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COVID-19: Number of new cases plummets

*By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor*

The amount of new COVID-19 cases in Trempealeau County continues to drop as there were just 16 new cases last week, the fewest since mid-August.

That total, reported by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, came with a positivity rate of 12.3 percent as a downward trend of new cases continues. Over the past two weeks, there have been 56 new cases, the lowest two-week total since Aug. 24 to Sept. 7 when there were 43 new cases.

The 16 new cases last week were the lowest since Aug. 24 to 31 when there were 13 new cases. That proved to be the calm before the storm, however as the new cases more than doubled the next week and continued to increase until the week of Nov. 23 when a record 460 new cases were reported. There continued to be high case totals until late-January when the number of cases began to drop. After averaging 66 new cases per week in January, the county has seen an average of 33 in February.

Of the new cases last week, five were in Osseo, four were in Whitehall, three in Independence, two in Eleva, Galesville and Blair and one in Ettrick and Strum. Arcadia did not have any new cases for the first time since May.

There were also no new deaths reported last week and, as of Monday, the Trempealeau County Health Department reported just three people were hospitalized.

Last week was another busy week in terms of vaccinations as the DHS reported 1,237 more people were vaccinated, bringing the total to 4,940. More than half of those (55.1 percent) are people 65 years old or older.

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Finding The 'Big Johnson'

The search was on at the Whitehall-Pigeon Rod and Gun Club, but the "Big Johnson" swam free after the annual ice fishing contest held at the club, located along Johnson Valley Road in rural Whitehall, last Saturday. The prize for catching the large tagged fish was \$5,000, but plenty of other prizes were awarded to attendees. See more photos on Page 14.
(Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Board approves \$43.5 million in borrowing for county work

*By Debbie Foss
Times Staff*

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.

The county's financial advisor said the borrowing will have a minimal effect on tax bills because the county is retiring other debt and the county's tax base will increase over the 20-year life of the bonds.

"You might see a few cents per thousand increase here and there," said

Brian Reilly of Ehlers.

Kurt Berner of the county's construction consulting group, Samuels Associates, said the new building and renovations are a 24-month project. He said a request for bids to begin work on foundations and footings for the justice center will likely be issued in April. Berner also encouraged the board to consider self-insuring for workers compensation for project contractors. Such an arrangement could save money, he said.

County Health Director Barb Barczak described for the board the broad tasks assigned her department by state law, including her authority to exercise "reasonable and necessary measures" to control communicable diseases "something that irritated people the last time I was here."

Numerous individuals protested at a December board meeting what they contended was an attempt by the county to impose unreasonable controls on county citizens. Barczak's department has been responsible for the testing, contact tracing and now vaccinations for the COVID-19 outbreak.

Supervisor Tim Zeglin reiterated Monday the board's congratulations to Barczak for her department achieving Level Two status with the state Department of Health Services. "Our congratulations in December came rather late in that meeting, after you had left," he said of the supervisors' recognition of the department.

The board also approved a health de-

partment proposal for the Trempealeau and Buffalo counties' Women Infant and Children's programs to be merged. WIC program director Kaila Baer said the decreased birthrate makes regionalizing such programs more efficient.

Baer said the newly merged departments should not require county tax money, though Buffalo and Trempealeau would share those costs if necessary.

In other actions, the board:

- Approved a \$50,000 employee compensation study. County human resources director Amy Franken said the new assessment of how county salaries compare to that of other employers will replace an eight-year-old salary review. She said the study should be updated every three to five years.

- Approved \$37,000 for the county's community television station, WTCO, to provide it with better technology required for the increase in broadcasts and storage of county meetings.

- Named Kellen Nelson as supervisor for District 14. He replaces his father, Mike Nelson, who recently retired from the board for health reasons. The younger Nelson was also elected to serve on the highway commission after two rounds of voting that included nominees Jeanne Nutter and Dan Schreiner.

- Heard the quarterly report from Sheriff Brett Semington that included data on an uptick in inmates with serious mental health problems "that requires intense staff time."



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Times awarded in WNAF contest

The Trempealeau County Times received two awards in the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Foundation Better Newspaper Contest. Associate editor Zac Bellman received a second place award in the Weekly Sports Column Category for his column The Whole Nine Yards. The three entries submitted were titled: To the Class of 2020: A Time As This; Kneelers Love America More Than You and Once More Down Lens. This was the third award Bellman has

received since joining the staff of the Times in 2017. Also honored was managing editor Andrew Dannehy, receiving third place in the Investigative Reporting category for a story titled: Details on discipline of Blair police chief released last week. This is the sixth award Dannehy has received from the WNAF. Eligible entries were published between Sept. 1, 2019, and Aug. 31, 2020, and were judged by members of the Texas Press Association.



Arcadia board approves \$186,000 in staff raises

By Zac Bellman Times Staff
The Arcadia school board approved wage increases for teachers, staff and administrators totaling roughly \$186,000 at their regular meeting last Monday.

The increases were made in four separate motions, starting with a 1.81 percent cost of living-based wage increase for teachers, which is the maximum allowed by state statute as determined annually based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The estimated impact on the budget for this increase was \$79,161 according to numbers provided by the district. The measure passed unanimously.

"From my perspective, we need to take care of our teachers," board member Rodney Walters said.

Fellow board member Dana Conrad echoed the sentiment, saying, "Our teachers have gone above and beyond this year."

In separate action, the board also voted to pass a pay increase for credits taken beyond a teacher's college degree, which was estimated to have an impact of roughly \$40,000 on the district budget.

The board also passed an increase of 25 cents per hour

for hourly employees, an increase that covers bus drivers, food service employees, janitorial staff, paraprofessionals and other non-teaching staff in the district aside from administrators. The impact of this increase was estimated to be roughly \$30,000 on the budget according to district superintendent Lance Bagstad.

Finally, the board also passed a separate 1.81 percent wage increase for employees on individual, non-teacher contracts, a list that included administrators and heads of transportation, buildings and grounds and information technology. That impact was estimated at \$38,553, bringing the overall impact of all four board decisions to \$186,000, according to Bagstad.

Board president Paul Servais and Bagstad both expressed confidence that a significant portion of these raises fits within their 2020-21 district budget, and the remainder could be found within their board policy-limited use of fund balance.

In separate reports, the board moved forward with a consensus on hosting junior and senior prom this year, tentatively scheduled for April 17.

Administration has also

been in contact with senior high school students on hosting graduation for the 2021 class, with at least four tickets per graduate. However, Bagstad said Arcadia district administration is working to increase the number of tickets per graduate to accommodate for extended family members as well.

"The plan is to have as similar of a graduation as we've had in the past," Bagstad said.

The district is also looking ahead to instruction for the 2021-22 school year, which they reportedly anticipate to return largely to in-person instruction.

Servais acknowledged the stress placed on teachers and students by the switches between in-person and remote learning, though he hopes some of the technology explored this year can be applied going forward.

"One of the things we want to see coming out of this is for students that did not understand a lesson, their teacher records it, posts it online and the student can rewatch it that night," Servais said.

The board also met in closed session to discuss their athletic director position, though no decisions outside of closed session were reported.



Masked Madness

Schedule changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic mean there won't be any March Madness for the 2020-21 high school girls basketball season, but the student section at last week's Independence girls basketball team's Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division Five sectional at Wisconsin Rapids Assumption showed there could still be rowdy even with masks covering their faces. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

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Council approves work for new Arcadia offices

By Debbie Foss Times Staff
Arcadia city council members approved spending up to about \$430,000 on renovations and a new police garage at the city's new city hall on Dettloff Drive.

The decision last Wednesday came after the city accepted several bids for remodeling the former health clinic and construction of the garage. City administrator Chad Hawkins said the city has some cash on hand for the work, including tax incentive district revenue, but will likely have to get some short-term borrowing to cover costs. He predicted the borrowing could have a small effect on city taxes.

The current bid price of \$432,266 includes money for "worst case" problems, and so the overall cost could be lower, said Andy Neubauer of the city's construction consultant, Fowler and Hammer. The

final cost may be known after Hawkins gets pricing for items such as locks and cabling for computer systems and security cameras. The council discussed but did not decide whether to have some type of drive-up or drop-off feature for paying utility bills.

"We probably won't need anything more for 100 years," Mayor Rob Reichwein said of the new city hall. The city paid \$1.5 million for the former Prevea Health Center.

Renovation work could begin this week, with footings for the garage in place by early April and the garage project completed by July.

Hawkins said the fate of the existing city hall is unknown. "I could see it repurposed for something, though," he said.

The council also approved formally moving ahead with sale of the city's former library building, a 1907 Carnegie library that is listed on registers of historic places. The building has been assessed for about \$50,000. Reichwein said the council can reject any offer for the structure.

The council also:
• Heard it will consider at its March 17 meeting bids for a \$1.5 million flood project. Bids for the work, which includes features to help drain off rain that falls on the city, are due March 12.

• Discussed the activities at a sand mine on Thompson Valley Road. The mine, operated by Canadian Silica, could resume operations, Reichwein said. The city holds a bond that guarantees funding for reclamation.

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"This designation will give even more recognition to this scenic byway and will lead to even more tourism

interest in our area," said Rob Grover, the county's economic development and tourism coordinator.

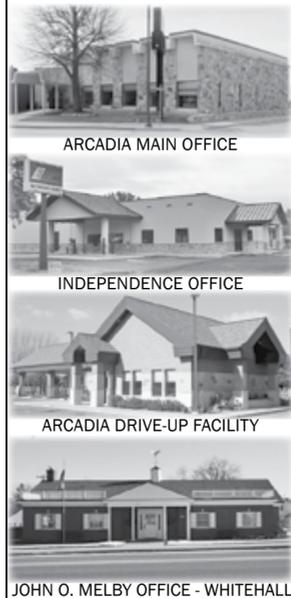
Grover said Jean Galasinski, a member of the Trempealeau County Parks, Tourism and Economic Development committee, was instrumental in helping the road get the federal recognition.

Previously the Great Riv-

er Road was recognized as a National Scenic Byway. The routes are selected based on the archeological, cultural, historic, natural, recreational and scenic qualities.

The designation is made by a program of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration, as a way to recognize and preserve selected roads in the county.

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Marinuka Royalty

Vernon Johnson was named king and Kaye Benrud queen at the Valentine's Day celebration at Marinuka Manor held recently. (Submitted photos)

G-E-T High School honor students listed

Gale-Etrick Trempealeau High School has announced its top honor students for the second term of the 2020-21 school year.

Students making the "A" honor roll were: Seniors — Victorianna Applin, Carlie Baker, Molly Berzinski, Bradley Bishop, Destiny Bishop, Jayda Bluske, Noah Busse, Miranda Campbell, Ryan Cooksey, Trevor Daffinson, Alex Deitrick, Brylee Erickson, Valerie Feyen, Justin Gappa, Brianna Hilton, Benjamin Hirschboeck, Victoria Jaszewski, Reid Johnson, Shantae Jongsgaard, Elizabeth Lettner, Carson Lilla, Samantha McCabe, Caden Miralles, Jaren Miralles, Angela Osborn, Mason Pedretti, Anna Puente, Emily Schrenkler, Ryan Stein, Spencer Sveen, Logan Teske, Sydney Theil, Hannah Trim, Luke Vance, Ivey Wadman, Vehrenkamp, Sophia White, Mikayla Wright.

Freshmen — Evelyn Allsep, Chloe Applin, Lidia Bakeberg, Jack Beedle, Faith Bennett, Brandon Bork, Alexander Burmeister, Brianne Cooper, Amelia Doud, Ayla Edwards, Haley Giemza, Ellissa Gold, Taylor Haney, Madelyn Hansen, Chloe Hauge, Iris Kaszolka, Mason Kromrey, Esther Logue, Myles Marley, Anna Motszko, Alexis Murphy, Kylie Oliver, Audrey Parker, Nicholas Puente, Ava Roessler, Adrianna Rotering, Jacob Ruesgen, Cody Schmitz, Amelia Schmuck, Madalyn Schrenkler, Libby Truax, Gavin Whillock, Madison Yang.

Students making the "B" honor roll were: Seniors — Jake Amoth, Rachel Amoth, Hayley Andersen, Reid Bakeberg, Shaylynn Blaney, Kirah Brenegen, Claire Corcoran, August Elfers, Andrew Fox, Gracie Grandt, Caitlin Heineman, Jada Helmers, Aidan Henscheid, Camery Holzer, Hayden Johnson, Jonathan Johnson, Riley Kirkey, Caitlin Kramer, Luke Logue, Reese Mahutga, Grace Motszko, Lilith Nelson, Carter Nie-

derkorn, Taisei Purney, Samuel Ratajczek, Johanna Ruppel, Sawyer Schmidt, Cameron Schuh, Tyler Seiling, Macy Severson, Spencer Solberg, Sydney Stoner, Shylo Stuttgart, Kylie Tapp, Dakota Thesing, Blake Thill, Trinity Thomas, Jordan Thompson, Garret Towner, Joshua Vaaler, Lukas Walker, Keelin Wicka, Chloe Willette, DeVaughn Wilson, Riley Ziegler. Juniors — Tanner Andersen, Ethan Burmeister, Brianna Cada, Ryann Duffenbach, Aidan Dungy, Melissa Flynn, Hannah Gibbons, Zachary Grams, Sierra Heuer, Gabriel Lambert, Dominic Loken, Ella Miller, Jessica Moen, Corah Nelsestuen, Colin Niederkorn, Brett Noren, Austin Putirskis, Cheyenne Skime, Gracia Skwierawski, Joshua Slattery, Ethan Stoner, Nicholas Tollefson, Mason Truax, Cole Williams. Sophomores — Ethan Backler, Nevaeh Becker, Brianna Boos, Renee Cooksey, Caydence Daffinson, Cody Dooley, Jayden Duell, Nicholas Hermann, Savannah Hynes, Caydence Kokot, Gavy Nkwasiwskiki, Leif Sannes, Connor Schuh, Brady Seiling, Jasmine Srock, Makaya Stanke, Samuel Thell, Haley Thesing, Melanie Tobias, Christopher Wagner, Cali Wilchinski, Ariana Wilson, Nova Wilson-Stensilien.

Freshmen — Kathryn Crane, Nicholas Crum, Kendall Fabian, Trinity Fowler, Riley Hammel, Cisco Jimenez, Tatum Johnson, Domanick Knott, Cole Kremer, Mathea Lebakken, Sherlyn Marin, Arielle Nilsen, Carter Repaal, Zeldia Schultz, Haydin Schulz, Devyn Semb, Alayna Stendahl, Hayden Thoma, Madilyn Vang, Pa Da Xiong, Pa Dao Xiong.

B-T to return to normal schedule as cases drop

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

The Blair-Taylor School District will revert back to its original 2020-21 adjusted schedule as the number of students who are quarantined or learning remotely has dropped below 10 percent.

Superintendent Jeff Eide addressed the board at last week Monday's regular meeting, noting that the original plan for this school year was to have students attend class from 8:15 to 3:05 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and until 2:35 with the same start time on Wednesdays.

As the number of students who needed to attend class remotely rose, the board approved an adjusted plan to instead have elementary students attend class until

10 percent in January. As of last week Monday, the number had dropped down to seven percent. Eide said the district's plan was to return to the original Wednesday schedule when cases dropped below 10 percent.

Originally, Eide suggested that the district could return to that schedule as of this Wednesday (Feb. 24) or by March 3, however board

members recommended waiting until the end of the second trimester, which would be March 4. The first day in which students will return to classes until 2:35 on Wednesdays will be March 10.

Eide said pushing the date back could be good in case the number of cases rises again. He noted that there was a possible issue three days before the meeting, but that subsided and the number of remote learners remained below 10 percent.

Eide also presented the board with a bid for playground equipment. The superintendent said a bid meeting will be held on Thursday of this week, but he wanted to show them a bid from Lee Recreation for playground equipment as it included several pieces hand-

icapped accessible equipment and some grant money the district could receive to help build the playground. Eide also noted that work needed to be done to improve the drainage on the elementary playground. He said the work could be significant, but it is a priority.

"Playground equipment is expensive, it always has been," Sarah Staff, board member said. "But I think it's well worth it for all the kids."

Eide said the plan will be for the playground work to be done when the 2021-22 school year begins. The bid will be officially presented for board approval next month.

The board also heard an update from Eide on Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Act II (ESSER II) funding, saying that the district will receive \$470,000 that can be used through March of 2023.

In action items, the board approved the Achievement Gap Reduction report and the hiring of Leah Wagner as the Odyssey of the Mind coach.

Ashley Furniture named one of America's best large employers

Ashley Furniture Industries (Ashley) has again been named one of America's Best Large Employers by Forbes Magazine.

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The evaluation was based on direct and indirect recommendations from employees that were asked to rate their willingness to recommend their own employers to friends and family. Employee evaluations also included other employers in their

respective industries that stood out either positively or negatively. The survey was conducted through online access panels to ensure respondents were anonymous and able to freely give their opinions without company influence.

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Arcadia parking rules to get public hearing

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

Arcadia residents will have the chance to comment on how the city controls where cars are parked in residential areas as the council considers an ordinance that would broaden restrictions.

The city's current ban on vehicles being parked on unimproved surfaces will continue to be enforced

with traffic-violation type citations, said city administrator Chad Hawkins. But the current restriction limits enforcement to residential properties with a residence, which means that vehicles can be parked on unpaved surfaces on empty lots.

"There's no way we can tell how many lots someone might have, and so whether we can issue a citation," Police Chief Diana Anderson told the council last Wednesday. "I don't think we're going to look up things in a plat book."

The city has, within the last few months, stepped up enforcement of the appearance of city properties, including citing vehicles parked on lawns, in response to complaints from citizens.

To include parking limitations on those empty lots, the city's attorney said the council must modify zoning ordinances, which requires publication of the change and public hearings.

Under a regulation being considered by the council, it would be unlawful to park a vehicle on an unimproved surface anywhere in residentially zoned areas.

"I want thing to be spelled out," said council member Marlys Kolstad, "so people know what they can and can't do. We're trying to clean up the city. Let's do it right."

Legion Post 186 drawing winners

Sura-Wiersgalla American Legion Post 186 will meet next Tuesday in Independence.

The regular monthly meeting will be held March 2, at 7:30 p.m. at East End Bar.

Winners of the post's January scholarship drawing were: Ron Stellar, \$120; Betty Marsolek, \$90; Mike Palkowski, \$60 and Troy Peterson, \$30.

Winners of the post's February scholarship drawing were: Tina Slabik, \$120; Bill Thoma, \$90; James Kampa, \$60 and Carol Wineski, \$30.

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New COVID-19 cases plummet

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The DHS also reported that 2,171 — or 7.3 percent — county residents have completed their vaccine series.

The DHS announced last week that it will launch a Wisconsin COVID-19 Vaccine Registry that will provide a central place let people know where and

when they can they can get vaccinated and let them schedule an appointment. The registry will be used by those who opt in and will not be a comprehensive resource for all vaccination options. Health care systems, pharmacies, and local health departments may already have their own registration and scheduling software.

"This registry will be vital in our effort to get all Wisconsinites access to the COVID-19 vaccine," Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers said. "It will make it easier for the public to get vaccinated, and assist vaccinators in tracking available supply. It is important to remember that the vaccine supply in Wisconsin is extremely limited and that most people will not be able to get appointments to be vaccinated right away."

The vaccine registry will require people to answer several questions to determine if they are in one of the groups eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and help them schedule an appointment. If they are not eligible, or if no appointments are currently available, they will be placed on a waiting list. Appointments can only be made through this system in communities with vaccinators who are using the vaccine registry.

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By Andrew Dannehy

Senate Bill Promotes Government Secrecy

Government officials are trying to make sure they can operate in secrecy. That is the entire point of Senate Bill 55, which passed the state senate 20-12 last week Tuesday. The bill is designed to put newspapers out of business. If it passes assembly, it will eliminate the publication of meeting proceedings. The pitch is that the bill will save taxpayers money, the truth is most taxpayers won't notice the difference financially, but will when their local governments begin running unchecked. Think about all of the high-priced projects that have been done in Trempealeau County, now imagine if the government bodies were able pitch them to you without needing to tell the truth.

The voting was done mostly along party lines, 10 of the 12 who opposed it were Democrats and 18 of the 20 who supported it were Republicans. If that holds true at the assembly level, the bill will be defeated and government bodies will be allowed to operate in almost complete secrecy.

The very small, mostly unnoticeable price you pay goes a long way toward transparency. Consider that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors budgeted a mere \$3,000 for legal notices this year — roughly 10 cents per county resident. They're currently saying even a \$43.5 million project won't cost us more, how much could \$3K matter? Most other governments don't even list it as a line item on their budget. Removing the need to publish notices simply won't make change your bank account or how government operates.

Local government officials should be held accountable for what they do and the public should not be expected to seek out information on a government website — information that can easily be edited after the fact.

For more than a century, newspapers in Trempealeau County have been vital, delivering the news you need and keeping governments honest. Should SB 55 pass, that task will become more difficult and, at times, impossible.

While the price isn't significant for individual taxpayers, the revenue and readership generated by publishing the legal notices is significant for newspapers. Make no mistake, if this bill passes newspapers will close. For those that don't close, there will no longer be reporters at every meeting and, without the need to publish minutes, you will have no idea what is happening or why your taxes are skyrocketing — and that is exactly what will happen to many of you.

The public notice process exists to provide independent third party oversight of government. Government should never be permitted to report on itself. If that were the case, news would be nothing but fake.

The other argument that has been used to support SB 55 is that only newspaper subscribers have access to the notices. That is a lie — again, we can't trust government to report on itself. All public notices are available on Wisconsinpublicnotices.org. The website is funded by newspapers and provided at no cost to the government or taxpayers. The cost to publish legal notices in the newspapers is a set price and is greatly reduced from our general advertising rates.

Newspapers are the only form of notification that provides the necessary verification, certification and archiving that ensures that taxpayers' rites are protected and preserved.

So I ask you, the reader, to reach contact your assembly person today. Locally, that is Treig Pronschinske. Call him at 608-266-7015 or e-mail him at Rep.Pronschinske@legis.wisconsin.gov. If Pronschinske and the rest of the state assembly actually care about small businesses and your right to know how your tax dollars are being spent, they will oppose this bill.

WEEKLY POLL QUESTION

Are you worried about the safety of the COVID-19 vaccine?

YES NO

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

LAST WEEK'S POLL QUESTION RESULTS

Do you want Donald Trump to run for president in 2024?

36% YES 65% NO

Public records

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From The Early Files



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

25 YEARS AGO Feb. 29, 1996

A divided Whitehall school board district board of education voted to hire a new boys' baseball coach Monday, but not without debating how the school goes about filling such a position. The board voted 4-2 to approve the school administration's recommendation to hire Damon Lisowski to succeed long-time head coach Dave Hendrickson, who resigned the position last year. Lisowski, a 1993 Whitehall High School graduate and a member of three Norse state tournament teams was chosen over former teammate Curt Schmidt, who graduated a year earlier. They were the only applicants for the job. Appearing at the meeting to object to the hiring recommendation made by district administrator Jerry Freimark and WHS principal Bruce Ausderau was Caren Deu-Vall, Schmidt's mother. She said that the hiring process was not conducted properly and asked that board members put off action until they could look into the matter. Friemark defended the hiring process, noting that both applicants were interviewed using the same set of questions.

A Whitehall-area family nearly returned home to find themselves homeless Friday. When Paul, Florence and Spencer Kjos came back to their mobile home in the Riverside Trailer-Tel shortly after 7 p.m. that evening, they smelled smoke. The Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department was called, and the firemen prevented a serious fire from developing. "It was close...we got lucky," Fire chief Randy Olson said Tuesday. The Franciscan Skemp Healthcare-Arcadia nursing home was recently presented with an aviary, which contains seven different types of birds. The aviary was donated to the facility in memory of David Shepherd, in honor of his mother Florence, who is a resident of the nursing home. The barn on the Duane Suchla farm was destroyed by a blaze which raged out of control. Fire departments from Arcadia, Independence, Dodge and Fountain City helped fight the fire. Several drivers along the new section of Highway 93 could see the large amount of smoke rising from the fire as hay and the barn were totally engulfed by flames just as firefighters responded to the blaze. No one was injured. Arcadia High School junior Matt Chambers finished second in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Wrestling Tournament while teammates Jim Dabelstein was third and John Giezma finished sixth. An informational meet-

ing that drew more than 100 parents Tuesday night also drew the prospect of some changes in the all-day kindergarten plan proposed for the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District. The plan has drawn criticism mostly on two fronts: Lack of self-contained half-day program for students whose parents want to exercise the half-day option promised by the school administration and long bus rides for some of the preschoolers to a central location in Galesville. Perrot State Park Manager Jim Thompson looked out at the audience of some four dozen anxious sportsmen and tried to reassure them that hunting is almost certain to resume on Trempealeau Bay. The sportsmen representing about a dozen conservation clubs countrywide, had asked for the hearing because hunting has been banned on the bay under the old rule that prohibits hunting on park land.

The Jackson County Sheriff's Department continues its investigation following two break-ins at the Blair-Taylor Middle School. Twice last week, during night hours, people entered the school building in the village of Taylor. A Trempealeau County board supervisor from Strum has resigned because of health problems. District Three Supervisor John Radcliffe recently submitted his resignation to the full county board.

50 YEARS AGO March 4, 1971

The valedictorian and salutatorian of the 1971 Whitehall High graduating class were announced this week by principal John Monson. They are Elizabeth Fischer and Pamela Koepke.

During Friday's stormy weather, Lorraine Blank of Whitehall had unexpected guests: four students en route home from Eau Claire to Luther College who decided they could go no further, and stopped and asked for shelter. One of the four had stayed with Miss Blank when Luther's concert band played here several weeks ago.

Four area farmers and one community resident were honored at the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce annual awards night banquet. Those honored were Richard Haines and his mother, Mrs. Mary Haines; Mr. and Mrs. Quintin Pronschinske; Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Zabinski and Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Feltes. Stanley Wiersgala received the Outstanding Citizen Award.

Three pretty girls will be among participants in the third Indianhead Sunshine Snowmobile Trail Ride on Sunday, March 7 in Arcadia. They are Wisconsin Snowmobile Queen Janet Pfeifer of Stout State University, Menomonie; Charlotte Sims,

a former Miss Minnesota and currently Miss Ski-Do and Barbara Jean Haines of Arcadia, Miss Trempealeau County.

The 1970-71 Galesville City Bowling Tournament is now history as Ristow Insurance team won the title. The Verdin Piepers of South Beaver Creek, six miles east of Etrick, lost their two-story house and all of its contents by fire early Sunday. They discovered the fire when smoke and flames came from the registers on the ground floor, where Mr. and Mrs. Pieper and their three children, ages one, three and four, all slept.

The Blair Cardinals ended their seven-year jinx with Whitehall when they defeated them 68-54 in their final conference game.

75 YEARS AGO Feb. 28, 1946

Miss Janet Swenson, R.N., daughter of Mrs. Clara Swenson of Whitehall, has been engaged by the public health committee as Trempealeau County nurse, effective March 1.

Fair Oaks Dairy, which at one time served only Whitehall with milk and cream, has now expanded its territory to include Blair, Hixton, Independence, Northfield, Pigeon Falls and Taylor. To supplement the product of their Holstein herd, Ernest and Reuben Rasmussen are purchasing milk from Clarence and Harland Schaefer, A.E. Nehring, Hjalmer Foss, Henrik Herness and Mrs. Arne Rasmuson here, and

from Lloyd Nehring at Taylor. Four men are employed by the Rasmussen brothers.

It isn't every 18-year-old boy who can hop out to Nebraska for dinner of a Sunday and still do his daily farm chores, but that was the achievement of Morris Evenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Evenson of Pigeon. Morris, who recently obtained his pilot's license, drove to Winona after completing his morning duties, rented a plane and flew to Plattsmouth, Ne., in time to have dinner with his girlfriend, Delores Ruse. He hopped the plane in time to get home to Winona and return by car to do his evening chores.

The Rev. Harold Huff, who was discharged from Navy service on Feb. 16, has been engaged as pastor of the Whitehall and Independence Methodist churches.

Independence took first place in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association district tournament held at Whitehall last week, defeating Galesville 50-29. The best game of the tournament was the Whitehall vs. Hixton game for third place, one by the home team 25-21. Independence went on to defeat New Lisbon at Sparta Tuesday and will enter sectional play at Reedsburg next week.

The Leo Haines house in Arcadia suffered extensive damage in an early morning fire Saturday, the cause of (continued on Page 7)

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Wisconsin Inside

by Tom Still, President of the Wisconsin Technology Council

Wisconsin Lawmakers 'Closer' to Legalizing Medical Marijuana, Far From Allowing Recreational Use

The majority-Republican Legislature is likely to block Gov. Tony Evers' budget proposal to legalize recreational marijuana in Wisconsin, but a GOP senator suggests medical marijuana could advance.

"The short answer on recreational marijuana is 'no,' I'm certain of that. Where we're at with medical marijuana is probably closer," said Sen. Kathleen Bernier, R-Chippewa Falls, noting she thinks Evers "knows full well [his proposal] is not going to get through the Legislature."

Advocates of full legalization say the time is now. "Frankly, it's not a partisan issue. This is happening in red and blue states," said Sen. Melissa Agard, D-Madison. "So Wisconsin will be an island of prohibition."

Recreational pot is legal in Illinois and Michigan and medicinally in Minnesota, Missouri and Ohio. Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana only allow use of CBD oil, which is derived from the marijuana plant but does not have intoxicating effects.

In 2018, nearly one million Wisconsin voters in 16 counties and two cities voted in support of nonbinding referendums asking if marijuana should be legal for medical or recreational use. But opposition from Republican leadership has left little hope for legalization in the near future. The Legislature threw out Evers' 2019 budget provisions that decriminalized marijuana and legalized medical use.

But in the meantime, many municipalities have decriminalized pot, and Illinois and Michigan have opened regulated dispensaries. A Beloit-area dispensary on the Illinois-Wisconsin border opened in July. In November, the Madison City Council legalized possession of up to 28 grams of marijuana on private or public property with permission from the tenant, landlord or owner. Several Milwaukee County Board supervisors support a newly introduced resolution to reduce penalties for possession of 25 grams or less to no more than \$1; current penalties in Milwaukee County range from \$250 to \$500.

Bernier, who introduced a bill to legalize medicinal marijuana in 2019, said lack of research, stigma against marijuana as a "gateway" substance and federal classification of marijuana as a high-risk "Schedule 1" drug are standing in the way of pro-medicinal marijuana legislation. Agard, who introduced a bill in 2019 to legalize medicinal marijuana and allow Wisconsin residents 21 or older to possess up to two ounces recreationally, said many Republican lawmakers have told her privately they support legalization. "I have had closed-door conversations over the years with many of my Republican colleagues who do support the legislation but have been told by their leaders that this is not a priority," Agard said. "They'd be excited to vote for it. But at this point, they feel like it's not politically prudent." In light of longtime push-back from some Republican lawmakers, Agard said the solution is nonpartisan redistricting, which she hopes will result in more accurate representation and eventually, legalization. "It's unfortunate that the leaders of the Republican Party in the Wisconsin Legislature continue to be prohibitionist and standing in the way of having this conversation," Agard said. "We know that [legalization] will create jobs, revenue, support our farms [and] agricultural heritage, as well as help address racial disparities in Wisconsin."

Republican lawmakers have also criticized Evers' decision to address legalization through the state budget. They argue it should come through a separate bill. "You're going to have pros and cons. You're going to have people for and people against. And that's not something you want to put in the budget at all," Bernier said. "It needs to be thoroughly vetted."

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grown and sold," Bernier said. "And there's going to be a lot of money made." During a recent WisPolitics.com forum, Assembly Speaker Robin Vos, R-Rochester, said he supports legalizing medicinal marijuana, but like Bernier, does not want to address the issue through the state budget. "I'm still trying to find away that we can do it where people accept the fact that we are not going to legalize recreational marijuana," Vos said. "I don't think we have a need to have more drugs in society."

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damage in an early morning fire Saturday, the cause of which is not known. Appraisers have not estimated the damage as of yet, but it will come high. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The fire started in the attic of the eight-room house and probably had been burning slowly for some time. No one was injured.

Arcadia High School's 98-pound state wrestling entry, Jim Haines, finished third in his weight class in the state wrestling tournament in Madison Friday and Saturday.

Plans are to give away an automobile for the Fourth of July celebration sponsored by the Blair American Legion post.

100 YEARS AGO March 3, 1921

At a meeting of the village board Monday night, the bid of the Lincoln Farmers Telephone Co. for the removal of

all of the electric light poles, cross arms and wires was accepted.

The Whitehall Cow Testing Association has recently been organized, with Chest Ouwenweel as tester and the following officers: Peter Speerstra, president; Raymond Lamberson, vice president; Dr. A. Vold, secretary/treasurer; and board of directors C. Schaefer, Melvin Evenson, L. Rasmussen and E.A. Hegge.

Herman Herb has sent to his mother a diploma of initiation issued to him by the Ancient Order of the deep, a secret organization of the Navy boys, citing him for crossing the equator in the U.S.S. Florida on Dec. 15.

Pigeon Falls — The program and basket social that was to have been given in the schoolhouse of District No. 4 a couple weeks ago was postponed on account of sickness and will be given this Saturday evening.

125 YEARS AGO Feb. 27, 1896

The passenger train going east last Saturday morning, with Charles Baker as engineer, hit and instantly killed one Ingevald Peterson on what is known as the Breed curve about two and a half miles east of Whitehall. The curve is a sharp one, and the man lay between the rails, evidently in a drunken stupor, unobserved by the engineer until it was too late to stop. Peterson was a relative stranger in these parts, and nothing was found upon his person to establish his identity.

Judge Odell's office in the courthouse has been supplied with a new book and blank case. It is the handiwork of Archie Wood.

Peder Nelson of Pigeon, treasurer with the Whitehall and Pigeon Trading Association, has accepted a position as grain buyer and salesman with this corporation. Mr. Nelson is well and favorably known to the farmers of this section, and will prove a valuable acquisition to the employees of the above association.

Mike Cantlon, Ettrick

And, yes, did I mention that all five men were black? Donald Trump has been a racist all of his life, courtesy of his racist father. The apple does not drop far from the tree. Frankly, no one is saying that all Trump supporters are terrorists. That would be nonsense. But there is no doubt that a huge mob of them moved on the capitol on Jan. 6 and many engaged in terrorism. Indeed, we do a disservice to democracy by denying the terrorism.

Mike Cantlon, Ettrick

TOWN OF ARCADIA

NOTICE: QUARTERLY CLEANUP DAY
****NOTE: THIS IS FOR TOWN OF ARCADIA RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS ONLY; (NOT FOR CITY OF ARCADIA RESIDENTS)****

COVID-19 AND SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES WILL BE REQUIRED
Town of Arcadia staff will not be able to assist with disposal of items, but will be on site for questions and to accept payment as needed.

PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE EXACT AMOUNT CASH, CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

Saturday, February 27, 2021, from 8:00 a.m. until noon, at the Arcadia Town Hall, W26051 State Road 95, Arcadia. Printers, Flat Screen TV's/Monitors, Tube TV's/Mointors, E-Waste WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Charges are listed below:

All Appliances	\$15	Car/Pickup Tires	\$4
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Mattress	\$20	Batteries	\$2
Box Spring	\$20		

Misc. Trash/Construction/Demolition material \$20 per pickup load or small trailer load. Nonrecyclable ag plastic: \$20 per pickup load OR \$50 per trailer load. There will be a charge for other items based on estimated weight.

Town of Arcadia Board of Supervisors

Thank You to those who participated in 100 Extraordinary Women

100 EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN

The list is now on our website, and women can still be added. CONTACT THE LIBRARY: whitpldirector@wrlsweb.org, via the website under the New Library Tab, or give us a call.

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Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department Weekly Log



Wednesday, Feb. 10
 00:30 — Whitehall: A gray car is in the ditch.
 01:13 — Whitehall: City officer sees a residence on fire.
 02:28 — Ettrick: A squad car hit a deer.
 08:41 — Arcadia: Caller's wife fainted. He doesn't know if she is breathing.
 10:53 — Galesville: A snowplow driver needs a vehicle removed from the right of way.
 11:11 — Whitehall: An older male with a walker is trying to buy several hundred dollars worth of gift cards. Caller is concerned it may be a scam.
 12:00 — Osseo: A deceased hawk is near the caller's driveway. He would like a warden to take a look at it.
 13:12 — Osseo: A large amount of debris on the roadway; it turned out to be a case of processed cheese.
 13:57 — Whitehall: Caller's son is posting suicidal comments on his social media. He is very intoxicated and said he is cold.
 15:42 — Galesville: Human services requested an officer to assist with a welfare check on a subject.
 16:38 — Whitehall: Caller was scammed, lost about \$500.
 19:07 — Dodge: A very strong smell of marijuana is coming out of an apartment.
 22:59 — Arcadia: Caller's boyfriend was hitting her in their semi. An officer responded and resolved the situation.
 23:42 — Osseo: Anonymous report of underage drinking in the bar. This is an ongoing problem.
 23:56 — Whitehall: A

patient walked away from the Trempealeau County Health Care Center.
Thursday, Feb. 11
 06:18 — Galesville: A semi is partially blocking an intersection.
 08:13 — Eleva: Caller found his locked garage door standing open this morning. He has yet to check for missing items or damage.
 08:27 — Independence: Two people are down inside a residence, one is possibly deceased.
 08:49 — Arcadia: Parent reporting the sexual assault of a juvenile.
 09:47 — Ettrick: An injured deer needs to be dispatched.
 11:34 — Blair: A car is in the caller's driveway. A female came to the door asking for help, caller wasn't comfortable letting her in.
 17:46 — Osseo: A male left the house upset and hit the caller's vehicle while pulling out of the driveway.
 22:20 — Arcadia: Caller advised a vehicle is off the roadway and a subject is standing outside of it.
Friday, Feb. 12
 05:37 — Independence: Caller reporting a small pickup that appears to have gone in the ditch. Caller didn't think it had damage and didn't think anyone was in it.
 07:12 — Dodge: Caller was hit by another vehicle. Nobody is injured.
 08:48 — Independence: Female is stuck on an outside wheelchair lift. It will not go up or down.
 12:57 — Eleva: Caller is in a red semi pulling a flatbed and said he is being tailgated by a white semi pulling a

flatbed.
 14:47 — Arcadia: Human services reported that they received an anonymous report of a physical fight between two brothers. One is all bloody. Officers arrested both after an investigation.
 15:37 — Arcadia: A male is very dizzy and having difficulty breathing. Ambulance requested.
 15:45 — Trempealeau: Caller said she fell asleep and dropped her phone, causing it to dial 911.
 16:08 — Blair: Caller is concerned he purchased a stolen trailer and would like an officer to look at the paperwork.
 16:11 — Galesville: Female said she was dropped off at a residence, but no one is there and she can't get into the house. She is on the porch, but it is not heated. Caller only knows the first name of the homeowner. Deputy took the caller to a different location.
 17:48 — Whitehall: Theft of a four-wheeler and trailer.
 18:53 — Osseo: Caller is concerned about horses being outside in the cold weather.
Saturday, Feb. 13
 07:01 — Arcadia: A car hit a bridge; no one is around it. The vehicle is now in the ditch.
 08:25 — Whitehall: A female is at the emergency room being treated after an assault done by her husband. She is there without her husband and is afraid to go home.
 09:15 — Ettrick: 911 open line. Dispatch can hear people on the line talking about directions and how to use the phone. Dispatch called back and the caller said she was trying to unlock the phone.
 11:49 — Osseo: Cattle are not being fed. Caller thinks it has been six days since the cattle have been fed. There are possibly 10 head of cattle. Caller said the animal owner is not receptive when contacted by the caller.
 11:56 — Eleva: Child called crying saying "my dad is hurting my mom." Dispatch heard a male voice and then the call disconnected. The call did not map to the residence location and there was no answer on a call-back.
 12:14 — Galesville: Adog has been outside for several days. It is tied to a chain. Caller doesn't know if there is shelter for the dog.
 14:51 — Arcadia: A pickup slid into the ditch and hit a telephone box.
 15:41 — Ettrick: Caller picked up a female on Highway 53. She said she had been walking for half an hour and said something about a male who ditched her. She was dropped off in Ettrick.
 17:08 — Blair: A car is in the ditch with people inside it.
 21:15 — Trempealeau: A female is outside banging on the windows.
 22:22 — Trempealeau: A tan vehicle is in the ditch.
 22:49 — Galesville: Caller went off the road and has damage to the front tires.
 23:50 — Whitehall: A small car has crashed and there is a person inside it.
Sunday, Feb. 14
 07:00 — Osseo: Caller put his black pickup in the ditch on his way to work. He doesn't believe he has any damage. He spoke with the landowner and they said it is OK to stay there until he is done with work.
 14:59 — Trempealeau: A car has been sitting in the parking lot for about five minutes. Now the engine is revving and the horn is honking. There are two people in the car, caller isn't sure if they are fighting. Caller lives across the street.
 19:56 — Trempealeau: A vehicle hit a light pole. The vehicle was previously reported as being all over the road.
 20:52 — Galesville: Caller reported a domestic incident. The male is intoxicated and has left; the female is hiding.
 20:56 — Galesville: Welfare check requested on a male subject who has not been heard from today. The male usually makes contact with family every day. Family members think the heat is out at his residence and he has health issues.
 21:06 — Galesville: Caller has been hearing her neighbors fighting all day. They are screaming and things are being thrown.
Monday, Feb. 15
 05:26 — Arcadia: Caller hears an intruder inside of his residence.
 05:42 — Arcadia: Caller struck some type of pole with her vehicle. She said it is down, but doesn't see any wires.
 07:07 — Arcadia: A car is in the ditch.
 07:31 — Strum: An 81-year-old female is having difficulty breathing.
 08:01 — Galesville: A pickup has a flat tire and the caller has to run to get a jack, but will be back to change it. Caller just purchased the vehicle yesterday so it does not have license plates.
 08:02 — Blair: Theft of catalytic converters.
 18:30 — Galesville: A female went into the ditch and

slid down an embankment. The female is no longer on the scene and is not injured. There was another vehicle that was at the bottom of the embankment. It was also unoccupied and is not related to this crash.
 20:52 — Arcadia: Caller requesting an ambulance be sent to Sparta for her child who has taken a bunch of pills.
 21:39 — Arcadia: Caller reported loud music from the lower level of the house.
Tuesday, Feb. 16
 04:38 — Blair: Caller is in the ditch.
 09:00 — Whitehall: A female was having a panic attack and was cutting herself last night. Superficial cuts.
 10:22 — Independence: Caller reporting a smoke-filled hallway in an apartment building. Caller does not seem flames. The fire department located a grease fire from cooking that caused the smoke. No damage was done.
 10:28 — Blair: Caller has a student in her office who has been sending suicidal messages to another student. The sender's mother is also on scene in the office now.
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TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Real Estate Transactions

The following real estate transactions were registered on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's website between Feb. 15 and Feb. 19.

Shirley Heffner from Chuck's Cabins LLC, a dissolved limited liability company and Charles J. Pitts as member and individual, village of Trempealeau, \$250,000.

Quick Strip Sandblasting LLC from Bruce Reedy Construction, LLC and Reedy Rentals, LLC, city of Galesville, \$90,000.

Dalton and Nicole Caira from Luke Wagner and Emily Wagner, city of Galesville, \$188,000.

Dana Towner and Kyle Redsten from William Towner, town of Caledonia, \$200,000.

Scenic Country Farms, LLC from Osprin II REO, LLC, town of Hale, \$775,000.

Heather and Gary Colby from Bahnub Family Trust of 2011, city of Osseo, \$160,000.

Heather and Gary Colby from Bahnub Family Trust of 2011, city of Osseo, \$165,000.

Kaipen Investments LLC from R.A. Hoffer, LLC, city of Blair, \$200,000.

Gary and Heather Colby from Bahnub Family Trust of 2011, city of Osseo, \$260,000.

Samuel and Kendra Schaa from Bradley and Jodi Mai, village of Eleva, \$287,500.

Jacob and Beth Wadewitz from Brian and Amber Walske and Diane Walske, town of Arcadia, \$14,017.

Thomas and Ellen Morehouse from Lori Laxton, town of Gale, \$57,000.

Nicole Halverson Revocable Trust from Estate of George Clayton, town of Gale, \$320,000.

Allyn and Jodi Doerr from Judith Tranberg, town of Ettrick, \$223,000.

Judith Tranberg Trust of 2017 from Marla Onsrud, village of Ettrick, \$249,000.

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Criminal Court Report

Feb. 16 Initial Appearances
 Jamie Frye, 42, Whitehall, arson of property other than building, bail jumping-misdemeanor and resisting or obstructing an officer. Preliminary hearing scheduled for April 8.
 Ruth Barhyte, 31, Eleva, violate harassment restraining order. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 29, status conference for April 8.
 Ruth Barhyte, 31, Eleva, battery, resisting or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct and bail jumping-misdemeanor (two). Pretrial conference scheduled for March 29, status conference for April 8.
 Dawn Malecki, 46, Holcombe, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC and possess drug paraphernalia-PTAC. Preliminary hearing scheduled for March 31.
 Crystal Moen, 47, Ettrick, injury by negligent use/weapon/explosive, battery (domestic abuse) and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Preliminary hearing scheduled for March 1.
 David Harris, 54, Fairchild, OWI (fifth or sixth). Arraignment scheduled for March 4.
 Jason Simonsen, 42, Wheeling, Ill., take and drive vehicle without consent. Preliminary hearing scheduled for March 31.
 Jordan Chandler, 31, Hixton, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 24.
 Hunter Ross, 19, Eau Claire, credit card-fraudulent use (\$2,500-\$5,000) and credit card-theft by acquisition. Adjoined initial appearance scheduled for April 6.
 Alexandra Johnson, 27, Holcombe, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC.
 Joseph Johnson, 49, Holcombe, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC. Preliminary hearing scheduled for March 11.
 Tara Brown, 37, Lewiston, Minn., forgery-uttering-PTAC and misappropriate ID info-obtain money-PTAC. Preliminary hearing scheduled for March 22.
 Jordan Chandler, 31, Hixton, criminal damage to property. Status conference scheduled for Feb. 24.
 Ruth Barhyte, 31, Eleva, violate harassment restraining order. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 29, status conference for April 8.
 Ruth Barhyte, 31, Eleva, battery, resisting or obstructing an officer, disorderly conduct and bail jumping-misdemeanor (two). Pretrial conference scheduled for March 29, status conference for April 8.
 Alissa Coombs, 30, Chipewa Falls, resisting or obstructing an officer. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 29, status conference for April 15.
 Cory Magnino, 39, Eleva, disorderly conduct. Adjoined initial appearance scheduled for April 6.
 Jeremy Whittier, 42, Osseo, disorderly conduct.
Status Conferences
 Christopher Dahl, 24, Blair, battery and disorderly conduct. Jury status hearing scheduled for March 16, jury selection for April 1 and jury trial for April 2.
 Calderon Aguilar, 26, Arcadia, resisting or obstructing an officer and operating while revoked. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for April 13.
Plea/Sentencing
 Miguel Rubio Gonzalez, 24, Arcadia, pleaded guilty to battery (domestic abuse). Sentenced to 12 months of probation and to pay court costs totaling \$443.
 Shannon Simplot, 42, La Crosse, pleaded guilty to operate with restricted controlled substance (third). Sentenced to 51 days in jail (imposed and stayed), 24 months probation, to have license revoked and ignition interlock device in place for 24 months and to pay court costs totaling \$2,122. Charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor and OWI (third) were dismissed.
 Jose Hernandez Delgado,

52, Arcadia, pleaded guilty to OWI (third). Sentenced to 31 days in jail (imposed and stayed), 24 months probation, to have license revoked and ignition interlock device in place for 24 months and to pay court costs totaling \$2,122. Charge of operating with PAC (third) was dismissed.
Dismissals
 Jacqueline Samples, 40, La Crosse, charges of bail jumping-felony, knowingly violate a domestic abuse order and disorderly conduct were dismissed, but read in.
 Jacqueline Samples, 40, La Crosse, charge of bail jumping-felony was dismissed, but read in.
 Jose Aguilar Duran, 42, Arcadia, charge of bail jumping-misdemeanor was dismissed, but read in.
Feb. 17 Initial Appearances
 David Buder, 30, Eau Claire, escape-criminal arrest. Motion hearing scheduled for March 9.
 Status Conferences
 Michael Underland, 37, Dodge, aggravated battery-intend great bodily harm, first-degree recklessly endangering safety and bail jumping-felony. Status conference scheduled for March 3.
Feb. 18 Preliminary Hearing
 Benjamin Myers, 46, Blair, battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer and disorderly conduct. Arraignment scheduled for Feb. 23.
Status Conferences
 Benjamin Myers, 46, Blair, bail jumping-felony and criminal damage to property. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 23.
 Benjamin Myers, 46, Blair, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, strangulation and suffocation (domestic abuse), bail jumping-felony (three) and battery (domestic abuse). Preliminary hearing scheduled for Feb. 23.
Return on Warrant
 Jesse Honaker, 40, Osseo, bail jumping-felony and retail theft-intentionally take (<=\$500). Status conference scheduled for March 4.
Feb. 19 Preliminary Hearing
 Steven Stensven, 38, La Crosse, throw/dischARGE bodily fluid at public safety worker or prosecutor and disorderly conduct.
Status Conferences
 Steven Stensven, 38, La Crosse, battery or threat to judge, prosecutor or law enforcement officer, bail jumping-felony (three), possession of methamphetamine, resisting or obstructing an officer and operating while revoked. Status conference scheduled for March 12.



TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Traffic Citations & Other Forfeitures

Driver Permitting or Possessing Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle: Gilberto Guevara Martinez, 50, Curtiss.
Passenger Possessing Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle: Michaelena Nixon, 23, Oakdale, Minn.
Operating While Revoked: Armando Calihua-Garcia, 30, Humbird; Marcelino Cruz, 54, Arcadia; Israel Garcia-Lopez, 38, Arcadia.
Operating after License Suspension: Katherine Anderson, 32, Independence; Michael Bauer, 38, Eleva; Sienna Chumas, 23, Osseo; Tysha Earl, 20, Menomonie; Eric Hendrickson, 59, Mindoro; Isabella Henry, 19, Osseo; Stephanie Hite, 39, Whitehall; Montese Jones, 26, Madison; Kelly Kerrigan, 24, La Crosse; Todd Tuma, 43, Arcadia.
Operating without a Valid Driver's License, First Offense: Josue Aguilar, 30, Independence; Yair Ortiz, 26, Whitehall; Luis Garcia Jr., 41, Whitehall; Joel Aguilar, 21, Independence; Ricardo Serrano, 48, Whitehall; Felipe Torres Salazar, 54, Chicago, Ill.
License Restriction Violation (Passenger): William Rodgers, 16, Mondovi.
Failure to Report Accident to Police: Jordan Bradley, 26, Blair.
Inattentive Driving: Israel Garcia-Lopez, 38, Arcadia; Preston Martin, 20, Whitehall.
Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control: Alexis Rasmussen, 23, Independence.
Failure to Yield/Stop for Emergency Vehicle: Rebecca Buralow, 51, Waukegan.
Failure to Yield Right-of-Way: Jacob Simerson, 29, Trempealeau.
Operate without Proof of Insurance: Josue Aguilar, 30, Independence; Isabella Henry, 19, Osseo; Joel Aguilar, 21, Independence; Dalton Swett, 19, Osseo.

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 The Town of Preston is seeking "Sealed Bids" for the town's building located at 101 W. Broadway, Blair, WI. The building will be sold "AS IS". Interested parties must submit their bid by Monday, March 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., and addressed to: Town of Preston, Building Bid, 1102 E. Broadway, Blair, WI 54616. Bids will be opened at the town's Regular Board Meeting, March 8, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. For questions or to view building, contact Darrel Nelson: 608-989-2036 or 608-864-0170, or any board member.
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Bill threatens to undermine government transparency

By Matt Geiger
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The Wisconsin State Senate has fast-tracked a bill that would irreparably harm government transparency. Senate Bill 55, which is now before the State Assembly, is intended to diminish the public's access to information about government meetings and shackle independent journalism and citizen participation that are at the very core of American democracy.

The state senate passed the bill 20-12 last week Tuesday, among those voting against the bill was 31st District Senator Jeff Smith. The vote was nearly along party lines as only two of the 20 who supported it were Democrats and two who opposed it were Republicans. The Wisconsin Newspaper Association (WNA) has vigorously opposed the proposal, which would eliminate the long-standing requirement that local units of government publish vital

information about public meetings. According to the WNA, for more than 200 years, the state's newspapers have helped ensure our state's citizens are well informed through public notices. These notices serve as a critically important independent reporter between units of government and taxpayers, in addition to serving as the official notification vehicle for our court system. Newspaper publication

of notices provides "the necessary verification, certification and archiving that ensures individuals and taxpayers rights are protected and preserved." While notice publication in newspapers has been a constant and reliable third-party check on governmental actors for generations, Wisconsin's publishers have worked to continually adapt public notice requirements to ensure the broadest dissemination of public information. In 2005, the Wisconsin

Newspaper Association began digitally archiving all public notices published in the state, making them available online, for free, at WisconsinPublicNotices.org. This online clearing house of notices from across the state serves as a one-stop shop for notice seekers and can be searched a number of ways. And, the online posting is provided at no additional cost to the governmental and private entities required to publish public notices.

The public notice process exists to provide independent third-party oversight of government. Government should never be permitted to report on itself. Countries where units of government control their own media fall outside the very definition of a democracy. Newspapers are the only form of notification that provides the necessary verification, certification and archiving that ensures that taxpayers' rights are protected and preserved.

COVID-19 vaccine myths debunked

(Editor's note: The following was released by Mayo Clinic Health System) A vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is perhaps the best hope for ending the pandemic. It is likely that you have heard claims about the COVID-19 vaccine on social media or from people in your life. The quick development and approval of a vaccine may increase your hesitancy about its safety or effectiveness. Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse would like to help set the record straight on circulating myths about the COVID-19 vaccine.

Myth: The COVID-19 vaccine is not safe because it was rapidly developed and tested. **Fact:** Many pharmaceutical companies invested significant resources into quickly developing a vaccine for COVID-19 because of the worldwide impact of the pandemic. The emergency situation warranted an emergency response but that does not mean that companies bypassed safety protocols or perform adequate testing.

Mayo Clinic will recommend the use of those vaccines that we are confident are safe. While there are many COVID-19 vaccine candidates in development, early interim data are encouraging for the Pfizer vaccine which likely is to be the first authorized for emergency use by the FDA in the late December/early January timeframe. This vaccine was created using

a novel technology based on the molecular structure of the virus. The novel methodology to develop a COVID-19 vaccine allows it to be free from materials of animal origin and synthesized by an efficient, cell-free process without preservatives. This vaccine developed by Pfizer/BioNTech has been studied in approximately 43,000 people.

To receive emergency use authorization, the pharmaceutical manufacturer must have followed at least half of the study participants for at least two months after completing the vaccination series, and the vaccine must be proven safe and effective in that population. In addition to the safety review by the FDA, the Advisory Committee on Immunization has convened a panel of vaccine safety experts to independently evaluate the safety data from the clinical trial. Mayo Clinic vaccine experts also will review the available data. The safety of COVID-19 vaccine will continue to be closely monitored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the FDA.

Myth: I already had COVID-19 and recovered, so I don't need to get a COVID-19 vaccine when it's available. **Fact:** There is not enough information currently available to say if or how long after infection someone is protected from getting COVID-19 again. This is called natural immunity. Early evidence suggests natural immunity from COVID-19

may not last very long, but more studies are needed to better understand this. Mayo Clinic recommends getting the COVID-19 vaccine, even if you've had COVID-19 previously. However, those that had COVID-19 should delay vaccination until about 90 days from diagnosis. People should not get vaccinated if in quarantine after exposure or if they have COVID-19 symptoms.

Myth: There are severe side effects of the COVID-19 vaccines. **Fact:** There are short-term mild or moderate vaccine reactions that resolve without complication or injury. The early phase studies of the Pfizer vaccine show that it is safe. About 15 percent of people developed short lived symptoms at the site of the injection. 50 percent developed systemic reactions primarily headache, chills, fatigue or muscle pain or fever lasting for a day or two. Keep in mind that these side effects are indicators that your immune system is responding to the vaccine and are common when receiving vaccines.

Myth: I won't need to wear a mask after I get the COVID-19 vaccine. **Fact:** There is not enough information currently available to say if or how long after infection someone is protected from getting COVID-19 again. This is called natural immunity. Early evidence suggests natural immunity from COVID-19

in any manner and is not tied to the development, testing or distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine. **Myth:** The COVID-19 vaccine will alter my DNA. **Fact:** The first COVID-19 vaccines to reach the market are likely to be messenger RNA (mRNA) vaccines. According to the CDC, mRNA vaccines work by instructing cells in the body how to make a protein that triggers an immune response. Injecting mRNA into your body will not interact or do anything to the DNA of your cells. Human cells break down and get rid of the mRNA soon after they have finished using the instructions.

Myth: The COVID-19 vaccine was developed as a way to control the general population either through microchip tracking or nano transducers in our brains. **Fact:** There is no vaccine "microchip" and the vaccine will not track people or gather personal information into a database. This myth started after comments made by Bill Gates from The Gates Foundation about a digital certificate of vaccine records. The technology he was referencing is not a microchip, has not been implemented

While some people that receive the vaccine may develop symptoms as their immune system responds, remember that this is common when receiving any vaccine and not considered serious or life threatening. You cannot get COVID-19 infection from the COVID-19 vaccines; they are inactivated vaccines and not live vaccines. It's important to recognize that getting the vaccine is not just about survival from COVID-19. It's about preventing spread of the virus to others and preventing infection that can lead to long-term negative health effects. While no vaccine is 100% effective, they are far better than not getting a vaccine. The benefits certainly outweigh the risks in healthy people.

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Primary cuts Blair mayoral, state superintendent races to two

By Andrew Dannahy
Times Editor

The ballot for April's election became more clear last week Tuesday as the primary cut both the candidates to be the mayor of Blair and the Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction down to two.

The primary eliminated one current Blair city council member from consideration to replace Ardell Knutson as the city's mayor. First Ward Alderman Chris Ekern was eliminated from consideration after receiving 20 votes while Third Ward Alderman Paul Syverson received 44 and council outsider John Rawson received 38.

Syverson and Rawson will now appear on the ballot in April. Knutson is retiring after serving the city for more than 25 years.

The only other local race this spring will come in the city of Arcadia where Jason Lockington and Julie Hurlburt will compete in the Third Ward.

Local voters heavily favored Troy Gunderson in the state superintendent race, but he finished fifth out of seven candidates statewide. Gunderson, who served as the superintendent of the

Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District for two years in the early 2000s, received 509 vote sin the county, ahead of Deborah Kerr, 310; Jill Underly, 266; Sheila Briggs, 126; Shandowlyon Hendricks-Williams, 61; Steve Krull, 45 and Joe Fenrick, 28.

The former area administrator received the most votes in the towns of Albion, Burnside, Caledonia, Etrick, Gale, Lincoln and Pigeon as well as the villages of Eleva, Etrick, Pigeon Falls, Strum and Trempealeau and the cities of Arcadia, Blair and Galesville.

Statewide, however, Gunderson received eight percent of the votes, ahead of only Krull and Fenrick. Underly and Kerr will square off in April's election as Underly received the most votes in the primary, about two thousand more than Kerr.

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Obituaries

Paul "Buffy" Woyczik

Paul "Buffy" Woyczik, 73, passed away Friday, February 12, 2021.

A heartfelt thank you to Grand View Care Center and St. Croix Hospice.

A Celebration of Life for Paul will be held at a later date.

Annette "Chris" (Christianson) Deeren

Annette "Chris" (Christianson) Deeren, 71, of Iola, TX, died peacefully at home, surrounded by her family, Sunday, February 14, 2021, after a 2½-year battle with esophageal cancer.

Chris, as she was called by all, was born August 25, 1949, to Francis and Theresa (Sheehy) Christianson, the oldest of nine children. She grew up in Ettrick, and graduated from Gale-Ettrick High School in 1967.

After high school, Chris worked briefly for the FBI in Washington D.C. as a Finger Print Analyst and for Marinuka Manor Nursing home in Galesville. In 1970, she married Gary Deeren in Ettrick and was blessed with four children. In 1977, Gary and Chris moved their family to Texas. There she became the first woman to graduate (2nd in her class) from the police academy at the Brazos County Sheriff's Dept. She went on to become a Jail Administrator in Brazos County. Chris retired as the Jail Administrator of the Grimes County Sheriff's department.

Chris is survived by her husband, Gary; children:

Tracy (Ben) Crenshaw, Brent (Mary) Deeren, Brad (Jennifer) Deeren, Jody (Cody) Clemens; and 10 grandchildren: Andrew & Adam Crenshaw, Brendon (Kaci), Kloi & Seth Deeren, Aaron & Austin Deeren, and Addison, Zoey & Emma Clemens. She is also survived by her brothers: Doug (Jackie) Christianson, Terry (Jan) Christianson, John (Sheryl) Christianson, Darrell Christianson; sisters: Mary (Randy) Reisbig, Dorothy Thompson, Lori (Sheldon) Marthaler; father-in-law, Gordon Deeren; brothers-in-law: Dan (Sue) Deeren, Rick Deeren; sister-in-law, Pam Remus; as well as many nieces & nephews.

Chris was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Dennis; brother-in-law, John Thompson; nieces: Kristi Thompson, Rachael Reisbig; and mother-in-law, Alvina Deeren.

Memorials may be given to the Esophageal Cancer Education Foundation or one of your own choosing. No services will be held at this time. A Celebration of Life will occur sometime this summer in remembrance of Chris.

Wayne "Weiner" Konter

Wayne "Weiner" Konter, 81, of Buffalo City, passed away Monday, February 15, 2021, at St. Michael's Assisted Living in Fountain City.

Wayne was born July 26, 1939, at home in Waumandee, to Emil and Dorothy Konter. Wayne was united in marriage to Doris

Walek, May 11, 1963, and with the grace of God, two sons were born to this marriage: Jeffrey and Douglas.

Wayne worked in construction for the majority of his life and retired from the Cochrane Mill. He and Doris were the proud owners of Waumandee Bar for nine years. Wayne was a long-time member of the Knights of Columbus in Arcadia, and often went bowling with them. Wayne enjoyed hunting, fishing, any outdoor activities, watching the Packers and the Brewers, but his biggest love was the love for his family. He had a strong passion for life and lived it to the fullest.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Doris; his sons: Jeff (Michelle) Konter, and Doug (Deb) Konter; his grandchildren: Reed Konter, Macey Konter, Erin Konter, Cory Konter and Christopher Konter; his sister, Betty Klimek; and brother, John Konter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Emil and Dorothy; brothers: Don and Bernie Konter; and sister, Bernadine "Toots" Shank.

A Memorial Mass was held Saturday, February 20, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Fountain City. Father Doss officiated. A Memorial Gathering was held from 11:00 a.m., until the time of Mass.

Talbot Family Funeral Homes, Scenic Rivers Cremation Center is assisting the family with arrangements.

Edith J. Olson

Edith Jeanette Olson, 81, of Strum, passed away Monday, February 15, 2021, at her home in Strum.

She was born March 26, 1939, to Edwin and Jenny (Halverson) Guenther in Arcadia. Edith was a 1958 graduate of Arcadia High School. She was united in marriage to Maynard Olson, May 21, 1960. Together, they were blessed with three children: Allen, Christina and David.

Edith and Maynard loved to dance together and go camping with their family. She loved hunting and fishing. Edith was a gifted seamstress. She worked at the Marry-Go-Round in Strum and helped with the Miss Strum and Miss Osseo courts with their gowns. She also worked for the Ad-Delite newspaper in Strum working part-time with her sister, Diane. After retiring from work, Edith was able to help family and friends with alterations on a variety of clothing. She especially loved working with wedding gowns and prom dresses.

She was an active member of the VFW Auxiliary and various church groups. Edith helped with Lions Club and Steam Engine

Days in Strum. She was also a part of Flying Club at the Strum Airport and a part of Ski Club and Unity Valley Home Makers. In addition, she was one of the first Den Mothers for Boy Scouts in the area.

Edith is survived by her sons: Allen, and his children, Cloe and Eric (Emily) Olson, and their daughter, Emma; and David (Erin Basel) and Erin's children, Colten and Lorelei Still; and her siblings, Diane (Chuck) Thronson and Laurel Bolin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Maynard; daughter, Christina; and brothers: Willmer (Joan) Guenther, Everett Guenther and Clifford Guenther.

Memorial Services were held Friday, February 19, 2021, 11:00 a.m., at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 109 Elm Street in Strum. Pastor Valerian Ahles officiated. Burial followed at West Beef River Lutheran Cemetery. Family and friends were invited for a casual visitation Thursday, February 18, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m., at Schiefelbein Funeral Home in Osseo; P: 715-597-3711.

Schiefelbein Funeral Home of Osseo is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are available at www.schiefelbeinhf.com.

Carlyle G. Helstad

Carlyle G. Helstad, 80, of Blair, passed away peacefully, Friday, February 19, 2021, at Gundersen Tri-County Hospital in Whitehall.

Carlyle was born April 9, 1940, to Carl and Gina (Gimse) Helstad in French Creek. He was baptized and confirmed at French Creek Lutheran Church. Carlyle attended grade school at Chapaultepec and Upper French Creek and graduated from Blair High School in 1958. He attended UW-River Falls after graduation. Carlyle married Janet Marie Johnson, the love of his life, in Whitehall at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, June 11, 1966.

Carlyle worked as a welder at American Motors in Kenosha before being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1962. Before being discharged in 1964, Carlyle was posted at Fort Carson, CO, Fort Gordon, GA, and Fort Bragg, NC. He started his career as a police officer in 1966, for the City of Blair and served as the chief of police for 31 years.

Carlyle was a humble and loving man. He was a member of the Blair Preston Fire Department, served on the Blair City Council, and also served on the Blair Lutheran Church Council.

Carlyle is survived by his wife, Janet; two daughters: Pamela (Nathan) Ani-

bas and Linda (Matthew) Schaller; four grandchildren: Kaili and Jacob Gardner and Maryann and Mark Anibas; a great-grandson, Camden Gardner; and his brother, Verdell.

In addition to his parents, Carlyle was preceded in death by his sisters: Mariann Stenberg and Aloydis Eckman.

Carlyle's family takes great solace in the knowledge that he heard his Saviour utter the word's unto him, "Well done good and faithful servant."

Funeral services will be held Thursday, February 25, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Jack Funeral Home in Blair. Burial with military rites conducted by Knudtson-Mattison American Legion Post #231 will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery in Blair. Pastor Paul Sannerud will officiate.

Friends may call from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service.

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

Robert "Bob" J. Neitzel

Robert James Neitzel, 86, of Blair, and formerly of Arcadia, died Saturday, February 20, 2021, at Grand View Care Center in Blair.

Robert was born December 30, 1934, in Fountain City to Albert and Mary (Hund) Neitzel. Bob married Eunice Bortle, July 13, 1957. Together, they farmed in rural Arcadia and raised eight children.

Bob served his country during the Korean War. After his service, he came home to his wife and his son and began farming. During his life, Bob enjoyed fishing, hunting, snowmobiling and riding his motorcycle. He belonged to the Iron Butt Association "riding 1,000 miles in a 24-hour period". Eunice enjoyed riding with Bob, making many trips to South Dakota and traveling the country. His was also known to be a jokester.

Bob is survived by his children: Randy Neitzel of Sioux Falls, SD, Roger Neitzel of Arcadia, Steven (Juanita) Neitzel of Arcadia, Keith (LaVonne Klonecki) Neitzel of Arcadia, Diane (Richard) Schultz of Watertown, SD, Todd (Melissa) Neitzel of Dodge; nine grandchildren: Crystal, Katie, Kory, Jessica, Adam, James, Sharon, Selena, Camron; one great-grandchild, Saria; siblings: Theresa (Al) Mazig of Minneapolis, MN, Mary Lou Sobotta of Fountain City, Fred (Brenda) Neitzel of Buffalo City, and David (Dee) Neitzel of Fountain City. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice; son, Kevin; daughter, Sharon; brothers: Charles, Alvin, Frank and Gerald Neitzel.

The family wishes to thank Joni and the staff at Gundersen for their unfailing care & support during his fight; and his many good buddies throughout this journey we call life, especially Danny LaHue, whom he loved like a brother. Where there is deep grief, there is great love.

Zwickie Funeral Homes, Galesville Chapel, assisted the family.

Burial will be held Saturday, February 27, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Holy Family Parish in Arcadia. Father Sebastian Kolodziejczyk will officiate. Friends and family are invited for visitation from 9:30 a.m., until the time of the service at the church. Due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, masks and social distancing measures will be strongly encouraged. Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Fountain City at a later date.

To express condolences to Bob's family online, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

Jeffrey "Jeff" K. 'Jake' Jacobson

Jeffrey "Jeff" K. 'Jake' Jacobson passed away peacefully, Sunday, February 21, 2021, at home on his farm, surrounded by his loving family and his significant other, Barb.

Jeff was born in La Crosse, January 29, 1957, to Harlan and Delores 'Rusty' Jacobson. They preceded him in death in 2009 and 2011. He graduated from Central High School in 1975, and worked for the family moving company for many years until he bought his farm up near Centerville.

Jeff was always telling jokes, and had many passions over the years — go-karting, fishing, hunting, training horses and collecting keepsakes. His trips to Colorado visiting his kids were a highlight of his life and his love of music lived in him until the end.

We all thought that he was a city boy, but after buying his hobby farm about 15 years ago, his passion for animals was renewed. There he had horses, cows, goats, ducks, chickens, a stray cat or two and his dogs: Willy, Curly & Missy.

He is survived by his two beautiful children, Jonny & Chrissy; his brother, Randy (Pati) Jacobson; two sisters: Julie (Steve) Springer and Renee Plunkett; one surviving uncle, Ray Sime; many cousins, nieces & nephews; and his significant other, Barb Albinger. He was also preceded in death by his nephew, Ryan Jacobson, in 2010.

The family wishes to thank Joni and the staff at Gundersen for their unfailing care & support during his fight; and his many good buddies throughout this journey we call life, especially Danny LaHue, whom he loved like a brother. Where there is deep grief, there is great love.

Zwickie Funeral Homes, Galesville Chapel, assisted the family.

(Death Notices are found on page 28.)

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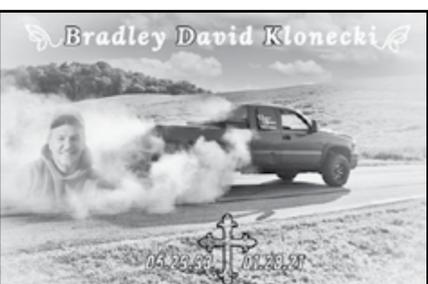
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Our family, honestly can't say THANK YOU enough! Thank you to those that brought food to the house, stopped over to visit, said prayers, sent cards, text messages or called to express sympathy to our family. The flowers and plants we received brought light into a very difficult time. Thank you for the stories and memories that were shared. They truly helped our family and highlighted what a special person Brad was. No words can take the pain away of losing Brad. We can close our eyes and pray he comes back, but we have to open our eyes and see all the people that loved Brad for who he was and that smile! Special thanks to Trish & Brenda at Wozney-Killian Funeral home for helping lift the burden off our shoulders. Father Kyle and Father Sebastian for saying Mass. Cole, Kathy and DeLaine for the beautiful music in church! Jeff Kupka, Independence Ready Mix crew, thanks for the outpouring amount of support given to our family and for leading the way to Brad's final resting place. To the pallbearers, Zach, Nate, Joey, Hunter, Jake, Noah, Shiloh, Brice, Austen and Derrick - thanks for carrying Brad to his place of rest. True friends like each of you were not only there for the good times, but also this difficult time! We can cry, be sad, close our mind and feel empty; but we all know Brad would not want us sad for a day. SMILE, open your heart, love and go on!

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Habitat buys Arcadia lot, readies project

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

Habitat for Humanity will begin the application process in March to identify an owner for a home in Arcadia following the city's decision to sell the organization a lot.

Kahya Fox, executive director for Habitat for Humanity in La Crosse, said she expects groundbreaking on the home to begin in the summer. The organization will also be forming an Arcadia committee to help plan the project and find the volunteers who help construct the home.

The Arcadia city council last Wednesday approved the sale of land on Wilson Avenue, near a former city water well site, for \$10,000. "We are really excited about this project," Fox said of the first Habitat for

Humanity's effort in Trempealeau County.

Among the individuals who could qualify for the home are those living in substandard or temporary housing, those paying rent higher than 30 percent of their income or those who need access for disabilities.

Successful applicants will invest 350 to 400 hours of "sweat equity" into construction of a home they would then own. Applicants must show two years of steady income and be making active payments on any debt.

Those who qualify for the home would not pay more than 30 percent of their income on mortgage payments, according to the organization's literature. Information about the group's work and the Arcadia project is available at habitatlacrosse.org.

State DPI seeking additional residents to test internet speed

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction announced recently it is seeking additional Wisconsin residents to take part in its initiative to collect information on internet connection speeds to improve access around the state.

In partnership with Measurement Lab, the DPI invites residents to test their home internet speeds using M-Lab's speed test. Data produced by the test provides broadband planning groups additional information to target improvements where internet performance is poor.

"By simply taking a few seconds to test their internet speed, Wisconsinites can help us close the digital equity gap in our state," said DPI Assistant State Superintendent of the Division for Libraries and Technology

Kurt Kiefer, a member of the Governor's Task Force on Broadband Access. "The data will help determine where improvements to internet need to be made and is essential to ensuring high-quality learning for all children."

As part of the initiative, Wisconsin residents have performed nearly 190,000 internet speed tests to date, with an average of 3,388 tests per day. The speed testing project will continue through March 31, 2021. The DPI recently released a new public dashboard of Wisconsin internet speeds by school district.

The dashboard shows speed test data for school districts over specific time ranges. For more information on the DPI's effort to close the digital equity gap, visit the agency's website.

Whitehall-Pigeon Rod & Gun Club Ice Fishing Contest

Times photos by Andrew Dannehy



AAA: Wintry conditions call for driver preparation, caution

As much of Wisconsin prepares for significant snowfall this weekend, AAA reminds motorists that snow and ice can create extremely dangerous driving conditions that demand extra caution. Motorists should do the following to stay safe:

- Turn on your low-beam headlights, even during the day.
- Always drive at a speed that is appropriate for conditions — even if that means driving below the posted speed limit.
- Compensate for reduced traction by increasing your following distances (normally three to four seconds) to eight to ten seconds.
- Watch for icy surfaces on bridges and intersections, even if the rest of the road seems to be in good condition.
- Familiarize yourself with your vehicle's braking system. Drivers with anti-lock brake should apply firm, constant pressure while those without may need to pump the pedal in order to avoid loss of traction while stopping.
- Remember that 4WD or AWD helps you to get going quicker and maintain control around curves, but it won't help you stop any faster.
- When changing lanes, avoid cutting in front of trucks, which need more time and distance than passenger vehicles to stop.
- Don't use cruise control in precipitation and freezing temperatures.
- Always look and steer in the direction you want to go.
- When you see flashers, move over a lane if possible and slow down as you're passing emergency vehicles. This law applies to any vehicle — including tow trucks — that displays flashing lights and is stationary on the side of the road.
- During severe winter weather AAA receives a high number of road service calls, and members should be aware that priority service will be given to those who are stranded or in a dangerous situation, and that the most efficient way to request Roadside Assistance is through the AAA Mobile app on your smartphone. AAA recommends that if you become stranded, it is best to stay with the vehicle with your seatbelt on. If you can start your engine, run it only long enough to keep warm. Make sure the exhaust pipe is clear of snow.
- AAA also advises motorists to prepare an emergency kit for their vehicle, which should include the following: Cell phone and charger, jumper cables, warm gear for all potential passengers — boots, hats, gloves, blankets, flares, flashlight and extra batteries, extra food and water for all potential passengers, general first aid kit, non-clumping kitty litter, ice scraper, snow brush and shovel, and extra windshield washer fluid.

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Times Sports

Wildcats win regional for third-straight year

By Zac Bellman Times Staff

For the third season in a row, the Blair-Taylor boys basketball team has repeated as Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association regional title winners.

The Wildcats defeated Plum City/Elmwood in the Regional Semifinal on Friday, before taking a decisive victory over Whitehall to secure B-T's 16th boys basketball regional title in school history.

B-T is now 22-1 on the season, including postseason play. Sectional competition begins with the Division Four Sectional Semifinal on Thursday, as the second-seeded Wildcats host the third-seeded (14-3) Iola-Scandinavia Thunderbirds. A win would advance them to Saturday's WIAA Sectional Final for a trip to state against the winner of top seed Onalaska Luther versus

fourth-seeded Necedah.

B-T 82 PC/Elmwood 53

The Wildcats advanced to their 23rd Regional Final in the last 31 years with a 29-point margin of victory over the Wolves.

The top-seeded B-T squad handled their fourth-seeded Plum City/Elmwood visitors, taking a 33-17 lead into half that only grew as the game went on.

The Wildcats opened the game with an 8-0 run before EPC chipped away and got within four at 15-11. Matt Waldera hit a jumper that moved the lead to 17-11. Kyle Steien followed with a two, then Alec Reismann took a steal coast-to-coast for a layup that pushed the lead to 21-11.

Both teams traded baskets to get to 25-15, before Steien made a layup through a foul but missed the and-one opportunity. Another pair of traded baskets preceded a

Reismann drive and layup followed by Waldera free-throws that got the margin to 16 by halftime.

Leading B-T for the game were Steien's 30 points, followed by Waldera's 21, Tyler Thompson's 15, Reismann's 13 and Daniel Lambright with three.

B-T 68 Whitehall 44

A matchup between two familiar Dairyland Conference foes in the Regional Final went much the way of their previous two meetings this season, as B-T pulled away late to stem a Whitehall comeback.

A 31-18 halftime advantage slipped to within a couple possessions midway through the second half, as the Wildcats led the Norse 36-30 nearly six minutes into the half.

Aggressive defense in the paint allowed the Norse to close the gap a bit, but it began to backfire later on as the Wildcats drew free-throw opportunities.

After one conversion at the line followed by a hoop-and-the foul opportunity for Cain Fremstad, a miss led to a Steien rebound and foul on the subsequent shot attempt. As Steien stood at the line with B-T already leading now 39-30, Whitehall head coach Tyler Petersen picked up a technical foul, giving Steien two more chances from the line.

Steien converted two-of-four on the line, before Whitehall's Aidan Somsalla earned a steal on the ensuing B-T possession that led to a one-of-two free-throw trip. The Norse got the ball back on a B-T turnover, and Devon McCune finished the resulting possession with a hoop through a foul. The free throw was short, and free-throws from Waldera pushed the lead back to 10 at 41-31.

Whitehall was in the bonus from then-on, as B-T steadily expanded their lead while clamping down on defense.

For the game, Steien led the Wildcats with 27 points, followed by Waldera's 21, Fremstad's seven, Thompson's five, Reismann and Kyle Obeigle each with three and Daniel Lambright with two.

Devon McCune led Whitehall with 19 points while Kevin Carroll added five, Ian Pank scored four, Isaac Skoyen finished with three and Luke Beighley, Greg Santos and Michael Spare all scored two.



Tyler Thompson of Blair-Taylor moved toward the basket as his Elmwood/Plum City defender fell down during their regional game last Friday. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

All-DC wrestling teams announced

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

Whitehall wrestlers made up eight of the 14 first-team all Dairyland Conference selections, announced last week.

The Norse won the conference with a 3-0 record, topping Blair-Taylor, 2-1; Independence/Gilmanton, 1-2 and Cochrane-Fountain City, 0-3. As a result, Whitehall wrestlers took up much of the all-conference team. Selections include: Curt Mosely, 106, 3-0; Dylan Moats, 113, 2-0; Matthew Poulos, 132, 3-0; Alex Katzman, 138, 3-0; Brekken Kulig, 160, 3-0; Eric Kleinhans, 182, 3-0; Liam Herrick, 220, 3-0 and Wylie Dunn, 285, 3-0.

It was the fourth time Herrick has been picked for the All-DC team, while Dunn has been honored three times. Moats, Katzman, Kulig and Kleinhans were all honored for the second time.

Dunn went on to place fourth in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association State Tournament, the sixth-place finisher in the meet, Blair-Taylor's Chris Rogstad was also honored, listed behind Dunn as he went 2-1 in conference matches.

Also getting picked for B-T was Jeff Doerr, 120, 3-0; Colton Lejcher, 126, 3-0 and Jackson Shramek, 170, 2-1. It was the third time Lejcher was honored while the others were first-time recipients.

Independence/Gilmanton was represented by Gabe Rombalski, 106, 2-1; Connor Smieja, 145, 2-1; Ethan Severson, 152, 2-0 and Gavin Bragger, 195, 3-0. It was the second time Rombalski, Smieja and Severson were honored.

Also earning recognition were C-FC wrestlers Zach Foley, 3-0, 145 and Sam Schultz, 170, 2-1.

The conference figures to be returning plenty of talent next year as the only seniors on the all-conference team were Rombalski, Doerr, Severson, Herrick and Rogstad.

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Independence's Amiah Ives tried for a steal during their sectional game against Wisconsin Rapids Assumption on Thursday. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Arcadia season ends with loss to Mondovi

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The Arcadia boys basketball team couldn't get the stops they needed down the stretch and a last second shot was off the mark as their season came to an end with a Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association regional home loss to Mondovi.

After a run gave the Buffaloes a 52-47 lead with 3:33 left in the game, Arcadia fought back and had a chance to win it but a three pointer in the closing seconds was off the mark and the Buffaloes won 57-55 last week Tuesday.

The loss gave Arcadia a final record of 8-9 and they will graduate nine seniors including Chandler Sonsalla, Lizandro Aguilar, Carson Pehler, Alex Madden, Charlie Siewert, Austin Zastrow, Joseph Rivera and Carter Pronschinske.

Mondovi 57 Arcadia 55

The Raiders had a chance late, getting an open three pointer after a deflected pass,

but the shot was off the mark and the Buffaloes took home the win.

While Mondovi was ahead for much of the game, free throws by Austin Zastrow gave Arcadia a 47-46 lead with 6:02 left.

The Buffaloes then scored the next six points before Kaden Updike made a three. After three Mondovi free throws, Evan Pauly connected on a three pointer, making the score 55-53 with 46 remaining.

Missed free throws by Mondovi helped keep Arcadia in the game. They split a pair with 33 seconds left before Pauly scored to make it a one-point game. The Buffaloes added another free throw with 8.7 seconds remaining, setting up the final Arcadia possession.

The Raiders attempted to get the ball inside to Pauly, but the pass was deflected away. Pehler came up with the loose ball and passed

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GMC misses cut, sends two to state

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau/Melrose-Mindoro/Cochrane-Fountain City gymnastics will send two individuals to Saturday's Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division Two State Meet with their performances at last Thursday's Sectional in La Crosse.

Ten Division Two teams competed for the top two state-qualifying positions Thursday at Performance Elite Gymnastics, including GMC and Arcadia.

GMC missed qualifying as a team by less than three points, but will still send Abby Miller and Katie Pierson to state for their individual performances. Miller qualified in the parallel bars and floor events, while Pierson earned a qualification on the beam. The Raiders finished ninth, with no individual qualifiers.

The WIAA Division Two State Meet will take place Saturday, as Miller and Pierson will return to Performance Elite Gymnastics to compete for individual titles.

Onalaska Sectional

River Falls and Sparta took the top two spots to qualify their teams for state, tallying scores of 140.9 and 136.225 respectively. GMC came in just shy of taking the second qualifying spot as a team, finishing 2.65 points short of Sparta's score to finish third.

Miller led GMC in the all-around, finishing seventh overall with a score of 34.325 that included an 8.975 on the floor, 8.9 on beam, 8.25 on bars and 8.2 on the vault. Her scores on the floor and bars

were the fifth-best overall in each event, earning state qualification. She also finished sixth overall on beam, narrowly missing a third individual event qualification.

Paris Lambert followed in 12th overall, tallying a 33.5 that included an 8.65 each on the floor and vault, 8.2 on beam and 8.0 on bars. Trista Thill finished 14th overall, scoring a 32.825 including an 8.75 on the floor, 8.275 on beam, 8.25 on vault and 7.55 on bars. Pierson was the 15th overall finisher, scoring a 32.725 that included an 8.95 on beam, 8.25 on vault, 7.925 on the floor and 7.6 on bars. Her score on beam was good for fifth overall in that event, earning her a state qualification.

Following GMC in the team standings were Viroqua's 129.375 points, Menomonie with 127.775, West Salem with 127.75, Prairie Du Chien with 123.95, Tomah's 109.925, Arcadia's 103.975 and Westby's 102.25.

Nora Bergerson led the ninth-place Raiders with the 21st-overall score of 30.275, including an 8.05 on vault, 7.95 on the floor, 7.375 on beam and 6.9 on bars.

Rachel Knudsen finished 28th overall with a score of 26.15, including a 7.35 on vault, 6.8 on beam, 6.45 on the floor and 5.55 on bars. Lindsey Berg finished 30th overall with a score of 25.45, including a 7.25 on vault, 6.9 on the floor and scores of 5.65 each on the beam and bars. Itzel Hernandez finished 34th overall to round out the top four for Arcadia, tallying 22.3 points including a 6.7 on vault, 5.65 on the floor, 5.3 on beam and 4.65 on bars.



Left: Rachel Knudsen of Arcadia competes on the beam and (right) Ellayna Christopherson of GMC competed on the vault during last Thursday's WIAA Division Two Sectional at Performance Elite Gymnastics in La Crosse. (Times photograph by Zac Bellman)



Indee girls fall to Royals in sectional

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

An early 10-0 run was wasted as the Independence girls basketball team lost its lead and, eventually, the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division Five sectional semifinal game to Wisconsin Rapids Assumption on Thursday.

Independence scored the first 10 points in the game, but Assumption rallied back and took a 33-26 lead into halftime before putting the game away with a late run in the second half to win 63-49. Assumption went on to defeat Wauzeka-Stauben 65-44 in the sectional final. They will play Chippewa Falls McDonell Catholic in the state semifinal game this Thursday.

The Indees were the second seed in the sectional bracket and finished the season with a 17-6 record. The game was the final one for seniors Emerson Pronschinske and Ziy Conner.

For Conner, it marks the

end of one of the most statistically dominant seasons for either boys or girls in Trempealeau County as she averaged 25.7 points and 16.3 rebounds per game. Prior to the state tournament, she was third in the state in points and first in rebounds per game.

WRA 63 Independence 49
A 10-0 lead was short-lived as Assumption went on an 18-7 run to take the lead before they took control of the game.

The Indees came out firing as Conner scored inside on a put-back on their first possession before Aubrie Pronschinske hit a jumper. Emerson Pronschinske followed with two three pointers and the Indees were ahead 10-0.

The Royals then began chipping away, starting with six-foot-four Emily Bohn scoring off of a move in the post.

Alana Back made a layup to put the Indees back ahead

by 10 and a free throw by Conner made the score 13-2, but the Royals scored the next nine points.

Bohn scored again before Ainara Martin and Jessie Grundhoffer made layups. A three pointer by Izzy Jungwirth made it a one-possession game at 13-11.

Amiah Ives ended the run with a jumper for Independence, but Kayla Kerman came back with a three for Assumption. Aubrie Pronschinske kept the Indees ahead with a jumper before Bohn scored again and Martin got a layup off of a steal to put the Royals ahead 18-17.

Back gave the Indees the lead again with a jumper on their next possession, but Kerkman scored four points and Bohn got another basket in the paint to put her team ahead by five.

Baskets by Grundhoffer and Bohn made it a nine-point Assumption lead, before Conner scored twice and Back got a basket to cut it to four. Four points by Conner helped keep it a four-point game before Grundhoffer had a three-point play to put her team ahead 33-26 at halftime.

Consecutive three pointers put the Royals ahead by

13 early in the second half. Baskets by Avery Pape and Conner cut it back down to eight, but the Indees had a difficult time keeping up.

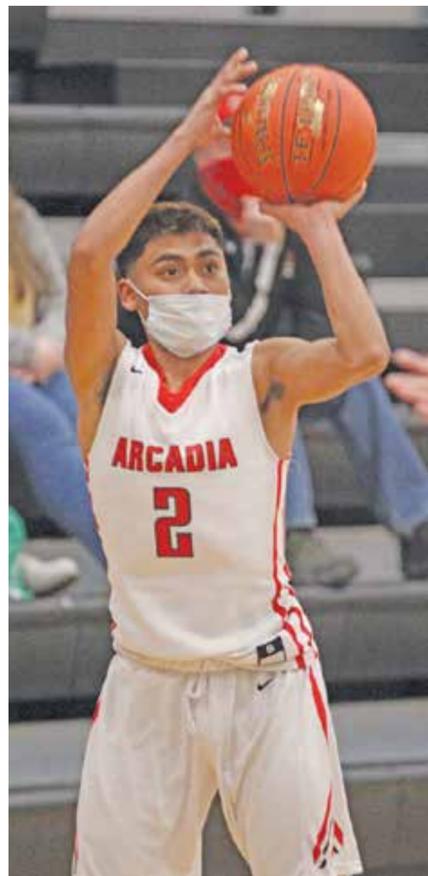
Bohn and Martin scored to put Assumption back ahead by 12 before Pape got it down to nine with a three pointer. Martin then scored six straight before Bohn made two free throws to put Assumption ahead 51-34.

Led by Conner, the Indees made one last push as the senior got the lead down to nine before a basket by Bohn. Emerson Pronschinske made two free throws before Back made a jumper and Pape hit a three to bring the Indees within six at 55-49, but that's as close as they'd get.

Assumption scored the last eight points in the game — four by Bohn — as they clinched the win.

Despite a size disadvantage, Conner led the Indees with 16 points and 18 rebounds. Back added 10 points while Pape scored nine. Emerson Pronschinske finished with eight, Aubrie Pronschinske, four and Ives, two.

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Lizandro Aguilar Vasquez of Arcadia shot a jumper during the Raiders' loss to Mondovi in the WIAA Regional last Tuesday. (Times photograph by Zac Bellman)

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G-E-T's season ends in Durand

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau boys basketball saw their season come to an end in the opening round of Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Regional play last Tuesday in Durand.

The sixth-seeded Red Hawks fell to the third-seeded Panthers, who advanced to a Friday date with second-seeded Prescott. The Cardinals won Friday, before falling to top-seeded Aquinas in Saturday's WIAA Regional Final.

G-E-T finished their season at 3-10 including Tuesday's postseason game, as well as their 3-5 record

good for fourth in the Coulee Conference. Tuesday's game was also the final for seniors Riley Kirkey, Sawyer Schmidt, Luke Vance, Logan Teske, Aiden Lee and Taisei Purney.

Durand 59 G-E-T 54

A potential upset bid was gaining steam for the Red Hawks at half, as they led 33-23 over the hosting Panthers. Durand won the battle of second-half adjustments however, pulling ahead with a 36-21 scoring margin to defend their home court.

Leading the Red Hawks in scoring were 27 points from freshman Cody Schmitz in his postseason debut. Kirkey tallied 11 points, followed by eight from Vance, six from Schmidt and two from Jack Beedle. Schmidt led the team in rebounds with seven, as well as assists with four.

Kirkey, Schmidt, Schmitz and Vance each tallied two steals, while Beedle tallied six boards and Lee added five rebounds of his own.

Arcadia boys

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out to Zastrow, who spotted up for an open three that bounced off the rim with less than two seconds left.

Mondovi got the rebound and dribbled out the clock.

Three three pointers by Sonsalla helped keep the Raiders in the game early and a three by Updike gave them a 19-16 lead with 6:15 left in the first half. Mondovi responded with a 10-0 run and went ahead 32-22 at one point before taking a 32-25 lead into halftime.

Trev Bjorge began the second half with a three and Sonsalla made two more to tie the game at 34. The teams went back and forth for the next few minutes before Mondovi scored six straight to go ahead 46-40.

Arcadia came back as Aguilar knocked in a three before Updike scored a layup and Zastrow's free throws put the Raiders ahead 47-46.

That would be the last time the Raiders would have a lead in the game, however.

Pauly led Arcadia with 19 points while Sonsalla added 15, Updike scored eight, Bjorge, six; Zastrow, four and Aguilar, three.

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Norse boys fall to B-T in regional final

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

After winning their first two Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association regional games, the Whitehall boys basketball season came to an end with a loss to Blair-Taylor in the regional final.

Third-seeded Whitehall opened tournament play with a 47-40 win over Alma Center Lincoln last week Tuesday. On Friday they hit the road and upset second-seeded Eleva-Strum 53-46, but the bracket's top seed was too much for them on Saturday (see story elsewhere in sports).

Whitehall's season ends with a 13-9 record as they hit their stride in mid-January, going 10-4 since the second week of that month with two of the losses coming from B-T.

The loss to B-T was the final game for seniors Josh Back, Greg Santos, Zach George and Bradyn Schneider, though the team figures to return all five starters.

Whitehall 47 ACL 40

A run to close out the first half carried over into the second half as the Norse took control.

Whitehall trailed 22-21 with three minutes remaining in the first half before

Luke Beighley made a three pointer that would put the Norse ahead for good. After a basket by Jonathan Thorn, Whitehall took a 28-22 lead into halftime when Ian Pank beat the buzzer with a jumper off the glass.

The Norse went ahead by double digits early in the second half when Kevin Carroll made a three pointer, making the score 33-22. Aidan Sonsalla connected on one of his own, putting Whitehall ahead by 14.

The Hornets cut the lead back down to 10, but Devon McCune connected on a shot from beyond the arc, making the score 43-30 with five minutes left.

ACL cut into the lead over the final five minutes, but Whitehall held on for the win.

Sonsalla led the Norse with 11 points, one more than Beighley. It was a balanced attack as McCune added eight, Pank and Carroll, five; Thorn and Skoyen, four.

ACL shot 48 percent from the field, but Whitehall's aggressive defense forced 22 turnovers.

Whitehall 53 E-S 46

After a slow first half, the Norse got going in the second half, pulling ahead for the win.

Whitehall trailed 23-20 at halftime, but stepped up on both ends of the floor in the second half as they outscored E-S by 10.

McCune led the team with 15 points while Thorn added nine, Santos finished with

six, Beighley and Sonsalla both scored five, Skoyen and Lisowski finished with four, Carroll added three and Pank had two.

Whitehall's defense held E-S to 28 percent shooting in the game.



John Roskos of Independence scored at the front of the rim during their regional game against Coulee Christian last week Tuesday.

(Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)



Jonathan Thorn of Whitehall saved the ball from going out of bounds during their regional game against Alma Center Lincoln last week Tuesday.

(Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)



The Whole Nine Yards

by Zac Bellman

Can Brewers Step Up In Wide-Open NL Central?

The Milwaukee Brewers did not have the type of big splash player acquisitions they have had in recent off-seasons over the past couple months, but their limited additions may just be able to produce a fourth-straight playoff appearance.

The highlight of a rather lackluster offseason was the

signing of second baseman Koltan Wong, a top-half of the lineup caliber hitter who also plays plus-defense. Wong projects nicely as a potential leadoff option for a Brewers team that finished 21st in on-base percentage (OBP) in 2020. His 2020 OBP of .350 would have been second-best on the Brewers last year, and his career defensive wins above

replacement (WAR) of 7.4 is 36th among all active players in MLB.

Milwaukee also kicked the tires on a few veteran pitchers, including signing Brett Anderson to a one-year, \$2.5 million deal and Jordan Zimmermann. Brad Boxberger, Luis Perdomo and Hoby Milner to minor league deals. If that group produces one to two back-end rotation players and some depth for the bullpen, the Brewers will be in good shape with a staff led by All-Star caliber hurlers Brandon Woodruff and Corbin Burnes. Milwaukee also returns two reliever of the year winners in Devin Williams and Josh Hader to close out games.

The rest of the lineup will be rounded out by a who's who of old and new faces. Lorenzo Cain is expected to be ready to play this year after opting out six games into 2020, rejoining an outfield of Christian Yelich and Avisail Garcia. Depth beyond those top three veterans is less certain, with prospects Tyrone Taylor, Corey Ray and Billy McKinney contending for a roster spot with recent trade acquisition Derek Fisher.

At first base will be some combination of Daniel Vogelbach and reportedly Weston Hiura, as the acquisition of Wong will bump Hiura out of his usual defensive alignment. Orlando Arcia returns at shortstop, and Milwaukee may have filled the gaping hole at third base with the re-acquiring of Travis Shaw last week. Shaw saw two of

the best years of his career in 2017 and 2018 with Milwaukee, before completely losing his bat in 2019 and being demoted. In 2020 with Toronto, Shaw returned to a respectable batting average of .239, though his on-base plus slugging percentage (OPS) of .717 lingered below his better two years in Milwaukee of .862 in 2017 and .825 in 2018. While Milwaukee was reportedly in on negotiations with a proven commodity at third in Justin Turner, relying on Shaw puts the Brewers in a precarious position if he returns to 2019 form.

Nevertheless, with bats like Yelich's and Hiura's likely to return to form along with continued steady growth from Woodruff and Burnes, it is not hard to see why Baseball Prospectus' PECOTA simulation gave them a 54.1 percent chance of winning the NL Central as of last week.

Indee girls

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Bohn led Assumption with 22.0

Turnovers proved to be a key difference in the game as the Indees finished with 22 — especially struggling while Assumption worked its way back in the game in the first half — while Assumption had just nine in the game. Of Independence's 22 turnovers, 17 were steals by Assumption.

Independence (field goals-free throws-rebounds-fouls-points) — Conner 5-6-18-3-16 Back 5-0-3-1-10 Pape 3-0-1-4-9 E. Pronschinske 2-2-0-2-8 Au. Pronschinske 2-0-4-1-4 Ives 1-0-1-0-2 Bauth 0-0-1-0-0

Indees fall to ECI

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The third time wasn't a charm for the Independence boys basketball team as they were still unable to stop Eau Claire Immanuel Lutheran, losing to them for the third time this season, 93-49, in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association regional semifinal on Friday.

Independence advanced to the game by lighting up the scoreboard in an 86-75 win over Coulee Christian last week Tuesday. The offense wasn't able to carry over to Friday, however, and the Indees still had issues defensively.

Independence's season ends with a 3-15 record. Friday's game was the last for seniors Chris Killian, Alex Pfaff and John Roskos.

Independence 86 CC 75

Three Independence players scored more than 20 points as the team opened tournament play with a win.

The Indees were able to get scoring in the post as John Roskos put up a career-high 23 points for the Indees. Roskos' total matched Chris Killian for the team's high mark while Tyler Kingsbury put in 21.

The Indees shot 59 per-

cent from the field as they came out firing with 37 points in the first half. In addition to Roskos controlling the paint, the Indees had nine made three-point baskets in the game.

Independence also got 14 points from Ben Pyka while Wyatt Kureschner scored three and Alex Pfaff finished with two.

Killian led the team with 11 rebounds and added eight assists while Roskos had seven rebounds.

The Indees needed the scoring burst as Coulee Christian's Mike Mertes put up 32 points to lead their team.

ECI 93 Independence 49

The balance, rebounding and shooting ability of the Lancers proved to be too much.

ECI came out firing as they scored 41 points in the first half to take a 20-point lead into halftime. But they didn't slow down in the second half as their shots kept falling for 52 more points and a lopsided win.

Kingsbury led the Indees with 15 points, one more than Killian. Roskos finished with six, Pyka and Pfaff both scored five and Kureschner added four.

ARCADIA FFA CHAPTER

Even with the complications that presented themselves in the year of 2020, the Arcadia FFA still pulled through with many community service events and get-togethers.

Early in the year, members participated in a virtual CDE judging event that UW-River Falls hosted on April 4. Then, ten new officers were elected despite the covid-19 pandemic. Amy Losinski (President), Megan Steinlicht (Vice-President),

Lindsey Berg (Secretary), Connor Weltzien (Treasurer), Samantha Kidd (Reporter), Kendra Bisek (Parliamentarian), Ryland Pronschinske (Sentinel), Rylee Kolstad (Student Advisor), Alyssa Schank (Student Advisor), and Jack Ziegeweid (Chaplin).

During summer break the Arcadia FFA continued to do community service projects despite the covid-19 pandemic. We worked with local businesses to give away dairy products

to community members, sold milkshakes to raise revenue for the Trempealeau County Fair and made milkshakes for the Arcadia High School staff.

This fall the Arcadia FFA also had a roadside cleanup, pumpkin carving and a Christmas Party.

We plan to continue with community service and other activities following covid guidelines through the rest of the 2020-2021 school year.



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Butch's Bar 81.5	
Full House 72	
High team series: Full House, 3332	
High team game: Full House, 1136	
High individual series: Randy Rugotzke, 679	
High individual game: Brett Semingson, 257	
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High individual game: Sharon Johnson, 165	
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BLAIR-TAYLOR FFA CHAPTER

Year-round activities have attracted many Blair-Taylor students to join the FFA Chapter. In July, members helped out at the Taylor FFA Alumni Tractor Pull and members showed at the Trempealeau County Fair. In August members of the Blair-Taylor FFA members showed livestock at the Jackson County Fair. Members included Anthony Oldendorf, Easton Arneson, Evan Aleckson, Jake Kling, Grace Kling, Gabby Butterfield, Jackson Shramek, and Jacob Olson. In September, FFA members went out and assisted at Blair Cheese Fest with the Blair Alumni in the Shake Stand to assist making and serving milk shakes. In October members kept busy by selling fruit, sausage, cheese, poinsettias, popcorn, specialty nuts, and fudge. Our top sellers were Zachary Pax, Garrison Armitage, Gabe Armitage, and Grason Armitage. Later in the month, the Blair-Taylor officers attended a virtual leadership conference with our Section 3 FFA State Officer where they got tips on what goals they could set for the

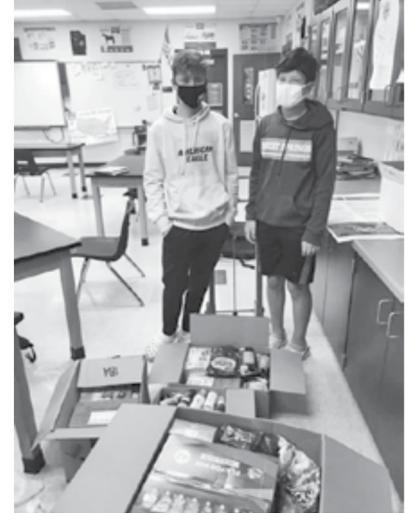
chapter this year and tips on how to make a successful event happen. In November, we held a big buck contest where in order to participate you had to donate two non-perishable food items. We had a total of 22 students participate. The items were donated to the local food pantry. Our winner was Michael Waldera. The FFA Chapter also went out and bought and packaged food and essentials that soldiers are in need of overseas to the Adopt a Soldier Program. In December The FFA hosted Snow Fest for high schoolers. Snow Fest is a fun filled day with Christmas movies, Ugly Sweater Contests, Family Feud Contest, community service opportunities and Bingo. It's a break from stress the last day before Christmas Vacation and the kids enjoyed it! In January, members went out and collected Christmas Trees in Blair and Taylor that the community members could not dispose of. The members loaded the trees on the side of the road a disposed of them for those community members.

Coming up this February, we will be celebrating FFA Week. During the month we will be hosting a penny war with all proceeds being donated to Sleepin Heavenly Peace. We will be having some dress-up days as well as some other activities to celebrate the week. We will end the week with our annual Talent Show. In March, students will be competing in Leadership Development Events as well as attending a Leadership Conference. The FFA banquet is still in the process of being planned.

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2020-21 Blair-Taylor FFA Officer Team
Back Row: L-R: Secretary: Austyn Capouch, Vice President: Matt Waldera, Sentinel: Ryan Resimann, President: Garrison Armitage
Front Row: President: Jr President: Jacob Kling, Treasurer: Emma Johnson, Reporter: Sidney Smith, Jr., Vice President: Zachary Pax



Zachary Pax and Tavian Shramek packaging boxes for the Adopt a Soldier Program



COCHRANE-FOUNTAIN CITY FFA CHAPTER



C-FC FFA members getting ready to put their signs in place.



Cohort B's C-FC FFA members and officers.



C-FC FFA Officer Team: Back row, L-R: Lauren Abramson (Reporter); Amara Livingston (President) and Reece Lisowski (Junior High Advisor). Middle row, L-R: Ella Arneson (Historian) and Philip Krzysztan (Treasurer). Front row, L-R: Ava Schmitt (Social Media Coordinator); Eliana Lindsay (Vice President); Paige Drazkowskei (Secretary) and Donniejo Dittrick (Sentinel).



Joe Bork, son of Dick & Liz Bork, stops Dave Baker from combining soybeans in Schoepps valley to give him a complimentary sack lunch.



Andrew Mehus: National FFA Organization Specialty Animal Production Proficiency Winner.



Amara Livingston: National FFA Organization Finalist in the area of Diversified Horticulture.



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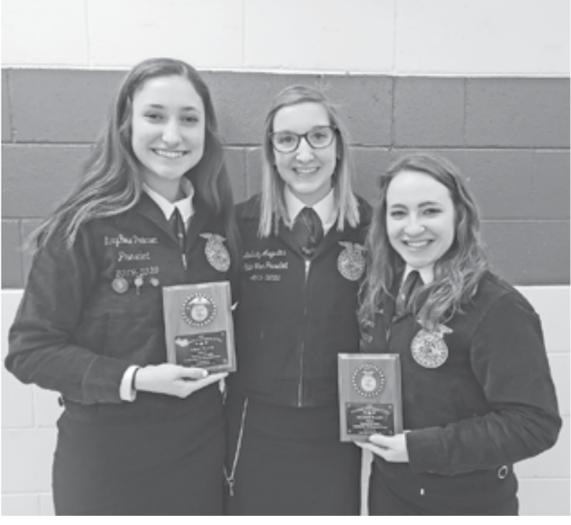
What a year it has been! Since last year the Eleva-Strum FFA has been busy in a different way. The first weekend in March, members gathered to deliver shirts and baked goods to local farmers as a thank you for feeding the world. Members had voted on this project in January of 2020 and began organizing ideas for gifts as well as looking at plat books

to identify local farmers. We hosted our banquet to celebrate the accomplishments of our members just before lockdown in March. Our lives went virtual and we stayed home. Many of us know, or may be experiencing, how farmers are struggling so the FFA officer team gathered up ideas of how to support local farmers. The team decided to create & sell

"Support Local Farmers" signs that have since been sold all over our area. More than 300 signs were sold and with the proceeds the FFA donated over 400 pounds of butter and cheese to the school for meals. The FFA officer team met in the summer to plan the year not knowing if we'd be back in school. They hosted a virtual dairy judging contest for students since World Dairy

Expo did not happen. We have had zoom meetings where we gave away to Culver's custard certificates to members, voted for member of the month, and more. Officers were able to attend a virtual Chapter Officer Workshop (COW) with current State FFA Officer from section 2, Ben Styer. Leading up to Christmas the FFA hosted "12 Days of FFA Christmas". Community

members could answer a trivia question for a chance to win local products of cheese, butter, and beef sticks. This was another way members wanted to support local farmers. It has overall been quite a year, but still one with impacts. Shout out to our current FFA officer team, Tayler (president), Jordyn (vice president), Maddy (secretary), Jordan (treasurer), and Madi (reporter)!



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GALESVILLE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU FFA

Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau FFA is led by President, Jacob Thompson; Vice-President, Angela Osborn; Secretary, Gracie Grandt; Treasurer, Aleah Hunter; Reporter, Haley Andersen; Sentinel, Claire Corcoran; Historian, Tanner Andersen; Parliamentarian, Reid Bakeberg; Student Advisor, High School, Lane Mancilman; Student Advisor-Middle School, Katie Stevens; and Committee Chair, Shantae Jonsgaard. Kent Haake is the Chapter Advisor. There are 40 FFA members in the G-E-T chapter. At the 2020 Wisconsin State FFA Convention, Emily Osborn, Austin Ziegler, and Matthew Stevens received the State FFA Degree. The Wisconsin FFA degree is the highest degree the Wisconsin FFA can bestow on a member, approximately 1.6% of the 21,000 members achieve this honor. To receive their State FFA Degree, members need to demonstrate FFA Leadership, classroom success, and success-

ful employment in a supervised agriculture area. Sophia Lensing received the American FFA Degree at the 2020 National FFA Convention. The American FFA Degree is awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their supervised agriculture project. Less than a half percent of the 70,000 FFA members receive their American Degree. Sophia's project consisted of Dairy Placement and Equine. Sophia is currently attending school at Western Technical College with plans to major in Agribusiness. This past year during FFA Week, members took part in the Chippewa Valley Technical College Ag Skills and National Ag Day Celebration. Members competed in dairy science, agronomy, and horticulture events. During the Ag Day Celebration, members heard from industry leaders before attend-

ing the Northwest Farm Show. Soon after Ag Day, all in-person activities were canceled. Members were able to do some of the traditional leadership events virtually in 2020-2021. In the Fall of 2020, FFA members were able to hold an in-person meeting where they handed out their awards for the past year. The G-E-T FFA Chapter will celebrate National FFA Week starting February 20. During the

week members will give daily special FFA week announcements, hold a dress up day, and have a chapter meeting. FFA Members Include: Seniors: Hayley Andersen, Reid Bakberg, Sarah Burken, Noah Busse, Claire Corcoran, Gracie Grandt, Jonathan Johnson, Shantae Jonsgaard, Dylan Keller, Lane Mancilman, Angela Osborn, Ryan Stein, Jacob Thompson, Brynn Tranberg, Chloe Willette, Hayden Johnson,

Collin Zircone. Juniors: Tanner Andersen, Aleah Hunter, Kathleen Stevens. Sophomores: Shane Corcoran, Cody Dooley, Brady Seiling, Jesse Thompson, Xander Ziegler, Caleb Brudos, Rilan Pishaw. Freshman: Lidia Bakeberg, Natalie Alseth, Adrianna Portillo, David Peplinski, Willow Thompson, Sierra Braun. Graduated Members: Hailyn Grandt, Emily Osborn, Austin Ziegler, Matthew Stevens.



Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau FFA Members



Sophia Lensing American Degree recipient



State FFA Degree recipients: Emily Osborn, Austin Ziegler, Matthew Stevens



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INDEPENDENCE FFA CHAPTER

Independence FFA: Adapting for the Future

The Independence FFA Chapter has continued the tradition of "Learning by Doing" through the adversity and challenges of Covid-19, and is still making progress in student leadership, personal growth, and career success during its 81st year as a chapter at Independence High School.

Our FFA year can be summed up with one word: *Adapting*. Several local, state, and national-sponsored FFA events were either cancelled or significantly altered, but keeping a positive attitude remembering that change can bring good outcomes has allowed the chapter to continue to offer local programming and activities.

The pandemic disrupted the traditional State FFA Convention in June, but Trent Servais was awarded his State FFA Degree - the highest honor the state association can grant, as Trent was a very worthy candidate with his leadership experience as the 2019-2020 FFA President, and with his agricultural experience project.

Instead of the typical Trempealeau County Fair, the livestock show moved to a "virtual format" where students sent in video footage of their livestock

animals. Rylie Guza won her classes of junior calf, cow-calf pair, 2+ year cow, and her registered Angus cow/calf were named the Supreme Champion of the beef breeding of the show. In the steer show, Rylie's animals were top of the dairy beef cross, crossbred beef, and her dairy cross was named Supreme Champion of the steer show. Middle School FFA member Catherine Kampa placed 2nd in her market barrow class, and Sophia Kampa placed 2nd in her own respective market barrow class. Catherine Kampa's

animal ended up earning the Reserve Champion spot of the market barrow show. In the market gilt heavyweight class, Catherine Kampa's animal placed first, and Sophia Kampa second.

Sophomore Ahnna Bautch recently won the Trempealeau County Department of Land Management Poster Contest and her poster will move on to the next level of competition. Events implemented this year have included hosting an agriscience fair, a Big Buck Contest, and our fruit and nut sale fundraiser this fall was one

of the most successful sales we have had in the last 20 years. One of the biggest changes in structure for our chapter this year is the decision to go the route of Affiliated Membership payment - where all students in agricultural education classes are enrolled as FFA members, versus students paying individually. The school district sees the value of the 3-circle model of agricultural education, FFA, and Supervised Ag Education Experiences, and doesn't want students having a financial burden not allow students to participate in activities.

FFA Week events taking place will include an FFA emblem hunt, a virtual FFA breakout room activity, ice cream, and an assembly. The FFA "Drive Your Tractor to School" day will coincide with National Ag Day on Wednesday, March 24. Students will compete in the district speaking contests at the end of March, and we hope to implement a "Thank a Farmer" event around spring planting time for farmers in the district, and plan on participating in the Trempealeau County Soil & Land Judging Contest this spring.



The Intro to Woodworking class posing with a donation of a portable air tank and 3 air nailers donated by the La Crosse Area Builders Association



FFA Member Sid Dailey participated in the 2020 FFA Discussion Meet Contest and was one of several students that help organize the contest last February



Max Marsolek gaining some real-world experience cutting some metal for his Metal Fabs class project. Max is also a member of the Independence FFA's Ag Mechanics team.



FFA Member Max Dejno helped distribute fruit from our "online fundraiser". Max was also the top fruit salesman for this school year.



State Degree recipient Trent Servais with FFA Advisor Mr. Jason Hovell

OSSEO-FAIRCHILD FFA CHAPTER

The "Masked" Up Year

Well, 2019/20 will be a year of remembrance, for sure. The Osseo-Fairchild FFA was able to accomplish a few things prior to going to the no see or contact regulations.

In the fall, the FFA was able to have a successful fundraiser selling snack sticks and also flavored popcorn. Response was very positive for this new venture. The FFA was also able to still do their tradition of serving an all-you-can-pancake breakfast that had all the trimmings to go with them. As a reward earned trip for members helping and reaching the goals set, a waterpark trip to the Kalahari was taken with 28 members going down and have a great trip during the winter so get some "warm weather" feeling inside.

The FFA was also just barely able to squeeze in our district speaking contests. Members competing were: Middle School Quiz Bowl; Karmen Paulus, Mason Scheffer, Ariel Wier, Brian Zimmerman, in Job Interview; Katie Gearing, in Creed Speaking;

Breanna Wier, and in Extemporaneous Speech; Heidi Strey and Aurora Wier. Sorry to say Quiz Bowl, Breanna, and Heidi never got to go on cause of the circumstances that followed right after this.

Some other things that were accomplished though - World Dairy Expo with these members attending: Keyton Boettcher, Brady Dehnke, Taylor Gundersen, Dawsyn Lyngen, Madisyn Loonstra, Heidi Strey, Aurora Wier, and Breanna Wier. Heidi Strey was recognized at the state level for her Beef Proficiency and she also received her state degree.

This year we were able to install new officers and they are: President-Jesse Groell, Vice President-Taylor Nelson, Secretary-Brice Shimon, Treasurer-Keyton Boettcher, Sentinels-Kaden Moseley & Jarrett Wampole, Reporter-Dawsyn Lyngen, Historian-Madisyn Loonstra, and Parliamentarian-Torri Shimon.

Thanks to all members, parents, and everyone for making it through an awkward year and here is wishing for a better one.

Osseo-Fairchild FFA Officer Team 2020-2021



A "masked up" -social distancing- COVID-style year.



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WHITEHALL FFA CHAPTER

Whitehall FFA- STILL Making a Difference!

Looking back at the past year, we were faced with many challenges! As FFA members, we were faced with not being able to do many of the "normal" activities, but made the best of each situation to continue to do positive things with our time and talents.

One of our greatest accomplishments happened just before COVID! We had a successful sectional speaking contest in Arcadia with our middle school quiz bowl team placing first and moving on to the State level competition. Team members included: Brinna Goplin, Haili Sluga, Carson Coburn, Wil Wright and Oriah Anderson. Also advancing to the state competitions were Kendra Goplin in two contests to include Discussion Meet and Employability Skills. We also celebrated Kelly Hernes placing second in extemporaneous speaking. It was a very memorable and rewarding experience that our members worked hard to achieve.

Another event that we were able to celebrate our member success was the results of our proficiency award applications. In the FFA, each FFA member has the opportunity to participate in a Supervised Agriculture Experience in more than 50 different categories. Aaron Filla competed in the Agriculture Mechanics Repair and Maintenance area and placed State Runner Up. Aaron's SAE entails repairing, maintaining and rebuilding tractors for his family. He is very skilled and deserving of this title! Kendra Goplin was named State Runner Up in the area of Agriculture Education. Kendra is responsible for creating and organizing agriculture literacy programs in our school district and serves as a member of the Trempealeau County Farm Bureau Board of Directors as Agriculture Promotions Chair. This was quite the honor and both Aaron and Kendra look forward to the results of this

year's competition. All FFA members are encouraged to participate in SAE projects for recognition and monetary prizes. This also helps individuals network with future employers and further education institutes. Good luck to both of you as you work to succeed in your SAE goals this year.

We also had Whitehall FFA members who were selected to participate in the State FFA Honors Band and Chorus groups. Kendra Goplin, Devin Klomsten and Oriah Anderson were accepted into the Chorus and Vaida Goplin was excited to be accepted into the honors band. These members are part of a 80 member group where they practice for only a few hours and then perform at the State FFA Convention and the WI State Fair. It is amazing all the variety of opportunities that the FFA provides its members!

We were very excited to be recognized at the state level for so many accomplishments! Even though our state convention looked very different last year, with it being held



online, we are hoping for the same accomplishments this coming year with an in person convention. Good luck to all of this year's speaking contest participants, proficiency award competitors and others who take advantage of the opportunities in FFA.

The summer brought us together to focus on how we can help others in a time where we never really knew what to expect from one day to the next. The Whitehall FFA prides itself in community service and COVID was not going to stop us from serving others. Members worked hard to do individual projects for others. Some of our members did grocery shopping for neighbors, made cards for the nursing home residents, power washed decks, mowed lawns, tilled gardens and made the best of a weary situation. We distributed over 100 "support WI Farmers" yard signs, which was a great way to spend time outdoors! The FFA partnered with Sweet Temptations to sponsor lunch for all of our health care workers at the Gundersen Hospital

and Clinic. We paid tribute to businesses in our community for working to stay open with fresh cut flowers from Remember When and fresh pies from Kwik Trip. It is always important to our organization to support our local businesses, especially in times of distress.

Fall brought us the harvest season and school where we were able to continue to thank our community for their hard work. We partnered with Johnson's Hardware and Rental, Compeer Financial, Riverland Energy, Allied Coop and Pioneer to organize and distribute 40 Farmer Appreciation Goodie Bags that valued over \$100. Our FFA created "thank you" goodies bags for each of the teachers and staff who have worked hard all year to keep us in school. Most recently, FFA members created "yard cards" for both the Christmas and Valentine's holidays to display outside of the Pigeon Falls Nursing Home to brighten

the days of those who cannot get out into the community. During the holiday season, we also chose to adopt 10 of our own students in the school district and ensured that they would have a Merry Christmas with plenty of gifts and clothing items under their tree. We hope that these small gestures helped to brighten the day of others.

Our agriculture classes are filled and busy with as many hands on opportunities as we can possibly perform, while FFA members will continue to prepare for upcoming events as we celebrate agriculture and National FFA Week. Thank you to our entire community for their support of our agriculture education program and FFA organization. We will continue to serve our members with leadership opportunities to help with "premiere leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education" (FFA Mission Statement) regardless of the troubling world we live in! FFA members WILL continue to be UNSTOPPABLE!

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING
Case No. 2021CV000009

State of Wisconsin,
Circuit Court,
Trempealeau County

In the Matter of the Name Change of:
EDGAR BAZAN JIMENEZ

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above from: Edgar Bazan Jimenez to Abner Bazan Jimenez.

IT IS ORDERED: This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, by the Hon. Rian Radtke, on the 15th day of March, 2021, at 11:45 a.m., at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, 36245 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Whitehall, WI 54773.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED: Notice of this hearing shall be

given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Trempealeau County Times, a newspaper published in Whitehall, WI, in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin. Dated February 3, 2021.

BY THE COURT:
/s/ Rian W. Radtke
Circuit Court Judge
(Published February 10, 17, 24, 2021)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case No. 21 PR 08

State of Wisconsin,
Circuit Court,
Trempealeau County

In the Matter of the Estate of **WANETTA A. DAFFINSON**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth November 10, 1940, and date of death November 24, 2020, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: N18218 Kopp Road, Gatesville, WI 54630.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 2, 2021. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Room 214, Whitehall, Wis.

/s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate
February 2, 2021

ATTORNEY:
Terrence J. Madden
Kostner, Koslo & Brovold, LLC
108 West Main Street
Arcadia, WI 54612
608-323-3351
Bar Number: 1000926
(Published February 17, 24, March 3, 2021)

SMALL CLAIMS PUBLICATION SUMMONS AND NOTICE
Case No.: 2020SC026777

State of Wisconsin,
Circuit Court,
Milwaukee County

Short Term Financial, L.L.C db/a AmeriCash Loans 2400 E. Devon Ave., Suite 300 Des Plaines, IL 60018 Plaintiff(s)

vs.
Scott Morford 36229 Abrams Street Whitehall, WI 54773-8416 Defendant(s)

Publication Summons and Notice of Filing TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S): You are being sued by the

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person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above.

The lawsuit will be heard in the following Small Claims Court: Milwaukee County Courthouse, 901 N. 9th Street, Room 400, Milwaukee, WI 53233; on March 19, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. Telephone Number for the Clerk of Court: 414-985-5757.

If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A

copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

You may have the option to Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named

above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county. Dated February 22, 2021.

Plaintiff/Attorney
Electrically signed by:
/s/ Jillian E. Caggiano
Dobberstein Law Firm, LLC
225 S. Executive Dr., Suite 201
Brookfield, WI 53005
P: 262-641-3715
State Bar No. 1101032
(Published February 24, 2021)
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NOTICE OF BID

SECTION 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID INTERNAL DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS CONTRACT 1-2021 CITY OF ARCADIA, WISCONSIN

Electronic Bids for the construction of the Internal Drainage Improvements, Contract 1-2021, will be received by the City of Arcadia until 2:00 P.M., local time, on March 12, 2021, at which time the Bids will be downloaded and read publicly via teleconference. The login information for the teleconference is as follows: 608-571-7149, Conference ID 957356900#.

The Work includes Main Stormwater Pumping Station, Construction of a new Masseur Street Stormwater Pumping Station, and Electrical and Piping Improvements to the Deer Park Stormwater Pumping Station. Approximately 1,825 linear feet of storm sewer ranging from 15 inch RCP to 8 foot by 6 foot box culvert; 570 linear feet of sanitary sewer ranging from 4 inch laterals to 10 inch, 150 linear feet of 12 inch sanitary force main relocation; 110 linear feet of 6 to 8 inch ductile iron water main; and miscellaneous street improvements, site and pond grading, and restoration.

Complete digital Project Bidding Documents are available at www.strand.com or at www.questcdn.com. Download the digital Bidding Documents for \$30 by inputting **Quest Project Number: 7576046** on the website's Project Search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at P: 952-233-1632, or info@questcdn.com for assistance with free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received and accepted via the online electronic bid service through **QuestCDN.com**. To access the electronic bid form, download the project documents and click the online bidding button at the top of the advertisement.

Issuing Office is: Strand Associates, Inc., 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715.

All Bidders submitting a sealed Bid shall obtain the Bidding Documents from QuestCDN.com. Bidders who submit a Bid must be a Plan Holder of record at the Issuing Office. Bids from Bidders who are not on the Plan Holders List may be returned as not being responsive.

Plan Holders are requested to provide an email address if they wish to receive addenda and other information electronically. Plan Holders are requested to designate whether they are a prime contractor, subcontractor, or supplier if they want this information posted on the project Plan Holders List.

The Bid must be accompanied by Bid security made payable to OWNER in an amount of 5% of the Bidder's maximum Bid price.

Project is being funded by the Economic Development Administration (EDA) and the Bureau of Community Development, Community Development Block Grant Program.

Bidder shall comply with EDA Contracting Requirements for Construction Projects and CDBG Program Requirements. Bidders shall comply with federal wage rates. Bidders shall comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity as amended.

The City of Arcadia reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, to waive any technicality, and to accept any Bid which it deems advantageous. All Bids shall remain subject to acceptance for 85 days after the time set for receiving Bids.

Contract award shall be made based on the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), including Women's and Minority owned businesses, are encouraged to submit Bids for this Project.

The Strand Associates, Inc. project manager is Zachary R. Simpson, and can be contacted at Strand Associates, Inc., 910 West Wingra Drive, Madison, WI 53715, P: 608-251-4843 regarding the project.

Published by the authority of:
CITY OF ARCADIA, WISCONSIN
Chadwick Hawkins, City Administrator
Dated at City of Arcadia, Wisconsin
February 17, 2021 and February 24, 2021

END OF SECTION
(Published February 17, 24, 2021)

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NOTICE OF BID

REQUEST FOR BIDS
For the 2021-2022 LRIP for the Town of Glencoe

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Glencoe, Buffalo County, Wisconsin, will be accepting Bids for Hot Mix Blacktopping. Specs are for Bremer Ridge Road, traveling South from County Rd. C on Bremer Ridge Road for 3.25 miles. 18-ft. width with 3/4" wedge with 1.5" surface layer. Hot Mix blacktop overlay.

Bid specifications can be obtained by contacting Town Chairman Cletus Foegen at 608-323-3072.

SEALED BID ENVELOPES should be labeled "Bremer Ridge LRIP Bid" and be delivered to the following address by noon, Thursday, March 11, 2021.

**Town of Glencoe
Bremer Ridge LRIP Bid
c/o Cletus Foegen
W596 Rotering Ridge Rd.
Fountain City, WI 54629**

The sealed bids will be opened on Friday, the 12th of March, at 9:00 a.m. The Town of Glencoe Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts of bids in the best interest of the Town of Glencoe. Completion date of the project will be negotiated at the time of contract award.

Dated this 18th day of February, 2021.

Anne Cornish, Clerk
Town of Glencoe
(Published February 24, March 3, 2021)
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NOTICE OF BID

DOCUMENT 00 11 13 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the construction of:
ARCADIA SCHOOL DISTRICT DAYCARE FACILITY REMODEL 350 EAST RIVER ST. ARCADIA, WI 54612 HSR PROJECT NO. 20016

will be received by:
756 RAIDER DR. ARCADIA, WI 54612

ATTENTION: Lance Bagstad until 2:00 p.m., March 11, 2021, after which they will be opened publicly and read aloud. Bids received after the time set for receipt of bids will not be accepted.

In general, the Project consists of remodeling the existing daycare center at the elementary school. Work includes, but is not limited to removal of walls, suspended ceiling, floor finishes, doors and exterior glass block windows. New walls, doors, casework, floor finishes, suspended AC panel ceilings, exterior windows. Electrical, Plumbing and HVAC upgrades.

Lump sum Bids will be received on a **SINGLE PRIME CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE ENTIRE WORK** including mechanical and electrical work.

The Project Drawings, Project Manual and other Bidding Documents prepared by the AE may be examined at the following locations:

AE's Office: HSR ASSOCIATES, INC.
100 Milwaukee Street
La Crosse, WI 54603
608-784-1830
La Crosse, WI

Builder's Exchanges: Northwest Regional (Eau Claire/Chippewa Falls) Wausau, WI
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Jefferson Valley, NY

Dodge Data & Analytics The Blue Book Building & Construction Bidding Document PDF files will be available from HSR Associates, Inc. via Sharefile electronic distribution. Access will be given upon request. Documents will be available from listed Builders Exchanges as well. Addendums will be distributed via the Sharefile system. **OR** Bidders may request printed Bidding Documents at the office of the AE by sending a check made out to HSR Associates in the amount of \$15.00, as a fee to cover the cost of postage and handling. Such fee amount will not be refunded. Postage fee must be received before documents are shipped. **OR** Bidders may obtain printed Bidding Documents at the office of the AE at no charge.

DISCLAIMER: HSR Associates is responsible for distribution of addenda to only those that have requested project documents from HSR in formats described above.

NOTE: HSR Associates offers a printing service of documents including single sheets or entire document. Contact HSR for rates.

REQUESTED CAD FILES: Upon award of Contract Autocad files will be made available from HSR upon request.

A plan holders list is available on HSR's website; www.hsrassociates.com. List is only of those requesting plans from HSR. If you obtained plans from another source and want your firm on HSR's list contact us.

BID SECURITY in the amount of five percent of the maximum amount of the Bid must accompany each Bid as described in the Instructions to Bidders in the Project Manual.

The Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject any or all Bids. No Bid may be withdrawn until 60 days after the time stated for receipt of Bids.

A **Pre-Bid Meeting** will be conducted by the Owner and Architect/Engineer to answer questions and to enable bidders to examine conditions at the Project Site. Such meeting will occur at 2:00 p.m., **February 25, 2021.**

Meet in the Elementary School entrance. **Only one company representative shall attend the pre-bid meeting.**

By: Lance Bagstad
Title: District Administrator
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ARCADIA SCHOOL DIST.

Arcadia School District Regular Board Meeting
January 18, 2021

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the School District of Arcadia was held in the high school, room 219, in the City of Arcadia, County of Trempealeau, Wisconsin, on Monday, January 18, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m., by Board President Paul Servais. Board members present were Paul Servais, Rob Hurlburt, Brian Steinlich, Diana Tempksi, Rodney Walters, Randy Nilsestuen and Dana Conrad. Also present were Lance Bagstad, Dana Hoelsley, Paul Halverson, Tony Hart, Katie Schaefer and Zac Bellman.

President Paul Servais announced the verification and compliance with the opening meeting law.

Closed Session was announced for discussion of issues exempt under Wisconsin Statute 9.85(1)(c): A) Administration and Directors reviews; B) Administrator contracts. Motion carried 7-0.

President Paul Servais led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Brian Steinlich and seconded by Diana Tempksi to approve the consent agenda as listed:

1. Minutes of the December 21, 2020, Regular Meeting (Open Session)

2. Consideration of the November and December Fire Drill Summaries for the elementary

3. Approve a no open enrollment cap for regular education for the 2021-2022 School Year.

4. Approve and file the treasurer's report and payment of vouchers totaling \$1,466,971.25, including computer check numbers 73396-73543.

Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Randy Nilsestuen to set an open enrollment cap of zero new enrollment of special education students for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Rob Hurlburt and seconded by Diana Tempksi to approve accepting nonresident students already attending the district and their siblings if there are more open applications than space available per board policy #5113 for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

A motion was made by Rob Hurlburt and seconded by Diana Tempksi to approve the agenda. Roll call vote: 4-0.

A motion was made by Paul Servais and seconded by Dana Conrad to accept the resignation of Hunter Ryskoski, Middle School Stem/Business Education Teacher effective immediately. Roll call vote: 4-0.

A motion was made by Rob Hurlburt and seconded by Diana Tempksi to adjourn at 6:17 p.m. Motion carried 4-0.

Paul, Servais, Acting Clerk
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Kimberley A. Petersen
Kimberley A. Petersen, 64, of rural Independence, died Friday, February 19, 2021, at his home.

Private family services will be held at Edison Funeral Home, Independence.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael F. Moran
Michael F. Moran, 56, of rural Galesville, died Sunday, February 14, 2021, at his home.

No services are planned at this time.

Zwickey Funeral Homes, Galesville Chapel assisted the family.

Kimberley A. Petersen
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Private family services will be held at Edison Funeral Home, Independence.

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INVITATION TO BID
— TOWN OF HALE —

The Town of Hale is requesting bids for **L RIP Funds Work** on Langner Road:

DOUBLE CHIP SEAL ON 1.1 MILES BY 18 FEET ON LANGNER ROAD. SEALED BIDS are due to the Town Clerk by 6:00 p.m., on Tuesday, April 13, 2021.

Bids will be opened at the Town Hall at N42111 County Road O, Whitehall, WI 54773, at **7:00 p.m., on April 13.** The Town Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Accepted bid will be awarded at the April 13 Board Meeting. **Address bid envelopes to:**

TOWN OF HALE
Donald Halvorson, Clerk
N42111 County Road O
Whitehall, WI 54773

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NOTICE: TOWN OF PIGEON
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Regular Monthly Meeting of the Town Board will be held **Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 7:30 p.m.,** at the Town Hall, N39631 Fuller Coulee Road, Whitehall. Agenda to be posted prior to the meeting.

Bill Butler, Clerk
Town of Pigeon
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CITY OF GALESVILLE

CITY OF GALESVILLE -- JOHN F. CANCE MEMORIAL TRUST FINANCIAL REPORT -- DECEMBER 31, 2020

In Accordance with the Will of John F. Cance, deceased, the following notice is published:

ARTICLE NINE: All the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, real or personal, I give devise and bequeath, in fee and absolute to the CITY OF GALESVILLE, in Trempealeau County and State of Wisconsin, to be held as a permanent charitable TRUST FUND, of which only the net income thereof be used for creating things of public utility or beauty, or for performing charitable or educational services, within the City of Galesville, for the use, benefit and enjoyment of the residents of the City of Galesville and of the people living adjacent thereto. It is my intention that no part of said income shall be used for any civic, charitable, educational or other purpose which it shall be the duty of the City of Galesville or any other municipal organization to provide.

The control, management and investment of the said Trust Fund, and the disbursement of the income therefrom, shall be in the hands of a board of five Trustees. The said board of five Trustees shall consist of the President of the Bluff View Bank, WI, the Mayor of the City of Galesville, the City Clerk of the City of Galesville, the Clerk of the High School District of which the City of Galesville is a part, and the Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Galesville, WI., with the Ruling Elder of the Church acting in the event that the church has no regular pastor. If by reason of one person holding two or more of said offices, or the refusal of any of the named parties to act as a Trustee, or the abolition of any of said organizations without a successor, or if for any other reason the full board of said five Trustees as herein designated is impaired, such vacancy shall be promptly filled by the remaining Trustees by the election of some person or persons whose official position, interest and usual activity as a Galesville citizen, in the opinion of the majority of the remaining Trustees, most closely corresponds with that of the herein designated Trustee whose place is to be filled. The City of Galesville shall be the custodian of this Trust Fund, and under the direction of the said five Trustees, the business of the Trust shall be transacted through the regular departments of the City of Galesville which shall keep and maintain all usual books and records necessary to disclose a full knowledge of the conduct of the Trust Fund, and of the items of cash, securities and other property belonging to it. The said Board of Trustees may in their discretion retain as a part of this Trust Fund, the securities and other property belonging to the original corpus of the Trust, conveyed to it by the Final Judgment of the Court, but all new investments made by them must conform to requirements of Chapter 320 of the WI Statutes, which names securities eligible for trust fund investment. Believing that a fully enlightened public and its opinion is the best safeguard to this Trust Fund, and the best guide to its effective use, I direct that as soon as convenient, not more than six months after date of the Final Judgment of the Court, assigning my estate, the Board of Trustees shall cause to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Galesville, under a heading containing a copy of all of the ARTICLE NINE, up to and including this sentence, a statement listing the different items of property conveyed to the Trust Fund by the Court order; and that thereafter not later than March 1st of each year, they shall cause to be published in the same or another newspaper of general circulation in the City of Galesville, under the same title or heading as named above, a report signed and sworn to by at least three of their members, showing items of receipts and disbursements for the prior calendar year and a list of the items of securities and other property belonging to the Trust Fund as of December 31, of the previous year.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020

RECEIPTS:	Income Account	Corpus Account	TOTAL
Dividends Received			
Cetera Money Market	\$0.00	—	\$0.00
AMCAP Fund	\$64.23	—	\$64.23
American Balanced Fund	\$473.78	—	\$473.78
American Mutual Fund	\$409.77	—	\$409.77
Blackrock Multi-Asset Income Fund	\$1,700.97	—	\$1,700.97
Bond Fund of America Fund	\$1,326.91	—	\$1,326.91
Capital Income Builder Fund	\$1,227.90	—	\$1,227.90
Capital World Bond Fund	\$355.42	—	\$355.42
Capital World Growth & Income Fund	\$238.89	—	\$238.89
Income Fund of America	\$1,406.97	—	\$1,406.97
Franklin Income Fund	\$1260.48	—	\$1,260.48
Total Dividends Received	\$8,465.32	—	\$8,465.32

INTEREST RECEIVED:

Bluff View Bank	—	—	—
Money Market Account	\$21.74	—	\$21.74
Cetera Flex Insured Account	\$0.03	—	\$0.03
US Treasury Bonds	\$0.00	—	\$0.00
Total Interest Received	\$21.77	—	\$21.77

OTHER RECEIPTS:

Principal Proceeds from Sale of Securities	—	\$0.00	\$0.00
Contributions	—	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Other Receipts	—	\$0.00	\$0.00

TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$8,487.09	\$0.00	\$8,487.09
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Scholarships	\$1,800.00	—	\$1,800.00
G-E-T Junior Post-Prom Preparation of 2019 Annual Report	\$300.00	—	\$300.00
Publication of 2019 Annual Report	\$213.39	—	\$213.39
GET School, Summer Lunch Program	\$300.00	—	\$300.00
Old Main Historical & Community Arts Center	\$1,000.00	—	\$1,000.00
Galesville Lions Club	\$1,000.00	—	\$1,000.00
G-E-T Food Pantry	\$2,000.00	—	\$2,000.00
Light Up Galesville	\$0.00	—	\$0.00
Galesville Chamber, Founder's Day	\$1,500.00	—	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$69.95	—	\$69.95
Bank Charges	—	—	\$0.00
Corpus Account	\$0.00	—	\$0.00
Purchase of Securities	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Disbursements	\$8,183.34	\$0.00	\$8,183.34

EXCESS OF RECEIPTS:

Over/(Under) Disbursements	\$303.75	\$0.00	\$303.75
Cash Balance, January 1, 2020	\$22,731.03	\$56.53	\$22,787.56
Cash Balance, December 31, 2019	\$23,034.78	\$56.53	\$23,091.31

Todd Poss
La Crosse, Wisconsin
February 15, 2021

Board of Trustees
/s/ Vinceh Howe
/s/ Scott Kopp
/s/ Michele Butler
(Published February 24, 2021)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
APPLICATION FOR ORIGINAL OF CLASS "A" LICENSE TO SELL FERMENTED MALT BEVERAGES AND LIQUORS

An original application has been made by Landmark Services Cooperative for a Class "A" Liquor & Class "A" Beer Licenses for the premises known as Pigeon Falls Stop & Shop in the Village of Pigeon Falls. Licensed March 1, 2021, to June 30, 2021.

Dana Alitz
Village Clerk-Treasurer
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Bill Butler, Clerk
Town of Pigeon
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ESTABLISH A BRANCH

Oakwood Bank, 40214 S. Ekern Avenue, Pigeon Falls, Wisconsin 54760, intends to apply to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for permission to establish a branch at 140 Main Street, Rollingstone, Minnesota 55969.

Any person wishing to comment on this application may file his or her comments in writing with the regional director of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation at the appropriate FDIC office at 300 South Riverside Plaza, Suite 1700, Chicago, IL 60606-3447, not later than March 12, 2021. The nonconfidential portions of the application are on file at the appropriate FDIC office and are available for public inspection during regular business hours. Photocopies of the nonconfidential portion of the application file will be made available upon request.

(Published February 24, 2021)

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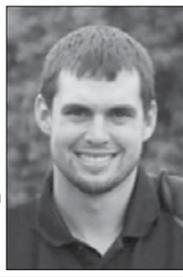
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