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County fair underway Thursday

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The Trempealeau County Fair returns this week with a lineup that will help spectators enjoy the event just as they have in past years.

While judging of several events will happen early on Thursday, the fair's opening ceremony begins in the co-op pavilion at 6 p.m. That's when the 4-H key awards will be presented and the 2021 Fairest of the Fair will be crowned.

Also returning this year will be the carnival, which opens at 5 p.m. on Thursday, again at noon on Friday and Saturday and at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$10 for unlimited rides.

Judging begins at 9 a.m. on Thursday, 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m. on Sunday.

Music will be played throughout the weekend. The Rhythm Playboys play at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Troubleshooter will appear at 6 p.m. on Friday, Hillbilly Fever plays at 2 p.m. Saturday and The Real Beal's One Man Band is scheduled to play throughout the weekend.

The Magic of Jim Mitchell will be on display several times throughout the weekend, including 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday and 1 and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The truck and tractor pull returns at 7 p.m. on Friday along with the demolition derby at 7 p.m. on Saturday.

The Wisconsin Fairest of the Fair, Cayley Vande Berg, will make an appearance at 5 p.m. on Saturday.



Queens In The Crowd

Contestants for the 2021 Miss Trempealeau crown watched the Catfish Days Awards and Variety show along with the Trempealeau royalty from 2019 and representatives from both Galesville and Ettrick. Carlie Baker (front row third from left) was named 2021 Miss Trempealeau to close out the show held Thursday at the Trempealeau Hotel. See Page 16 for more photos from Catfish Days. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Former land use director agrees to no legal action

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

The former director of the county's department of land management won't speak ill of the county or initiate any legal action against the county under the terms of a just-released, five-page separation agreement.

Besides paying Kevin Lien \$20,000 for unused paid time off and sick leave, the county agreed to not chal-

lenge the former director's application for unemployment and will give the 29-year veteran a "neutral" job reference. The agreement forbids Lien from working for the county.

The agreement was made public following intervention by an attorney for the Wisconsin Newspaper Association on behalf of the Times and comes at the end of months of upheaval in the department. Lien, who was on paid administrative leave from the end of January to his formal separation date of May 17, was accused by current and former staff of being abusive and a poor manager.

Interviews are scheduled to begin July 26 for a replacement for Lien, according to the county's director of human resources, Christa Weisenberger. The starting pay for the land use director position is between \$72,966 and \$82,929.

The separation agreement

acknowledges there was an investigation into employees' allegations and that Lien denies "some" of them. The two parties agreed that "publicly," Lien's departure would be called a resignation. In an addendum to the agreement, the county says Lien leaving the county was "involuntary."

The county agreed to not release the investigation report unless compelled to do so by a court. Niemeier contends the investigation summary is protected by attorney client privilege.

The county had also refused to release the separation agreement before Corporation Counsel Rick Niemeier did so last Monday following communications from the Madison attorney, James Friedman, who represented the WNA and the Times. Niemeier wrote in a letter to Friedman that he consulted with Lien's attorney about releasing the separation agreement.

In his initial June 15 letter to the county, Friedman argued that: "Ultimately, the public is entitled to records concerning the termination of employment of high-ranking government officials, like Mr. Lien. His work impacted virtually every citizen of Trempealeau County. The public is entitled to know whether Mr. Lien resigned or if he was fired. If he was fired, the public deserves to know why."

"Finally," the letter continues, "the people of Trempealeau County are entitled to know the terms of Mr. Lien's departure, including if those terms included spending public funds. Wisconsin courts consistently have ordered record custodians to provide for public inspection settlement and severance agreements with public officials, even when the parties agreed to keep the records confidential."

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Man dies in motorcycle crash

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

For the second time in a little more than a month, a man has died in the town of Hale after the motorcycle he was driving struck a deer.

Michael Sanding, 55, of LaCrosse died on Saturday as the result of such a crash. The Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department reported Sanding was driving south on County Road E near Holmen Road before hitting the deer,

losing control and going into the ditch. He was wearing a helmet, but was pronounced dead on the scene. The crash was reported at 2:43 p.m.

That was the second fatal motorcycle crash involving a deer in that township this summer. The first happened on County Road O when Gary Heath, 74, of Hale, struck a deer on June 1.

Sanding's crash remained under investigation as of Monday of this week.



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Court confirms residents can continue Hi-Crush suits

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

A Texas bankruptcy court has rebuffed an argument by Hi-Crush that bankruptcy negated suits by county residents, meaning the residents may now attempt to collect damages from the sand mine company's insurers and contractors.

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas ruled July 1 that Hi-Crush may not argue, as it has, that the company's bankruptcy eliminated the residents' claims or moved resolution of their suits out of Trempealeau County court. The company filed a motion in Trempealeau County Circuit Court that said it would no longer argue those points. A next hearing on the damage suits themselves is scheduled for Aug. 27 before LaCrosse County Judge Scott Horne.

The bankruptcy court order said that the county residents could not receive any payments from the reorganized sand mine company itself, but confirmed their right to seek damages from insurance companies and contractors, the order says. The court said the residents could seek damages for problems dating before the company's bankruptcy filing on July 12, 2020, when the bulk of the damages are alleged to have occurred, and after the reorganization of Oct. 9, 2020.

"Despite contending with a year of legal roadblocks caused by the Hi-Crush bankruptcy case," said the residents' attorney Tim Jacobson, "the resolve of the property owners around the Hi-Crush mines to seek justice for the harms they have suffered is not diminished."

The Hi-Crush Whitehall facility is no longer in operation and is being offered for sale. It is described as a 1,447-acre site with northern white sand that can produce 2.86 million tons annually and has an 80.7-million ton reserve.

The initial damage suits filed by 41 individuals living near the sand mine company's Whitehall and Blair operations contend Hi-Crush damaged their properties values, put their health at risk, polluted water and disrupted their lives. Among the claimants are those whose property was damaged during the release of millions of gallons of sludgy water from the Whitehall plan during a successful rescue of a bulldozer driver in May 2018.

The residents are seeking as much as \$80 million in damages.



While an offer has yet to be made, Whitehall officials have begun discussions to sell the city's golf course. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Circus coming to Osseo next week

The circus is coming to town!

Culpepper & Merriweather Circus will be coming to Osseo next Friday, July 23, performing at the Merchants Baseball Field Parking lot located at 14335 County Road K.

Now in its 36th edition, C&M Circus has become internationally known for quality family entertainment, according to a press release sent by the Osseo Commercial Club, which is sponsoring the appearance. This authentic One-Ring, Big Top Circus has been featured on National Geographic's Explorer TV series, Entertainment Tonight, A&E Special: Under the Big Top and most recently, On the Road with Circus Kids, a Nickelodeon special featured on the Nick News Program.

Performances will be at 5 and 7:30 p.m. that day with 90-minute shows. Those interested in seeing behind the scenes, however, can come at 9:30 or 10 a.m. that same day and watch the raising of the Big Top then stay for a free tour. The presentation offers a unique face-to-face opportunity for families, schools, daycare centers and community members to meet and learn all about the C&M Circus. Learn facts about our performers, the history of the show and the different species of animals in their circus family. In this presentation, topics such as hygiene, grooming and the veterinary care all of the animals receive will all be discussed.

As for the main show, this year's lineup includes an all-star group of performers and entertainers.

See Miss Simone and her breath-taking single trapeze, Miss Paulina's proud "Big & Little" prancing ponies, The Arlise Troupe on their wild and crazy unicycles, Logan Jimenez with his Cockatoo Review, Emilie Dean with her amazing feats of aerial strength, the Wheel of Destiny, and back by popular demand, the Russian Swing by The Perez Family. But, lets not forget our favorite performing Jungle Cats, Soloman & Delilah, presented by Mr. Trey Key, that will certainly have you on the edge of your seats. All accompanied by original music composed by Matt Margucci from Los Angeles, Calif.

Prices for advance tickets are \$12 for adults and \$7 for seniors (65 and over) and children (two to 12), children under two are always free. Tickets can be purchased at Osseo Chiropractic, Osseo Plastics, Stoney Creek Campground, Alliance Bank and Osseo City Hall. Advanced tickets can also be purchased online 10 days before the show at cmcircus.com until 10 p.m. the day before the show. On show day tickets will be \$15 for adults and \$8 for seniors/children. Support your community and save money by purchasing your tickets early.

For more information, call 866 BIG TOP 6, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Central Time everyday or email at cmcircus@gmail.com.

Sale of Whitehall golf course eyed

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

Whitehall officials have entered the "early chatting stage" on an informal offer to purchase the Whitehall Public Golf Course.

The Whitehall city council was scheduled to discuss the offer Tuesday, though Mayor Jeff Hauser said a decision will require resolution of "a thousand details."

"The biggest thing is that it remain a golf course," Hauser said. "There has been no formal offer, but there is some interest. My philosophy is that if you don't have to be in a hurry, don't be."

The nine-hole course hit financial difficulties about three years ago causing the city to intervene and the Whitehall Golfers Inc. to be stricter in operating the course. The city renewed its lease with the association in June and agreed to continue to pay \$42,000 annually for maintenance and utilities.

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Arcadia may join growing county ATV/UTV routes

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

City of Arcadia officials are grappling with whether ATVs and UTVs on city streets could be an economic boon or a nuisance as nearby municipalities begin permitting the vehicles on public roads.

City staff and Mayor Rob Reichwein will draft an ordinance for the council to consider that could allow the vehicles on some city streets. The proposal comes as several town adjoining Arcadia open their roads to UTV/ATV traffic. The town of Dodge allows the

vehicles on County Road J as it approaches Arcadia, and the township of Arcadia is considering limited access on county roads J and G within its boundaries. Reichwein told the council that the vehicles could in fact cross state highways. Had crossings not been

allowed, Arcadia opening streets to the vehicles would have been limited by state highways 93 and 95. Arcadia could also receive traffic from Buffalo County where ATV and UTV use of county roads was approved in March. It will officially go into effect once signs are posted.

Arcadia raises mine reclamation request

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Arcadia toughened its request for reclamation money from a sand mine company, increasing to \$2 million the amount the city says is needed to fulfill the plan to restore mined property on Thompson Valley Road.

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The plan initially proposed in 2012 calls for the mining site to be left suitable for residential development at a cost of \$1.2 million. The city's engineer, Davy Engineering, said to flatten high walls to a useable slope and adjusting for 2021 prices, the actual cost would total \$2 million.

The council sent back to a city committee a proposal to place two new Welcome to Arcadia signs along Highway 93 until it is clearer how much they might cost.

The two signs, carved out of stone, are estimated to cost about \$25,000 apiece, and the Arcadia Chamber of Commerce has committed to raise funds for them. The council last Wednesday, however, wondered at what additional cost there might be, for securing property easements, installation and landscaping. Council members also said it might be prudent to put the project out to bid first.

Mayor Rob Reichwein said some city money could go for the project, though Wednesday's action was only to express council support

for the idea. Instead, the council tabled the matter and will ask the city's Economic Development Committee to provide more details. The proposed signs would allow special event banners to be hung on them. Reichwein said similar markers are being considered for the Highway 95 entrances to the city.

The council approved listing the old city hall on West Main Street for sale, though closing on any purchase would likely be delayed while the city empties the building and perhaps removes some historical items. An appraisal of the structure said it is valued at between \$70,000 and \$80,000.

"I was thinking it would be a lot less," Reichwein said.

Among the constraints to fully emptying the old city hall is a delay in getting garage doors for the police department garage that has been built next to the new city hall on Dettloff Drive.

The council also approved extending the liquor license of Latino Bar on North Grant Street to the bar's parking lot for a July 31 event. The council said the live band should end at 1 a.m., though the bar could stay open until its usual time. The bar owner said he would provide some security and agreed to clean the area afterward.

The council also:

• Approved hiring Emily Rybarczyk as a new full-time police officer. She has been a part-time officer.

• Decided against selling one city lot on Wilson Avenue that once housed the city water plant. A second lot on Wilson has been sold as the site for a house to be constructed by Habitat for Humanity.

along Highway 10 from Mondovi to Fairchild. A map of all ATV, UTV trails is available at the Trempealeau County Highway Department web site, https://co.trempealeau.wi.us/departments/service_departments/highway/index.php.

Blair passed in June an ordinance allowing the vehicles on certain streets. It will officially go into effect once signs are posted. Whitehall allows residents to travel on city streets from their homes to a designated trail. In Independence, UTVs are allowed on city streets but not ATVs.

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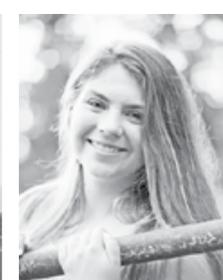
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Olivia Mooney



Sarah Burken



Kendra Goplin

Three to compete for 'Fairest' title

The Trempealeau County Fair announced three candidates vying for the title of 2021 Trempealeau County Fairest of the Fair.

Olivia Mooney is the daughter of Rosa and David Mooney of Arcadia. She is a graduate of Arcadia High School and plans to attend Luther College in the fall for nursing. Mooney is active in her 4-H club the Arcadia Hummingbirds and a State 4-H Art Team member. She shows poultry and goats at the fair. Mooney wants to be Fairest of the Fair to meet new people, get exposed to new projects and experiences and the chance to represent Trempealeau County.

Sarah Burken lives in Galesville with her parents Neal and Chris Burken. She will be a senior at Gale-

Ettrick-Trempealeau High School in the fall. An employee of her family's farm, Burken hopes to get a degree in agriculture because she enjoys working with farmers, animals and the land. Burken enjoys showing dairy cattle and exhibited at the 2019 World Dairy expo where she won the Senior 2 Holstein Class, she has also received many honors within FCCLA.

Kendra Goplin of Osseo is the daughter of Shane and Melinda Goplin and a graduate of Whitehall High School. She will be a freshman at South Dakota State University this fall. Goplin is Trempealeau County's Farm Bureau Ag in the Classroom Coordinator and a member of the Wisconsin Agricultural Youth Council (DATCP). She was the 2019 Trempealeau County Dairy

Ambassador. Showing and training dairy cattle is Goplin's main hobby.

Applicants were judged on personality, community activities, appearance and speaking ability by a panel of three judges. The Fairest of the Fair represents the Trempealeau County Fair for one year and if eligible will compete in January of 2023 for the title of Wisconsin Fairest of the Fairs.

The announcement of the 2021 Fairest of the Fair will be made during the open ceremonies of the Trempealeau County Fair on Thursday night July 15 in the Co-op Pavilion, which begins at 6 p.m. with The Rhythm Playboys.

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Independence board seeks waiver on bilingual education

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

The Independence school board voted last Wednesday to pursue a waiver of educational requirements pertaining to bilingual-bicultural education, citing a lack of staff to appropriately fulfill Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) guidelines.

Two licensed ESL teachers currently on staff
• Providing ELL Newcomer Courses at elementary, middle and high school
• Bilingual Spanish Arts course offered for grades nine through 12, taught by a teacher licensed in Spanish and English
• The use of a full-time interpreter/translator
• The use of at least one bilingual paraprofessional

Board materials suggested Barry sought consultation from co-athletic directors John Zilla and Jenna Sonsalla before ultimately moving forward with a recommendation of Winston for the position. Handbooks for elementary, middle/high, faculty, athletics and coaches were also approved, with the middle-

District superintendent Barry Schmitt maintained that while the district will be pursuing a waiver of the guidelines, administration will still be working to address the needs of the 144 students across the district with Limited English Proficiency (LEP). The breakdown of those students according to numbers provided by the district are 62 LEP pupils in kindergarten through third grade, 46 in grades four through eight and 36 at the high school level. DPI thresholds to provide bilingual education programs are 10, 20 and 20 for those three levels respectively.

In hiring action, the board approved the hires of agriculture teacher Jodi Meyer, kindergarten teacher Jessica Brown, first grade teacher Jordyn Trager and support staff members Jessica Harz and Rosa Lopez Garcia. Coaching hires also approved included assistant football coach Michael Jon Mullikin, assistant volleyball coach Lauren Brodsky, head girls basketball coach John Zilla, head wrestling coach Chad Rislser and assistant girls basketball coach Brian Genelin.

An agenda item concerning a second assistant football coach position was moved to closed session, due to one of the two candidates being superintendent and head football coach Barry Schmitt's son, Winston.

The district also promises in the waiver to attach "Bilingual skills in English/Spanish are preferred" to all job postings and offer paid ESL add-on licensure to teachers. A public hearing was held prior to the vote, but no public comment was made when the opportunity arose.

The highest increase will go to the Independence School District, which is estimated to receive roughly \$3.77 million, up from \$3.43 million, an increase of 9.85 percent. Blair-Taylor is projected to see an increase of 9.57 percent, going from roughly \$3.52 million to \$3.86 million.

The increases for Arcadia, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau and Whitehall were less significant. G-E-T is projected to see an increase of 2.57 percent, the highest among the three, while Arcadia comes in at 1.4 and Whitehall is 0.63. For G-E-T, that means

an estimate of \$9.88 million, Arcadia, \$11.38 million and Whitehall, \$5.98 million. The DPI will certify amounts for 2021-22 general school aids based on audited data and the state biennial budget being enacted into law. Estimated general school aids for 2021-22 total \$5.0 billion, representing a \$109.9 million (2.2 percent) increase over last year. Due to changes in the aid deduction for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, as well as the JCF recommendation to eliminate aid deductions for the Milwaukee-area legacy independent charter schools, the estimated increase in payments to districts is \$196.3 million.

Of the state's 421 school districts, 66 percent (276 districts) are estimated to receive more general aids than in 2020-21, while 33 percent of districts (140) are estimated to receive less; five districts are estimated to have

no change in aid between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years. Notably, 68 districts are estimated to receive the maximum 15 percent decrease under the state's hold harmless aid provision, 18 more than last year. A district's general aids can increase or decrease due to changes in any of the three local factors comprising Wisconsin's general equalization aid formula — property valuation, enrollment, and shared costs — as well as a difference in funds available from the state.

DPI estimate show aid increase for area schools

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The estimated general school aid released by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction on July 1 showed a slight increase in available 2021-22 funding for all five area schools.

While all five are projected to receive more money than they received last year, three of the schools saw an increase of less than three percent and all five were below 10 percent.

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The increases for Arcadia, Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau and Whitehall were less significant. G-E-T is projected to see an increase of 2.57 percent, the highest among the three, while Arcadia comes in at 1.4 and Whitehall is 0.63. For G-E-T, that means

an estimate of \$9.88 million, Arcadia, \$11.38 million and Whitehall, \$5.98 million. The DPI will certify amounts for 2021-22 general school aids based on audited data and the state biennial budget being enacted into law.

Estimated general school aids for 2021-22 total \$5.0 billion, representing a \$109.9 million (2.2 percent) increase over last year. Due to changes in the aid deduction for the Milwaukee Parental Choice Program, as well as the JCF recommendation to eliminate aid deductions for the Milwaukee-area legacy independent charter schools, the estimated increase in payments to districts is \$196.3 million.

Of the state's 421 school districts, 66 percent (276 districts) are estimated to receive more general aids than in 2020-21, while 33 percent of districts (140) are estimated to receive less; five districts are estimated to have

no change in aid between the 2020-21 and 2021-22 fiscal years. Notably, 68 districts are estimated to receive the maximum 15 percent decrease under the state's hold harmless aid provision, 18 more than last year. A district's general aids can increase or decrease due to changes in any of the three local factors comprising Wisconsin's general equalization aid formula — property valuation, enrollment, and shared costs — as well as a difference in funds available from the state.

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Your Right To Know

By Tom Kamenick

No Private Email

Accounts for Public Business

Imagine that a developer has been lobbying your local town board to approve a controversial development. You file a record request asking for all emails between that developer and the board's three members.

None of them have official government email accounts, so they search their personal emails.

Two members each turn over more than 15 emails. The third says she never sent nor received any emails from the developer. Do you believe her? What can you do about it if you don't?

Shockingly, in Wisconsin it's perfectly legal for government officials to use their personal emails to do government work. Even though a government entity may have no ability to access personal accounts and even though it's ridiculously easy to use personal emails to hide conversations from the public, these practices are still allowed.

Yes, as anybody familiar with the Open Records Law knows, personal email accounts are still subject to the law. Government officials are required to search through personal email accounts and produce any emails related to government work that are responsive to a record request.

But the ability of officials to use their personal email accounts is an opportunity for mischief. In a society that values transparency and public oversight, it should be unacceptable.

The problems with permitting government work to be done with personal email accounts are myriad. Without central administration, nobody else can track, search or review those emails. The emails may not be backed up in any way. Different email providers will have different retention rules. It's much easier to accidentally (or intentionally) lose emails.

Once officials leave service, they are supposed to turn over all their records to their successor, but that practically never happens with personal emails.

And how do you trust that these officials didn't delete any emails? That they thoroughly searched for responsive emails? There is almost no way to verify that an appropriate search was done and nothing was deleted.

All you can do is trust, but trust is often in short supply, particularly when a controversial issue is involved or a citizen is investigating potential misconduct.

The solution for these problems is simple, obvious, and has little downside. Like some other states and local governments, Wisconsin should prohibit the use of personal email accounts to do government business.

It should be illegal for government employees and officials to do anything more than send a "please use my official email" response to any contact to a personal email. Also, anything sent to a personal email account about government business should be forwarded to the official one for easy retrieval.

Such a law would eliminate all those problems. Government entities would have to provide email accounts to officials (and some employees), but most do so already, and email accounts are cheap. For instance, GoDaddy sells email service attached to website domains for \$2/month, and accounts can be purchased in bulk at even cheaper rates.

In exchange, the government entity gets central administration of email records, email accounts that are easily transferred to successors, and a significant boost in the public's confidence in their record searches.

It's not often that a thorny problem has such an easy, clear, and inexpensive solution. To remove barriers to public accountability and improve the efficiency of government operations, the legislature should prohibit the use of personal email accounts for government business at the state and local level.

(Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wis-foic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Tom Kamenick is the president and founder of the Wisconsin Transparency Project.)

WEEKLY POLL QUESTION

Do you think Aaron Rodgers will play for the Green Bay Packers again?

YES NO

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

LAST WEEK'S POLL QUESTION RESULTS

Do you think the Milwaukee Bucks will win the NBA Championship?

60% YES 40% NO

From The Early Files



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

25 YEARS AGO July 18, 1996

Jerry Freimark, district administrator of the Whitehall schools, was elected to serve as the chairman of the Western Wisconsin Technical College District board of directors for the coming year.

Outgoing club president Ken Colby was presented with the Whitehall Lions Club's Citizen of the Year Award.

Mining companies spend, and make, a lot of money getting minerals out of the ground. The Flambeau Mining Co. hasn't turned a shovel, much less a profit in Trempealeau County so far, but the firm is already spending money to produce something that could be even more important to its success: a favorable public opinion. The company last week started running large advertisements in The Times about environmental issues involved in mining.

Earlier, the Times received a press release concerning the taxes paid to state and local governments by Flambeau's mine near Ladysmith and economic benefits it has created in that area.

The upholstery division opened at Ashley Furniture less than a year ago and already the company is adding a new dimension to its newest line. In April of this year, Ashley announced that it would be entering into the very competitive leather upholstery market.

The Arcadia Police Department and city council recently hired Dale Marsolek to fill the patrolman position vacated by Jeff Halvorsen last month. Marsolek is the son of Richard and Betty Marsolek of Independence and is a 1987 graduate of Independence High school. Most recently, he has been a jailer at the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department, where he spent four years.

Antique tractors, a pancake breakfast, a faster demo derby and a sawdust pile for kids are among the added attractions planned for the Trempealeau County Fair. The 138th version of the fair opens Thursday and runs through Sunday.

Roger Kordus, who teaches vocational agricultural courses at Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School was honored as Outstanding Agriculture Education Teacher at the 79th Conference for Wisconsin Instructors in Agriculture/Agribusiness Education in Madison.

Elaine Delaney and Glenn Brommerich shared Citizen of the Year honors as civic groups voted from among their nominees for the annual award presented during the Miss Trempealeau Pageant. Melissa Meunier was named the new Miss Trempealeau. Three new staff peo-

ple have been hired at the Blair-Taylor School District including Dave Feidt, Onalaska, psychologist; Jeff Eide, Eau Claire, gifted and talented coordinator and Darrin Briggs, West Salem, third grade.

Adam Pronschinske, 21, of Blair was in stable condition at St. Joseph's Hospital in Arcadia, where he was taken after his arm came in contact with a wire while he was working as a lineman in rural Fountain City.

50 YEARS AGO July 22, 1971

Youths 18 to 20 years of age will have their first opportunity to vote in Trempealeau County at the annual school meetings to be held this coming Monday. The constitutional amendment granting the franchise to that group has been ratified by the required number of states and signed by President Nixon.

Bids for the new Whitehall swimming pool will be opened at the regular city council meeting to be held Aug. 10. The S and C Club has donated \$38,40 to the swimming pool fund.

Alma Center Lincoln sewed up the Dairyland Conference baseball title here Tuesday, by defeating Whitehall 11-3 and finishing with a 13-1 record. The Norsemen, who ended up 11-3, had hoped to share the championship by beating the Champions.

Kent Nilsestuen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerhard Nilsestuen, rural Arcadia, will attend a national agribusiness conference, the American Institute of Cooperation Summer Institute at Colorado State University on Fort Collins, Colo. Aug. 1-4.

Clarence Crum was installed as president of the Arcadia Lions Club last Tuesday night, succeeding Stanley Wiersgalla.

About 200 members of the Gale-Etrick School District met in the G-E High School to vote for a new elementary school in Galesville. When all the talk was over, the district cast an overwhelming vote of 120-56 to purchase the 20-acre Douglas and Leon Sacia property on French Road for a total of \$38,500.

A Numsen TV Sales and Service Agency will open soon in Galesville at 118 So. Main, according to Robert A. Numsen, owner of Numsen TV in La Crosse.

All young men going out for athletics at Gale-Etrick High School during the 1971-72 school year should report for physical and dental examinations on July 28.

75 YEARS AGO July 18, 1946

Russell Fischer, 25, drowned in the Trempealeau River at swimming beach at Whitehall shortly before midnight on Tuesday. His companion at the time, Le-

Moine Olson, ran to Main Street, where the first person he met was Hilman Arneson, who notified the sheriff and went with a group to the river. Night Marshal Walter Bensed and Adrian Smieja of Independence found Fischer's body almost immediately. Examination of the deceased, who could not swim, indicated that heart failure was the cause of death, rather than drowning.

The Trempealeau County Conservation Association voted a nine-day deer season for the coming fall, commencing Nov. 16, after a large group met Monday evening at the courthouse. A controversy in the state followed a decision by the state conservation congress in June to set only a four-day season. Lloyd Anderson of Etrick, chairman of the meeting and a county delegate to the state congress, was instructed to notify the state conservation commissioner of the county's desires.

The Christmas present that the Pigeon Falls Businessmen's Club gave to Gerald Hagen, town treasurer of Pigeon, is finally in service. Hagen, crippled by dread infantile paralysis since age seven, has no problem getting around to attend to his duties. The power scooter had to be returned to the factory for an easier starter, but now Hagen drives it regularly, as often as not with a young boy or two perched on the chassis.

Mrs. Bennett Anderson, 38 and the mother of two

young children, was taken to the isolation hospital at La Crosse Tuesday evening, suffering with polio. She had been ill for several days, but a stiffening of her lower limbs did not appear until the first of the week.

Everett Guse had lost over 100 pheasant chicks at his game farm, located on the O.H. Settingsgaard place just east of town, which he purchased this past spring, before the marauders were caught. Deciding that badgers had done the job, Everett secured traps from Lester Hanson, and caught one of the animals Wednesday morning. He and his brother David cornered and killed the other badger.

Henry Vogel Jr., son of Mayor and Mrs. Henry Vogel, Arcadia, has been named an Eagle Scout.

The Trempealeau County Electric Cooperative was represented at the REA personal conference and bookkeepers' school in Madison July 8-11 by E.F. Thornton, project superintendent, M.L. Olson and Betty Schultz. The first day was devoted to discussion of general topics of interest to cooperative personnel. This was followed by three days of instruction in REA accounting procedures.

B.M. Smith, vocational agriculture teacher, resigned from the Blair School District after nine years of teaching to be a supervisor

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Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department Weekly Log



Wednesday, June 30

07:35 — Galesville: Trempealeau Police Department received a report of an injured sandhill crane in the roadway.

08:02 — Whitehall: Health care center reported a male has walked away and may have been picked up by another party.

10:09 — Osseo: One-vehicle rollover with kids in the vehicle.

11:03 — Whitehall: Caller advised it looks like someone used a screwdriver to try and gain entry to his girlfriend's BMW. He can't tell if anything is missing.

12:09 — Galesville: Caller advised a dark-colored minivan is swerving all over the road, going 45 miles per hour.

13:57 — Galesville: Caller was possibly a victim of fraud. He received two new drivers licenses in the mail.

13:59 — Independence: A pickup has been all over the road.

15:38 — Arcadia: A female party is squatting in the park.

16:44 — Eleva: Caller reported a female is starting rumors about her.

21:01 — Arcadia: Two-vehicle accident with injuries.

23:14 — Eleva: Caller is having an argument with their roommate.

23:48 — Strum: Caller reported an intoxicated party on a motorcycle.

Thursday, July 1
 00:14 — Etrick: A female party is on the floor.
 04:03 — Eleva: A female

party struck a guardrail.
 08:15 — Blair: Caller reporting a black and white cow is outside of a fence.
 09:44 — Blair: Caller thinks two teenagers should be checked on. They walked from Whitehall and are now nearly in Blair.

10:47 — Osseo: Caller and his girlfriend have received threats from his girlfriend's ex.
 10:58 — Etrick: Caller requesting assistance removing a party who has been living with one of his renters.

11:26 — Galesville: Caller reported a neighbor allowed three tree removal trucks on her property after the caller specifically said they couldn't be on the property.

14:43 — Strum: Caller is requesting a welfare check on his brother. He has not been heard from since last Friday. His vehicle is in his driveway. The subject does work the night shift and may be sleeping.

14:57 — Galesville: Someone tampered with the doorframe from the inside while she was gone yesterday.
 15:37 — Whitehall: Male used a counterfeit \$50 bill.
 17:05 — Galesville: A person just shot through a window of the caller's house and someone was hit with a bullet fragment.

17:48 — Etrick: A male party is possibly violating bond conditions.

21:39 — Osseo: A white truck was traveling with no taillights, crossing the fog and center.

Friday, July 2

08:06 — Osseo: A truck hauling a boat hit a deer.
 09:50 — Arcadia: Caller said their neighbor has cut down his fence and trees.
 10:26 — Osseo: Caller is requesting the phone number for an Eau Claire hospital.

10:51 — Galesville: A semi was going over the centerline and passing other semis.
 11:13 — Galesville: Caller came home to a bulldozer going across her property to start a logging operation. She said no one gave them permission to be on her property.

11:37 — Trempealeau: Gas drive off.

12:33 — Galesville: An SUV was speeding and almost caused a head-on collision on Highway 53.

12:52 — Blair: Caller is being harassed by a female via text messages.

13:36 — Galesville: Officer advised a Ford Taurus is pulling a gravity box.

13:41 — Whitehall: A vehicle has blocked the driveway the caller's in. There are people doing work there and they have an easement on the driveway. The neighbor is not happy about it and won't move the vehicle.

13:59 — Whitehall: Caller advised a semi with a red cab is swerving on the road.

14:14 — Trempealeau: Three trucks and trailers are blocking the landing so boats can't get loaded.

14:39 — Galesville: 34-year-old with shortness of breath. Their chest is burning.

14:41 — Independence: Gas drive off happened five

minutes ago.
 14:59 — Independence: Request to notify a victim that a male is about to be released from jail.
 15:47 — Independence: A female fell, possibly has a broken ankle.
 16:10 — Galesville: A black pickup is spilling gas all over the road. The driver is sitting in the vehicle; caller doesn't know if he's aware that he's losing gas.

16:55 — Etrick: A vehicle is driving recklessly and tailgating.
 19:54 — Blair: Officer is being flagged down by a male.
 20:24 — Whitehall: About 40 cows are out near the railroad tracks.

21:05 — Etrick: A vehicle has been parked on a property for four hours and the manager would like for it to be removed. Caller was told to contact a tow company to have it removed as it is not private property.

22:11 — Independence: Anonymous complaint of a large underage party with a bonfire and fireworks.

22:38 — Whitehall: A garage is on fire.

Saturday, July 3
 02:21 — Arcadia: A vehicle stopped in the lane of traffic.
 03:16 — Etrick: A 72-year-old female is hav-

ing difficulty breathing.
 05:00 — Arcadia: Caller saw a hit-and-run. A white pickup left toward Center-ville.
 06:24 — Arcadia: Motorcycle crash.
 08:18 — Independence: A white box-type of truck struck a utility pole and was stuck on it. The pole was damaged, the truck is now headed toward Whitehall.

10:50 — Osseo: Caller was tailgated and passed by a truck. The passing tuck cut in, nearly striking the caller's vehicle.
 12:51 — Osseo: Caller reported there is scrap metal in the lane and on the side of the road.
 13:16 — Osseo: Caller reported a possible intoxicated driver.

20:42 — Etrick: a 72-year-old female is having chest pain.
 22:12 — Arcadia: A white car is swerving and tailgating.
 22:38 — Arcadia: Someone is outside the caller's living room window.

Sunday, July 4
 00:21 — Blair: Female calling from out of state requesting a welfare check on her daughter. It's a possible abuse situation.
 02:30 — Etrick: Officer is getting flagged down by a male.

07:21 — Eleva: Caller's boyfriend let her dogs out, but he didn't take care of them. The person watching her dogs is no longer there and she thinks her boyfriend is neglecting them.
 08:28 — Etrick: Caller reported two horses walking down the road.
 13:31 — Trempealeau: A boat has been stranded with three passengers. It is a red bass boat in the channel north of the Perrot State Park landing. Boat and passengers were rescued by the Trempealeau Fire Department.
 14:00 — Osseo: Caller said his phone is in emergency mode and he wanted to know why.
 14:26 — Arcadia: A swerving car nearly hit a cyclist. The car continued to drive terribly on Highway 93.
 17:56 — Galesville: Caller said she needs someone to take her cats. She said she needs to get out of town and her husband is threatening to kill the cats. Caller has eight cats and said she needs to get out of the house as soon as possible. Call disconnected when dispatch could hear the husband yelling in the background.
 18:02 — Independence: Emergency Medical Service call for a 36-year-old female who is bleeding.

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TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Criminal Court Report

July 7 Initial Appearances
Sky Stuebs, 22, La Crosse, misappropriate ID info to avoid penalty, bail jumping-felony, possession of methamphetamine-as party to a crime (PTAC), resisting or obstructing an officer, receiving or concealing stolen property (<\$2,500)-PTAC and possess drug paraphernalia-PTAC. Preliminary hearing scheduled for July 26.

Plea/Sentencing
Ruth Barhyte, 31, Eleva, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct. Fined \$527. Charges of bail jumping-misdemeanor and battery (domestic abuse) were dismissed, but read in.

Dismissals
Keith Konopacki, 46, Stevens Point, charge of disorderly conduct was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

July 8 Initial Appearances
Nikolas Henneman, 33, Menomonie, two counts of bail jumping-misdemeanor. Pretrial conference scheduled for July 26, status conference for Aug. 12.

Arraignment
Austin Hawkings, 28, Winona, Minn., burglary-building or dwelling, possession of burglars tools, possession of methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia. Not guilty pleas entered. Pretrial conference scheduled for July 26, status conference for Aug. 3.

ID info to avoid penalty, bail jumping-misdemeanor and operating while revoked. Not guilty pleas entered. Pretrial conference scheduled for July 26, status conference for Aug. 3.

Bail/Bond
Karen Richter, 54, Strum, bail jumping-felony. Signature bond set at \$100. Competency hearing scheduled for July 12.

Status Conferences
Daniel Delacruz, 43, Cocoa Beach, Fla., possession of methamphetamine-PTAC and possess drug paraphernalia-PTAC. Preliminary hearing scheduled for July 16.

Jason Korpala, 43, Arcadia, bail jumping-felony, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC, bail jumping-misdemeanor. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Aug. 3.

Jesse Hermann, 34, Dodge Correctional Institution, Waupun, bail jumping-felony. Status conference scheduled for Aug. 12.

Caitlin McCall, 30, Eleva, possession of methamphetamine and possess drug paraphernalia. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Aug. 10.

Jeremy Mayo, 27, Chipewewa Falls, battery by prisoners. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Aug. 3.

Kathleen Wolf, 26, Chipewewa Falls, bail jumping-felony (three), possession

of methamphetamine and possess drug paraphernalia. Status conference scheduled for Aug. 12.

Travis Thronson, 39, Osseo, theft by contractor (\$10,000-\$100,000). Pretrial conference scheduled for July 26, plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Sept. 14.

Hilary Brantner, 40, Trempealeau, disorderly conduct. Pretrial conference scheduled for Aug. 16, status conference for Oct. 7.

Orion Rogers, 25, Osseo, vehicle operator flee/elude officer. Pretrial conference scheduled for Aug. 16, status conference for Oct. 9.

hearing scheduled for Aug. 17.

July 9 Initial Appearances
Levi Robb, 40, Osseo, six counts of possession of child pornography. Bail/bond hearing scheduled for July 12, competency hearing for Aug. 5.

Jamie Frye, 42, Whitehall, three counts of bail jumping-felony.

Jamie Frye, 42, Whitehall, bail jumping-felony (two counts) and bail jumping-misdemeanor (two).

Arraignment
Kevin Christianson, 36, La Crosse, bail jumping-felony (four), possession of methamphetamine-PTAC, carrying a concealed knife, receiving or concealing stolen property (<\$2,500)-PTAC and possess drug

paraphernalia-PTAC.

Plea/Sentencing
Monica Felix, 23, Whitehall, pleaded guilty to battery and disorderly conduct. Fined \$950. Charge of criminal damage to property was dismissed, but read in.

Probation Revocation
Jonathon Reynolds, 44, Arcadia, pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine-PTAC on Aug. 14, 2018 and was sentenced to three years of probation. Probation was revoked and defendant was sentenced to nine months in jail.

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Real Estate Transactions

The following real estate transactions were registered on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's website between July 5 and July 9.

Todd Campbell from Barbara Glomstad, city of Galesville, \$101,000.

Rolland and Madeline Stenulson from Landon and Morgan Van Ryn, city of Osseo, \$227,000.

Naya and Robert Wagner from Virginia Clipper, city of Whitehall, \$172,000.

Maria Verde Cuenca from Jessica Smith, city of Arcadia, \$98,000.

Carl Thurmond from Fay Servicing, LLC at attorney in fact of Lakeview Loan Servicing LLC, city of Independence, \$75,000.

Rebecca Reyna from Comfy Properties LLC, city of Arcadia, \$159,900.

Landon and Morgan Van Ryn from Judy Goplin, town of Hale, \$460,000.

Hannah Witte from Lindsay Olson, village of Pigeon Falls, \$60,000.

Dennis Stephenson from David and Melanie Bohac, city of Blair, \$160,000.

Lucas Solberg and Rachel Solberg from The Ardis E. Sexe Survivor's Trust Created Pursuant to the

to 90 days in jail, two years probation and to pay court costs totaling \$1,922. Restitution payment to be determined within 60 days.

Julie Yahnke from The Roger A. Kramer and Sandra K. Kramer Revocable Trust, village of Trempealeau, \$185,000.

Shawn and Jennifer Click from Norval Greenwood, village of Strum, \$164,000.

John Tatman and Sandra Gilbertson from Reynaldo and Rebecca Sepulveda, town of Hale, \$239,000.

Robert Ortner from Ellen Koxlien, John Windjue, Jami Hanvold, Joshua Windjue, Eric Windjue, Jane Olson, Paul Windjue, Robert Windjue, Thomas Windjue, Martha Fremstad and Sarah Anderson, city of Whitehall, \$175,000.

Brandon and Kylie McCauley from Gordon and Tammie Reedy, town of Trempealeau, \$436,900.

Steven Berndt and Wendy Berndt from Neal Walsh and Carol Walsh, village of Eleva, \$270,000.

Santana Capital, LLC from Patrick Sobota, city of Independence, \$90,000.

Strum woman arrested after 2-year-old found

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

A Strum woman was charged with drug possession after her two-year-old child was reportedly found wandering on Oak Street, four blocks from the child's home.

Samantha Fox, 28, of 310 Oak St., was charged with a felony being in possession of drugs in violation of a bail agreement, and misdemeanor neglecting a child and possessing drug paraphernalia.

A passerby spotted the two-year-old in the street at about 9:17 a.m. June 21,

according to court records. The child was reportedly covered in urine, the criminal complaint says.

Fox had called police to report a missing child. She reportedly told officers that she was awakened by her four-year-old child and told the two-year-old was missing. Police said the home was "foul smelling and messy."

Fox allegedly tested positive for methamphetamine.

As part of a 2020 case, Fox was forbidden to use drugs, court records say. A hearing for deferred prosecution in the 2020 case is set for July 28.

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Sheriff's Department Weekly Log continued

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20:19 — Trempealeau: A male crouched down sitting on the pavement. Caller did not see any vehicles in the area and is concerned about the welfare of the male.

23:33 — Alma: Caller's juvenile son was upset and he took off into a cornfield. Caller believes he has been drinking.

Monday, July 5
00:47 — Whitehall: A raccoon is in the yard across from a lot. Caller believes it is injured because it is wobbling.

03:44 — Trempealeau: A light blue minivan was off the road more than it was on the road. Came in from Buffalo County and has now pulled over in a gas station parking lot.

04:14 — Arcadia: Caller is hearing noises that they believe are coming from inside the house.

09:02 — Blair: A car hit a tree in a yard. Children got out of the car.

09:37 — Galesville: Caller is receiving death threats.

09:38 — Blair: Numerous locks were cut off and are lying on the ground.

11:46 — Blair: Male is threatening and he stalks his ex-girlfriend's family. He has made threats to kill a female relative. He drives by the house, yelling, screaming and flipping them off. Caller believes he is doing meth.

This has been going on for a while and caller thinks something needs to be done. He stopped there 30 minutes ago and threatened a female.

11:50 — Osseo: Caller was scammed out of \$3,145 via a money transfer.

14:59 — Galesville: Caller is receiving threatening text messages from an ex-boyfriend to her and her new landlord.

19:35 — Osseo: Caller found needles in their driveway.

19:55 — Eleva: Caller requesting a welfare check on a suicidal male.

21:25 — Trempealeau: Caller reported fireworks have been going on for 15-to-20 minutes and are making excessive noise.

21:34 — Osseo: Caller hit a deer and it is lying in the roadway. Caller has damage to the front end of the vehicle.

23:12 — Trempealeau: Caller's girlfriend took a bottle of antidepressants. She is locked in a bedroom or a bathroom.

Tuesday, July 6
01:25 — Galesville: A homeowner is requesting for a female to be removed.

10:16 — Ettrick: Caller had a driveway put in last week and the neighbor came over and screamed and yelled at the crew that put it in. The neighbor told the crew to tell the caller that he could come over and talk to him about it, but to bring a gun because he was going to be shooting.

Caller did try to talk to the neighbor that night and he just got yelled at about old things. Caller just wants this documented.

10:28 — Whitehall: A female is at the front door of the courthouse turning herself in on a warrant.

10:49 — Blair: 53-year-old female is highly intoxicated. Caller said she has been "on a bender" and is suicidal. She is not law enforcement-friendly.

12:00 — Trempealeau: Caller's identity was stolen.

13:56 — Alma: Domestic dispute. Female had motor oil dumped on her and she ingested some.

14:50 — Strum: Caller reported that the neighbor has cameras set up, recording her. Caller thinks this is

illegal.

15:13 — Osseo: Wires are down on the road. A tree is down a bit further up the same road.

15:17 — Eleva: A tree is down; officer will be trying to move it.

15:42 — Trempealeau: A large tree is down, blocking the entire roadway.

20:29 — Galesville: Caller thinks someone is sitting in his pickup in the driveway.

23:05 — Strum: Caller requested a welfare check on her employee. He hasn't shown up for work and caller hasn't heard from him since last Thursday.

23:31 — Osseo: Caller struck a raccoon. The vehicle is smoking from the engine area.

Competency exam sought in child pornography case

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

A man who was charged with six felony counts of possessing child pornography in Trempealeau County and six felony child sexual assault and enticement charges in Eau Claire County will undergo an exam to determine his competency.

Trempealeau County Judge Rian Radtke Monday also reduced to \$750 the bail for Levi A. Robb, 40, of 13119 15th St., 9, Osseo. He remained in Trempealeau

County jail as of Monday. Robb's attorney argued that the most his family might be able to raise was \$500 and that Robb did not pose a flight risk and had appeared on other court dates. Bond was originally set at \$2,500.

A hearing to determine Robb's competence is scheduled for Aug. 5.

Court documents say Robb was arrested in Osseo June 10 at which time he allowed deputies to look at his phone. Officers reportedly found 208 images and 24 videos that appear to depict children and sexual acts.

On June 11, court records show Robb was charged in Eau Claire County court with repeated sexual assault of the same child, child enticement, sexual assault of a child under 13 and sexual assault of a child under 12. The Eau Claire court set a signature bond for Robb at \$25,000.

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY:

Traffic Citations & Other Forfeitures

Operating a Motor Vehicle With a Restricted Controlled Substance: Ryan Ott, 28, Ettrick.

Driver Permitting or Possessing Open Intoxicants in a Motor Vehicle: Mariah Samples, 28, Whitehall.

Operating While Revoked: Jordan Peterson, 30, Strum; Cody Sanchez, 26, Black River Falls; Kathleen Schwoch, 51, Whitehall.

Operating after License Suspension, First Offense: Alicia Pierce, 24, Prior Lake, Minn.; David Roberts, 38, Holmen; Austin Scheidler, 19, Stanley.

Operating without a Valid Driver's License, First Offense: Marcus Paulaus, 32, Mondovi; Rufino Martinez, 40, Arcadia; Alexander Itehua, 20, Arcadia; Sigfrido Guzman, 37, Independence; Adnan Perez, 61, Blair; Mariah Spradling, 20, Melrose; Alyssa Theisen, 28, Trempealeau; Henry Rodriguez, 30, Taylor; Shawn Weaver, 20, Waukesha; Ricky Waulters, 62, Galesville.

Operate without Proof of Insurance: Kathleen Schwoch, 51, Whitehall.

Municipal Ordinance Violations
Housing Ordinance Violation: Braden Solberg, 45, Osseo.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: Rueben Sturdivant, 18, Osseo; Angela Ziegler, 38, Eastman.

Disorderly Conduct: Edwin Velasquez, 25, Whitehall.

dence; Alyssa Seamonson, 24, Brooklyn; Trent Servais, 18, Independence; Thomas Silbernagel, 54, Neillville; Jamie Smith, 26, La Crosse.

11 to 15MPH over: Yvette Pooler, 43, Boyd; Sabrina Straight, 34, Plainfield, Ill.; Bridget Wanty, 24, Black River Falls.

1 to 10 MPH over: Anna Teigen, 20, Mondovi; Vincent Witt, 30, Arcadia.

Failure to Wear Seat Belt: Karlee Olson, 26, Osseo; Maryanne Rehberg, 55, Strum; Thomas Smith, 63, Neillville; Thomas Smith, 63, Onalaska.

Operate without Insurance: Nicole Pitt, 27, Black River Falls; Sigfrido Guzman, 37, Independence; Adnan Perez, 61, Blair; Mariah Spradling, 20, Melrose; Alyssa Theisen, 28, Trempealeau; Henry Rodriguez, 30, Taylor; Shawn Weaver, 20, Waukesha; Ricky Waulters, 62, Galesville.

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Galesville council changes speed limit, approves capital request

**By Zac Bellman
Times Staff**

After some contentious debate, the Galesville City Council voted 4-1 to raise the speed limit on South 15th Street from 25 to 35 miles per hour.

Mayor Vince Howe, who proposed the change, said he had heard several comments from residents and regular drivers of the street requesting the change. The roughly half-mile stretch of road had once had a 40 mph limit, but was lowered at the request

of a now former resident according to Howe.

Alderman Jean Wallner was the only vote against the change, expressing concern about the split between business and residential properties along the street. She also argued that an increase in the speed limit would be an invitation to drivers to speed another 10 mph beyond the new posted speed limit. When Howe responded that was what the police were for, Jean began to push back again by suggest-

ing the change would place an added burden on police patrols.

Howe was dismissive of the remarks however, saying "that was not an excuse" to avoid what he saw as a necessary change.

Alderman Tom Thatcher added that the city could always change the limit back, while fellow alderwoman Linda Skwierawski suggested consistency with the limit of 35 mph on the North end of the City by Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau

High School made the most sense.

In separate council business, the following items were also approved:

- A capital request of \$3,261 for the purchase of four dining room table tops and two table bases from Marinuka Manor, which administrator Megan McLean said was for the purpose of enabling social distancing for residents.
- Authorization of city clerk-treasurer Jennifer Hess to advertise for, hire and train a deputy clerk. Thatcher confirmed the city office is budgeted for two positions, leaving no additional anticipated costs.
- Applications to serve fermented malt beverages and intoxicating liquors for Makayla Richards (Holiday Gas Station), Kathleen Nordie (Gale's Lanes) and Shannon Wemette (Randy's Neighborhood Market)
- A street use permit for Kelly Gardner of Create Happy for Aug. 19 through Aug. 21 for the purpose of a grand opening event.

Weekly deadline for all advertising for the Trempealeau County Times and Arrow Shopper is 4:00 p.m. Wednesdays for publication in the following week's issues.

Times Sports



Steffenhagen looking forward to new routine

**By Zac Bellman
Times Staff**

For the better part of the last 26 school years, the daily routine for Jon Steffenhagen, 57, has been largely the same: up at 4 a.m., in the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau weight room by 5:20 for a workout, supervising football players or powerlifters in their workouts beginning at 6, teaching physical education classes during the school day, out to football practice or back to the weight room after school, home for chores and in bed by 8 p.m.

Along the way, Steffenhagen led powerlifting teams to nine state championships, 17 finishes in the top three in state and nine top-five national rankings. He also led Red Hawk football teams to 20 playoff appearances in 24 playoff-eligible seasons, eight conference titles and 160 total wins.

Upon his retirement at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year however, Steffenhagen will begin developing a new routine. He informed his team at a banquet after a 4-1 spring alternate season that he was hanging it up after 35 years with a whistle, 26 with G-E-T.

"I just kinda said 'Yah know, it's been great. Sometimes change is good, maybe it might be good for you guys, and it might be good for me too,'" Steffenhagen said.

As for what made the decision for him, Steffenhagen cannot point to a specific motivating factor. He said that teaching virtually during the past year at times detracted from the fun of teaching, but an overall feeling of the stars aligning brought a culmination to a decision he had contemplated for several years.

"Something just clicked in me and I just said 'Alright, I'm done,'" Steffenhagen said. "I don't know what made that decision for me, if God did or everybody I talked to (that said) 'You're not gonna regret this Jon, you've got your time in, you can go.'"



After spending 26 years coaching the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau football team, Jon Steffenhagen will be looking for a new way to spend his time. (Times photograph by Zac Bellman)

Wiseman to take reigns

The Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District is intending to hire Jeff Wiseman to replace Jon Steffenhagen as the school's football coach.

The hire had not yet been approved by the G-E-T school board as of Tuesday of this week, but G-E-T Athletic Director Rick Schmidt confirmed that Wiseman had been offered and accepted the job.

Wiseman was an assistant under Steffenhagen during the 2021 alternate fall season. Previously, he was the defensive coordinator in Arcadia under coach Derek Urdike.

An Illinois native, Wiseman worked as an actor as a child, appearing in films such as Home Alone and Overboard.

The following Monday after the banquet when he arrived at 5:20 for his workout, Steffenhagen noticed a group of players congregating in the parking lot.

"I thought that was weird, some of these kids aren't even getting up at six in the morning (for workouts)," Steffenhagen said.

The gathering ended up being a continuation of a long-standing tradition among teams Steffenhagen has coached, the gifting of a signed team photo. One-by-one, players said their goodbyes with handshakes and hugs. It was an example of what Steffenhagen said was one of the biggest lessons he tried to impart on his players beyond the X's and O's: care for one another. For him, coaching winning football teams came down to fostering trust and relationships from the top down.

"The more relationships they have that are closer together, the harder they will play for each other," Steffenhagen said. "Nothing's about the individual, nothing's about 'How many yards did I have?' or 'How many touchdowns did I score?' It's all about everybody for the common goal."

Steffenhagen had envisioned G-E-T as a three-to-four year stop when he first returned to the area in June, 1996. University of Wisconsin-La Crosse head coach Roger Harring had told him he needed more high school coaching experience to rise in the college ranks, but after a few years, G-E-T felt like the fit he had been searching for all along.

"It was just the work ethic of the kids," Steffenhagen said. "We don't have a lot of problems, we don't have a lot of stuff that's bad in school. We've had good parents... success comes from that, it's nothing about X's and O's."

That philosophy played itself out over the years of success the Red Hawks had under Steffenhagen running the double wing offense. G-E-T did experiment with some more sophisticated "fancy stuff" involving more passing around 2012, but injuries to receivers quickly had Steffenhagen returning to a run-heavy attack he felt more comfortable with.

"We set our offense based on what our kids' capabilities are," Steffenhagen said. "The double wing itself, you can make an average kid look pretty darn good on that offensive line if you give him the right instruction."

Having played the position himself at Spencer High School and UWL under Harring, Steffenhagen

proved adept at developing offensive linemen to pave the way in the double wing. Rick Schmidt, the current G-E-T activities director who also coached defensive backs and quarterbacks under Steffenhagen for the past three seasons, said the head coach stayed true to his system.

"He is not afraid to move a kid that wants to play a skilled position to the offensive line if it is best for the team," Schmidt said. "He has the ability to get those, and all his players to buy into the system. It may not be the most fancy or in-style offense... but it has worked for G-E-T."

Bryce Burns, a 2020 graduate of G-E-T who grew into a starring role as both a running back and linebacker under Steffenhagen, called the coach "another father figure" to many players.

"He always was the one to push us the most and want us to do more," Burns said,

adding that Steffenhagen took things to another level in the playoffs. "He always flies in the huddle, and just the way, and how pumped up he was about playoffs, and how confident he was in us."

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Arcadia legion team splits with Onalaska, Elk Mound

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

Runs were hard to come by for Arcadia's Tickfer-Erickson American Legion Post 17 baseball team in one game last week, but they managed to string together a big inning to earn a win in another.

Post 17 managed just one hit as they were shut out on the road against Onalaska 5-0 last week Monday. On Thursday, Arcadia's legion squad only scored in two innings, but the second of which was a five-run frame, which proved to be the difference in a 6-1 home win over Elk Mound.

With a 4-4 overall record, Post 17 was in action again on Monday when they went to Black River Falls. That was followed by a home game against Tomah on Thursday and a road doubleheader against North Crawford and La Crosse on Saturday.

Arcadia's last regular season game is scheduled for this coming Monday when they host Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau.

Onalaska 5 Arcadia 0
Post 17 had more errors than hits in the loss.

Onalaska took a 2-0 lead with three straight hits and a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the first inning. They added another on a walk, an error

and a passed ball in the second.

Arcadia stayed in the game, but the only hit for Post 17 came in the fourth when Carson Martin led off with a single. The next three batters all got out and Post 17 never seriously threatened again.

Onalaska added two more runs on an error in the sixth to go ahead by the final.

Martin had Arcadia's only hit while Gage McGuire and Carson Pehler both earned walks, but the team struck out nine times in the game.

McCoY Yarrington took the loss, despite allowing just two earned runs. He gave up six hits and four walks while striking out two.

Arcadia 6 Elk Mound 1
After Elk Mound got on the board, Arcadia rallied and took control.

Post 17 took an early lead as Carson Martin walked and moved into scoring position after a hit by Connor Weltzien and to third after Bill Breska walked. It looked like Martin would be stranded there, however as he was caught taking a big lead from third with two outs and two strikes. Elk Mound had the Arcadia catcher in a pickle,

but an errant throw allowed him to walk home.

Consecutive singles allowed Elk Mound to tie the game in the second, but Arcadia would take control shortly after.

Post 17 connected on six straight hits to begin the bottom of the second inning. McGuire and Wyatt Siebel both singled to start the inning before Cam Boland brought one run home with another single. Martin and Weltzien then connected on consecutive doubles, bringing home three runs and putting Arcadia ahead 5-1. A single by Alex Madden brought home another run.

Arcadia wouldn't score again in the game, but they wouldn't need to. Elk Mound didn't seriously threaten again until the top of the fifth, but they couldn't score.

Weltzien had two of Arcadia's seven hits while Martin had two RBIs as he went one-for-one with two walks. Arcadia earned five walks in the game while striking out five times.

Weltzien got the win on the mound, allowing three hits and no walks while striking out six.



Arcadia's Carson Martin caught a pop-up along the fence in foul territory during their game against Elk Mound last week. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

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Steffenhagen looking forward after retiring from G-E-T

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More than win totals or conference titles however, Steffenhagen described his own desired football legacy as one of giving back even a fraction of what the game gave him.

"The game gave me just about everything I have, I don't think I would have

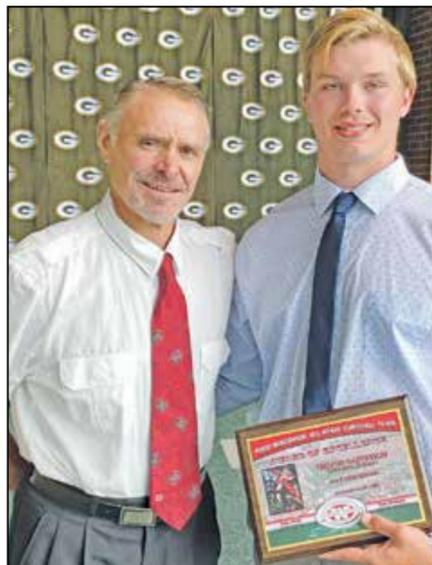
graduated college if it wasn't for football. I know I wouldn't be sitting as a teacher for this many years if it wasn't for football," Steffenhagen said. "Some kids, football gave more to them than they ever gave to the game, and I hope somewhere in life that there's an impact football is gonna give them."

Whether it be in coaching

powerlifters, football players or physical education classes, Steffenhagen said one of his greatest joys was trying different motivational techniques to inspire kids of all sorts to reach their potential. He said that his work "never felt like a job" before chuckling and correcting himself. "I shouldn't say that, some days it felt like a job," he said.

"For the most part, I loved what I did."

"The beauty about kids is they're all different, you have to take a different approach to every kid," Steffenhagen said. "It's about being able to adjust to what other people's differences are, and those are the things I'm really gonna miss, because they kept yah young."



All-State Honors

Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School graduate Trevor Daffinson was selected as a member of the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association All-State team. He was honored at a ceremony on June 27 at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. He is pictured with his former coach, Jon Steffenhagen. Two Arcadia players, Kaden Updike and Evan Pauly, earned honorable mention all-state honors. (Submitted photo)



The Whole Nine Yards

by Zac Bellman

Olympics Go On, But At What Cost?

The Olympics has always been about overcoming adversity to achieve excellence on an international stage unlike any other.

Coverage of the events themselves is always supplemented with feature stories of athletes who started their pursuit of glory in run-down gymnasiums or other meager circumstances. This year, after a postponed 2020 games, we are likely to see stories of even more incredible adversity. Athletes who had to find unusual means to train with facilities closed, endured mental battles they overcame in the midst of isolation and other inspiring tales of communities rallying around individual competitors.

As was announced last week however, the games this year will not have spectators. The 15,000 Olympians and Paralympians that do travel to Tokyo will be entering a city in the midst of a state of emergency due to COVID-19 surges. The adversity these games were postponed for in the first place has been largely quelled, but has not passed.

An International Olympic Committee spokesperson told Vox in late June that "well above" 80 percent of residents of the Olympic and Paralympic Village in Tokyo will be vaccinated, along with somewhere between 70 to 80 percent of the media. What remains unclear as the games approach however, are the risks being assumed by those who were either unwilling or unable to be vaccinated.

Setting aside those unwilling, the number unable in particularly low-income nations should be a cause of concern. Despite the efforts of COVAX, a collaboration started in April of 2020 with the goal of distributing two billion vaccines by the end of 2021, less than one percent of the populations of underprivileged nations have received a single vaccine according to reports from Scientific American and the New York Times. Those inequities may make themselves abundantly clear if an athlete contracts COVID-19 and brings it home. Even for the citizens of Tokyo itself, the potential exposure in what is more than certainly not going to be a sealed "bubble" around the games likely warranted the emergency declaration.

The next Olympics had the chance to be a triumphant moment for humankind, symbolic of the efforts of our best and brightest to overcome one of the greatest tests of the last century. At our present rate of vaccination, it still has that chance, but for some nations the odds are not favorable if something other than a medal comes home.

Three from area playing in softball all-star game

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

After helping their teams deep into Wisconsin Inter-scholastic Athletic Association tournament play, three area softball players suited up one last time earlier this week.

Alivia Boe of Blair-Taylor, Emerson Pronshinske of Independence/Gilmanton and Arcadia's Hailey Sonsalla are three seniors who took part in the Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball Coaches Association All-Star game at Woodside Sports Complex in Wisconsin Dells on Tuesday

of this week.

Boe was the starting catcher for the Blair-Taylor softball team, helping them to a 28-1 record and a trip to the WIAA State Tournament. Boe hit .411 for the Wildcats with nine doubles and 20 RBIs.

Joining Boe on the Division 4/5 White Team will be conference rival Emerson Pronshinske. The Independence High School graduate helped the Indies advance to the sectional final round, where they fell 3-2, just missing out on a state tournament

appearance. She was the team's pitcher, going 9-9 on the season with a 3.877 earned run average. She also hit .486 at the plate with 10 doubles and 19 RBIs.

The Arcadia softball team fell to eventual state runner-

AHS, G-E-T athletes earn honors

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

Arcadia's Alex Madden was named the Coulee Conference Pitcher of the Year for baseball and Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau's Genoa O'Neill was the Player of

up Prescott in the sectional semifinal with Sonsalla helping lead the team as the shortstop. Sonsalla hit .310 for the Raiders with 14 RBIs and 12 runs scored. She will play for the Division 2/3 Gray Team.

the Year for softball.

O'Neill helped the Red Hawks make a late surge, handing CC champion West-by its only conference loss of the season. She was joined on the All-CC first team by teammates Anna Puent and Lindsey Lettner.

Camery Holzer was an honorable mention pick for G-E-T.

The teams, which were just announced last week, included several Arcadia players as well. Senior Chloe Halverson and freshman Casidi Pehler were first-team picks while Hailey Sonsalla was picked for the second team and both Courtney Bjorge and Catherine Pehler were honorable mention.

Westby's Jada Berg was named the CC Pitcher of the Year for softball.

Madden was joined on the first-team All-CC baseball squad by fellow senior Carson Pehler. Carson Martin was a second-team pick and Connor Weltzien was honorable mention.

Brady Seiling represented the G-E-T baseball team as a second-team pick while Collin Handke, Warren Stoner and Jack Beedle were all honorable mention.

Viroqua's Clayton Slack was the CC Player of the Year.

The All-CC track and field and golf teams were all determined during the season.

G-E-T's Luke Vance was named the CC Athlete of the Year as the Red Hawks finished behind West Salem. The G-E-T girls won the team title while Grace Hebel of Westby was the Athlete of the Year.

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Trempealeau Lions Catfish Days

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Miss Trempealeau from left: first attendant Breann Harris, Miss Trempealeau Carlie Baker and second attendant Katie Stevens.



G-E-T reviews summer school, AGR report

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

The Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau school board heard updates on student achievement assessments from the spring semester, as well as reports on the first session of summer school at their regular meeting on Monday.

District administrator Michele Butler reported that COVID-19 case numbers in the district have been negligible during the final couple months of school through the first session of summer school. Middle school principal Pete Peterson added that the first summer school session had zero COVID-related issues, despite what

he estimated was about five to 10 percent of students still wearing face masks after the district lowered their requirements to “masks-optional.” All students were still expected to follow federal guidelines to mask while riding school buses. Butler said the district will continue to monitor vaccination and case rates, as well as recommendations from the Trempealeau County Health Department.

“It’s possible that we could have masks optional in the fall. What I would say would probably sway things in a different direction would be if we suddenly had a big uptick in cases, but

again, indications right now are really positive,” Butler said.

Principals from across the district also lauded the efforts of students and faculty that were reflected on the district’s achievement gap reduction (AGR) report. While all acknowledged the struggles posed by the changing circumstances throughout the year, several administrators suggested the necessary innovations have brought about some positive outcomes with students as well.

In an additional report on the summer school offerings, Peterson added that the district offered a STEM camp as well as babysitting classes and hunter’s safety in addition to the usual recovery school and skills review offerings.

Arcadia ambulance sets open house for building

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Just a few months past its 50th anniversary, the Arcadia Ambulance Service will host a ribbon cutting and open house Sunday at its new headquarters at 965 Dettloff Drive in Arcadia.

The 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. event is open to the public, and there will be refreshments. The ribbon cutting will be at 11 a.m. The service was founded in 1970. It is still seeking donations for the new building. Donations may be sent to Arcadia Ambulance Service, PO

Box 156, 965 Dettloff St., Arcadia.

The building represents several years of effort to find a home for the service that covers the about 8,000 individuals in the cities of Arcadia and Independence, and the town of Arcadia, Burnside, Dodge, Glencoe, Montana and Waumandee.

Once housed in the former St. Joseph Hospital in Arcadia, the service has been working toward its current home since 2015 when Ashley Furniture bought the hospital building for a technology center.

In separate board action: •Athletic/activities code updates, as well as an employee handbook and elementary, middle and high school handbooks were all approved after a second reading.

•The resignations of middle school paraprofessional Jennifer Seiling, as well as elementary school paraprofessionals Taylor Boe and Kylie Schams were approved.

•The hires of fifth grade elementary teacher Erica Manix and part-time transportation secretary Sandra Ziegler were also approved.

More From The Early Files

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of “on the job” farm training program for veterans.

About 1,000 people attended the Trempealeau County 4-H picnic held at the Blair Riverside Park.

O.I. Slette reported that detasseling corn had started on his 100-acre farm. He has a group of 40 boys and girls from Blair and Taylor.

100 YEARS AGO
July 21, 1921

Work is again progressing on the Dewey Street improvement. The roller went into action Monday, but it was found necessary to remove some of the shale to make room for the crushed rock. The material removed is being put to good use on Park Drive.

The validity of the people of the town of Etrick voting \$55,000 in bonds for the Etrick and Northern Railroad, it is said, will be tested in court. Attorneys Cowie and Hale of La Crosse have been retained by the bond objects, and a fight is on.

The band concert last Saturday night attracted a good crowd. The ladies of the Whitehall Improvement Association auxiliary served ice cream and cake, and took in \$30.85 for civic improvements.

The bowery dance at Wm. Witt’s was not a success, owing to the storm. It is billed again for next Sunday.

W.E. Clough’s new paper, the Eleva Gazette, is the latest addition to our exchange

list. It is a neat, six-column quarto, well-filled with local reading matter and advertising.

Thomas Sobotta Jr. of Korpall Valley was killed by a bolt of lightning as he was driving a three-horse team when a sudden thunderstorm came up. One of the horses was also killed, but a hired man near by and the other two horses stunned by the bolt revived. The heavy wind and rain did considerable damage to standing crops. The big Chautauquient was blown down and extensively damaged.

Mike Hannon on the Glencoe Ridge completed a new 40x86-foot hall which he planned to open to the public by July 17.

The Galesville Canning Co. plant is closed down for the season of 1921. The total output was approximately 60,000 cases or 1,400,000 cans. Weather conditions cut the canning season short.

Dr. Christiansen has the distinction of driving the first Cole car owned in Galesville. A handsome Cole Eight was placed in his garage last week.

Nearly 200 members of the Masonic fraternity assembled in Blair Thursday night to help institute a new Masonic Lodge.

Thomas Nelson’s new barn in Crystal Valley was dedicated Saturday night with a dance.

125 YEARS AGO
July 16, 1896

The Whitehall village

Obituaries

Iona L. W. Ekern

Iona Lee Wanek Ekern, affectionately known as “Honey”, passed away a year and a half ago, February 7, 2020, following a brief illness.

She was born at home, July 19, 1925, in Winona, MN. A graduate of Winona Senior High School, she met and married the love of her life, Alvin Jr. “Windy” Ekern of Galesville. This union would last until his untimely death at the age 61.

Honey and Windy moved to Toppen Coulee where they farmed for 10 years before returning to Galesville. While on the farm, Honey served as a 4-H leader, taught Sunday school and, with her beautiful tenor voice, sang in the choir at Hardies Creek Lutheran Church.

Honey was an accomplished seamstress. She fashioned everything from bridal ensembles to velvet dinner jackets for her brother. Honey retired from the G-E-T School District after serving over 20 years as the secretary to the guidance counselor.

Honey embraced life. She loved her family, little children, the Mississippi River, a game of pool, her beloved cats, tending her orchids, reading and an afternoon Coors.

She is survived by her children: Luann L. Tedesco (Dr. Francis) and James R. Ekern (Polly); her grandchildren: Jennifer Ellis and Cheyanne Dietrich; Polly’s daughters: Summer Smithers (Lou) and Heidi Rist; her great grandchildren: Cal and Hayes Ellis, Dylan and Lincoln Dietrich, Gavin and Skylar Smithers and Vayda and Cru Rist. She is also survived by her brother, Don Wanek (Jean); sister-in-law, Laurel Wanek; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Her loss continues to be deeply felt by us all.

Honey was predeceased by her parents, John A. and Hilda Schwertel Wanek; her older brother, Owen Wanek (Mary Jane); and her youngest brother, Allen Wanek. She enjoyed close

friendships that spanned her years and was enriched by her loving neighbors.

Honey will be laid to rest in a private family ceremony later this summer. If desired, her family requests that memorials be directed to the Hardies Creek Cemetery Association, c/o Hardies Creek Lutheran Church, N18481 County Rd. DD, Etrick, WI 54627. Zwickley Funeral Homes, Galesville Chapel will handle arrangements. Contact at 608-582-2746.



Geraldine “Geri” M. (Wicka) Herrick

Geraldine “Geri” Marie (Wicka) Herrick passed peacefully through the Gates of Heaven during the early morning hours of May 25, 2021. She was born June 4, 1939, in Arcadia, to Robert and Amelia (Goroski) Wicka, and was one of nine children.

Tired of the brutal midwest winters, Geri moved to Las Vegas, NV, (sight unseen) in July of 1977, and lived there ever since. She especially enjoyed all the visitors she entertained throughout the years. She was a stay-at-home mother for most of her life, and joined the workforce when our father, Robert “Bobby” Herrick, died suddenly, February 11, 1985. Geri retired from Caesar’s Palace after spending many years there.

Our mother found simple joys in life which consisted of loving her ever-faithful dog, Max (now living with her daughter, Lisa), looking forward to daily hummingbird sightings, attending Saturday afternoon church, playing bingo, and watching Judge Judy and the Las Vegas Golden Knights (hockey team) on TV. She was a wonderful cook and enjoyed making delicious foods for all holidays.

Geri is survived by her four children: Bill (son, Justin) of Las Vegas, NV; Roberta Johnson (husband, Kirk, and daughters, Mira and Maelia) of Reno, NV; Ruth Resanovich (husband, Paul, and daughter, Brooke) of Henderson, NV; and Lisa



Cleveland (husband, Bobby, and sons, Robert and Christopher) of Henderson, NV. She is also survived by her five remaining siblings: Dolores Thomas of Dodge; Bernard Wicka of Pulaski; Bette Fratzke of Winona, MN; Loretta Pehler of Arcadia; and Donnie Wicka of Buffalo City. Additionally, she has many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bobby; and three brothers: Gerald, Allen and David Wicka.

Services will be held Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Sacred Heart Church in Pine Creek, Wis. (the same church in which she was baptized, confirmed and married.) Interment will be held at a later date in Boulder City, NV. Please contact mrsrleveland@yahoo.com for any further inquiries.

Eymard H. Molitor

Eymard Hugh Molitor, 86, of rural Arcadia, died Monday, June 7, 2021, in his home.

Eymard was born May 11, 1935, in Arcadia, to Stephen and Genevieve (Breyer) Molitor. He married Mary Groenwoltd, November 28, 1964. Together they raised three children: Shannon, Joe and Ginger, on the farm in rural Arcadia.

Family was Eymard’s passion. Many of his nieces and nephews spent time on the farm during the summers to develop a work ethic. Hunting in the fall brought nieces, nephews, grandsons and friends together to celebrate the hunt, a Thanksgiving meal and football sometimes while enjoying Eymard’s secret recipe.

During the years they farmed, Mary and Eymard would take short road trips with the kids in tow to visit family around the area. Between planting and harvesting, the family would join with cousins, aunts and uncles to enjoy some time fishing on the backwaters of the Mississippi. As the years went on, Eymard’s focus changed from farming to gardening, donating much of his produce to the local nursing home and sending all he could with any of the family, friends and neighbors who visited.

Eymard is survived by his children: Shannon Olson (Tim), Joe (JoAnne Woolever) and Ginger; grandsons: Tyler and Logan Olson; his sister, Ellen Sch-

lessor; sisters-in-law: Susan Molitor, Kathy Molitor and Cheryl Molitor; many nieces and nephews; and his fur babies: Ashes and Speedy.

In addition to her parents, Eymard was preceded in death by ex-wife, Mary; his siblings: Catherine Schaub (Wilferd), Virginia Anderson (Gordon), Caroline Klonecki (Appolinary), Geraldine Kujak (Martin), Genevieve (Gene) Eichman (John), Patricia Sobotta (Evarist); brothers: Stephen, Franklin and Lambert; and sisters-in-law: Shirley and Peggy Molitor.

Bonnie R. Tamke

Bonnie Rose Tamke, 81, formerly of Arcadia, passed away Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at Bluffview Memory Care in Holmen.

Bonnie was born in Arcadia, November 21, 1939, to John and Linda (Weltzien) Ryan. After graduating from high school, Bonnie was united in marriage to Albert Tamke, November 22, 1958, and together the couple farmed in Glencoe and raised six children. Bonnie worked for many years in housekeeping at Mayo Clinic Health System – Arcadia Nursing Home. She was a meticulous cleaner and avid decorator, ensuring that the residents celebrated every holiday and season with beautiful arrangements and ornaments. Bonnie loved flowers and to garden. She would frequent local green houses and travel to new places searching for flowers to grow for arrangements at home and at the nursing home. Often, Bonnie would invite residents and friends out to the farm to share the sights of beauty she had grown, and would deliver fresh cut flowers to others who were unable to travel.

She was truly an advocate for the well-being of every resident and co-worker, but most of all, loved being a farm wife and caregiver for her children and grandchildren. Bonnie was a former member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the PCCW, volunteering for the fall festivals with all of her friends and neighbors, as well as a past member of the Buffalo County Homemakers.

Bonnie is survived by her sons: Larry (Lisa Halverson), Bryan (Sandy), and Alan (Tammy); daughters: Charlotte (Bruce) Winkler and Linda (Dennis) Bjorge; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Harold (Mary) Ryan; sisters-in-law: Fran-



ces Ryan and Evelyn Losinski; daughter-in-law, Sally Tamke; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Albert; son, Duane; brother, Kenneth Ryan; sister-in-law, Eileen Stronski; and step-grandson, Derek Sura.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Bonnie’s honor at a later date. Her family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the nurses and staff at Bluffview Memory Care for their diligence and care for Bonnie. To express condolences to Bonnie’s family online, and for further service updates, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

Norma J. Bradshaw

Norma Jean Bradshaw, 78, of Holmen, and formerly of Blair, died Tuesday, July 7, 2021, at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse.

Norma was born on July 26, 1942, in North Bend, to Norman and Violet (Rodenberg) Lindberg. She married Jack E. Bradshaw, April 3, 1965, in Burr Oak. Jack preceded Norma in death, August 26, 2003.

Norma farmed with her husband and helped with the Bradshaw Bus Service. She was also employed with Gopher Glove in Independence and Ashley Furniture Industries in Arcadia prior to her retirement.

Norma enjoyed scrapbooking, selling raffle tickets for the Blair FFA Alumni and picking up and recycling aluminum cans.

Norma was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Blair, the Blair FFA Alumni and was a dedicated volunteer at Grand View Care Center in Blair.

Norma is survived by a daughter, Jean (Scott) Seely of Fall City, WA; three grandchildren: Vince (Sophia), Angeline and Phillip Seely; a brother, David (Sandy) Lindberg; and a sister, Mary Ann Hadl.

In addition to her parents and husband, Norma was preceded in death by a sister, Linda.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, July 17, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Blair Lutheran Church with Rev. David Johnson officiating. Friends and family may call from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at the church on Monday. Burial will be at a later date at Calvary Cemetery in rural Arcadia. To express online condolences to Christina’s family please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

Visitation will be Friday, July 16, 2021, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Jack Funeral Home in Blair and also one hour prior to the

service at the church on Saturday.

Memorials may be designated to the Blair Future Farmers of America (FFA) Association Alumni.

Christina M. Dorn

Christina Mary Dorn, 55, of Arcadia passed away in her home, Thursday, July 8, 2021.

Christina was born December 26, 1965, in Columbus, Wis., to Melvin and Gladys (Christiansen) Stone. After receiving her GED, Chris received her Associates Degree in Accounting. She had worked for Jim Hass Associates, and also at the Arcadia Public School District as a cook and bus driver. Chris married Tom Dorn, February 11, 2000, in Arcadia. Christina loved working at school, seeing all of the students, and being with her children and grandchildren.

Chris was an excellent cook and she had a special gift for baking. Her pies were the hits of family and holiday parties. Chris opened her home to her extended family, always making sure everyone was comfortable. Her smile put everyone at ease. She was a loving mother and grandmother, who instinctively knew what her children and grandchildren needed. They loved her right back and enjoyed playing with her. Even the youngest behaved for Grandma.

Chris is survived by her husband, Tom of Arcadia; son, Steven (Leanna Semling) Olson of Trempealeau; daughters: Adrienne Olson of Independence, Jenna (Joshua Franke) Dorn of Stratford, Jessica Dorn of Winona, MN; three grandsons: Dawson Olson, Alexander Olson, Cayson Olson; brother, Dean (Helen) Chase; sister, Patty (Jay) Gentner; many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Carol Wohlfeil; and brother, Dennis Schoeffel.

Funeral Services will be held Monday, July 19, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church with Rev. David Johnson officiating. Friends and family may call from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at the church on Monday. Burial will be at a later date at Calvary Cemetery in rural Arcadia. To express online condolences to Christina’s family please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

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Funeral Services will be held Monday, July 19, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church with Rev. David Johnson officiating. Friends and family may call from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services at the church on Monday. Burial will be at a later date at Calvary Cemetery in rural Arcadia. To express online condolences to Christina’s family please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

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DONALD J. PEHLER
Saturday, July 17, 1PM – 4PM
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DONALD J. PEHLER ★ Oct. 25, 1933 – Sept. 21, 2020

Memorial Service
for
Faith A. Waychik
Saturday, July 17 • 12:00pm
Holy Family Catholic Church
Arcadia

Faith passed away April 9, 2020. Feel free to join the family in the celebration of her life.

For more local government news... turn to the
Times
Trempealeau County

SUMMONS TO APPEAR
Case No.: 19 FA 17
Code: 40101

State of Wisconsin
Circuit Court
Trempealeau County
FAMILY COURT

IN RE: THE MARRIAGE OF
Petitioner:
JENNIFER JULIE O'BRIAN
— AND —
Respondent:
RICHARD ARTHUR O'BRIAN

THE STATE OF WISCONSIN,
TO THE PERSON NAMED AS
PETITIONER:

You are hereby notified that the Respondent named above has filed an Order to Appear for a final divorce trial against you.

TRIAL DATE: September 2, 2021, at 2:00 p.m.
You are to respond to the Court and the Respondent's attorney no later than 30 days from the day after the first publication if it is your intention to appear for this final divorce trial hearing.

This response must be sent to or delivered to:
Clerk of Court:
Trempealeau County Courthouse
36245 Main Street
Whitehall 54773

AND TO:
Sherman Law Offices
104 Main Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615
P: 715-284-5381

Appearance will be by Zoom; instructions to follow. It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you.

If you do not appear, the Court may grant judgment against you for an award of money or other legal action requested by the Petitioner and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition.

A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Jonathan D. Sherman
Attorney for the Respondent
Sherman Law Offices
104 Main Street, P.O. Box 487
Black River Falls, WI 54615
P: 715-284-5381
(Pub. July 14, 21, 28, 2021)
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No. 2020CV000119

State of Wisconsin,
Circuit Court,
Trempealeau County

NRZ Pass-Through Trust X, U.S. Bank National Association as trustee Plaintiff,

DEATH NOTICES

Irene B. C. (Stensby) Borreson

Irene Beverly Carolyn (Stensby) Borreson, 89, of Whitehall, died Wednesday, November 25, 2020, at Gundersen Tri-County Care Center in Whitehall.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, July 18, 2021, with a graveside service at 11:30 a.m., at Lincoln Cemetery in Whitehall, followed by a luncheon held at Melby Park Shelter in Whitehall.

Cordell L. Swanson Ethel B. Swanson

Graveside services for Cordell Levere Swanson and Ethel Bell Swanson were held July 13, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., at Evanger Lutheran Cemetery in rural Independence.

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

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set forth in Wis. Stat. § 846.155. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax in addition to the purchase price.

Brett Semingson
Sheriff of
Trempealeau County,
Wisconsin

Codilis, Moody & Circelli, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
P: 414-775-7700
50-20-00584

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
(Published June 30, July 7, 14, 2021)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING LAND USE CHANGE/REZONE

There will be a Public Hearing before the Trempealeau County Environment and Land Use Committee on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, at 9:00 a.m., in the County Board Room of the Courthouse, 36245 Main St., Whitehall, Wisconsin.

PURPOSE: Land Use Change/Rezone from Residential - 8 (R - 8) to Commercial (C) on approximately 10 acres, more or less, for the purpose of a greenhouse and gift shop to sell trees, shrubs, flowers, crafts, gardening tools, yard art, etc.

LOCATION: Located in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 10, T23N, R7W in the Town of Hale. Hearing requested by Michael J. & Rebecca A. Meyer, Petitioner/Landowner, Osseo, Wis.

Your attendance and comments are encouraged at this hearing. If you are unable to attend and have any questions, please call Virginette Gamroth with the Department of Land Management at 715-538-1916, or email at virg.gamroth@co.trempealeau.wi.us

PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF CALEDONIA Liquor License Application

The Town Board has received an application for the following liquor license for the period of July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022: Mike and Mary Hauer d/b/a **Boondocks Locker Room**, N14433 County Hwy. M, Galesville, WI, 54630

Blaise Stegemyer, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Caledonia
(Published June 14, 21, 2021)
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TOWN OF CALEDONIA REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

The Regular Board Meeting for the Town of Caledonia will be held on **Wednesday, July 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.**, at the Caledonia Town Hall. The agenda for the meeting will be posted on the door 24 hours prior to said meeting.

Blaise Stegemyer, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Caledonia
(Published July 14, 2021)
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PUBLIC NOTICE

— CITY OF BLAIR — NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Conditional Use Permit Application for: 107 W. Broadway Street, Blair, Wisconsin

PUBLIC NOTICE IS GIVEN, to all persons in the City of Blair that a **Public Hearing** will be held on **Tuesday, July 27, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.**, at the Blair Community Center, 103 E. Broadway Street Blair, WI 54616, to **solicit comments on an application for a Conditional Use Permit** for 107 W. Broadway Street, Blair, WI wherein the owner is requesting approval of rental apartments as a secondary use on the street level of the property which is zoned B-1 Downtown Business, with no part of any such apartment being at the front of the building, where the front of the building faces the primary street, and the business/commercial portion of the building comprising of at least thirty percent (30%) of the square footage of the street level floor. The application for Conditional Use Permit is on file in the office of the City Clerk for copying and/or viewing by any interested party. All persons interested are invited to attend this hearing and be heard. Written comments may be submitted to:

City of Blair
P.O. Box 147
Blair, WI 54616
(Published July 7, 14, 2021) WNAJLP

NOTICE OF BID

PUBLIC NOTICE • INVITATION TO BID

— TOWN OF ETRICK — TREMPEALEAU COUNTY, WISCONSIN

This is a Local Road Improvement Project (LRIP)

The Town of Ettrick, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, is **accepting Sealed Bids** for reconditioning of approximately 800 feet of Heimdahl Lane.

Work to be provided will consist of complete pulverization of existing structure, furnish and replace with a 10x60 galvanized culvert with riprap, widen to 24 feet, 20-foot travel way and 2-foot shoulders and furnish three-inch (3-inch) of crushed rock base. **Project to be completed by August 31, 2021.**

Bids for this project will be accepted until Noon on August 9, 2021. Bid opening will be at the Town of Ettrick Town Hall, 22734 West Ave. Ettrick, WI 54627, at 5:00 p.m. All bids should be mailed to: John Vehrenkamp, Town Chairman, P.O. Box 52 Ettrick, WI 54627, or placed in town drop box. For further information, please contact John Vehrenkamp at 608-792-7930.

The Town of Ettrick reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or any part thereof, waive any information in the bidding process and to accept the bid proposal or portion of proposal deemed most advantageous to the Town.

Kara Noren, Clerk/Treasurer
Town of Ettrick
(Published July 7, 14, 2021)
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If you are unable to attend and desire to submit a written comment, please send your written comment to Department of Land Management, P.O. Box 67, Whitehall, WI 54773, or email to virg.gamroth@co.trempealeau.wi.us

Please know that written comments will be read at the public hearing up to 250 words. All written comments must include the name and address of its author and the request that the letter be read at a particular meeting date.

Any special interest groups or expert witnesses will be allowed 20 minutes to give a presentation and must register at least one week prior to the meeting date by calling Virginette Gamroth of the Department of Land Management at 715-538-1916.

Sincerely,
Virginette Gamroth
Service Specialist
(Published July 14, 21, 2021)
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case No. 2021PR34

State of Wisconsin,
Circuit Court,
Trempealeau County

NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)
Case No. 21PR33

State of Wisconsin,
Circuit Court,
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REGULAR SESSION
March 15, 2021

The Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Government Center in the City of Whitehall, County of Trempealeau and State of Wisconsin, on Monday, March 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., with Chair John Aasen presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited.

CALL:
Dear Supervisor,

Please be advised that the Trempealeau County Board of Supervisors will meet at 7:00 p.m., on March 15, 2021, in the County Board Room. All County Board Members' claims are due in the County Clerk's office by Noon on March 5, 2021, so they can be prepared for Audit Committee approval.

Sincerely,
/s/ Paul L. Syverson
County Clerk

Clerk Syverson read the call. Roll was called. A quorum was met with 17 Supervisors in attendance, 5 of which were connected remotely by computer/phone: Feltes, Killian, Nutter, Haines, and Miller.

Chair Aasen announced the open meeting law requirements have been compiled with through postings and notifications to the members and media.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Chair Aasen stated agenda items 5D and 7A would be moved to the April meeting. It was moved by Supervisor Sacia and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to adopt the 11-item agenda. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY REGULAR SESSION MINUTES: It was moved by Supervisor Brandt and seconded by Supervisor Skoyen to approve the minutes. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

APPEARANCES:
A. Quarterly Update; District Attorney: John Sacia
District Attorney Sacia stated that court proceedings are returning to in person. Overall case numbers are down slightly from 2020. He acknowledged how beneficial Assistant DA, Mike Diaz, has been to his office and they are looking forward to doing community outreach.

B. Compensation Study Process, Expectations & Info —Patrick Glynn, Carlson Dettmann Consultant. Mr. Glynn presented an overview of the compensation study process. He anticipates the project to be completed in six months.

C. Presentation by Kurt Berner, Samuels Group—Building Project Update
Mr. Berner stated there is some asbestos that needs to be removed from the building before demolition begins and that a construction fence will be installed around the entire sight. He explained that the bidding process will require either the County Board or a designated standing committee to review & approve bids. He asked if Board members had any questions regarding the ODIP (owner's direct insurance program) or on the ground breaking ceremony that will take place after the demolition phase of the project. There were no questions.

D. 2020 Human Services Annual Report—Deb Suchla— postponed until next meeting

RESOLUTIONS:
A. ENVIRONMENT & LAND USE COMMITTEE

1. 2021-03-01 ORDINANCE FOR THE REZONE OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF HALE
Clerk Syverson read the resolution. It was moved by Supervisor Brandt and seconded by Supervisor Walek to adopt the resolution. Discussion was held. Supervisor Brandt gave an explanation of the rezoning request. Roll call vote was taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes; resolution adopted.

2. 2021-03-02 ORDINANCE FOR THE REZONE OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF TREMPALEAU
Clerk Syverson read the resolution. It was moved by Supervisor Skoyen and seconded by Supervisor Nelson to adopt the resolution. Discussion was held. Supervisor Brandt gave an explanation of the rezoning request. Roll call vote was taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes; resolution adopted.

3. 2021-03-03 ORDINANCE FOR THE REZONE OF LAND IN THE TOWN OF UNITY
Clerk Syverson read the resolution. It was moved by Supervisor Walek and seconded by Supervisor Nelson to adopt the resolution. Discussion was held. Supervisor Brandt gave an explanation of the rezoning request. Roll call vote was taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes; resolution adopted.

B. HUMAN SERVICES/EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEES

1. 2021-03-04 HUMAN SERVICES VEHICLE PURCHASE
Clerk Syverson read the resolution. It was moved by Supervisor Nutter and seconded by Supervisor Brandt to adopt the resolution. Discussion was held. Deb Suchla, Human Services Director, explained the need for the vehicles. Roll call vote was taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes; resolution adopted.

C. EXECUTIVE & FINANCE COMMITTEE/PROPERTY COMMITTEES

1. 2021-03-05 CARRY OVER FUNDS FOR CAD MAPPING PROJECT
Clerk Syverson read the resolution. It was moved by Supervisor Schreiner and seconded by Supervisor Johnson to adopt the resolution. Discussion was held. Supervisors Zeglin & Schreiner gave an explanation of the project. Roll call vote was taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes; resolution adopted.

D. AUDIT COMMITTEE

1. 2021-03-06 MEMBERS CLAIMS
Clerk Syverson read the resolution. It was moved by Supervisor Johnson and seconded by Supervisor Skoyen to adopt the resolution. No discussion was held. Roll call vote was taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes; resolution adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS:

A. Appoint LEPC (Local Emergency Planning Committee)—postponed until next meeting

B. Appointments to ADRC Advisory Committee
Deb Suchla requested that Sherry Haines, Ruth Gullicksrud, and Mary Frisch be appointed citizen members to the ADRC Advisory Council. Chair Aasen requested the appointment of Sherry Haines, Ruth Gullicksrud, and Mary Frisch to the ADRC Advisory Council. It was moved by Supervisor Nutter and seconded by Supervisor Feltes to confirm the appointment of Sherry Haines, Ruth Gullicksrud, and Mary Frisch to the ADRC Advisory Council. Motion carried unanimously by a vote of acclamation to approve.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. Executive & Finance Committee— Budget Update/General Fund/Sales Tax Update
Clerk Syverson gave updated sales tax revenue and general fund handouts to the Board members. No action was taken.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A. Letter from Arcadia Public Library was read by Clerk Syverson.

CLOSING: It was moved by Supervisor Sacia and seconded by Supervisor Winters to instruct the Clerk to pay mileage and per diem; roll call vote was taken; motion carried with 17 yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Aasen declared the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m., until April 20, 2021, at 10:00 A.M.

Recording Secretary,
Lynn Ties

(Published July 14, 2021) WNAJLP

In the Matter of the Estate of ADELINE M. HARMS Deceased: 04/15/2021

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth September 5, 1948, and date of death April 15, 2021, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: W28301 Lewis Valley Road, Arcadia, WI 54612.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 29, 2021. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Room 214, Whitehall, Wis.

Electronically signed by: /s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate June 29, 2021

Sincerely,
/s/ Jill F. Clark
Register in Probate June 18, 2021

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In the Matter of the Estate of LORRAINE A. BROWN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:
An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth June 4, 1924, and date of death May 2, 2021, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: W17255 OK Lane, Whitehall, WI 54773.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is September 18, 2021. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Room 214, Whitehall, Wis.

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FOR RENT: Available Aug. 1, small 2-bedroom house on corner lot in Taylor. Includes appliances and large 2-stall garage. \$675/mo. Knutson Rentals. Taylor, 715-538-3540 or 715-538-3453.

FOR RENT: Office or business space, high traffic area in BRF. First 3 months free. utilities included. 608-864-0624.

Office Building

for lease, 123 W. Broadway. Blair. 550 sq. ft., \$575/mo. plus utilities, available now. 715-828-5047, texting is best.

Garage Sale

MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE Wed., July 14, 4-7pm (no early callers); Thurs., July 15, 8am-5pm; Fri., July 16, 8am-5pm. N38531 US Hwy 53/121 (between Whitehall & Pigeon Falls). Lots of new items added; 7 different families contributed to this sale. Even if you have come to our other sales this year, you're bound to find something! Clothing: girls size 6/6x-14/16, gymnast outfits, and junior girls 0-3, women's XS-5XL, bottoms size 29-24W (brand new softball cleats size 5 (neutral) & pageant dresses size 10-14), boys size 6 to teen 30W, men's size M-4XL. Children & adult books, 10 gallon tank (no lid/accessories), girls lighted play tent, lots of housewares, all sizes shoes, Razor scooter, Nerf guns, toys, jewelry, bedding, tools, bags/purses, 2 bar stools. This is NOT a sale to miss! We have a lot of quality and name brand items in all sizes, priced to sell! See you there!

Pets

FOR SALE: Parakeets, male and female. For more information, call 715-299-2422.

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4:00pm Goats
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Saturday ★ July 17

8:00am Dairy (Junior & Open)

9:00am Junior Poultry & Caged Birds
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10:00am Antique Appraisal

12:00pm Western Show/Leadline
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Sunday ★ July 18

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