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THE PASSING OF THE BATON: RYAN SEIDLER CARRIES ON A YORK TRADITION

—CARRIE CZERWONKA



Postville Blacksmith Shop has been a cornerstone in York since 1856, when Norwegian immigrant Andrew Tompson repaired wagons, sharpened tools, and started the blacksmith tradition in Postville, which was at that time, called Stewart. Carl Blaser (1915) and Bob Bergman (1969) continued on, along with Terry Suthers, and in 2021, the tradition continues with a new owner: Ryan Seidler.

I had a chance to chat with Ryan recently, and I learned some things about the shop. Ryan acquired the shop in June of this year, and he feels fortunate to have both Bob and Terry nearby. Both are able and willing to step up and help out (SEE SEIDLER, P. 3)

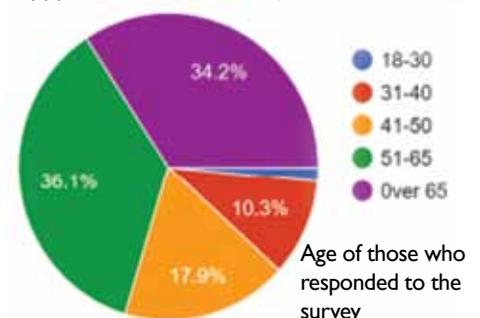
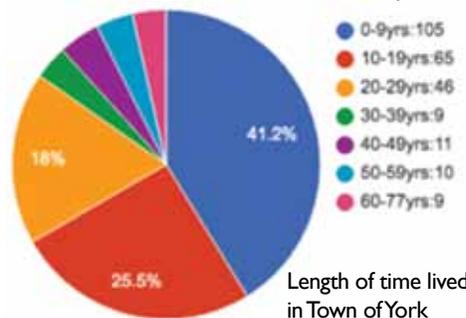
TOWN OF YORK COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE AND SURVEY RESULTS

—BETHANY EMOND STORM, PLAN COMMISSION CHAIR FOR THE TOWN OF YORK

This year, the Plan Commission has been tasked with updating the Town of York Comprehensive Plan that was last updated in 2005. The Board has spent much of the year reading through the original document and discussing what has changed. Over the past three months, the Plan Commission went through the policies and goals one by one. Some items were removed and some items were added to reflect modern times. Very soon, there will be a draft of the updated

Comprehensive Plan available for all residents to review. Hard copies will be available at both the New Glarus and the Blanchardville public libraries. A digital copy will be available at townofyork.wi.gov. After those have been made available, a public hearing date will be set and noticed in the local papers, on our website, and posted at the town hall. Please take the time to review the Plan, submit your comments, and/or attend the public hearing. The Comprehensive Plan Survey that you received this fall is being used as a guide for this update.

Thank you to all residents who returned your Comprehensive Plan Survey. As a member of the Plan Commission, I am always happy to hear feedback (SEE PLAN, P. 4)



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F R O M O U R T O W N B O A R D

—CHAIRMAN DAN TRUTTMANN

It's a pleasure to serve on the Town of York Board once again, this time as chairperson.



Previously, I served for 10 years as a supervisor, then took a few terms off to spend more time with my family before the kids left the nest. My wife, Shelly, and I own and operate a 380-acre dairy farm tucked up in the NE corner of York. We milk 450 Jersey cows and farm a sufficient number of acres in the neighborhood to feed them and their offspring. When we're not farming, we enjoy spending time outdoors hiking, biking, & kayaking. We love the beauty of our part of the world, and do our best to preserve it.

I have the honor to work with some great and dedicated people in the Town and on our board, from our patrolman and snow plow staff (Wayne, Steve and Travis), to the good folks on the plan commission, and our clerk Jessie and fellow board members April and Travis. We all do our part to provide the necessary services that towns provide, such as running elections, plowing and maintaining the roads, garbage and recycling services, and (unfortunately) property tax collection and distribution. We also contract with fire and EMS services in both Blanchardville and New Glarus in order to contribute our share to keep them funded and, hopefully, well-staffed. That last part, staffing, is certainly a challenge no matter what industry you're talking about, but even more so with volunteer organizations. Our thanks go out to all of the volunteers that give of their time in order to protect our property and our loved ones.

As you should be aware thanks to a recent mailing, the Town (SEE TRUTTMANN, P. 5)

—JESSIE SCHLUMPF, CLERK-TREASURER

Hi, Town of York residents, Jessie Schlumpf here—your clerk-treasurer. I was appointed by the Board on August 25, 2020, as the first appointed clerk-treasurer in the Town. Typically, those were elected positions but, due to a lack of interest in those jobs by the residents of the Town, the Board felt it was time for a change. It is hard to believe a year has gone by, but a lot has happened: COVID, a new Board, budgets, elections, redistricting,



—1ST SUPERVISOR APRIL PRUSIA

I am April Prusia, newly elected 1st supervisor serving the Town of York. Most York folks know me from my time working at the recycling center. I really love my home, and my community.



I really do enjoy getting involved in the things that matter to me. For 20 years I have been farming; food drives most of my daily doings. I love food. As a farrow-to-finish heritage hog producer, I sell live feeder pigs and registered breeder stock. I am licensed to sell pork from the farm freezer, at farmer's markets, restaurants, and grocery stores. Gloucestershire Old Spot (GOS) hogs are the breed of pigs I raise. I am active on the breed association's board, and am happy to report the GOS pig numbers are on the rise. Dorothy's Range is one of the largest producers in the US. Soil Sisters is another active role I play. We are a group of women that are into local food, including local food infrastructure, which led me to take a leadership role in starting a meat processing co-op in this area. Currently, I am the President of this farmer- and worker-owned cooperative. Another position I hold is board member of Pecatonica Pride Watershed Association, a DATCP (Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection) producer-led watershed group. Did you know that York hosts 3 high quality trout streams? Erikson, Sawmill, and the headwaters of Dougherty Creek. I am a Water Action Volunteer and do phosphorus testing for local creeks.

So there are few other boards I sit on, but TOY is for sure one of the most important and has the steepest learning curve. I must (SEE PRUSIA, P. 4)

—2ND SUPERVISOR TRAVIS LEONARD

Hello fellow



residents of York. My name is Travis Leonard and I'm your newly elected 2nd supervisor. My wife Megan and I, along with my parents Pete and Kristi, farm on Yankee Hollow Road. We raise steers, Red Angus, and cash crops in the valley, along with some rented ground from neighbors in the township. We also do custom field work in the neighborhood as well. Along with farming and raising 2 kids (Audrey and Anders), I'm also a member of the Blanchardville Fire Department; this year will conclude my second year as 2nd Assistant Chief. You may also see me around in the snowplow for the township, a job which I have had the pleasure of doing for more years than I care to count now.

As many of you are aware, it's that time of year again and snow will soon be upon us. With that in mind, here are some snow removal reminders.

Did you know that pushing snow or other materials onto or across highways is illegal? Wisconsin State Statute 86.01. Also, piling your snow at the end of your driveway may be an encroachment. An encroachment is any prohibited use or activity by property owners within the right of way (ROW) restricting the full use or purpose for which the ROW was established. Residents of town lanes are not immune to encroachment violations and need to remember to keep clear the ROW for proper snow push back. If this is not done, the township has the right to refuse service. Depending on the situation, we may not plow your town lane on purpose. This is usually done if we don't have sufficient frost in the ground to keep the plow from digging into the roadbed. Snow shall not be (SEE LEONARD, P. 3)

Town Road Signs: We have had many signs stolen this year. The Town has insurance, but each sign theft is considered a separate incident (would need a separate deductible, usually at a higher cost than the actual replacement sign). This has been an expensive and unplanned expense for the Town of York. Let us keep our town roads safe and correctly marked, and please notify authorities if you witness damage or theft or notify me or a Board member if you notice missing signs.

Reassessment: All York properties will be reassessed in 2022 for tax year 2023. This is a statutory requirement for fair taxing to all residents. The Board (SEE SCHLUMPF, P. 5)

A big thank you to former clerk Heidi Hankley for her help training me; local government is more complex than I expected. Luckily, the Wisconsin Elections Commission, Green County, and the Wisconsin Towns Association provide quite a bit of educational training! It has been a pleasure meeting you at in-person absentee voting at my house, during the elections, or at the Recycling Center. Here is a sample of what is currently going on in York:

Growth: York now has a population of 1,000. Due to redistricting we now have two wards—Ward 1 is north of Cty. Rd. H to Cty. Rd. J to Cty. Rd. H; Ward 2 is south of Cty. Rd. H to Cty. Rd. J to Cty. Rd. H.

(SEIDLER, CONTINUED FROM P. 1) whenever needed, and with this job, it makes all the difference. Every job has its own uniqueness, something new to bring to the table. Ryan feels lucky to have them, and also Dieter Weigang, Lead Craftsman, who has been at the shop since 1999.

Ryan comes to York from Sheboygan, where he worked at the Kohler iron foundry. His BS and MS degrees are in metallurgical engineering, which involves the chemistry of metals. Ryan can test metals in the solid state with mechanical testing, or in the liquid form. He can also use a microscope to reveal its properties. He presently lives in Verona, but moving to York is not out of the question. He loves it here! He grew up near Adams Friendship, in a similarly populated environment: a church and a bar; a small town, where everyone knows everyone, much like Postville and York. "In rural areas, its about connections. I've enjoyed making those connections. It's kind of funny, you're driving the roads and a car passes you and you get the little wave, that's something you don't get in a city. I've come to appreciate that."

The Shop, to this day, is invaluable to local farmers, residents, and even the Town Board. When a breakdown happened and a weld was the answer, the Postville Blacksmith Shop was there.

But aren't there challenges to working here? Certainly. "There aren't too many that we can't overcome. Maybe we'd have a lot more repairs in a heavier populated area, but overall, I'm not finding many challenges to working in this area." Getting pieces to and from the shop could be a challenge. But farmers here have tractors. They usually can just drive the problem item in.

Ryan uses two cranes in the shop to easily move around large items, but once they are on the road, that becomes the next challenge, to move it off the trailer and assemble in place. They don't have the ability to weld on a job site, mainly due to insurance coverage, so everything that goes out needs to be designed to be assembled easily once it reaches its final destination. A large job sometimes ships out

in several pieces. Transportation in and out needs to be arranged.

Another challenge is to get the design right. Ryan said he feels like a "tattoo artist" at times, designing his sketches and working with a client back and forth until the sketch matches the intended design. Sometimes he works with Bob's wife, Nana, and she handles the artistry details. There's a lot of communication that needs to happen to make a design manifest. Ryan is in the center of it all. One of Ryan's sketches is in the *York Town News* title for this year. It is a work in progress, a possible future feature at the Wine Reserve in Fitchburg.

What's popular with metal nowadays? Something called "blackened steel," which uses a bluing agent on metal, can change with time, like copper turning green with oxidation. This is an exciting option, as a changing patina is something to look forward to.

How many blacksmith shops are around here, anyway? "This is the only one of our size and capacity that I know of. There are several smaller ones, in nearby areas and states, and each has some specialty that may get referrals from us." Networking among shops happens. Owners know each other, and sometimes refer jobs if a specialty suits the project.

Ryan spends about 40-50% of his time in the shop, and the rest in the office. Ryan, what is your favorite thing to do at the shop? "I'd have to say welding is my favorite. There's something relaxing about it, I just like to weld. I also enjoy learning from Dieter, and Bob when he comes in."

Bob says he left on a Friday, Ryan showed up on Monday, and it has been a seamless transition. Ryan is learning a lot from Bob, Terry, and Deiter. Learning is a large part of the transition, and Ryan is grateful for this opportunity.

165 years and counting. Thank you, Postville Blacksmith Shop, for being a large part of our town, and for serving our needs and being a cornerstone of our community. Be sure to stop by and say hello! And check out projects showcased here:

www.postvilleblacksmith.com/
www.facebook.com/postvilleblacksmith

(LEONARD, CONTINUED FROM P. 2) stored in any manner which will obstruct or limit vehicular or pedestrian vision movement or access. It is also the owner's responsibility to remove snow from around their mailbox. We also ask that residents remember that roads may be slick, and to use extra caution. Roads may be snow covered in the overnight hours as plows do not run 24 hours a day. Please be patient in the morning as plows will be out. Snow removal is slow and tedious process—we simply cannot do everyone's road first. Snow plows typically travel far slower than the posted speed limit, and the driver's field of vision is also severely restricted. Please use great caution when navigating around snowplows and/or snow removal equipment. It is also illegal to follow a snowplow closer than 200' upon any roadway having a posted speed limit of more than 35 mile an hour if the snow plow is engaged in snow and ice removal. Drifting and blowing snow is also a large hindrance on our rural roads. One way to combat that is a living snow fence. An example of this is a line of trees or rows of corn left standing in a field adjacent to the roadway. While the township has no incentive for landowners to establish snow fences, they are appreciated. If a landowner wishes to establish a living snow fence please consult a town board member before doing so. If you have more questions about snow removal or operations, feel free to contact me at 608-214-3373. Thank you and let's have a safe winter together.



**York Garbage and Recycling Center
Holiday Hours**

Christmas Day and New Year's Day:
CLOSED

(Saturday December 25 and Saturday January 1)

Special hours on 2 days:
Wednesday, December 29
Wednesday, January 5
4 pm-7 pm

Normal Hours
Saturdays 8 am-12 pm
Wednesdays 5 pm-7 pm

Wednesdays following those two Saturdays (Dec. 29 and Jan. 5) we will be open an extra hour, from 4-7 pm. Then we will go back to 5-7 pm on Wednesdays. Please plan accordingly. There will be two recycle coordinators for those two longer shifts to help residents. We all hope that everyone feels good about doing things for others, our planet, and about making 2022 so much better! townofyork.wi.gov/resident-info/garbage-recycling/

**NOTES FROM THE RECYCLING
CENTER**

—YOUR RECYCLING GURUS, CINDY, KIM, AND BOB

Greetings, Town of Yorkers, It's another great year at the Recycle Center, as we move toward more recycle dumpsters than trash dumpsters. We do good things for all of us by dropping off reusable things to share with others. We thank you.

We also thank you for washing/rinsing out cans and bottles to make them worthy of recycling, flattening cardboard to make more room in the recycle dumpsters. This is essential. Aluminum cans can go in chainlink cage (optional) and the monies are used for the township to purchase tools for our town.

HOLIDAY HOURS: This year, Christmas and New Years Day fall on a Saturday. We will NOT be open on those two days. The

(PLAN, CONTINUED FROM P. 1) from York residents. As a board, we want to do what is best for our community and you have given us the confidence to do just that. You have spoken and we have listened. The Board sent out 510 surveys and I'm happy to report that we collected nearly 300 responses. It was clear from the responses we received that residents love the rural feel of our Town. When asked whether it was important to preserve our farmland, and cultural and natural resources, we heard a resounding "Yes." When we asked more specifically about the importance of preserving the night sky and the landscape views, we also heard a resounding "Yes." There are things all of us can do to decrease the impact of light pollution on the night sky: use dimmers, motion sensors, or timers on outdoor lighting; use outdoor lighting fixtures that shield the light source to minimize glare and light trespass; and turn off unnecessary indoor lighting, particularly in empty buildings at night. The landscape views are a more challenging issue as that responsibility lies in the planning, siting, and development of new homes. The issue of ATV/UTV use on roads is more divisive. The number of residents wanting to see them allowed on designated routes was slightly higher than those residents who do not wish to see them on our roads at all. I have heard people say that Green County opened all roads to ATV/UTV use. That is not true. According to the Gazette Xtra on Monday, November 15, 2021: "The Green County Board passed an ordinance last week that will lead to opening some county roads to ATVs and UTVs. However, that doesn't mean residents

can drive those vehicles on any county roads yet, the Green County Sheriff's Office said Monday in a news release. Certain county roads will be opened to the small, off-road vehicles. But before that happens, routes must be established, approvals granted and signs posted—"a process that could take months," according to the release issued Monday. In the meantime, violators could be fined \$200. In order for citizens to be able to use ATVs/UTVs on any roads in the Town of York, the Town must create a local ordinance for that. That ordinance must then be approved by the County officials. At this time, no action has been taken on the use of ATVs/UTVs on Town roads. Their use on town roads is still prohibited.

When asked about whether or not residents (those who live in the Town of York) should be allowed to develop their land any way they want, the survey showed 62% of folks said no and 38% said yes. Similarly, we asked whether developers (those who purchase land here but do not reside here) should be able to develop land any way they want, the survey showed that 92% do not believe developers should be able to do whatever they want with 8% saying they should be allowed to develop the land however they choose. The comments we received were mostly in favor of protecting the feel and vistas in the Town. Again, this issue lies in the planning, siting, and development of new homes.

We dove in a little deeper on the topic of vistas. We asked residents about landscape changing technologies. The issue of renewable

energy sources was split. Half of the residents do want to see wind farms, half do not. Solar farms were more popular, receiving 65% of the vote with 35% not in favor of solar farms. Communication towers received 60% of the vote, with 40% of residents not in favor of more towers. Most residents want better broadband options, but not everyone is willing to give up the landscape views for that. The same was true for renewable energy sources; residents were generally in favor of them but they do not want to see the farmland disappear underneath the structures. The bulk of the comments we received were from people in favor of keeping York the way it is; preserving the farmland and the natural resources.

For those curious to know why we included the question about the impact of COVID-19, the Town will receive money from the federal government to help with COVID-19 related impacts. The Board is tasked to find the best ways to use those funds. This was our way of exploring that topic with you.

We appreciate you sharing the information with us. You can find the entire report on our website at townofyork.wi.gov/comprehensive-survey-results-2021/

We will use the results from all of the survey questions to guide all future decisions. The Plan Commission meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall and currently we stream on Zoom. If you have questions or concerns about development in York, please attend our meetings and share those thoughts with us.

(PRUSIA, CONTINUED FROM P. 2) admit, there is a lot to learn and some interesting surprise adventures. During my 1st week with the position, Tim Czerwonka passed on a large, very large stack of papers, videos, folders, and a couple of booklets. Our meetings take us pretty late into the night. The days of one-hour board meetings are behind us; we have a full agenda each and every month.

We have been providing a Zoom option for all our meetings, which is something we would have never seen 2 years ago. Each and Every board meeting we have at least one person requesting a driveway approval, which really shows how our town is growing. We have been spending some time revisiting the Comprehensive Plan with the Plan Commission.

Jessie has been very instrumental in exploring and learning about ARPA covid relief money. We have plans to add new windows that can open with screens that provide air flow, and a few additional electrical plug-ins for our town building to accommodate our computer, printer,

internet router, lights, and other electric needs. It's humorous to see how many cords come from our limited outlets.

A large chunk of TOYs energy and money is put towards our roads and carefully maintaining and artfully budgeting our limited funds to care for them. I hadn't realized how much we spend and focus on our roads, until serving TOY. It makes sense, as we all use these roads.

This spring you may have noticed lots of trees and shrubs were cleared from our town's roadside. We are about 40 years behind on this work, so it will take a bit and you'll see a lot of clearing; up to 33 feet from the center of the road. We need to do this so large equipment, buses and emergency vehicles can safely navigate our roads. You should also consider the accessibility to your home. Can an ambulance or a fire truck easily navigate your lane? If needed, can the fire truck find your home and see your fire number? Especially on subdivision roads that split and can cause confusion in an emergency. Take a

moment to look at your drive and navigation from the lens of an emergency responder.

Need a new or replacement fire number sign? Visit townofyork.wi.gov/resident-info/fire-number-signs.

Green County is revisiting their zoning code(s). This does not happen often, so it is worth checking out. greencountywi.org/DocumentCenter/View/947/Ordinance-Amendments-to-Title-4

If you are curious about what is happening in our community, there are a lot of opportunities to tune in and get involved. I encourage you to check out our website, join in a meeting, or get to know your neighbor, local watershed, or farmer.

2022 Trees for sale
Green County Land & Water Conservation Dept.
greencountywcd.com/services/tree-sales/
Order by Dec 31, 2021
Pick up in April 2022

(SCHLUMPF, CONTINUED FROM P. 2) opted for an “exterior only” reassessment.

Recovery: You may have heard that York, like all municipalities, received American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA”) funds for pandemic recovery; the Board and I welcome your ideas for those funds. Please keep in mind there are strict guidelines from Treasury on their use.

Tax Collection: Green County will again be collecting the first installment of taxes. Pertinent information will be on your tax bill and the enclosed insert.

Dog Licenses: Please mail dog license fees, along with proof of rabies vaccination, to me: Jessica Schlumpf, W8797 State Road 39, Blanchardville, WI 53516. The Board appreciates your cooperation in licensing your dogs.

Notary: The Board approved paying my notary renewal fee and bond; contact me (608-516- 2788) if you need any documents notarized. I am happy to provide this service; like voting, I would need to see your driver’s license for proof of identity.

Goals: Looking forward I am excited to continue helping everyone in York. Happy Holidays and Happy New Year. Keep well. -Jessie

TAX COLLECTION: Like last year, the Town of York has contracted with Green County for tax collection. Payments may be mailed to 1016 16th Ave., Monroe, WI 53566 (see your tax bill and insert) or made in person M-F 8:00 am – 4:30 pm. There is a slot on the

east door for after hours or weekend drop off. Please note the office will be closed on 12/23-12/24 and 12/31. See dog license information below.

What is a mil rate and how is it determined? A mil rate is the dollar amount of tax per \$1,000 of assessed value. When all levies have been set by the county, township, schools, and vocational districts, a mil rate is computed for each by dividing the amount levied by the total assessed value. Residents of York have one of three mil rates, depending on which school district they reside in. The mil rate seen on the tax bill is the county mil rate – the county sales tax mil rate + the township mil rate - the school tax credit mil rate + the mil rates for the school district and vocational district in which the taxpayer owns land. Typically, as assessed value increases the mil rate decreases.

Dog license fees remain unchanged: Unaltered males and females, \$10; spayed and neutered, \$5; multiple dog fee of \$40 for up to 12 dogs and \$4 for each additional dog. A copy of rabies vaccination (including the rabies manufacturer and ID number) must be on file before a dog license will be issued. Please make payment to “Town of York” and mail to: Jessica Schlumpf, W8797 State Road 39, Blanchardville, WI 53516. You may also contact me to set up an appointment at 608-516-2788.

IS IT TUESDAY YET?
YORK INVITES YOU TO ZOOM

Town Board and Plan Commission meetings continue to be available via Zoom if you are unable to join us in person. To join remotely, you can find the meeting invite information in the posted agendas on the town website, and you may attend via computer or by dialing via phone. If you would like to test your audio (or video, it'd be great to see you!) you may join up to 10 minutes ahead of time. Most meetings include a "public comments" section where you are welcome to ask a brief question or offer feedback to the board. If you have never before participated in a town meeting, this is a great way to join us, and we hope to see you soon.

The town Board meets every 2nd Tuesday, 7 pm. The Plan Commission meets every 1st Tuesday, 7 pm.

Find the meeting agendas, with Zoom links inside, here: Town Board: townofyork.wi.gov/town-board/meeting-agenda and Plan Commission: townofyork.wi.gov/committees/plan-commission-agenda

COMPOST HAPPENS!

Compost Happens! But compost won't happen if it is in the landfill. Did you know that 25% of waste in the landfill could have been composted?

You can get really technical, or you can just toss all compostable items in a bin or a heap and... Compost happens! If you want it to happen faster, 25 carbon to 1 nitrogen is ideal. This simple way to think about C:N is that most moist stuff is N rich, and the dry stuff is C rich. N = green stuff and C = brown stuff. If your heap seems soggy, wet, and anaerobic, add some air and dry matter. Dry, shredded egg cartons, shredded paper/newspaper, coffee filters, brown leaves, or some small sticks or wood chips will help aid in adding C and air.

Why compost? It's easy. And valuable for your flowerbed or vegetable garden. It is an amazing solution to a large problem. If you haven't tried it before, it might seem daunting. But really—"Compost Happens!"

Residents interested in selling or dividing their property, please reach out to the Plan Commission and make sure you follow Ordinance #16-03 regarding the transfer of dwellingunits(buildingrights). townofyork.wi.gov/download/ordinances/York-Land-Div-Development-Ord-16-03.

TOWN OF YORK RECYCLING GUIDELINES

We accept

- Household trash and recyclables, not business garbage
- Up to 6 oil filters, all kinds of metal, carpet, furniture
- Fluorescent bulbs and CFLs
- Used motor oil

For a large amount of trash, large items, lots of furniture, carpet, Green County

We Do Not Accept

- follow the accepted item above.
- Supervisors have the r refuse LARGE drops r NO Tires
- NO electronics
- NO refrigerators
- NO fryers
- NO dehumidifiers
- NO LARGE amount anything
- NO peanut oil
- NO Contractor / B Farm Trash

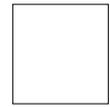
A NOTE FROM THE BOARD:

TOY has a new recycling form that the Supervisors will pass out as needed. This simple print out will help elaborate and document what and when residents are doing that are not in compliance with the Recycling Center. We hope it will serve as an easy-to-understand written explanation for improving communication and flow.

(TRUTTMANN, CONTINUED FROM P. 2) is doing an exterior revaluation this year. Employees of Gardiner Appraisal, our contracted assessor, have or will be visiting all properties in the Town in order to be able to update their records and update the assessed valuation of each parcel. No entry into any building will be necessary for the purposes of this assessment. The reason an exterior revaluation needs to be done is that the assessed value of all of the property in the Town has dropped well below the fair market value according to the Dept of Revenue, and has been for more than 4 years, so the DOR is requiring that we bring our assessment level back into

compliance. We will all receive notices of our new valuations when the process is complete, and ample opportunities will be given to ensure that the numbers are correct. Typically when the total assessed value for a municipality goes up by a significant amount, the mil rates go down accordingly, so the total amount of property tax collected stays roughly the same.

The board is here to serve our constituents, so if you have a question, concern or suggestion, kindly reach out to us directly via phone or email, or through the Town web page. We will do our best to provide the answers or assistance you are seeking.



GREEN'S PRAIRIE CEMETERY 2021 —JIM GRANT

In April, the Prairie Bluff Chapter of The Prairie Enthusiasts conducted the annual burn of the cemetery. On Memorial Day, the flagpoles installed in late 2020 were formally dedicated to the late Dave Green, who contributed greatly to the preservation of the cemetery. The ceremony was followed by a tour of the cemetery and the native plants just coming into bloom. The GPC Association raised flags—US, Wisconsin, and replica Civil War cavalry guidon and War of 1812 era US—on both July 4th and Veterans Day.

