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Board Proposes 6 1/2% Levy Increase

Increase means \$6.40 more local taxes than last year on an \$80,000 home

The proposed 1993 budget for the town of Dunn reflects a 6.5 percent increase over the 1992 local taxes. The budget's proposed levy is \$312,435, which will mean Dunn taxpayers can expect to be paying \$1.57 in taxes per \$1000 of assessed property value, up from \$1.49 in 1992.

According to state of Wisconsin calculations, the town of Dunn is at 98 percent of market value for the assessment ratio.

The proposed mill rate of \$1.57 means that an average homeowner whose home is assessed at \$80,000 will be paying \$125.60 to the town of Dunn for town

services, or \$6.40 more than in 1992.

Adoption of the tax levy requires approval of the town residents. The fall budget meeting is set for November 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall. All residents wishing to discuss the town's proposed budget and vote on the town tax levy should plan to attend this important meeting.

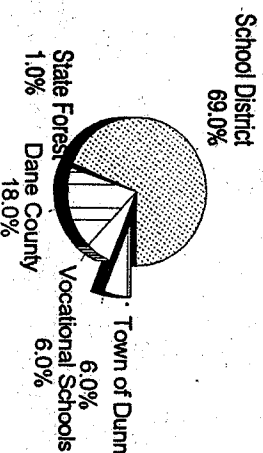
Town Income Sources

The town's revenue comes from two major sources: taxpayers and shared state aid. Another major source this year is \$138,000 the town will be borrowing for capi-

tal improvements and equipment. Other minor sources are local fees and interest on the general fund. The anticipated revenue, including the levy, for the 1993 operating year is \$868,515.

Thirty-six percent of the town's income, or \$314,303, is made up of intergovernmental funds. Because of tax shifting at the state

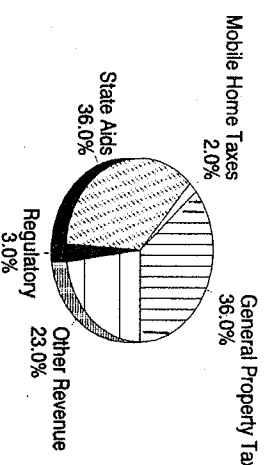
6% of the property taxes go to the town as revenue



level, every year the town receives slightly less intergovernmental funding, and in turn needs to increase the local tax levy or cut services to make up for the loss.

This year the town of Dunn has received 8.5 percent less state shared money than it did in 1992. To make up for that loss, Dunn taxpayers will be asked to pay a little more this year. Taxpayers as a whole are being asked to supply about \$19,000 more than in 1992, or \$312,435, as the local tax. Taxpayers will have a 36 percent

Dunn's income comes from several sources. Property taxes make up 36 % of the income.



share in the town's budget. An additional 2.3 percent of the town's income, or \$20,735, co-

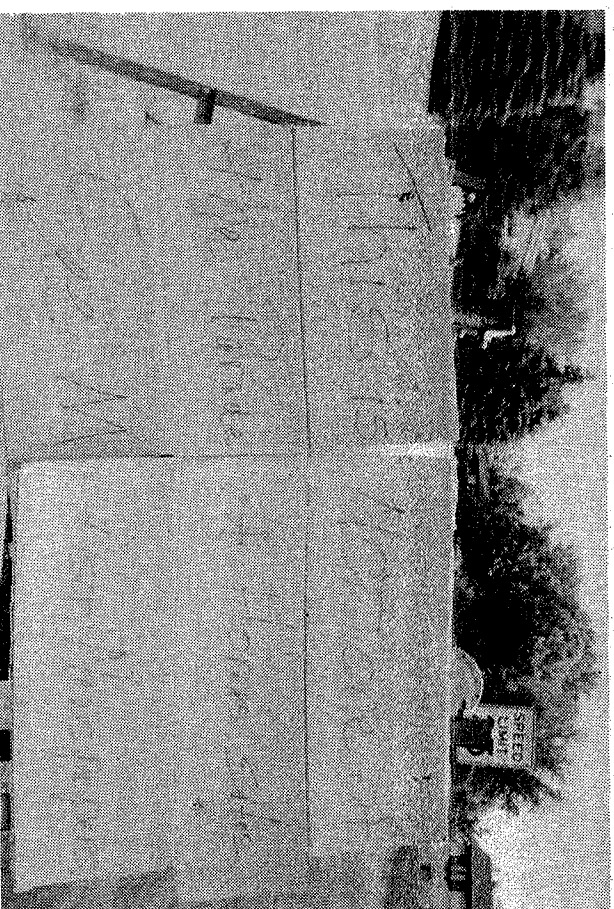


Photo by Angie Hougas

In the aftermath of the tornado, Waubesa Heights residents erected this sign: "This is not one of the Parade of Homes sites. See Madison Newspapers." It greeted the hordes of onlookers who constantly drove by to view the destruction.

Do your part and attend the town budget hearing

by Edmond Minihan, town chairperson

The town of Dunn's annual budget meeting will be held on the 24th of this month. Towns are the only level of government at which the people determine their own tax levy for the operation of the town.

The town board's responsibility is to propose a budget and a levy that will support that budget. This year we are proposing a budget that will result in a 6 1/2 percent increase in the levy over last year's.

This increase would amount to \$8 for a \$100,000 property, and is less than a combination of the reduction in state shared revenues

(8 1/2 percent) and the increases in public safety services, an amount over which we have very little control. The proposed budget and levy would allow the town to continue the present level of services and remain financially solvent.

In the town of Dunn, we have borrowed for capital improvement projects. We have always maintained a reserve sufficient to cover our indebtedness. In fact, we usually get revenue from this arrangement.

It also means that we have

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Budget meeting to adopt levy is set for November 24

A special meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 24, 1992 at 7:30 p.m. at the Dunn Town Hall, 4156 CTH B, for the purpose of:

- I. adopting the town town tax levy for 1992.
- II. authorizing expenditures of more than \$10,000 for highways.
- III. Authorizing the transfer of 129 acres in Section 4 to Dane County.
- IV. combining the position of Clerk/Treasurer.

Agendas and announcements for all special town meetings are posted at the following locations: in the window at the town hall, at Christy's Landng, 1952 Waubesa Ave., and at the Quick Stop, 1888 Barber Dr.

All voters in the town of Dunn are encouraged to attend this meeting and vote on the issues. This is your opportunity to ask questions about where your tax money is going, and to have a say in spending and setting the levy.

By state law, town residents vote on the town tax levy, and grant permission for the board to make any highway expenditures in excess of \$10,000.

mes from mobile home and conservation land taxes.

Approximately three percent of revenues come as regulation and compliance money — the money collected as fees for building permits, liquor licenses, dog licenses, and court fines. This year, compliance money is expected to bring in \$25,232. Percentage-wise, this amount has not changed over the years.

The remaining 22.5 percent of

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We Need To See Dunn as Part of a Larger Community

by Steve Greb, Plan Commission Chair

A recent editorial in the *Des Moines Register* has urged small towns and cities to form what are termed "rural commonwealths." The impetus for the formation of the commonwealths is to preserve the integrity of the individual communities. The editorial states, "Towns must stop thinking of themselves as separate entities. Each town must begin to think of itself as a neighborhood within a larger regional community".

These thoughts strike a familiar chord here in Dane County.

Clearly, this is the type of approach Dane County Executive Richard Phelps has in mind when it comes to future growth in Dane County. The county executive's office has begun to coordinate an annual conference specifically dealing with the question of growth management in Dane County.

The recurrent theme of the county executive's office and invited professional planners is that, in order to deal with land use issues (which involve some 60 governmental entities in Dane County), discussions must be conducted in an open and constructive atmosphere and this is attained by first recognizing that we are all part of a larger regional community. As Phelps has said, "When we have urban and rural people mixed together, the conversation's got to come from feeling connected to the total". This is the way to build consensus.

I believe that the town of Dunn stands to benefit from this approach and that it will assist us

in our efforts to preserve and protect the agricultural and natural areas in our township. Incorporated areas like Madison function as the commercial and business hub, whereas townships such as Dunn emphasize food production and recreational opportunities.

Time and time again, we are reminded of the high costs for rural developments. A study just released by Rutgers University suggests that, over the next 20 years, sprawling development housing will cost \$12,000 to \$15,000 more per house than for more compact housing patterns.

Though on-site costs such as sidewalks and sewer laterals are generally paid for by the homeowner, indirect costs such as schools, fire stations, and road maintenance are paid for by all of us. The Rutgers study points out that 30,000 acres of farmland annually will be preserved by following compact patterns of development. Infilling and building only within urban services areas is also advantageous from the standpoint of energy conservation and utility services.

Clearly, building a broad-based consensus on growth and land use policy is in the best interest of the town of Dunn as well as Dane County. The Town of Dunn Plan Commission will continue to work with the surrounding communities and county officials to fulfill our role as a member of this regional community.

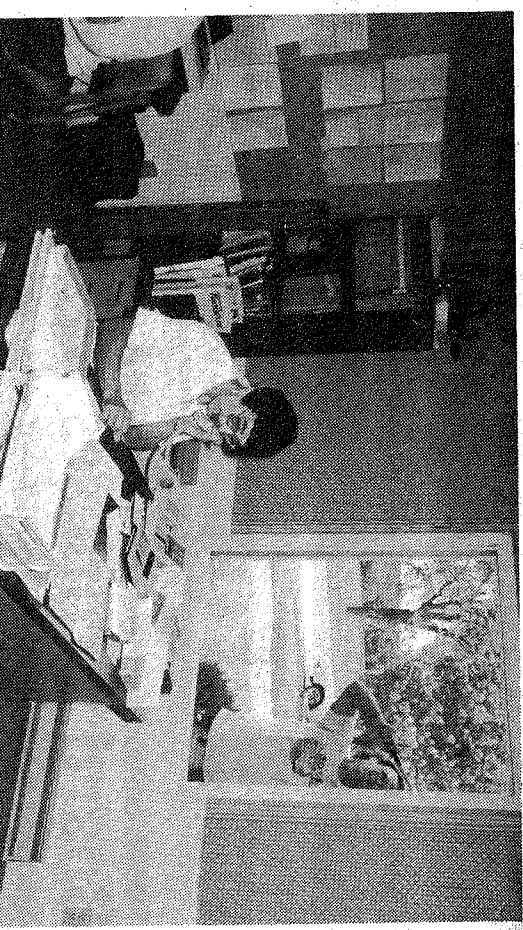
Become a Participant in Dunn

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funds available to meet emergencies like the tornado last June. It also allows us to build sinking funds for major projects, which reduces the impact on future budgets.

Fiscal responsibility in government is of the highest order of importance for those in public service. It is every bit as important as in business, and even more so because the funds are derived from taxpayers.

Despite the prevailing cynicism, the vast majority of local governments are responsible agents of the public trust. Most of our distrust of financial competence in government arises from the dedicated bipartisan effort that has built a national debt of such magnitude that the share attribut-



Nobody broke it! We just replaced it. The Dunn Town Hall got a new look this summer when workmen replaced all of the old double-hung wood windows with new insulated-glass windows.

Dunn Heritage Park Plans Take a New Twist

from information provided by Dan Zarnstorff

Development of the Dunn Heritage Park was dealt a setback this spring when parks commission hopes for receiving Wisconsin Stewardship Grant funding were let down. Several park designs have now been dropped because they were designed with the grant funding in mind and because of concerns expressed by residents of the Jordan Drive neighborhood.

Plans continue to evolve as the parks commission reconsiders its options. Currently the commission believes that funding may be available for the reconstruction of the wetland near the shore of Lake Waubesa under the Yahara/Monona Priority Watershed Project through the Wisconsin Non-point Source Pollution Abatement Program.

A major feature of the park's improvement plan had been the reestablishment of a wetland community at the north end of the park. The reestablished wetland, in addition to being a place to explore, will probably function as a water runoff filter and prevent soil-laden water from getting into the lake, thus qualifying for funding.

The commission is discussing the possibility of scraping the sediment from the north end of the property back into the cornfield above, controlling the sediment in the water from the ditch running into Lake Waubesa, and seeding the upper area in native grasses and flowers. The commission is also investigating if fish spawning habitat can be restored as part of the wetland restoration project.

In the summer of 1991, the parks commission sent out a survey asking all town residents for ideas on developing the park. Out of just over 2,000 surveys

sent out, 187 were returned. Results of that survey were printed last fall, but due to the park's development still being an issue, we are reprinting them to let people again review the survey results.

DUNN HERITAGE PARK SURVEY RESULTS	
In order of preference	
Landscaping	112
Pavilion	100
Nature trails	98
Prairie/woodland	97
Picnic area	90
Parking	86
Playground equip.	73
Nature center	43
Grills	38
Softball	36
Soccer field	18

The parks commission could use additional opinions about the original survey results to plan future activities. What would town residents like to see happen with each of the top six priorities? Ideas and opinions can be phoned in (255-4219) or sent by letter to the parks commission mail box at the town hall.

Residents interested in keeping up to date with the park's development are welcome to attend the parks commission meetings. The first hour of each meeting will be dedicated to the Dunn Heritage Park.

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Tornado's Aftermath Brings Neighbors Together

This past summer's tornado destruction has a positive side, too. It's brought together hundreds of Dunn residents in an unparalleled community spirit.

Neighbors who rarely talked to each other because of the business of today's world came together to pitch-in to work, help pick up debris, and patch and rebuild homes. Neighbors and families pooled together and started rebuilding. Within six days 13-year-old Zach Talarek was helping pound nails to rebuild his family's home, which was completely destroyed. That's community spirit — and caring.

While media accounts say few people were home in the Waubesa Heights area when the storm came through, the "Dunn Together" group, which is made up of Dunn residents affected by the storm, says more than 150 residents were home June 17th when the tornado came through shortly after noon. Of that 150, approximately half were children.

Many of those children came from the Waubesa Heights area. Joining their parents and other adults in reorganizing and rebuilding homes, these kids decided to organize their own group to discuss their experiences. Out of those meetings, the children have begun creating *Twisted Tales*, their own newsletter.

Although *Twisted Tales* is called a newsletter, it might be better described as a book because it will be printed professionally and contains 20 drawings and 12 stories that show Dunn's children's perspective of the tornado experience.

The publication is in the pro-



The Dunn Town Hall was the meeting site for this group of children, moms and friends as they make plans for the production of a children's newsletter called *Twisted Tales*. The kids hope to have their newsletter - really a book - of drawings and stories about their tornado experiences ready early in 1993. From left to right around the table are, Bonnie Talarek, Debbie Kuykendall, Sue Minihan, Zach Talarek, Jillian Kraus, Keaton Kuykendall, Luke Erickson, Stephanie Lund, Matt Kuykendall, Jennifer Lund, Sarah Fobes and Linda Hofmann-Olson.

cess of completion and is expected to be available early in 1993. Copies are available from Bonnie Talarek at 838-7429. It will also be available at the Dunn Town Hall. The Dunn Together neighborhood group hopes that there will not be a charge for the book since the book's printing costs are being funded by sales of "Dunn Together" t-shirts. But there may be a minimal charge if production costs exceed funds.

While the children have been putting together a book, families have been working together to celebrate reconstruction and the piecing back together of their lives. On Sunday, September 20, the Waubesa Heights neighbor-

hood celebrated by holding a parade, picnic and tree-planting ceremony. Residents used the opportunity to thank the many volunteer and public safety personnel for their fast response, which helped secure the property that remained, and for help in clearing away the debris.

The Dunn Together group is also compiling a library with several mementos of the tornado, home video tapes and copies of media coverage of the tornado. Several news items came from Europe and the Far East. Judy Livings, 2475 Keenan Road, is coordinating this project. Please contact Judy at 838-8921 if you have items to donate. When the

library is completed it will be kept at the Dunn Town Hall and will be available to town residents to view at their leisure.

While the Dunn Together group comes wholly from within the town of Dunn, they are not supported financially by the town. The funds they use comes from the sale of "Dunn Together" t-shirts. These unique black t-shirts are still available in sizes extra large and extra, extra large. They make wonderful gifts and cost only \$10. Contact Bonnie Talarek, 838-7429, Sue Minihan, 838-6432, or Connie Krause, 838-6161.

The individuals who helped during the tornado are too numerous to thank individually. As we have stated in other parts of this and other newsletters, the crucial help given by other municipalities was more than we could have hoped for during the early days of the crisis. We need to acknowledge once again the highly competent performance of the McFarland Fire Department, E.M.S. and the McFarland Village Department of Public Works.

There is one category of volunteers that may not have been thanked. The businesses that provided goods and services in the first few days of the recovery effort were numerous and were so fast and selfless that it was difficult to keep track of them all. The list below is no doubt incomplete. If you know of some we have missed, please let us know, and we will include them in the spring newsletter.

- American T. V. - boxes and sealing tape
- Bancroft Dairy - sanitary water containers
- Rainbow Insulation - plastic tarps and tape
- Picadilly Deli (Tim Ring) - fruit and other food
- Subway, McFarland - sandwiches
- Pizza Pit, McFarland - pizza
- U. P. S. - boxes and cartage
- McDonalds - variety of food
- Gary's Foods, McFarland - variety of food
- Chopping Block - Meat and other food
- Gullickson's, Deerfield - potable water tanker
- McFarland Bank - establishment and support service for local assistance fund
- Klay Construction - home and content protection
- A to Z Rental, Hwy 51 - magnet for nails



DUNN TOGETHER

THANKS

for your services, products, food, assistance, contributions and support after the tornado. We couldn't have done it without you!



Town of Dunn

Summary of Dunn's Budget

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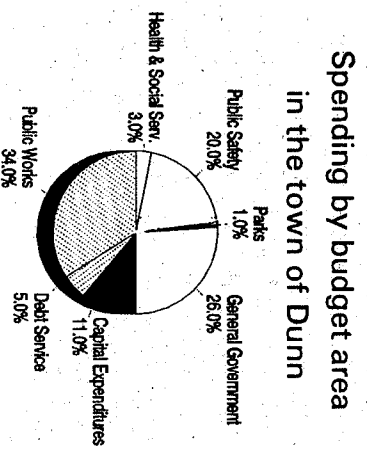
the town's income comes from earned interest, landfill permits, loans and assessments. Interest on the general fund is expected to bring in \$20,000, which is down significantly due to the lower savings rates. The sole largest income source in this category is a \$138,000 loan, which will be used for the Colladay Point storm sewer project (\$72,000), cleaning up contaminated soil and groundwater at the town garage where underground fuel tanks leaked (\$50,000), and developing the land for the Dunn Burying Ground (\$16,000).

No federal emergency grant money is expected in 1993. In 1992, \$10,000 of federal grant money came in to reimburse the town for damage cleanup from the July 1991 windstorm. Expected to come later in 1992 is \$52,000 for clean up of the tornado damage this past June.

Major Town Expenses

The grand total of expenditures expected for 1993 is \$868,515 and, as a whole, is lower by about \$1,500 than the estimated year-end spending for 1992.

The following overview of expenses attempts to cover fluctuations in spending of \$1,500 or more. Specific figures are shown in the budget chart.



Spending by budget area in the town of Dunn

General Government: The projected overall 1993 spending in this budget area is at \$221,160, down by about \$4,000 from the estimated 1992 year-end figure. The 1993 proposed budget calls for a 2.5 percent salary increase plus \$1 per month longevity increase for hourly town employees. Also included is a limited-term employee position for summer 1993. This person will be shared by the plan and parks commissions and by the clerk's office; \$3,000 is budgeted for this position.

Also proposed for 1993 is that the treasurer's position be combined with the clerk's position. Accompanying the additional work load would be an annual raise of \$5,000 for the newly created clerk-treasurer's position. If approved, the position would become effective in April 1993, following the spring local elections. Currently, the clerk's salary is \$15,000 and the treasurer's

is \$6,500. The combined salary of \$20,000 would be a net savings of \$1,500 for the town.

Election expenses are expected to be higher than a normal non-presidential election year because of the cost of local ballots for the town elections. Unlike ballots for national and state elections, local election ballots are a town expense.

Engineering fees are expected to be about \$5,000 higher in 1993 because of the Colladay Point storm sewer project.

Town hall maintenance is down from last year, but last year's hall expenses were unusually high because insulated windows were installed this past summer. Proposed for 1993 is the construction of a vestibule area at the entrance of the town hall to help reduce heating costs. Also proposed are two more phone lines — one regular and one fax — to make calling the clerk's office easier. Dropped from the original maintenance request is an allocation for new siding on the town hall.

The town's attorney fees were higher than budgeted in 1992 due to land disputes with developers. The bulk of the attorney fees are related to the continued fight against the proposed Libby Landfill.

The employee benefit package has risen by about \$10,000 due to a proposed change in the way the town pays for health care benefits. Through 1992, the town has paid for all of the employee's coverage and one-half of family coverage. In 1993 the town is proposing to pay up to \$350 per month for the family plan premium and up to \$150 per month on the single plan for employees.

Cemetery expenses have increased in the proposed budget to \$4,500 but, as soon as the cemetery is opened, it should become a self-funding project. Proposed for the cemetery in 1993 is the initial surveying of lots, landscaping, the construction of a gravel road, gravestone repair in the old portion, and the installation of a small water tank to hold water for cemetery flowers.

Parks Commission: The parks commission expenses are expected to remain about the same as in 1992. A slight increase is shown in clerical salaries to cover the cost of preparing minutes. About \$7,500 is allocated for parks mowing, a contracted amount. Other parks expenses include improvements in Sтерна Park, Simpson Park, Spartan Hills and Dunn Heritage Park. Sтерна, Simpson and Spartan Hills parks combined are being allocated

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1993 Town of Du

ACCT. NO.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	1991 ACTUAL	AMENDED 1992 BUDGET	ESTIM. YR. END	1993 PROPOSED
300	REVENUES:				
	TAXES:				
303	GENERAL PROPERTY TAX	278,897	293,366	293,366	312,433
304	MOBILE HOME - BAYVIEW	18,815	20,000	20,000	20,000
305	MOBILE HOME - OTHER	937	735	735	733
309	OMITTED PROPERTY TAX	2,688	9,588	9,588	9,588
310	TOTAL TAX	301,337	323,689	323,689	333,179

ACCT. NO.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	1991 ACTUAL	AMENDED 1992 BUDGET	ESTIM. YR. END	1993 PROPOSED
315	INTERGOVERNMENTAL:				
318	SHARED TAXES - STATE	211,763	200,567	200,567	192,655
319	RECYCLING GRANT	13,130	11,568	11,568	18,000
320	PARK GRANT	36,000	0	0	0
321	STATE ROAD AID	63,230	69,553	69,553	75,797
322	COUNTY AID - ROAD/BRIDGES	0	2,225	2,225	2,000
326	FIRE DEPT. DUES	7,017	7,286	7,286	7,300
327	PAYMENT MUNICIPAL SERVICES	4,283	7,965	7,965	17,655
328	FEDERAL EMERGENCY GRANT	0	55,255	55,255	55,255
329	FEDERAL AID IN LIEU OF TAX	845	872	872	900
330	TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENT	336,268	355,291	355,291	314,300

ACCT. NO.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	1991 ACTUAL	AMENDED 1992 BUDGET	ESTIM. YR. END	1993 PROPOSED
335	REGULATION & COMPLIANCE:				
337	LIQUOR, MALT LICENSES	2,540	2,600	2,600	2,600
338	OPERATORS LICENSE	1,010	600	600	600
339	BUSINESS OR OCCUPATION	100	50	50	50
340	CIGARETTE LICENSE	40	40	40	40
342	COIN MACHINE - OTHER	145	150	100	100
344	MOBILE HOME PARK FEE	442	442	442	444
345	DOG LICENSES - TOWN SHARE	557	300	300	300
346	PERMITS - BUILDING	14,600	25,000	25,000	15,000
348	EXCAVATION PERMITS	60	60	60	60
349	LAND DIVISION FEES	115	144	144	100
354	COURT PENALTIES & FINES	4,936	10,000	10,000	6,000
360	TOTAL REGULATION & COMPLIANCE	24,485	39,386	39,336	25,232

ACCT. NO.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	1991 ACTUAL	AMENDED 1992 BUDGET	ESTIM. YR. END	1993 PROPOSED
383	OTHER REVENUE:				
382	STREET ASSESSMENTS	1,430	1,331	1,331	1,331
385	DONATION - LIBBY ATTYN FEE	35,253	9,747	9,747	10,000
387	INTEREST - GENERAL FUND	37,555	25,000	25,000	20,000
389	INTEREST - SPECIAL ASSESSMENT	840	800	792	600
390	SALE USED EQUIPMENT	1,550	3,000	3,000	3,000
391	LANDFILL SALVAGE	2,290	3,000	3,000	3,000
391.2	LANDFILL STICKERS	5,388	6,000	6,000	6,000
391.3	LANDFILL COUPONS	8,333	11,000	11,000	11,000
394	LAND RENT OTHER	127	1,100	1,100	1,100
395	CABLE TV FRANCHISE FEES	8,655	9,326	9,326	8,700
396	PROCEEDS LONG TERM DEBT	0	87,186	87,186	138,000
397	MISCELLANEOUS	1,348	557	557	557
398	TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	102,769	158,047	158,039	195,800
399	GRAND TOTAL REVENUE	764,859	876,413	876,355	868,500

ACCT. NO.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	1991 ACTUAL	AMENDED 1992 BUDGET	ESTIM. YR. END	1993 PROPOSED
401	EXPENDITURES				
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
451	TOWN BOARD - SALARIES	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
456	TOWN BOARD - EXPENSES	0	0	0	1,000
458	ELECTION WORKERS SALARIES	715	2,000	2,000	1,200
462	ELECTION EXPENSES	217	500	500	2,000
463	PLAN COMMISSION - CLERICAL	315	250	250	1,000
466	PLAN COMMISSION EXPENSES	45	500	500	500
469	ENGINEERING FEES	643	2,000	2,000	7,000
470	JUSTICE SALARY	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
471	COURT CLERK - WAGES	47	100	100	100
471.2	COURT CLERK - SALARY	1,070	1,575	1,575	2,600
472	CLERK/TREASURER SALARY	13,961	15,000	15,000	20,000
474	CLERK/TREASURER EXPENSES	240	250	250	250
479	OTHER CLERICAL SALARIES	33,961	39,625	39,625	37,000
480	ASSESSOR CONTRACT	26,677	7,560	7,560	7,560
482	ASSESSORS EXPENSES	1,308	200	200	200
484	TREASURER - SALARY	5,583	6,500	6,500	6,500
486	TREASURER EXPENSES	290	300	300	300
490	ATTORNEY FEES	86,831	39,000	39,000	30,000
491	EDUCATION & TRAINING	1,972	2,500	2,500	2,500
496	INDEPENDENT AUDIT	3,110	3,500	3,200	4,000
500	DATA PROCESSING	7,882	251	251	251
505	TOWN NEWSLETTER	2,496	3,000	3,000	3,000
506	OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	3,420	7,500	7,500	7,000
507	DUES & PUBLICATIONS	1,745	680	680	680
508	TOWN HALL MAINTENANCE	8,380	14,300	14,300	11,000
509	TOWN HALL MAINT. - WAGES	674	3,300	3,300	3,300
510	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	16,556	20,900	20,900	13,600

Proposed Budget

ACCT. NO.	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	1991 ACTUAL	AMENDED 1992 BUDGET	ESTIM. YR. END	1993 PROPOSED
512	EMPLOYEES BOND	525	500	325	525
518	LEGAL PUBLICATIONS	966	1,600	1,583	1,300
520	SOCIAL SECURITY EXPENSE	13,322	15,000	15,000	15,600
524	RETIREMENT EXPENSE	50,875	17,000	17,000	16,800
525	HEALTH INSURANCE	7,706	9,000	9,000	19,825
530	ILLEGAL TAXES	1,691			
540	GEMETERY EXPENSE	308	1,025	1,025	4,500
541	GEMETERY - WAGES	352	500	500	1,200
542	MISCELLANEOUS	71	2,742	2,742	500
550	TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	302,152	226,838	226,346	221,160

551	PARKS & ACTIVITY:				
552	PARK COMMISSION - CLERICAL	0	400	400	1,000
553	PARKS ACTIVITY - WAGES	3,265	6,400	6,400	7,500
555	PARKS EXPENSE	3,720	5,950	5,950	4,300
570	TOTAL PARKS & ACTIVITY	6,985	12,750	12,750	12,800

601	PUBLIC SAFETY:				
604	POLICE - WAGES	3,961	10,500	10,500	8,000
605	POLICE - CLERICAL	710	1,350	1,350	2,400
606	POLICE EXPENSES	7,931	2,000	2,000	2,000
616	FIRE PROTECTION - MCFARLAND	33,072	35,500	35,500	35,500
617	EMS - MCFARLAND	21,895	22,000	22,000	25,000
618	FIRE PROTECTION - OREGON	22,935	33,450	33,450	35,000
619	EMS - OREGON	19,643	20,000	20,000	22,000
620	FIRE PROTECTION - STOUGHTON	29,591	31,000	31,000	30,541
621	EMS - STOUGHTON	4,680	4,000	4,000	4,000
622	HAZMAT MUTUAL AID	98	98	98	100
630	BUILDING INSPECTOR SALARY	6,896	10,825	10,825	8,000
631	BUILDING INSPECTION EXPENSE	1,197	1,500	1,500	1,800
650	TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	152,609	172,223	172,223	174,341

651	HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES:				
660	CIVIC DONATIONS	0	500	500	0
664	SENIOR CITIZENS - MCFARLAND	500	1,000	1,000	1,000
665	SENIOR CITIZENS - OREGON	13,000	15,368	15,368	16,284
666	SENIOR CITIZENS - STOUGHTON	4,500	4,500	4,500	5,500
690	TOTAL HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	18,000	21,368	21,368	22,784

701	PUBLIC WORKS:				
706	Hwy DEPT SALARIES	66,073	72,850	72,850	74,900
715	MACHINERY & EQUIP. OPERATION.	5,848	8,000	8,000	8,000
716	MACH. & EQUIP REPAIR & MAINT.	8,884	7,600	7,600	9,000
718	GARAGE EXPENSE	11,750	6,500	6,500	6,500
718.2	UNDERGROUND TANK REMOVAL		30,000	30,000	50,000
724	STREET REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	76,992	79,500	79,500	70,230
728	BRIDGES & CULVERTS	5,710	450	450	20,000
730	SNOW & ICE CONTROL	14,400	13,000	13,000	13,000
734	TRAFFIC CONTROL - SIGNS	1,529	2,000	2,000	6,000
736	STREET LIGHTING	7,225	8,000	8,000	8,000
740	TREE & BRUSH CONTROL	305	900	900	300
742	LANDFILL - WAGES	13,587	14,900	14,900	15,500
746	LANDFILL EXPENSES	2,137	13,916	13,916	4,000
746.2	RECYCLING - EXPENSES	3,768	2,500	2,500	4,000
746.3	SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - EXPEN.	5,548	6,500	6,500	7,000
750	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	223,756	266,616	266,616	296,430

761	DEBT SERVICE:				
764	PRINCIPAL SHORT TERM DEBT	16,125	28,585	28,585	38,503
768	INTEREST SHORT TERM DEBT	3,592	7,165	7,165	6,297
780	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	19,717	35,750	35,750	44,800

801	CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:				
804	STORM SEWER PROJECTS	0	0	0	45,700
806	SURFACE & RESURFACE ROADS	26,950	60,000	60,000	47,500
807	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	3,872	11,300	11,300	3,000
808	EQUIPMENT	26,652	62,934	62,934	0
812	LAND PURCHASES	9,351	0	0	0
840	TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	66,825	134,234	134,234	96,200

900	GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES	790,044	869,779	869,287	868,515
901	GRAND TOTAL REVENUES	764,869	876,413	876,355	868,515
902	RECEIPTS OVER(UNDER) EXPEND.	(25,185)	6,634	7,068	0
903	CURRENT AVAIL. FUNDS APPLIED	25,185	0	0	0
904	TAX LEVY REQUIRED				312,435
ESTIM. YEAR END UNAPPROPRIATED FUNDS				78,481	
RESERVE FUND ACCOUNTS BALANCE				109,119	

\$2,300. Another \$1,000 is being set aside as matching funds for neighborhood parks, while \$500 is set aside for the seeding of Dunn Heritage Park and \$500 for spring Cleanup Day and Arbor Day festivities.

Public Safety: Police wages were dramatically higher in 1992 because the town hired security personnel to protect homes destroyed by the tornado. This year that item is dropping but, in addition to Chief Berry's part-time salary, the town is proposing to add \$2,500 for a part-time patrolman who will work approximately 24 hours per month. The patrolman will work hours that Chief Berry cannot. Fire protection and EMS service costs shown in the budget are the charges from those districts.

Health and Social Services: Expenses in this area are for the operation of area senior centers. The amount allocated to the Oregon and Stoughton centers is proportional to the number of town residents using each facility. The town is also hoping to continue its tradition of donating \$1,000 to McFarland senior citizens for senior activities and toward the coordinator of volunteer services.

Public Works: As stated above for other town employees, a 2.5 percent pay increase is being proposed for hourly employees. Garage expenses will be high in 1993 due to the cleaning up of contaminated soil around underground fuel storage tanks that leaked fuel near the garage and the installation of groundwater testing wells in that area. As shown in the income area of the budget, the money to pay for this is being borrowed until state reimbursement occurs at the completion of the project.

In 1993, the town is proposing to repair and sealcoat about 12 miles of roads. The exact roads to be done will be confirmed next

spring after the spring thaw, when road crew foreman Jim Manson can tell exactly which roads are worse.

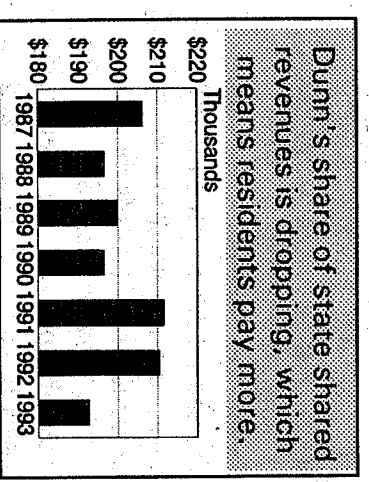
Two culverts are proposed for the Colladay Point storm sewer project, for a total cost of \$19,000. Money for this capital expense is being borrowed, as mentioned above.

Also proposed for 1993 is an inventory of the town's traffic control signs to ensure the public's safety. This is will cost approximately \$4,000 in 1993, but 50 percent will be reimbursed by Dane County in the 1994 budget year.

Landfill expenses skyrocketed in 1992 due to the cost of the tornado cleanup. These are expected to return to normal in 1993.

Debt Service: The short-term debt includes the payment for the new truck the town purchased last spring. It also includes payments on a road grader the town purchased four years ago and a tractor purchased last year.

Capital Expenditures: The \$45,700 listed is for the earth-moving expenses on the Colladay Point storm sewer project. To complement the road sealcoating, but considered a capital expense, is \$47,500 for road resurfacing. In 1993, the town hopes to resurface Woodland Road, Char Court, Edgewood Road, Tura Road, and Hart Circle. The town hall office is also hoping to purchase a third computer, printer and desk so that both office secretaries can have computers.



Community Mill Rate Comparisons

	1991 Actual	1992 Proposed	Percent Assessment Ratio
Town of Oregon	3.2	3.04	95.87
Village of Oregon	6.13	7.07	88.52
Blooming Grove	NA	NA	NA
Dunkirk	1.77	NA	83
Rutland	3.82	NA	82.98
Pleasant Springs	1.92	NA	100
McFarland	6.95	NA	89
Stoughton	6.87	6.24	92
Fitchburg	4.72	4.67	104.6
Town of Cottage Grove	2.29	NA	NA
Town of Sun Prairie	4.00	4.00	89
Windsor	2.27	2.16	101
Dunn	1.49	1.57	98

* Municipality expects actual Mill Rate to come in lower than proposed.
NA - Data is currently not available from the municipality.

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Robert Berry, Chief, 255-4219 (non-emergency only)

June Tornado Changes Plans of Dunn Road Crew, Too

by *Jim Manson, Highway Foreman*

We started this spring with the usual routine of patching road holes and weak spots as they developed, thinking this summer would be just a normal one for us.

Then on June 17, the tornado hit the town and changed things not only for the 30 or so families whose homes were destroyed, but for all the town employees, too.

On the day of the tornado, we were out putting up speed limit signs on Lator Road. At noon it started looking really nasty, so we headed to the town garage to eat lunch. Then the power went out, so we grabbed our lunch bags and headed into the town hall to have lunch with the people in there.

When the sirens went off, we ended up having lunch down in the basement. We didn't hear or see it go through, but somebody stopped and said the tornado had just gone through on the hill in Waubesa Heights.

I jumped into the pickup and tried to get up there, only to find the road was blocked. I went all over trying to get through. I couldn't see much, so I went back to the hall and told Todd to get the end loader to get stuff off the road, and I jumped in the grader to try to push stuff off the roads.

The power was out and so were the phones; we tried many times to call in to McFarland on the truck radio, but nobody answered. With all the commotion, apparently there was nobody near a radio.

By the time we got back up the hill — it's only a mile away — emergency personnel were on the scene trying to get in, too. We had our work cut out for us.

In all, the road crew spent five or six weeks of steady cleaning up after that. The tornado hit worst at Waubesa Heights, but we had cleaning up to do on Schneider Drive, Southview Road, Mahoney Road, quite a bit on Evans Road, Burmeister's Woods area, and quite a bit in the eastern part of town on Elvehjem Road.

We were very lucky that we got a lot of help from our friends from neighboring towns and villages. The village of McFar-

land was here for about a week with several men and trucks. We also had help from the town of Rutland, village of Cottage Grove, town of Bristol, town of Dunkirk, town of Blooming Grove, village of Maple Bluff and the town of Christiana and we even hired extra help to run our own equipment.

We had all three of our end loaders going steady and the village of McFarland was also going pretty steady for quite a while. McFarland also came in with their street sweeper for two days to help clean up nails from the streets because too many people were getting flat tires on their cars.

We spent a lot of time hauling debris that residents and volunteers would haul out to the streets.

We hauled a lot of downed trees and homes to the dump, where we burned everything. We just finished burning all the debris and the final cleaning up last week.

After the major part of the clean-up we had to catch up on our normal work of mowing roadsides and patching roads to get ready for sealcoating roads. This year we sealcoated about 13 miles of roads. They include Holm Road, Schuster Road, the west mile of Rutland-Dunn Townline Road, Labrador Road, Retrievers Club Road, Schneider Drive, Barber Drive, Colladay Point Road, Zor Court, a half mile of Dyerson Road, two-thirds of Tower Road, and all of the streets in Spartan Hills. Then it was back to mowing roads and trying to put up signs that were stolen or run over by automobiles.

Our road paving projects got put on hold not only because of the cleanup. Part of the hold-up was because of the weather. When things cleared up, then the contractors got busy. We are just this week trying to get our paving completed.

Let's just hope we have a mild winter. We don't need any more of this nasty stuff.

Dunn Prepares Burying Ground Addition this Fall

by *Jo Reynolds, Dunn Burying Ground Task Force*

The Dunn Burying Ground expansion project is under way, with plans for work to begin yet this fall. (Due to the dry summer weather and the June tornado, diskling and seeding wasn't done this summer.) The cemetery layout has been approved by the town board and is now due to be surveyed and plotted (after fall diskling) by Abex Survey Company, which submitted the most competitive bid. The road and paths will be laid out at the same time and, weather permitting, the one-way circular gravel road will be put in.

Plots will be available to town residents after the surveying is completed and plot markers are in the ground. Then, information on

plot costs and other cemetery regulations will be available after finalized by the town board.

Anyone wishing to donate landscaping materials for the new addition, or spring annuals or perennials for the original burying ground is encouraged to contact the town hall and leave their name as an interested donor. Native trees, old fashioned shrubs, heirloom roses and perennials will the emphasis of the plantings, in keeping with the original rural cemetery.

A brochure detailing the original cemetery and its burials is now available at the town hall, and is a valuable guide when visiting the cemetery.

Dunn Police Chief's Report

by *Chief Bob Berry*

It's been a long summer for those who live along and use Highway 51. With the road construction nearly completed, the new highway will be a welcome change. The town has had driving complaints already, with some motorists exceeding the speed limit on the new highway.

I would like to thank the many nice people who showed respect by following the requests of the officers after the June 17th tornado, when they were asked not to drive through the area by the local police, security personnel and the Dane County Sheriff's Department. This made our jobs a lot easier. Yes, there were many who were issued citations for failure to obey the

road closed signs; those that were cited and appeared in court should be very thankful that they didn't have to experience the tornado first hand. Most had very original stories to tell.

The storage of boats, vehicles and recreational vehicles along the road right of way for longer than 48 hours is a violation and will be ticketed. Failure to remove the vehicle within 24 hours after the citation is issued will result in its being towed at the owner's expense. Last winter, many vehicles were left alongside the streets and were very troublesome for the road crew to plow around. Now is the time to move these vehicles to the proper storage area.

Boat Landing Will Soon Be Ready For Ice Fishermen

Construction of the Amundson Boat Landing on Lake Kegonsa is underway and the ramp will be open this winter as an access point for ice fishermen, says Scott Stewart of the Department of Natural Resources.

During the second week of November workmen were pouring the concrete boat ramp and preparing the base for the parking lot. The workmen believe they will be completed by the beginning of December. Stewart, though, is concerned that early cold weather conditions may prevent the paving this fall, but he said that would not stop the access point to the lake from

being open to ice fishermen.

The boat landing, which is located on Quam Drive, will have five car and trailer parking stalls and five additional stalls along the street. One of the stalls in the parking lot will be handicapped accessible.

The town helped purchase the property two years ago with the state by paying the excess the state had not budgeted for the land. The ramp and parking lot are being constructed with state Dingle-Johnson monies, an excise tax on fishing equipment. When the landing is completely finished, it will be dedded to the town of Dunn.

Dunn Parks News

by Elaine Andrews, Parks Commission Chair

Goings and Comings Zarnstorff appointed to commission

The Dunn Parks Commission would like to extend its appreciation to Carol Schwartzburg for her service from 1983 to 1992. During her tenure on the commission, Carol provided leadership in designing the town's approach to neighborhood park development. She was also active in the commission's annual award program and created the town's Stewardship Award plaque.

The Dunn Parks Commission would like to welcome Dan Zarnstorff, appointed to the parks commission in September. Dan will serve until July 1, 1995, completing Carol Schwartzburg's

current term. Dan has been active in developing solutions to various problems for the undeveloped area in the Colladay Point neighborhood. Dan is especially interested in the potential for natural landscaping in the town.

Town residents interested in becoming active on the parks commission are encouraged to provide their names to the commission. Several volunteer opportunities are currently available. Citizens interested in future vacancies on the commission will be informed when they occur.

Do You Have Questions about Neighborhood Parks? From A to Z, We Can Help You

Town of Dunn neighborhood parks are developed and maintained through a neighborhood-town partnership. Neighborhoods interested in developing local town park land should request to be on the parks commission agenda. The parks commission can provide planning and financial assistance in getting the park started.

Resources about neighborhood park planning can also be found at the town hall. The town is developing its files on park equipment suppliers and techniques and resources for natural landscaping. Information on natural landscaping includes:

- Lake Waubesa area:*
Doug Kornetzke 222-5848
Jan Zimmermann 221-8423
- Town hall area:*
Judy Kinney 835-3830
Sue Sanford-Ring 838-9733
- Parks Chair:*
Elaine Andrews 222-2255

Spring Arbor Day - Be There! County Agent Mindy Habecker Talks Trash

"Don't burn or bag — compost" will be the theme of this year's Arbor Day celebration planned for Friday evening, April 23, 1993. Each April, the parks commission sponsors the annual potluck to celebrate Arbor Day, gather together as a community, and learn something new about caring for our town's resources. All ages are invited. Details will be provided in the spring Town of Dunn Newsletter.

This April, Mindy Habecker, Dane County Agricultural/Natural Resources agent will talk to town residents about what, how and why to compost. Mindy has taught and written about composting for the last several years. Composting is the breakdown

of organic matter by bacteria and other organisms. The end product of composting is humus, which is rich in nutrients and organic matter. The value of organic matter to crops has been established since early times. Burning of organic matter contributes to air quality problems and global warming. Bagging for landfill disposal adds to landfill problems. Dumping of grass clipping and leaves on town roadsides both is unsightly and has led to town road crew accidents.

Winter is a good time to set up your composting system. If you don't want to wait until April for information, contact the Dane County Extension Office for resources available in print.

Wes and Jane Licht Receive 1992 Dunn Stewardship Award

The annual Arbor Day potluck sponsored by the Town of Dunn Parks Commission on April 24 honored Wes and Jane Licht with the Town of Dunn Stewardship Award for their long-standing commitment to community service and the preservation of natural landscapes.

The Licht family efforts have included development of a wet prairie on their property, which has restored wildlife habitat and served as a learning opportunity for many town residents and friends.

Jane has provided strong regional leadership through documentation of local history and promotion of the Wisconsin Wetlands Bill. She spent six very active years as a county supervisor, serving on the Dane County Parks Commission, and was instrumental in developing the Nine Springs E-Way System. She is currently Dane County's Register of Deeds. Wes, a teacher at Glendale Elementary School, has taken his activities beyond the classroom by providing years of



Dunn Bicycle Trail Guide, initiated the annual Arbor Day programs, and created and led the annual Dunn stewardship tour.

Wes also worked for the unique system of shared management in Dunn's neighborhood parks and he pursued the purchase and funding for the Dunn Heritage Park, our future community park.

Congratulations Jane and Wes, and many thanks for your years of committed stewardship.

Annual Stewardship Award Help Us Find Candidates, Nominations Due February 1

Each year the parks commission recognizes a person or persons in the town who has contributed the most to the stewardship of the town's natural resources. We would like your assistance in identifying stewards for the 1993 award. Please send your nominations to the parks commission in care of the town hall by February 1. Nominations should be accompanied by a one-page description of why that person or persons should receive the 1993 award.

Stewardship can mean many things, depending on the individual point of view. Here are some of the thoughts that parks commissioners have used to guide their choice of individuals to be given awards each year, adapted from a presentation by Ruth Hine to the parks commission in 1984.

Stewards of the earth recognize through their actions that:

1. All nature has value.
2. All people, plants and nonliving components of the earth are part of an interrelated whole.
3. Humans are from the earth and are dependent on it.
4. Nature is a gift to be honored and respected.
5. Nature has value to the human spirit.
6. Humans do not own the earth.
7. Humans have been given the responsibility to care for the earth.

Past awards have been given to farmers, citizen activists, professors, teachers, and local landowners. If you are curious about who has received past awards, visit the town hall and view the Stewardship Award plaque.

Smokey Hook Lake Prairie Burn Was Unintentional

By Doris Rusch, DNR Wildlife Manager

When the buffalo roamed over what is now the town of Dunn, and the Indians camped on the shores of Hook Lake and trapped in the waters of Grass Lake, the landscape was waving fields of prairie grasses and flowers. The prairie panorama was broken by an occasional oak or clump of oaks mixed with hickory and cherry. Europeans named this landscape of tall grasses and oak "savanna." Where the oaks are scattered widely, we call it oak savanna. Where the oaks grow in closer proximity, but allow sufficient light for the tall grasses to grow at their feet, we call it open oak savanna woodland.

Savanna and fire are synonymous. Without fire there was not savanna; fire made the savanna. Before settlement, scarcely a year went by without fire. Where annual fire was less intense, the sturdy oak survived in open woodlands or scattered clumps. Where fire was intense, it left nothing but treeless prairie grassland.

When we undertook the project of public ownership of the Hook

Lake-Grass Lake Area, we agreed to return the area to oak savanna. The Dunn folks want the area to be restored to a "natural" condition. The natural condition would represent the presettlement savanna vegetation.

Our plan is to gradually plant the existing fields to native prairie vegetation and to return the woodlots to open oak savanna. Our vision of the future landscape is a multitude of prairie flowers and grasses - cone flowers and rattlesnake master, big bluestem and Indian grass, blazing star and compass plant, and many others - and oak. The woodlots already have the oak component, but are filled with box elder and exotic brush such as honeysuckle and buckthorn. Burning through the woodlots will gradually kill the honeysuckle and box elder, opening up the woodland floor to light and the emergence of native savanna grasses and woodland flowers.

This April we waited and waited for the proper burning conditions. We wanted a south wind to prevent smoke from

traveling toward houses to the east or west. We needed a strong wind to provide enough oxygen to carry the fire through the woods. We needed a day or two without rain so the fuel would be dry enough to burn. The humidity could not be too low (more difficult to control the fire), or too high (nothing would burn). The white oaks had to drop their leaves to provide the woodland fuel. The honeysuckle had to be in leaf-out condition to give the fire killing power. The fields full of little box elder trees had to be dry enough to burn. All these events had to occur simultaneously, and before grassland birds began nesting in earnest. The peak of nesting occurs in mid to late May, we stop conservation burning in early May.

We waited for the perfect combination of events. The wind was the worst problem. The prevailing westerly winds prevailed. Every time there was south wind, it brought moisture. Rain, rain, and more rain, filling up the wetlands but preventing any prescribed burns. Finally, just when we'd

almost given up, we had such a morning. It was our last chance. Standing on the McMannus drive, a strong wind blew straight from the south. We hoped for no smoke problems.

But there were smoke problems, and we apologize sincerely to those who had to put up with smoke during the midday hours on May 1st.

We began the burn on the southeast, but the wind there blew southwesterly. Was it just a local aberrance caused by the woodlot? The smoke drifted southeasterly, but appeared to dissipate rather quickly over the cornfield. In fact, rather than dissipating, it settled into the lower land. The subdivision to the east was like a magnet for the smoke. The fickle winds had shifted southwesterly.

We had issued a news release regarding our intent to burn. However, we couldn't predict the date. In future years, we will place a yellow notice of our intent to burn on doors of nearby landowners just prior to the burn. We will also continue to wait for that due-south wind in the future.

Most of Highway 51 is Open; Babcock Boat Ramp Closed 'till June

It's a welcome word and a lot fewer miles to drive for many of us. Beth Canestra of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation reports that Highway 51 opened on Monday, November 15.

Canestra said the highway is fully open from Stoughton to McFarland, but the portion between McFarland and the Beltline is open to traffic only on one side of the four-lane road because concrete poured on the Siggelkow Road bridge still hasn't cured fully.

She expects that portion of Highway 51 north of Siggelkow Road to open in late November or early December. "We are hoping to have all four lanes open for winter, before we shut down for the season," she said.

Canestra also cautioned motorists to avoid the Siggelkow Road interchange because the contractors have not finished work there.

While its good news the road is open, that's not the case for the Babcock Park boat launch, which has been closed for renovations since September. Jim Mueller of Dane County Parks says that area will be closed until June because

Dane County is expanding the parking lot and adding a fourth boat launch to the site. "We are hoping to have it open before then, but a lot depends on the weather. If we get a warm winter again, then we can probably work on a lot of this over the winter," he said, indicating the ramp and lot may be open sooner.

The renovation of the boat launch and parking lot will mean a majority of the car and trailer parking will be moved to the lake side of Highway 51, eliminating much of the pedestrian crossover traffic to the overflow parking lot. Mueller said the county is increasing the existing 31-parking-space lot to 80 car-trailer parking spaces by purchasing additional property and vacating a portion of Camp Leonard Road.

The overflow lot on the east side of the highway will still exist, he said, but parking in it will be more strictly controlled. Mueller said he expects the overflow lot will still be used frequently, since on peak week-ends the boat launch has had an average of 140 users.

In addition to the renovations on land, the county will be dredging the lagoon so that more boat-

ers can stay in the lagoon in bad weather as they wait for boat ramp space. On the other side of the river, in the campground area,

Mueller said a new restroom and shower facility is planned. That facility, he said, will probably open in 1994.

Summer Student Intern Saves The Day During Tornado Aftermath

This past summer Molly McCormick, Sun Prairie, served as a summer intern in the town hall. Molly is a senior at the University of Minnesota—Morris studying political science and women's studies.

She joined the Dunn office staff in early June. Originally she was hired to help update the town's ordinances, work on an office procedures manual and to work with updating several planning and land use maps. Instead, because of the June 17th tornado disaster, she became an invaluable office assistant, helping to process disaster assistance forms and being an addition team member in the town office.

"She was a blessing to have here," says Clerk Roz Gausman. "We needed extra support with a disaster relief person but, even



with all that she accomplished some of the goals that we set as her initial projects."

Molly returned to UM—Morris in late August and will graduate next spring. Next summer the town is hoping to find another able summer intern.