



## Prince of spring

Lois Livick called The Reporter on Monday afternoon, May 13, to alert us to the beauty of this crabapple tree blooming in her front yard. This particular species of crabapple is known, for good reason, as “the purple prince.”

Photo by Jeff Brown



## Poppies on sale this week

Members of American Legion Post #30 will be selling poppies for donations on Friday, May 17, Saturday, May 18, and Sunday, May 19 at several businesses in the Edgerton area, including Piggly Wiggly, Blackhawk Credit Union and Kwik Trip. Mayor Chris Lund (left) purchases a poppy from Everett Shumway (right), commander of Post #30, earlier this month at city hall.

Photo by Jeff Brown

## VA holding town halls at end of May

Submitted by Paul Rickert  
William S. Middleton  
Memorial Veterans Hospital

William S. Middleton Memorial Veterans Hospital in Madison will hold two events at the end of May for Veterans, their families, and community stakeholders to learn about the changes that are coming when the MISSION Act is implemented June 6, 2019.

“The VA MISSION Act of 2018 empowers Veterans and Enhances care options,” said John Rohrer, hospital Director. “We are proactively communicating these changes to our Veterans to ensure they understand these new benefits.”

The first event will be a Telephone Town Hall meeting at noon on Wednesday, May 29.

The hospital will contact 20,000 randomly selected patients to receive calls at noon on May 29. Patient will have the option to stay on the call and participate in the telephone town hall.

The hospital wants to include all Veterans and stakeholders interested in participating, so is also offering a registration option. Veterans and stakeholders can guarantee they are included in the call list by pre-registering at <https://dashboard.telethonhall.us/registration/D8EJALB6P32Q>

Only a phone number is required to opt in.

The telephone town hall event will last 1 hour.

All participants who are unable to ask their question live will have the option to leave a personal message either with an operator or via a voice mail option at the end of the call. Questions will be consolidated, and answers will be posted as a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) file on the Madison VA Website.

The second event will be a Face to Face Town Hall in the Hospital Auditorium on the following day, May 30, also at noon.

Hospital leadership will provide a presentation about the upcoming changes and will be

available to answer questions.

The event is expected to last 90 minutes.

Questions will be consolidated, and answers will be included in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) file on the Madison VA Website

## Weekly road construction update

Submitted by  
Steven Theisen  
I-39/90 Project  
Communications Manager

Two lanes remain open to traffic on I-39/90 (in each direction) during daytime hours and weekends. Access remains open to area businesses in the project area. Please continue to patronize the area businesses!

NOTE: Next week Monday through Friday, nightly single lane closures (8 p.m. – 5 a.m.) are planned on I-39/90 northbound and southbound in the following work zones, unless noted otherwise. Minor delays may occur during these lane closures.

I-39/90 southbound expansion (County AB to E. Church Road, north of the US 51 interchange (Stoughton Exit 156), Madison to Edgerton

County MN, Drotning Road, County W and County B underpasses

Anticipated construction completion: Mid-November 2019

All I-39/90 traffic shifted onto the northbound concrete pavement from East Church Road, north of the US 51 interchange, to County AB near Madison.

Two lanes remain open in each direction, separated by a median barrier wall.

County MN under I-39/90 is closed until fall 2019 (weather-permitting). Alternate routes are required; follow the posted detour.

Drotning Road under I-39/90 is closed until fall 2019 (weather-permitting). Alternate local routes are required.

County W under the Interstate is open.

County B under I-39/90 is closed until late May 2019.

Alternate local routes are required.

I-39/90 expansion (Kennedy Road to Rock River bridges), Janesville to Edgerton

Townline Road, County M and Newville Road underpasses

Anticipated construction completion: Fall 2020

I-39/90 traffic located on their respective sides from Kennedy Road, north of the WIS 26 interchange, to south of the Rock River bridges.

Two lanes remain open in each direction during daytime hours and weekends.

Townline Road under I-39/90 remains open until mid-July 2019.

County M under the Interstate remains open until early July 2019.

Newville Road under I-39/90 is open until early July 2019.

I-39/90 expansion at WIS 26/Milton Avenue and US 14/Humes Road interchanges, Janesville

Kennedy Road underpass  
Anticipated construction completion: Fall 2021

Long-term ramp closure: The WIS 26/Milton Avenue ramp to I-39/90 northbound closed until early August 2019.

Alternate routes required during the four-month closure, such as the US 14 interchange.

All I-39/90 traffic shifted onto the southbound side from Kennedy Road, north of the WIS 26 interchange (Exit 171A), to the US 14 interchange (Exit 171B). Traffic will remain in this configuration until summer 2020.

Two lanes remain open in each direction, separated by a median barrier wall.

Kennedy Road under I-39/90 is closed to through traffic until late July 2019.

Alternate local routes are required. Access is maintained to N. Kennedy Road and N. Brentwood Drive.

The Ice Age Trail under I-39/90, adjacent to Kennedy Road, is closed until October 2020.

I-39/90 southbound expansion (south of US 14/Humes Road interchange to Hart Road bridge over I-39/90), Janesville to Beloit

Mount Zion Avenue, East Milwaukee Street, Ruger Avenue, Palmer Drive, County O/Delavan Drive and Townline Road

Anticipated construction completion: Spring 2020

All I-39/90 traffic shifted onto the northbound concrete pavement from the WIS 11/Avalon Road interchange (Exit 177) to south of the US 14 interchange (Exit 171B).

Two lanes remain open in each direction, separated by a median barrier wall.

Updated: Traffic switch: By Monday morning (May 13), all I-39/90 traffic will have shifted onto the new northbound concrete pavement from Hart Road near Beloit north to the WIS

11/Avalon Road interchange (Exit 177).

Two lanes will remain open in each direction, separated by a median barrier wall.

Updated: Mount Zion Avenue under I-39/90 in Janesville is scheduled to be closed to all traffic for bridge demolition.

6 a.m. Wednesday (May 15) to 6 p.m. Friday (May 17)

Alternate local routes will be required.

Updated: Nighttime closure of the WIS 11/Racine Street ramp to I-39/90 southbound in Janesville.

Updated: The I-39/90 southbound ramps to and from County S/Shopiere Road (Exit 183) will be closed from mid-night Sunday (May 12) to mid-night Thursday (May 16).

Alternate routes will be required such as the I-43/WIS 81 interchange (Exit 185 A-B).

The northbound interchange ramps will remain open.

In the Janesville area, daytime and nighttime noise is anticipated until late May 2019 as crews remove the old southbound pavement and begin grading operations.

I-39/90 expansion and I-43 reconstruction (Illinois state line to Hart Road; County X/Hart Road to Freeman Parkway), Beloit

Anticipated construction completion: November 2019

All I-39/90 traffic shifted onto the southbound side, between Cranston Road and the Illinois state line.

Two lanes remain open in each direction, separated by a median barrier wall.

Updated: Access remains open to the Beloit rest area via temporary ramp connections.

Be alert for crossovers, don't tailgate and drive with caution through this area.

All I-43 traffic located on the southbound side (County X/Hart Road to I-39/90) until mid-August 2019.

One lane open in each direction on I-43, separated by a median barrier wall.

For more information, contact Steven Theisen, I-39/90 Project Communications Manager at 608-884-1230 or [steven.theisen@dot.wi.gov](mailto:steven.theisen@dot.wi.gov).

## A public invitation to join the Edgerton School District Retirement Celebration

*Honoring the following Retirees:*

Michael Gregory • Jane Ellen Hamel  
Lisa Miland • Marc J. Papendieck  
Rick Reese

**Wednesday, May 29th, 2019**

**6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Lounge 1848**

**112 W Fulton Street, Edgerton, WI**

*Social Hour at 6:00 p.m. An assortment of hors d'oeuvres, coffee and soda will be served.*

Presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m.

**Please RSVP by Monday, May 20th  
at 608-561-6102**

## Book and Film Festival seeks nominations

The Edgerton Sterling North Book & Film Selection Committee is seeking nominations for this year's 2019 Festival.

*If you have recently read a book, watched a film, or attended a speaking engagement which featured an author or film maker, and you would like them to be considered for invitation to this year's festival, please submit your nominations by Monday, May 20th.*

You can nominate by visiting us online at [www.bookandfilmfestival.org](http://www.bookandfilmfestival.org) and sending us an e-mail from our Contact Us page. Please be sure to include the following information for your nomination:

Your Name, E-mail Address, and Contact Number  
The Name of the Artist you are Nominating  
The Title of the Book or Film you are Nominating  
The Genre of the Book or Film you are Nominating  
A Brief Reason for the Nomination  
A Brief Reason Why the Artist would be an Entertaining Speaker

*Please note that the selection committee is dedicated to selecting at least one film maker and five authors from the genres of Fiction, Nonfiction, Poetry, Young Adult, and Children's books who have demonstrated their ability to captivate a publishing house and an audience.*

## Saluting the police officers of Edgerton during National Police Week

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OFFICER KANABLE



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OFFICER KAPELLAN



OFFICER COWDEN



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LIEUTENANT MEEHAN

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*Thank you for all that you do!*

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