

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Let's be careful out there. Oct. 3-9 is Fire Prevention Week, and precautions should be taken so that you can be safe. • A8

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### CHEERING FOR THE TEAM



Peter Lindblad

**ABOVE:** Members of the Little Devil Cheer group, comprising kids in grades K-2, perform with Lodi cheerleaders during the halftime of the Blue Devils' football game Friday against Columbus. **BELOW:** The Lodi High School band plays for the crowd in the intermission.



### POYNETTE SCHOOL BOARD

## District's 'Vision 2020' initiative shows improvement in students' learning, activity

■ Project began in 2012 to provide students with better opportunities

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Nearly a decade ago, the Poynette School District began its Vision 2020 initiative, which took aim at improving student achievements throughout all aspects in all schools.

At the Sept. 20 School Board meeting, District Administrator Matt Shappell gave a brief presentation on those improvements as a result of changes in curriculum.

When school districts change their curriculum and how things are taught, it takes time, and sometimes districts can pull the plug on the idea too soon.

"Districts usually want immediate changes," Shappell said.

It has been almost 10 years since the Poynette School District came up with its initiative, to have a better form of education to provide the students its absolute best. What follows is some of the highlights from Shappell's presentation.

In 2012, the district offered no AP (Advanced Placement) courses, and now 12 are offered. Along the same lines, only 3% of juniors and seniors participated in some form of AP classes in 2012, compared to 44% during the 2020-21 year.

Participation in co-curriculars is also up from 55% in the high school in 2012, to 64% last year. At the middle school level, participation was 59% in 2012, and up to 73% last year.

In 2012, 75% of Poynette High School graduates attending MATC needed some form of remedial course in college — which does not count as a college credit. Last year, the number was down to 25% of graduates at MATC needing a remedial course.

Proficiency in all schools in math and reading have also increased over the last eight years.

Shappell noted that the administration requests that the district continues with their goal statements for another year. The goals are — increase student literacy achievement in all its forms; increase student achievement in measurable 21st century skills; and increase leadership and collaborative opportunities within a systemic

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### POYNETTE VILLAGE BOARD

## Village Board begins 2022 budget talks

### Police department, most utilities to see increased revenues

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With the village of Poynette waiting on certain final numbers important to the overall operating budget, Village Administrator Craig Malin briefly went over drafts of the 2022 operating budgets for the police department and public works with the Board at its Sept. 27 meeting.

The police department is estimated to have \$657,317 in expenditures next year, a 3.2% decrease from 2021 (\$678,611).

A new item to the budget is \$1,000 for psychological exams for potential new hires, but one test would only cost \$500. Also, the contract the village has with Arlington for coverage will increase to \$55 per hour. Police Chief Eric Fisher has previously noted that the village provides 360 hours of coverage over 10 months each year. The change equates to a \$1,500 more in revenue than last year.

The budget also sees a 2.28% increase in revenue for the department — \$63,775 for next year, as compared to \$62,335 in 2021.

Public Works is estimated to have \$405,072 in expenditures for next year — a 1.8% increase from 2021 (\$397,839). In the water utility portion, staff proposes to replace pump No. 1 which replenishes the water tower.

Public Works is expecting to see a 1.5% increase in overall revenue totaling \$136,096 in 2022 — compared to \$134,122 this year.

Water Utility revenues are expected to be \$510,600 (a 0.3% increase from 2021), while expenditures are estimated at \$483,981 (a 1.8% increase from 2021).

Sewer Utility revenue is estimated to drop 0.4% from 2021 to \$454,700, while expenditures are expected to be \$850,967 — an 11.65% increase from 2021 — with \$400,000 expected on capital projects.

Stormwater Utility revenues are expected to be 1.7% higher than in 2021, up to \$120,150. Utility expenditures are estimated at \$226,995, a 52.5% increase over 2021 — with

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### LODI SCHOOLS

## District provides update on strategic planning process

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An update in regards to the Lodi School District's strategic plan was provided by district staff to the school board during its Sept. 13 meeting.

The strategic plan was adopted by the board in July, and the district has been taking steps to put that plan into place, along with creating an active document for those plans.

The planning process began in January and community events were held in May and June, with 148 residents participating. The overall plan was presented by the Vision, Elements, Study Team (VEST) to the board in July, before it was adopted.

The district then came up with five main pillars in the plan — preparing for the future, nurturing the whole student, innovative communication connection, district workforce, and operational excellence.

The topics of preparing for the future, nurturing the whole student and operational excellence were addressed at the Sept. 13 meeting. All topics are keeping the district's mission at the forefront: "In partnership with our community, nurturing every student's potential for growth and opportunities; socially, mentally and academically in a safe, respectful, and an inclusive environment to create innovative problem solvers."

Preparing for the future "explores academic and career excellence for diverse futures through opportunity, relevance and readiness." Director of Curriculum and Instruction Nicholas Karls spoke briefly on the topic.

Karls said the district will leverage what was heard from the community against what the Department of Public Instruction has put emphasis on — primary and elementary school

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