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County board poised for major shake-up

*By Debbie Foss
Times Staff*

The Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors appears headed for a significant reshaping with several incumbents retiring, others facing challengers and as many as three individuals vying for a seat.

As of late Monday – the deadline was Tuesday – three incumbents announced they were not seeking reelection, Randy Tollefson, Chuck Walek and Curt Skoyen. Eight incumbent supervisors are facing challenges, including Sally Miller and Richard Sacia, in District Three located in and around Galesville, who are running against each other because of a shift in district boundaries driven by the 2020 census.

In contested districts, a primary February 15 will determine which top two voter-getters go one to the April 5 general election.

A former supervisor and chair of the board, Dick Miller, has filed his candidacy papers for District Eight and as of Monday was without opposition. The mayor of Independence, Robert Baecker, is one of three running for the District 12 seat that covers the Independence area and is now held by Tim Zeglin, who is seeking reelection. The third District 12 candidate is Kerry Franks of Independence.

Three persons are running for the seat now held by Beth Killian in District Five in and around Arcadia. Her challengers include Andrew Todd and Paul Loesel.

District Two incumbent Douglas Winters of Trempealeau is facing a challenge from Trempealeau resident Stacy Klein. In District Nine, Arcadia resident Michelle Haines is being challenged by Whitehall resident H. David Orsch.

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Gundersen Tri-County Administrator Joni Olson highlighted aspects of the new hospital building that will be built in Whitehall. Plans for the new facility were announced at a press conference last Tuesday. The project will break ground in March. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Plans for new hospital in Whitehall unveiled

*By Andrew Dannehy
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After years of planning, Gundersen Tri-County officials formally announced plans to build a new \$51 million hospital in Whitehall.

Gundersen Tri-County administrator Joni Olson announced the plans for the “state of the art” facility during a press conference last week Tuesday. Construction of the new hospital will begin March 1 and the new building is expected to be open in August of 2023. The new hospital will be located behind the current building, which will be razed and with the property to be used as a parking lot.

“The decision was made after years of discussion and planning,” Dennis Stephenson, chairman of the Gundersen Tri-County board of directors, said. “We are pleased to move forward with this state of the art hospital. This will have a tremendous positive impact on the communities, which we provide quality healthcare and specialty services.”

Olson and Stephenson said Gundersen Tri-County currently serves more than 19,000 people with 250 employees and 30 providers.

While the new hospital is going to be slightly smaller at 68,000 square feet, Olson said the quality of care will improve.

“Less square feet, but not less services,” Olson said. “This building is being thoughtfully planned out very efficiently so we have less space that is not being utilized for patient care, yet more emergency room space, great O.R. space and it is being really well planned out by a great team — including staff, architects, board of directors and providers.”

One change, she said, will be the transitional care the hospital provides, going from 35 to 12 beds.

Olson said that the new building will enhance the privacy and specialized care individuals receive in the hospital. She said the private rooms will be able to accommodate the care of the individual along with their families. “We want this to be a good experience for everyone we serve.”

Among the biggest benefits will be the inclusion of a helipad onsite. Currently, patients have to be taken by ambulance to the Whitehall fire station in order to be airlifted for care. Having an onsite helipad will allow

patients to be wheeled directly from the emergency room to a helicopter.

The new building is expected to use less energy as plans include \$4.5 million-worth of solar panels.

“We are very fortunate to have Gundersen as a partner, they are looking at an equity transfer of funds to help us with the solar construction,” Olson said, adding solar panels will be on the roof of the new facility with more added in the parking lot once the current building is taken down.

For Olson and the board, staying in Whitehall as an important factor.

“It’s just a convenient, central location for the patients that we serve in Trempealeau County,” Olson said. “We just felt that it has served us well and we want to continue to provide the great care that we have in this location.”

Stephenson noted that Gundersen Tri-County has been serving the Whitehall community for 100 years and about 60 years in its current building, but “its useful life is coming to an end.”

“This project will enable us to provide quality care for many years to come,” Stephenson said.



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G-E-T grad's band set to release album

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

Clara Byom doesn't know how long she has been a musician, just that it is a part of who she is.

"I don't even think of it as something I love, it's just something I can't imagine my life without," Byom said.

The 2009 Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau graduate said she began playing piano before she can even remember.

She continued playing while she was in the area and was

a regular at Old Main Historical and Community Arts Center in Galesville until she moved to New Mexico for graduate school.

Growing up on a dairy farm in Etrick, Byom is the daughter of Roger and Sue Byom. While the band is set to go on tour next year, she doesn't know when she might be performing in the area again.

She left the area she had planned to become a music teacher, but during her junior year of college she said she realized she didn't want to teach.

"I remember sitting down with my clarinet professor and saying that I thought I was going to drop my education minor and just try to be a performer," Byom said. "I remember saying to him something like 'I'm already accompanying and have gigs off-campus... besides, if it doesn't work out I'd rather milk cows than teach.' With that, I dropped my education minor and put all my focus on performing."

She said she respects teaching, she thinks it is a calling and something that didn't fit what she wanted.

Byom intended on only staying in New Mexico for two years as she completed a clarinet performance degree, but she has found a musical scene that has kept her coming back.

"It's a place where I can play many genres of music with multiple bands," Byom said.

It is with one of those bands, Dust City Opera, that Byom will be going on tour in 2022 and 2023 as the group releases an album early this year.

Dust City Opera is said to have started "in Paul Hutton's head" in 2018. Byom received a message from Hunton telling her he was putting together some musicians for a folk ensemble of sorts.

"Having never met the dude and hoping he meant a folk dance band of some sort, I thought I'd try it out," Byom wrote in a post for the band's Kickstarter campaign. "Turns out that Paul writes some of the weirdest and creepiest — and most carefully crafted — songs I've ever played and my Dust City Opera bandmates are absolutely outstanding musicians."

She added "we're all just a bunch of weirdos with eclectic musical interests."

A post on the band's website said that "Hunton brought with him a collection of songs — he'd been writing tunes since his early teens — with a focus on 'violence and sadness and humor — wherever they intersect,' he says. It's a focus rooted in a taste for the macabre that he picked up from his Stephen King-loving mother."

Playing the clarinet and accordion, Byom is classically trained and the website refers to her as a "force in the folk and new music worlds."

In 2019, Byom was part of the group that produced the band's first full-length album, Heaven, which featured 12 original songs with distinctively unique melodic lines and structures, and characteristically dark tones.

The album garnered international attention, thanks in part to a seventh, nonmusical member of the band: Sydney Counce, the band's manager, who gave up a corporate career to devote herself full-time to DCO, taking on the responsibility of ensuring that the group has "the tools it needs to keep doing this," she said.

The COVID-19 pandemic "short circuited" the band's tours as they went on an extended hiatus. The band regrouped in early-2021 and began working on another album, Alien Summer.

The band's website says "where Heaven focused primarily on everyday horrors — family, lovers, missed opportunities ending in death, and paralyzing angst — the upcoming release, Alien Summer, takes on bigger monsters, from brain-sucking ghosts to interstellar aliens bursting from our skins to devour the earth."

Byom said the new album will be released early next year.

While DCO is going to release an album and tour next year, she is involved in various other musical ventures. She said she is involved in numerous projects — solo projects, ensembles, bands and nonprofit organizations.

More information about Byom's work can be found online at clarabyom.com. More information about DCO can be found at dustcityopera.com.



Whitehall High School graduate Derek Beck invented helmets that protect dogs and are used by military and police departments across the country. (Submitted photo)

Whitehall graduate helps working dogs stay safe

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Derek Beck, a 1988 graduate of Whitehall High School, recounts with a touch of awe how a simple idea to protect a friend's dog led to contracts with the French military.

"It's a bizarre chain of events," Beck said of the success of his company, K9Helm. They were also events that Beck, who graduated as Derek Stroening, helped make happen by sticking to his idea and realizing when he needed help.

Beck first conceived of the idea of head and eye protection for dogs to help a friend's dog Charlie. That friend just "happened to know" a patent attorney who helped Beck protect his invention.

"I spent 2016, 2017 and 2018 getting it off the ground when I realized that I really didn't know anybody with military or working dogs," Beck said. "I happened upon a Las Vegas trade show where my idea seemed to be welcome. They put me in touch with the biggest military trade show. There I was, in the whirlwind with the likes of Lockheed Martin, the entire military, industrial complex."

It wasn't long after that that he began shipping his gear worldwide. His product was featured on CBS's Innovation Nation with host Mo Rocca, which got the attention of Beck's Whitehall High School friend Kevin Walski. The

episode can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8f25L1VZhtM>.

Beck's mother and stepfather, Penny and James Stroening, live in Blair.

Beck's helmet is now used by police departments throughout the country, the U.S. Border Patrol, and the military from several nations. About 500 of the \$600 a piece helmets are in use.

French special forces, Beck said, have been especially innovative using the helmet. The French attach high-tech cameras and transmitters to Beck's helmet and can in effect control dogs remotely.

"The operator can see what the dog is doing and, once the dogs are trained to heed the commands they hear, the operator can have a 'remote dog' like any remote-controlled device," Beck said.

By seeing what the dog is doing, operators can also better protect them.

"Military working dogs are trained to chase and bring down the enemy. Some of these extraordinary dogs can bring down a group of soldiers. They're tenacious. Now they can be recalled for their own safety."

Beck studied industrial design at the Minnesota School of Art and Design. Industrial jobs being in short supply in the late 1980s, he ended up doing marketing and advertising at a company that eventually landed him in California.

"But I still wanted to make

things," said Beck who now lives in College Station, Texas.

The design and manufacture of the helmet were iterative processes. At first, Beck sought to design helmets for a dog's specific head shape. "The most common breed for working dogs is the Belgian Malinois," he said. "And it turns out their head shape is pretty similar. Just like helmets for humans, as long as they are designed for a dog, they generally fit."

Beck has found companies that can 3D print the components he needs, keeping him from having to invest the hundreds of thousands for equipment to manufacture the helmets.

Beck's design provides sturdy protection for a dog's eyes, the bones around the eye socket and ears. The five-millimeter-thick top of the helmet protects against slashing or stabbing. "A dog has large muscles on each side of his head with kind of a cleave mark down the center. Their skulls are better protected than ours."

Buyers' biggest concern has been that dogs will be bothered by the helmet.

"After the initial head shake or two, that just doesn't seem to be what happens," Beck said. "The coast guard told me one of their dogs even sleeps in his helmet."

Beck said he would like K9Helm to produce other working dog protective gear, and would welcome investors. His web site is k9helm.com.

Another COVID-19 death reported

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

For the third time in the last four weeks, a Trempealeau County resident has died from COVID-19.

The Trempealeau County Health Department reported the death last week Tuesday on a day in which 30 new

cases were reported. The number of new cases grew the next day as the health department reported 45 new cases on Wednesday in a week that set a new high for new cases in 2021.

In all, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported 195 new

cases last week, breaking the previous 2021 high mark of 181 set in the first week in December.

No further information about the deceased was reported. It was the 52nd county resident to die from the disease, 15 of which came during 2021.

County board poised for shake-up

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Incumbent Jeanne Nutter of Strum in District Six is being challenged by Harlan Reinders, chief Trempealeau County deputy.

George Brandt, the incumbent in District Eight, is being challenged by Heather Fritsch of Etrick. Fritsch is a co-founder of the Liberty Alliance, a group that, among

other activities, unsuccessfully attempted to get supervisors to declare the county a sanctuary for the Second Amendment.

Those running unopposed for the 17-member board include District One incumbent Bridgette Turner in Trempealeau, Kevin Adams Dunn of Arcadia in District One, District 10 incumbent and chair of the board John

Aasen, District 13 incumbent Dan Schreiner, District 14 incumbent Kellen Nelson, District 15 candidate David Larson of Eleva and District 17 incumbent Ron Johnson.

As of Monday, no candidate had filed for the District Four, which covers portions of Galesville and areas west, or District 11, which covers portions of Arcadia and areas to the northwest.

Western comedy to be performed at B-T

The Blair-Taylor Drama Club will be performing their play in the B-T auditorium this Saturday and Sunday.

The Ballad of Coyote Cody, was written by senior Paige Subra and directed by Paige and Adam Arends. The play is about two sisters that travel west in order to make a fortune to take back to their penniless family in Wisconsin.

When they arrive at a town, they seem to have fallen into incredible luck when the mayor mistakes sister Carmen for the West-

ern folk legend Coyote Cody and offers "him" wealth in exchange for "him" to fix their town's problems.

However, as these problems pile up the sisters realize they've bitten off more than they can chew: a messy divorce; a drunken — possibly possessed — sheriff; a

ruthless outlaw; and worst of all, the outlaw's daughter, a belle that can't help falling in love with Coyote Cody.

Saturday's performance will be at 7 p.m. before a 2 p.m. showing on Sunday. Admission will be \$5 for adults with children 11 and under free.



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Year In Review: 2021 featured controversy, triumphs

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

Many area residents expected 2020 thinking better times were ahead, but 2021 proved to be a year with more hostility and controversy.

The year included much action in the county boardroom. County supervisors were faced with numerous difficult decisions, including the fate of two department heads, the building of a new justice center and passing on a resolution that would have made the county a "gun sanctuary."

The hope early in 2021 was that the COVID-19 pandemic would be a thing of the past. Vaccinations were released to the public in January and nearly 65 percent of county residents were fully vaccinated as of last week. The disease itself, however, continues to take new forms and is still very

much a part of the lives of county residents. But 2021 was also a year in which county residents persevered.

Numerous high school sports teams and individuals enjoyed Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association tournament success.

In addition to the new \$43 million justice center being built in Whitehall, Gundersen Tri-County announced last week it would be building a new \$51 million hospital in Whitehall.

Both the Arcadia and Blair-Taylor school districts opened new child care facilities to help solve one issue that faces area residents, while Whitehall and Independence are both discussing doing the same.

As 2021 came to a close, county residents already began moving forward. Time will tell what 2020 brings.



The Blair-Taylor softball team celebrated another sectional title last spring. The most recent trip to the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Tournament came after the team's 2020 season was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Jan. 20, 2021 'Horrid, selfish' acts nets woman prison

Former Elewa resident Linda Getter may be easily manipulated and of limited intelligence, as her lawyer and one of her children contended, but she still deserves to go to prison for her "horrid" and "selfish" actions as her children were molested, a judge ruled last Friday.

"At a fundamental level she had an obligation to protect her children," said Pepin County Circuit Court Judge Thomas Clark as he sentenced Getter to 20 years in prison. "Instead, she participated."

Vaccination plans taking shape

The Trempealeau County Health Department announced it would be partnering with Gundersen Tri-County Hospital and Clinics in Whitehall to administer the COVID-19 vaccine following the government's phased distribution guidelines.

Feb. 24, 2021 Board approves \$43.5 million borrowing for county work

County supervisors approved borrowing up to \$43.5 million for a new justice center and renovations to the courthouse in a move that may add just "a few cents" to tax bills.

The vote Monday, which was 16 to one with Supervisor Michelle Haines again voting against the project, came after earlier discussions of whether to break the borrowing in two, with one issue for the justice center and the second for the renovations. Among other advantages, borrowing the entire amount allows the county to take advantage of low interest rates.

The \$40 million justice center will house a new jail, courtrooms and offices for the sheriff, district attorney and other departments supporting the legal system. The about \$3 million in courthouse renovations are likely to include moving some offices nearer a new entrance to be built where the existing courthouse and addition will be joined, expanding some departments' space and moving the Aging Disability Resource Center back to the courthouse.



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March 17, 2021 Meier denied parole, eligible again in 2022

The former Arcadia man imprisoned for the 1992 murder of his estranged wife was denied parole last week, but won't have to wait long to try again.

Anthony Meier, 53, has been in custody since admitting to murdering his wife Jill (Wozney) Meier on Nov. 1, 1992. On April 1, 1993 he was given a life sentence, in which he was not eligible for parole for 25 years. He was denied parole in 2018 and again last week. Meier is eligible to reapply for parole again on April 1, 2022.

April 14, 2021 Area school co-op to continue

The members of the Trempealeau Valley Cooperative 2.0 governing board voted unanimously to continue the four-school co-op — which had come under fire recently.

The governing board — which consists of two members from each district school board — had lengthy discussions with administrators about the direction the co-op should go and some of its current shortcomings. When the vote was held, however, it was unanimous to continue for the 2022-23 school year.

Members of the Arcadia school board put the co-op's future in question at its March meeting.

May 12, 2021 G-E-T meeting derailed by anti-mask protest

The May regular meeting of the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau school board was adjourned just as soon as it got under way, as a crowd of roughly 20 anti-mask protesters had board members leaving the room.

Board members Gene Hogden, Harold Olson and Mark Kopp, as well as district superintendent Michele Butler, remained in the room to attempt to restore order. A standoff for upwards of 45 minutes included crowd members attempting to appoint each other to what they viewed as vacated seats, calls for Galesville police that were answered and a call for Trempealeau County District Attorney John Sacia to intervene that was not. Board president Hogden summarized the affair once the crowd finally dispersed with an expletive-laden assertion of the public's right to comment.

"There's no doubt, they have every right to bitch

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about that, some people want to just bitch about it," Hogden said of those protesting the district's masking policy.

Administrators pleaded with the crowd to wear masks so other board members could return to the room, but several refused, citing medical exemptions. Board members Paul Kinzer, Todd Roessler, Pat Malone, Paul Halderson, Larry Moore and Kari Marley retreated to the hallway.

The board met again later in the week and upheld the mandate through the end of the school year.

June 2, 2021 County looking to rebuild land use department

A county committee is expected to consider how to revive the department of land management that was left in "shambles" by a four-month-long dispute that resulted in the departure of its long-time director.

"I'm glad it's over," said county board chair John Aasen of the departure of Kevin Lien, the department's director since 2008. "We need to move on with new heads. The department is kind of in shambles right now."

Lien's employment ended May 17, though the announcement of him leaving wasn't made public until last Thursday. County corporation counsel Rick Niemeier said the delay was required by state statute. Niemeier said that an investigation by the county's insurance carrier of staff complaints against Lien did not specifically lead to the director leaving the position. Lien had been on paid administrative leave since January.

July 7, 2021 Wildcats come up short in state semifinal game

An undefeated run for Blair-Taylor softball ended at 28 games for the second consecutive season, as the Wildcats fell in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division Four State Semifinal at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay last Tuesday.

"What's the word? 'Snakebit?' It really seemed like it," B-T head coach Greg Bratina said. "They were just getting theirs over, just getting theirs in just for that one run. If we could have prevented those, we're talking extra innings maybe right now. Hats off to them, they did it, we didn't."

A late comeback bid for the 'Cardiac 'Cats' came up short against Juda/Albany, serving as the latest of four-straight seasons reaching state that also did not result in a title. B-T lost in the WIAA Division Five State Final in 2017 and 2019, while also falling in the semifinal in 2018.

Aug. 18, 2021 Three area schools make masks optional

The Arcadia, Blair-Taylor and Whitehall school districts all held public hearings Monday night after announcing plans to make face coverings optional for students and staff to begin the 2021-22 school year.

Arcadia's plan states that masks will remain optional "unless a public health order is put in place that would require the school district to comply."

The Independence School District voted to make masks mandatory earlier that month.

their constituents wanted a no vote.

Man arrested for role in fatal crash

Nearly a year later, a Trempealeau man has been arrested for operating under the influence of a controlled substance during a crash that killed Monica Knepper, 57, also of Trempealeau, according to the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department.

Micah Harris, 40, was taken into custody after the sheriff's department received a report from the state crime laboratory that showed Harris had a detectable amount of a restricted controlled substance in the blood sample that was tested after the crash. He was arrested for homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle for the July 16, 2020 crash.

June 30, 2021 G-E-T's Vance wins 100, 200 titles at D2 state track

Luke Vance of Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau went from middle of the pack in the first 50 meters of the 100 meter dash to standing on the podium with two state titles, two school records and three total medals by the end of Friday's Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division Two State Track Meet in La Crosse.

July 15, 2021 Sept. 15, 2021 Prison time for store robbery

The man who stole two \$50 bills at gunpoint from an Arcadia convenience store will spend the better part of the next decade in prison. Michael Andre, 35, formerly of Independence, was sentenced by La Crosse County Judge Scott Horne last Friday to nine years in prison and 11 years of extended supervision for the robbery.

Andre was alleged to have robbed the Express Mart convenience store in Arcadia at 1:24 p.m. on March 7. According to court document, Andre pointed a gun at and ordered a clerk to hand over money. He left the store with two \$50 bills and drove off.

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Aug. 25, 2021 Fire chief death 'shocking' and a loss for Arcadia

Those who worked with and knew Arcadia's Jeff Halvorsen were consistent in their response to his death: He was a great community asset, and his death is a shock.

"This is a tough time for the community," said Arcadia Mayor Rob Reichwein of the death of Halvorsen, 53, who was the Arcadia-Glencoe fire chief and co-owner and operator of Halvorsen Lumber in Arcadia. "He was a good friend of mine. Our daughters are friends. I'm shocked."

Halvorsen's body was found in his truck in Sawyer County Sunday afternoon. He had been missing since last Wednesday and was the subject of an intensive search that began Friday.

Halvorsen and his wife, Sara, have four children. Halvorsen had been chief of the 30-person Arcadia-Glencoe volunteer department since 2004.

Boards take no action on human services director

The county's human services board took no action in public regarding that department's director following a recommendation by county supervisors that the director keep her job but perhaps face discipline.

Oct. 20, 2021 Arcadia fifth at state golf

Shortly after supporting his final golfer down the last hole at Tuesday's Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division Two state girls golf tournament at University Ridge Golf Course in Madison, Arcadia girls golf coach Mike Sobotta corralled his team to chat just off the green on hole nine.

You could hear it as his voice cracked and he fought tears, and you could see it on the faces of the golfers around him after a fifth place finish — it wasn't the ending they dreamed of, but Tuesday marked the end of a season that will be cherished for long after they leave Arcadia High School.

Sobotta told his golfers to focus on how much they overcame this season despite having a team of just five girls.

"What I said is 'If somebody came to us early in the season — let's say the first two days of the season

Arcadia blood drive slated as two-day event

The first opportunity to give blood in Arcadia in 2022 will be on Wednesday, Jan. 12 and Thursday, Jan. 13, at the Arcadia High School auxiliary gym.

The drive will be held from 1 to 6 p.m. both days. The whole crew from Versiti will be in Arcadia here to help you give the "gift of life".

The goal for each day will be 36 units. Anyone 17 or older in good health can donate blood. Anyone who donated blood on or before Nov. 11, is eligible to donate at this drive. Donating blood takes about an hour, donors are asked to bring a photo ID.

"Throughout 2022, to encourage another strong

tended supervision for the robbery.

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Sept. 29, 2021 Tornado near Strum confirmed

Officials from the National Weather Service were able to officially confirm that an EF1 tornado hit near Strum on Sept. 20.

Confirmation came the next day with the NWS reporting that the tornado first touched down at 5:57 p.m. about five or six miles north of Independence — in the town of Chimney Rock — where a lofted debris signature was seen on the radar. The tornado hit at the Highway 93 and Double V intersection and moved northeast up Lee Road toward Osseo damaging trees, barns and outbuildings before lifting three miles southwest of Strum at 6:13 p.m.

The tornado had peak winds of 105 miles per hour, traveling 8.8 miles at a width of 75 yards.

Nov. 20, 2021 Fire destroys Etrick building

One of the big fires in the history of the Etrick area destroyed a commercial building that was used by three businesses last Thursday.

Six area fire departments responded to the blaze that was reported at 5:31 p.m. on Thursday in the building that houses Supply Technologies, Equity Livestock and Murph's Bloody Mary Mix, located along Highway 53, next to Hummer's Auto. Nobody was injured in the fire.

Dec. 8, 2021 County economic director quits, cites wage concerns

The director of the county's economic development and tourism effort resigned his position just days after lodging complaints about the county's new salary methodology.

Rob Grover, who began his tenure as economic

development and tourism coordinator in 2019, said he had been thinking of leaving his job because he was considering a new business venture in addition to helping run Wingham Pizza Farm. But it was his disappointment with the new pay structure that directly led to his resignation.

"I love Trempealeau County and expect to always be involved in public service," Grover said. "But the writing was on the wall: I wasn't going to be compensated for the work I was doing."

Dec. 22, 2021 Storms ravage county properties

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Words cannot even begin to describe how grateful and thankful we are for all the love and support shown to us during this very difficult time.

To Melissa and officer Tim: **Thank You** for trying so hard to save our beloved pup Axel.

To Todd at the Trempealeau Water Department: **Thank You** for helping with our various water & ice issues.

To Jason, our insurance agent: **Thank You** for everything you have done and continue to do for us. Within a couple of hours you were on scene, making sure we were OK and walking us through the next few steps of a very scary and devastating time. It's obvious that you genuinely care about your insureds and are willing to go the extra mile to make sure they are taken care of.

To the EMS, police officers, and the Trempealeau, Galesville, and Arcadia fire departments: **Thank You** for your quick response and professional skills. You battled the fire for many hours, giving of your personal time without a second thought. We appreciate your service and sacrifices.

To the people of the American Red Cross: **Thank You** for the donation of toiletries, etc. The heartbreak of losing your home is made a little easier when an organization with caring people show up with a hug and things they know you will need immediately.

Last, but certainly not least, to our family, friends, neighbors, people we don't even know: **Thank You** for your thoughts, prayers, donations, etc. We are incredibly humbled by how giving the people in our community are!!

We know the road ahead may be long and have some hurdles, but with this wonderful community support we will make it through. Thanks again.

Nate, Tabitha and families

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Your Right To Know

By Matthew DeFour,
Wisconsin State Journal

School Investigation Records Should be Public

Two years ago, a Madison East High School teacher chaperoning a Minneapolis field trip crept into students' rooms using copies of their room keys and planted hidden cameras in their bathrooms.

On Nov. 22, a few weeks after the teacher, David Kruchten, was sentenced to 12 years in prison, the Madison School Board finally updated its field trip policies to prohibit chaperones from holding on to student room keys.

Why did it take the school board longer to make field trips safer for students than it took the courts to bring the creepy teacher to justice?

One reason is the school district's decision to withhold from the public investigative records related to the incident. A report prepared by an outside attorney at a cost to taxpayers of \$8,000 was completed in June 2020. But the district kept the report from parents, reporters and even the Madison School Board until it was accidentally released to the newspaper Isthmus in August 2021.

The report includes recommendations for new field trip policies and revelations — including the outrageous claim that no "reportable abuse" occurred — that might have spurred the school board to take action before this school year started. But the district didn't forward new field trip policy recommendations to the board until after the accidental release of the report.

"I'm surprised it's taken this long to get it, and it's unfortunate board members have to see it in the news," former Madison School Board president Gloria Reyes told the Wisconsin State Journal. "We need to be transparent about these issues even if we don't have all the answers."

Releasing the report also would have reassured families the district was addressing their concerns transparently and expeditiously. Now the students are suing the district and Kruchten for the psychological damage his actions caused.

Even though the district accidentally released the full report, it continues to deny requests for the same record, as well as a \$30,000 third-party review of another hidden camera incident in an East High locker room. The locker room cameras were supposedly put in place to catch a custodian napping on the job, but they were in a location where special needs students changed clothes.

The district says it won't release either report because they are protected from public disclosure by attorney-client privilege.

A 1996 Wisconsin Supreme Court decision in Wisconsin Newspress, Inc. v. School Dist. of Sheboygan Falls affirmed that a letter between an outside attorney and a school board did not have to be disclosed under the state public records law. But the law does not prohibit releasing such records.

That's what should have happened here, in both cases, because of the undeniable public interest in this matter. Now, in addition to the lawsuit over the hotel cameras, the district faces a lawsuit from East High families over its failure to release the report into the locker room cameras. Perhaps both lawsuits could have been avoided if the district had followed through on Superintendent Carlton Jenkins' pledge when he started in August 2020 "to be transparent."

(Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Council member Matthew DeFour is state politics editor of the Wisconsin State Journal.)



Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:

I was disgusted reading the Nov. 10, 2021 issue of the Trempealeau County Times to learn about the sex club being considered in the Independence School District.

As a retired teacher who has taught junior high all my teaching career, I realize the trying times teenagers experience. Many of us adults can recall when we were young and the feelings of not fitting in with others. Imagine me as an extremely shy senior in high school standing 4'8" tall and weighing 85 pounds. I relied on my family to give me self-confidence.

I do not believe that students in the Independence School District need protection from their families or fellow students at school. Instead of pulling children away from their families, the school should be working to strengthen the family unit. Besides, the leaders of this group are hardly qualified.

If students aren't sure whether they are boys or girls, they can check their birth certificates and see how God made them.

If the Independence School District continues to go downhill into this quagmire, people in your town may have to remove their Indee Pride signs from their yards.

Deanne Szczepanski,
Whitehall

From The Early Files



Compiled from: The Arcadia News-Leader, Galesville Republican & Whitehall Times

25 YEARS AGO January 9, 1987

An area resident returned last month from helping to get a new Russian school off the ground and training workers at a new company in that eastern European country. Dr. Duane Sackett of Independence spent five weeks during November and December in the Russian cities of Voronezh and Yeketerinberg. It was the fifth trip to Russia in the past two years for Sackett, a retired Independence school administrator.

Paving streets and straightening out draining problems in its Winsand Addition could cost the village of Pigeon Falls more than \$150,000. That was one of the engineering estimates that the village board heard Monday evening from the engineer retained for the project.

Trempealeau County Circuit Judge John Damon administered the oath of office to seven county officers, all of whom won two-year terms in the Nov. 5 general election. That included new District Attorney Peter Gierok as well as Treasurer Vitus Kampa, Coroner Bonnie Kindschy, Register of Deeds Rose Ottum, County Clerk Paul Syverson, Clerk of Courts Angeline Sylla and Sheriff Ralph Weisenberger.

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Julius Jacobson, who owns the former Fred Sather farm southeast of Whitehall, has marketed his 1946 crop through the Pool, and state that it is his last crop. He planted his first crop in 1901, when he was farming in Chimney Rock.

York — A committee of young men from this vicinity has been put on the job of seeing what can be done to revive the York Community Club. A big meeting is scheduled for this Saturday evening, to which all families in the area are invited. The committee is made up of Maynard Thomley, Irvin Vesta, Kenneth Severson, LaVerne Severson, Eugene Dettinger, Vernon Rogstad, Ernest Rogstad, Gordon Hoff and Palmer Iverson.

Edwin Nelson has purchased the farm home of his mother, Mrs. Jane Nelson, in upper Fuller Coulee. (continued on Page 8)

WEEKLY POLL QUESTION

Should Aaron Rodgers win the NFL's Most Valuable Player award?

YES NO

Vote at www.trempealeauctimes.com or call us at 715-538-4765. Voting closes at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning..

LAST WEEK'S POLL QUESTION RESULTS

Are you concerned about the Omicron variant of COVID-19?

44% YES 56% NO

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Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department Weekly Log



Wednesday, Dec. 22

02:19 — Arcadia: A male is being disorderly in a parking lot.

13:38 — Blair: A 20-year-old male sex offender is reaching out to a 15-year-old female via social media.

14:22 — Independence: A blue full-sized pickup attempted to pass a string of several cars.

16:05 — Galesville: Social media message reporting a lot of junked vehicles in a yard and possible drug use.

16:59 — Osseo: Caller reported a car with no tail-lights.

23:06 — Eleva: One-vehicle rollover reported. Nobody is injured.

Thursday, Dec. 23

05:45 — Whitehall: The roads in Blair and north of Blair are icy.

06:09 — Black River Falls: A semi is on fire in the median.

06:44 — Blair: One-vehicle rollover with a subject trapped.

08:45 — Eleva: Caller went into the ditch. There is property damage, but nobody is injured.

10:02 — Whitehall: Caller requesting a welfare check.

11:29 — Etrick: Suspicious vehicles have been in the area regularly.

11:53 — Osseo: Caller reported someone was drinking and driving.

17:01 — Independence: Caller reported a vehicle is varying speeds between 25 and 55 MPH on Highway 93.

17:07 — Osseo: Caller is requesting an officer. A COVID positive patient has been discharged, he is supposed to stay in the room provided or leave the building. Instead, he is in the hallway, yelling at nurses.

17:30 — Whitehall: Caller and his wife are not getting along. She is not allowing him to see his child on Christmas. He would like to speak with an officer for advice.

18:30 — Etrick: A suspicious vehicle is parked outside the caller's trailer and is driving around the trailer court.

18:51 — Osseo: Highway 10 is backed up due to the interstate being shut down.

18:53 — Blair: Caller's boyfriend is drinking and is not allowing her inside.

19:31 — Galesville: An elderly male is having difficulty breathing.

19:43 — Osseo: One-

vehicle rollover reported.

21:29 — La Crosse County: Caller's boyfriend "blew out his bicep." He lives in Onalaska.

Friday, Dec. 24

00:11 — Blair: A vehicle was struck while parked on the street. The suspect stopped further down the street and is sitting in their vehicle. The driver of the striking vehicle was arrested for operating while intoxicated.

08:07 — Whitehall: Caller said someone is going to kill her at 4:20.

08:12 — Galesville: Caller has hired a party to do some work that was never done. Caller told the party to come get his tools. Now that party is threatening the caller.

09:01 — Galesville: A car is swerving and almost hit another car head on.

09:19 — Galesville: Deputy reporting bridge decks are icing up.

10:11 — Whitehall: Child was choking. The child had a bottle cap in its throat and is now exchanging air.

11:31 — Strum: Caller's neighbor has not picked up his mail in two days. Caller said that is very unusual and thinks she should be checked on. The party was found to be okay.

14:27 — Dodge: Caller is upset about not seeing or

talking with his eight-year-old daughter. He said he doesn't know her address. He claims to have weekend placement.

15:33 — Arcadia: Caller reporting a possible drunk driver.

16:04 — Galesville: Two-vehicle crash reported.

18:58 — Blair: Holstein cows were out near the road and in a yard. Caller put them in her pasture for the time being.

19:27 — Osseo: Caller ran over a deer that was in the road on Interstate 94.

21:11 — Whitehall: Caller's son was beaten up in Adams County.

22:09 — Eleva: Caller is requesting a welfare check on her dogs.

Saturday, Dec. 25

03:30 — Dodge: Caller slid off the road and hit a tree. The airbags deployed, but she is not injured.

09:37 — Strum: Subject has a cut on her head, by her temple.

13:05 — Trempealeau: Caller reporting an eagle that looks like it is frozen on the ice.

16:07 — Independence: Caller is reporting a fight in the hallway. People are yelling.

17:11 — Black River Falls: Caller can hear her neighbor screaming "let her go" and crying.

18:06 — Whitehall: Report of a vehicle with no taillights.

18:46 — Arcadia: A female is acting disorderly.

19:34 — Trempealeau: Caller's Facebook account has been hacked and the person is pretending to be him.

20:35 — Arcadia: A box spring is in the ditch.

23:29 — Eleva: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. It pulled in by the school house, parked behind it and shut the lights.

00:55 — Etrick: Caller reported a vehicle was parked at the end of the road. Caller thinks he heard a gun shot.

10:31 — Blair: A female wearing a green jacket is taking candles out of milk jugs and putting them in her pocket.

13:14 — Galesville: Caller reported a utility trailer was stolen.

16:02 — Taylor: A female is threatening to commit suicide.

17:04 — Osseo: Assistance requested for a state car that hit a deer.

18:48 — Arcadia: Cows are very close to the road.

19:03 — Etrick: A car flipped over in the middle of the street. Subjects are in the vehicle.

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05:16 — Arcadia: A passenger car is off the roadway.

06:34 — Arcadia: Caller struck a deer. She was able to keep driving and isn't sure about what happened to the deer.

07:17 — Whitehall: Caller reported a silver sedan is in the ditch. The front end appears to be smashed, a second vehicle is there with flashers on.

07:35 — Blair: Caller woke up and there is an unknown male on her porch. Their dump truck has been taken down the road and the male there said his car is in the ditch. The male was arrested for suspected operating under the influence of a controlled substance.

09:09 — Trempealeau: Male got his hand stuck in a snowblower; he cut several fingers.

09:21 — Etrick: Caller's daughter is possibly deceased.

11:20 — Etrick: Caller is requesting a welfare check on her sister.

13:28 — Strum: Caller hit a deer yesterday.

More From the Early Files of the Trempealeau County Times

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A major tragedy was averted on Christmas Eve when the Oscar Vesta family in Timber Creek discovered the roof of their house was in flames. By quick thinking and action the fire was put out, but considerable damage was done by smoke, water and flames.

A new 10-burner two-oven gas stove has been obtained for cooking noon hour meals at Arcadia High School. The stove was obtained through funds provid-

ed by the federal government for school lunch projects and provides a first class cooking unit at no expense to the lunch program. The stove was worth about \$325.

F.C. Houser, district salesman for the livestock and poultry feed division of the Ralston Purina company, will receive the company's five-year award when he completes his fifth year with the company on Jan. 15. Houser is well known to farmers and feeders throughout the area as a result of his

work with the A-G Cooperative Creamery Co.

100 YEARS AGO January 12, 1922

The Motor Service Co. has changed hands, Sever Seesen of Osseo having purchased Andrew Bang's interest. Henry Fransen is the other partner in the firm.

Herbert and Rollin Holtan were hosts to about 24 young people Thursday evening. Five-hundred was played, and a delicious lunch served.

It was a hot game staged at the Village Hall last night between the Whitehall Legion quintet and the Independence overseas boys. The work was fast and furious, and the local boys win by a score of 32 to 8. Wood and Butler were the star performers for Whitehall; Garthus started for Independence, but was disqualified in the last half, Ray Larson substituting.

"The first 50 years are the hardest" was the remark made by Gilbert S. Rice last evening when a host of businessmen from this community marched in on him unawares and tipped off the news to him that he had just passed the half-century mark.

Pleasantville — The Pleasantville Telephone Co. held their annual meeting here Saturday, and elected the following officers: S.B. Scott, president; Nels Gunderson, vice president; C.W.E. Anderson, treasurer; Henry Schaefer, secretary; and directors Joe Hagen, Carl Koepke, Gust Guse and Julius Nelson.

Food remittances to Russia, begun by the American Relief Administration to aid friends and relatives in that famine-stricken country, could be purchased at the Bank of Arcadia.

Roman Pietrek purchased the Jos. Hild barber shop.

A community Christmas tree under auspices of the local high school faculty was placed on the high school lawn. It was covered with decorations and many lights and could be seen for a long distance.

A jolly dancing party was held in Galesville's city hall Friday evening. The hall was packed.

Dr. and Mrs. JJ Powell left Tuesday for the East. Dr. will

take special work in surgery at Harvard and Mrs. Powell will pursue studies in voice culture. They will be absent from Galesville until April.

L.S. Keith, rural mail carrier on Route 1 expressed contempt for the person who placed two cats in a sack and left them on the road in zero weather to perish. He released the cats and they now live at the Keith home.

125 YEARS AGO January 7, 1897

The ice forming from the rain of Sunday made fun for the boys, who were enabled to skate in most any locality, on sidewalks and elsewhere, but was an annoyance to the pedestrian.

E.R. Johnson of Centerville is here as complaining witness against Francis, the burglar. He is the gentleman who business place was bro-

ken into and money stolen, for which offense Francis was arrested.

On Monday occurred the transfer of officers at the courthouse. But one change is made in the personnel of the courthouse at this time. P.J. Johnson of Ettrick succeeds H.A. Townner as county clerk. At the county Bastille, Jos. Jensen steps into the shoes of John Durisch. These, with the usual change in subordinate sheriff's officers, all of whom have been before noticed in these columns, constitute all the changes in the county's list of servants for the coming two years. Nothing but words of praise and commendation can be said of the retiring officials, and it is hoped and believed that the gentlemen just inducted into office will acquit themselves in such a manner as to entitle them to

equal honors on laying down their official ermine.

The following report of marriages, births and deaths is made by Register of Deeds Halvorson for 1896: 183 marriages, 406 births, and 117 deaths. The figures are considerably in excess of those for 1895, being for that year 156 marriages, 255 births and 75 deaths, but the total is undoubtedly greater through official neglect in making proper returns. There is a heavy penalty attached to each case of failure to report to the register.

Blair — Mr Berge of Minneapolis, the great orator, will lecture on temperance in the Norwegian language on the following schedule: Trump Coulee, Jan. 11; Tappan Coulee, Jan. 12; Blair, Jan. 13; Lake's Coulee, Jan. 14; and Welch Coulee, Jan. 15.

G-E-T High School honor students listed

Gale-Ettrick Trempealeau High School has announced its top honor students for the first term of the 2021-22 school year.

Students making the "A" honor roll were:

Seniors: Collin Anderson, Avari Bratberg, Boden Bratberg, Kayli Bratberg, Abigail Braunreiter, Melana Brenengen, Ethan Burmeister, Kimberly Cooper, Alicia Dale, Antonio De Luca, Ryan Duffenbach, Melissa Flynn, Kylee Gallup, Carter Gold, Kaitlyn Gunderson, Breann Harris, Alyssa Hills, Sarah Hoffman, Aleah Hunter, Carl Hannes Isaksson, Tauna Janssen, McKenna Johnson, Lance Jumbeck, Lucy Jumbeck, Autumn Kennedy, Braydon Kramer, Teagan Kratt, Gabriel Lambert, Lindsey Lettner, Caleb Lightfoot, Bailey Maynard, Jessica Moen, Aysia Moore, Emily Nelson, Colin Niederkorn, Genesee O'Neill, Katherine Pierson, Kylie Schmitz, Keegan Schorbahn, Gracey Shanley, Mattalyn Shanley, Hannah Siegler, Chyanne Skime, Joshua Slattery, Kathleen Stevens, Kasey Teske, Riley Thill, Rylie Tourtellott, Justice Vaaler, Quinn Wenthe, Skylar Wiczorek.

Juniors: Kasey Anderson, John Bennett, Brianna Bishop, Maggie Bistodeau, Brenden Brady, Olivia Buschman, Ava Dahl, Jayden Duell, Halie Eiken, Collin Handke, Thomas Haney, Zachary Holthaus, Elias Johnson, Abrie Kennedy, Gavyn Kwasniewski, Allison Lanzel, Elsie Marley, Charles Mattison, Sheeha Nilsestuen, Natalie Olsen, Benjamin Peterson, Claire Rolbiecki, Elyse Schoonover, Elijah Sorenson, Jordan Stanislawski, Makaya Stanek, Samuel Thell, Trista Thill, Jescey Thompson, Christopher Wagner, Grace Ward, Ariana Wilson, Nova Leigh Wilson, Stenslien, Nadia Wolfe, Em-

ily Wright. Sophomores: Evelyn Allsep, Chloe Applin, Lidia Bakeberg, Faith Bennett, Brandon Bork, Alexander Burmeister, Brianne Cooper, Kathryn Craney, Nicholas Crum, Amelia Doud, Ayla Edwards, Kendall Fabian, Haley Giemza, Ellissa Gold, Taylor Haney, Madelyn Hansen, Kaylee Hauge, Domanick Knott, Cole Kremer, Mason Kromper, Mathea Lebakken, Myles Marley, Anna Motszko, Alexis Murphy, Megan Murray, Arielle Nilsestuen, Kylie Oliver, Audrey Parker, Ava Roessler, Adrianna Rotering, Cody Schmitz, Amelia Schmuck, Madalyn Schrenkler, Zeldia Schultz, Cadence Simmons, Madilyn Vang, Gavin Whillock, Madison Yand.

Freshmen: Kinley Andersen, Nicholas Andre, Morgan Auman, Jocelyn Benrud, Robert Benrud, Hannah Bever, Delilah Boberg, Sienna Chapman, Kaitlyn Cook, Ellie Cox, Calvin Davis, Halene DeJager, Brecken Ebersold, Taylopr Gallup, Reyna Garcia, Emma Grams, Emma Hull, Jayden Kennedy, Amelie Kwasniewski, Maggie Lloyd, Caroline Mack, Oliver Marley, Eric Mattson, Tucker McDonah, Braelynn Mueller, Lauren Mulholland, Westlie Olson, Sawyer Pederson, Myrabelle Pretasky, Oliver Remus, Emma Schindler, Jada Schmitt, Ethan Schwier, Maddox Scow, Brett Servais, Sawyer Smock, Rion Waxlax, Anya Wolfe.

Students making the "B" honor roll were:

Seniors: Tanner Anderson, Conner Bishop, Sarah Burken, Aidan Dungy, Emily Engen, Hannah Gibbons, Jesse Gilbertson, Kira Higley, Charles Hills, Jordan Jumbeck, Dominic Loran, Maria Miranda, Corah Nilsestuen, Brett Noren, Austin Putirskis, Gracia Skwierawski, William Thompson, Nicholas Tollefson, Mason

Truax.

Juniors: Juan Ayala, Ethan Backler, Nevaeh Becker, Brianna Boos, Ketevan Buskivadze, Dylan Chapman, Obi Chavolla Barrera, Shane Corcoran, Caydence Daffinson, Cody Dooley, Owen Eddy, Avigail Foote, Ethan Gagnon, Nicholas Hermann, Benjamin Hilton, Cody Jockisch-Buchert, Alex Keller, Shayna Kirkey, Caydence Kokott, Kaileb Lakke, William Mack, Dylan Meil, Aidrian Miralles, Alexis Mulholland, Brandt Robinson, Jazmyn Roensch, Leif Sannes, Nathaniel Schindler, Kayla Schultz, Aidan Schwier, Taylor Senn, Jasmine Srock, Logan Stoner, Ava Swenson, Melanie Tobias, Alexis Walker, Cali Wilchinski, Ethan Wood.

Sophomores: Micah Bronsteater, Trinity Fowler, Matthew Halverson, Riley Hammel, Cisco Jimenez, Tatum Johnson, Iris Kaszolk, Josef Kopp, Esther Logue, Connor McGrath, Nicholas Puent, Carter Repaal, Jacob Ruesgen, Devyn Semb, Libby Truax, Pa Dao Xiong.

Freshmen: Nolan Burken, Jackson Burns, Mitchell Erickson, Cameron Fabian, Addisyn Feyen, Benjamin Filla, Aidan Ganz, Anthony Grandt, Benjamin Hansen, Wyatt Hanson, Kyndra Jackson, Omar Jimenez, Gunnar Johnson, Jency Kaatz, Mary LLOYD, Quinn O'Neill, Nicholas Pelowski, Jayce Quarne, Porter Rand, Hunter Redsten, Kyle Seiling, Madelyn Seymour, Riley Sommerfeld, Nathanael Sorenson, Audrey Swenson, Jasmine Tarjeson, Angel Thao, Scott Tischacek, Claire Wagner, Rayne Wilson-Stenslien, Kaylee Womack.

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Times Sports

Andersen second, Lockington seventh for Titans at Bi-State

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

The Gale-Ettrick Trempealeau/Mel-Min High School wrestling co-op competed in one of the biggest events of the 2021-22 season last week, facing numerous other schools in the Wisconsin Bi-State Classic at the La Crosse Center on Wednesday and Thursday.

Tanner Andersen led the Titans with a second-place finish at 138 pounds, winning his first 17 matches on the season before being pinned in the championship match by Marshfield's Hoyt Blaskowski.

Andersen won the first three matches by pin before scoring a technical fall. The semifinal match was close, but the G/M wrestler snuck by Tarrin Riley of Mineral Point by a score of 2-1. He

stuck with Blaskowski until the third period when the Marshfield wrestlers — who has a 20-2 record on the season — got him to his back for the pin.

Bradyn Lockington (220) had G/M's next best finish, coming in seventh place after finishing the tournament 6-2. He won his first two matches before suffering a loss. Three straight wins had him in contention for third place before another loss put him back. He won the seventh-place match by medical forfeit.

Jackson Blaken (126) finished ninth with a 7-2 record. A loss in his first match put him in a hole. He won the next five before suffering another loss. He closed the tournament with two wins. Justice Vaaler (195) went 5-3 in the event to place 11th.



Gunnar Johnson fought for control during a match at the Bi-State Classic in the La Crosse Center last Wednesday. (Times photograph by Benjamin Pierce)

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Callie Wagner of Blair-Taylor fought to secure a loose ball during their game against Cashton on Thursday. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

B-T girls rebound from first loss

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

One week after losing their first game of the 2021-22 season at the hands of Bangor, the Blair-Taylor High School girls basketball team got back to its winning ways.

The Wildcats (8-1 this season) downed visiting Cashton 83-54 last Thursday behind big offensive performances from juniors Lindsay Steien and Abby Thompson.

Steien scored 25 of her 31 points in the first half to help the hosts to a 45-21 lead at halftime.

Thompson finished with 18 points and was the only Wildcat to hit multiple threes (two). Braylee Hyatt of Cashton (5-6)

matched Steien with 31 points, including 12 free throws.

The Wildcats shot 48.4 percent from the field and took care of the ball with just 11 turnovers. They were able to get a number of easy looks, finishing with 22 steals, including seven by Thompson, who also had seven assists.

Blair-Taylor visited G-E-T on Monday. **B-T (field goals/attempts-free throws/ attempts-rebounds-fouls-points) —** Thompson 7/15-2/2-3-2-18, L. Kidd 1/2-0/2-1-0-3, S. Kidd 2/7-0/0-2-2-4, Steien 15/29-0/0-6-2-31, Waldera 1/6-0/2-4-2-2, Ca. Wagner 0-0/0-1-1-0, Kindschy 2/9-1/2-4-4-6, Fremstad 2/4-2/2-4-1-7, Ch. Wagner 4/5-0/2-4-2-8, Lofgren 2/5-0/0-1-3-4.

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Norse boys split at tournament

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The Whitehall basketball team had a strong finish to earn one win, but couldn't recover from a slow start in another game.

Both games were played in Whitehall as part of the team's holiday tournament. The Norse opened the tournament with a 58-40 win over Chippewa Falls McDonell Central, but fell to Ladysmith 71-56.

Whitehall begins the post-holiday break with a 4-3 record and a 2-1 mark in Dairyland Conference play, behind Cochrane-Fountain City and Melrose-Mindoro in the DC-Large Division. Whitehall had a chance to make up ground on C-FC when they hosted the Pirates on Tuesday of this week. They'll play in Independence on Friday.

This coming Tuesday the Norse head to Eau Claire Regis before playing at Alma Pepin next Thursday.

Whitehall 58 McDonell 40

The Macks had no answer for Whitehall junior Devon McCune in the second half.

The teams were tied at 18 in halftime, but McCune went off for 16 of his game-high 23 points as the Norse took control of the game.

McCune made five field

goals — including one three-pointer — and shot five-for-six from the free-throw line in the second half. The Norse also got eight points from Luke Beighley in the half.

Beighley was the team's second-leading scorer with 10 points while Jonathan Thorn scored seven, Isaac Skoyen finished with six, both Michael Spare and Ian Pank scored four and both Brayden Lisowski and Aidan Sonsalla scored two.

Ladysmith 71 Whitehall 56

A 12-2 run to start the game put Ladysmith ahead and a 10-0 run late in the second half clinched the win.

The Lumberjacks were aggressive at the start, scoring 12 of the first 14 points as Whitehall tried to gain its footing.

The Norse battled back, to get within six at 19-13. Ladysmith went back ahead by 10 before Devon McCune made a runner, to make the score 27-19 with 5:15 left in the first half. Ladysmith then outscored Whitehall 9-1 over the next two minutes before Jonathan Thorn made a three pointer.

The Lumberjacks took a 43-28 lead into halftime, but Whitehall cut into it right away. The Norse scored the first six points of the second

half to get within nine. They stayed within nine for a bit until cutting the lead to seven with eight minutes left. The lead was still seven with seven minutes remaining, but that's when the Lumberjacks went on a 10-0 run to clinch the win.

Ladysmith had a balanced attack with four players scoring in double figures, led by 18 from Eli Rogers while Mitchell Lehman scored 15, two.

I/G 11th, WHS 13th at Eau Claire duals

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The Independence/Gilmanton wrestling team finished 11th while Whitehall was 13th at the Eau Claire Holiday Duals, held at University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Thursday.

A win in pool competition put I/G in a higher bracket than Whitehall, which was fourth in its four-team pool. Whitehall won two matches in the championship round, while I/G won one as both went 2-3 on the day.

The Indees took on Durand in a road dual on Thursday and will wrestle in a dual tournament at Osseo-Fairchild on Saturday. Whitehall will wrestle in a tournament in Cadott on Saturday.

EC Holiday Duals

A win over Durand in pool competition put the Indees in the ninth-to-12th place bracket.

The Indees lost to Superior by a tiebreaker at the start of the tournament. The teams tied 42-42, but Superior got the edge due to the first points tiebreaker. I/G then lost to eventual tournament champion Simley, 84-0.

It was a win against Du-

rand that put the Indees in the higher bracket as they took advantage of five forfeits to win 54-30.

I/G opened the championship round with a 60-21 loss to Plainview-Elgin-Millville, but then defeated Eau Claire Memorial 45-36.

Gael Leon and Gavin Bragger both won four matches for the Indees while Gracie Rombalski, Mason Gierok and Jacobo Medina won three.

Perhaps the difference in place between I/G and Whitehall came with matches against Eau Claire Memorial.

The Norse had a chance to get in the same grouping as the Indees, but fell to ECM 42-39 in pool competition. That came after losses of 42-21 to Maple Grove and 69-12 to Cambridge-Isanti.

Whitehall won both of its championship-round matches, defeating Durand 60-18 and Mondovi 59-12.

Four Whitehall wrestlers went 4-1 in the tournament, including Nolan Thompson, Eric Kleinhans, Adam Kleinhans and Wylie Dunn. Dylan Moats, Bryce Johnson, Alex Katzman and Matthew Poulos all had three wins for the Norse.

Nonconference struggles continue for Raider girls

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The nonconference woes continued for the Arcadia girls basketball team as they went ice cold in the second half of a 67-43 loss to Fall Creek last Wednesday.

Arcadia was in the game early as they trailed by nine at halftime, but they managed just 17 points in the second half as Fall Creek pulled away.

The loss put Arcadia's overall record at 3-7 with all seven losses coming to nonconference teams, while they sit at 3-0 in Coulee Conference play.

It was another nonconference game this week Tuesday when Arcadia went to Cochrane-Fountain City. On Friday they host Luther for a Coulee Conference showdown before heading to Bangor and West Salem next Monday and Thursday.

Fall Creek 67 Arcadia 43
The Raiders struggled in the second half as they weren't able to catch up.

An early three pointer by Kianna Suchla put the Raiders in the lead in the opening minutes, but the Crickets were able to get baskets

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Cain Fremstad of Blair-Taylor released a jump shot during their game last Thursday. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Cashton holds B-T offense in check

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

Despite being within reach for most of a non-conference game against Cashton last Thursday, the Blair-Taylor High School boys basketball team was unable to match the visitors' scoring in key moments.

The final result was a 70-59 loss for the Wildcats, their third in a row after starting the season 4-0.

Blair-Taylor senior Cain Fremstad secured his first double-double of the campaign with 22 points and 11 rebounds. Junior Evan Nehring finished with 16.

Cashton took a big lead before B-T surged back in the game. Fremstad scored five points in fewer than 10 seconds to bring B-T within four at 29-25.

The Wildcats eventually tied the game, but Cashton scored a pair of baskets late in the first half to take a 37-33 lead into the break, and Blair-Taylor coach Randy Storlie said his team struggled to hit

key shots down the stretch—the Wildcats shot just 30 percent from the floor and 55 percent on free throws.

Coach Randy Storlie said he was proud of his team's effort in the loss, and he expects the Wildcats to find their scoring touch again soon.

“Our guys played hard and did all we could to get the win tonight,” Storlie said. “We just have to start getting our shooting touch back and eliminate a few of our mistakes and we will get back on track.”

The Wildcats played at Melrose-Mindoro on Tuesday and are set to visit Bangor on Saturday.

B-T (field goals/attempts-free throws/attempts-rebounds-points) — Kniseley 4/14-0/0-5-9, Obieglo 1/6-0/0-1-3, Kruse 1/7-2/2-5-4, Fremstad 8/17-4/8-11-22, Armitage 0/1-0/0-1-0, Smith 0/1-0/0-0-0, Bautsch 1/1-0/0-0-2, Nehring 7/14-1/2-6-16, Stalheim 1/1-0/0-0-3.

B-T seventh, Arcadia 13th at Northern Badger Classic

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The Blair-Taylor wrestling team finished seventh in Division Three, while Arcadia was 13th in Division Two of the Northern Badger Classic in River Falls last Wednesday and Thursday.

B-T had just four wrestlers compete, but two placed as they scored 37 points, in a division won

by Glenwood City. Arcadia also had two wrestlers place as they scored 51 points with Neillsville-Greenwood-Loyal winning Division Two. Amery won the Division One title as there were 41 teams competing across three divisions.

The Wildcats hosted De Soto for a nonconference dual on Tuesday of this week. The Raiders hosts the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau/

Melrose-Mindoro co-op for a Coulee Conference dual on Thursday.

Northern Badger Classic
Jackson Shramek took sixth at 170 pounds for Blair-Taylor, the best finish amongst the area wrestlers.

Shramek opened the tournament with two wins, including a 5-4 win over Dane Luchterhand of N-G-L. He was pinned by

weight class champion Devin Wasley of St. Croix Central — who has a 19-0 record on the season — in the quarterfinal round.

Shramek rebounded with two decisions, with score of 6-1 and 4-1, to get to the fifth-place match. He struggled, there, however, he was pinned by Dawson Webster of Cadott.

Bryan Rogstad (182) won three matches in the

tournament as he finished 12th. He opened with a pin and then was pinned in his second match. He came back with two more pins, but lost his last three matches.

Gunar Koxlien (138) and Ryan Flynn (145) both competed for B-T, but did not place.

Jack Ziegeweid (220) finished ninth for Arcadia. Ziegeweid split his first two matches, both ending

with pins, before registering two straight pins, the second came late in the second period to beat Kaleb Palmer of St. Croix Falls. Ziegeweid lost his next match, but finished with two wins.

Miguel Sepulveda (195) finished 11th for Arcadia. He split his first two matches before winning two straight. He then lost two straight before winning the 11th-place match in overtime.



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Healthy Red Hawk girls win OT hoops thriller against Holmen

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

When the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School girls basketball team lost senior Genna O'Neill to an ankle injury a few weeks ago, her absence was felt throughout the lineup as the Red Hawks adapted to life without one of their key players.

But in the same way that the team felt her absence, O'Neill's impact in her second game back from injury could be seen late in a come-from-behind 60-58 overtime win over Holmen last Thursday.

Up by two with just under a minute remaining, O'Neill snagged a rebound on a shot that would've given Holmen the lead before grabbing another and drawing a foul with 30 seconds left in regulation.

As the final second ticked away in overtime, Holmen hit a three-pointer to take the one-point lead. O'Neill drove the court on the ensuing possession, feeding senior Emily Nelson under

the net for an easy layup with six seconds left in the game to take a 59-58 lead.

"I don't think she was 100 percent tonight, but she gutted it out, and she just brings a calm on the floor," G-E-T coach Louis Hurd said of O'Neill. "It's a ball handler we can rely on, someone who we know is going to make the right decision more often than not, and the kids trust her. I have complete faith in her every time she's out on the floor."

The Red Hawks started strong, leading 11-3 just five minutes into the game before Holmen responded with a 14-3 run to take the lead. The Vikings led by five at halftime.

Both Holmen and G-E-T (4-7 this season) found their offense from beyond the three-point line late in regulation, as senior Lindsey Lettner and Holmen's Sydney Valiska traded deep shots in the second half.

G-E-T's Kylie Schmitz drove the lane with 11 seconds left, bouncing a shot off the glass and in to take

a 49-47 lead, but the senior was called for a defensive foul moments later to lead to a 49-49 tie at the end of regulation.

Hurd said his team didn't have many close games last season to help a young team prepare for games such as Thursday's, and being fully healthy for the first time this season helped his team.

"We just need to continue to talk about those things as they happen. Very hard to replicate in practice, but I like how they handled it, and they made just enough plays to win. So I'm proud of them for that," he said.

For Hurd, seeing Thursday's performance at the end of a tough December against quality opponents brought him back to last summer when he saw his team — and its potentia — for the first time.

"You can make all the excuses in the world, but we just have not been playing our best basketball," he said. "But today showed me that that team is still there, and if we continue to play like

that going forward, I like our chances in a lot of these ball games."

Prescott 60, G-E-T 43
Apoorending derailed the Red Hawks in a nonconference contest against Prescott last Monday, as the visiting Cardinals outscored G-E-T 29-16 in the second half.

Prescott led by just four points at halftime.

Katrina Budworth of Prescott paced all players with 16 points, and teammate Brynley Goehring had 15. The Red Hawks shot 15% in the second half and was out-rebounded heavily.

Junior Shayna Kirkey led G-E-T — which saw nine different players score at least a point — with 12 points.

G-E-T (field goals-free throws-attempts-fouls-points) — Lettner 1-3/4-4-6, Hunter 2-2/2-4-6, A. Bratberg 2-0/0-1-5, K. Bratberg 1-1/2-4-3, Schmitz 1-1/2-2-3, O'Neill 0-1/2-0-1, Nelson 1-3/4-3-5, Kokott 0-2/2-1-2, Kirkey 4-3/5-3-12.

Right: G-E-T senior Lindsey Lettner hit a layup in the final minutes of regulation during a 60-58 overtime win over Holmen last Thursday.

(Times photograph by Benjamin Pierce)



G-E-T loses two at holiday tourney

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

The Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School boys basketball team has put on some impressive performances to this point in the 2021-22 season.

The same couldn't be said for their last two games, a

pair of losses in a holiday tournament at Aquinas last week. The Red Hawks (4-3 this season) hosted Mauston on Tuesday and visit Arcadia on Thursday before hosting a doubleheader against West Salem on Saturday.

G-E-T dropped both of its games, the first on Monday

against Richland Center in which the Red Hawks gave up an early lead and never got it back. The effort was followed by a sloppy performance against Poynette on Tuesday. Coach Jared McCutchen said the games were the low point of his team's season so far.

"I thought maybe Richland Center was the worst game we had played this year as a team, and then the next night against Poynette was even worse as far as how we played," he said.

G-E-T had a chance to get back on the right track Tuesday when they hosted Mauston before going to Arcadia to take on a winless Raiders team in Coulee Conference play on Thursday. Then they'll host West Salem — coached by G-E-T graduate and former coach Mark Wagner — on Saturday.

Rich. Center 65 G-E-T 56
The Red Hawks struggled to match Richland Center's physicality in the first game of the tournament despite starting strong.

G-E-T jumped to an 11-3 lead after an 8-0 run about five minutes into the game, but Richland Center began hitting their shots thereafter. The Red Hawks held the lead until about two minutes left in the half, and the teams entered the break tied at 24.

A three-point shot from junior Brady Seiling drew G-E-T closer and cut the score to a 45-41 Richland Center lead with about nine minutes left. Another deep shot from G-E-T junior Warren Stoner made it 49-46 in favor of the Red Hawk's opponent, but McCutchen's team wouldn't draw any closer.

Sophomore Cody Schmitz

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Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School sophomore Cody Schmitz scored on a jump shot in a loss to Richland Center during the Aquinas holiday tournament on Monday.

(Times photograph by Benjamin Pierce)

Red Hawk boys lose two at tourney

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led G-E-T with 26 points, and junior Will Mack finished with 11.

Richland Center secured 19 offensive rebounds and were able to score numerous points on plays that appeared not to be a threat off the first shot. Not securing rebounds and losing the battle under the nets sealed a losing result for G-E-T.

"They had a ton of extra chances, second chance points. And that was the biggest change I think in the game," McCutchen said. "Both teams I thought were pretty evenly matched, but they just were more physical, and at the end of the day that's what the difference was."

G-E-T (field goals-attempts-free throws-attempts-rebounds-fouls-points) — K. Seiling 0/2-0/0-1-2-0, Mack

4/7-1/2-1-2-11, Burns 0/3-0/0-1-0-0, Thompson 3/4-1/2-4-2-7, Stoner 1/3-0/0-2-2-3, Beedle 0/2-0/0-1-0-0, B. Seiling 2/6-0/0-3-1-6, Schmitz 9/21-6/9-9-1-26, Anibas 0/0-0/0-1-1-0, Jimenez 1/1-0/0-0-0-3.

Poynette 71 G-E-T 57

The Red Hawks struggled to defend a high-powered offense in the team's second game of the tournament. Poynette hit 12 three pointers on 41 percent shooting from beyond the arc in a lopsided win on Wednesday. G-E-T struggled in the same area, making just four three pointers on 21 percent shooting.

McCutchen said his team needs to have success from distance, particularly when the other team is shooting well.

"We're just not a team right now that can overcome that big a difference from the

three-point line," he said.

As his team readies for a busy week, McCutchen said his team can grow from being outplayed last weekend.

"I think we're getting to that point where we're figuring things out, but it's a process. It's not something that just happens overnight," he said. "And this week we start our conference slate, so I'm hoping we start taking some steps in the right direction, especially defensively and with our physicality and our aggressiveness."

G-E-T (field goals-attempts-free throws-attempts-rebounds-fouls-points) — K. Seiling 1/3-0/0-2-1-2, Mack 5/10-0/0-1-2-11, Burns 3/13-0/0-3-1-3, Thompson 1/2-0/3-4-2-2, Stoner 0/2-0/0-1-0-0, Sorenson 0/1-0/0-0-0-0, B. Seiling 7/12-0/0-8-2-16, Schmitz 8/23-7/9-5-2-23, Corcoran 0/1-0/0-2-1-0, Jimenez 0/0-0/0-1-1-0.

Arcadia girls

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inside as they pulled ahead and took a 35-26 lead into halftime.

Arcadia struggled offensively in the second half, managing 17 points as Fall Creek broke the game open. The Raiders shot 34.9 percent from the field. Breah Golden led the team with 21 points.

Arcadia (field goals-attempts-free throws-attempts-rebounds-points) — Bremer 0/2-0/0-1-0 Slaby 0/0-0/0-1-0 Suchla 1/5-0/0-2-3 Passehl 3/11-3/4-5-9 Schank 2/3-0/0-2-6 Golden 7/15-3/4-2-21 Kolstad 0/1-0/0-4-0 Schaffner 0/1-0/0-0-0 Pehler 2/5-0/0-10-4

Right: Arcadia's Kaitlyn Bremer drove to the basket during their game against Fall Creek on Wednesday. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)



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Obituaries

Kyle K. Bartsch

Kyle Kenneth Bartsch, 59, of Galesville, passed away at his home, December 23, 2021.

Kyle was born into this world on September 26, 1962, the first son of Kenneth and Bonnie (Wadewitz) Bartsch, in Hopewell, VA. They



later returned to Houston, MN, where Kyle grew up on the Bartsch family farm. Kyle graduated from Houston High School, Houston, MN, in 1980, and went on to attend Winona Vocational Technical School in Farm Operations and Management, graduating in 1982. He married the love of his life, Jenifer Pommerening, on the family farm, June 10, 1989, and rounded out their family in 1993, with the birth of their son, Alexander (Alex).

Kyle was a life-long learner and scholar, picking up the nickname "Professor", in high school, due to his love of books and learning. He also loved sports in his early years, playing volleyball every chance he could and cycling, which culminated in a 100 mile ride across Iowa, with a good friend and having volleyball nets set up for a game or two at his wedding reception. Kyle worked at We-no-nah Canoe out of college, and then deciding in 1990, to pursue his chosen profession in Agriculture. He began working for Agri-King, as an area manager. He loved working with his farming clients and farm animals, using his vast knowledge in the chemistry of dietary requirements to solve their health and nutritional needs. He developed many close working relationships with his clients, working with some farm families for the majority of his 32 year career, as an area manager, dealer, and regional manager. Knowing diet was a critical element in the farming industry, Kyle also enjoyed sharing that knowledge with his fellow sales managers, often during a forum they called "Coffee with Kyle".

Chuck married Judy Olson, June 11, 1960, at French Creek Lutheran Church in rural Ettrick. Together, they farmed their entire life on the family farm in French Creek. Chuck was a very devoted and loving husband, father, grandpa and great-grandpa. He loved his cattle and Allis Chalmers which were his pride and joy. Chuck was always polishing, wiping and cleaning his tractors and vehicles so they were clean and spotless. He also enjoyed boating and spending time with family. Chuck also wanted people to know he loved them by always saying, "I love you!" Chuck is survived by his wife, Judy, of 61 years; three sons: Kevin (Mary), Jeff (special friend, Roseann) and Troy (fiancée, Jane);

Charles "Chuck" L. Hoff

Charles "Chuck" Loren Hoff, 85, of rural Ettrick, died Monday, December 27, 2021, at home, surrounded by his family.

Charles was born July 3, 1936, in rural Ettrick, to Clifford and Helen (Halverson) Hoff. He grew up in French Creek on the family farm and lived there his entire life.

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four grandchildren: Dusty (Hilary) Hoff, Alyssa (Ron) Kerska, Adam (Shaylee) Hoff and Chelsey (Cameron) Ashwell; five great-grandchildren: Aubrey, Bentley, Luther, Adelaine and Monroe; brothers and sisters-in-law: Lew (Trudy) Olson, Darwin (Marlene) Peters, Gary (ElJane) Eckman and Diane Olson; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends.

In addition to his parents, Chuck was preceded in death by a daughter, Genene Carol; his in-laws: Gleeland and Elaine Olson; brother and sister-in-law, Duane and Duann Olson; a niece, Karwin Peters; and his nephew's wife, Becky Eckman. Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 1:00 p.m., at French Creek Lutheran Church with burial in the church cemetery, both in rural Ettrick. Pastor Kary Jonas officiated.

Visitation was Monday, January 3, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Jack Funeral Home in Blair and also one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday.

Jack Funeral Home in Blair is assisting the family with arrangements.

Janette M. P. Johnson

On Sunday, January 2, 2022, a wonderful heart suddenly, without warning, stopped beating.

Janette Mae Peters Johnson was born September 13, 1939, in Little Falls, to Harrison and Violet Peters. Mom often talked about being baptized in the Cataract Mill Pond by being tipped over backward, beginning a lifelong journey of faith. At an early age, her family moved to Rogness Coulee, rural Ettrick, and she attended the Hegg School. So many stories were shared of life with her four siblings and the mischief they got into at home and walking to school.

At an early age, while attending a baseball game, Janette met her future husband, and they were united into marriage, November 10, 1956. To their union, they had three sons and two daughters, and she was a stay-at-home mom, working one day a week collating fliers for the Arrow Shopper, and then for the UW-Extension Office SEN program. Janette was a wonderful cook and baker, and for 26 years, she worked as a cook for Blair-Taylor Elementary School, feeding countless young mouths. She retired in May of 2004, and began her final "job"...being grandma to her youngest granddaughter until Sophia entered school.

In addition to cooking and baking, Janette enjoyed quilting, word searches, putting together puzzles, and traveling with her family. Over the years, she went on vacations with her youngest daughter, as well as her sisters and brother-in-law. Many laughs and memories were made.

Janette is survived by her children: Bruce (Deb) of Taylor, Allen of Viroqua, Charles (Paula) of Taylor, Dawn (Kurt) Krueger of Marshfield and Kari at home. She is further survived by her grandchildren: Theresa, Kristina, Jessica, Brooke, Heide, Brandon, Brittany, Megan, Katrina and Sophia as well as eight great-grandchildren.

Surviving also are her siblings: Roger (Judy) and Darwin (Marlene) of Blair; and many, many wonderful nieces and nephews, great and great-great nieces and nephews, neighbors and friends. Janette was preceded in death by her husband, Kenny; her parents; and two sisters; and brothers-in-law: Ardell (Gaylord) Tollefson and June (Allen) Moen. She is now reunited with them.

Funeral services will be held Friday, January 7, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., at North Beaver Creek First Lutheran Church with burial in the church cemetery, both in rural Ettrick. Pastor Adam Arends will officiate.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 6, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., in the church, and also one hour prior to the service on Friday.

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INDEPENDENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Independence School District

October 26, 2021

BUDGET HEARING, 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

The Budget Hearing of the Board of Education of the Independence School District was called to order at 6:16 p.m., by Jen Rombalski, Vice President.

Mr. Schmitt confirmed the agenda was legally and properly posted.

The meeting is open to the public but limited to ten (10) people in the meeting room on a first come, first served basis due to the Public Health Emergency. Residents can view it at the School Website. Public Input can be called into 715-533-0908.

Presentation of the 2021-2022 School Budget:

Mr. Schmitt presented the Budget to the School Board and community members.

Adjourn the Budget Hearing: Motion by Leah Matchey, second by Bob Guza to adjourn the budget hearing at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING, 6:30 P.M.

Call to Order by Board President Joe Bragger:

The Annual District Meeting of the Board of Education of the Independence School District was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Joe Bragger, President. This meeting was delayed due to length of the preceding Annual Meeting.

Mr. Schmitt confirmed the agenda was legally and properly posted.

The meeting is open to the public but limited to ten (10) people in the meeting room on a first come, first served basis due to the Public Health Emergency. Residents can view it at the School Website. Public Input can be called into 715.533.0908.

Roll Call of Members: Present for roll call were

Irrepealable Levy, Long Term Loans Operational Levy & Non-Referendum Debt Levy

Motion by Joe Bragger, second by Leah Matchey to adopt the 2021-22 tax levy. Tax Levy amount \$1,152,102. Levy rate is 5.68. Motion carried 4-0.

Set Salaries of Board Members Motion by Joe Bragger, second by Bob Guza to keep the salaries the same. Motion carried 4-0.

Set time for Next Annual Meeting Motion by Joe Bragger, second by Bob Guza to have the next annual meeting the last Wednesday in October (October 26, 2022).

Adjourn: Motion by Joe Bragger, second by Jen Rombalski to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Independence School District Special Board Meeting

October 26, 2021

Call to Order and Proof of Public Notice:

The Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education of the Independence School District was called to order at 7:30 p.m., by Joe Bragger, President. This meeting was delayed due to length of the preceding Annual Meeting.

Mr. Schmitt confirmed the agenda was legally and properly posted.

Space issues. Teacher/staff salaries. Researching early childhood - purchasing a building.

Adjourn: Motion by Jen Rombalski, second by Bob Guza to adjourn at 8:12pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Discussion/Public Input: The Independence Board of Education will be discussing the needs of the District in regard to planning an operating referendum for the spring election.

AGRICULTURE & UNIVERSITY EXTENSION, EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEES 2021-11-03 RENAMING OF TV STUDIO, COMMUNITY TELEVISION AND AGRICULTURE & UNIVERSITY EXTENSION COMMITTEE

Clerk Syverson read the resolution. It was moved by Supervisor Brandt and seconded by Supervisor Sacia to adopt the resolution. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with sixteen yes votes; resolution adopted.

AUDIT COMMITTEE PERSONNEL & BARGAINING COMMITTEE 2021-11-07 ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW WAGE STRUCTURE

Clerk Syverson read the resolution. It was moved by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Nutter to adopt the resolution. Discussion was held. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with sixteen yes votes; resolution adopted.

CLOSED SESSION: PURSUANT TO WIS. STAT. SEC. 19.85(1)(g) TO CONFER WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING POSSIBLE SETTLEMENT IN THE OPIOID LITIGATION CASE

CITY OF GALESVILLE

Committee of the Whole

November 4, 2021

Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Present: Mayor Vince Howe; Alderpersons: Kelly Kreger, Randy Larson, Linda Skwierawski, Tom Thatcher and Jean Wallner. Absent: Tyler Truax. Also present were: DPW Peter-son, Clerk Hess.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the preliminary 2022 budgets for water utility, sewer utility, and general city. No action was taken.

Moved by Kelly Kreger to adjourn. Seconded by Tom Thatcher.

Board Members Leah Matchey, Jen Rombalski, Joe Bragger, Bob Guza, and Deb Bork.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was recited by all.

Consent Agenda: a. Head Wrestling Coach - Ryan Guza

b. Assistant Basketball Coach - Creed Brenner

c. Independence Honor Society Advisor - Christine Pyka

Motion by Jen Rombalski, second by Deb Bork to approve the hiring of Head Wrestling Coach - Ryan Guza, Assistant Basketball Coach - Creed Brenner, Independence Honor Society Advisor - Christine Pyka. Motion carried 4-0.

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The purpose of the meeting was to review the preliminary 2022 budgets for water utility, sewer utility, and general city. No action was taken.

Moved by Kelly Kreger to adjourn. Seconded by Tom Thatcher.

Board Members Leah Matchey, Jen Rombalski, Joe Bragger, Bob Guza, and Deb Bork.

Pledge of Allegiance: The Pledge was recited by all.

Consent Agenda: a. Head Wrestling Coach - Ryan Guza

b. Assistant Basketball Coach - Creed Brenner

c. Independence Honor Society Advisor - Christine Pyka

Motion by Jen Rombalski, second by Deb Bork to approve the hiring of Head Wrestling Coach - Ryan Guza, Assistant Basketball Coach - Creed Brenner, Independence Honor Society Advisor - Christine Pyka. Motion carried 4-0.

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CITY OF GALESVILLE

Committee of the Whole

November 4, 2021

Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Notice of the meeting was posted according to open meeting law requirements.

Present: Mayor Vince Howe; Alderpersons: Kelly Kreger, Randy Larson, Linda Skwierawski, Tom Thatcher and Jean Wallner. Absent: Tyler Truax. Also present were: DPW Peter-son, Clerk Hess.

The purpose of the meeting was to review the preliminary 2022 budgets for water utility, sewer utility, and general city. No action was taken.

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CITY OF BLAIR

City of Blair Special Council Meeting October 13, 2021

Mayor J. Rawson called the Special Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderperson Roll Call: P. Syverson, T. Wheeler, M. Lisowski, J. Anderson, C. Ekern, D. Stephenson. Others Attending: Attorney M. Radcliffe, D. Schofield; S.E.H.; Clerk S. Frederixen; Jeremy Tranberg and Brian Simmons.

Discuss/Take Action on Blair Haus New Building Sanitary Sewer Relocation Issue: Points of discussion:

- Blair Haus needs sanitary sewer manhole moved so it can re-build.
- S.E.H. estimated the cost at \$5,000, which would be Blair Haus' responsibility.
- City Attorney advised City to take advice of City Engineers.
- City Attorney said City has right to have the current manhole where it is and if property owner wishes it changed it would be at their expense.
- Request for City Clerk to check into possibility of this being a TID eligible expense, where the expense could be handled that way.
- Suggestion was made to Blair Haus management to approach owner of Triplee building next to Blair Haus empty lot for easement to put manhole on his property.
- It was discovered by City televising that there is also small leaks in the lateral that goes to this current manhole that the City is completely responsible to fix.
- Motion by J. Anderson to have S.E.H. inspect sanitary sewer currently on Blair Haus property, if failing may allow cost share through TIF and if necessary have Clerk order I&D abstract to do a rush tile easement search, 2nd by P. Syverson. Roll call vote taken, all 6 alderpersons voted yes. Motion approved. J. Anderson amended previous motion to include approval of City staff with S.E.H. oversight to complete the relocation of man-

hole in question, P. Syverson 2nd the amendment. Roll call vote taken, all 6 alderpersons voted yes. Motion amendment approved.

Attorney reminded Council to consider and develop permit fees for things like this as all of this type of thing is costing engineering fees, special meeting fees and attorney fees, all being paid by regular tax payers. Through Ordinances we can pass those costs to the person requesting the work.

Motion by P. Syverson to move agenda item # 5 ahead of # 4, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Discuss/Take Action on 10/7/2021 Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes: Minutes included closed session interviews of 8 applicants for the Street Supervisor position. Committee is recommending Andy Graff be hired as the new Street Superintendent at a pay rate of \$19/per hour. Committee is recommending Dennis Stephenson facilitate public works employee meetings going forward. Motion by M. Lisowski to accept the minutes as presented and place them on file, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Motion by C. Ekern to approve on Committee recommendation, the hiring of Andy Graff @ 19.00 per hour, as our new Street Superintendent. If for some reason Andy does not accept, motion to offer position to 2nd choice of Committee, 2nd by M. Lisowski. Discussion: P. Syverson question about Dennis abstaining as Andy is a relative. There was discussion by other members of personnel Committee that felt there was no pressure from Dennis to hire Mr. Graff and they were in total agreement on the choice recommended to the full Council. Roll call vote: Paul/Yes, Dennis/Abstain, Chris/Yes, Mike/Yes, Terry/Yes, Jill/Yes. Motion approved.

Motion by P. Syverson to approve/appoint Dennis Stephen-

son to facilitate weekly public staff meetings for the purpose of organization, teamwork and efficiency, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 5, No 0, Abstain 1 (D.S.).

Motion by C. Ekern to convene to closed session pursuant to WI State Statute 19.85(1)(f) for the purpose of considering financial, medical, social, or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems of the investigation of charges against specific person except where par. (b) applies which if discussed in public, would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems investigations.

Motion by C. Ekern to reconvene into open session, 2nd P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Announce NO action was taken out of the closed session.

Motion to adjourn by J. Anderson, 2nd C. Ekern. Yes - 6, No - 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Susan Frederixen, Clerk
City of Blair
WNAXLP

City of Blair Regular Council Meeting November 8, 2021

Mayor John Rawson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Open meeting requirements verified. Alderperson roll call: P. Syverson-yes, C. Ekern-yes, D. Stephenson-yes, T. Wheeler-yes, M. Lisowski-yes, and J. Anderson-yes. Others attending: Attorney M. Radcliffe, Clerk/Deputy Treasurer S. Frederixen. Trempealeau County Times, Brian Jahr, Brenda Sheffeline, Travis Armitage, Erin Thompson, Lisa Kleppen, David Donnelly.

Present minutes for approval: Regular Council 10/4/2021 and Special Council 10/13/2021. Motion by P. Syverson to approve both sets of minutes with 2 small typos that have already

been corrected in the minutes in this packet, 2nd T. Wheeler. Discussion: none. Vote: Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Public Comment: David Donnelly, resident and owner of The Bavard Tavern, said a statement that he delivered to the City, Mayor and Police Chief that he would not allow walk-throughs in his establishment by the Police. Since then, the Blair police have come into his bar. Donnelly feels his 4th amendment rights were violated. Council unable to respond as this was not on the agenda for discussion.

Nomination Papers for the 2022 Spring Election were distributed to Alderperson's Stephenson, Anderson and Lisowski. Signatures can be obtained starting December 1, 2021.

Discuss/Take Action on Holiday Parade Event. Event would be Saturday, December 4th @ 6:30 pm. Police department is supportive. Hoping for at least 15-20 parade entries. This event will provide an opportunity for local businesses to market themselves and have Open Houses that evening. Route would be determined by Police department and likely short, covering a small part of Broadway and Gilbert Streets. This event will hopefully become an annual event. The City Council was verbally supportive of the event with the requirement of the group to get a 'Street Closure Permit'.

CDBG-PF Project Update from Dave Schofield/S.E.H.: The WI Depart of Administration has proposed to make rather significant changes to the 2022 CDBG-PF application requirements. These changes would include a requirement that applicants have final plans, permits and environmental documents in hand prior to application for CDBG-PF funding. If all stayed the same with D.O.A., the cost would be same as last application with \$7,000 total if grant awarded and \$3,500 if grant not awarded. Question from Stephenson, shouldn't amount be reduced, since most of work is already done from 1st application? Clerk said she would check with S.E.H. on that.

2021 Lighting up the Park Event request: Brenda Sheffeline, organizer for Halloween in the Park event thanked Council for that support, shared it was successful and is growing. There was a free will collection for Lake Henry dredging that totaled \$400. This group is requesting permission from Council to put lights up throughout the park. One problem is that many of the outlets are not working. Brian Jahr, City Park Superintendent said he would work on having outlets repaired. Motion by D. Stephenson to support this event and have outlets checked out and repaired, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: Anderson commented how nice it looks coming into town to see across the lake. Stephenson also voiced it is a good project, thanked them for spearheading in and the Halloween event. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Fire Department Budget Discussion for new vehicle purchase: Fire Chief Travis Armitage and Brian Jahr explained the department has been planning for a Rescue Truck for at least 3 years and discussed with township and city multiple times. Most recent quote is \$191,748, this amount is shared with Township (47.7%) and City (52.3%). City's portion is approximately \$100,248.20. Alderperson Lisowski had concerns about high cost and if all funds would be available when needed. Armitage said the cost of this vehicle is going up 5% to 8% each year. The high pressure system truck would get to fires quicker and is made to knock out fires faster. Galesville, Whitehall, Osseo & Ettrick have them and highly recommend it. This vehicle will allow a crew of only 2 firemen to start fighting fires, when normal processes calls for 5 people. This type of vehicle to give favorable credit to the City ISO insurance ratings. The new vehicle will be replacing a 1991 vehicle and that one will go for sale. Syverson liked the idea of a replacement schedule being presented to Council, Armitage

agreed. General concern from some Council members that if we deplete the CIP for this truck, how will we get to the amount needed for a large truck? Armitage said it is very important to keep your fire insurance up, stated so the residents ISO rating on homeowners insurance is in good shape and if equipment isn't in good shape it is much harder to recruit for the department also. D. Stephenson stated the last time the department was here, no council members spoke against supporting this purchase and now 2 months later our costs have increased 5% to 7%. Motion by D. Stephenson to authorize & make purchase of new Rescue Truck vehicle @ quoted price of \$191,748, which is split between Township and City, with City's portion approximately \$100,250 (out of Fire Department CIP fund) as described by Fire Department representatives and due March of 2023, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: Lisowski voiced concern about the extravagance of this type of vehicle. Armitage commented that he understands that thinking, but if you walk through our building and see the newest large truck we have it is very nice, works well for us, but is less than half the price of one Whitehall just purchased, the cost is unbelievable. Fire Department is trying hard to find a balance between staying safe & up to codes while keeping the cost to City/Township at a minimum. Roll Call Vote: D. Stephenson/yes, C. Ekern/yes, P. Syverson/yes, J. Anderson/yes, M. Lisowski/No, T. Wheeler/yes. Motion approved 5 Yes, 1 No. Motion by J. Anderson to move Agenda item #16 Server License Application up to this point in the meeting, so people in attendance don't have to wait; 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Server License Applications: Police Chief completed background checks for: Erin Thompson (potential indicators for denial of license, Bryan Kampa (potential indicators for denial of license), Aloura Byrd (no indicators for denial of license. Motion by M. Lisowski to approve all 3 license applications as presented, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Mayor Rawson opened 2022 Budget Hearing for Public Comment: called 3 times for public comment, hearing none, decided to leave the Public Hearing open until Budget discussion was completed.

Tax, Finance and Personnel Committee Chairperson, Jill Anderson went through the following 2022 Budget work done by the Committee over 3 meetings: 2022 Budget Publication was distributed, which shows General Fund Revenues and Expenditures as well as Capital Project Fund Revenues and Expenditures. Estimated revenues increase almost \$38,000 for 2022. The financial commitment for shared items is 52.3% for the City and 47.7% for the Township of Preston. Health Insurance rates increased 10.5%. The Committee is recommending a 5% wage increase across the board for all full time employees, except Andy Graff who will receive a 50 cent increase after a successful 6 month probationary period; part time employees to receive a 3 % increase. Includes the City portion of the \$5,000 increase requested by the Fire Department. The Committee was able to balance our 2022 budget with \$161,169.00 remaining for the Capital Project Fund, which was distributed as follows: Law Enforcement \$9,000, Fire Protection \$15,000, Highway Equipment \$40,000, Highway & Street \$50,000, and Contingency \$17,569). Total Local Tax Levy went down by -0.47%. Committee recommending that Police Chief, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk positions change to salary. Based on working a minimum 40 hour work week. Chairperson Anderson said "if things are NOT done within the 40 hours, it is on the employee's dime." The Clerk or Treasurer will be paid \$250 per regular Council meeting attendance, Cleanup Day events and election events; \$30 for attending Committee meetings if requested by the Chairperson.

Chairperson Anderson asked for questions...Travis Armitage asked what all falls under the 'public safety' portion of the budget, Anderson explained, Law enforcement, Fire protection, Fire, Flood issues and Dam. Motion by J. Anderson to close the 2022 Budget Public Hearing, 2nd by C. Ekern. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Motion by C. Ekern to approve the 2022 budget as presented and per the Budget Publication Spreadsheet, 2nd by M. Lisowski. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: D. Stephenson/yes, C. Ekern/yes, P. Syverson/yes, J. Anderson/yes, M. Lisowski/yes, T. Wheeler/yes. Motion approved.

Committee Reports: Tax, Finance and Personnel Committee meetings on 10/6, 10/11 & 10/12/2021. Police Ordinance Committee Meetings 10/12 & 11/4/2021. Park Committee Meeting 10/13/2021. All minutes were distributed to Council prior to this meeting. Motion by J. Anderson to accept minutes as presented and place on file, 2nd C. Ekern. Discussion: none. Yes-6, No-0. Motion carried.

Discuss/Take Action on Park Commission recommendation to: Motion by C. Ekern to approve City portion of \$150 to Nate Dahl for Flag Football as presented, 2nd by T. Wheeler. Discussion: M. Lisowski questioned if this was open for all local kids, Anderson said because of the short time frame she believes Nate and assistant put together a team of their selecting, Anderson feels like in 2022 when the Program director has more time it will be all inclusive to area youth. Roll Call Vote: D. Stephenson/Yes, C. Ekern/Yes, P. Syverson/Yes, J. Anderson/Yes, M. Lisowski/Yes, T. Wheeler/Yes. Motion approved.

Summer Recreation Program Director, Lauren Kidd has agreed to forfeit the \$1,000 portion of her 2021 salary for the flag football program as she did not work on that at all. Motion by C. Ekern to approve 0 payment to Lauren Kidd for flag football 2021, 2nd by D. Stephenson. Discussion: None. Roll Call Vote: D. Stephenson/Yes, C. Ekern/Yes, P. Syverson/Yes, J. Anderson/Yes, M. Lisowski/Yes, T. Wheeler/Yes. Motion approved.

Discussion/Take Action on Resolution # 11-08-2021 Authorizing submittal of WEDC/CDI grant application for Blair Haus Sports Bar & Grill, LLC. Motion by M. Lisowski to approve the resolution #11-08-2021 as presented and with resolution dates changed, form #12-06-2021 to #11-08-2021, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: None. Vote: Yes 6, No 0. Motion approved.

Building permits approved by G.E.C. for 2021 was distributed to Council and Mayor. Request from Clerk for Ordinance Committee to look at updating and streamlining the Solar Ordinance to current requirements.

Present Vouchers for review and approval: Motion by J. Anderson to approve the vouchers as presented in packets, 2nd by P. Syverson. Discussion: C. Ekern asked about the \$3,829.50 bill for the large shelter door replacement, seems high. Brian Jahr said a successful 6 month probationary period; part time employees to receive a 3 % increase. Includes the City portion of the \$5,000 increase requested by the Fire Department. The Committee was able to balance our 2022 budget with \$161,169.00 remaining for the Capital Project Fund, which was distributed as follows: Law Enforcement \$9,000, Fire Protection \$15,000, Highway Equipment \$40,000, Highway & Street \$50,000, and Contingency \$17,569). Total Local Tax Levy went down by -0.47%. Committee recommending that Police Chief, City Clerk/Deputy Treasurer and Treasurer/Deputy Clerk positions change to salary. Based on working a minimum 40 hour work week. Chairperson Anderson said "if things are NOT done within the 40 hours, it is on the employee's dime." The Clerk or Treasurer will be paid \$250 per regular Council meeting attendance, Cleanup Day events and election events; \$30 for attending Committee meetings if requested by the Chairperson.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE MATTER OF: THE KIM L. STEPHENSON REVOCABLE GRANTOR TRUST DATED: December 28, 2006

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. Aaron J. Stephenson and Jacob K. Stephenson are the co-trustees of the Kim L. Stephenson Revocable Grantor Trust, dated December 28, 2006.

2. The decedent, Kim L. Stephenson, with a birth date of May 23, 1957, and date of death of November 17, 2021, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: W10551 Farm Lane, Ettrick, WI 54627.

3. **Deadline to Make Claims:** All persons or companies having claims against Kim L. Stephenson and/or the Kim L. Stephenson Revocable Grantor Trust must present their claims to the attorney for the co-trustees on or before April 22, 2022, which is four (4) months after the date of December 22, 2021, the date of first insertion and publication of this Notice in the Trempealeau County Times, or the claims will be forever barred as set forth in Section 701.0508 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

4. **Notice of Claims:** Claims must be presented by delivering or mailing a written statement of the claim indicating its basis, the name and address of the claimant, the date the claim is due, the amount claimed, and describing any security for the claim. The claim is deemed presented upon receipt by the attorney for the trustee at the address set forth herein.

5. Publication of this notice shall constitute notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

6. **Attorney for Trustee:** Attorney Linda M. Danielson, Ruder Ware, L.L.S.C., P.O. Box 187, Eau Claire, WI 54702-0187. (Pub. December 22, 2021, January 5, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case No. 2021-PR-26

State of Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Trempealeau County

PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF PIGEON FALLS REGULAR BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a **Village Board Meeting** for the Village of Pigeon Falls, County of Trempealeau, State of Wisconsin, for transaction of business as is by law required or permitted to be transacted at such meeting, will be held **Monday, January 10, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Pigeon Falls Community Center.

Dana Alitz, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Pigeon Falls
(Published January 5, 2022)

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF TREMPEALEAU Discontinuance of Town Ways

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a **Public Hearing** shall be held by the Town Board of the Town of Trempealeau, at the Town of Trempealeau Town Hall, W24854 State Road 54 93, Centerville, Wisconsin, on **Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**, to discuss a proposed action to commence discontinuance of the following described Town Ways initiated by introduction by the Town Board of the Town of Trempealeau under §66.1003(4)(b), Wis. Stats., specifically:

Part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of the 2nd Addition to Prairie Bluffs, Outlot 1, Section 14, Town 18 North, Range 8 West, Town of Trempealeau, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin — **AND** — Part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of the 2nd Addition to Prairie Bluffs, Outlot 2, Section 14, Town 18 North, Range 8 West, Town of Trempealeau, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin.

Anyone wishing to make comment may do so the night of the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Sonja A. Byrne, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Trempealeau
(Published December 29, 2021, January 5, 12, 2022)

NOTICE: TOWN OF LINCOLN

The Township of Lincoln will hold their Regular Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at the Lincoln Township Hall, W20744 State Road 121, Whitehall, Wis. **The time of the meeting will be 7:00 p.m.** A complete agenda can be found at the Independence and Whitehall post offices, the Township Hall and the Township website.

Sharon Sosalla, Clerk
Town of Lincoln
WNAXLP

Bruce J. Brovold
Kostner, Koslo & Brovold, LLC
108 West Main Street
Arcadia, WI 54612
608-323-3351
Bar Number: 1016461
(Pub. January 5, 12, 19, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case No. 2021PR000061

State of Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Trempealeau County

In the Matter of the Estate of ROBERT L. KASHUBA

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth July 25, 1929, and date of death December 10, 2021, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: W18726 N. River Road, Whitehall, WI 54773.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 21, 2022. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Whitehall, Wisconsin, Room 214.

Electronically signed by: /s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate
December 27, 2021

Olivia A. Esser
DeWitt, LLP
2 East Mifflin Street, Suite 600
Madison, WI 53703-2865
608-252-9218
Bar Number: 1102885
(Pub. January 5, 12, 19, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case No. 21PR65

State of Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Trempealeau County

In the Matter of the Estate of ALFRED G. SCHLESSER

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth August 29, 1932, and date of death November 3, 2021, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: 870 Reit Lane, Arcadia, WI 54612.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 27, 2022. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Whitehall, Wisconsin, Room 214.

Electronically signed by: /s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate
December 28, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

VILLAGE OF PIGEON FALLS — NOTICE OF CAUCUS —

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that an election to be held in the Village of Pigeon Falls on **January 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Village Hall, 40185 Winsand Drive, Pigeon Falls, WI 54760, for the purpose of nominating candidates for Village offices of two (2) trustees to be voted on at the Spring Election to be held on April 5, 2022.

Dana Alitz, Clerk/Treasurer
Village of Pigeon Falls
(Published January 5, 2022)

TOWN OF TREMPEALEAU NOTICE OF CAUCUS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a **Caucus** for the electors of the Town of Trempealeau will be held on **Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 7:10 p.m.**, at the Town Hall, W24854 State Road 54/93, Centerville, to nominate candidates for Supervisor Three and Supervisor Four positions.

Sonja A. Byrne, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Trempealeau
WNAXLP

TOWN OF TREMPEALEAU REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

A regular Board Meeting for the Town of Trempealeau will be held on **Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.**, at the Town Hall, W24854 State Road 54/93, Centerville. The agenda for the meeting will be posted near the door 24 hours prior to said meeting.

Sonja A. Byrne, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Trempealeau
WNAXLP

Electronically signed by: /s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate
December 21, 2021

ATTORNEY: Terrence J. Madden
Kostner, Koslo & Brovold, LLC
108 West Main Street
Arcadia, WI 54612
608-323-3351
Bar Number: 1000926
(Pub. January 5, 12, 19, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case No. 2021PR000063

State of Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Trempealeau County

In the Matter of the Estate of MICHAEL E. NELSON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth September 11, 1942, and date of death November 13, 2021, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: N45619 County Road O, Osseo, WI 54758.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 21, 2022. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Whitehall, Wisconsin, Room 214.

Electronically signed by: /s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate
December 22, 2021

ATTORNEY: Bruce J. Brovold
Kostner, Koslo & Brovold, LLC
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Arcadia, WI 54612
608-323-3351
Bar Number: 100926
(Pub. January 5, 12, 19, 2022)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration) Case No. 2021PR000062

State of Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Trempealeau County

In the Matter of the Estate of JEFFERY A. ROBERTS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth June 18, 1967, and date of death December 3, 2021, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: 1080 N. 3rd Street, Lot 25, Arcadia, WI 54612.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is March 21, 2022. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Whitehall, Wisconsin, Room 214.

Electronically signed by: /s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate
December 28, 2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth October 26, 1942, and date of death January 21, 2021, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: 251 Butternut Drive, Strum, WI 54770.

Motion by J. Anderson, seconded by Mayzek, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Motion by Feltes, seconded by Kolstad, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

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Respectfully Submitted by: Angela Berg
Clerk-Treasurer
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TOWN OF HALE MONTHLY BOARD MEETING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of Hale, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, will hold its regular monthly meeting on **Tuesday, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Town Hall. Agenda to be posted prior to meeting.

Donald A. Halvorson, Clerk
Town of Hale
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