

PUBLIC NOTICES

**Notice of Spring Election
TOWN OF ALBION – April 1, 2014**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election is to be held in the TOWN OF ALBION, County of Dane, State of Wisconsin, on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. The following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term for all offices is for two years beginning on April 15th, 2014.

OFFICE	INCUMBENT
Town Board Supervisor	Bruce Hudson
Town Board Supervisor	Thad Andrews

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, 2013, and the final day for filing nomination papers is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 2014. Nomination papers shall be signed by not less than twenty (20), nor more than one hundred (100) electors of the township.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that if a primary is necessary, the primary will be held on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

Nomination papers may be picked up at the Clerk's office at 620 Albion Road, Edgerton, WI from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DONE in the Town of Albion, this 18th Day of November, 2013
Julie Hanewall, Clerk

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ATTENTION ALBION RESIDENTS

The Albion Recycle Center will begin Winter Hours in December. The Recycle Center will be open the first and third and fifth (7th, 21st, 28th) Saturdays of December. It will be open the first and third Saturday in January, February and March. Hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. starting December 7, 2013. If you have any questions, you can call the Town office at 608-884-8974.

**Albion Town Board
Julie Hanewall, Clerk**

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**TOWN OF ALBION
Notice of Public Budget Hearing**

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at the Albion Town Hall, a PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET of the Town of Albion will be held. The proposed budget in detail is available for inspection at the Clerk's office, 624 Albion Rd., Edgerton, WI from 8 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The following is a summary of the proposed 2014 budget:

REVENUE	2014 Budget	2013 Budget
State Road Aids	105,321	106,210
State Revenue Share	38,025	38,025
Property Tax	425,532	422,589
Other Income	200,544	135,029
TOTAL	769,422	701,853

EXPENDITURES	2014 Budget	2013 Budget
General Government	251,567	166,394
Public Safety	20,450	35,500
Highway Expense	461,500	445,700
Reserve Fund	2,305	51,259
Rock River Safety Patrol	2,100	3,000
Loan	31,500	0
TOTALS	769,422	701,853

Tax levy (per \$1000 valuation) - \$2.07 (\$2.04 2013)
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year \$89,899 Fund Balance End of Year \$50,000

Immediately following completion of the public hearing on the proposed 2014 budget, a special town meeting of the electors will be called to order pursuant to Sec. 60.21(1)(c) of Wis. Stats. by the Town Board for the following purposes:

1. To approve the total 2014 highway expenditure pursuant to Sec. 81.01(3) of Wis. Stats.
2. To adopt the 2014 tax levy to be paid in 2013 pursuant to Sec. 60.10(1)(a) of Wis. Stats.

Julie Hanewall, Clerk/Treasurer

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ing the case, Bethel has followed up on several of them, contacting persons who match the description of one of the suspects and reportedly had access to a truck similar to the one described by witnesses. According to Bethel, at least one of those person's names has come up more than once.

Bethel said some of the potential suspects he's talked to have become "less interesting" for one reason or another, for instance by denying they ever had access to a truck similar to the one described by witnesses; others, he said, remain of interest.

Bethel is hopeful the police will be able to compare a potential suspect's DNA to DNA that might be contained in evidence collected when Nelson's body was found. Several of the potential suspects he and the other detective working on the case, Chris Grunewald, have talked to have given DNA samples, while others have refused.

In February of 2011, the Walworth County Sheriff's office released descriptions of two items of evidence, information never before disclosed to the public. One item was a vest that might have been part of a uniform and didn't belong to Nelson, found on her body. The other item was a bleach-stained T-shirt, perhaps tie-dyed, found near Nelson's body.

That's not the only new information detectives are hoping might lead to a break in the case.

Cutter said a book he found when going through his father's things after he died earlier this year might help track down the suspects' truck. "It's got a picture of every truck made from 1900 to the late 80s." Cutter gave the book to the detectives, who say they plan to show it to witnesses in the hope one picks out a truck pictured in the book. That in-

formation would help greatly narrow the search for the truck.

Not surprisingly, it was a classic car that led to Cutter's involvement in the case.

Cutter said he met Tom Roloff, a Dane County Sheriff's deputy, several years ago when helped him restore a Mustang. "We became friends. Then he got promoted to detective. I ran into him at the Jefferson Car Show swap meet, and he said 'Larry, there's going to be a detective coming out to talk to you about a cold case file.'"

That detective was Bethel. Hired by the sheriff's office as a deputy in 1999, Bethel has been a detective for four years. The Nelson case is his first cold case. Bethel said he sought out Cutter for two reasons. "Not only is Larry really knowledgeable about trucks, he's from the Edgerton area." Cutter said the flares around the sides of the truck's bed described by the witnesses aren't much help in identifying the truck. "That's what you call step-side blocks. That was a common thing used on all models of trucks back then."

The front of the truck, however, is a different matter. It has a relatively narrow and predominantly vertical grill and round headlights.

Cutter, opening the book and pointing at pictures of Chevys, GMCs, and Fords from the 1950s, said that round headlights were common on trucks of that era. But predominantly vertical grilles were not; most manufacturers had switched to predominantly horizontal grilles. As Cutter flips through the pages of the book, moving into the 1960s and then the 1970s, the grilles on the trucks in the photos grow wider and wider.

One manufacturer continued to build trucks with predominantly ver-

tical grills right up to time it went bankrupt in 1963: Studebaker. Cutter agrees that the front of the truck looks like a Studebaker. But Bethel and Grunewald are cautious about assigning a make to the description of the truck—they're worried that if potential witnesses have a certain make of truck in mind, they might discount any memories of a different make of truck that might be linked to the case.

Grunewald and Bethel are a study in contrasts: Bethel is short, wiry, and bald, while Grunewald is tall and barrel-chested, with dark brown hair; Bethel's words come quick and intense, whereas when Grunewald speaks, he's laid back.

Grunewald, who's been a detective for seven years, said he and Bethel have sought out car and truck experts in addition to Cutter. "When we show this photo to people, we get different opinions. One will say 'That's a Studebaker,' one will say 'That part looks like a step-side Chevy,' one will say 'That part looks like an International Harvester.'"

Additionally, it was not uncommon for people to weld a bed from one pickup to the chassis and cab of another pickup. For instance, many of the Studebakers pictured in Cutter's book have "Studebaker" written in white letters across the tailgate, something missing from the descriptions of the suspects' truck. That means the truck might have had a Ford or Chevy bed welded to a Studebaker chassis and cab.

The detectives have no set theory of the crime, nor have they identified a motive. And they say the men who abducted and murdered Nelson could have been locals, or drifters who pulled off I-90. "They could have been from Texas for all we know," said Grunewald. "I go back and



Larry Cutter hopes this book will help solve the case of an Edgerton woman who was abducted and murdered in 1982.

(Edgerton Reporter photo)

forth."

Nothing is too far-fetched—an y scrap of information related to the suspects or their truck could provide the missing link that investigators need to crack the case. The next tip can't come soon enough for Grunewald.

"We need to solve this case," said Grunewald, a note equal parts exasperation and grim determination sounding in his voice. He and Bethel are convinced somebody knows something important about the case but hasn't contacted the police, either because they're withholding information or because they don't realize what they saw or heard in 1982, or in the years since, is related to the case. "People who might know something are getting older," said Grunewald, a frown creasing his broad face. "If it goes much longer they're going to start dying."

Tourism in Wisconsin

not start with a horse-drawn carriage ride around historic Sturgeon Bay? Were you a Happy Days fan? Head to Milwaukee to check out the Bronze Fonz.

Tourism is a huge industry in Wisconsin, and the main topic at the Edgerton Chamber of Commerce's Annual Dinner, held Nov. 14 at the Buckhorn Supper Club in the Town of Milton.

"In the state of Wisconsin we have so many great assets that are unique to the state," said Dave Fantle, deputy secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Tourism. "Are we supposed to run away from our brewing heritage, are we supposed to run away from the Friday fish fries, the beer, the brats, the supper clubs, all the things that make us different than my home state of Minnesota? No, those are things we should be leveraging and celebrating."

Fantle's job is not to direct tourism in Wisconsin, but rather to serve as a magnet to bring people and their dollars to Wisconsin destinations. When Fantle started with the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, it had a budget of \$9.9 million. As of July 1, it had grown to \$13.3 million.

"I always say the good thing about tourism is we are sort of like Switzerland. Why I say that is [because] we don't care about political affiliation. What we care [about] is that people come into the state of Wisconsin - Republican, Democrat, Independent, it doesn't matter - they have a great time wherever they are in Wisconsin, but more importantly for all of us, they spend a lot of money. That is what we care about," Fantle said.

One thing Fantle and Wisconsin Department of Tourism Secretary Stephanie Klett addressed was the

need for a consistent tourism slogan.

"When we first came, the state of Wisconsin had had five different slogans in 15 years, which quite frankly from a marketing standpoint is lunacy. It makes absolutely no sense. It is almost schizophrenic," Fantle said. "So we've invested a lot of money in market research because our success is based on knowing what consumers want, what are the most sellable assets that the state of Wisconsin has. We looked at what are the biggest motivators for leisure travel in the state of Wisconsin."

Not surprisingly, the three top reasons for leisure travel were: to visit friends and family, get some rest and relaxation and to have fun. But what constitutes fun? Fantle said for some, it might be a great meal, fishing or deer hunting. For others, a day at the water park or visiting an art gallery

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or museum might be the key.

Although other counties spend more, Rock County is high on the list for tourism dollars, ranking 17th out of 72 counties. According to Fantle, Rock County increased its tourism spending by 6 percent in 2012, bringing the total to \$310 million.

What does Edgerton have to offer the tourism industry? Chilimania, Tobacco Heritage Days and the Sterling North Book Fair are a few examples. Upon entering Edgerton city limits, the welcome sign identifies Edgerton as the home of author Sterling North and Steve Stricker. Just like Milwaukee has the Bronze Fonz, Fantle threw out the idea of a Bronze Rascal.

"The thing about marketing is not to please everybody with what you do, but to be noticed," Fantle concluded.

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