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## UMC Fall Festival



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**LOGAN PROSTROLLO** (left), 10, **Trisen Osterberg**, 5, and **Nick Prostrollo**, all of Madison, work at filling soap bubbles with air during Sunday's Fall Festival held in the parking lot at Madison United Methodist Church. The event was held to kick off the congregation's Sunday School program.



Photo by Chuck Clement

**MUSICIANS HOLLY HEDGE** and the **Rev. Randy Hedge** perform "Amazing Grace" during their set on the stage during the United Methodist Church's Fall Festival held Sunday in Madison.



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**LORI CLANCY** (left) of Wentworth and **Janice Farrell** of Madison popped popcorn for children and adults attending the United Methodist Church's Fall Festival held Sunday in Madison. The festival included live music and children's games.

## Commissioners approve vendors for Madison's advanced metering system

By **CHUCK CLEMENT**  
Staff Reporter

City commissioners on Monday approved four vendors to provide hardware and software for new advanced metering infrastructure (AMI) that will provide a new meter system for the Madison Utilities Department.

During the commissioners' meeting, **Brad Lawrence**, municipal utility director, noted that Madison's current utility-meter system would become obsolete at the end of 2021.

Previous to Monday's meeting, Lawrence and **David Shpigler**, president of The Shpigler Group, wrote a letter, dated Sept. 10, that contained their recommendations to the Madison City Commission. Lawrence and Shpigler stated that 17 vendor proposals were received and evaluated. They recommended four vendors to receive the project award to set up an advanced metering system for the city.

During the commissioners' meeting, Shpigler said five vendors were eliminated for non-responsiveness during the proposal process and two vendors were eliminated because they were found nonviable.

Lawrence and Shpigler recommended that **Open Access Technology Inc.** of Minneapolis receive the advanced metering base system for a contract price of about \$400,000.

In their letter, Lawrence and Shpigler stated, "We plan to conduct a pilot study of the system in 2021 which will allow for the evaluation of the proposed hardware and software." They added that the

study could provide information to add or remove components or adjust the number of components, and those changes could add or subtract from the contract prices.

Lawrence and Shpigler recommended that **OATI** also receive the award for conservation voltage reduction (CVR) infrastructure for a cost of about \$210,000. In addition, they recommended that **OATI** receive the deferred award for the demand-side management (DSM) component in 2022 for about \$175,000. They stated, "The reason for the delay in awarding this one is the fact



Lawrence

that nothing will be in place until very late 2021 to utilize the resources available in the DSM module."

**Utilismart Corp.** of London, Ontario, was recommended to provide the meter data-management system. The first-year costs paid to Utilismart amount to about \$60,000 with the anticipated, continued annual costs at about \$47,500.

Lawrence and Shpigler recommended that **Exceleron** of Dallas, Texas, receive the contract to provide a prepay metering system for about \$20,000.

**Matchpoint Inc.** of Wilmington, N.C., was recommended for a second deferred award to provide a leak-detection system for about \$50,000.

The total recommended  
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**MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL'S** Kiwanis Club 2019-20 Students of the Year are (left) 8th-graders **Spencer Reverts** and **Katheryn Klein**. Their parents are **Daryl and Kim Reverts** and **Lee and Christina Klein**. The two were selected for being respectful, hard-working students who are responsible for their schoolwork as well as their own behavior.

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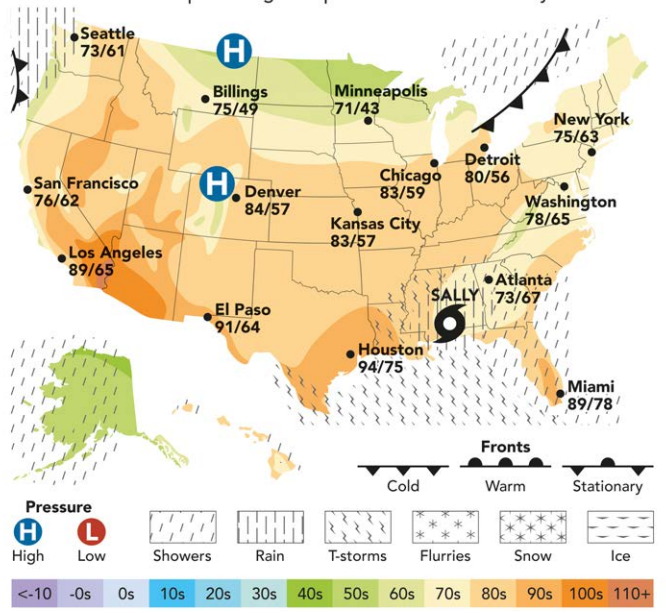
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## Your Daily Leader forecast

Tonight	Tomorrow	Extended
Widespread haze. Low 55. S-SW wind 5-10 mph.	Mostly sunny. High 72. Low 43. N wind 10-15 mph.	30% chance of showers Thurs. afternoon, then partly sunny. Highs 65-66-73. Lows 47-48-57.

Forecast for Wednesday, September 16, 2020

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



## Motorcycle club supports local Veterans Honor Park

### Group raises funds for those in need

By **MARYGALESASKREN**  
Staff Reporter

The Veterans Honor Park is one step closer to being fully funded. On Sunday, the Flatlanders Militiamen presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to the organizing committee.

"Normally, we raise money and give it to families and groups in need," said **Paul Reurink** of Madison, whose rider name is Pops.

This year, the 10-member group decided to raise money through the annual poker run for the honor park, which will be located on S. Washington Avenue. The design includes granite panels with names etched into the stone, walkways, arches, benches and a flag retirement area.



Photo by Mary Gales Askren

**THE FLATLANDERS MILITIAMEN** returned to Madison on Sunday to donate \$5,000 to the Veterans Honor Park. On hand for the occasion were (left) **Richard Stearns**, **Paul Reurink**, **Rob**

**Kleen**, **Brian Siemonsma**, **Dan Fritz**, **Danny Frisby-Griffin**, **Gene Schuler**, **Ted Sterling**, **Jason Bennett**, **Gary Reinicke** and **Kim Verhey**.

The memorial will be constructed on land donated for that purpose by **Jerry and Sue Larson**. The project is a

joint effort between the **Ronald Westby VFW Post 2638** and the **Madison American Legion Post No. 25**.

Initially, the project carried a \$1 million price tag, but in-kind donations have reduced the  
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