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Recovery won't be quick for Whitehall sewer plant

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Whitehall's wastewater-digesting lagoons will not be hurried, and so the aroma caused by an overload from a Blair cheese company is likely to linger.

"This is not a quick fix," said Ashley Slaby, city administrator for Whitehall. "It takes four to six months for (wastewater) to move through the entire process. It's just chemistry and biology."

Slaby said the first two lagoon ponds are still in poor shape from the discharges, and the overload material must still go through four more ponds before it is discharged in the Trempealeau River.

The excess discharge from the Blair American Milk Producers Inc. plant is the result of a new problem that's unrelated to a similar 2018 event, according to a company official. The equipment improvements the company made after the 2018 incident kept the company in compliance until mid-December, said Sarah Schmidt, vice president of public affairs for the Blair plant's parent company in Minnesota.

"Process improvements were installed in 2018, and from May 2018 through December 2020, no exceedances in (biological material that places a demand on the oxygen in the lagoons) were realized," said. "Recent issues have been identified to be the result of an unrelated equipment issue, which has since been repaired."

The most recent overload reportedly came from problems with the Blair facility's settling ponds, according to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Blair sends its wastewater to the Whitehall plant.

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Road Construction Season Underway

Work continued on County Trunk Highway D south of Whitehall last week. The Trempealeau County Highway Department began the project on April 12 by replacing culverts. In May, work to widen and repave the road will begin and will last throughout the summer. The project is being split into two halves at Irvins Coulee Road to allow traffic to go around the project. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

County tables proposal to reinforce gun rights

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

A county committee tabled for a month a decision on whether to make Trempealeau a Second Amendment sanctuary county after hearing that gun rights are under attack, a claim others called "a dangerous illusion."

The county's law enforcement and emergency management committee tabled acting on the sanctuary resolution last Wednesday after member Dan Schreiner said the action needed review by the county's corporation counsel. The committee's next meeting is May 11. The resolution would also require the support of the entire county board.

"I was just appointed to this committee (the previous day)," Schreiner said. "I need to hear from our legal representative that the language in here is appropriate."

Proponents of the sanctuary resolution, the Associated Conversation Clubs of Trempealeau County and the Liberty Alliance, say the statement was introduced to the county a year ago and previously approved by the corporation counsel. Committee members noted Wednesday that it was not, however, in the proper form

for formal action.

Liberty Alliance member Dave Estenson told the committee his group sought support for the resolution and "in five days, we got 1,488 signatures. This is not a partisan issue, it's not a gun owner or non-gunowner issue," Estenson said. "This is an issue about people worried they're losing their rights."

Those for and against the resolution noted that it was not calling for a change in the law, but rather a statement of support for constitutional rights and gun control laws. The resolution calls on the county to resist any "unconstitutional restrictions" on guns and to not fund their enforcement.

"Once a right is gone," said conservation club board member Junior Prudlick, "it's almost impossible to get back."

Several attendees noted gun control measures have survived constitutional challenges.

"The Supreme Court has ruled that the Second Amendment is not absolute," said William Nemer, a county court commissioner. "There can be reasonable regulations of guns."

Peter Jonas said the resolution came at a time when

there is an "unprecedented epidemic of gun violence."

"Common-sense measures like universal background checks and red flag laws are supported by 70 to 80 percent of Americans in opinion polls," Jonas said in a statement. "The perception that America's second amendment rights are under attack is a dangerous illusion."

Amanda Hegge called the proposal a "solution without a problem" and that there are no federal or state laws pending that would restrict gun ownership. Others argued that the resolution seemed to suggest that county officials or law enforcement should pick and chose which laws to enforce.

Among the speakers backing the resolution was Assembly District 92 Rep. Treig Pronschinske (R-Mondovi) who has introduced legislation to have Wisconsin join 13 other states as a Second Amendment sanctuary state. "We swear to uphold the constitutions," Pronschinske said. "We don't get to cherry pick which rights we uphold."

Resolution advocate Jim Franks said the statement of support for gun rights would serve as notice to Madison

and Washington.

"The people out here are awake. That we're noticing that they're allowing Antifa and BLM to run around while pushing gun control," Franks said.

Sanctuary proponents argued that it isn't laws but rather presidential executive orders and administrative restrictions that are eroding gun rights. They cited attempts by the President Joe Biden, for instance, to outlaw "assault" weapons and high-capacity ammunition clips.

"You know what 'high-capacity' means?" asked Michael Franks. "More than 10 rounds."

Franks was also critical of comments by the new head of the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms that suggest he plans to impose regulations against guns.

Several speakers noted that having access to guns is important for personal safety and as a defense against tyrannical government. Some linked the constraints on gun ownership to what they called the erosion of First Amendment protections.

"Look how quickly we lost the right to assemble in churches (during the pandemic)," Pronschinske said.



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County governments eye spending options

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

The county's human services director is encouraging the board of supervisors to consider expanding mental health services with the "once in a lifetime" payment of \$5.75 million in federal pandemic relief.

another over \$1.4 million from the federal American Rescue Plan passed by Congress in March. The money is intended to help local government recover from the effects of the pandemic. "How can we make a difference with this once in lifetime extra revenue?" asked Deb Suchla, director of Human Services for Trempealeau County. "There has

been an increase in mental health issues (during the pandemic) that has never been seen before." Suchla said ideas about how to address the consequences of isolation, including increased child domestic abuse, are still in the formative stages. "But we know we should start with children," Suchla said. "How do we interrupt

the events that can lead to a 45 percent increase in the likelihood of a child developing mental health problems?" The first payment of the \$5.75 million is expected in the county this spring, and the board of supervisors will ultimately determine how it is spent.

Elected municipal officials will have similar spending decisions to make as they begin receiving federal money. According to an analysis by the Tax Foundation, Arcadia will receive \$482,292; Ettrick, \$178,524; Galesville, \$157,765; Whitehall, \$155,393; Blair,

Most county and municipal government are also eligible to receive reimbursement for their pandemic related expenses through earlier federal programs. The county, for instance, is on track to receive \$1.24 million from the CARES act and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The act provides for the first payment within 60 days of the March 11 enactment, and a second payment due 12 months after that. The act does place some restrictions on how the money can be spent, and limits government's ability to lower taxes as a result of the payments.

Arcadia sees slight drop in project bid

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Arcadia saw a slight dip in bid amounts in the second attempt to find a contractor for a city-focused flood control project, but the apparent winning bid is still above estimates and will probably mean higher city borrowing.

A-1 Excavating in Bloomer submitted a bid of \$7.18 million for the flood control work that will focus on storm water that collects in the city. A-1's was the lowest of three bids, said city administrator Chad Hawkins.

If the bid award and other aspects of the project go as planned, the bulk of the project could be completed this year, Hawkins said. In the first round of bidding, Haas submitted the only bid at \$7.3 million.

In addition to hoping to get a lower price tag, the city also had to rebid the project because the federal Economic Development Agency, which is helping fund the work, requires a minimum of three bids. The project will include new storm drains and additional pumping capability. Initial estimates placed its cost at \$6.3 million.

Hawkins said the city has between \$5.2 and \$5.3 million in grants, leaving the balance for the city to cover with probable borrowing. The city is also exploring how to pay for an even bigger flood control project, a \$40 million undertaking that would control Turton Creek and the Trempealeau River. Hawkins has said he is confident the city could cover at least a portion of that work being designed by the U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers. In other action at its meeting April 19, the council gave tentative approval to a bid from the State Bank of Arcadia for short-term financing for remodeling of the new city hall. The Arcadia bank bid an interest rate of 1.79 percent compared to Waumandee State Bank's 1.89 percent.

Mayor Rob Reichwein said the council will consider a proposal for a dog park in the 2022 budget. The council may consider at its first May meeting a pending agreement between the city and the Arcadia Parents Association regarding youth recreation programs.

Hawkins said city offices may be closed this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday as city operations are moved to the new city hall on Dettloff Drive.

Tri-City Sanitation to mark 50th anniversary

Saturday marks the 50th anniversary of the May 1, 1971 start of curbside garbage pickup services in Whitehall, Blair and Independence by the new business that had been established earlier that year. Peter Pientok Construction of Independence had purchased what had been known as Whitehall Trucking, owned by the late Gerald Schansberg, and renamed its subsidiary Tri City Sanitation Services.

LaVerne Pientok remembers the early days of garbage when those who created it had to dispose of it, "no questions asked."

Governments eventually added dumps and created trash pickup services. In Independence, Pientok remembered, garbage was picked up by a man with a horse and a wagon, occasionally with assistance from the chief of police. Blair received pickup from Blair Dray Lines, owned and operated by Helmer Strand and Whitehall followed a similar pattern using city-owned equipment and forces, including Police Chief Ben

Mahe. Whitehall businesses were served by Whitehall Dray Line, owned and operated by Norman Garson and Sons. The Whitehall Dray Line business was acquired by Ronald "Ronnie" Bautch. Bautch later sold his operation to Lloyd Fischer, owner

of Fischer Trucking. Fisher provided his services until selling the trash business to Schansberg.

Schansberg purchased a 16 cubic yard packer unit, which enabled him to cut his trips to the city dump, because of being able to compact the materials. During

the Schansberg era, the DNR required a permit for any equipment with compaction capabilities. He expanded his operations into Blair, Independence and a couple of area townships. In early 1971, he offered his business for sale.

The business was purchased by Peter Pientok Construction Inc. of Independence. The garbage business was named Tri City Sanitation Service, Inc., and was a subsidiary of the construction business.

Then run by LaVerne Pientok, son of the late Peter Pientok, the business started out with two trucks and LaVerne's cousin Tom Pientok as the first driver. Tom went on to work over 25 years for the business. It was initially located at the former Cripps school property on Highway 93 between Independence and Elk Creek.

In 1985, Peter Pientok Construction ceased operations and LaVerne Pientok purchased the Tri City assets. Not long after that, the business moved to its current location, which had been the site for the Trempealeau County Highway salt shed.

That was about the time that garbage collection became a lot more complicated. State Department of Natural Resources regulations for landfills became more stringent and most

local disposal sites were closed down by the late 1980's and early '90's.

As a result, Tri City was hauling garbage in its packer trucks from the four communities it served. It had added Pigeon Falls not long after start-up, purchasing the route from Howard Olson. (Tri City had also added accounts in the rural areas.) The trash was hauled to larger landfills in Black River Falls, Eau Claire and La Crosse. In response, Tri City built a transfer station in Whitehall in 1996 and purchased larger trucks capable of hauling "roll off" boxes on the longer trips.

In 1993, the third generation of the Pientok family joined the business. Dave Pientok returned to Whitehall and purchased the business from his father in late 1993.

The company has grown substantially over the years, now operating 14 trucks while serving 17 area communities in Buffalo, Jackson and Trempealeau counties. Tri City, which employees 13 people part or full-time, contracts with a number of large commercial operations, including Ashley Furniture Industries, Whitehall Specialties, Pilgrim's Pride, Kwik Trip and International Ingredients.

Besides the residential and commercial pickup routes, the company rents out

dumpsters and construction boxes. That means keeping track of about 180 roll-offs of 12, 20 and 30 cubic yards and over 1,500 two- to eight yard dumpsters. They also have 26 receiver boxes and 12 compactor units to haul larger volumes.

The company's vehicles combine to travel over 400,000 miles per year, hauling over 20,000 tons of solid waste and construction/demolition materials to landfills in Eau Claire, La Crosse, the Exel Energy incinerator on French Island and their own C & D landfill on Schansberg Road. At \$65 per ton disposal fees, plus transportation and labor costs, that adds up to over \$1.5 million.

"Together, we hope to continue to provide the same quality services that strengthened the business in the past 50 years," LaVerne Pientok — who continues to stop in and "help" at the age of 91 — said.

Dave Pientok said that the company has come a long way in 50 years.

"Now we need to strive for efficiency and serving our customers the next 50. A huge thank you to all of our customers we have served in the past. We can't do an open house right now due to COVID but we are working on something when we can to thank everyone," Dave Pientok said.



LaVerne (left) and David Pientok are celebrating the 50th anniversary of Tri-City Sanitation. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

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County board endorses bonds for new justice center

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Supervisors formally committed the county to borrowing \$43.5 million, approving the low bid for the funds to be used to build a new justice center.

The board last Tuesday awarded Bank of America/Merrill Lynch the contract based on the company's offer of a 1.75 percent interest rate, the lowest of the six offered. The county's financial advisor, Brian Reilly of Ehlers,

Sewer plant

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Slaby said records do show that the recent increase in AMPI material started in mid-December. However, March data indicates the overload is continuing, she said. Reporting and testing lag times mean the overloads have arrived and affected the Whitehall plant before officials know there's a problem.

"There's one pipe from Blair and it doesn't look any different if it's being overloaded," Slaby said. "We only see what's going on when we get a report from Blair and then get things tested."

Whitehall has sent the city of Blair a bill for \$208,870 as a surcharge for the December through February excesses. An additional surcharge will likely be added for March and however long the excess flow continues, Slaby said.

The excess material coming from AMPI in 2018 meant the city experienced an unpleasant odor, when the wind was right, for months. Whitehall assessed a \$50,000 surcharge for the 2018 problems, a bill AMPI paid.

said the size of the bond issue drew interest from bidders nationwide and made the bidding competitive. Six institutions bid for the borrowing. The winning rate of 1.75 percent is lower than the initial estimate of 1.85 percent.

An analysis by Ehlers shows that the effect on property tax bills will be an increase of three cents per \$1,000 in property value starting in 2022. That rate could drop if overall county property values rise. The relatively flat tax rate is possible because the county is paying off other debt. The justice center bond will be paid off over 20 years.

With asbestos removal and demolition of the former Whitehall school underway, supervisors also agreed to an official groundbreaking for the building to be held at 5 pm. May 17. The county's construction advisor, Kurt Berner of Samuels Group, said planning is underway to identify parking options when Park Street is eventually closed.

In other action, the board approved adding two corrections officers to the sheriff's department roster and made full-time two part-time employees at the community television station, WTCO. Representative of the "always hidden" emergency dispatch group also introduced the board to new software that helps dispatchers more quickly identify the nature and severity of an injury or illness.

Sheriff Brett Semington said the decision to add officers follows an analysis by the Department of Correc-

tions and a need to reduce overtime for some officers who risk being overworked by long hours. He said he may also seek additional positions later in the year as two officers begin the work of learning about and preparing to teach officers about the new jail.

Semington said the additional positions are not driven by the new jail, but rather are filling gaps that already exist in the department. He said he also expects the new jail to help reduce the department's budget for, for instance, the \$200,000 now spent on out-of-county housing for prisoners.

Hosting government meetings and coordinating online participation is driving the need for expanded community television staff, said new WTCO director Derek Westby. Just since Jan. 1, the station has broadcast live 60 meetings, athletic events and produced 14 studio presentations, Westby said.

"So many people tell me seeing the meetings is valuable," said supervisor Jeanne Nutter. "I get texts about what's going on during a meeting. I hope they continue post pandemic."

The board approved making two staff members full time at a cost of \$48,289. Dispatcher Carmen Wilson, who is in her 27th year as an emergency responder, said the new ProQA software will walk dispatcher through scripted dialogue when working with a caller. It replaces paper-based questions.

Supervisors endorsed a call for the state legislature to act on clean water initiatives outlined in the Speakers Task Force on Water Quality and endorsed by several groups, including the Nature Conservancy and the Dairy Business Association. The

measures are aimed at reducing the nitrate pollution that affects an estimated one-fifth of rural and municipal wells

and is responsible for algae blooms.

"Wood and Portage counties went to referendum on

this," said supervisor George Brandt. "Eighty percent supported a resolution to the state."



WHS Prom Courts

Whitehall High School honored both the junior and senior classes at its 2021 Prom. The top photo is the senior court members including: (back row, left to right): Bradyn Schneider, Greg Santos, Carter Laursen, Ryan Kleinhans, Aaron Filla. Middle row: Samantha Huff, Allison Koepke, Evelyn Velasquez, Abby Semb, Sophia Schultz. Front row: Zach George, Olivia Youngbauer, Hannah Stoutner, Liam Herrick

Junior court members (bottom photo) were: Back row: Aidan Sonsalla, Brekken Kulig, Kevin Carroll, Jonathan Thorn, Ben Mohan. Middle row: Susie Rodriguez, Andrea Sosalla, Alicia Schmitt, Kelly Herness, Nylah Lisowski. Front row: Mike Spare, Sydney Matheny, McKenna Pientok, Wylie Dunn. (Submitted photos)

Former Arcadia basketball coach to be honored at B-D Days parade

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

While he hasn't been an active member of the Arcadia community for nearly 40 years, perhaps the only person surprised Bob Parker was being honored by the Arcadia Lion's Club was Parker himself.

"I don't know that I'm really worthy, but it's an honor to still be remembered in Arcadia, I guess," Parker said. "Time goes by; you know, it really flies."

For the Lions Club, however, Parker was an obvious choice to be the Grand Marshall of the Broiler-Dairy Days parade, not just because of what he did during his time in Arcadia, but because how much the Wisconsin basketball legend has achieved in his life and how his impact is still felt by the Arcadia community.

Parker is believed to still be the second-winningest boys basketball coach in Arcadia school history — behind Bill Cashen — and followed his run with the Raiders with successful stints at Western Technical College, Valley City State and University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

His legacy, however, is about more than wins.

Parker already had a successful basketball career before he arrived in Arcadia in 1973. He was a sophomore on Alma's 1966 state-qualifying team, that lost to Milwaukee Lincoln in the state tournament — at a time in which the competitors were not separated by division.

After graduating from Alma, Parker went to play at UW-River Falls where he scored nearly 1,200 points and grabbed 822 rebounds. He was elected to the UWRF Hall of Fame in 1991, along with AHS graduate Gerard Sonsalla.

As great as his life in basketball had already been, Parker went to a place that was known for anything but

the sport. "They had great coaches and great teams, but basketball wasn't one of them," Parker said. "I heard a lot about how Arcadia was a wrestling and football school and you couldn't win there. Well, we did win there."

It was a slow start for Parker, but he helped the Raiders to the first Coulee Conference title — at a time when the conference included larger schools such as Onalaska and Holmen — in the school's history in 1980-81 and repeated in '81-82. Under his watch, the Raiders also competed in the sectional round of the state tournament twice — something the team has only done once since Parker left in 1983.

The key, he said, was getting the students to work harder in the offseason.

"We built the program by getting kids who were willing to dedicate themselves to the offseason, really working hard on their individual games, going to camps and doing the things necessary in the offseason to have good teams in the season," Parker said.

When Parker left Arcadia, he did so with a 123-71 record, including a 69-12 mark in his final five years. What he was particularly proud of, however was how he built the program.

"I'm happy to say that we built the program by collaborating with the other sports," Parker said. "We had great coaches in wrestling (Bill Lockington) and football (Richard Fredrickson). We all supported one another and worked together."

Lockington and Parker are still close friends.

"How many times do you go into the school and the best friends are wrestling and basketball coaches," Parker said.

Lockington, a member of the George Martin Wrestling Hall of Fame, still remembers conversations

he had with Parker that he said helped him relate to students and successfully coach athletes. Lockington said Parker's charisma and ability to reach students is what made him so successful. "He really cared about the kids," Lockington said. "There is a really deep side that is always thinking about the other person and he is still in contact with a lot of people in the area."

While Parker built this basketball program, Lockington also remembered his impact on the school's football program. Parker used to scout opponents for the Fredrickson and the football team and Lockington recalled the reports Parker would turn in as being thorough.

"He had the ability to really pick through opponent's strengths and weaknesses and could relate those really well," Lockington said.

Parker also noted the influence Denis Kirkman, school superintendent and athletic director Jim Crowley had. He said he was thankful for their support and encouragement in helping build the program.

While he had built the program into annual conference contenders and loved the Arcadia area, Parker had bigger dreams.

"I wanted to go to the college ranks where you could do some recruiting and build a team of your own," Parker said.

To get to the next level, Parker needed a Master's Degree. While attending classes at UW-La Crosse, he coached at WTC — then known as WWTI.

After announcing he would be leaving Arcadia for the college ranks, Dennis "Lead" Bjorge said Parker's recruitment was basically the entire All-Coulee Con-

ference first team. He got commitments from his own high school player in Bjorge, Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau graduate Mark Wagner and Shane Schmeling from Holmen. Bjorge had planned to play at UW-Stout, but wanted to follow Parker. He said he's proud to be the only player Parker coached in high school and college.

While he was there for just one season, Parker's Cavaliers went 18-11 and advanced to the state championship game. The impact, however, lasted far beyond one season.

Wagner, who played for Russ Lund at G-E-T, eventually became the coach of the Red Hawks. He led them to two state tournament appearances, including a runner-up finish in 2012. He considers Parker to be a major influence.

"I learned more about basketball from coach Parker than any other coach I have

been around," Wagner said. "Truly a great basketball mind who was terrific at teaching the game. It was a pleasure to play for him."

Schmeling led the Bangor girls basketball team to a state championship in 1997 and had since coached Onalaska to the state tournament.

Bjorge has mostly coached at the lower levels, being a youth basketball coach in Arcadia's park and recreation program for many years before joining the high school ranks as an assistant for the last decade.

"When I reflect back on my coaching and playing career, I am thankful that I played for (Parker)," Bjorge said. "He was that kind of coach, had that kind of impact. He would get on you if it was needed, but he would always build you back up."

Bjorge said Parker's ability to teach post players had an impact on him and the

programs Parker built.

"Every single year he had an all-conference post player," Bjorge said. "All of those players, including me, were probably the shortest post players in the conference. That was hit forte."

Bjorge said it wasn't just that Parker knew what to coach, but how to relate to his players.

"He's probably the most thoughtful person you'll ever meet," Bjorge said.

Bjorge's father passed away unexpectedly after Parker left for Valley City State University in North Dakota. Bjorge said Parker was the first person to call him and that the coach offered him a chance to transfer to VCS to play for him again.

"He didn't need me as a player, but because he cared about me as a person," Bjorge said. "He goes beyond what you would expect a coach to

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Former Arcadia boys basketball coach Bob Parker (second from left) returned to the school as his 1980-81 team was honored in 2015 and will be coming back at the end of May as he is honored as the grand marshal of the Broiler-Dairy Days parade. (Submitted photo)

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor:
“The Whole Nine Yards” April 14 article was full of half-truths and misleading information. If Rob Manfred (commissioner of Major League Baseball) would have read the Georgia voting law instead of listening to the WOK left and Cancel Culture, he may have acted differently.

Many of Colorado voting laws are more restrictive than the new Georgia law. The number of days to request an absentee ballot was reduced from 180 days to 78 days. The Republican and Democratic Conventions have not even taken place six months prior to the election. You may not even know who the candidates are six months prior to the election.

Making it potentially chargeable as a misdemeanor to offer food or water to anyone standing in line to vote. This is only half true. It is not legal to offer food or water to anyone in line to vote within 150-feet of the polling station. This was put into place for the same reason campaign signs are not allowed near a voting site. Who is giving out the food and water? Candidate campaign staffers? Water can be handed out by a poll worker if needed.

Requiring an ID for an absentee ballot. When I voted in person, a photo ID and a signature witnessed by two election officials was required. Should mail-in ballots be less secure? You need an ID to get a fishing license, buy beer, get Covid vaccinations, cashing checks or get most government benefits. There is little you can do without a valid ID. If you do not have a valid ID, the government will issue one for free. Is this racist?

Imposing limits on drop boxes. The unsecure drop boxes were put in place because of the pandemic. The drop boxes were added by non-elected officials and were never approved by the legislative process. There were no drop boxes approved prior to the 2020 election. The number of legal drop boxes actually has increased from 0 to 23 in the Atlanta metro area.

Limited access to drop boxes. The law does not limit the amount of time access is available to these secure lock boxes. The law sets a minimum of time to access these secure locations. Locations can expand hours as long as they remain secure.

The new law also allows early voting on two Sundays and one Saturday prior to election Tuesday.

The article goes back 57 years to quote Hank Aaron concerning “Jim Crow” laws. A lot has changed since John Kennedy was president. The law does not restrict anyone from voting. The law expands access to vote and improves security. Apparently the Wok left does not want secure elections. What is racist? It is what the left is telling minorities. They are saying they are too backward to possess an ID, cannot go 150-feet without drinking or eating and do not have the ability to find a secure ballot box or voting location. I would give minority voters more credit than that.

Tom Schank, Arcadia

To the Editor:
C'mon man, I think that I've finally found something that we can all agree on despite your political affiliation, and that is the unbelievable, inhumane crisis at our southern border, perpetuated and allowed to fester by Joe and his socialist friends in power. This is a huge disgrace to our nation and was done for two reasons, one was simply to undo what Trump had set in place to secure our border, which was working, and two was to flood the country with future democratic voters, many of whom wearing Biden shirts given to them at the border.

Joe, referring to himself as “the nice guy”, unleashed this nightmare with no preplanning as to what to do with the tens of thousands of migrants that he so graciously invited into our country. The atrocities that are taking place, especially with all the unaccompanied children, is not only cruel but morally wrong and inhumane on all levels. The worst part is that nothing is being done to stop the flow except to build more temporary holding tents. It is so bad that neither Joe nor Kamala, his border czar, will even go see the situation themselves because they know that if they do it will burn into their retinas and won't be able to sleep, along with the millions of taxpaying U.S. citizens who live in our border states and have to deal with it on a daily basis. It's so bad that when Kamala was asked if she was going to the border to see for herself, she began laughing uncontrollably and still has not gone! What's so funny?! What a bunch of malarky! She's apparently content to leave things as they are.

Give me a break, every American should be totally outraged to the point of demanding action to rectify this unholy nightmare, because there will be no help from the media who are restricted to see for themselves and report accordingly. Where is the transparency? Even so, they only ask Joe softball questions and never press him for answers and solutions. Therefore they too are responsible for this mess.

In closing, let us all come together for a change and contact our representatives to let them know that this is unacceptable and needs to be fixed ASAP! It is gross negligence if we don't, we the people have to fix this before our country implodes.

Tom Stoner, Arcadia

From The Early

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

25 YEARS AGO May 2, 1996

Among the Whitehall High School vocal and instrumental musicians who will be competing at the state solo and ensemble contest in Eau Claire are soloists Leah Hanson, Erika Skadahl, Eric Moe, Mandy Kampa, Ryan Martinovici, Elizabeth Foltz, Lindsay Nelson, Kris Van Sickle, Shanna Hanson, Michelle Koxlien, Beth Martin, Jenny Skadahl, Kara Handvold and Greg Van Sickle.

The Whitehall city council Monday night approved the fourth loan to be granted from the Whitehall Economic Development Loan Fund. The council, acting on the recommendation of the fund's advisory board, okayed a \$20,000 loan to The Oil Spot, a new business being developed by Gary and Jane Hoken of rural Whitehall. The firm will provide quick oil changes for motor vehicles and also do some light welding.

Arural Whitehall man has been convicted of weapons charges in federal court. Joseph Taylor pleaded guilty Friday to one count of possessing unregistered firearms in U.S. District Court in Madison. A second count of the charge, which involves the possession of components for making explosive devices was dismissed. Taylor, 50, could be sentenced to up to 10 years in prison and/or fined as much as \$250,000.

The six contestants for the 1996 Miss Arcadia Pageant are Carolyn Bisek, Erin Slaby, Jill Patzner, Tricia Sonsalla, Jessica Smith and Rebecca Suchla.

The Arcadia Playground Committee and hundreds of area volunteers built a state-of-the-art playground for the children of Arcadia last week. The volunteers spent five days working in all kinds of weather to complete the project. The new playground was opened on Sunday afternoon after an inspection was completed.

When Loren and Roselyn Nelson — proprietors of Nelson Straightline Auto Corp. — decided to locate in Independence, they wanted to bring their personal and business philosophy out in such a manner that people

could understand and relate to what their goals were. It was then that they decided to purchase an old Texaco gas station and restore it to the condition it was in during the 1950s.

Things were percolating as students from inner-city Milwaukee and Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau got together in Galesville Friday night. And it wasn't just that a dance step in the small gym at the high school was called “percolating.” A public concert in which the visiting choir members called in their counterparts from G-E-T for the final two numbers helped brew good feelings as well.

A citizens committee began planning its role Monday for a new all-day kindergarten program, with its actual deliberations overshadowed by the fact that all those named to the panel showed up. School officials had appointed both opponents and supporters of the optional all-day plan that drew some of its criticism from the fact that the program would be centralized in Galesville, requiring busing from Ettrick and Trempealeau.

It isn't the major village leaders talked about 15 months ago, the loss of state grants that would've covered 80 percent of the cost took care of that. But the Trempealeau village board isn't ready to give up on a modified improvement program for Main St. At a special meeting, the board approved a small start on the upgrade. It accepted a \$3,682 bid to repair curb, gutter and sidewalks on both sides of Main St., south of Third Street and to add wheelchair-accessible cuts in sidewalk corners.

As the polls close, the fate of the Blair-Taylor school building will be known. This Saturday is election day for residents of the B-T district, voters will decide whether or not to approve the borrowing of \$6.5 million by the district for the financing of a new 9-12 high school building on a neutral site in the country and improvements to the existing high school building for grades Pre-K-through-eight.

Jennifer Olson was named valedictorian and Kristin Ginter was salutatorian for

the B-T High School class of 1996.

50 YEARS AGO May 6, 1971

New employees in the Trempealeau County nurse's office are secretary receptionist Janet Loken of Galesville and part-time staff nurses Pat Mack of Ettrick and Louise Hauge of Pigeon Falls.

The Whitehall swimming pool building fund has grown to \$670.87, following a recent gift of \$130 from the Whitehall Happy Homemakers.

Pfc. Ralph Kamrowski, 18, home on leave, became Trempealeau County's fourth traffic fatality in the year when he died Sunday evening from injuries received in a crash on Highway 93, three miles north of Centerville.

Barbara Jean Haines of Arcadia was one of two 19-year-old girls chosen to represent Region Six in the Alice in Dairyland contest to be held June 17, 18 and 19.

About 2,800 junior and senior high school musicians will invade Galesville for the Concert Musical Festival on May 8. A total of 21 bands and 30 choral groups will take part in the third section of the annual spring music festival, according to Don Rowlands, director of instrumental music at Gale-Ettrick High School.

The Trempealeau County Historical Society regrets they will not be able to have the museum part of the schoolhouse on the

fairgrounds open during May as planned because of vandalism to the windows, which required considerable repairs.

The Ettrick Rod and Gun Club purchased more than 26 acres on the former Leo Mack farm, two miles east of Ettrick.

Improvements to the Ettrick village dump include covering the banks with earth and a deep trench dug for refuse, which will be covered with earth from time to time.

75 YEARS AGO May 2, 1946

The same issue which existed at the time when Christ drove the moneychangers from the temple, brought immigrants from Europe to America, and perplexed Lincoln, confront the common people of America today, former Socialist Milwaukee Mayor Daniel Hoan told a Whitehall audience Friday. It is the age-old battle between wealth and the common people, said Mr. Hoan, who urged that a strong Trempealeau County liberal ticket be organized.

Edward Van Sickle, 21, of the town of Hale, who is home on a 60-day furlough from the service, fractured his right leg above the knee when the car he was driving went off Hwy. 121 at the Maule curve east of Independence Monday about midnight. His companion, 18-year-old Helen Dahl of Hale, received lacerations to her right knee.

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As Legalization Stalls at State Level, Local Governments Tackle Marijuana Policy

Nearly a decade after Colorado became the first state to legalize recreational marijuana, the debate has spiked in Wisconsin as more states join the pro-marijuana ranks.

Some local units of government have made moves to decriminalize the drug as progress at the state level appears unlikely.

Gov. Tony Evers proposed legalizing medical and recreational marijuana in his state budget plan, but GOP leaders plan to scrap the proposal as they craft a budget of their own.

But Evers is still pushing the idea.

“As you know, I am proposing that we legalize marijuana and that we regulate and tax it just like we do with alcohol,” Evers said during a budget listening session in mid-April. “An important piece of this proposal would be to modify criminal penalties for marijuana-related crimes to align with legalization, and create a process for individuals serving sentences, or previously convicted of marijuana-related crimes, to have the opportunity to repeal or reduce their sentences for non-violent, minor offenses.”

Assembly Speaker Robin Vos has previously stated his caucus would not support recreational marijuana proposals, but members may draft their own measures regarding medicinal use. Any consideration from Republicans on the issue would occur in a separate bill outside the governor's state budget.

“I've supported [medical marijuana], I've been as public as I can be. I think I was one of the first legislators in the Capitol to say I'm open to that idea,” said Vos during a virtual WisPolitics.com luncheon in January. “I'm still trying to find a way where we can do it where people accept the fact that we are not going to legalize recreational marijuana.”

But GOP Senate Majority Leader Devin LeMahieu on April 15 told a WisPolitics.com virtual luncheon that even a separate medicinal marijuana bill couldn't get approval from Republican senators.

“First of all, we don't have support from the caucus,” said LeMahieu. “And that's pretty clear that we don't have 17 votes in the caucus for medicinal purposes, or recreational purposes, to legalize it.”

He also said the state should wait for FDA approval before allowing it for medical purposes.

Such approval could be long in the coming. Marijuana is listed as a Schedule 1 drug — those “with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse” — which presents barriers to researching it for medical use. With legalization at an

impasse, various Wisconsin jurisdictions are downgrading marijuana enforcement and prosecution.

In Wisconsin, any possession of marijuana is a misdemeanor and punishable by up to six months in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

But in some cities, possession and consumption are no longer a crime — as long as users follow guidelines set by some counties and municipalities.

Milwaukee County passed a proposal in late March that reduced marijuana fines to \$1. The Milwaukee Common Council is considering a similar move.

Madison last November decriminalized the possession and use of up to 28 grams of marijuana or cannabis derivatives. And the Dane County district attorney told Madison police not to refer marijuana cases for prosecution if they involve 28 grams or less.

The Badger Institute, a Madison-based conservative think tank, notes in a policy brief that Appleton, Eau Claire, Green Bay and Racine have decriminalized possession of small amounts of marijuana as well.

The report also pointed to fewer possession charges, minimal jail time and almost no prison sentences for marijuana in Wisconsin, unless the charge was accompanied by other offenses.

The brief shows only 0.23 percent of all Wisconsin prison admissions were for marijuana cases that did not include more serious crimes in 2019. According to the brief, only 16 percent of marijuana cases charged in circuit court resulted in jail or prison time.

The report, authored by policy analyst Julie Grace, said lesser charges and sentences — combined with deferred prosecution agreements, diversion programs, and marijuana possession decriminalization by local municipalities — have resulted in “de facto decriminalization of marijuana use throughout much of the state.”

But legal pot proponents, such as Alan Robinson of WINORML, disagree. WINORML has partnered with state Sen. Melissa Agard, D-Madison, on legalization efforts.

“As to the question of whether or not marijuana is already decriminalized in Wisconsin, the answer is a resounding no,” Robinson said.

Robinson pointed to the underbelly of the marijuana industry as a prime reason and to pursue legalization.

The nature of how marijuana is sold and distributed will happen with or without guidance by the state government, Robinson noted, but he argued that some of the substance's most noteworthy problems could be solved through regulation.

“We're in a state of unregulated chaos. We know that drug dealers don't check IDs.

We know that bud-tenders are required to in legal states. If you want to keep drugs away from children, then you take the chaos element away,” Robinson said. “One of the things that we've seen in states that have legalized is that [it] repairs communities that have been most negatively impacted by cannabis prohibition.”

Polling has shown broad public support for marijuana legalization in Wisconsin. An April 2019 Marquette University Law School poll found that 59 percent of voters say the substance should be legalized for recreational purposes while 36 percent say it should not be made legal; 83 percent of voters said marijuana use for medical purposes with a doctor's prescription should be legal, with 12 percent saying it should not be.

Two Republican lawmakers proposed legislation in March that would significantly reduce the state penalty for possession of up to 10 grams of marijuana.

Sen. Kathy Bernier, R-Lake Hallie, and Rep. Shae Sortwell, R-Two Rivers, noted in a memo to fellow lawmakers that Assembly Bill 130 and Senate Bill 164 wouldn't legalize marijuana, which is still illegal at the federal level.

It would reduce the current \$1,000 state fine to a \$100 forfeiture for possessing or attempting to possess up to 10 grams of marijuana. It also would eliminate the up to six-month prison sentence only with the increased penalty in current law for a second or subsequent violation involving up to 10 grams.

If approved, the bill would both change the current state penalties for marijuana possession and supersede smaller fines now enforced in some municipalities. The Assembly and Senate received fiscal estimates for the bills, and neither bill has been scheduled for a public hearing.

The bill currently has four co-sponsors in the Assembly including Robert Brooks, R-Saukville; Joel Kitchens, R-Sturgeon Bay; David Bowen, D-Milwaukee, and Nick Milroy, D-South Range. There are currently no co-sponsors in the Senate.

Agard, a longtime advocate of legalizing recreational and medicinal marijuana use, has argued that the substance might be legalized nationally first by a U.S. Supreme Court decision.

“We're an island of prohibition,” said Agard. “[It] did not work with alcohol and it will not work with cannabis.”

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From The Early Files

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Thirteen-year-old Spencer Foss, an eighth-grader and son of Mrs. Ernest Foss of Whitehall, won the Trempealeau County marble contest conducted at Whitehall Saturday by Coach Colonel Larson of the high school. Orville Nething, who won the tournament last year, was second; William Steig was third, and Roy Ambli came in fourth.

At the triangular track meet held Thursday at Galesville, Bob Bensusand of Whitehall set a new record for the broad jump of 19 feet, three-quarters inch. The old record, 18 feet three inches, was set in 1937 by Pete Galuska of Arcadia.

Justice Elmer E. Barlow of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, whose hometown is Arcadia, was elected president of the Wisconsin Law Alumni Association. Barlow, a former Arcadia city attorney, Trempealeau County District Attorney and state commissioner of taxation, graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1909.

Fire destroyed the Taylor Green Bay and Western depot, the Olson and Anderson Lumberyard and damaged the nearby pickle station. Estimated loss is \$30,000.

100 YEARS AGO May 5, 1921

The U.S. Census Bureau has sent out its 14th census report, which shows the population of Trempealeau County as 24,506. Of the municipalities in the county, the town of the Arcadia, with a population of 2,585, is the largest; the village of Arcadia is the largest incorporated municipality, with 1,418. Whitehall's population is 851.

The musical comedy “The Gypsy Rover,” given at the hall Monday night, was a great success and again demonstrates the dramatic abilities of Whitehall's young people. Mrs. Haesle, who had sole charge of the Glee Club in this stage setting, has also become famous by reason of her success in directing operatic productions.

Strum comes to Whitehall Sunday to meet the local team, the game to be called at 2:30 p.m. sharp. The new suits have arrived and will be donned for the first time in the Strum game. E.E. Roesler of Juneau has decided to move to Whitehall and make his home, and will do the backstop work for the local boys. He is an experienced ball player, having played with a number of players who are now in the major leagues. Edgar Gunderson of Welch Coulee, now a student of the LaCrosse normal, will throw for Whitehall.

Official reports of conditions of two Arcadia banks, Bank of Arcadia and Farmers State Bank, showed resources of \$649,323 for the Bank of Arcadia and \$648,713 for Farmers State.

“An Old Fashioned Mother” was the name of a play presented by the St. Aloysius School commercial department in the Arcadia school auditorium.

Triplets were born to a Red Pott cow owned by Peter Theisen in the town of Montana.

Phillip Herman Sr., for nearly 50 years a Trempealeau County resident, is now a full-fledged citizen of the United States. The Galesville man was granted his final papers at Whitehall last week. William Davidson suffered a broken ankle Monday as he jumped from the wagon as his team took fright on the Decora Prairie-Galesville road.

Work on the city restroom and public library is nearing completion. The place will be a credit to Galesville and will place this town on the front rank.

complete and satisfactory. The committee is to be congratulated in getting the job done within the sum named by the county board.

The examination in the case of the state versus Dr. James Best, for alleged rape upon the person of Mrs. Henry E. Browne of Osseo, adjourned April 20 for the purpose of securing an important state's witness, was taken up Monday before Judge Odell and continued through Tuesday afternoon. The state was unable to make a case sufficiently strong to justify the judge in binding the defendant over to the circuit court, and he was discharged.

Ole Torson lost a seven-months-old child with whooping cough last week. The village election will be held next Tuesday. Candidates for the office will make known their desires at the caucus Saturday evening. Possibly, some may be before that time.

Barth Bros., proprietors of the Arcadia Leader, have dissolved partnership, L.G. retiring and P.J. continuing the publication. The politics of the paper will be the same as heretofore, democratic.

Hale -- There will be a dance at the Grange Hall Friday, May 8, to which all are cordially invited.

Eleva -- All the small boys, and some of the big ones, have a well-worn path, carrying angleworms to and from the pond.

Hegg -- M.O. Thunold and James Quammen went to the Black River fishing Tuesday, returning home Friday with about 300 pounds of fish.

Hale -- There will be a dance at the Grange Hall Friday, May 8, to which all are cordially invited.

125 YEARS AGO April 30, 1896

The new plant for steam heating the courthouse offices, sheriff's office and the jail, for which an appropriation of \$800 was made at the last meeting of the county board, is finished. The plant cost \$775, and appears to be

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The Trempealeau County Times welcomes letters to the editor from our readers, but does place certain restrictions on such correspondence.

Letters are limited to 500 words or less. In order to keep this forum open to readers of this publication, letters can only be accepted from Times subscribers, and current and former residents of Trempealeau County and those portions of Buffalo and Jackson counties which lie within our core coverage area, the Arcadia, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau, Independence and Whitehall school districts.

There is a limit of one letter per month per writer. Thank you notes will not be accepted as letters to the editor. We reserve the right to refuse any letter, and to edit all letters for reasons of clarity and brevity, and to correct grammar and punctuation.

Because of the potential volume of correspondence during an election season, letters endorsing candidates for elected office cannot be accepted. Also, in order to allow for responses to previous letters to the editor, no letters on campaign- or election-related matters will be published the week before an election.

We require that each letter include the name of the writer, and an address, phone number, email address or other means of confirming his or her identity. In certain instances, if personal safety could be affected by publication, the writer's name may be withheld upon request. In most cases, however, letters will not run unsigned.

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TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Criminal Court Report

April 19 Arraignments
 Derek Paulson, 36, Boyceville, possess drug paraphernalia-PTAC, resisting or obstructing an officer and bail jumping-felony (three counts). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for May 4.
 Brian Jaderston, 43, Galesville, burglary-building or dwelling and theft-movable property (<=\$2,500). Not guilty plea entered. Pretrial conference scheduled for May 24, status conference for June 10.
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 Brian Jaderston, 43, Galesville, receiving or concealing stolen property (<=\$2,500). Not guilty plea entered. Pretrial conference scheduled for May 24, status conference for June 10.
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 Jeffery Caspersen Jr., 34, Tomah, bail jumping-felony and retail theft-intentionally take (<=\$500). Preliminary hearing scheduled for May 11.
 Tiffany Hauser, 44, Independence, bail jumping-misdemeanor. Pretrial conference scheduled for June 7, status conference for June 17.
 Jennifer Hair, 36, Eleva, bail jumping-misdemeanor (four). Pretrial conference scheduled for June 7, status conference for June 17.
 Nelson Aguilar Alvarado, 29, Arcadia, battery, disorderly conduct and carry or display facsimile firearm. Pretrial conference scheduled for June 7, status conference for June 22.
 Star Sanchez, 37, Eleva, post or publish depiction of person without consent. Pretrial conference scheduled for June 7, status conference for June 17.
 Stevie Dutka, 34, Galesville, criminal trespass to dwelling and disorderly conduct. Pretrial conference scheduled for June 7, status conference for June 17.
 Jeffery Caspersen Jr., 34, Tomah, issuance of worthless checks (<=\$2,500). Status conference scheduled for May 11.
Preliminary Hearings
 Erick Larkins, 27, Minneapolis, possession with intent-cocaine (>40g)-PTAC. Arraignment scheduled for May 18.
Arraignments
 Tyrone Thunder-Mathews, 42, Minneapolis, Minn., possession of methamphetamine, resisting or obstructing an officer and possess drug paraphernalia. Not guilty plea entered. Pretrial conference scheduled for May 10, status conference for May 20.
 Timothy Meeler Jr., 34, Fairchild, possession of methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia, bail jumping-felony (two) and bail jumping-misdemeanor. Pretrial conference scheduled for June 14, status conference for June 17.
Plea/Sentencing
 Rebecca Riffey, 42, Necedah, pleaded no contest to criminal damage to property. Sentenced to serve 24 months of probation and to pay court costs totaling \$443. Charge of criminal damage to property was dismissed, but read in.
 Jared Helgeson, 30, Strum, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. Fined \$768.
 Jennifer Hair, 36, Eleva, pleaded no contest to bail jumping-misdemeanor. Sentenced to 20 days in jail and to pay court costs totaling \$443. Four more charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor were dismissed, but read in.
Plea/Sentencing
 Norma Welker, 48, Fairchild, pleaded guilty to OWI (fifth or sixth). Sentenced to serve 12 months in jail, three years of probation, to have ignition interlock device in place and license revoked for 36 months and to pay court costs totaling \$1,819. Charge of operate with restricted controlled substance (fifth or sixth) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.
 Saul Luna Jr., 35, La Crosse, pleaded guilty to OWI (fourth). Sentenced to serve 75 days in jail, to have license revoked and ignition interlock device in place for 30 months and to pay court costs totaling \$2,197. Charge of operating with PAC (fourth) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion and charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor and operating while revoked were dismissed, but read in.
Dismissals
 Lucas Kallenbach, Elk Mound, charge of theft-false representation (\$10,000-\$100,000)-PTAC was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.
 Chad Kallenbach, Elk Mound, charge of theft-false representation (\$10,000-\$100,000)-PTAC was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.
 Erica Mahlum, 35, Eau Claire, charge of failure to report to jail was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.
 Jamie Frye, 42, Whitehall, charge of bail jumping-felony was dismissed on court's own motion.

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Wednesday, April 14
 10:16 — Whitehall: Officer is attempting to locate a female with a felony warrant.
 11:07 — Whitehall: Caller advised there is a deer that has been in the same spot for several days. Caller wonders if it is injured.
 11:14 — Ettrick: Officer is taking a female into custody with an emergency mental health hold in place.
 11:48 — Arcadia: A female left a suicidal message on the state capital media site.
 11:49 — Independence: A subject has been sitting in a black SUV for more than two hours.
 18:01 — Galesville: Report of a white vehicle that is parked partially in the lane of traffic.
 22:24 — Galesville: Officer advised a black dog is running in the road.
 23:06 — Ettrick: Caller believes a juvenile is being abused.
Thursday, April 15
 07:55 — Galesville: A silver vehicle has passed unsafely in a no-passing zone at a high rate of speed.
 Caller is a semi driver who has a dash cam video of the incident. The vehicle passed two vehicles in a no-passing zone.
 09:12 — Osseo: A dog is running near the interstate.
 09:13 — Galesville: The water tower has been vandalized.
 09:28 — Strum: A daycare child pushed the emergency button in the elevator at church.
 10:20 — Blair: Caller reported being attacked by another male. The other male has left. Caller said the male is not welcome there as he is trying to get a woman to do drugs.
 10:21 — Strum: Caller reported a possible domestic dispute.
 10:39 — Arcadia: Caller's mother is possibly deceased. She was last seen a few days ago.
 10:50 — Osseo: A cow is on the shoulder of the road.
 11:58 — Osseo: Caller wanted to check her medical alert pendant. It did not show any address or phone number.
 12:40 — Ettrick: Caller

reported a male is in traffic on a scooter on Highway 53.
 13:38 — Strum: A female just walked into another person's apartment.
 14:51 — Trempealeau: Caller said her boyfriend will not let her leave with her son. She said it was a physical dispute with pushing and shoving.
 17:17 — Trempealeau: Caller reported an injured deer at an intersection. It needs to be put down.
 18:05 — Ettrick: Caller reported a physical fight between him and his daughter. She tried to hit him with a log and he slapped her to stop it. She fell to the ground and is now saying she can't feel her arms or legs. She is 23 years old, no weapons involved and she has not used any intoxicants.
 20:13 — Galesville: Off-duty deputy advised that some subjects are in the middle of the road playing with signs in a construction area.
 20:29 — Ettrick: Deer crash reported. The deer needs to be dispatched. There is damage to the fender and front end of the vehicle.
 20:50 — Eleva: Caller's mother is intoxicated and is not supposed to be. She is at the caller's house and is refusing to leave.
 21:33 — Galesville: A female in her 30s is possibly not breathing.
 22:16 — Galesville: Caller's aunt is hospitalized and the caller has heard that people claiming from the state of Wisconsin who have entered the aunt's residence and are going to do an auction. Caller doesn't believe this is legitimate and is requesting a check on the house.
Friday, April 16
 00:20 — Eleva: A male is yelling in the area of a bar.
 06:02 — Strum: A wounded deer is on the shoulder of the road.
 06:18 — Galesville: Caller reporting a deceased deer is in the middle of the road. Caller thinks this is a traffic hazard.
 08:34 — Whitehall: Caller reporting a fraudulent charge of \$359.24 on her credit card.
 09:45 — Independence: Caller reported a burglary just occurred at the park maintenance shed. A male with a backpack ran from the building and left in a Hummer. Deputies apprehended and arrested the suspect.
 10:03 — Blair: K9 sniff at the high school.
 11:49 — Osseo: Caller saw a vehicle on the side of the road and it looked like they were dumping garbage.
 13:01 — Whitehall: Caller advised her brother, who she hasn't seen a year, showed up at her residence. Another person in the car said the caller's brother wanted to talk to her. The person then shut the door and the car sped off.
 13:59 — Ettrick: Caller was talking to his seven-year-old daughter and she told him that her mom was still sleeping and that she and her sister have not yet eaten today. Caller is requesting that they be checked on.
 15:30 — Arcadia: Two high school boys are fighting.
 15:38 — Blair: Report of a motorcycle speeding.
 15:52 — Galesville: A white pickup truck with a female driver who passed in a no-passing zone and is speeding. She almost rear-ended the caller.
 16:38 — Galesville: A pole shed was broken into sometime in the last two weeks.
 17:41 — Independence: Officer reported a possible accident.
 20:27 — Independence: A pickup truck was "weaving in and out." It hit a sign and continued eastbound on Highway 121.
Saturday, April 17
 07:29 — Eleva: A white

pickup is tailgating and passing in no-passing zones.
 08:30 — Osseo: Tires were dumped in the ditch.
 10:44 — Galesville: A wagon is parked near the white line. Caller said it is dangerous for them pulling out of their driveway and that it is close for people traveling on the roadway.
 11:27 — Blair: Caller was rear-ended. There are no injuries, but there is damage to the vehicles.
 12:01 — Trempealeau: Holmen Police Department requested Trempealeau County make contact with a female and have her call their department.
 12:59 — Whitehall: A 23-year-old son is arguing with his dad and hitting doors.
 14:10 — Independence: Blue and silver Chevy Camaro cars are traveling at a high rate of speed. They are passing several cars at one time.
 14:28 — Whitehall: A male and a female were arguing.
 15:07 — Trempealeau: A 78-year-old male fell. He is awake, but not alert.
 15:07 — Whitehall: Two vehicles are passing in no-passing zones and crossing the fog and center lines.
 16:53 — Arcadia: Caller's daughter is fighting with him.
 21:51 — Whitehall: Cattle in the road.
 23:01 — Independence: Park manager would like an officer.
Sunday, April 18
 04:14 — Black River Falls: Caller reported a male walked in the door and is now upstairs banging things around. Caller doesn't know who he is.
 11:18 — Whitehall: Grass fire reported. No buildings threatened.
 14:58 — Whitehall: A male is driving a go-kart on the road with a couple of young kids on it.
 15:03 — Trempealeau: An injured eagle appears to have been shot by a turkey hunter.
 16:22 — Independence: A white vehicle almost hit a pedestrian on the crosswalk.
 17:08 — Dodge: Caller reported a motorcycle crash. A male is injured; he's breathing, but unconscious.
 18:11 — Independence: A person appears to be passed out, lying on the ground and another person is passed out in the passenger seat of a pickup truck.
 22:14 — Ettrick: Female caller said she is having problems with anxiety. She said she hasn't felt well the entire day. She seems confused.
Monday, April 19
 02:35 — Ettrick: A female is having a hard time with anxiety.
 06:39 — Galesville: Two-vehicle accident reported.
 06:50 — Trempealeau: OnStar reporting two-vehicle crash with airbag deployment.
 06:56 — Trempealeau: Report of a two-vehicle crash.
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Operating a Motor Vehicle With a Restricted Controlled Substance: Dawson Frank, 19, Fairchild.
Operating While Revoked: Kevin Austin, 32, Strum; William Boles, 41, Osseo; Isaiah Bruegggen, 23, La Crosse.
Operating after License Suspension, First Offense: Kayla Converse, 20, Strum; Carlos Crooks, 45, Whitehall; Aaron Johnston, 20, Mondovi.
Operating without a Valid Driver's License, First Offense: Dusty Ferrier, 37, New Prague, Minn.; Fatima Abascal, 26, Blair; Gabriel Slaazar, 28, Hudson.
Hit and Run: Carlos Crooks, 45, Whitehall; Brandon Grant, 27, Trempealeau.
Failure to Report Accident to Police: Brandon Grant, 27, Trempealeau.
Driving too Fast for Conditions: John Cammire, 36, Osseo; Brandon Grant, 27, Trempealeau.
Failure to Keep Vehicle Under Control: Carlos Crooks, 45, Whitehall.
Failure to Stop for Stop Sign: Allan Checky, 76, Wildard.
Speeding
 25 to 29 MPH over the Limit: Bradley Hanson, 25, Sparta.
 20 to 24 MPH over: Shannen Brantner, 27, La Crosse; Christopher Hamilton, 42, Viola; Aaron Johnston, 20, Mondovi.
 16 to 19 MPH over: Jihad Alsaidi, 36, Lemont, Ill.; Josei Brost, 23, Eleva; William Ciezki, 46, Mondovi; Storey Forster, 22, West Bend; Anna Hendrix, 24, Minneapolis.
 11 to 15 MPH over: Terrence Alexander, 49, Chicago; Daniel Bolgrin, 56, Eleva; Nichole Buchkowski, 40, Hatley; Grady Dixon, 37, Chicago, Ill.; Shantel Jinkerson, 24, Eau Claire; Steven Johnson, 57, Eleva.
Non-Registration: Aleisha George, 23, Humbird.
Suspended/Expired Registration: Darla Hill, 34, Taylor.
Display Unauthorized Registration Plates: Aleisha George, 23, Humbird.
Failure to Wear Seat Belt: Klaus Barka, 55, Augusta; Jill Barka, 63, Altoona; William Boles, 41, Osseo; Darrin Brusaw, 55, Eleva; Jason Gunderson, 42, Independence; Andrew Hoch, 18, Eleva.
Vehicle Equipment Violations: Arbor Green, Inc., Portage.
Operate without Insurance: Eugenio Cuaquehua-Garcia, 40, Strum; Josue Mellado, 30, Eleva; Payton Eidem, 24, Durand; Justin Gore, 29, Eleva.
Operate without Proof of Insurance: Adam Brandt, 33, Whitehall; Shannen Brantner, 27, La Crosse; Aleisha George, 23, Humbird.
Municipal Ordinance Violations
Possession of a Controlled Substance (THC): Terrany Flick, 37, Fairchild.
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: Shadiel Santiago, 25, Independence; Terrany Flick, 37, Fairchild.
Accumulation of Trash Prohibited: Janassa Ames, 28, Whitehall.
Underage Alcohol and Tobacco Citations
Possess Tobacco within 500 Feet of School: Ethan Horton, 18, Trempealeau.

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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 April 12 and April 26.

Tanner and Kelly Kidd from Bert and Wanda Carrette, city of Blair, \$185,000.

Devin Hetzel from Jenna Atkinson and Jordan Atkinson, village of Strum, \$137,250.

Gary and Jean Gibson from The Davis Family Revocable Trust Established June 18, 2007, town of Albion, \$513,750.

ENS Investments LLC from Richard Venner, city of Galesville, \$300,000.

Matthew Schirmer and Mickey Schirmer from Peter Hoffman, town of Sumner, \$32,400.

Robert and Dawn Mattson from Daniel Erickson, town of Ettrick, \$5,000.

Brittany Ziegler from Paul Loesel, city of Arcadia, \$189,900.

Schoettle Rentals from Steve Gunderson and Scott Gunderson, city of Osseo, \$80,000.

Adrien and Katie John-

son from John and Esther Moulton, town of Trempealeau, \$30,000.

Andrew and Jessica Campbell from Jason and Eva Schurman, town of Trempealeau, \$326,000.

Henry and Sadie Miller from Jacob and Carlie Frei, town of Pigeon, \$123,648.

Erik Halvorsen from Shirley Dahl, Sharilyn McCutchen, Randy Dahl, Lauren Burks and Gary Nicolai, village of Trempealeau, \$95,000.

Keng Vue from Pao Moua and Mai Yang, town of Trempealeau, \$275,000.

Jacob Pronschinske from Tanner and Kelly Kidd, city of Arcadia, \$155,000.

Spencer Olson and Debra Olson from Diane Waldera, town of Pigeon, \$120,000.

Steven Green from Janet Peterson, Susan Peterson, Peggy Holty, James Peterson, Corey Peterson, William Peterson, Daniel Peterson, James Coil and Russell Niedzielko, city of Whitehall, \$124,900.

Donna Byington from Bullfrog Estates LLC, village of Strum, \$158,000.

Theron Miller from JH Trust, town of Gale, \$210,000. Bartow Properties LLC from Mark and Ellen Bartow, city of Osseo, \$300,000.

Kelsey Freitag and Ryan Freitag from Brian Anderson and Linda Anderson, city of Osseo, \$229,000.

Timothy and Kristine Darling from Richard Walski, Henry Walski and Anthony Walske, town of Trempe-

leau, \$167,775.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs from Freedom Mortgage Corporation, village of Strum, \$168,100.

RCD Properties, Inc. from Waumandee State Bank, city of Blair, \$105,000.

Alexander Zimgibl from Drew Christianson and Melissa Christianson, village of Strum, \$84,000.

Devin and Sarah Davis

from City of Osseo, city of Osseo, \$32,000.

Scott and Carla Faldet from Robert Kastad, Karen Glenz and Julie Kastad, city of Whitehall, \$60,000.

Emma Kostka and Cole Kostka from Matthew Wiltrout and Julie Stratton Wiltrout, town of Sumner, \$360,000.

Kenneth Nolte Jr. and Brittney Nolte from Estate of

James Harris Berg, village of Trempealeau, \$122,495.

Timothy Flood from Flyway Developers LLC, city of Galesville, \$249,999.

Alonzo Genelin from Diego Nieves and Cecilia Saldana, city of Arcadia, \$129,000.

Jeffrey and Kimberly Langner from Jeffery Langner, town of Sumner, \$195,000.

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07:44 — Dodge: Anonymous complaint of 25-to-30 free-range guinea birds that are in the roadway and wander onto other properties.

08:38 — Osseo: Caller found a motorcycle in the ditch. The engine is cold and no one is around.

08:51 — Eleva: A motor home lost a trailer that has an ATV on it. The intersection is blocked.

10:20 — Galesville: Caller believes she is being hacked and followed by people, possibly an ex. Caller

said she spoke with a counselor and gave her personal information. She showed up for an appointment and the counselor's office didn't have a record of her having an appointment.

12:41 — Whitehall: A subject is at the front door of the courthouse to turn himself in.

13:53 — Trempealeau: A male has driven past the store very slowly three times. Caller has a no contact order with him.

16:51 — Eleva: Caller reporting a dog bite that occurred on April 17.

20:54 — Trempealeau: A male sent a video to a female showing that he may have driven his vehicle into the water.

Tuesday, April 20
06:32 — Strum: Caller struck a deer that needs to be dispatched. His car is no longer drivable.

07:27 — Osseo: Caller reporting a deceased horse in a pasture, it appears suspicious.

12:32 — Blair: Garbage has been dumped in the parking area of public hunting land. There are names in the trash.

13:32 — Trempealeau: Caller requesting an officer to stop by his house. He said he just wants to talk; he might need to go to the hospital.

18:20 — Strum: A blue SUV with two intoxicated males left toward Eleva.

20:32 — Trempealeau: Male threatened to kill the caller's family.

21:13 — Osseo: A deer hit the caller's vehicle. It has damage to the passenger side. The deer ran off.

22:53 — Ettrick: A male party came to the door wanting to use the phone as his wasn't getting reception.

Times Sports

Raider gridders hold on to beat Red Hawks

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

Arcadia coach Derek Updike complemented the grit his team showed as they held on to even the season series with a 14-12 win over Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau on Friday.

"We're not pretty, but we get the job done somehow," Updike said. "The kids just don't give up and they play together."

The difference in the score came on points after touchdowns. Arcadia's Bill Breska was two-for-two on extra point kicks, whereas G-E-T came up short on both of its two-point conversion tries. The outcome of the game was very much in doubt until Arcadia's Alex Madden secured an interception with 1:22 remaining.

The win put Arcadia's record at 4-1 on the season with the only loss being a 20-19 game against G-E-T two weeks ago. Updike said he was impressed with his team's ability to withstand three consecutive physical

games, with a game against Kewaunee sandwiched between the two G-E-T games.

Arcadia's season will end on Thursday as they head to Black River Falls to take on the Tigers. Arcadia defeated BRF 34-14 on April 2.

Last week's game was the final for the Red Hawks, finishing with a 4-1 record. There will be no postseason for the alternate fall season.

Arcadia 14 G-E-T 12

The Red Hawks had the ball with a chance to win, but Arcadia's Madden hauled in an off-target pass and the Raiders held on.

G-E-T's final possession began at their own nine-yardline with three minutes remaining in the game. They ran three straight times, the final of which was a three-yard run by Luke Vance to pick up a first down at the 19.

After a G-E-T time out, a Justice Vaaler pass floated in the air before Madden leaped to bring it down and secure the win for Arcadia.

For Arcadia, the win

came despite several missed opportunities including failing to recover four G-E-T fumbles and a dropped interception that could've been returned for a touchdown.

G-E-T fumbled, but recovered, the opening kickoff then fumbled and recovered on the first play from scrimmage. Their first possession ended in a punt and Arcadia had a golden opportunity to score, but the drive ended with an interception in the red zone.

Ryan Sokup carried for 13 yards on Arcadia's first play from scrimmage before Kaden Updike passed to Evan Pauly for a 22-yard gain two plays later. That gave Arcadia a first down at the G-E-T 19. They gained seven yards on the next two plays, but Updike's pass on third-and-three bounced off a receiver's hands and was intercepted by G-E-T's Benjamin Hilton.

G-E-T was able to overcome a holding penalty that

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Ryan Sokup of Arcadia attempted to get around the edge as Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau's Reid Johnson attempted to tackle him during last Friday's game. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

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Raider football team holds on to beat Red Hawks

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put them back to their own seven on what would become the first scoring drive of the game.

The drive started on the G-E-T 14, but a holding penalty pushed them back to the seven. Vance made up for the penalty on the next play, however, running for 18 yards for a first down at the 25.

Two plays later Randon Rommel ran for another first down, gaining 10 yards on a second-and-six play. Vaaler picked up a first down on a third-and-two play and Vance kept the drive alive with an eight-yard run on fourth-and-two. Brady Seiling ran for 11 on the next play before Vance got around the edge for a 13-yard touchdown.

The two-point try was stopped short, but G-E-T was ahead 6-0 with 1:42 left in the first quarter.

Arcadia came right back to take the lead.

Sokup had runs of 17 and 22 yards to get Arcadia down to the G-E-T 30. Two plays later, on third-and-two, Sokup got around the edge and broke free for a 22-yard touchdown with 11:12 left in the half. Breska split the uprights on the point after to give Arcadia a lead they would never relinquish.

G-E-T drove down the field on their next drive before Vance was stopped on a fourth-and-five try, giv-

ing Arcadia the ball at their own 27. The Raiders went three-and-out, punting the ball back to G-E-T with 4:14 remaining.

The Red Hawks converted two third downs for a first down at their own 47 before attempting to pass. Vaaler dropped back, but his pass floated in the air with no Red Hawks near. With nothing but green grass in front of him Arcadia's Egan Pauly ran to the ball, but it slipped through his arms for an incompleton.

Vance gained 17 yards on the next play, but a holding penalty followed by a sack by Arcadia's Charlie Siewert ended the half.

Arcadia extended the lead on the first possession of the third quarter. After gaining seven yards on the first two plays, Updike rolled left on a play action pass. He lofted a pass down the sideline, where Evan Pauly secured the catch. Pauly raced down the sideline and split two defenders in the middle of the field as he finished a 66-yard touchdown reception. Breska's point after was good again as Arcadia took a 14-6 lead with 10:59 left in the third.

G-E-T took a gamble that paid off on the next possession.

The Red Hawks faced a fourth-and-one near mid-field before Seiling gained two yards for a first down at the Arcadia 45. Vance then ran for 24 yards two plays

later before Aidan Henscheid gained 14 yards down to the one. Vaaler finished the drive with a touchdown plunge.

G-E-T went for the tie, but Vance was stopped short on the two-point conversion, leaving the score at 14-12 with 5:08 remaining.

The teams exchanged punts before the end of the quarter before what appeared to be a promising Arcadia drive ended with a punt on fourth-and-26. The Raiders had picked up a first down at the G-E-T 43 when Updike converted a fourth-and-one with sneak, but Sokup lost 10 on the next play. A sack pushed Arcadia back to a third-and-25. Sokup ran for 26 on the next play, but a blocking penalty negated

it. Updike was then sacked, ending the drive.

Arcadia pinned G-E-T deep as the ensuing punt went out of bounds at the 15. G-E-T fumbled on the first play of the next drive, but recovered. A nine-yard pass to Aiden Lee put G-E-T in position to go for a first down at fourth-and-three from their own 22, but a false start penalty forced a punt.

The Raiders picked up one first down on their next drive, but were forced to punt it back to the Red Hawks. The punt rolled out of bounds at the nine.

G-E-T got one first down before Madden ended the threat with an interception. Arcadia was able to kneel, running the clock out to

secure its sixth win against G-E-T since 2000.

Sokup and Evan Pauly were Arcadia's two main sources of offense. Sokup ran for 111 yards on 16 carries, while Pauly had 107 receiving yards on five catches. Updike was six-for-11 for 114 yards.

Vance ran for 142 yards on 21 carries to lead G-E-T.

G-E-T AHS		
Rushing	54/251	24/110
Passing	5/9	11/113
Total	59/260	35/218
First downs	18	9
Turnovers	1	1
Penalties	3/25	3/30

Arcadia
Rushing (att./yds.) — Sokup 16/111 Ev. Pauly 1/4 Rivera 2/-1 Updike 5/4
Receiving (rec./yds.) — Ev.

Pauly 5/107 Rivera 1/7

Passing (comp./att./yds.) — Updike 6/11/14

Tackles (solo/asts.) — Eg. Pauly 3/1 Yarrington 1/0 Ev. Pauly 6/4 Madden 3/0 Updike 11/3 Glenzinski 2/0 Huebner 6/7 Rivera 6/1 Zastrow 11/5 Sokup 6/1 Siewert 0/4 Gomez 1/1 Bremer 5/1

G-E-T

Rushing (att./yds.) — Vance 21/142 Vaaler 18/42 Henscheid 6/31 B. Seiling 5/25 Rommel 4/11

Receiving (rec./yds.) — Lee 1/9

Passing (comp./att./yds.) — Vaaler 1/5/9

Tackles (total/solo) — Daffinson 5/5 Schindler 4/4 Gowner 4/4 Vaaler 3/3 B. Seiling 2/2 Rommel 2/2 Niederkorn 2/2 Henscheid 2/2 Hilton 2/2 Johnson 2/2 Lee 2/2 Grappa 2/2 T. Seiling 1/1



Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau's Luke Vance tried to get around Arcadia's Alex Madden during their game on Friday. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

The Whole Nine Yards

by Zac Bellman

Packers' Draft Could Be Dull Dive for Depth

Perhaps it has been drowned out by the continuous speculation on Aaron Rodgers' future with the Green Bay Packers, but the NFL Draft has almost felt like an afterthought this year.

Normally at this time of year, many Packers fans especially find themselves pouring over analysis, mock drafts and speculation on what positions they would like to see addressed.

While reactionary cries swirl to solidify the secondary based primarily on Kevin King's poor NFC Championship game and the persistent chant of "Get Aaron more weapons!" the reality is far less dire. Green Bay is

coming off consecutive 13-3 regular seasons, something they have not done since the Super Bowl years of Favre in 1996-1997. There were justified concerns about the Packers being able to maintain the core of that success as the season drew to a close, but the retention of left tackle David Bakhtiari and star running back Aaron Jones largely dispelled those fears.

I did peruse the mock draft roundups this week and found the typical, yet consistently inaccurate predictions of a flashy perimeter player. The problem with these predictions is that they ignore what general manager Brian Gutekunst's recent history of draft philosophy has

proven itself to be. Each draft is a chess match of adjusting targets based on best player available and best fit with the organization, but the trend over the past three years for Gutekunst has been away from perimeter players. In his first draft after taking over in January of 2018 for the late Ted Thompson without a full year at the helm, Gutekunst drafted two cornerbacks with Green Bay's first two picks (Jaire Alexander and Josh Jackson) and three wide receivers using mid-round selections (J'Mon Moore, Marquez Valdes-Scantling and Equanimeous St. Brown). Since that draft, Green Bay has drafted one corner (Ka'dar Hollman in the sixth round of

The Way It Is

by Andrew Dannehy

What Is The Plan?

Given his odd handling of the running back position, it's worth wondering what Green Bay Packers General Manager Brian Gutekunst is planning at the quarterback position.

All signs point to the Packers moving on from Aaron Rodgers following the 2021 season. Rodgers, the 2020 National Football League Most Valuable Player, had little guaranteed money left on his contract following this season. While he seems to be outwardly asking for assurances that he will be on the team going forward, the Packers have offered none.

While Green Bay did willingly re-negotiate contracts for several other players, thus ensuring they have futures with the team. They neglected to do so for Rodgers, ensuring they can move on from him after 2021 if they so choose.

That timeline lines up with the thinking following the 2020 NFL Draft when the Packers selected Rodgers' assumed replacement, Jordan Love in the first round; trading up to make sure they could get him. Love sat behind Rodgers and Tim Boyle his rookie season, not even being active for a single game. But the Packers will have to make a major financial decision on Love following the 2022 season, which surely means they want to see him play before

indications were that the team would let Jones leave after drafting his assumed replacement in the second round of the 2020 draft. AJ Dillon. Unlike Love, Dillon actually played and played well.

That move could be an indication that Gutekunst wants to make sure his hand-picked quarterback has as much talent as possible when he takes over in 2022. Or it could be an indication that Gutekunst's plans aren't as well laid out as most fans would like and that he essentially wasted his first pick in the 2020 draft while the team should've been trying to win a Super Bowl.

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2019) and zero wide receivers. Could the argument be made that Green Bay is thus "due" for an early-round investment on the perimeter? Perhaps, though selections of King, Josh Jones, Damarious Randall, Quinten Rollins and Ha Ha Clinton-Dix over the past decade should temper expectations on the success rate there. Green Bay has also still not drafted a first round wide receiver since Javon Walker in 2002.

The idea that the Packers are "one player away" it also seems has been disproven rather than informed by the last two seasons. Far more than one player contributed to the 28-10 and 27-7 holes Green Bay dug themselves into in NFC Championship games the past two years. In 2016, one player was not thwarting a 31-0 start for the Falcons in that NFC Championship embarrassment. What those losses all seem to have in common was a lack of depth.

Gutekunst has been quietly building a new core while attempting to maintain the old, focusing draft capital along the offensive and defensive front. He also gave us a glimpse of the post-Rodgers backfield last year with the selections of Jordan Love and A.J. Dillon, even if Rodgers' outstanding season last year threw a wrench in their timeline.

Barring a radical re-shift in thinking however, do not be surprised if the top pick is a left tackle of the future rather than Rodgers' favorite new target.

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Former AHS coach to be honored

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do. He impacts a lot of his players, they're impacted for life."

Bjorge considers Parker a second father figure.

While Bjorge stayed in La Crosse, success followed Parker to VCS. He went 52-29 in three years, leading the team to the 1987 NAIA NDCAC regular and post season championships and a berth in the NAIA tournament by winning the District 12 title.

"They were ready to give him the key to the city," Lockington said.

Parker was on the move again for another promotion, this time heading back to Wisconsin where he accepted the head coaching position at UW-Stevens Point two years after Dick Bennet left to coach at UW-Green Bay. That coincided with Chas Pronschinske's senior year at Independence.

Pronschinske's father, Bob, had taken him to watch Parker's Arcadia teams when he was young. He was Parker's only high school senior recruit in 1987 — Parker's first year at UWSP — after scoring more than 1,000 points at IHS.

"I went to Point only because of the relationship my family and I had with him while in Arcadia," Pronschinske said. "I trusted him to the point where I never even took a campus visit to Stevens Point."

Pronschinske went on to have a productive career at UWSP as he currently ranks fourth in school history with 458 assists, including three games in which he had 14.

"Coach Parker had a tremendous ability to connect with his players and parents which resulted in great recruiting classes every year," Pronschinske said. "He had the Division One charisma that many great college coaches have. His knowledge of the game was second to none in the Wisconsin State University Conference."

As a coach, Pronschinske said Parker had excellent attention to detail and could dissect "even the best defenses schemes."

"Off the court, he genuinely cared about you as a player and would do anything to help you while in college and years after," Pronschinske said.

Pronschinske cited Parker as the reason he got into coaching. He was a student assistant on Parker's 1991-92 team that went 27-2, including a school record 22 straight wins. Pronschinske went on to Neenah High School where he coached a state tournament boys basketball team in 2010.

"Many of the players that I worked with over my 26 years benefited from the basketball knowledge I had gained from him," Pronschinske said. "He is someone I still greatly respect to this day."

Parker stayed at UWSP until 1996, compiling a 158-84 record and winning

two Wisconsin State University Conference (now known as the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Conference) titles, despite competing against the likes of Bo Ryan — who was at UW-Platteville through Parker's time at UWSP. Parker and Ryan were inducted into the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame together in 2011.

Parker went on to be a school administrator at Milton before retiring in 2014. He has since moved back to the Alma area.

Parker is proud of how many players and coaches he had in his programs went on to become head coaches. He noted he had

"remarkable assistants" in Arcadia, saying Fredrickson, Bill Beckwith, Mark Craig and Roger Foegen went on to be head coaches in basketball or other sports. Current UWSP coach Bob Semling — a four-time national champion — was also an assistant of Parker's at the university.

While Parker said he doesn't get back to Arcadia often, Bjorge was able to get him to return in 2015 when the 1980-81 Arcadia team was honored. But Parker had a contingency, Bjorge said, Parker wanted to make sure everyone involved with the program was honored, including

statisticians and student manager.

"He named them by name," Bjorge said, noting how difficult that must've been given the number of teams Parker had coached. "He wasn't going to have the ceremony unless everybody in the program was involved. He was a really special guy that way."

Parker noted the part everybody plays in successfully building a program. "Behind every really good kid and athlete, there are great parents and we really had a run of terrific people in Arcadia," Parker said.

While the consensus opinion is that Parker could've built a powerhouse basketball program in Arcadia, he doesn't regret following his own path and building successful programs elsewhere.

"I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for Arcadia, it's a wonderful place," Parker said. "I don't regret leaving Arcadia, but I have certainly missed Arcadia."

He noted how he continues to root for Arcadia teams, specifically mentioning the Arcadia girls basketball team that advanced to the state tournament in 2020.

"I know a couple of those players were offspring of people who played for me," Parker said. "I always like to see Arcadia be successful."

The Broiler-Dairy Days parade will be different in 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the parade will be held at 3 p.m. the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, May 31.



Bob Parker

Kinstone to host three events this weekend

Known as Wisconsin's Stonehenge, Kinstone will be busy this weekend.

Located at S3439 Cole Bluff Lane in rural Fountain City, three separate events will be held this weekend.

Two of the events will be held on Saturday. Kinstone will host a group labyrinth walk for peace in honor of World Labyrinth Day, which is Saturday. The walk will start at 1 p.m. at the Kinstone Labyrinth. World Labyrinth Day is an international annual event founded by The Labyrinth Society in 2009.

The walk is part of the worldwide event "Walk as One at 1". Everyone walks at 1 p.m. local time to create a rolling wave of peaceful energy passing from one time zone to the next. The public is invited to participate by walking the Kinstone Labyrinth together with Kinstone creator, Kristine Beck who will lead the walk. The cost is included in the admission to Kinstone (\$5/person).

Also on Saturday will be an art event. Artists of every painting medium and every skill level are invited to create plein air works from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is the first of five paint outs planned for this season. No pre-registration required. Cost is \$15 per artist upon arrival. Participating artists have the option of exhibiting their Kinstone-inspired works at Kinstone throughout our 2021 season.

Sunday will be the annual Kin-Day Family Day and spring open house. The event will take place from noon to 5 p.m. Enjoy live music by Patina (noon to 3 p.m.), kids painting activities (noon) and story time (12:45 p.m.), raptor demonstration (2 p.m.), Q&A with founder/creator Kristine Beck (1:15 p.m.) and a group labyrinth

walk (4 p.m.) as Kinstone celebrates the opening of its 10th season.

The Labyrinth, Chapel of Creation, Great Stone Circle, Dolmen, Dragon's Keep, sauna, yurt and other features will be open and available for exploration throughout the day.

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Four injured in Etrick crash

Four people were injured as the result of a three-vehicle accident on US Highway 53 in the town of Etrick on Friday.

According to a press release sent by the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department, a vehicle attempted to turn left from Highway 53 on to County Road CC before it was struck by a vehicle from behind, heading south on Highway 53. That crash moved the first vehicle into the northbound lane, where it was struck by a third vehicle.

Those involved in the crash included Jason Pieper, Gary Schlangen, Steven Hare and Lori Hare. The release said all were treated and transported to a local hospital. The release did not indicate which vehicles they were in.

As of Monday, the crash remained under investigation.

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Arcadia district approves borrowing for daycare

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

The Arcadia school board approved a measure to borrow up to \$390,000 from the State Bank of Arcadia through Fund 38 for the purpose of the district's daycare remodeling project at their regular meeting last Monday.

The move came after approval in March to move forward with a \$352,000 construction bid to begin the project, with a targeted opening date in early August. District superintendent

Lance Bagstad said interior demolition within a wing of Arcadia Elementary School has been completed, while indicating the project remains on schedule for daycare staff to occupy by July 31.

The board also reviewed the results of a 50-question student engagement survey, which took place from mid-January through late February and received 566 responses from fifth-through-twelfth graders. A separate parent survey with

171 responses which was also conducted in January was also reviewed by the board. Both surveys varied by questions asked, as well as the sample of respondents. The survey was available in Spanish and English, though 35 percent of parent respondents described themselves as "Hispanic/Latino" while 68 percent of students indicated the same.

Board president Paul Servais said the disparity in ethnicity among student respondents versus parents

was an indicator of the district's continued need to emphasize multilingual and multi-platform communication.

"We have a serious communication problem that needs to be addressed," Servais said, expressing a desire to see the district expand their use of social media and other communication methods. "We have to communicate in every way we can."

Also approved in employment action were the

hires of Stacy Heath as a district-wide speech and language pathologist, Kimberly Severson as a high school social studies and EL teacher, Hannah Pakkala as a high school Spanish teacher, Autumn Trzaskoski as a high school family and consumer education teacher and Bran-

don Page as a middle/high school EBD teacher.

The retirements of Bruce Schweisthal as athletic director, Jeri Harper as an elementary special education teacher and Kevin Whalen as a high school agriculture teacher were approved as part of the consent agenda.

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Obituaries

Mark M. Longseth

Mark Marshall Longseth, 57, of rural Independence, passed away at his home, Sunday evening, January 31, 2021.

Mark was born September 11, 1963, in Mondovi, the son of Marshall Duane and Jane Marie (Mattausch) Longseth. Mark graduated from Gilmanston High School in 1981.

Mark dedicated his life to working on the family farm, raising beef cattle and miniature horses. His pride and joy — Daisy Mae, Dancer, Pal and Buddy, deeply miss their friend. Mark enjoyed going to a good auction and always finding someone to talk to.

He was a dedicated worker at Ashley Furniture of Arcadia, where he continued to work until he was forced to leave his position due to colon cancer.

Mark is sadly missed by his five siblings: Vicki (Patrick) Langreck of Marshfield, Kevin (Cindy Sue) Longseth of Blair, Cindy (Gaylord) Peterson of Blair, Kristi (Theodore) Casey of New Richmond, and Lori (Timothy) Nyberg of River Falls; and nieces and nephews: Janae Langreck, Treani (AJ) Fedie, Marcia Longseth, Mara Peterson, Julianna Casey, Margaret Casey, Dakota Nyberg and Owen Nyberg. His kind heart and gentle spirit and his wonderful stories will forever be missed.

Preceding him in death were his father, Marshall Longseth (January 30, 2004) and, on April 20, 2021, his

mother, Jane Longseth, joined them both in heaven. Joint funeral services with his mother, Jane, will be held Monday, May 3, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Good Shepherd, rural Mondovi. Visitation will be at Talbot Funeral Home, Mondovi, Wis., Sunday, May 2, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, rural Independence, following the service. COVID guidelines will be followed.

Gary G. Pahl

Gary G. Pahl, 79, passed away peacefully, April 8, 2021, surrounded by his loving wife and children.

Gary was born July 17, 1941, to Grant and Jane Pahl, in Arcadia. He grew up in Arcadia where he

excelled in athletics and began his life-long love of fishing and hunting. Gary graduated from Arcadia High School in 1959, the same year he was named Athlete-of-the-Year. Gary continued his love of sports into college where he played football and basketball for Winona State University while attending his Bachelor's Degree in Education. During his college studies, he met his wife and, on December 21, 1963, he and Deniece Rancee Schroder were married at Peace Lutheran Church in Faribault, MN.

After a short time teaching in the Twin Cities, Gary and Deniece returned to Arcadia where he taught briefly, and then became principal of the elementary school. His career spanned 32 years where he developed great relationships with his staff and students. Gary will forever be remembered for his booming voice and for hopping into kickball games on the playground. He was a football coach and cheered from the sidelines for every sport his children were later involved in. Gary was a member of Christ Lutheran Church, where he served as council president, call committee chair, and helped out in any way needed. He also enjoyed his time with the Sportsman's Club and the Lions Club. Gary loved duck and pheasant hunting, fishing, and spending time at their longtime family cabin with his family and friends.

After retiring, he and Deniece enjoyed splitting time between Lake City, MN, and Lake Wales, FL, meeting so many new friends and learning new fishing spots. Most of all, Gary was a devoted, loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was blessed to share 57 years with his wife, raise three wonderful children, and treasure spending time with his three grandchildren whenever he could, teaching them each to fish, throw a retrieving dummy for the labs, and to have fun in life.

Gary is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife, Deniece; his children: Jeff (Karen) of New Berlin, WI; Melissa Pahl of Minneapolis, MN; and Steve (Angie) Pahl of New Prague, MN; additionally, Gary's three grandchildren, who will miss him dearly: Elise & Grant Pahl (New Prague), and Victoria Pahl (New Berlin); as well as several other close family members, nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Grant and Jane Pahl; his brother, Chuck Pahl; and sister, Beverly Koenigs; and baby son, Douglas Pahl.

Visitation will be held Sunday, June 20, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Christ Lutheran Church in Arcadia. A Memorial Service will be held Monday, June 21, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church, with visitation one hour before the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Mayo Clinic, Medical Research, in memory of Gary Pahl (Mayo Clinic, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905) or to family who will direct donations on to Mayo Clinic. Online condolences may be placed

at www.mahnfuneralhome.com. Masks and social distancing are required.

Victor R. Sydlo

Victor Rudolph Sydlo, 82, of Arcadia, died Sunday, April 18, 2021, at St. Michael's Assisted Living in Fountain City, under the care of Winona Area Hospice.

Victor was born October 27, 1938, in Arcadia, to Rudolph and Cecelia (Sobish) Sydlo. Victor farmed in rural Arcadia, helped others with custom field work and also enjoyed doing carpentry work. Although Victor never married, he took great pride in caring for his family, including his parents, sisters, nieces and nephews. He also enjoyed a good game of euchre.

Victor is survived by his sister, Carmen Kuss of Arcadia and her daughter, Linda, her children: Jesse and Samantha, her children: Caiden and Zoey; Dawn (Tim Kuss) and her children: Jacob, Britney, Jeremiah; and nieces: Amelia's daughters: Bonnie, Tammy, and Michelle.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Rudy and Cecelia; sisters: Amelia Pawlak, Louise Sydlo; twin siblings in infancy; and nephew, Tim Kuss.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Sacred Heart Parish in Pine Creek. Father Sebastian Kolodziejczyk officiated. Friends and family were invited for visitation one hour prior to the Mass at church. Covid-19 guidelines were followed. Burial was in the church cemetery. To express online condolences to Victor's family, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

Robert "Bob" I "Rob" V. Roach
Robert ("Bob", "Rob"), Vern Roach, 91, formerly of Park Falls, passed away peacefully at his home, April 20, 2021, in Eau Claire, amidst his loving family.

Robert was born in Muskegon, MI, December 2, 1929, to parents Floyd and Ruth (Ahlfors) Roach. After finishing high school in Muskegon, he studied forestry at Michigan Tech. His studies there were interrupted by two years of military service in the U.S. Air Force. After his honorable discharge,

Bob returned to Michigan Tech to complete his degree in forestry. After graduation, Bob was hired by the Wisconsin Conservation Department. He began his career in forestry in Tomahawk and was then transferred to Viroqua. On a weekend during pheasant hunting season in 1957, Bob went to Whitehall to visit his boss and friend, Pete Jensen. While there, he met Patricia Hegge. It was love at first sight. They met in October and were married in June. After living together in Viroqua for nine years, Bob and Pat transferred to Park Falls, which became their home until 2020, when they moved to Eau Claire.

Bob and Pat were gifted with two wonderful sons, Michael and Thomas. The family spent lots of time camping, fishing and enjoying the outdoors together. Bob loved anything outdoors and spent time skating, skiing, fishing for walleye, golfing, bird watching and hunting birds with his favorite dog, Fibber. He and Pat loved to travel and visited Alaska, Norway, Ireland, Italy and Hawaii. They took two golfing trips. One to Canada for their 25th wedding anniversary and one to Puerto Rico after Bob's retirement in 1990, following a successful career as a forester with the Wisconsin Department Of Natural Resources.

Bob was a dedicated, long-time member of Peace Lutheran church in Park Falls where he enthusiastically sang in the choir, served as an elder, a greeter, a financial board member, a reconciler and president of the congregation. He could always be counted on to lend a hand.

Bob served on the Flambeau Hospital board for many years. He was instrumental in moving forward with the merger of Flambeau Hospital and the Ministry and Marshfield Health Care System. He helped establish the hospital scholarship fund which was named for him and his wife, Pat.

Bob will be lovingly remembered by his friends and family for his devotion to his wife and family, for his kindness and sweet disposition, his strong and steady demeanor, and gentle, welcoming smile. His kindness and dedication to community service was an inspiration to others.

Robert is survived by his wife of 63 years, Patricia (Pat, Patty) Roach of Eau Claire; his sons: Michael (Melinda) of Rockford, IL, and Thomas of Park Falls; many nieces and nephews, and a wide circle of many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd and Ruth; his brothers, Wally and Barkley; a sister Marva; and several brothers and sisters-in-law from the Hegge family.

Per his wishes, Bob was cremated, and a funeral will be held Saturday, May 22,

2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, with burial in the Lincoln Cemetery, both in Whitehall. Pastor Peter Jonas will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Peace Lutheran Church in Park Falls.

The family would like to thank the St. Croix Hospice staff and Recover Care at Oakwood Hills for the wonderful care given to Robert and his family.

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

LaVerne Sura
LaVerne Sura, 85, of Arcadia, passed away April 22, 2021, at Mulders Health Care Facility in West Salem, after battling many health issues.

LaVerne was born October 26, 1935, to Alex and Helen (Slaby) Sura and grew up in Independence. He was united in marriage to Mable Dorava of Dodge, August 10, 1957.

After serving in the U.S. Army in Germany, he and Mable resided in Arcadia where they raised their children, Mary Jo and Frank.

He pursued many careers, which included Whitehall Packing, a meat processing plant in Norwalk and Eckle Implement in Arcadia. After "retirement," he worked for the City of Arcadia where he mowed grass around town and tended to the local parks.

Along with mowing grass, LaVerne enjoyed going to the casino, fishing, gardening and his apple trees. He liked tinkering and fixing things. LaVerne was always there to lend a helping hand to his family and friends, and was known to drop everything at a moment's notice if you needed anything.

He is survived by his children, Mary Jo (Darrell) and Frank (Angela) Sura; his three grandchildren: Dakotah and Colton Bork and Alex Sura; and many nieces and nephews.

LaVerne was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Mable; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law; and a nephew, Robert "Bob" Lubinski.

A private graveside service will be held for immediate family only with a Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be offered at www.edisonfuneralhome.com.

Richard A. Marsolek
Richard A. Marsolek, 83, of Hayward, MN, and formerly of Independence, died Friday, April 9, 2021, at Southview Acres Health Care Center in West St. Paul, MN.

A Mass of Christian Burial (with COVID-19 guidelines) will be held Thursday, April 29, 2021, at 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Independence, with burial in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., Saturday, at the church.

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Obituaries

George "Bud" Wozney

George "Bud" Wozney, 87, of Whitehall, died Thursday, April 22, 2021, in St. Croix Hospice care at Pigeon Falls Health Care Center, Pigeon Falls.

Bud was born April 2, 1934, in Pomeroy, Trempaleau County, to George A. and Valeria (Marsolek) Wozney. He married Shirley Halverson, August 3, 1957, in Milwaukee.

Bud worked in sales at GTC Motor Parts in Whitehall and at Desco Construction as an equipment operator. He was a member of Local 49. After retirement, he was a caretaker for Trempealeau County Housing Authority. Bud loved spending time with his grandkids and great grandkids. He enjoyed camping and fishing on Bear Lake in Haugen for many years. He loved playing horseshoes and going for walks around town.

Bud was a Packers, Badgers and Brewers fan.

Edison Funeral Home in Independence is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mary Lou "Lulu" Kamla
Mary Lou "Lulu" Kamla, 79, formerly of Arcadia, passed away Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at Pigeon Falls Health Care Center.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, April 26, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Holy Family Parish. Father Kyle Laylan officiated.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, rural Arcadia.

To express condolences to her family online, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

Mary Ann Peterson
Mary Ann Peterson, 86, of Sioux Falls, SD, and formerly of Whitehall, died Sunday, March 7, 2021, at Sanford USD Medical Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Graveside services will be held at Chimney Rock Cemetery, rural Strum, May 1, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

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He enjoyed coffee with his friends. He loved his grand dogs and his boat.

Bud served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of St. John's Catholic Church, Whitehall.

Bud is survived by his wife, Shirley of Whitehall; son, Chuck Wozney of Whitehall; two daughters: Kaye (Mark) Koxlien of Eau Claire and Lori (Rick) Paulson of Whitehall; six grandchildren: Errin (Aaron) Smith, Emily (Matt) Schweitzer, Andrea (Sam) Johnson, Jacob Paulson, Nicholas (Brittany) Paulson and Michael (fiancée Jaci Symytzcek) Paulson; sister, Phyllis Moen of south Milwaukee; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers: Edmund and Raymond Wozney; and sister, Betty Weibel.

Private family services will be held Friday, April 30, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at St. John's Catholic Church in Whitehall. Burial, with military rites, will be at Lincoln Cemetery in Whitehall.

Bud's family would like to extend their thanks to St. Croix Hospice for all of the support and care during this difficult time.

Online condolences may be offered at www.edisonfuneralhome.com.

Michael "Mike" J. Brouillet
Michael James Brouillet, 44, of rural Whitehall, died Friday, April 23, 2021, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN.

Michael was born October 20, 1976, in Glenview, MN, to Thomas and Sandra (Jacobs) Brouillet. He married Rebecca Breid, June 26, 1999, in St. Cloud, MN.

Michael was employed as an over-the-road truck driver, dispatcher, yard foreman, and most-recently worked as a salesman for Arrow Building Center in Chippewa Falls. For the past several years, Michael volunteered with coaching opportunities and judging endeavors with Whitehall School District and community. He especially enjoyed camping, boating, hunting and riding four wheelers. Nothing brought Mike more joy than his family. He loved his wife, kids, extended family and treated all of his friends like family. Mike cherished spending time with family around the campfire most of all.

Michael is survived by his wife, Rebecca; three children: Isabella, Samuel and Cooper; his parents, Thomas and Sandra Brouillet of Sauk Rapids, MN; two siblings: Jennifer (Shane) Dustin of Sauk Rapids, MN, and Rick (Dawn) Brouillet of St. Cloud, MN; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Joseph and Mabel Breid of Seymour, TN; his in-laws: Cindy (Shawn) Spingler of Janesville, Kim Breid of Whitehall, Luke (Jennifer) Breid of Carlsbad, CA, and Sarah (Dan) Harris of Alcoa, TN; nine nieces and one nephew; as well as a multitude of family and friends.

Visitation will be Sunday, May 2, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Jack Funeral Home in Whitehall where a Christian prayer service will be held at 7:00 p.m., followed by a parish rosary.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday, May 3, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Saint John's Catholic Church in Whitehall with Father George officiating.

Friends may also call from 9:30 a.m. until the time of service at the church on Monday, May 3, 2021.

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CAMPUS NEWS

The following local students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire following the 2020 fall semester:

Arcadia — Isaiah Anderson
Eleva — Rachel Bachhuber, Heather Dillard, Carley Forsythe, Bryan Larson
Galesville — Zoe Laverder
Trempealeau — Allison Lebakken
Whitehall — Kayley Blaha, Robin Gardner

The following local students were named to the 2020 fall semester dean's list at Mankato State University:

Arcadia — Isabel Myers, James Ziegeweid
Eleva — Hannah McCarrville
Fountain City — Jacob Callahan, Taylor Theusch
Galesville — Morgan Cooper
Melrose — Chandler De-

Simone Intriago and Isabelle Simerson, both from

Berg Whitehall — Jessica Mo-han

The following local students earned degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater at winter commencement:

Osseo — Ben Haas
Galesville — Justin Terek

The following area students completed degree requirements at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in December:

Arcadia — Hanna Hoesley, Halley Lepsch
Blair — Elizabeth Nelson
Eleva — Danielle Mestelle
Ettrick — Kyle Taysom
Galesville — Elliot Henscheid, Stephanie Maloney
Osseo — Michaela Peterson

Taylor — Dillon Zimm
Trempealeau — Kelsey Cattanch, Kristy McMillen, Whitney Nichols, Shaysie Ryan

Simone Intriago and Isabelle Simerson, both from

open session per Wis. Stats. Sec. 19.85(2). Motion carried 5-0.
No action was taken on items discussed in closed session.
Motion by Anderson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the bills of general account in the amount of \$134,322.39. Motion carried 5-0.
Motion by Feltes, seconded by Kolstad, to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0.
Meeting ended at 7:05 p.m.
Respectfully Submitted by:
Angela Berg
Clerk-Treasurer
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2021PR000018
State of Wisconsin, Circuit Court, Trempealeau County

In the Matter of the Estate of PHILIP ARNE JENSEN
DOD: 06/13/2020

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth December 30, 1936, and date of death June 13, 2020, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: 19855 (E. Gale Ave., Galesville, WI 54630.
All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 30, 2021. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Room 214, P.O. Box 67, Whitehall, WI 54773.
Electronically signed by:
/s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate
March 31, 2021
Attorney Kris L. Wright
WRIGHT LAW FIRM, S.C.
P.O. Box 38
Galesville, WI 54630
608-582-4300
Bar Number: 1020851
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Dated this 26th day of April, 2021.
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Independence, and Lydia Ready-Mock, Blair, were named to the fall semester president's list at Bemidji State University.

The following local students were named to the fall semester dean's list at Viterbo University:

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