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Verona Area School District

Dr. Larry Love selected as next Badger Ridge principal

MADDIE BERGSTROM
Staff Reporter

The Verona Area School District announced that Dr. Larry Love has accepted the position as principal of Badger Ridge Middle School (BRMS) beginning in the 2023-2024 school year.



Love

According to a news release, Love has four years of experience in school administration. This includes six years serving as an educator in various settings, working as an administrator of a Two-Way English/Spanish Immersion program, along with over a decade of professional work experience and five years of education research.

In his previous roles, he served as a middle school educator, behavior support specialist, middle school assistant principal, elementary school principal and instructional coach for educators.

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Press announces staff additions

De Laruelle new managing editor; Bergstrom new reporter

The Verona Press has a new managing editor and reporter to cover the city and surrounding townships - both University of Wisconsin-Madison graduates.



DeLaruelle

Scott De Laruelle has been promoted to managing editor for O'Rourke Media publications in the Madison market - the Verona Press, Oregon Observer, Stoughton Courier Hub and Fitchburg Star.

He holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire (1998) and a master's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (2003), and has been opinion editor and staff reporter for

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Bergstrom

Boys hockey



Cordray passes friend, mentor to become all-time leading scorer

JACK MILLER
Digital sports editor

Reece Cordray grew up looking up to Charlie Parker - a 2014 Verona grad - would spend summers hanging out with a young Cordray.

Nearly a decade later, the two are intertwined in Verona boys hockey history. Cordray - now a senior forward at Verona - recently surpassed his mentor and friend as the Wildcats' all-time leading scorer.

Cordray became Verona's all-time points leader during a win over University School of Milwaukee on Jan. 31. Cordray has scored 16 points since then and now sits with 198 career points. Parker's 179 points was a program career best for nearly nine years.

"It (scoring record) feels really good," Cordray said after a 7-0 win over Waukesha on Feb. 10. "I passed my mentor Charlie Parker. I just have a lot of people to thank, my linemates all four years, coaches obviously. None of it would be possible without them."

Parker - who's helping out on Verona's coaching staff this season - wasn't able to attend the Jan. 31 game against University School, but kept a watchful eye on the game's box score.

STUDENT BECOMES MASTER

“Right from the start he was on a trajectory to beat that record...That wasn't an ultimate goal of his, but that's something he wanted to do. It was something I wanted him to do as well.”

- Charlie Parker

"I knew he was close and I was watching the box score," Parker said. "When I saw what happened and saw that he had beaten it...I gave him a call. I was just fired up for him. It was fun to see. I'm happy he was able to do that. It's cool that it's someone I know. It makes it that much more fun for me."

Longtime friends

Parker said in his junior and senior years of high school he would look after Cordray in the summertime.

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City of Verona

Common Council passes series of annexation agreements

MADDIE BERGSTROM
Staff Reporter

The City of Verona Common Council passed an ordinance to annex around 32 acres of Town of Verona land east of County M and south of County PD during a meeting on Monday, Feb. 13.

This ordinance passed despite apprehension from the town regarding the city's

decision to not include the full width of the Right-of-Way on County PD in the annexation, which the Council said would cause issues with public safety.

City Administrator Adam Sayre received a letter from the Town of Verona on Feb. 13 addressing concerns with the annexation, but said those date back to the beginning of January.

"Specifically, their concern relates to the

annexation - or lack thereof - of County Highway PD," he said. "What they point to as part of their concern is that we have not included any of that Right-of-Way - and the boundary agreement has a statement that talks about potentially the entire width of that Right-of-Way [being] annexed."

Sayre said the town board's current

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