLVED, that due to the devastating impact of the August 20, 2018 storm, the City of Middleton Storm Water Utility shall be permitted to charge customers of the Storm Water Utility an annual charge of up to \$45 per equivalent runoff unit from each property, for the years 2019 through 2024 only, to fund the repairs to the Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor, Tiedeman Pond, Stricker Pond and other storm water management features that were damaged by the August 2018 flood, without reducing the levy limit for the

charges of the Storm Water Utility.

Yes No

Explanation: A "yes" answer means you support the City of Middleton's increase in Storm Water Utility fees to repair the substantial damage from the August, 2018 storm spread over all property owners producing storm water runoff for a period of 5 years in the City of Middleton beyond maximum property tax revenue levy limits. A "no" answer means that the City of Middleton may continue to maintain its annual charge of \$15 per equivalent runoff unit to support storm water maintenance projects outside of property taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Middleton hereby directs the City Clerk to place the above referendum question on the April 2, 2019 ballot.

The above and foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middleton on the 15th day of January, 2019.

APPROVED:
By:
Gurdip S. Brar, Mayor

ATTEST:
Lorie J. Burns, City Clerk

Vote:
Ayes: 7
Noes: 0
Adopted: 01/15/2019

The questions will appear on the ballot as follows:

1. Due to the devastating impact of the August 20, 2018 storm, shall the City of Middleton Storm Water Utility be permitted to charge customers of the Storm Water Utility an annual charge of up to \$45 per equivalent runoff unit from each property, for the years 2019 through 2024 only, to fund the repairs to the Pheasant Branch Creek Corridor, Tiedeman Pond, Stricker Pond and other storm water management features that were damaged by the August 2018 flood, without reducing the levy limit for the charges of the Storm Water Utility?

Yes No

EXPLANATION

A "yes" answer means you support the City of Middleton's increase in Storm Water Utility fees to repair the substantial damage from the August, 2018 storm spread over all property owners producing storm water runoff for a period of 5 years in the City of Middleton beyond maximum property tax revenue levy limits.

A "no" answer means that the City of Middleton may continue to maintain its annual charge of \$15 per equivalent runoff unit to support storm water maintenance projects outside of property taxes.

Done in the City of Middleton
on January 15, 2019
Lorie J. Burns, City Clerk

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CITY OF MIDDLETON LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACE

At the Spring Election to be held on April 2, 2019, in the City of Middleton, the following polling place locations will be used for the wards indicated:

Location	Wards
St Luke's Lutheran Church, 7337 Hubbard Avenue	1-4, 9, 19, 20
St Bernard's Parish Center, 7436 University Avenue	5-8
Middleton Police Station, 7341 Donna Drive	10-13
Middleton School District Service Center, 7106 South Avenue	14-18

ALL POLLING PLACES WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND WILL CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M.

If you have any questions concerning your polling place, contact the municipal clerk.


Lorie J. Burns
7426 Hubbard Avenue
608-821-8350
7:45 am – 4:30 pm M-F

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Notice of Meeting of the Local and Municipal Board of Canvassers

Pursuant to the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 19.84, the municipal board of canvassers will meet on the day after the election at City Hall at 9:00 a.m. to certify the results of the municipal election and make the official determination of the winners, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§7.51 and 7.53(1). This meeting will be open to the public pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.81-89.

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS LEGAL NOTICE

Please take notice that on March 11, 2019 the Town of Cross Plains Town Supervisors enacted Ordinance 120 order to attach a parcel of land from the Village of Cross Plains. The full text of the resolution may be obtained at the Town Clerk's office, 3734 County Road P, Cross Plains or through the Town's website. For additional information contact Clerk, Nancy Meinholz at 798-0189.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF MIDDLETON

LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS

This is to give notice that the Office of Clerk for the Town of Cross Plains will conduct a public test of the DS200 and the ESS Auto Mark electronic voting equipment on March 29, 2019 at 3:00 p.m., at 3734 County P, the Community Center. This is in accordance with Section 5.84(1) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

Nancy Meinholz, Clerk
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public test of the automatic tabulating equipment to be used at the April 2, 2019, Spring Election, will be conducted on Tuesday, March 26 at 9:30 a.m. at the following location:

Middleton City Hall
7426 Hubbard Avenue
Middleton, WI 53562

Lorie Burns, City Clerk
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VILLAGE OF CROSS PLAINS 2417 BREWERY ROAD CROSS PLAINS, WI 53528 (608) 798-3241 PLAN COMMISSION - PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be conducted by the Village of Cross Plains Plan Commission on March 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall located at 2417 Brewery Road, Cross Plains, WI 53528 to consider a proposed amendment to the Village of Cross Plains Zoning Map. The purpose of the public hearing is to accept public comments on the proposed amendment(s) to the Zoning Map.

A request has been made to amend the Zoning Map. It has been requested that the Zoning Map be amended to change the land use designation of the parcel of land as follows:

- 1821 Main Street (0707-032-6232-9), requesting the current zoning map to be amended from "Main Street Mixed Use" to "Planned Development."

The public may review copies of this requested amendment at the Village Hall Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm. Interested parties may make arrangements to review the application, or ask further questions by contacting Interim Village Administrator/Clerk, Michael Axon, at (608) 798-3241 extension 107 or maxon@cross-plains.wi.us

During the Public Hearing, the public is invited to speak on the application. Written comments can be submitted to the Interim Village Administrator/Clerk prior to the meeting and shall become part of the record. The Public Hearing shall be closed when all interested parties in attendance have had a chance to offer comment. Upon the closing of the Public Hearing, a meeting of the Village of Cross Plains Plan Commission shall be called to order and the application shall be addressed per the agenda.

Dated this 29th day of March 2019.

Michael Axon
Interim Administrator/Clerk

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LOCAL

Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament Held in Middleton

By Matt Geiger

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—If the thudding action over the weekend was any indication, boxing is headed into a new golden age in Wisconsin.

The Wisconsin Golden Gloves made its triumphant return March 15-16 at the Marriott Madison-West in Middleton. While both nights' cards were brimming with fights, a select few tournament bouts helped finalize the team that will represent Wisconsin at the National Golden Gloves Tournament later this year.

In its first year running the state's Golden Gloves tournament, Bob Lynch Boxing Foundation put together the weekend's action-packed cards, totaling 29 fights.

A handful of the match-ups helped determine the national team that will compete in Chattanooga, TN in May. The Wisconsin team now readying for the next stage consists of seven fighters: Ricardo Rodriguez (141 pounds), Marcus Johnson (152 pounds), Briana Hendricks-Che (165 pounds), Kade McManus (165 pounds), William Langston (178 pounds), Demetrius Reed (201 pounds), and Luis Alvarado (super heavyweight).

The pinnacle of the state tournament came Saturday night, when a full house witnessed an exciting card that included a broiling froth of violence, technique, and the psychological intangibles that many who follow boxing simply see as a kind

of sweaty, full-body poetry that happens in between the bells, inside the ring, and under a spotlight for all to see.

Diego Rodriguez won Saturday evening's opening bout, fighting at 120 pounds. Rodriguez always moved forward, taking the action to Derrick Downs and earning a split-decision victory on the judges' scorecard.

In the second bout of the night, Ricardo Gonzalez defeated by Mario Martinez by unanimous decision at 125 pounds.

The third fight, in which Rafael Ortega defeated Deshawn Ford at 141 pounds, saw the first standing eight count, and the first knockdown of the event.

Also at 141 pounds, Juan Rojas displayed natural power and heavy hands, beating Maurice Foy in a dominant stoppage. The following bout saw Michael Daubs defeat Justice Owens at 152 pounds.

Also fighting at 152 pounds, Marcus Johnson, a skilled boxer who had already earned his trip to the National Golden Gloves tournament, took part in a tune-up bout, cutting off the ring and throwing hard, straight punches to defeat Dakota Carner, who, although over-matched, made Johnson work hard to track him down in the ring.

Next up, Ernest Spurlock defeated Renzo Garcia at 155 pounds.

At 165 pounds, Kade McManus left no doubt in anyone's mind in his quest for a trip to Chattanooga, sending Terrence Marquardt to the canvas in a de-

cisive win.

Also at 165 pounds, Undrakh Jargalsaikhan defeated Dominic Spinelli.

Ismael Fersat, fighting at 178 pounds, beat Chris Thomas.

In their fight at 178 pounds, Harley Gutierrez used a series of straight and overhand rights to stop Anthony Johnson.

Fighting his way to the Chattanooga, William Langston beat Patrick Fay at 178 pounds. Fay's corner threw in the towel.

The night's penultimate bout was also the most dramatic. Heavyweights Derris Wolfe and Gunnar Walcavich took part in a wild fight that saw a massive swing in momentum. Wolfe, the night's biggest fighter, attacked Walcavich from the opening bell, pawing and pushing with a jab that initially shoved Walcavich into the ropes and made it hard for him to see the angles from which his opponent was throwing punches. Walcavich looked to be in trouble early on, but when he figured out how to counter Wolfe's attacks, he did so to massive effect. Once he was able to get off the ropes, and find openings in Wolfe's guard, Walcavich made him pay with a trip to the canvas that ended his night.

In the evening's final fight, Luis Alvarado and Demetrius Reed, who will be teammates when they both represent Wisconsin at the National Tournament, threw hard but did not fully engage. Reed's corner threw in the towel when Alvarado started to gain the upper hand.



Photo-Ron Lutz II

Above: Marcus Robert Johnson (red) takes a shot at Dakota Carner (blue) during the Wisconsin Golden Gloves state tournament in Middleton on Saturday evening; Below: Saturday night's card in Middleton included 14 fights, some of which helped determine who will move on to the National Golden Gloves tournament in May.



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