



**Middleton artist Brian Strassburg shares a frightful display of his work, which includes found objects art and cigar box collages that pay tribute to what he calls the eight original horror movies. Learn about Strassburg and his ghastly creations on page 2.**

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## BECWA Meeting Focuses on Flooding, Water Mitigation



File Photo

A bridge over Black Earth Creek in Cross Plains was moved several feet during the Flood of 2018.

By Katherine Perreth

Times-Tribune

CROSS PLAINS—On Oct. 22, over 50 people attended the Black Earth Creek Watershed Association (BECWA) fall meeting, held at the Cross Plains Fire Station. It brought

interested parties together from government, nonprofits and citizens, to share and discuss findings regarding the August 2018 flood impact upon communities, farming and trout in the watershed.

BECWA President Greg Hyer

began, “For over 30 years, BECWA has been a community-based watershed advocate and educator,” working with farmers, landowners, developers and communities to protect

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## Welton Found Guilty

By Kevin Murphy

Times-Tribune

MADISON—A Middleton man was found guilty on Oct. 24 of three counts of child sexual assault in connection with touching two girls, in instances eight years apart, at Harbor Athletic Club swimming pools.

Kevin Welton, 59, faces maximum penalties of 60 years in prison per count at his Jan. 27 sentencing before Dane County Circuit Judge Susan Crawford. She continued Welton’s release on conditions.

After a two-day trial, jurors needed about two hours to convict Welton on the two counts of First-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child Under 13 and one



Kevin Welton

count of Attempted First-Degree Sexual Assault of a Child Under 13.

Middleton police investigated a report in 2010 in which Welton was alleged to have made sexual contact with a seven-year-old girl at an indoor pool at Harbor Athletic. The case was dropped after police determined a crime hadn’t been committed, Assistant District Attorney Erin Karshen said in closing remarks to jurors.

After this incident, Harbor Athletic staff were told to “keep an eye,” on Welton, she said.

In June 2018 a parent told Harbor staff that a man, later learned to be Welton, had touched her six-year-old daughter.

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## Parents Allege Bullying at Kromrey Middle School

By Michelle Phillips

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—It started last year with name calling and has escalated to physical violence this school year, according to two Kromrey Middle School moms who allege their kids have been the target of bullies.

Kirsten Lobe and Suzanne Sahran said their son and daughter had been the subject of verbal abuse last school year. In an incident that happened last week, Lobe’s son had rocks thrown at him during lunch. Sahran’s daughter was slapped by one girl, while another filmed the incident on Sept. 28. It was then posted to the social media site Snapchat with the title “I slapped that h\*\*” and a smiley face.

Both moms as well as seven others have contacted the *Times-Tribune* claiming their kids were the victim of similar incidents. The other moms did not want their names published because they feared their children would be further traumatized.

The problems began last year for Lobe’s son. In spite of one of the incidents in which she says kids were calling him names being caught on a school camera, the school ruled that it was inconclusive evidence because there was no sound. She said that although then principal Steven Soeteber seemed sympathetic, little action was taken.

Regarding the recent incident in which kids threw rocks at her child, she said, “The harassment started first thing in the morning, and at lunch the boys started throwing rocks at him. They further harassed him in the bathroom later in the day.”

The incident, which Lobe said was confirmed by the school’s Dean of Students Brittany Plow and a case worker, left her child crying and suicidal.

“He was hysterical when he got in the car (after the rock throwing incident). He was

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Cameron Bren—Times Tribune

Kirsten Lobe (far right), the mother of a Kromrey Middle School student, told the board about alleged bullying her son has endured at the school.

## Parents Bring Concerns of Bullying and Racial Segregation to Board

By Cameron Bren

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Parents with students at Kromrey Middle School and Middleton High School called on the board to make changes to improve student experiences.

The district suspended a staff member and is conducting an investigation after a group of about 60 students of color were segregated from the rest of the student body last week to take a test at Middleton High School (MHS).

MHS students that are black, Latino and mixed race received a message to report to the library to take the STAR assessment.

Dawd Siraj who has students at MHS said he didn’t believe the administrator needed to be punished but the whole district should learn from the event.

“It is very easy for a school board to push somebody and make things look like everything has been settled,” Siraj said.

Board president Bob Green said the board could not address the comments, but the incident on Oct. 16 does not reflect school policy and is currently under investigation.

“As a district we want every person to feel welcome,” Green said, but said he could not comment further. “Because the board may be required to

play a part in the resolution, the board is unable to comment.”

Green said the incident has led to conversations that some students and their families do not feel comfortable on school grounds.

Kirsten Lobe talked about bullying her child with autism at Kromrey has been experiencing since last year. She said despite her attempts to alert the district nothing has changed.

Lobe said her child had rocks thrown at them recently during a lunch hour.

“That is considered a hate crime when you target dis-

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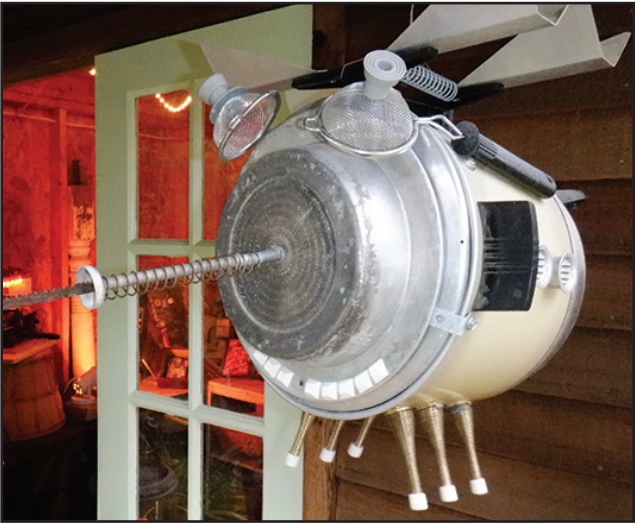


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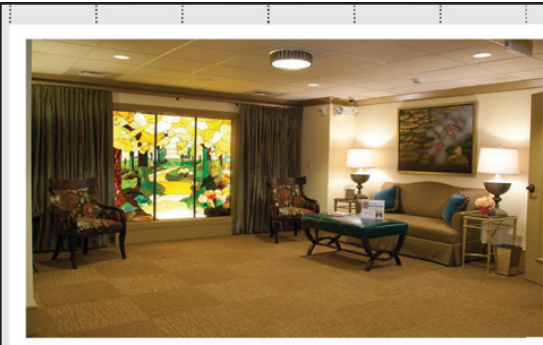
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Local Artist Pays Homage to Halloween and Horror



Katherine Perreth-Times Tribune



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By Katherine Perreth  
Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Brian Strassburg so easily could’ve been cast as an American counterpart to Monty Python’s Flying Circus, his mind embodying, as it exquisitely does, their catchphrase: “And now for something completely different!” The decades-long Middleton resident and *Isthmus* cartoonist and illustrator has explored life, one creative outlet after another.

Recently, Strassburg stage-set a backyard Halloween exhibit in his potting shed, a visual feast that defies explanation.

“It gives me great consternation to say that not one pot has been potted in the potting shed,” Strassburg admitted with an ironic grin, “but it’s what we like to call it.” “We” being his wife of over 40 years, Ashton’s Lois Meinholz. Now the shed serves as art gallery extraordinaire, never mind the undisturbed pots underneath the shelving.

The figurative route to the shed, however, seems circuitous, yet was a natural progression, Strassburg insisted: from pen and ink, to caricatures, to collage, to box art with moving parts and handmade books included, to themed collections involving all four mediums. But we must not forget to mention Strassburg’s intriguing found objects art (FOA), an important exhibit feature.

Hanging near the shed doorway is an award-winning creation Strassburg is inordinately proud of, a giant mosquito configured primarily out of an aged coffee percolator and 1955 TV antennae. On the backside of the oscillating pest, two words: Bite me. It won \$100 at a Wittenberg, festival.

“How cool is that?” Strassburg crowed. The FOA septic system sheep, a few paces away, and the long-eared beast poised next to the doorway could argue they rival the mosquito.

“I had these sink knobs for 20 years before I went, ‘Oh my god, it’s an elephant’s head!’” Indeed it is; now, obviously so. And in keeping with the season, a skeleton is perched on its back, which only adds to the freaky ambience and impressive curiosities awaiting inside the shed.

Bathed in eerie orange, with accent lighting and spooky antique windows, is an homage to what Strassburg called the original eight horror films that informed the genre’s flicks of today: “Frankenstein” (1931), “Dracula” (1931), “The Mummy” (1932), “King Kong” (1933), “The Invisible Man” (1933), “The Wolf Man” (1941), and bookending the genre, “The Phantom of the Opera” (1925, silent) and the “Creature From the Black Lagoon” (1954, 3D).

“They seem hokey, compared to the horror movies, now,” Strassburg said. “Rudimentary, no special effects, but I find it fascinating how it all began, and now there are thousands of Dracula movies.”

Each original movie is quirkily collaged in a cigar box, and names key actors; a few have additional collaged posters, and

Dracula has several versions. One, who seems a bit lonely as he’s off to the side, is Strassburg’s imagined Middle Age Dracula. He’s a bit fleshier than his younger selves.

Strassburg has been working on and off for 10 years on the horror movie collection, he said, and called collaging “an invigorating experience, where I couldn’t plan exactly how it was going to look since I was using scraps of paper.” Strassburg eschews the Internet and relies upon collaging the “old school way,” he said, cutting and pasting from magazines and old books.

His pen and ink caricatures, by contrast, are planned, but just as eclectic: Milwaukee’s pianist and showman, Liberace, “Saturday Night Live’s” Chris Farley as Matt Foley and Dan Aykroyd and John Belushi as The Blues Brothers, William Powell and Myrna Loy as Nick and Nora Charles in “The Thin Man” series of films.

Strassburg’s love of movies, especially the oldies, is evident in his Halloween Box Art gallery. But it’s only one interest he’s artistically portrayed, from jazz singers to early baseball players to environmental, cultural and political concerns, including Frosty The Global Warming Snowman, who implores somebody to “turn up the AC.”

It’s clear Strassburg has entertained himself while out-

wardly expressing his inner artist and releasing his inner angst, but a creator wants an audience, and loves a captive one. At neighborhood cookouts held at their home, he said he routinely exhorts approximately 30 guests to visit the shed then, “Praise me profusely, and you’ll get something to eat.” They happily oblige.

No doubt it takes a while, as only a couple of people can fit into the space at once. “That’s part of the fun!” Strassburg asserted. “You can’t have a crowd in the potting shed!”

Strassburg self-describes as a “rather sarcastic, and becoming an angry, old man—with a sense of humor. Sort of.”

The current administration in Washington D.C. has tested that sense of humor, he said.

Strassburg’s political cartoon, “Mad City,” was his forte and livelihood at the *Isthmus* between 1989-2010. Since retiring, that talent lay dormant.

After Hurricane Harvey pounded Houston in 2018, the President and First Lady of the United States visited the devastation, as is typical post natural disasters. The difference this time, Strassburg explained, was the juxtaposition: “Trump and Melania went there in their Gucci outfits, filthy rich people walking around in puddles, standing next to people with nothing, using it for a political

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Middleton resident Brian Strassburg Strassburg’s award-winning mosquito is only one of his Found Objects Art pieces; Strassburg can often be found messing about in his garage and yard in the pursuit of eclectic creation.; For Halloween, personal satisfaction and to entertain guests, Strassburg’s potting shed an exhibits his Box Artof horror film stars; Strassburg created multiple cigar boxes displaying *Dracula*. Not pictured, Middle Age Dracula, a bit fleshier than his younger selves.



LOCAL

# Drainage Board Works on Long and Short Term Flooding Solutions

By Kevin Murphy

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—Some residents of Hidden Oaks subdivision and other properties dealing with high water tables since August 2018 are finding some solace in reviving a long dormant drainage district.

Inactive for more than 50 years, the Middleton Drainage District, established 106 years ago to drain glacial Lake Middleton, is now being looked at as a solution for residents whose basement sump pumps run continually.

After a three-hour meeting earlier this month, attended by 50-some more than the 200 property owners in the district, Dane County District Commissioners agreed to have cost estimates developed to dredge and remove downed trees in Black Earth Creek south of US 14. Creating some gradient in the creek bed would increase the flow of water as the creek winds past the Blackhawk Ski Club property and exits the district east of the Village of Cross Plains.

Drainage Board Commissioner Leonard Massie called cleaning out the creek south of the tracks “a critical solution,” and the town and city of Middleton, along with affected property owners in the district, should help pay the expense.

The culverts under US 14 and the Wisconsin & Southern Railway line pose another problem because they are too high and impede the flow of water and keeping land upstream flooded. Working with the railroad and state of Wisconsin on lowering the culvert heights was a task the three commissioners postponed for now.

Other problems exist upstream from the railroad tracks that impede the flow of water.

A private pump and a small dam installed in the 1970s lifted water out of a low spot and moved it toward the tracks. The pump quit working after being submerged for months after the August 2018 flood and Dick Hinrichs, whose family paid

for the pump, its upkeep and electricity to operate it, doesn’t want to continue doing so.

The cost to repair the pump was estimated at \$3,000 to \$4,000 and \$3,000 to power it annually.

Dane County presents another possible complication to draining the area as it wants to buy the Hellenbrand property and restore at least part of it to a glacial wetland by removing the pump.

Jeremy Balousek, manager of the county’s Water Resources Engineering Division, said the county was negotiating to buy the Hellenbrand property. He wasn’t available for comment Tuesday on the status of the property negotiations.

Many residents saw the county’s plans as working against their need to lower the water level downstream from Hidden Oak. They want the pump repaired and working again. The pump has been surrounded by water preventing its removal.

Balousek said the county could restore a wetland at the Hellenbrand property without negatively affecting property upstream due to the topography of the area.

Massie said the Middleton Drainage District could acquire the pump and create a sub district to operate it so the flow of water could be increased downstream. Those who would benefit from a working pump would be assessed the repair and operating costs.

The City of Middleton and private contractors are hauling in snow removed from other areas onto land within the District further adding to the amount of runoff, said Jane Hinrichs.

“There’s more blacktop and buildings now where there was once farmland. Development has created a problem for us,” she said.

State statutes allow the Drainage Board to bill municipalities if they increase the runoff downstream from their lands, Massie said.

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# Welton

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ter on the buttocks and crotch while in the outdoor swimming pool.

A subsequent second touch constituted the third count, Karsten said.

To be convicted, Karshen had to prove three elements; that the girl was under 13 years of age, intentional contact was made to the genital area, and for the purpose of Welton’s sexual gratification.

There was no dispute as to either victims’ age, Karshen said, and Welton’s actions, caught in 2018 on Harbor’s video at the outdoor pool, proved the two other elements.

She said the video showed Welton out of the pool sunning himself until children began using the pool. Harbor Athletic has four pools plus hot tubs, but Welton choose one frequented by children and sat near the steps where children would enter the pool, Karshen said.

Welton stayed and swam in the shallow end, where children were, even though there were less people in deeper water. Welton didn’t make any contact with boys in the pool and stood up when they came near. However, he put on swim goggles and swam over to a girl who was petite, blonde, and about the same age as the 2010 victim, Karshen said.

In two instances, Welton reached out and touched the girl, she said.

“(The girl) was terrified and told her mom. Some complete stranger had touched her twice,” Karshen said.

Welton’s attorney, Robert Ruth, said the video showed an entirely different story. Welton had his back to the girl in the

outdoor pool and any contact he had with her was accidental and consistent with swimming motions.

“He didn’t grab, or rub or fondle her, it was a swipe which could be a swimming motion,” he said.

In the 2010 incident, the girl, now a teenager, told an entirely different story about her encounter with Welton in the pool and the prosecutors added it to the case. However, no one else reported seeing Welton’s contact with the girl in 2010, and it’s possible that she exaggerated the situation years later, Ruth said.

In her rebuttal, Karshen said Welton also chose the pool in 2010 that was most frequently by children so he “can touch girls under water and get away with it. That’s his sexual gratification.”

Karshen and Matthew Tor-

benson, two prosecutors from Milwaukee County, were appointed special prosecutors in the case to avoid a conflict of interest that Dane County District Attorney Ismael Ozanne believed his office would have had with other individuals involved in the prosecution.

The case originally was scheduled for June and the jury was picked but Middleton police body camera video was discovered just before proceedings began and Crawford postponed the trial until the parties had a chance to review it.

# Town Budget Calls for Less Spending, Slight Tax Increase

By Kevin Murphy

Times-Tribune

TOWN OF MIDDLETON—Town of Middleton Board Supervisors are proposing a 2020 budget that increases road maintenance funds while drastically cutting the operating budget, said Town Administrator Greg DiMiceli.

Town residents can vote on the proposed \$3.186 million tax levy during a public hearing beginning at 6 p.m. on Nov. 12 at Town Hall, 7555 W. Old Sauk Rd.

If approved, the levy on taxable property represents a 3.85 percent increase over 2019’s levy, most of which comes from the value of new construction, DiMiceli said.

In 2019, the town’s portion of a property tax bill on a \$400,000 house was \$1,114, the proposed levy and budget would increase that by approximately 1.5 percent or, \$16.71.

Property taxes along with state aid, fee revenue, and cash reserves funds a proposed \$3.657 million general fund budget for 2020.

Revenue is projected to increase by 9.17 percent from \$3.35 million to \$3.65 million from more property tax revenue, intergovernmental aid and charges for town services. Expenses are estimated to decrease by 6.14 percent from \$3.73 million this year to \$3.50 million next year chiefly from general government, public works and parks.

After the 2019 budget incurred a \$683,522 deficit which

was “backfilled” from cash reserves, the town board focused on reducing labor costs and cutting capital purchases, DiMiceli said.

“We’re super excited about the 60 percent drop in the operating deficit in the (2020) budget (to \$270,982),” he said.

Road crew overtime will be reduced next year but the yard debris chipping schedule will be maintained as usual, he said.

“Our crew uses the old Fred Flintstone method or picking up branch by branch and running it through the chipper. That’s got to change. Seventy percent of crew time during the summer (April to November) is allocated to chipping, DiMiceli said.

The new budget includes \$65,000 for a new chipper and two part-time employees were hired this past summer, but the town needs to further mechanize and streamline the chipping process, he said.

“It’s eating our lunch,” DiMiceli said.

The town didn’t borrow for any major road projects in 2019 in order to hold down borrowing expense. Now, with the deficit slashed and more than \$900,000 in debt paid down the board wants to finance \$1.2 million in road projects, which would result in a 1.5 percent increase in the tax rate, he said.

“That’s a level equal with inflation,” he said.

Six road projects have been selected for 2020, including the \$425,000 reconstruction of Seybold Rd., in a town island near the west side Woodman’s

Food Market. Engineering for the projects are expected to cost \$120,000.

Other projects include:

- Bergamot Way, \$309,960
- Elington Way – Airport Rd. to Bergamot Way, \$193,680
- Meadowrue Circle \$120,000
- Indigo Circle \$69,000
- Mineral Pt./Pioneer Rd. intersection \$2,000

Adding traffic signals at Mineral Pt. and Pioneer Roads was the only non-routine road project the town funded in 2019, said DiMiceli. He anticipates pavement will be finished and signals installed next month with \$2,000 budgeted in 2020 for incidentals.

The board doesn’t want to defer these road projects any further, DiMiceli said.

Instead, it recommends residents approve borrowing \$1.2 million for road projects and backfill the \$270,982 from cash reserves.

Making repairs to public lands damaged in August 2018 flood remains an ongoing budgetary matter. This year, the town received \$67,000 from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and \$105,000 from Dane County, for repairs to Pope Farm Conservancy not covered by FEMA.

The town will contract for road repairs in 2020 of which FEMA would reimburse at about 90 percent, DiMiceli.



## Wisconsin Heights Picnic Fundraiser

### Sunday, November 17

The Wisconsin Heights Picnic Fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, Nov. 17** at the **Black Earth Fire Station** (next to the Shoe Box) from **noon to 4 p.m. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!** There will be fun for all ages including food and beverages, a huge silent auction, and more!

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OPINION

MICHELLE's Musings

BY MICHELLE PHILLIPS



Giant Pumpkins

Recently I watched a video of a man in Tennessee, who tried to bring home the honor or largest pumpkin in his state. At 910 pounds, the gargantuan squash fell short of the title, topping 1,700 lbs.

But when life hands you giant pumpkins, there is but one thing to do—make a pumpkin boat. So that’s what he did, and the clip shows him paddling down a waterway, a hole carved in the top, like some kind of fantastical kayak.

Giant pumpkin growing is an actual thing, and if you have never seen this spectacle, I suggest you put it on your bucket list. I first became aware of competitions for the largest pumpkin back in 2003 when I began working at a paper called the *Anamosa Journal-Eureka*.

The town held an event called Pumpkinfest and the Ryan Norlin Pumpkin Weigh-off. Ryan was a boy who raised

giant pumpkins with his uncle. He was killed in a tragic boating accident, and his family and town members began the weigh-off to honor his memory.

Back when Ryan was growing pumpkins they were topping out at around 400-500 pounds. By the time I came along some years later, the behemoths were tipping the scales at around 900 and the last year I cover the event in 2010, they were surpassing the half ton mark. Today, some are reaching nearly a ton.

People from around the Midwest, several from Wisconsin and as far away as Colorado, would load the giants onto trucks and trailers, tarp them and hope for the best. You see, when a pumpkin reaches that size, they are very prone to cracking, and one of the rules is the pumpkins cannot have any holes or cracks.

I went to visit a pumpkin grower in Des Moines one year, who was rumored to have the biggest pumpkin anyone at the weigh-off had ever laid eyes on.

Don, the man growing the massive fruit, took me through the process step-by-step.

First you get seeds from a seed bank. The seeds have been meticulously dried and saved, with information about their breeding. Next you pick a (large) spot and prepare your soil. Common additives to the earth include fish emulsion, seaweed and manure. You must water the pumpkin, and they take a lot of water, but don’t like to be wet, so your soil must have good drainage.

Once the fruit begins to set on the vine you observe them to discover which pumpkin looks the most hardy, with a strong stem. Then you get rid of all other pumpkins on that plant to ensure all the energy generated is going to that single, coveted pumpkin. From this point, the grower begins monitoring the orange orb to make sure the plant is healthy.

Mice are fond of pumpkins, so moth balls are sometimes placed near the plant to deter the rodents as well as insects. Padding is placed under the fruit while it is still small, and the farmer able to lift it. This helps to prevent it from cracking as it grows. Toward the end of its life cycle, a giant pumpkin can grow 20-30 pounds in a single day.

Getting it out of the field can be a challenge and they are typ-

ically lifted by placing heavy straps around the squash and lifting it with a winch or forklift. They are then placed on foam covered pallets for their journey to a competition where they are weighed against their cousins.

Giant pumpkin growing is not only popular in the United States, but also in England and Europe. There are several competitions in multiple countries, the process being the same.

Nurturing a pumpkin to this size is no small feat, and tales abound of those that never come to fruition. Sometimes they die on the vine, sometimes they crack when you lift them, sometimes they have a hole on the underside. Not to worry, there are chat rooms and websites you can access to get growing advice, share seeds, regale when something goes right, and commiserate when it goes terribly wrong.

The first time I witnessed a giant pumpkin competition, I was enamored of the size, various colors, and of course, the dedication of this small number of men and women who devote their summer to growing a winner.

All I could think of that first time was Linus from “Peanuts” exclaiming, “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!”

And great they are.

Letters

Resident Expresses Airport Concerns

Dear Editor:

My family and I have lived in Middleton for many years. We have loved the city’s commitment to good government—with its focus on protection of natural resources, like Pheasant Branch Conservancy.

After the paper’s two part series on the potential Middleton Airport expansion, we are very concerned!

Why is our city council pursuing a master plan for the airport without ongoing input from both our residents and neighboring communities that would be affected by this change? This is not a good government practice! Notably, there is plenty of input gathered for other issues, like the new police chief hire. AND, we live here because of Pheasant Branch. The airport is built on the wetland that feeds Pheasant Branch and it is now being contaminated with lead from planes and the city wants to increase that!???

We say no to any expansion on the airport wetland that damages Pheasant Branch!

Mary Ritchay, Middleton

Visitor Worried About PBC

Dear Editor:

I am a frequent tourist to Middleton for biking and bird watching in the Pheasant Branch Conservancy. It was so sad to see all the destruction from flooding last year! I commend the city for trying to restore the many features that we use. We always dine, buy gas, and shop while here. We feel like contributing members to this community given our frequency of visits.

However, it is noticeable to see the increase in air traffic over natural areas and populated neighborhoods during the past couple years. Now we read that the city is exploring an expansion of the airport with larger and more frequent flights year round. How can the city in good conscience even consider expanding on an existing wetland that attaches to Pheasant Branch?

The airport is already inappropriately built on a wetland that distributes water into Pheasant Branch. De-icing materials are toxins that can never be mitigated, and lead in water affects groundwater everywhere, including wells, streams, and ponds. It’s all connected!

Consider dismantling, not expanding this airport!

Brenda Zitowsky, Madison

Pilot Says Expansion About Safety

To the Editor:

A few years ago, I was a member of the Friends of Morey Airport. The organization formed to preserve the airport and keep it out of the hands of an industrial developer. The City of Middleton wisely chose to take over the airport, and what I once called a “diamond in the rough,” has now become a “diamond” thanks to the foresight of the city and community.

As a pilot, I accumulated most of my flying hours at the airport and co-owned Beech Bonanza which we hangered there.

I am writing to allay some of the concerns about the master plan, which includes the extension of the runway by 1,000 feet, making it a 5,000 foot runway. One concern is that that will make the airport too busy and noisy. I would comment that the extension will only make the runway safer for pilots who may need to abort a takeoff or need the safety margin of another thousand feet for a landing.

When the city considered taking over the airport, I contacted five operators of other Wisconsin airports who experienced similar expansions and found none had received noise complaints. The Morey extension would allow light jet aircraft in, but they are most often quieter than piston plane counterparts. Also, out of the question are any F-35 operations at the airport.

There are other constraints to making the airport too busy. One is that there are physical limitations to building new hangars for aircraft based there. For transient planes, I do not believe they will increase in number either, since there are not plans for a tower to facilitate increased air traffic.

The airport is a good neighbor in the Good Neighbor City, which has supported vital organ transplant flights, training for new pilots and access to air transportation for local businesses.

In addition, the seven member airport commission is in place to advise the city on issues regarding the airport. They are citizens and alders along with a mayor’s representative who are sensitive to and responsive to the people who want this gem to continue to shine.

Eric Bolland, Verona

Hallick Email Unfounded

Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of the Middleton/Morey Community Airport group, I am writing to express our extreme displeasure with the Chairman Hallick’s email of May 20. His description of supposed safety issues at the airport are completely unfounded and not supported by any objective measure.

One objective measure of airport safety is the Aviation Safety Reporting System (ASRS) run by NASA. This nationwide aviation safety reporting system collects more than 300 reports daily from across the United States. Surely, if the Middleton/Morey airport is such an unsafe place, one would expect many reports to have been filed on this system.

Remarkably, there have been only three safety incidents reported to ASRS related to the Middleton Airport since the inception of the program in early ‘70s. And these incidents were all relatively minor (inadvertent flight into Madison airspace, flight into clouds by VFR pilot). How can it be that the Middleton airport has such a safety issue when this objective measure of safety says the complete opposite?

The Middleton/Morey airport is a very safe airport that is a tremendous asset to Middleton and the surrounding communities.

Jeff Russell

Co-founder, Friends of the Middleton/Morey Community Airport

GEIGER Counter



by Matt Geiger, Editor



Primitive to Relative

I somehow failed to rinse all the shampoo out of my hair the other day. When I noticed it later, my daughter ran her little finger through it and exclaimed: “It feels like dry wetness!”

A few days earlier, when I told her she had to wait 30 days to get something she wanted, she lamented: “Thirty days?! But 30 days is 100 days!!!”

It’s easy to think ‘No, 30 isn’t 100,’ but to do so is to miss the point. Because when she said those words, when she told me that little story, she wasn’t showing me the world; she was showing me herself. She gave me a glimpse into her inner emotional life. It was only 30

days, scientifically speaking, but there is so more to life than cold, hard facts.

Each moment is incredibly complex. Things are things, and we are us, but the way it all mixes together is endlessly complicated. I think that’s part of the reason the past becomes so alluring as we age. Because many of the unknowns of past eras fade away, and what we are left with is the idea that life was simple, and the decisions and ideas that ruled people’s lives were simple too. Of course, they were not. They never were. We can look at historical records and see that something took 30 days to occur, but that tells us nothing of what it was to be human in that time. The human mind has been the same for 200,000 years. We like to think

we are special now, but we are only part of something special; we are only the culmination of our species for a brief moment, like all who came before us, and we will quickly become just another predecessor when we age and die off.

People make all kinds of silly assumptions about the past. They think people “used to” be religious. What they forget is that people still are—although the pantheon of gods to which they pray has been widening over the past century. And people were never blindly religious anyway, because most holy books are full of stories of people grappling with their faith, gnashing their teeth, bickering with god and wondering how and why such evil could come from such good. Entire world religions were built simply by asking: “Why do we suffer?”

The answer, of course, is that good and evil didn’t exist until human beings invented them. They are merely ideas, and they wouldn’t be here with us unless people had dreamed them up.

Things that are, just are. Things that happen, happen. It is only in our minds that those things are good or evil; only inside us that they inspire hope or dread. But things don’t have to exist to matter. We live in a time when millions of people proudly call themselves “social justice warriors,” despite the fact that justice doesn’t exist, either. Justice, which is one of the gods people currently worship, is merely a human invention. Because in nature, what works, works. What is, is. Nothing is good, nothing is bad, nothing is beautiful, and nothing is ugly.

I was recently watching a nature video in which a lion, for no apparent reason, pounced on another lion, sinking its teeth into her spine. With her back broken, she crawled around, her hind legs dragging behind her. The lion who had attacked her sat down nearby, his face devoid of any remorse or pleasure. He was a thing that had done a thing to another thing. It was only in me, a guy watching it on

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Plan Commission Approves Concept for Affordable Housing Apartment Building

By Cameron Bren  
Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON—The Middleton Plan Commission approved the conceptual plan and set a public hearing for rezoning for a proposed four-story, 37 unit apartment building at the site of the now closed Sonic fast food restaurant 6413 University Ave.

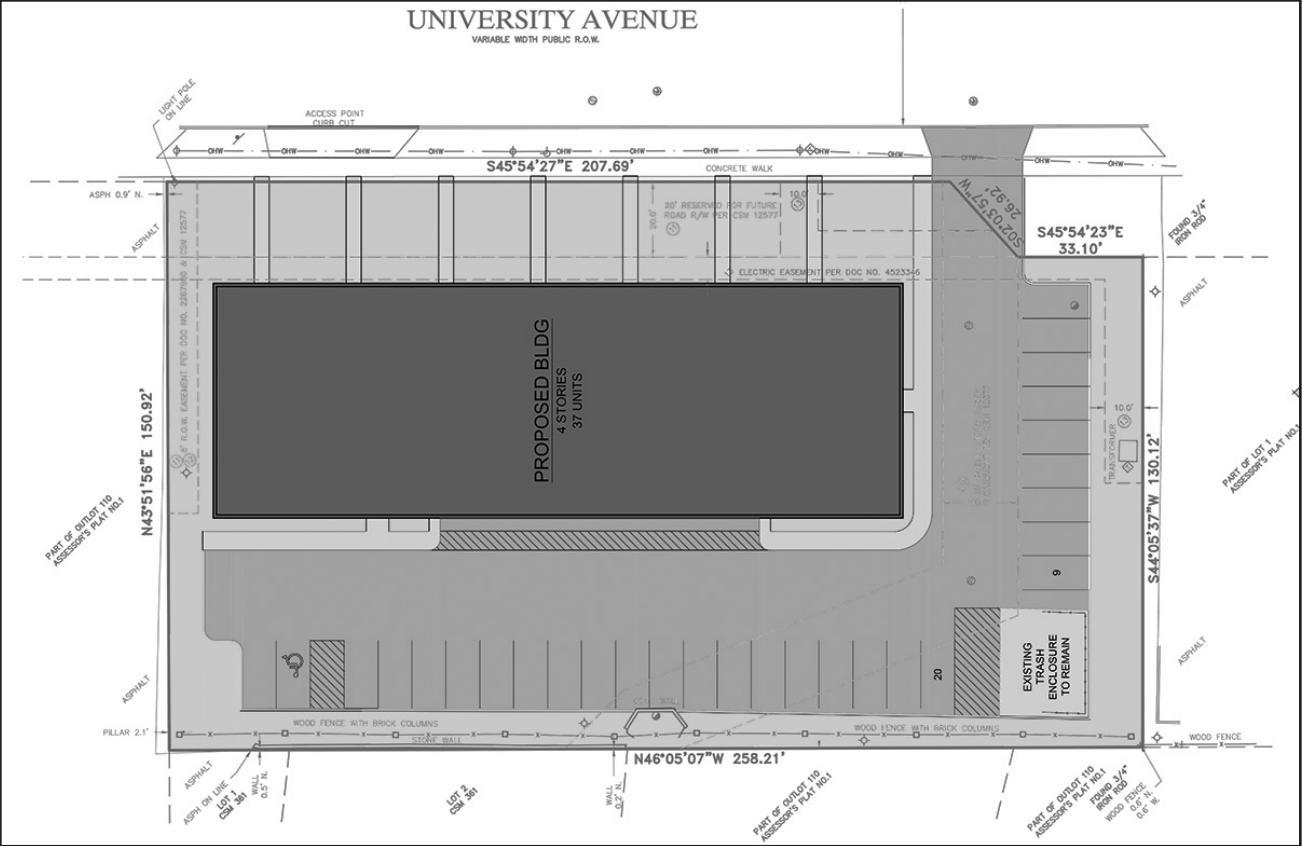
The project is being proposed by the Commonwealth Companies. Kevin McDonell from Commonwealth said they are the seventh largest affordable housing developer nationwide. McDonell explained the company in vertically integrated with in house architects, construction and property man-

agement. McDonell said Commonwealth developments are mostly in Wisconsin but they have properties in 14 other states as well with 5,850 units altogether in nearly 100 properties. The University Avenue proposal would consist of 37 units

at market rate and affordable apartments in a mix of one, two and three-bedroom apartments. Thirty-one of the units would be affordable while the remaining would be market rate. The units would be two stories each and include seven ground floor individual entry units.

McDonell said the architect participated in a district meeting but not many people attended the event. He said so far they have not had a lot of contact with neighbors but plan to reach out. Plan Commission member Kurt Paulsen asked if Commonwealth would apply for WHEDA tax credits for 31 affordable units. McDonell said that was the plan. Paulsen said he would like to see a site plan that showed the development within the surrounding buildings the next time it is presented. Paulsen said he likes how the building would be close to street with parking in the rear.

Mayor Brar encouraged McDonell to work with the neighbors, pointing out how neighbors impacted the ADDI, a proposed four-story apartment that was limited to three stories after neighbor outcry. Plan Commission member Michael Slavish asked if the company considered purchasing the closed Chicken Run restaurant. McDonell said they considered it but there is an easement that would make the properties hard to conjoin. The public hearing is scheduled for Nov. 26 at 7:15 p.m.



Drainage

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Massie and the other Drainage Board members make the decisions to spend money on improvements to the district and assess members. “We do that if the benefits outweigh the costs,” he said. Middleton Alder, Luke Fuszard, who petitioned to restart the drainage district said he was pleased with the results of the first meeting. “I was hoping for a short term and a long term solution and I think we got started on that. Getting the channel clean out below the railroad is part of the short term solution and addressing the pump is part of a long term solution,” he said. John Mitby, attorney for the Drainage Board, anticipates having another district meeting before the end of the year to review the dredging estimates and consider further action.

Geiger

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my phone five years and 3,000 miles way, that the incident had moral and emotional implications. A painting is merely canvas, oil and powder. The person who views it is the one changed. It is in the viewer that the painting has meaning. It is only in us that these things matter. A kitchen faucet exists. A lion’s damaged spine exists. But the other things we live with—justice and good and evil—have no material matter, no weight, no shape, no form, and yet we all know, to varying degrees, that they are real, whether or not we can see them. When we look back on our ancestors, we tend to think of people who had an overly simplistic view of the world and their place in it. But that distinction, too, lives only inside us. For cave people had the same minds we have, and they made their own distinctions, ascribed their own meaning, invented their own justice and their own beauty and truth. My modern friends often think anyone who lived before 2014 was ridiculous. “People used to believe such silly things,” they say. “People used to be so primitive.” But primitive is relative, and 500 years from now we will be primitive too. It is merely a rank you earn in your death. People buy millions of books about laughable medieval medical cures, and they scoff at anyone who thought thunderbolts were thrown by gods, or that goddesses sometimes streaked through the sky in a chariot pulled by cats, or that eating a frog would cure a cold. What they fail to see is that science tells us everything we need to know about what the world is made of. But it tells us nothing about what to do with our lives. It tells us what things are, but it does not tell us what they mean. In order to know the

earth beneath our feet, the sky above our heads, and even the mushy inner workings of our own bodies, we need hard science. But to know how to treat the earth, where to fly in the sky, and what to do with our bodies is for art, romance, philosophy and faith to decide. I have been far more instructed by a painting than a periodic table, because I believe some things exist, and some things don’t, but the stories we tell (about what is real and what is not real) are the most important things we have. Modern people like to create false dichotomies. “I believe in Jesus!” they say, or “I believe in science!” As if those two gods are incompatible. Yet science is not something you can believe in. It is a process for figuring out that which is factual, and in many ways it is the best method we have to slice and dice the world using Ockham’s razor. (Ockham’s razor is essentially the idea that simple answers are good answers.) It tells us so much about ourselves and the things around us. But again, it never tells us what our lives mean, or what we should do with them. Scientific inquiry can tell us that a forest or a species of ungulate is disappearing, but how we respond to that problem is not a purely scientific matter; it is a question of ethics, of romance, of justice. Science can tell us we are dying, but how we live out our remain-

ing days is determined by other factors. While many people don’t know it, it is philosophy that gave us science in the first place. The first biologists, chemists and mathematicians were all called “Natural Philosophers.” They tinkered with and prodded the earth, dissecting dead creatures, growing molds and fungi, peering at the smallest things they could see in their labs, and gazing through glass at the furthest reaches of the cosmos. It is philosophical and theological inquiry that led them there, not only because those disciplines were considered branches of philosophy, but because philosophy is what told them that an examined life is a good life, and that looking and asking is good, no matter what you find. Even if you find nothing at all. And I don’t think things were ever simple. I think Neanderthals, Denisovans, and the earliest homo sapiens all thought about themselves and their worlds just as intensely as we do. I think any culture that tells stories, and listens to stories, whether they are painting Odysseus on a vase or etching a raven deity on a pole, is exactly like us in the most important way. I’m currently reading a book by Steve Rinella. It’s about hunting and conservation and what it means to be a predator on the planet Earth. The earliest

stories are hunting stories, he points out in the book’s opening pages. And of course, he is right. All of the earliest cave paintings are of the beasts who hunted and ate us, and beasts we hunted and ate. There is a very old story, told elsewhere, about a hunter who is mauled by a bear. The human is both hunter and prey, the bear is both hunter and prey, living in the intensity of both ends of existence. The bear uses its nose, its claws, its teeth, its strength and its speed (if you ever want to feel atavistic terror, just look on YouTube for videos of brown bears running at full speed). The human has a weak nose, no claws, small teeth, and very little muscle mass, except for one very important muscle, her brain, which she uses to craft tools that help her hunt and help her avoid those who hunt for her and would dine on her flesh. Yet both survive the encounter, and the bear leaves with just a taste of human meat, while the human leaves with a scar and some broken bones. Many years later, when the bear dies of old age, the hunter, still living with long-healed scars, goes insane with grief. Because to be hunted by something is to be one with it, and to hunt is to be one with the thing you consume. Both

literally and metaphorically. Because the experience thrusts you into the same story as another species, where you can experience the many gods that govern the life of another living being. Those ancient people who lived all across the world - in caves, in tents, in huts, in igloos - they knew something of Ockham’s razor, even if they lived thousands of years before a Franciscan friar named William of Ockham (who in turn, lived nearly 1,000 years before us). But they knew the simplest answer to the biggest question is this: We are all part of an unbroken chain that stretches back to the first moment of life on earth. Every single person who walks around today, from the guy in the grocery store who thinks his t-shirt disproves evolution, to the woman in the parking lot who thinks her bumper sticker will be the thing that spurs people to global peace, is part of it. Every. Single. One.

Those cave people who hunted, and were hunted, are not some vague idea. They are not just distant figures. They are part of the chain, too. It goes back to little, single-celled organisms squirming in primordial muck on a planet of sludge and electrical storms, which people would one day understand with a story about Zeus, or Thor, or electrical currents. And it will continue on, until the final day. There was a first human on earth, long ago. And someday, maybe in 300 years, maybe in 300,000 years, there will be a last human. It is not a good thing, or a bad thing. It is merely a thing that happened and will happen. It is a thing we know. What we do with that knowledge, how we choose to forge our link in the chain, is up to us. It is enormously liberating to feel so small, to be part of something so big, and to be so free.

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November Events Planned at Middleton Public Library

**Storytimes**  
Big Kids Storytimes (ages 3-6)–Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Books, music, and movement activities followed by a craft project or sensory activity.  
\*No storytime November 26. [Archer Room]  
Little Kids Storytime (ages 2-3)–Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Books, music, and movement activities followed by a craft project or sensory activity.  
\*No storytime November 27. [Archer Room]  
Tiny Tots Storytime (ages 1-2)–Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
Songs, rhymes, puppets, music, and short books. \*No Storytimes November 7 or November 28. [New Meeting Room]  
Baby Lapsit Storytime (pre-walkers)–Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Songs, rhymes, and short, interactive books specifically designed for young babies.  
\*No storytimes November 29. [New Meeting Room]  
Saturday Storytimes (ages 2-5)–10 a.m.  
Nov. 16: Sign a Storytime–Give Thanks; Dec.14  
Books, music, and movement

activities followed by a craft project or sensory activity! Please register. [Archer Room]  
Monday Evening Storytimes (ages 2-6)–6 p.m.  
Nov. 18: Sign a Storytime–Give Thanks  
Books, music, movement activities, a picture-book movie, and a craft or sensory activity! Please register. [Archer Room]  
Fire Station Storytime (All ages) Nov. 2, 10 a.m.  
Join us for a special storytime at the Middleton Fire Station, 7600 University Ave. Meet real firefighters, try on helmets and jackets, check out books, and see a fire truck up close! Overflow parking at St. Bernard’s. Registration is required: space is limited.  
**Events for Younger Children**  
Family & Toddler Yoga (ages 2 & up) Nov. 4–10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Fun songs and poses for families with younger children! Registration is required, space is limited. Please register for only one class per month.  
Bilingual Spanish-English Storytime (all ages) with Yesianne Ramirez Nov. 8–10:30 a.m.  
Books, songs, and fun in Spanish and English for all ages.

CI Pediatric Therapy Centers Storytime (all ages) Nov. 12–10:30 a.m.  
Interactive book reading, songs, crafts and more, presented by a speech pathologist and an occupational therapist.  
i9 Sports: Soccer & Basketball (Ages 3 and up Nov.18–10:30 a.m.  
Professionals from i9 Sports bring a fun introduction to soccer and basketball skills. Registration is required: space is limited.  
Friday Fun Day! (Ages 2 and up) Nov. 22–10:30 a.m.  
Enjoy a variety of active games and free play time. (Formerly Move-it Mondays.) Registration is required: space is limited.  
Up Close with Magnum Opus Ballet (All ages) Nov. 27–11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Enjoy a beautiful selection of dances from their holiday production, Full Light, followed by learning creative ballet steps yourself! Magnum Opus is the newest professional ballet company in Wisconsin. Please register.  
**Children, ‘Tween & Family Events**  
3DS & Switch Club (all ages)

Nov. 7–6:30-8:30 p.m.  
[New Meeting Room across from Archer Room] Bring your 3DS, Switch and games for the group to share!  
little om BIG OM Family Yoga (Ages 5 & up) Nov. 4,–6 p.m.  
Fun songs and poses specifically designed for school-aged kids and their caregivers. Registration is required: space is limited. For younger children, please see Family & Toddler Yoga day and evening yoga events.  
LEGO Mindstorms (Grades 2-6) Wednesdays @ 4:15pm November 6, 13, 20  
Build and program robots with LEGO Mindstorms. Each class will be a mix of building and/or programming. Younger kids will need adult assistance. Please register all members of your party. Registration is required for each week: space is limited.  
Escape Room: Locked in Mr. Lemoncello’s Library (Ages 9-12) Nov. 11–Two sessions: 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.  
You and your friends accidentally got locked in the library! Fortunately, others have gotten

locked in before, so Mr. Lemoncello has left clues on how to escape. Crack the code, solve the puzzles, figure out how to escape before time runs out! Registration is required: space is limited.  
LC3 = Loosely Controlled Chaos Club (Grades K-6) Nov. 15–4:15-5 p.m.  
SLIME! Calling all MAD SCIENTISTS! Join forces to explore and create. Adults, please don your own goggles to assist the younger scientists. Registration is required – space is limited.  
Chess Club (all ages) Nov. 17–1:30-3:30 p.m.  
Chess lessons will begin at 1:30 p.m. followed by open play. All ages and skill levels are welcome.  
Young Entrepreneurs’ Craft Fair (Ages 9-18 Nov. 16, 2-4 p.m.  
Applications due Nov. 1 by 6 p.m.  
It’s a craft fair featuring items made by YOU! If you’d like to sell items you’ve made, sign up to host a table. Details and applications are available at the Main Level Service Desk. Space is limited; pick up and turn in your application quickly! (All ages are welcome to shop at the fair; cash only.)  
**Teen Events (grades 7-12)**  
Teen Dungeons and Dragons (two stand-alone adventures) Nov. 3–1:30-4:30 p.m.; Nov. 9–1-4 p.m.  
Celebrate International Games Week: join a three-hour adventure of Dungeons and Dragons. All skill levels are welcome, and beginners are encouraged. We will be playing with pre-generated characters.  
T.A.Co. (Formerly Teen Advisory Committee (Ages 12 and up) Nov. 4–4:30 p.m.  
Come kick off the new Teen Advisory Committee where we’ll be coming up with new programs and projects for the library. Attending T.A.Co. counts towards volunteering. Snacks will be provided.  
Decoding the War: a WWII Escape Room Nov. 26–6 p.m.  
WWII is at its peak; Nazi Germany continues to bomb London. The only way for Great Britain to survive is for a team of codebreakers to decipher the encrypted messages from Germany. Your mission is to decode the messages and save the world in the next 45 minutes. Can you do it?  
Anime Club Nov. 6–4:30 p.m.  
Discuss favorite anime and manga, eat Japanese snacks, and decide future anime viewing selections. What we watch is up to you!  
VR Club Nov. 22–4:30 p.m.  
Experience virtual reality: play games using PS4 VR headsets. Light snacks.  
**Adult Events**  
One-on-One Job Assistance Nov. 7–5:30 p.m.  
Topics can include: Finding job posting; Online job applications; Resume content/formatting; Setting up email addresses; and Writing a cover letter. An appointment is required. Please register by phone at 608-827-7403, by email at info@midlibrary.org, or in person at the Reference

Desk on the lower level.  
Memory Screenings Nov. 5–1 p.m.  
A memory screen is a wellness tool that helps identify possible changes in memory. It also creates a baseline so future changes can be monitored. Specialists from the Aging & Disability Resource Center will provide these free 15-minute memory screenings and will have information about memory, memory clinics, brain health and local resources that are available.  
Sign up in advance by calling the library’s reference desk at 608-827-7403. Screenings will be held in study room C on the library’s lower level.  
Transparent Language Nov. 5–7 p.m.  
In this class we will learn about one of the language databases available with your Middleton Public Library card. The database keeps track of your progress in the lessons with multiple languages available. To register, call 608-827-7403 or email info@midlibrary.org.  
A Conversation with Gregory Renz: Hall of Fame Firefighter and Author of “Beneath the Flames” Nov. 7–6:30 p.m.  
Known for his heroic work as a former Milwaukee Firefighter, Gregory Renz was inducted into the Wisconsin Fire and Police Hall of Fame in 2006 following the dramatic rescue of two little boys from their burning basement bedroom. Learn about his long career as a Fire Captain with the Milwaukee Fire Department, as well as his gripping debut novel, “Beneath the Flames”. Book sale and signing will follow the event.  
Striding Lines: An evening with author Bobbie Malone and quilt artist Rumi O’Brien Nov. 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
Bobbie Malone reaches beyond the quilts to tell Rumi O’Brien’s own story, from her initial foray into the quilting world to her developed dedication to the craft. Contributions from leaders in the art, textile and quilting community, including Melanie Herzog and Marin Hanson, contextualize O’Brien’s work in the greater community of quilt-makers and artists. This book celebrates the life and ingenuity of a Japanese-born American immigrant whose oeuvre is equally Japanese and Wisconsinite–and entirely distinctive.  
Spotting Fake News Online Nov. 19–7 p.m.  
Sometimes it’s hard to tell the difference between news that’s well researched and news that’s false or misleading on the internet. In this presentation you’ll learn techniques for evaluating the credibility of news stories online and learn the importance of getting information from multiple reliable sources. To register, call 608-827-7403 or email info@midlibrary.org.  
Safety at Home (ADAW Family Education series) Nov. 20–5:30 p.m.  
For our final session of 2019, we’ll offer tips to help you and your loved one stay safely and independently in your own home.

Healthy Blood Donors Needed to Maintain Supply

DANE COUNTY–As influenza activity picks up this fall, the American Red Cross is urging healthy donors of all blood types to give blood or platelets to ensure a strong blood supply for patients in need. Blood and platelets can only be given by donors who are feeling well.  
One way to maintain health is to get a flu vaccine each fall. A flu shot doesn’t affect blood donation eligibility. There is no waiting period to give blood or platelets after receiving a flu shot as long as the donor is symptom-free and fever-free.  
For those that have the flu, it

is important to wait until they no longer exhibit flu symptoms, have recovered completely and feel well before attempting to donate. Donors must feel healthy and well on the day of donation.  
Donors of all blood types, especially platelet donors and those with type O blood, are urged to give now to ensure a stable supply this fall. Stay healthy this flu season and make an appointment to donate blood by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS or

enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device. Upcoming local blood drives include:  
Nov. 6, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.–Keva Sports Center, 8312 Forstythia St., Middleton

Nov. 9, 7:30-11:30 a.m.–Blackhawk Church, 9620 Brader Way, Middleton  
Nov. 22, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.–Verona Public Library, 500 Silent St., Verona

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abled children and the school knows this is happening,” Lobe said.  
Lobe suggested students perform a daily anti-bullying pledge and that more staff or volunteers be present and better trained to address bullying.  
Suzanne Sarhan explained the bullying her daughter has experienced at Kromrey.  
Last year her daughter received messages from teachers and the school counselor with concerns she was suicidal.  
Sarhan said she ended up going to the children’s psychiatric hospital for nine days to deal with experiences at school.  
At the start of the year her daughter was hit in the face by another student while another recorded the incident posting it on social media.  
“There was nothing to protect my daughter after school, in the hallways the rest of the week, there was no restorative justice, there was nothing, that is the climate of Kromrey,” Sarhan stated.  
Three more parents spoke about their children’s experiences at Kromrey and the Oct. 16 incident.

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Parents

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screaming, crying and sweating. He says, ‘I just want to die,’” Lobe said. “He says, ‘Why me-why are kids picking on me? I’m not mean to anyone.’

“There should be no opportunity for kids to throw rocks at another kid,” Lobe added.

She said she attempted on many occasions to discuss the bullying problems last school year, when most of the bullying happened in the locker room. She said she sent eight messages to officials at the middle school, including Soeteber which were never returned. Calls also went unreturned, she said, and claims it wasn’t until she told the school she contacted an attorney that the school took notice. She said she also talked with Student Resource Officer (SRO) Julie Carbon and Associate Principal Eric Engel and called the Middleton Police Department to see what could be done to stop the bullying.

In May, she told them her attorney said because her son is on the autism spectrum, the bullying could be seen as a hate crime. The school then put an adult in the locker room to keep an eye on the kids as they dressed and undressed for gym class. She said when an incident happened in class, they removed her son.

She said that she had high hopes that things would change when Dom Ricks took over as principal at the school this year, as did Sahran, but the problems have just seemed to escalate less than two months since the start of the new school year.

Sahran said that her experience was similar. She said that her daughter started experiencing bullying at the end of

last school year. She said that the school was aware of the problems she was having with bullying long before the video incident occurred.

“At the end of the day on Sept. 23, a sixth grade girl confronted my daughter and started screaming obscenities,” Sahran stated of how the altercation began. The girl then slapped her daughter with the butt of her hand, leaving a bruise that lasted for a week, while her friend filmed it on her phone.

Sahran said her daughter did not know about the video at the time it was filmed, and learned about it the next day at school when people started showing it to her.

“She was humiliated. Everybody has seen this video,” said Sahran, who added that the video was also shared on Instagram, but has since been taken down.

“It got so bad that the school found suicidal artwork. When we peeled back the layers, we found she had a lot of problems and we ended up taking her to the children’s psychiatric hospital for nine days.”

Ricks responded to written questions sent by the *Times-Tribune* to the district, in regard to the suicidal thoughts and expressions by the kids he said, “Suicide screeners are in place for all students. When we become aware of suicidal ideation or tendency, counselors and psychologists respond to support the student and family with outside resources and to develop a safety plan for the building staff to follow in support of the student.”

Sahran talked with school officials, including Ricks, Engel, Carbon and school counselor Abby Hannam. She also con-

tacted the director of the Youth Center Gabrielle Hinahara, since the video incident occurred in the hallway outside the space the center occupies at the school.

She said that she felt Hannam was engaged and sensitive to the situation. “Abby Hannam came to the psychiatric hospital to learn her needs at discharge,” she said.

She also went to the police and was told that they could not arrest the girl because she is only 11 years old. She said she was told that the Student Resource Officer (SRO) could issue a ticket, but Carbon told her they did not issue tickets to sixth graders.

Sahran said she wrote a letter to Ricks outlining the incident and citing the school code of conduct. She said she does feel that he wants to be part of the solution.

Sahran said the girl who hit her daughter was given in-school suspension and sensitivity training, though the school would not confirm this because they cannot discuss specific students. She and Lobe both feel the discipline was inadequate.

Ricks said the behavior cannot be tolerated and cited ways she believes they can help address the problem. He listed several ways she feels physical attacks could be prevented, including “working with individual students, small groups of students, and at the classroom level to address issues of physical violence.”

Ricks went on to write the school disciplinary measures are “very robust.” He added, “By law, there is no transparency for students and families impacted as to what the extent of consequences are. We

acknowledge that it could be frustrating to have a small piece of information and not the full picture of actions taken for any given child, but there are clear rules and laws in place that we must follow to maintain confidentiality in these matters.”

But the bullying by the girl did not stop there, according to Sahran. She said after the video incident her daughter had another confrontation with the girl at a volleyball game while getting an item from the vending machine.

One of the mothers who would not be named for this story said her daughter, now college aged, was bullied in similar ways while attending Kromrey. She, and other moms said they fear Kromrey has created a “culture of bullying.”

Ricks addressed this notion of a culture of bullying alleged by parents. He wrote the following: “Children could be nicer to each other. We believe that children bully each other when they perceive a deficit in themselves and don’t know how to address that. Like we did at Glacier Creek Middle School the past two years, when I was dean of students, multi-layered steps have been taken to prevent and address bullying behaviors. Since the start of the year there have been many actions taken to educate various student groups, such as our ongoing social-emotional lessons in each grade level and trauma screeners to target students experiencing various levels of emotional distress. We also are planning on delivering a lesson on the power of words, such as slurs and put-downs, to our 7th grade class mid-November. Moving forward, as a staff we will take collective

action to prevent bullying and to create a more positive school culture and we will continue to be responsive to the needs of our community.”

Parents said they are not just complaining, but want to be part of the solution to stop the bullying at Kromrey not only for their own kids, but for coming generations of kids. They proposed forums on bullying, parent volunteers who can work as hall, lunch and recess monitors, email notifications to report incidents, and a peer-to-peer intervention system.

“These are topics of conversation with our Kromrey Parent-Teacher Organization. We are following up on parent ideas and input with staff in the building who are trained to implement the ideas with all kids in a school setting,” Ricks said.

As for reporting an incident to the school and the school’s response, Ricks stated, “We have shared with parents the processes to report bullying. For example, this year in our weekly E-News we sent out the instructions on how to report bullying via HelpLine and our PTO shared it out in its most recent monthly communication. Reports submitted via the helpline are high priority and are acted on immediately. As a school, it is our ideal to always return communication within 24 hours but sometimes situations arise that prevent this from being a reality. Our minimum expectation is to connect with families that contact us within 48 hours.”

Middleton Cross Plains Area School District (MCPASD) Communication Director Perry Hibner said, “We have heard from many families that this needs to be addressed and we

need to do more. We need all students to respect one another and treat each other with kindness.”

Both Lobe and Sharan have posted their concerns on the neighborhood app, Nextdoor, and sent several pages of comments to the *Times-Tribune*. In the Nextdoor posts, dozens of parents bring up incidents in which their children were allegedly bullied at Kromrey. Many have similar stories about how the bullying escalated, and some said they removed their kids to homeschool them.

In addition, multiple posters claiming to be teachers said they see the bullying occur, but have little recourse in stopping it or changing the situation. “Our hands are tied,” one person wrote.

Hibner said, “We have work to do and we will do it. This isn’t just a Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District issue. It also isn’t just a middle school or educational issue. Educators need help from families and the larger community. Bullying isn’t just going to end in schools no matter what systems we put in place unless there are also supports at home and in the community.”

The US Department of Education estimates that 18-20 percent of students report being bullied each year in the US. Some districts, including Wisconsin Rapids Public Schools, have begun fining parents when their kids bully other students.

Lobe and Sahran, frustrated with what they see as the school’s lack of action, took their concerns to the MCPASD Board of Directors meeting on Oct. 28.

Corrections

A story in the Oct. 10 Times Tribune incorrectly stated that Matt Hofeldt was appointed to the Middleton Airport Commission and succeeded by his wife, Jade Hofeldt. In fact, Matt Hofeldt was appointed to the Middleton Airport Master Plan Advisory Committee and succeeded by his wife, Jade Hofeldt.

In the Oct. 17 issue of the *Times-Tribune*, we reporter that St. Luke’s Lutheran Church was first located at Old Sauk and Pleasant View Roads. The church has been located in its current spot the entirety of its existence.

Artist

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moment.”

From thence, Strassburg’s “Back From the Dead Graphics,” a political lampoon, was born. “My issue is the Trump administration,” Strassburg said. “I had to start doing this again.” He has a list of 60 “exclusive” subscribers, he said, people who appreciate his political satire and sense of humor. Strassburg’s pieces of mind regularly appear on John Peterson’s democurmudgeon.com, he said.

Yes, Strassburg can be described as delightfully eccentric, a barrel full of monkeys, and via his political cartoons a rabble-rouser or, perhaps more accurately, rabble-defuser, providing a healthy outlet for political frustration.

Politics aside, this Halloween Strassburg’s focus is on the quaint fear induced by the fanciful films of Bela Lugosi, Boris Karloff, Lon Chaney et al. and perfectly arranging the whimsical backyard exhibit they spawned.

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A: Yes! With Halloween approaching soon, you need to be extra careful that your pet doesn’t get in to the stash of holiday candy. Chocolate, hard candies, and of course the wrappers that they come in, can cause serious problems if eaten by your pet. Chocolate, depending on the amount ingested, can be toxic. Plan on keeping your candy in an “out of the way” place where you are certain your pet can’t reach. If you have children, make sure they are aware of the dangerous situations that can occur. As always, if you have questions, please contact your veterinarian for more information. Have a happy and safe Halloween!




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Cross Plains Library Upcoming Schedule

**Elephant & Piggie are Coming!**  
Come celebrate 1000 Books Before Kindergarten on Nov. 2, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. We'll honor the 1000 Books finishers with a special recognition followed by a party with special guests, Elephant and Piggie, two fabulous characters made famous in the well-loved books by Mo Willems!  
Want more information about the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program? Contact Catherine at cabaer@rgpl.org or 798-3881 for details.

**Mutzy's Monster Mash**  
Do you enjoy a good old-fashioned graveyard smash or get a thrill doing the Transylvania twist? Then the library grounds have just what you desire. Mutzy's Halloween House creatures and ghouls have once again gathered at the library, and you can now visit them in all their creepy splendor.  
Chills and thrills not your style? Then by-pass the ghostly gamut and come into the library at the east entrance. The wonderful Monster Mash crew made sure to think of the littles and created a child-friendly entrance.

**Storytime News**  
Our fall storytime theme is "What Makes a Family." Wiggles and Giggles meets on Tuesdays at 10 a.m., and Big Kids Booktime gets underway on Thursdays at 10 a.m. Please see our website for a list of storytime programs.

**School's Out Games Day**  
Here's a great way to have some fun with friends on your afternoon off of school Nov. 4. Join James from Pegasus Games to find out all about what's new and popular in the world of board games. The

BECWA

watershed wildlife, fish and water. "The past focus has been on the quality of water," he said, "now it's quantity."

**August 2018 to Present: Increased Water**  
The increased volume of water the area has experienced in the past year has significantly impacted many, garnered the attention of most and is leading to communities-wide discussions on how best to proceed in tackling excess precipitation.

Cross Plains Village Administrator Bill Chang joined experts from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) to explain flood impact and mitigation plans. A farmer slated to present was not able to attend.

Mike Rupiper, the CARPC director of environmental resource planning, covers multiple jurisdictions. He outlined the connectedness between communities scattered along Black Earth Creek (BEC): Town of Middleton, Town of Cross Plains, Cross Plains, Black Earth and Mazomanie.

Maps show that although the highest totals of rainfall, 10 inches on average, occurred near the BEC headwaters just west of Middleton, the community sustaining the most damage from the August 2018 event was Mazomanie, approximately 17 miles downstream. Of the nearly \$3 million FEMA dollars awarded throughout the entire watershed, the village of Mazomanie accounted for over \$1 million.

During the flood, the U.S. Geological Survey site at Mazomanie recorded the BEC water rushing through at 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs)—the normal rate is 20 cfs, Rupiper said. "What happens upstream significantly impacts those downstream."

Chang said the FEMA floodplain, redrawn in 2016, proved accurate in 2018, especially in Cross Plains where Brewery Creek joins BEC. But homeowners, including those just outside the floodplain, were not prepared for flooded basements, he said, or rising insurance.

One citizen commented that Mazomanie will be purchasing approximately six homes to demolish and replace with green space, and at least three homes have already been elevated to prevent flooding. The solutions were mandated.

**Sustainability, Green Infrastructure: Solutions**  
Cross Plains is now working on flood mitigation, specifically

event is scheduled from 1-3:30 p.m. Please call 608-798-3881 to sign up so we can be sure to have enough snacks for you.

**Read to a Dog—Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m.**  
Chase will join us again on Nov. 18 to listen to your child read. This is a great opportunity, particularly for reluctant readers, to practice their skills with a happy and appreciative listener. Please call the library if you are interested in reserving a 15-minute session. Check our website for a story about Chase at rgpl.org/kids.

**Next Lego Club, Tuesday (ages 5 and up)**  
Legos to the max on November 5 and December 10 from 4-5 p.m.! Drop by to play, create, and enjoy some after-school treats. Please call 608-798-3881 to let us know you plan to come, and don't forget to stop by the library to see a display of our October haunted creations!

**Teen AND Tween Book Club—Special Guest**  
This month the teens and tweens will come together to discuss Katherine Applegate's *Home of the Brave*. This beautifully written novel tells the story of an immigrant's journey from hardship to hope. Kek comes from Africa. In America, he sees snow for the first time and feels its sting. He's never walked on ice, and he falls. He wonders if the people in this new place will be like the winter—cold and unkind. We are very fortunate to have Middleton High School exchange student Dorcas Noupaye from Cameroon joining us on Nov. 18 from 4-5 p.m. to give a cultural presentation on her home country and teach some simple dance steps. Please join us! Sign up and get a copy of the book at the library service desk.

**Cross Plains Berry Historical Society Exhibit**  
The historical society is currently sponsoring an exhibit from the

American Legion Auxiliary. Along with memorabilia, the display features a silver tea set which serves as a "traveling trophy" that honors the auxiliary unit which reaches the highest membership goals.

**Morning Movie**  
Join us Nov. 14 at 9:30 a.m. for a British romantic comedy about a struggling musician who, after a global power outage, wakes up to discover that no one but him has ever heard of the Beatles and, with a little help from his friend and agent, becomes an overnight sensation. Rated PG-13. Run time is two hours. Coffee and breakfast treats are ready at 9 a.m. Please call 608-798-3881 to sign up.

**Holiday Card Crafting**  
Judy Arawinko is back on Nov. 6 from 6-8 p.m. to help you create beautiful holiday cards that look professionally made. Participants will create a different set of five cards in each of Judy's two classes. Class size is limited so call or sign up in the library now to reserve your space.

**Cookie Decorating Basics** Jason Brehm shares his experience and enthusiasm for creating gorgeous cookies on Nov. 16 at 10 a.m.—just in time for the holidays. He will walk through recipes, working with dough, useful cookie decorating tools, and share a variety of decorating methods. Participants will receive a starter decorating kit in the class and get hands-on practice. Registration required. Ages 16+ Only.

**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!

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Peckarsky commended Cross Plains for attending to the creek as it passes through the village. "The village did a great job restoring the meander," she said.

The highest trout density was near Salmo Pond, just west of Cross Plains. The headwaters near Middleton, by contrast, contained no trout, due to warm water temperature. There were also fewer fish in sections near Black Earth and Mazomanie, Oele said.

In addition, the tributaries "are not in the best shape," he said. No baby trout were found in Brewery Creek. Trout require appropriate thermal, then physical, habitat, he said. Cold water is paramount. Stream-bank protection, planting trees whose roots control erosion, reconfiguring streams and other methods to slow water, aid fish populations, he said.

**Farming Community**  
While fish suffered from the past year's inundation of water, many farmers have faced extreme hardship. Dave Lucey, BECWA treasurer, recounted dismal news. Of one farmer, Lucey reported, "40-80 acres couldn't be planted, they're underwater." Of another he said, "an organic farmer sustained staggering losses, his production is half of what it was."

A father and son who farm according to no till, cover crop practices explained the water isn't flowing as it used to and is at least a foot higher than usual. "And if the water doesn't drain away, it's a lost cause," the son said. "That's my battle."

One attendee questioned whether green infrastructure will be enough to alleviate water hardships for farmers. Since the process has just begun, said Rupiper, it could take a decade or more to know the answer to that.

Another issue, reconnecting streams to floodplains. One man noted that if your farm is in the floodplain, you should expect it to flood, concluding, "At what point do you say, 'Get the hell away from the water!?'"

Dane County Land and Water Resources Department watershed manager Kyle Minks explained the recent success of the Yahara River Watershed, working with farmers to prevent flooding and phosphorous runoff.

"It required flexibility and creativity," Minks said. One program, Harvestable Buffer, encourages farmers to plant forage species between cropland and waterways, a win-win for farmers and the watershed.

But planting, of course, depends upon buffer zones being above water.

**Teamwork Required For Our Future**  
In addition to BECWA, multiple organizations sponsored the meeting: Southern Wisconsin Trout Unlimited, Gateway to The Driftless and Groundswell Conservancy. Conversation between organization members, farmers, village residents and governmental agencies is a necessary step in addressing future flooding.

Rupiper cited Yahara Wins, "an intergovernmental agreement, with pooled resources from multiple communities, that puts them to use where they collectively think it would do the most good."

One citizen asked, "If I live in Mazomanie, do I want to spend money in the Town of Middleton? I need to be persuaded it's going to positively affect me."

Added to the flood mitigation discussion, Town of Vermont Board member Warren Gaskill said the township has undertaken an initiative to offer homeowners, landowners and businesses practical steps and incentives to address energy efficiency to save money and reduce environmental impact. Climate change meetings held in Cross Plains in 2019 led to the township's proactive plan to improve and expand renewable energy sources, such as solar panel installation. Workshops will be held in 2020.

"We know what to do," Gaskill said. "We just have to have more people doing it."

The overall conclusion of the meeting was that the complex issue of increased water volume poses myriad problems for humans and wildlife, solutions require teamwork from all of us and, often, they won't be an easy or immediate fix.

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*Health* TIP!

Risk Of Being Too Sedentary

Being sedentary for long, uninterrupted stretches of time during the day may increase the risk of cardiovascular disease. A new study tracked 5,600 women ages 63-97 for a week, regarding their amount of movement, along with the duration they were sedentary at any one time. Researchers discovered that both the total amount of daily sedentary time and long, uninterrupted periods of it were linked to higher risk of heart attacks and strokes over the next 3-5 years. The risk was lower when sedentary periods were broken up by physical activity.


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Robert Paul Ellestad



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ert Paul Ellestad, age 100, of Pine Bluff/Mount Horeb, passed away on Oct. 24, 2019 at his home. He was born to Andrew and Alma (Quale) Ellestad on Sept. 24, 1919 in Madison. He grew up in Madison and graduated from Central High School.

After high school, he went to work for Gisholt Machine Company as a draftsman where he met his future wife, Joan Coyle, in 1942.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy as a SEA BEE in 1942 and was stationed in Okinawa during World War II. He married Joan Coyle on Feb. 11, 1944 at St Francis Xavier in Cross Plains. He was honorably discharged in 1945 and their family moved to Cross Plains. They then moved to Madison in 1952. In 1962, Bob and Joan bought the Coyle Homestead in Pine Bluff where they raised their four children. In 1972, he went to work for the US Post Office as a rural postal carrier and retired in 1985.

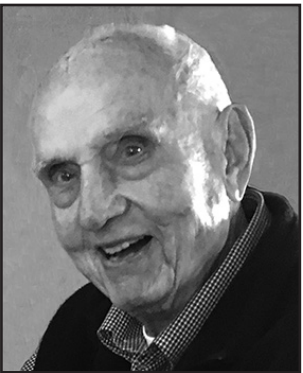
Dad grew up sailing and iceboating on Lake Mendota and always loved being on the water. As an adult, the cottage at Fish Lake meant lots of fishing, boating, swimming and plenty of fun times spent with family. He also enjoyed working on the farm raising beef cattle and rebuilding machinery.

Robert is survived by two sons, Andy (Patricia) Ellestad and David (Marty) Ellestad; daughter, Linda (Dennis) Bollig; son-in-law, Jeff Sale; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Joan; daughter, Jean Sale; great-grandsons, Noah Bishop and William Shanks; and brother, John Ellestad.

A celebration of life will be held at Gunderson Camacho Funeral and Cremation Care, 500 N. Eighth Street, Mount Horeb, Nov. 2, from 9-10:30 a.m. A graveside service will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery, 3673 County Road P, Pine Bluff, at 11:15 a.m. with military honors and Father Tom Coyle officiating. Following the cemetery service, lunch will be served at the Cross Plains/Pine Bluff Town Hall & Community Center at Kalscheur Park, 3734 County Road P in Pine Bluff. Our special thanks to Flo Kelly for the loving care she provided our parents for so many years.

Memorials may be made to Mount Horeb Veterans Memorial Association.

Online condolences may be made at gundersonfh.com.



Betty Ann Brown

MIDDLETON-Betty Ann Brown, age 89, of Middleton, passed away on Oct. 22, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital. She was born on Dec. 5, 1929, the eldest daughter of Algie and Katherine (Schultz) Schlough. The Schlough family lived on their family farm outside of Mazomanie. Betty Ann graduated from Arena Union Free High School in 1948. After graduation, Betty Ann worked for her father at A.B. Schlough Plumbing in Madison. It's there that she met Douglas Brown who was employed with a Madison area general contractor. Betty Ann and Douglas were married on July 30, 1955, at St. Barnabas Catholic Church in Mazomanie. Betty Ann stayed at home to raise her 11 children. She devoted her life to her family. She was a loving and caring mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was dedicated and devoted to her entire family.

Betty Ann is survived by her children, Tim (Nancy) Brown, Susanne Brown, Ann Marie Brown, Alice Bach, David Brown (Mary Bakken), Bill Brown (Debra Hanna), Jane (Mark Dreckmann) and Jennifer Muniz; 12 grandchildren, Kristin (Aaron), Kelly, Molly, Lily, Ian, Katie (Alex), Tom, Ni-cole (Oliver), Jake, Wayne, Michael and Sergio; two great-grandchildren, Kendall and Aidan; son-in-law, John Casucci; sisters, Margaret (LaVerne) Cushman, Mary (Jerry) Gust, Carol Cowley and sister-in-law, Patricia Schlough; along with many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Douglas; son, Michael Brown; daughters, Cynthia Brown and Mary Jean Casucci; her parents; and her brothers, Richard, David and Bennie Schlough.

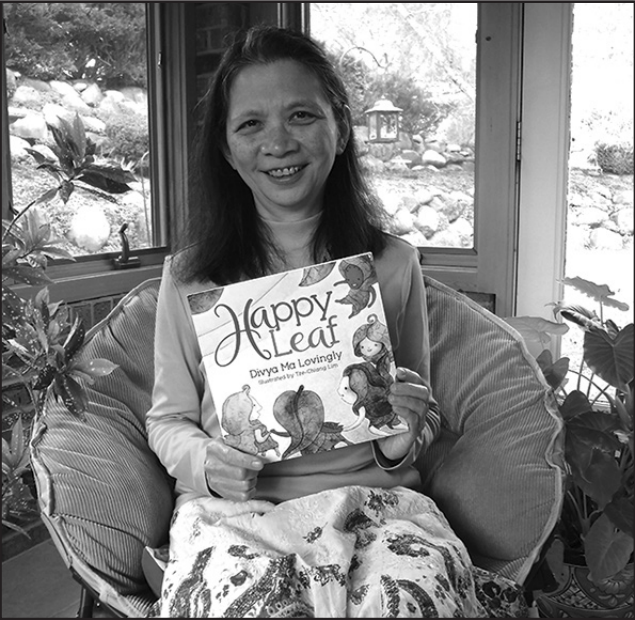
A Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Bernard Catholic Church, 7450 University Ave., Middleton, at 11 a.m. on Oct. 29, 2019, with Father Brian Wilk presiding. Burial was held at St. Bernard Catholic Cemetery with a luncheon to follow. Visitation was held at church from 10 a.m. until the time of the Mass on Tuesday.

The family would like to thank the entire staff at St. Mary's Hospital.

Memorials may be made to St. Bernard Catholic Church, Middleton, Wis. Online condolences may be made at gundersonfh.com.



Local Author Wins Award



File Photo

Author Divya Ma Lovingly poses with her award winning book.

MIDDLETON-Middleton resident Divya Ma Lovingly, author of the children's book "Happy Leaf," has won a Moonbeam Children's Books Awards medal, presented by Independent Publishers/Jenkins Group. The company seeks to honor authors of children's books meeting the criteria of inspiring both a sense of wonder and responsibility.

Published by Little Creek Press January 2019, Happy Leaf received silver in the "Picture Book - Preschool" category, as one of 156 medal-winning books chosen from over 1,100 entries from 34 states, five Canadian provinces and several overseas countries. Entries into 45 categories ranged from alphabet books for toddlers to young adult books about gender and race.

Upon winning the award Lovingly said, "(I feel) humbled and graciously grateful. I was so happy and surprised when I first read (my publisher's congratulatory) email."

"Happy Leaf" follows Happy Leaf as she wakes to a new day, plays joyfully with her friends, observes the natural world and receives affirmation in the evening from a smiling moon.

"This charming book is a meditation on gratitude for the earth and sky, the sun and moon, and in the tradition of Goodnight Moon, the perfect bedtime story to end a child's day," said Jim Barnes, Editor and Awards Director of Independent Publisher/Jenkins Group.

Lovingly and four supporters will be attending the ceremony to be held in Traverse City, MI on Nov. 9, she said. As part of the 13th annual Moonbeam awards ceremony, held in conjunction with the Traverse City Children's Book Festival, Lovingly will be allowed to offer an acceptance speech.

She has less than one minute to thank those who were an integral part to her success, she said, and plans to end with: "Moon is whispering, 'I love you Happy Leaf,' and Happy Leaf says, 'I love you all.'"

products. Before his role as CHRO, he was with Regal for 10 years in positions of increasing responsibility. Additionally, Oswald spent nearly a decade with General Motors, where he served as Senior Labor Relations Advisor and a variety of operations positions. Active in the community, Os-

wald was President of Friends of the Riverfront in Beloit and a volunteer coach for youth basketball. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Wisconsin and a Master of Business Administration from the New York Institute of Technology.

and leadership development, succession planning and organizational development. Additionally, he will lead a cohesive culture across Springs Window Fashions, based around driving engagement, instilling trust, ensuring accountability and driving results among the company's more than 8,000 employees.

Prior to joining Springs, Oswald was Corporate Vice President of HR and Chief Human Resources Officer (CHRO) of Regal Beloit Corporation, a global manufacturer of electrical and mechanical motion control and power generation

MIDDLETON-Tim Oswald, a human resources leader with more than 20 years of experience, has been named Senior Vice President of Human Resources (SVP of HR) and a member of the Senior Leadership Team of Springs Window Fashions. The announcement was made by Eric Jungbluth, President and CEO of Springs Window Fashions.

As SVP of HR, Oswald will have responsibility for human resources throughout the organization, overseeing teams of HR professionals in both the U.S. and Mexico. He will create and build upon a talent management function to include talent acquisition, performance management, learning



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

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

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

- Oct. 30: Meat Sauce on Spaghetti Noodles Bingo
- Oct. 31: Lemon Baked Fish Halloween Dress-up Player's Choice
- Nov.1: Pulled Pork on a Bum Nickel Bingo
- Nov. 4: Chili with Baked Potato A.M. Exercise P.M. Euchre
- Nov. 5: Beef Pot Pie Dominoes
- Nov. 6: Chicken & Gravy Bingo



# SCHOOL

## MHS Theatre Advances to Sectionals, Set to Perform ‘The 39 Steps’ Nov. 7-9



MIDDLETON—Middleton High School (MHS) Theatre is off to a great start for the 2019-20 School Year, advancing to the sectional level of the Wisconsin State One-Act Theatre Festival, and presenting a full-length play, “The 39 Steps,” on Nov. 7-9.

Middleton’s 2019 one-act play is “The Lottery,” based on the thought-provoking short story by Shirley Jackson. The

play competed at the districts on Oct. 19, and advanced to sectionals.

Sectional competition will take place on Nov. 2 at Waukegan High School. The group hopes to advance again to compete at the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival at UW-Milwaukee at the end of November. The one-act is directed by Abbie Hannam, with set design by Zane Enloe.

MHS Theatre also produces a full-length play in the fall—this year, presenting “The 39 Steps.” This hilarious spoof is based on the 1939 Alfred Hitchcock movie mystery, and is performed by a cast of 19 actors, playing over 150 characters.

This two-time Tony and Drama Desk Award winning treat is packed with nonstop laughs, handcuffs, missing fingers, and some good old-fash-

ioned romance! “The 39 Steps” is directed by Katrina Williams Brunner, with set design by Zane Enloe.

“The 39 Steps” will be presented on Nov. 7-9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Middleton Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10 for adults, and \$8 for students and seniors, and are available at the door or in advance at [mhswi.booktix.com](http://mhswi.booktix.com).

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## MHS Band and Orchestra Fruit Sale Underway

MIDDLETON—Would you like to support local music education and enjoy some very fresh fruit this winter? Then the Middleton High School Band and Orchestra Parents Association’s annual fruit sale is for you.

Fruit can be ordered from any Middleton High School (MHS) Band or Orchestra student through Nov. 10. Your order will be delivered to your home or work, beginning on Dec. 7. Don’t know a band or orchestra student? Visit [www.MHSFruitSale.com](http://www.MHSFruitSale.com) and order online.

Nineteen options are available, with prices ranging from \$12-60. This year’s offerings include Texas red grapefruit, California navel oranges, apples, pears and citrus medleys, dried Wisconsin cranberries, Wisconsin cheese & sausage and chocolate covered nuts. It is all top-quality, shipped by semi-trailer to MHS and hand-sorted and packed by parent and student volunteers. The fruit keeps very well and makes great holiday gifts.

As in the past, you can designate all or part of your order to be donated to the Middleton Outreach Ministry’s (MOM) food pantry. All orders will be delivered directly to MOM.

The proceeds from this sale provide funds for instrument repair and purchase of new instruments, student music camp scholarships, guest performers and clinicians, participation of all MHS band and orchestra students in the Solo and Ensemble festival and accompanists for Solo and Ensembles. The proceeds also help pay for the biennial band and orchestra tour trips, which combine musical performance and listening opportunities in a well-organized program over the students’ spring break.

## Marching Band Steps High at State Championships

MIDDLETON—Congratulations to the Middleton High School Cardinal Marching Band for their wonderful performance at the WSMA Marching Band State Championships where they placed fourth in their AAAA division. Color guard caption also placed fourth, and percussion took second place.

The year’s show, Electric Counterpoint, was both acoustic and electric and featured a number of electronic instruments—digital mallet instruments, an EWI, a vocoder, and synthesizers—as well as acoustic. It also featured elements of electronic dance music (EDM) and spoken word, including a DJ (Colin Keenan) and spoken word soloist (Rija Ratsimihah).

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COUNTY

Prevent Childhood Lead Poisoning

NCL Holds Membership Drive

DANE COUNTY—Childhood exposure to lead can affect growth and development, and can cause lifelong learning disabilities, developmental delays, and other behavior and health problems. In Dane County, exposure to lead continues to be a public health challenge affecting our youth. In 2018, medical providers reported 45 Dane County children having lead poisoning.

“While the number of children affected by lead poisoning has decreased slightly in our area, even one child affected is one too many,” says John Hausbeck, Environmental Health Supervisor for Public Health Madison & Dane County (PHMDC).

A blood test is the only way to know if a child has lead poisoning. Children six months to six years are most at risk, especially if they live in or visit older housing. Consulting with a child’s health care provider will help determine the child’s risk and need for testing.

“This is an important public health concern,” continues Hausbeck. “While anyone can get lead poisoning, young children are particularly vulnerable to exposure because of their behavior of putting their hands, toys, and other things in their mouth.”

Lead poisoning is caused by swallowing or breathing lead. The most common cause of lead poisoning is when young children play near areas where there is lead dust and paint chips, usually in housing built prior to 1978, when lead-based paint was typically used. They can get lead dust or chips on their hands and toys and when they put their hands in their mouth, they are exposed, which can lead to lead poisoning.

Lead in drinking water is another source of exposure and usually comes from older water pipes. The risk of childhood lead exposure is not just restricted to the home, but also daycare and school if older lead-containing pipes and paint are present.

“Not all municipalities in Dane County have replaced lead service pipes,” says Hausbeck. “Anyone who is raising children in an older home

needs to be aware of all the potential sources of lead and take action to prevent exposure. If they are uncertain whether there are lead pipes leading into or in their home, they should investigate,” continues Hausbeck.

PHMDC plays a key role in preventing lead exposure, identifying lead poisoning, and advocating to address the problem:

- As a preventive measure, PHMDC identifies areas of Dane County that have higher concentrations of older homes with children and offers free home visits to families with children under age six in pre-1978 homes. Information is provided on possible lead hazards in the home, and how to prevent lead exposure.
- PHMDC prepared recommendations to school district and childcare facilities about the need to test water and if necessary, actions to take to reduce the amount of lead in the water.
- When a child is identified with lead poisoning, both public health nurses and environmental health staff get involved.
- Public Health Nurses work with the family and their health care provider to assure the child is receiving appropriate medical care, including follow-up blood testing and, if warranted, assess the development of the child. In 2018, case management services were provided to 55 children due to elevated blood lead levels.

Sanitarians investigate the home for sources of lead poisoning and provide guidance and support in minimizing exposure and remediating the lead. They also respond to complaints about lead hazards in the community. In 2018, Sanitarians inspected 31 housing units or childcare sites and advised about lead risks.

- The PHMDC Laboratory tests water for lead, as well as paint and varnish chips.

There is no safe level of lead exposure in children. The good news is that lead poisoning is preventable.

MIDDLETON— The Madison Area Chapter of National Charity League (NCL), the nation’s premier mother-daughter volunteer organization, has announced its Annual Membership Drive and will begin accepting applications from women with daughters currently in sixth through ninth grade.

The Madison Area Chapter mother-daughter teams volunteered over 3500 philanthropy hours in the 2018-2019 year for numerous philanthropic organizations in the community, including the Middleton Outreach Ministry, Girls on the Run, American Heart Association, Gilda’s Club, Operation Homefront, Second Harvest Food Bank and numerous other local philanthropies.

“We are excited for the opportunity to welcome new mothers and daughters into our Chapter as we continue to create life-long philanthropists who graciously serve the community,” said Tiffany Pence, Chapter President.

**Membership meetings:**  
Nov. 20, 6:30-8 p.m. and Nov. 24, 2:30-4 p.m.—Middleton Outreach Ministry, 3502 Parmenter St., Middleton  
Dec. 9, 6-7:30 p.m.—Gilda’s Club, 7907 UW Health Ct., Middleton  
Jan. 12, 2020, 12-2 p.m. Ronald McDonald House 2716 Marshall Ct., Madison

**Membership Drive Details:**

- Timeline: Applications for membership are only accepted during the Annual Membership Drive from Oct.15 until Jan. 15 each year.
- Eligibility: A prospective member must reside in the Madison Area and have a daughter currently in 6th through 9th grade.
- Prospective Member Meeting: Interested mothers are required to attend one of the prospective member meetings.
- Applications: Completed applications are due by January 15, 2020

For more information, visit [madisonarea.nationalcharityleague.org](http://madisonarea.nationalcharityleague.org), or email [membershipmadisonarea@nclonline.org](mailto:membershipmadisonarea@nclonline.org).

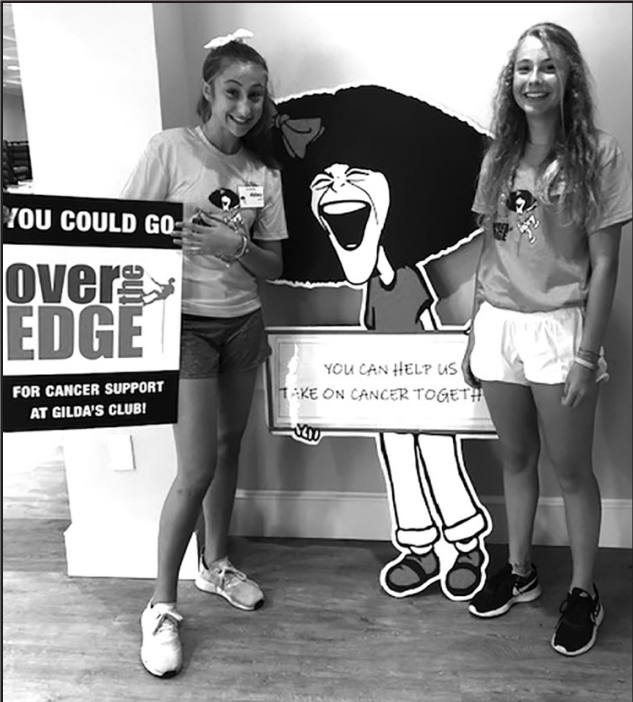


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Abigail Klipstine and Meridith Pasegrau at Over the Edge, a fundraiser for Gilda’s Club in which community members each raised \$1,000 to rappel down the side of Hilton Monona Terrace in downtown Madison. The event is one of many fundraisers the mother/ daughter, NCL, takes part in each year.

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BUSINESS

MGE Breaks Ground on Solar Array



Kevin Murphy-Times Tribune

Breaking ground for a five megawatt solar array at Middleton Municipal Airport - Morey Field are, L-R: MGE CEO Jeff Keebler, Middleton Mayor Gurdip Brar, Middleton-Cross Plains School District Superintendent Dr. Dana Monogue and Don Peterson, MGE vice president of energy technology.

By Kevin Murphy

Times-Tribune

MIDDLETON – It was sunshine and smiles Tuesday when city, school and utility officials broke ground for a five-megawatt solar array at Middleton Municipal Airport-Morey Field.

Mayor Gurdip Brar proclaimed Oct. 29, “Solar Power Day” in Middleton to commemorate the second solar project the city and Middleton Gas and Electric (MGE) have partnered on since a 500 kilowatt array was installed in 2017 on the Municipal Operations Center’s roof.

The city will buy .5 megawatts produced by the 17,000 solar panels bringing it closer to its goal of using 100 percent of its electricity needs from renewable energy sources. The Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District will purchase a one megawatt which will be used at eight schools, said Perry Hibner, a school district spokesman. The remainder of the array’s output is available to residential customers on a subscription basis for up to one-half of their annual electricity usage through MGE’s Shared Solar program.

The entire output would otherwise power about 1,500 homes, according to Steve Schultz, an MGE spokesman.

The power will cost the city and the school district .06 cents per kilowatt with a two percent annual escalator saving the city \$353,000 during the next 30 years. The school district projects saving \$1.059 million during the same time period.

The school district has been a pioneer in MGE’s energy efficiency efforts generating savings of nearly \$4 million since 2004 through controlling energy consumption, said School Superintendent Dr. Dana Monogue.

The district leads the state by placing four schools Middleton High School, Park Elemen-

tary, West Middleton Elementary, Kromery Middleton School, and the district as a whole, in the Department of Energy’s Green Ribbon program which promotes sustainability practices.

Pope Farm Elementary now under construction, will become the second district school, after Kromery, to use geo-thermal energy. The geo-thermal system has a 11-year payback period and will cut carbon dioxide levels by 13 percent, natural gas usage by 25 percent and a 55 percent reduction in electricity usage compared to conventional heating/cooling systems, said Monogue.

Teaching students in an environmentally sustainable facilities should make them “change agents” for responsible energy usage in the future, she said.

Last year, MGE announced a goal of becoming net zero carbon electricity by 2050 in providing power to its 161,000-plus customers. The installation at Morey Field will help the utility reach that goal, said Don Peterson, an MGE vice president of energy technology.

“Our goal aligns with climate science but doesn’t determine our pace. We’re working to achieve net zero as quickly as we can,” he said.

MGE is leasing 22 acres on the airport’s north side, accessible from Schneider Road, at \$400 an acre for the next 30 years. The lease revenue will be used for the airport’s upkeep and the city is already receiving payments from MGE under a two-year option it had previously reached.

The array is expected to take about three months to build.

The city plans to begin construction of solar array next spring on roofs of the Senior Center, Recycling Center and EMS building.

Chamber Celebrates Middleton Center Phase 2 with Ribbon Cutting



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T. Wall Enterprises recently hosted a ribbon cutting event to highlight the completion of Phase Two of the Middleton Center. Participating in the event were Terrence Wall, Curt Fuszard, Middleton Chamber, Mayor Gurdip Brar, Scott Tebon, Construction Manager for the project and Don Powell, Middleton Chamber board member.



LOCAL

# Dinners Foster Community at Middleton Church

By Michelle Phillips  
*Times-Tribune*

MIDDLETON—The kitchen was a flurry of activity when I walked into the kitchen at St. Luke’s Lutheran Church to volunteer at their Wednesday Community Dinner on Oct. 23. Jill Enerson, who runs the program was delegating duties in preparation for the evening meal, a baked potato bar.

“I think the potatoes are done,” she said.

Cardell Adams opened the oven and pulled out a large pan.

“I work here because I like Jill,” he tells me as he transfers the potatoes to a roasting pan.

Jill’s twins, Addalie and Annaliese work on salads, Linda Gardner gets bread ready for the oven, while Henry Spalding sets up the dining room and

Shannon Skinner-Roy prepares to take money for the \$6 meal.

It’s only 4:30, but the guests are streaming in well ahead of the 5 p.m. mealtime.

“It’s like a social hour for some of them,” Jill explains.

Most of the kitchen staff has been working for Jill for years, with the exception of Anna Nickel, who began volunteering for confirmation, which us how several started out. Now they are paid employees.

Anna said, “I volunteered at Rally Sunday, and liked it,” she says.

“I liked her,” Jill replies. “I said, ‘I need someone like you.’”

Some of the workers have disabilities, and came to Jill as volunteers, either for confirmation hours or community ser-

vice hours to fulfill Middleton High School (MHS) graduation requirements.

“Cardell and Henry both came from the culinary program at the school. They had sanitation experience, which was important to me,” she says.

“Sanitation is very important,” Henry agrees.

“I do a lot of job coaching,” Jill says.

The bustle of the kitchen slows once the food is put out, buffet-style.

Jill’s daughter Arianna, who is about to graduate from college scoops ice cream while I serve up apple crisp.

“I started doing this when I was 14,” she says, telling me that Jill needed help and she needed a job. “Now it’s a tradition.”

Annaliese and Addalie began helping their mom when they were eight, and have spent most of their lives in the kitchen. Annaliese is planning to go into food service as a career. “I really like to see how the food we make makes people happy,” she explains.

Addalie says, “A lot of the same people come here each week.”

Bill and Nette Schlinsog and Helen Oostdik are some of those guests that frequent the church dinners.

“It’s a chance to meet other people than the ones you see every week at church service,” Bill says.

“I think it’s quite an idea,” says Helen. “I come when I don’t feel like cooking.”

Nette agrees, “I don’t like to cook anymore.”

The meal which began about eight years ago began as a place for people to gather for mid-week ministries, Pastor Heather Hayward says.

“We wanted to create a central gathering spot for midweek

ministries – it mostly centered around Confirmation when it began, but quickly grew beyond that to more of a community meal. Then we began adding adult Bible studies, kids choirs, and eventually a worship service on Wednesday nights as well. It started out quite small, but has grown into a very important gathering time for our community of faith—mostly due to Jill’s amazing skills at creating excellent meals for a wide variety of people,” Hayward explains.

Over and over throughout the evening people tell me, “Jill is great.” Jill is an amazing cook.” Jill says she gets some of her cooking skills from her grandma, Dorothy Feddema. “She used to cook meals for the priests at St. Bernard’s and any homeless person that would come to the door,” Jill recalls. She even attended the Wednesday night dinner twice on her birthday.

As the clean up begins the workers talk about school, their day and current events.

“I used to work for a newspaper,” Linda tells me, as she cleans up “a long time ago.”

“I have three jobs right now,” Cardell interjects. “I hope I can open a restaurant someday.”

“Someone bring the drinks back,” Jill tells them and Arianna heads for the dining room as Henry and Shannon clean and put tables away.

“I have been coming here my whole life, and I’ve been working here two years.” Shannon tells me as I remove items from a tables.

With the work mostly done I ask Jill what she likes about working at the church? “I love the community. The first day I walked through the doors, I felt welcome. This is the first time I have felt like part of a community.”

The church service a meal most Wednesday nights May-September, from 5-6 p.m. To learn what’s on the menu, visit stlukes-elca.org, and click on Connect.



Michelle Phillips-Times Tribune



Photos, top to bottom: L-R: Addalie Enerson, Cardell Adams and Jill Enerson prepare food for the St. Luke’s Lutheran Church Wednesday Community Dinner last week; Linda Gardner serves bread to a long line of diners. About 150 people showed up for the meal in Oct. 23; With dinner finished, Henry Spalding and Shannon Skinner-Roy clean tables and put away tables and chairs. Both men have worked the community dinners for about two years.

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BY ROB REISCHEL

Everyone says they want to be state champions. Teams from across the globe want to win conference titles, major invitationals and prestigious tournaments. Only a handful of athletes ever see their goals come to fruition, though. Middleton's girls golf team made sure all of its dreams came true this fall. The Cardinals won their second WIAA Division 1 state title in five years on Oct. 15 and the third state championship in school history. Middleton fired a 651, good for a 13-shot victory over runner-up Brookfield Central during the two-day tournament held at University Ridge. Kettle Moraine, the 2018 champion, finished third at 665, while Hartland Arrowhead was fourth at 685. Middleton was second at state in 2018, set a goal of winning a title this year, then made it happen. "It means so much to us, because last year we were real underdogs and we pulled off second place," Cardinals sophomore Ellie Frisch said. "So this year we came in wanting to win state the whole season. And we all just wanted to come out

here and have a good time, and winning certainly helps that." Middleton head coach Becky Halverson, who also guided the Cardinals to the 2015 state title, agreed with Frisch. "We left here last year after finishing second saying, 'We want first next year.' And they were completely determined," Halverson said. "All season long, they just worked harder and harder every day. I didn't have to say anything and they wanted it just as much as I did." Middleton was the most consistent team throughout the tournament. Kate Meier, the Cardinals' unquestioned leader, finished seventh individually with a 154. Junior Glenna Sanderson, who has battled bursitis in her feet for nearly two years, finished ninth overall with a 156 that included a sensational, second-day 77. Frisch shot a final round 79 and finished in a tie for 18th place at 166. Middleton also counted a first-day 88 from senior Makenzie Hodson and a second round 87 from sophomore Milanne Dahmen. "I'm so proud of the team," said Meier, a Loyola (Ill.) recruit. "This has just been the ultimate goal, and for us, this is just a testament to all of our hard work and dedication, coming together and accomplishing what we worked so hard for."

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# Cardinals survive, advance

**Stormer plays hero in win over La Follette**

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

Brad Rogeberg has watched Josh Stormer excel for nearly a decade now.

Rogeberg, Middleton’s defensive coordinator, began coaching Stormer when he was a fourth grader in the Cardinals’ youth program. And game after game, week after week, Stormer always shined.

“The kid has always been a playmaker,” Rogeberg said.

Never has Stormer made a bigger play, though, than last Friday during the Cardinals’ WIAA Division 1 playoff opener.

Visiting Madison La Follette had just driven 95 yards and pulled within 21-20 of the Cardinals after a 4-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Ben Probst to tight end Andrew Rajkovich with only one second remaining. The Lancers eschewed the extra point and lined up for two.



Middleton’s Kallion Buckner (top) had 276 rushing yards and two touchdowns in the Cardinals’ win over Madison La Follette last Friday. Above, Cardinals’ defensive coordinator Brad Rogeberg and the rest of Middleton’s defense survived a frenetic ending.

**Middleton ready for rematch with Memorial**

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

To a man, they insist they’re a different team now.

They’ve figured out personnel issues, grown as a team and have rolled off six straight wins.

Now, Middleton’s football team is ready for the rematch.

Middleton vs. Madison Memorial — Part II.

This battle between neighbors and rivals takes place in a WIAA Division 1 Level 2 playoff game Friday at 7 p.m. at Mansfield Stadium.

“I can’t wait,” Middleton head coach Jason Pertzborn said after his team edged Madison La Follette, 21-20, in a first round playoff game on Oct. 25. “Our guys have wanted a rematch with Memorial for a while now and they’ve earned the chance to play them again.”

Memorial, the No. 1 seed in

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Zaira Malloy-Salgado (above) and Kiara Malloy-Salgado (right) helped Middleton’s girls cross country team qualify for state for the first time since 2013.



# Middleton’s girls race to state

BY DENNIS SEMRAU  
*For the Times-Tribune*

**MADISON** — Middleton sophomore Lauren Pansegrau continues to get better and better.

Just don’t ask her whether she expects to win every cross country race that she enters.

“I don’t know, but that is the goal after all,” she said with a smile, shortly after winning her first sectional championship at the WIAA Division 1 Madison West Sectional at Lake Farm County Park last Saturday.

Pansegrau covered the 5,000-meter course in a personal-best time of 17 minutes, 55 seconds to lead Big Eight Conference champion and fourth-ranked Middleton to the sectional team title with 32 points.

The Cardinals earned their first trip to state since 2013, which ironically was the last time that both the Middleton’s boys and girls teams qualified for state in the same season.

Middleton’s boys’ team followed nearly an hour later with a team title of its own to make it a clean sweep for the Cardinals.

The state meet will be held at the Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids on Saturday with the girls competing at 12:40 p.m. and the boys to follow at 2:35 p.m.

“It’s huge. This is my first time taking the Middle-

ton girls to state as a team,” Middleton fourth-year coach Alexa Richardson said. “Just seeing them grow throughout the season, in general, has just been really fun to watch.”

Middleton placed all five of its scoring runners in the top-13 to soar past sixth-ranked Madison West, which also qualified for the state meet with a runner-up finish with 60 points. Madison Memorial, ranked 15th, was third with 82 points.

“They’re an easy team to coach,” Richardson said of the Cardinals. “They’re really motivated with each other. It doesn’t take much to get them excited. They really push each other.”

Pansegrau, the Big Eight Conference champion, pulled away from Madison West sophomore Genevieve Nashold at the two-mile mark to earn her first sectional title.

“I told her with one mile to go, see how you feel, see who’s around you,” Richardson said. “If you want to push it, then that’s the time to push it.”

Pansegrau did just that to run away from Nashold, last year’s sectional and Division 1 state champion, who finished second in 18:18.

“It was really a nice day to run — a perfect day for a race,” Pansegrau said. “I’m really proud of how everyone did on the team. That was our goal, to make it to state. I’m glad we did.”

Sisters Zaira Malloy-Salgado (19:10), a freshman, and Kiara Malloy-Salgado (19:35), a junior, placed third and sixth, respectively, for Middleton.

The duo, who moved to Middleton from Iowa City last summer, were thrilled to be a part of making history for the Cardinals.

“I’m so happy for everyone,” Zaira Malloy-Salgado said. “When we finished, everyone was screaming and cheering together.”

Sophomore Maddie Ruskiewicz (19:41) was ninth and junior Bella Chirafisi (19:51) finished 13th to round out the Cardinals’ scoring lineup.

“It was a very great race for the whole team,” Richardson said. “It was a great team effort. Maddie (had a) personal-best, and Zaira came in third overall and that was a great surprise. She ended up crushing the last mile.”

Sisters Elizabeth Schwartz (20:33), a freshman, and Megan Schwartz (20:42), a senior, finished 23rd and 27th, respectively, to round out the Cardinals’ lineup.

“When I crossed the line and everyone said we were going to state, it felt surreal,” said Megan Schwartz, who qualified for state as an individual her sophomore year. “I knew Lauren could win it. She works so hard, and she just totally deserves it.”

Following their victory, Middleton’s girls rallied

around the Cardinals’ boys squad, cheering them on to a seventh consecutive state meet berth.

“We are family,” Megan Schwartz said. “Everybody feels like family. That includes our coach, who feels like our older sister.”

Along with the top two teams, the top five individual finishers, who weren’t on the state qualifying teams, advanced to the state meet.

Richardson said the race had a similar feel to the conference meet one week earlier in Janesville, when the Cardinals held off West to win the title.

“We went into both races with confident attitudes, but also very focused,” she said. “We don’t want to change anything. We’re going to keep everything the same with what we’ve been doing and treat every race the same.”

Richardson said her only concern was how quickly the Cardinals would get out at the start.

“I always get a little nervous because they like to go out a little conservative,” she said. “The first 800 of the race, I try not to look at my watch.

“They prefer to pick it up a little bit as they go throughout the race and that’s a strategy that has worked so far throughout the season, so I’m not changing anything.”

Pansegrau said that a year of experience helped contrib-

ute to her strong start and terrific finish in the race.

Richardson agreed.

“She was focused last year, but she’s a lot more focused this year,” Richardson said of Pansegrau, who was runner-up to Nashold at sectionals a year ago.

Pansegrau went on to finish 31st overall at the 2018 state meet, competing as an individual.

“She’s doing the same types of workouts,” Richardson said. “She’s doing the same types of cross training. But she is not afraid to go run with the varsity boys. She’s been hitting the training hard, and she’s really easy to coach because she’ll do what you say.”

Middleton girls’ team joined the boys this season in competing at the prestigious Griak Invitational, hosted by the University of Minnesota on Sept. 29, that included 60 elite prep programs from around the country.

While the girls are making their first state appearance in six years, Richardson said they are ready to compete at a higher level.

“This was my first year taking the girls with confidence that they would do well. I think that paid off for them,” Richardson said of the Cardinals’ 14th-place finish at Griak, where Pansegrau was also eighth overall in the Maroon Division.

“We’re going to just treat

(state) like any other race. We’ve been doing a lot more hill workouts this year in preparation hopefully for state. We’ve already had a big race setting so they should be ready to go.”

**Oct. 26  
Madison West Sectional  
GIRLS**

**Team scoring:** 1, Middleton, 32; 2, Madison West, 60; 3, Madison Memorial, 82; 4, Monona Grove, 125; 5, Waunakee, 147; 6, Verona Area, 182; 7, Baraboo, 203; 8, DeForest, 214; 9, Madison East, 246; 10, Reedsburg Area, 259; 11, Tomah, 284; 12, Sauk Prairie, 307.

**Team state qualifiers:** Middleton, Madison West.

**Top 10 individuals:** 1, Lauren Pansegrau, Mid, 17:55; 2, Genevieve Nashold, MW, 18:18; 3, Zaira Malloy-Salgado, Mid, 19:10; 4, Cecily Greblo, MW, 19:17; 5, Annika Cutforth, MM, 19:26; 6, Kiara Malloy-Salgado, Mid, 19:35; 7, Hannah Wilcox-Borg, T, 19:36; 8, Peighton Nelson, MG, 19:40; 9, Maddie Ruskiewicz, Mid, 19:41; 10, Natalie Rhodes, MM, 19:45.

Individual state qualifiers: 5, Annika Cutforth, MM, 19:26; 7, Hannah Wilcox-Borg, T, 19:36; 8, Peighton Nelson, MG, 19:40; 10, Natalie Rhodes, MM, 19:45; 11, Emma Bertz, W, 19:46.

**Middleton finishers:** 1, Lauren Pansegrau, 17:55; 3, Zaira Malloy-Salgado, 19:10; 6, Kiara Malloy-Salgado, 19:35; 9, Maddie Ruskiewicz, 19:41; 13, Bella Chirafisi, 19:51; 23, Elizabeth Schwartz, 20:33; 27, Megan Schwartz, 20:42.

**At Lake Farm County Park, Madison, 5,000 meters.**



# Middleton’s boys continue to shine

## Cardinals’ XC team heads back to state

BY DENNIS SEMRAU  
*For the Times-Tribune*

MADISON — The mission was clear for Middleton’s boys country team moments before the Cardinals lined up to compete at the WIAA Division 1 Madison West Sectional at Lake Farm County Park last Saturday.

Middleton girls had already gotten the day off to a stellar start, securing its first berth at the state meet since 2013.

Now it was the boys’ turn to join the party.

“After they won, we were hyped to win it, too,” sophomore Griffin Ward said.

Despite the absence of their top two runners — Ryan Scholzmeyer (calf injury), who could be available for state, and Roman Ystenes (knee), who is likely sidelined for the rest of the season — the Cardinals did what they had to do.

Second-ranked Middleton cruised to the sectional team championship with 35 points, placing all five of its scoring runners in the top-10. Fourth-ranked Madison West was second with 73 points to also earn a state berth, while 13th-ranked Verona (86) took third, and 16th-ranked Madison Memorial (108) finished fourth.

“I thought overall we felt relaxed all week, and we felt confident,” Middleton boys coach Brian Finnel said. “We are starting to feel the taper coming in. They performed very well today. To get five in the top-10 is pretty impressive in this sectional.”

The top two teams and the top five individual finishers who aren’t on the state qualifying teams advanced to Saturday’s WIAA state meet at the Ridges Golf Course in Wisconsin Rapids.

DeForest senior John Roth, the Badger North Conference champion, won the individual title, covering the 5,000 meters course in 16 minutes, 6 seconds. Madison West senior Julian Gary was runner-up in 16:07.

Middleton senior Egan Johnson finished third in 16:17 to lead the Cardinals, who earned their seventh consecutive trip to state.

“I’m excited to go back as a senior,” said Johnson, who is making his third trip to state. “It’s been a journey. We’ve really improved. I’m watching the season come to a close, but we’re not done yet. We’ve still got a ways to go.”

Ward was sixth (16:30), senior Zach Leffel placed seventh (16:34), senior Braeden Gilles came in ninth (16:43) and senior Peter Hoferle rounded out the scoring with a 10th-place finish (16:47).

A soccer player as a freshman, Ward was making his sectional debut after joining the cross country team this summer. After competing in the



mile and two-mile in track and field last spring, his distance buddies convinced him that maybe he should continue his running career this fall.

Ward flashed a big smile and said he didn’t regret his decision one bit.

“Overall, it’s been a great experience,” Ward said. “Coming over from soccer, it’s totally different. I love the team and the atmosphere.”

“We do a lot of hills, and my time has improved a lot ever since I ran my first-ever 5K race in August to now. I felt good. I smiled a lot. It was fun.”

Finnel said he was particularly impressed with Hoferle’s performance.

“Peter’s been sick all week. It was a rough day for him,” Finnел said. “But I was glad he could pull through and help the team out.”

The Cardinals recorded a sizzling 30-second split from their top five finishers with Hoferle finishing in front of Madison West’s third runner.

“It could have been any of five guys finishing first for us,” Finnел said. “Egan was our top guy at Verona, so we just cycled back through now. Having the five up there was the hope. Sometimes you can talk about the strategy but having it go your way is another story.”

Sophomore Ethan Mladucky was 30th in 17:25, while senior Aniket Ahuja finished 41st in 17:40 to round out the Cardinals’ lineup.

Finnel said while the boys’ team qualifying for state has become a regular habit, the girls’ victory provided added inspiration for his squad.

“It’s pretty awesome to get both squads (to state),” Finnел said. “It’s pretty rare. Hopefully we can represent the Big Eight well.”

Despite being without their top two runners, the Cardinals

stuck to their basic team-first philosophy.

“We definitely wanted to pack it up, be smart the first mile,” Finnел said. “They know how to work well together. They know how to push each other. We’ve got some good camaraderie amongst all the guys. Having five seniors up there is nice.”

Middleton won the program’s second state title in 2017 and was second a year ago.

Leffel said the goal of reaching the top of the awards podium hasn’t changed.

“We knew we could do it coming into the season,” said Leffel, who will also be making his third trip to state. “State’s our goal so we tailor everything to that. There were times in the season where we were feeling out of sorts. There were some tough races. We were trusting the process and knew we were going to peak at right around the time we needed to for conference, sectionals and state.”

Finnel said despite the team’s injury issues, the Cardinals’ depth has been a strength they can count on.

“We got our No. 8 and No. 9 runners to step up and contribute which was pretty impressive,” Finnел said. “I still think that 2017 squad was pretty darn good and last year’s squad was good as well. This one’s probably on par with last year. The 2017 (team) was a special group. But this year’s group is very resilient.”

After performing well at the prestigious Griak Invitational last month and winning the Big Eight Conference title a week ago, the Cardinals believe there is plenty left in the tank.

Top-ranked Stevens Point, which placed fifth at state a year ago, enters as the favorite to win its 11th overall title and first since 2013.

The Cardinals would like to



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**Zach Leffel (top), Egan Johnson (above) and Middleton’s boys cross country team won the Madison West Sectional last Saturday.**

change that script.

“They know what’s coming next weekend, and we’re not the favorite,” Finnел said. “So, there’s a little less stress and weight on our shoulders. They look at it as a challenge they want to tackle.”

**Oct. 26  
Madison West Sectional  
BOYS**

**Team scoring:** 1, Middleton, 35; 2, Madison West, 73; 3, Verona, 86; 4, Madison Memorial, 108; 5,

Monona Grove, 124; 6, Madison East, 163; 7, Sauk Prairie, 171; 8, Tomah, 188; 9, DeForest, 248; 10, Baraboo, 261; 11, Waunakee, 272; 12, Reedsburg, 386.

**Team state qualifiers:** Middleton, Madison West.

**Top 10 individuals:** 1, John Roth, D, 16:06; 2, Julian Gary, MW, 16:07; 3, Egan Johnson, Mid, 16:17; 4, Aidan Manning, V, 16:22; 5, Luka Dimaggio, V, 16:30; 6, Griffin Ward, Mid, 16:30; 7, Zach Leffel, Mid, 16:34; 8, Ryan Reed, MW, 16:34; 9, Braeden Gilles, Mid, 16:43; 10, Peter Hoferle, Mid,

16:47.

**Individual state qualifiers:** 1, John Roth, D, 16:06; 4, Aidan Manning, V, 16:22; 5, Luka Dimaggio, V, 16:30; 11, AJ Ketarkus, MM, 16:49; 12, Eli Traeder, MG, 16:49.

Middleton finishers: 3, Egan Johnson, 16:17; 6, Griffin Ward, 16:30; 7, Zach Leffel, 16:34; 9, Braeden Gilles, 16:43; 10, Peter Hoferle, 16:47; 30, Ethan Mladucky, 17:25; 41, Aniket Ahuja, 17:40.

**At Lake Farm County Park, 5,000 meters.**





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Peter Tuttle (above), Isaac Gueu and Middleton’s boys soccer team won a regional championship last week.



# Soccer Cards win regional title

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

They are halfway home on their quest for a return trip to the state tournament.

Middleton’s boys soccer team is fully aware, though, that the second half of this journey will be far more difficult than the first.

The fifth-seeded Cardinals downed 12th-seeded Madison La Follette, 3-1, in a WIAA Division 1 regional semifinal on Oct. 22. Middleton then defeated fourth-seeded and host Oconomowoc, 2-0, in a regional final last Saturday.

Middleton now heads to top-seeded Verona for a sectional semifinal Thursday at 7 p.m. The sectional final is Saturday at 4 p.m. in Sun Prairie,

where either second-seeded Madison West or third-seeded Madison East would await.

“Verona may be the toughest challenge leading to the state tourney,” Middleton coach Ben Kollasch said. “They are the No. 1 seed and they have a team loaded with seniors who have tons of experience.”

“They also have two or three of the best individual players in the conference. We will need to isolate those players with high pressure on the ball and try to make them beat us one-on-one rather than as a group.”

Middleton, which improved to 13-5-3 last week, had a tougher than expected time with the Lancers in the regional semifinals. Just one week earlier, the Cardinals

defeated La Follette, 6-0, but this game was far tougher.

“La Follette gave us a much tougher game the second time around as predicted,” Kollasch said.

Middleton played into a stiff wind in the first half and didn’t break through until the 35th minute when Ben Tutewohl scored off a corner kick by Ezra Joseph.

La Follette answered, though, shortly before halftime and tied the game, 1-1.

Midway through the second half, Gavin McEllistrem scored on another assist by Joseph. Finally in the closing minutes, Max Rateau found the net after a nifty crossing pass from Joseph.

“The game remained tense through the last five minutes,” Kollasch said.

Middleton then notched a huge win at Oconomowoc in the regional finals Saturday.

The game was scoreless until the 70th minute when Peter Tuttle volleyed home a goal after Rateau caused a rebound that came to him. Oconomowoc kept pushing for the equalizer until Joseph broke through and scored on a breakaway after a terrific through ball from Tutewohl.

“Oconomowoc was a solid opponent and it is always challenging to get a win in the playoffs on the road,” Kollasch said. “We matched up well to their defense and our defense played really well.”

“Big shout out to our defensive line and our goalkeeper — John Douglas, Trey Belgiano, Cian Carlson, Blake Kalscheur and goalie Nick

Hinz — for posting a shutout in the playoffs on the road.”

Kollasch knows things will be much tougher Thursday against mighty Verona.

The Wildcats are 17-1-2 overall and have won seven straight games. When Middleton and Verona met in September, the Wildcats rallied for a 3-2 win.

“We gave Verona a great game during conference play and lost by one goal, which was before we had solidified our lineup and formation,” Kollasch said. “While Verona is not weak on defense we did get our chances in the previous game and scored two goals.”

“We have been working to improve our scoring efficiency on the chances we get which will be critical here.

Lastly, just keeping their score low (is key). We have shown we can put goals in the net. We have not lost a game this year giving up one goal. If we can keep their attack relatively quiet, we have a good chance to get an upset.”

**Oct. 26**  
**WIAA Division 1 regional final**  
**Middleton 2, Oconomowoc 0**  
**Middleton ..... 0 2 — 2**  
**Oconomowoc ..... 0 0 — 0**  
**Second half:** Tuttle (Rateau), 69:00; Joseph (Tutewohl), 87:00.  
**Shots:** Mid 6, Oc 5. **Saves:** Mid (Hinz) 5; Oc (Harris) 4.

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# Boys spikers two steps from state

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

The math is simple.

After each round, the field is trimmed in half.

And by Saturday evening, Middleton’s boys volleyball team hopes to be one of the final eight teams still standing.

The Cardinals, seeded first in their sectional, rolled over Madison East 25-10, 25-15, 25-7 in a regional final last Friday.

The Cardinals advanced to face Madison West in a sectional semifinal that was held Tuesday night. The sectional championship is Saturday at Sun Prairie at 4:30 p.m., where either second-seeded Madison Memorial or third-seeded Kettle Moraine would await.

“We know after Tuesday that the field is down to 16 teams and after Saturday it’s down to eight,” Middleton interim coach Justin Haack said. “Our goals haven’t changed and that’s to be one of those remaining teams after each match.”

Middleton was never in danger against East, a talented but inexperienced team.

Parker Van Buren led the Cardinals with 16 kills, while Scott Buros had six kills. Ruben Emmerich had six kills and four aces, while Nick Stott had 27 assists, four aces and two blocks.

Jackson Pertzborn added seven digs and five aces, while Sam Mefford had two blocks.

“It was a solid start to the postseason,” Haack said. “East is a young team that will definitely be on the rise in the next few years, but they had a hard time stopping our offense.”

“We continue to try and get Ruben more involved in the middle. He had six kills on only six attempts and was absolutely destroying balls. When we pass well, Nick (Stott) does a great job of getting all of his hitters involved and had 27 assists on the night.

“The third set of the night was by far our best of the night. Jackson Pertzborn and Nick Stott were stellar from the service line and Ruben and Parker continued to dominate at the net. Pertzborn, along with Matthew Stormer and Scott Buros played great back row defense. East only had 12 kills on the entire night. To hold a team to that number is pretty impressive.”

Middleton hopes to continue impressing this week, as it guns for its seventh straight state trip to the state tournament.

“One key to this week is to continue to focus on our serve receive and defense,” Haack said. “It’s no secret to anyone that we will be playing that our offense can be very difficult to defend. Teams will try and serve us tough and keep us off balance to keep us out of system. We have to be in



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Nick Stott (above) and Middleton’s boys volleyball team (top) advanced through regionals last week.

place, down and ready at all times.

“Another is to continue to play relaxed and confident. We have been in every type of match this year, whether we’re up, down or in a tight match, we’ve always kept our cool

and stuck to our plan. That’s definitely one of the strengths to this group.”

**Oct. 25**  
**Sun Prairie Sectional**  
**Middleton 3, Madison East 0**  
**Madison East ..... 10 15 7**  
**Middleton ..... 25 25 25**

**MADISON EAST (leaders)**  
— Kills: Seip 7. Assists: Hussin 11. Blocks: Hussin 2. Aces: Kearn-Steffen 2. Digs: Thomas 4.

**MIDDLETON** — Kills: Van Buren 16. Assists: Stott 27. Blocks: Stott 2. Aces: Pertzborn 5. Digs: Pertzborn 7.

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# Middleton’s girls spikers fall in regional finals

BY ROB REISCHEL  
*Times-Tribune*

Middleton’s girls volleyball team wasn’t ready for its season to end in the regional finals.

There’s a good chance the Cardinals won’t experience such an early exit in upcoming seasons.

Middleton, which fielded a young and inexperienced team this season, reached the WIAA Division 1 regional finals last Saturday. But host and fourth-seeded DeForest edged the fifth-seeded Cardinals, 33-31, 26-24, 20-25, 25-23.

Middleton had defeated 12th-seeded La Crosse Central, 25-23, 25-16, 25-19 in the regional semifinals last Thursday.

With the overwhelming majority of the roster returning, Middleton head coach Franco Marcos believes bigger and better things await his team.

“Next season looks really good in Cardinal country,” Marcos said. “We will have returning players that experienced long matches.”

Middleton’s win over La Crosse Central in the regional semis certainly didn’t take long.

Evie Coleman led the Cardinals with 14 kills, 12 digs and three aces, while Jordan LaScala had 19 kills, 11 digs and one ace. Jada Cerniglia had 14 digs, Erica Collin had three blocks and Olivia Underwood had 20 digs.

“They put up a good battle, but our outside hitters were on fire,” Marcos said.

Middleton then traveled to DeForest for what proved to be a memorable match. Three of the four sets were decided

by two points, and twice a set was extended past 25 points.

“It was a great battle between the two teams,” Marcos said. “The offense and defense was pretty good.”

Collin finished with a season-high 11 kills, while Coleman added seven kills and 18 digs. Evin Jordee had five kills, 10 digs and 27 assists, while Underwood had 18 assists and one ace.

LaScala had 16 kills and 14 digs, while Cerniglia had 30 digs and two aces. Christa Klais also added three aces.

“It was one of the best matches that we have played this season,” Marcos said.

Middleton finished the year 23-20 and was fourth in the Big Eight Conference. But Marcos believes better days are on the horizon.

“Our team was young and inexperienced and improved as the season went on, even though we had numerous injuries and really never had a full team at practice,” Marcos said. “It was difficult to be in-system and the timing plays were not as smooth as they could have been.

“We held our own at the tournaments and in the much improved Big Eight Conference. I am very proud of these girls and special kudos to our four seniors.

“We have a lot of talent in our program. I expect that the competition will start at try-outs. If we stay healthy, watch out!”

**Oct. 26**  
**DeForest 3, Middleton 1**  
**Middleton ..... 31 24 25 23**  
**DeForest ..... 33 26 20 25**  
**MIDDLETON (leaders) —**  
Kills: LaScala 16. Assists: Jordee 27. Blocks: Dettman 1. Aces: Klais 3. Digs: Cerniglia 30.  
**DeFOREST —** Kills: Mein-



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**Christa Klais (top), Grace Ward and Middleton’s girls volleyball team lost to DeForest in a regional championship last Saturday.**

ers 17. Assists: Doucette 19. Aces: Yocum 3 Digs: Bonoanno 24.

**Oct. 24**  
**Middleton 3, La Crosse Central 0**  
**La Crosse Central .... 23 16 19**  
**Middleton ..... 25 25 25**  
**LA CROSSE CENTRAL (leaders) —** Kills: Pigorsch 14. As-

sists: Veenendall 14. Blocks: Mickelson 2. Aces: Pigorsch 3. Digs: Tillman 17.

**MIDDLETON —** Kills: LaScala 18. Assists: Underwood 20. Blocks: Pertzborn 2. Aces: Coleman, Jordee, LaScala 1. Digs: Cerniglia 11.

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Above, Middleton’s Michael Gustafson (21) is congratulated by Sawyer Pertzborn. At right, Quinn Calvin celebrates a big play.



# FOOTBALL

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For a moment, wideout David Gray came free and Probst threw his way. But Stormer — a junior cornerback — made a sensational break on the ball, knocked the pass away and helped the Cardinals escape with a thrilling win.

“Unbelievable play,” Middleton coach Jason Pertzborn said. “He made just a great, great play.”

Middleton, the No. 4 seed in its bracket, won its sixth straight game and improved to 8-2 overall. The Cardinals now travel to top-seeded and unbeaten Madison Memorial (10-0) for a Level 2 game Friday at 7 p.m.

Senior running back Kallion Buckner led Middleton with 276 yards on 28 carries (9.9) and scored two touchdowns. Senior quarterback Drew Teff threw a touchdown pass to senior tight end Sam Engler, and Stormer made a finishing play that will be talked about for years to come.

“I knew this game was going to be a dogfight,” said Stormer, who also had an interception and a fumble recovery. “And it was really, really tough.”

And how.

Middleton, which never trailed, led 20-14 with 2 minutes, 15 seconds remaining. The Cardinals drove to the Lancers’ 5-yard line and faced a fourth-and-1.

Pertzborn gave some thought to a potentially game-clinching field goal, then elected to try picking up the first down instead. That move backfired, though, when quarterback Drew Teff was stuffed for no gain and La Follette regained

possession.

“I hate myself for not kicking the three,” Pertzborn said. “If we had lost, I wouldn’t have slept tonight, I guarantee you that.”

What followed were the most intense moments of Middleton’s year.

La Follette converted a pair of early third downs and patiently drove to Middleton’s 29-yard line where only 18 seconds remained. On a second-and-10, Probst scrambled for 18 yards to Middleton’s 11, then running back Jaylend Brown scampered off right tackle for 7.

With only five ticks left and La Follette at Middleton’s 4, Rajkovich leaked out of the backfield. The Lancers’ tight end got behind a linebacker and caught a pop pass from Probst to pull La Follette within 21-20.

“Brutal,” Pertzborn said of the Lancers’ final drive.

The final play was much more to Pertzborn’s liking.

After a pair of timeouts, the Lancers lined three receivers up on the left, Rajkovich on the right and Brown in the backfield with Probst. Gray, who was stationed farthest left, made a move to the middle and found a soft spot in Middleton’s defense.

As Probst released the ball, Gray had at least three yards of separation from any of the Cardinals’ defenders. But Stormer read the play perfectly, closed with ferocity, and knocked the ball away at the last possible moment.

“Honestly, they lined up in a different formation than we were expecting,” Stormer said. “I just saw an open guy and ran

to him. They threw the ball and I ended up breaking it up.”

The final moments capped a thrilling game that was remarkably different from seven nights earlier, when Middleton throttled the Lancers, 49-21.

“We knew this week would be a lot tougher,” Buckner said. “They brought their intensity the whole game.”

Middleton struck first when a big defensive stand and a short punt helped it begin on the Lancers’ 36-yard line late in the first quarter. From there, Buckner needed just four carries to cover that ground, and his 7-yard touchdown run gave the Cardinals a 7-0 lead.

On the touchdown, Middleton lined up with fullback Ben Litchfield and guard Taylor Simmons in the backfield with Buckner. Buckner took a toss to the right where right tackle Luke McChrystal, Litchfield and Simmons all made big blocks and helped pave his path to the endzone.

La Follette answered right back when Probst and Rajkovich connected on an 11-yard touchdown that knotted things, 7-7, with 9:32 left in the second quarter.

The Lancers were driving for a potential go-ahead score late in the first half when Probst scrambled to the Cardinals’ 15-yard line. As Probst was being tackled, though, senior linebacker Jake Pavelski and senior defensive back Brian Frusciante stripped the ball and Stormer recovered at Middleton’s 2-yard line.

Three plays later, Buckner ripped off a 78-yard run in which he started right, put his

foot in the ground and darted back left. Center Clay Craker and right guard Billy Johnson made key blocks, and from there Buckner raced the Lancers’ 15.

Five plays later, Teff hit Engler for a 4-yard touchdown to give Middleton a 14-7 edge with just 13 seconds left in the half. Engler lined up next to the left tackle, then worked his way back to the right and caught Teff’s pass.

“They were just cheating so bad and you could see in their alignment that we were going to be able to throw it to someone like Sam,” Pertzborn said. “And kids that work as hard as Sam Engler does, you know they’re not going to fail. He’s worked his tail off and I knew he wouldn’t fail tonight.”

Middleton began the second half with the lead and the ball and had designs on extending its advantage. But on the first play of the half, Teff’s toss was slightly behind Buckner, the ball wound up on the turf, and Lancers’ safety Dakovin Prather scooped it up and raced 27 yards for the tying score.

“Yeah, something like that eats at us,” Buckner said. “But it also helps us realize that we need to come back and we’ve got to turn the tables.”

They did.

On just the third play of Middleton’s next possession, Buckner took a pitch to the right. The Cardinals overloaded that side with Litchfield and Engler, who both helped give Buckner a crease.

From there, Buckner did the rest, running away from defensive backs Charlie Kunkel and

Dylan Wendricks for a 57-yard touchdown that gave the Cardinals a 21-14 lead less than two minutes into the third quarter.

“That was our plan on the first drive was to score and try to put them away,” Pertzborn said. “But that fumble scoop and score let them back in the game and you could see their energy level change. So that was a big play by Kallion to give us the lead back.”

Buckner agreed.

“When we went in at half, we talked over our pitch play,” Buckner said. “On our pitch, somebody was crashing every time. So we took him out and it opened a hole.”

Amazingly, it stayed that way until the final moments, when the Lancers put a scare into the Cardinal faithful.

Fortunately for Middleton, it had Stormer on its side.

“Josh has been doing this since the fourth grade,” Rogeberg said. “What he did was no surprise at all. Now, he did it on a bigger stage with a lot more at stake. But in big moments, he really shows up.”

And none were bigger than last Friday.

**Oct. 25**  
**WIAA Division 1 Level 1 play-offs**  
**Middleton 21,**  
**Madison La Follette 20**  
**La Follette ..... 0 7 7 6 — 20**  
**Middleton ..... 7 7 7 0 — 21**  
M — Buckner, 7, run (Pertzborn kick)  
MLF — Rajkovic, 11, pass from Probst (Roth kick)  
M — Engler, 4, pass from Teff (Pertzborn kick)  
MLF — Prather, 27, fumble return (Roth kick)  
M — Buckner, 57, run (Pertz-

born kick)  
MLF — Rajkovic, 4, pass from Probst (run failed)

**TEAM STATISTICS**  
Rushes-yards — MLF 26-144, M 36-268. Passing yards — MLF 135, M 29. Comp-Att-Int — MLF 16-34-1, M 5-8-0.

**INDIVIDUAL LEADERS**  
Rushing: MLF, Brown 21-111. M, Buckner 28-276. Passing: MLF, Probst 16-34-135-1. M, Teff 5-8-29-0. Receiving: MLF, Rajkovic 2-16. M, Engler 3-14.



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Drew Teff (12) and Middleton’s football team are hoping to upset Madison Memorial Friday.

# MEMORIAL

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the bracket, is a perfect 10-0. The Spartans won the Big Eight Conference with a 9-0 mark, then routed Madison West, 42-6, in a first round playoff game.

Memorial defeated Middleton, 28-11, back on Sept. 13. The Spartans led that game just 14-11 midway through the fourth quarter, but scored two late touchdowns to put the Cardinals away.

Middleton fell to 2-2 that night, but hasn’t lost since and is 8-2. Now, the Cardinals can’t wait for another chance to face the Spartans.

“Oh yeah, we’re coming for Memorial,” Middleton senior running back Kallion Buckner said. “We’re coming. It’s about us coming out and not letting them play their game. Just play our game the whole time.”

Middleton junior cornerback Josh Stormer, the hero of the Cardinals’ win over La Follette, agreed.

“We’re going to bring it to them,” Stormer said. “We’re going to get better during

practice and I feel like we have the capability of beating them.”

Memorial is definitely one of the state’s most complete teams, having outscored its foes by an average of 37.1-11.9.

Quarterback Jason Ceniti has thrown 18 touchdowns and just two interceptions. Ceniti has also thrown for 1,627 yards and completed 57.3% of his passes.

The Spartans have a pair of dynamic running backs in Kam Marshall and Kabaris Vasser. Marshall has rushed for 896 yards and 10 touchdowns and is averaging 6.5 yards per carry. Vasser has run for 686 yards, 11 touchdowns and is averaging 9.7 yards per rush.

“What Memorial does isn’t overly complicated, but they’re really good what they do,” Middleton defensive coordinator Brad Rogeberg said. “They’ll attack your weaknesses. They’re just a really solid team.”

Defensively, Spartans

sophomore defensive end Cole Hendrickson has a team-high 7.0 sacks, while senior linebacker Kyle Murphy has a team-high 90 tackles and has forced three fumbles. Senior linebacker Kaden Reetz and senior defensive back Kole Kerkhoff share team honors with three interceptions each.

Middleton has been a different team since facing the Spartans nearly two months ago, though. The Cardinals last six wins have been by an average of 26.0 points and Middleton has posted three straight wins against teams that reached the playoffs.

Buckner has put himself in strong contention for first-team all-state honors, rushing for 1,721 yards and scoring 30 total touchdowns.

The defense has also improved by leaps and bounds, and is allowing just 15.2 points per game in the last six contests after giving up an average of 29.0 points in the first four games.

“It took us a little while to get the right guys on the

field and in the right spots,” Rogeberg said. “Once we figured some of that out, we’ve played a lot better.”


Now, the Cardinals hope to be at their best against Memorial.

“There won’t be any real big surprises,” Pertzborn said. “They know us and we know them. It should be a great game.”

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TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS

A Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget for the Town of Cross Plains will be held on Thursday Nov 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center, 3734 County Road P, Cross Plains.  
The Budget summary was published Oct 31 and is posted on the Town website and at the Town Office.  
A Special Town Meeting of the Electors of the Town of Cross Plains will be held following this Hearing to approve the total 2020 expenditures and adopt the 2019 Town tax levy to be paid in 2020.  
The following is a summary of the 2020 Budget. The Budget summary is posted pursuant to Sec.65.90(3)(a)1 of Wisconsin Statutes

Budget Summary for Town of Cross Plains

	2019 Budget	2020 Budget	% of Change
<b>Revenues</b>			
General Property Taxes	\$730,553	\$682,904	-6.52%
State Shared Revenue	23,617	24,328	3.01%
State Highway Aid	107,816	118,602	10.00%
Other Intergovernmental Revenues	22,488	22,996	2.26%
Community Center	10,500	10,500	0.00%
Licenses and Permits	15,640	15,640	0.00%
Interest/Dividends/Searches	1,500	1,600	6.67%
<b>Earned Revenues</b>	912,114	876,570	-3.90%
<b>Surplus Applied</b>	20,000	155,150	0.00%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	\$932,114	\$1,031,720	10.69%
<b>Expenditures</b>			
General Government	\$98,485	\$87,397	-11.26%
Town Assessment	10,040	7,150	-28.78%
Human Services & Economic Development	7,500	11,614	54.85%
Community Center	17,400	18,420	5.86%
Trash/Recycling	78,893	88,745	12.49%
Transportation (including Transportation Employment)	363,442	524,672	44.36%
Public Safety	178,894	177,119	-0.99%
Debt Service	177,460	116,603	-34.29%
Down Payment on New Truck	0	0	0.00%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$932,114	\$1,031,720	10.69%
<b>Net</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Debt Obligations End of Year</b>			
International Plow Truck	\$95,468.56	\$84,928.79	
Stagecoach Road	\$740,652.17	\$710,524.11	
MHAJFD Fire Station	\$371,474.06	\$357,118.06	
Cross Plains-Berry Fire Truck-2017	\$117,599.86	\$102,362.05	

Special Town Meeting of Electors Notice  
Town of Cross Plains, Dane County

Notice is hereby given that a special town meeting of the Town of Cross Plains, Dane County, Cross Plains, WI on the 21st day of November, 2019 immediately following Public Hearing for the following purposes:  
To approve the 2019 total town tax levy to be collected in 2020 pursuant to s. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Statutes.

Nancy Meinholz, Town Clerk  
Town of Cross Plains

Publish: 10/31/19, 11/7/19 WNAXLP

TOWNSHIP OF CROSS PLAINS REQUESTS QUOTES FOR 2020 ASSESSMENT SERVICES

The Town of Cross Plains, Dane County, WI is seeking quotes for a three or five year contract beginning in 2020 for maintenance of assessments of real and personal property within the township. One of the years will be a town-wide reevaluation and maintenance for the remaining years of the contract. For bid specifications, contact the Town Clerk at [tcpclerk@tds.net](mailto:tcpclerk@tds.net) or 608-798-0189.

Please submit quotes by December 2, 2019 to Nancy Meinholz, Clerk, Town of Cross Plains, 3734 County Road P, and Cross Plains, WI 53528-9180. An award will be made no earlier than December 9, 2019.

BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR TOWN OF CROSS PLAINS TOWN-ASSESSMENT MAINTENANCE IN 2020 – AVAILABLE ON TCP WEB SITE AND FROM TOWN CLERK

Town of Cross Plains Statistics: 2,370 Total Parcels, 657 Improved. Total Assessed Value: \$243,107,000 in real estate, \$242,900 in Personal Property.

The quote shall provide services for Open Book, Board of Review, assessment reports filed with the Department of Revenue, self-reporting Personal Property Forms to be sent out and analyzed, change of value notices to be sent to real property owners in which a change in assessment has been made and field checks done on properties in which there appears to be questions concerning the assessed value of the property.

Quotes shall include:

- evidence of State certification, a resume listing qualifications, three references and proof of insurance.
- whether valuation services can be provided in 2020.
- number of years proposed for contract and price per year
- agreement and evidence of ability to comply with Wisconsin Department of Revenue 2019 requirements for reporting and data storage requirements including annual assessment report and use of Uniform Standards for Professional Appraisal Practice and electronic data assessment requirements

The Town of Cross Plains intends to use the Wisconsin Department of Revenue standard contract for Revaluation of Real and Personal Property and their Standard Specifications for Revaluation of General Property Pursuant to Chapter 70 Wisconsin Statutes.

The Town of Cross Plains reserves the right to accept or reject any or all quotes and to make a selection on other than lowest cost.

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