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Sunshine Place board member and lead food pantry volunteer Mark Thompson says space at the pantry is squeezed. The pantry is expected to move into larger digs in a 21,244-square-foot building Sunshine Place hopes to build next year on West Main Street.

SPOT OF SUNSHINE

Building would give nonprofit room, flexibility

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SUN PRAIRIE — It’s something of a rueful joke among Sunshine Place staff and volunteers that its clients are forced to navigate 12 entrances across three buildings.

That’s set to change come 2028, when the 19-year-old nonprofit hopes to have completed construction of a new, one-story, 21,244-square-foot building that will replace two of those aging buildings.

Plans for the project include demolishing buildings at 1610 and 1632 W. Main St. to make way for the new structure, which combined with the nonprofit’s building at 18



SUNSHINE PLACE

This rendering shows the 21,244-square-foot building Sunshine Place hopes to build in Sun Prairie. It would replace two of the three buildings the nonprofit uses now.

Rickel Road, would provide the agency with about 30,000 square feet of space.

That’s about 8,000 square feet more than what it has now, and backers of the project point out that it will better

allow the nonprofit to fulfill its mission as a hub for an array of social services, including a food pantry, a place to get free used clothing and satellite offices for five social service agencies including the Tenant

Resource Center and Joining Forces for Families.

“We have to remain flexible,” Sunshine Place executive director Ann Maastricht said, and so the new space will be designed to be “as flexible as possible.”

Slated to move into the new building is the nonprofit’s food pantry, which is straining the bounds of its current digs on Rickel Road.

Pantry lead volunteer and Sunshine Place board member Mark Thompson said that since the COVID-19 pandemic, the pantry has seen a 300% increase in use, and he’s

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MIDDLETON-CROSS
PLAINS SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Voters will
decide on
board’s
structure

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A grassroots effort to restructure the Middleton-Cross Plains School Board has secured a vote on the issue, and residents themselves will determine whether the initiative becomes law.

The proposal would make four of the District’s nine School Board seats at-large, meaning anyone in the District could fill them.

Currently, all nine are tied to one of five designated regions with the School District. The Middleton area gets four, the Cross Plains area gets two, and the three central regions each get one. The seat allocations are based on 1960s population counts.

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ORAL HISTORY

Americans still
live with 9/11’s
harsh legacy

MARIA TSVETKOVA AND DAN FASTENBERG
Reuters

NEW YORK — Scott Larsen was 4 years old when his dad, the New York City firefighter he was named after, was killed in the collapse of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

His father, then 35, had recently been temporarily assigned to Lower Manhattan from his normal firehouse in Woodside, in the borough of Queens, when a pair of jets hijacked by al-Qaida Islamist militants crashed into the Twin Towers. He was one of 343 members of the New York City Fire Department who died in the attack 25 years ago.

The two jets as well as a third piloted into the Pentagon and a fourth downed in Pennsylvania killed about 3,000 people in an unprecedented attack that

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