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Cost overruns could hit courthouse renovations

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

The construction manager for the county's new justice center said the building will remain safe and secure as the project wrestles with bids that are \$3 million over budget, but that courthouse renovations could take a hit. "Inflation over the last three months has kicked our tail," construction supervisor Kurt Berner of the Samuels Group told the board of supervisors Monday.

The original cost of the structure that will house a new jail, courtrooms and administrative offices was \$40 million. A first round of bids came in at \$44.3 million. A second round totaled \$43.1 million "and I don't think we can get back to \$40 million," Berner said.

Berner said he and a county committee are recommending that bidders be sent a letter of intent and the project proceed with an eye toward additional savings. He said other options, such as declining bids and redesigning the project or the county borrowing more money, could delay the work and increase costs even more.

The project approved by the supervisors included \$40 million for the new building and \$3.5 million for renovations to the courthouse. "We may want to consider the scope of those renovations," Berner said.

He said savings might also come from changing the type of glass, stone and flooring in the building's vestibule and perhaps revising audio-video expenses. The property committee rejected the idea of reducing to one from two the number of courtrooms in the new building.

Trempealeau County Circuit Court Judge Rian Radtke told supervisors that the county's current two courtrooms are used regularly, and

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Area residents worked to clear debris from a barn along Wade Road, just south of Whitehall, that was destroyed during the Dec. 15 storms that hit the county. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Storms ravage county properties

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

Trempealeau County residents are used to the curveballs Mother Nature can throw during the winter months.

But, a tornado in December? That's a first.

The National Weather Service in La Crosse confirmed a tornado landed in Trempealeau last Wednesday and are working to determine if another one hit the Whitehall area the same night.

Trempealeau's twister was deemed an EF-0 tornado — the lowest on the scale — with wind gusts of 75 miles per hour. The tornado caused damage to several homes — including four in a row on Seward St. in the village. Numerous trees were snapped as the tornado hit at 8:23 p.m., traveling seven-tenths of a mile with a width of 25 yards.

Trempealeau residents reported power outages around the time the tornado hit and some didn't have electricity restored for more than

12 hours. Some Galesville residents were also without power overnight as numerous trees were taken down in that city too. As a result, the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District cancelled classes on Thursday.

That tornado was one of 18 the NWS had, as of Monday, confirmed hit in Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa during the storm. It is also the first time a tornado has been documented in the county in the month of December. The NWS only has two tornadoes documented beyond Oct. 1 in the county. In 1883, the NWS has documented a tornado that hit Arcadia on Oct. 8. In 1903, one touched down in Independence on Oct. 3.

While the Trempealeau tornado was confirmed, area residents suspect one may have hit in Whitehall too.

There were several trees down — including some on houses — in Coral City. A large tree limb landed on a house in downtown Whitehall and just south of the city limits, a barn and numerous

outbuildings were destroyed on two farms along Wade Road.

Officials from the NWS are working on determining if a tornado actually hit the area or if the damage was due to strong winds.

"We saw the damage near Highway 53 just south-southeast of Whitehall, but have not made an official determination on that spot," Todd Shea, of the NWS, said. "It was related to a circulation on radar so we might have to add a short path there but right now we just have the documented one in Trempealeau."

Arcadia was also said to have suffered damage during the storm with the roof being taken off of an old chicken barn along Highway 95. There was also damage reported in the cemetery along the same stretch of road.

The Trempealeau tornado was the second one to hit the county this year, it is the first time more than one tornado has been documented in the county since 1888.

Board says no to ATV, UTV road opening

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Citing some township resistance and procedural questions, county supervisors voted against supporting a highway committee decision to allow UTVs and ATVs on county roads, a vote the committee can ignore.

Before the six-to-nine vote against opening the

roads to the vehicles Monday, proponents argued that the vehicles must be road-ready and licensed. They noted that surrounding counties are opening their roads, taking away possible tourism dollars from Trempealeau County.

Opponents said allowing the vehicles on county roads ignores the wishes of some

townships. Supervisors Sally Miller and George Brandt abstained from voting, citing the opinion of Corporation Counsel Rick Niemeier that the highway committee and not the county board has the final say on the question.

"This has been going on for two years," said John Aasen, chair of the county

board and the highway committee. "At a public meeting (two years ago) the vote was 25 to eight to open the roads. Opening all county highways simplifies things."

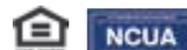
Aasen said at least Pepin, Clark, Jackson and Buffalo counties have opened their roads to the vehicles.

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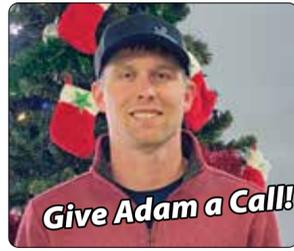
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Knights Donate to Trempealeau FD, First Responders

Trempealeau Fire Chief and First Responder Jacob Ruegen received a \$250 donation from G-E-T Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Gregory Goltz. The Knights donated \$250 to each of the fire department and first responders. (Submitted photo)

Cost overruns could hit courthouse renovations

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that the county won't qualify for a second judge if it lacks sufficient facilities.

In response to comments from Supervisor Tim Zeglin that he has heard concerns from constituents that the county is cutting corners on safety, Berner said the project will continue to employ "engineering standards that determine what's acceptable for performance

for the next 50 years."

"You will not see a reduction in quality," Berner said.

Supervisors approved accepting a settlement with the manufacturers and distributors of opioid painkillers that will net the county just over \$720,000 to be used on opioid addiction-specific programs.

County corporation council Rick Niemeier said the nationwide, \$26 billion settlement means

the county waives further action against those accused of making and distributing opioids without sufficient warning about how addictive they are.

Among the provisions of the settlement is one that manufacturer, Johnson and Johnson, will not produce or market the drugs for 10 years. The drugs include hydrocodone and oxycodone.

Niemeier said the money can be used to train first responders and supply them with drugs to counteract overdoses, addiction treatment and education. The net of \$720,000 to the county reflects the \$180,012 the county is obliged to set aside for lawyers' fees. Niemeier said the first payment should arrive in the new year.

In other action, the board:

G-E-T school board extends spring break, protects staff pay

By Benjamin Pierce Times Staff

The Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District is putting action behind their wish to thank teachers for continuing to overcome multiple obstacles while teaching during a global pandemic.

The district school board voted last Monday to:

- Extend spring break by two days, adding Wednesday, April 13 and Thursday, April 14 to a break that already included April 15 and 18.
- Give staff and students a day off on the first day that inclement weather cancels school with no loss of pay for employees and no make-up day required.
- Pay support staff such

as bus drivers, cooks and paraprofessionals when school is canceled. Such staff lose out on pay when school is canceled in a typical year. Alternative work options on these days will be provided for such staff when available.

The cancellation due to a power outage after intense thunderstorms last Wednesday counted as the paid day off.

Superintendent Michele Butler said the changes will be in effect for the remainder of this school year only, adding that they are designed to offer support to staff who are working even harder than in the heart of the pandemic last school year.

"In response to that and the fact that we know that our staff is exhausted—they're working really hard in an unusual year — the administrative team got together and said, 'What can we do to try to make things easier,'" Butler said at the meeting.

Teachers are missing out on prep times, and substitute shortages are forcing schools to move staff to cover absences. Support staff are often pulled from their usual jobs for this, and equipment shortages are causing their usual work to change, too.

District principals spoke at the meeting to say they don't have enough substitutes and staff to cover every missing staff member every day, and they agreed that their staff needed a pick-me-up.

"This is extreme," Butler said later. "We're gonna burn everybody out if we don't take care of people."

The district has made other changes to help staff, including implementing wellness activities into their

in-service days. The changes approved by the school board will not alter the district budget, Butler said, adding that especially offering the hourly employees their regular pay in case of cancellations seems like the right move.

"They take an income hit when the (virtual) school continues, and we don't really want to add or pad our budget on the backs of our hourly workers. It just seems so wrong," she said.

Other districts across Wisconsin have made similar adjustments to support staff. Board president Gene Hogen recommended taking a month to think about the changes, but Butler reminded him that December in Wisconsin can create uncertainty and bring weather cancellations.

Multiple board members said the moves seem like a good idea.

Kari Marley said the mental health of staff is a priority right now and she was happy to see the proposal, while Todd Roessler compared the moves to a grocery store electing to take care of its employees so that it has enough staff to stay open and be successful.

"We have to protect our staff," he said. "If you look at this from a business perspective, if we lose all of our employees we're not providing a quality education."

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Whitehall school, police officials respond to threat

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

Local law enforcement and Whitehall school officials have determined a threat left on the school voicemail was not credible.

According to a press release sent by the school, the district's office personnel heard a voice message that said "Andy Pandey will be killed on Monday." The Whitehall Police Department was made aware of the incident and an investiga-

tion began.

The release said local officials did not initially believe that it was a threat to anyone specifically at the school as the call came, apparently, from the state of Oklahoma. They later learned that one Whitehall High School student may have been called a nickname similar to what was used on the message. The student was then placed in a protected space and his or her parents were made

aware. Whitehall schools were placed in a minimal security status to provide a baseline of safety and additional law enforcement officers from both the Whitehall Police Department and the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department were requested and arrived on site.

Multiple interviews were conducted to evaluate whether this could be a local issue, but no local connection was apparent. As of Monday night, school and police officials still hadn't made a local connection.

Law enforcement officials in the state of Oklahoma, as well as the Adams County Sheriff's Department were contacted and are both currently assisting the Whitehall Police Department in this ongoing investigation.

Schools remained in heightened security throughout the school day Monday, but all evening activities went as planned and school returned to normal on Tuesday.

Health officials report another COVID death

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

The Trempealeau County Health Department has, for the second week in a row, deemed COVID-19 to be the cause of death for a county resident.

The death, reported last Thursday, is the 51st in the county since the pandemic began in early 2020. Eight of the deaths have happened

since the disease activity picked back up in mid-July after a mostly dormant spring and summer.

In addition to the death, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services reported 114 new cases last week. That number is down considerably from the 181 reported two weeks ago, but still among the 10 highest totals reported in 2021.

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John Gessner, Military Outreach Coordinator Wisconsin; Lindsay Spitzer, Chief Operations Officer, Bluff View Bank; Steve Kopp, Chief Warrant Officer, Army National Guard & Information Technology Officer, Bluff View Bank. (Submitted photo)

Galesville woman honored for patriotic support

The Wisconsin Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a Department of Defense (DoD) office, announced that Lindsay Spitzer of Bluff View Bank in Galesville was honored on Dec. 6 with a Patriot Award in recognition of her extraordinary support of her employee, Chief Warrant Officer Steven Kopp, serving in the Army National Guard.

"The Patriot Award was created by ESGR to publicly recognize individuals who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees, who like

the citizen warriors before them, have answered their nation's call to serve," said Scott Legwold, Wisconsin ESGR state chair. Ms. Spitzer was nominated for being highly supportive of the Army National Guard by Chief Warrant Officer Steven Kopp. Kopp also serves as Information Technology Officer at the bank. Supportive supervisors are critical to maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation's Guard and reserve units.

Kopp said of Spitzer always allows him the time off I need for drills and fulfilling his flight time requirements. "I never have to reschedule flights. She is truly a great supervisor when it comes to allowing for my National Guard requirements and working around the schedule," Kopp said.

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Letter to the Editor

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Poked and prodded by some of the best in the business. Wires and tubes stick off every part of your arms and chest. A protocol of medications to be taken for the rest of your life.

Then the epiphany! Do you mean to tell me all I would have had to do is eat differently and exercise, and I could have avoided all of this?

Well, let that be a lesson!
Live long and prosper!

Dana B. Auer, heart-attack survivor!
Galesville

To the Editor

A big "shout-out" of thanks and deep respect for those farmers who utilize sustainable practices such as no- or low-till planting and cover cropping.

Such practices result in building soil health, prevent soil erosion and nutrient run-off and improve water quality, for which we can all be thankful. It also covers the landscape with a beautiful green that persists well into early winter.

One example is provided in fields along County EE and E from Hwy 53 into Pleasantville, presented as a cover crop demonstration site by the Elk Creek Watershed and the Buffalo-Trempealeau Farmers Network (BTFN); even now after a hard freeze has set in the fields retain a green hue, waiting for the spring when they will pop to life and be the first sign of new growth.

It takes investment in equipment, seed and fuel to engage in such practices, but the payoff in the long-term makes sense. Check out the BTFN YouTube page for informative videos about other innovative, conservation-minded farming practices occurring in this area.

Hopefully, all farmers will recognize the benefits and adapt sustainable practices that fits their operation best!

John Skoug
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From The Early Files



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25 YEARS AGO December 26, 1996

It appears that Trempealeau County will be getting a zoning ordinance covering metallic mining that is much more stringent than the present codes. The county board of supervisors' zoning and land records committee held its third meeting on revisions to the ordinance last week. Another meeting is to be held next month and final action on the revised ordinance is expected sometime early next year.

A Mukwonago hunter who angered area residents by shooting a rare white deer came away empty handed after all. Phillip Bowey will be a bit lighter in the pocket, too. Bowey was cited last week for failure to validate or attach the carcass tag hunters are required to put on deer they have killed. Bowey shot the deer on the opening weekend of the Nov. 23-30 gun deer season on land that he leases in the town of Arcadia. The animal had been a favorite among area residents and deer watchers. Because the deer was spotted, the DNR investigation determined it was fair game. The investigation also revealed that Bowey failed to properly tag the animal. In addition to a \$476 fine, Bowey has lost the deer, an unusual and possibly valuable trophy. The carcass was seized by DNR wardens after the citation was issued.

Whitehall School District residents who sought to revive the agriculture program at Whitehall High School got a ray of hope Thursday. The district school board voted to hire Melinda Bohlinger as half-time agriculture instructor. The hire marks a step forward for area farmers, agribusinessmen and others who began pushing to rebuild the ag program about a year ago.

Officials at Ashley Furniture Industries recently donated 31 smoked turkeys to families in Trempealeau County who were victims of domestic abuse. The students at Arcadia Catholic School were surprised and amazed at what they saw when they came to school on Monday morning. The students saw two large plastic tubs with red bows on them, the tubs were full of many different types of toys that were donated to the school.

**50 YEARS AGO
December 30, 1971**
Rev. Richard Kelling, new associate pastor at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, will be installed at both services Sunday morning. Rev. Kelling, a native of Menomonie, has served as a chaplain with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, working primarily with juveniles. Local organizations spread Christmas cheer to the community recently. The

Women's Study Club sponsored their annual mitten tree, the Happy Homemakers and Music Study Club caroled at Dahl's Rest Home and for shut-ins in private homes, and the ladies of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church provided gift boxes to residents of the county hospital.

Dr. William Burnap, Arcadia, was recently elected to a four-year term on the executive board of the Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association. Burnap will represent District VII composed of nine counties.

Gary Dorn, Milwaukee, escaped injury in an early Christmas morning accident near the old Penny School on Highway 95 was he was on his way to spend the holiday at the home of his parents in Glencoe. According to Arcadia Chief of Police Edward Kaiser, who investigated for the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department, Dorn's car hit an icy spot on the highway as it rounded a curve, made a half roll and half turn and flipped on its top.

The winners of the Galesville Lions Club's Home Lighting Contest for Christmas were: Dale Updike, religion category; Ray Anderson, general. The home of Duane Hoff, not in the contest because it is outside the city, was cited by the judges because it was very attractively decorated. Hoff's home is in Crystal Valley.

**75 YEARS AGO
December 26, 1946**
F.H. Bly of Spring Valley, Minn., was in Whitehall Tuesday and purchased five acres of land from Philip Thome, situated southwest of the Coral City store. There he plans to erect a \$25,000 rendering plant, construction of which is to be completed in the spring.

The Whitehall Lions Club is sponsoring a New Year's eve dance Dec. 31 at the City Hall, featuring sound movies of the nation's leading dance bands. Noisemakers and confetti will be available at the hall.

While working on a building on the former Jorgenson farm in Sjagerud Coulee recently, A.R. Lowe found an implement which harks back to pioneer days, a handmade, and hand-operated, corn sheller made of hickory. He showed the device to Mr. Jorgenson, who said that it had been made by his father and was probably 80 years old.

Robert Forsythe, son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. R.L. MacCormack and a senior at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., will be the guest speaker at the program to be held New Year's at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Wayne Stahoski, son of Joseph Stahoski of Whitehall, had thought of re-enlisting in the Navy following his recent leave, even though he

had already served five years, most of that time abroad. But he changed his mind and has purchased a winter and summer resort near Minong.

Ed Colliton and George Hegge were at Camp McCoy last week Wednesday to attend a sale of surplus water materials. Mr. Colliton bought a one-half-ton emergency repair truck, and Mr. Hegge purchased a 1942 Ford sedan.

The Town Club of Pigeon met at the Dresselhaus Cafe for the annual meeting and elected the following officers: Oscar Sletteland, president; Art Dahl, secretary; and Orville Eid, treasurer. The club voted to sponsor winter sports activities, and appointed the following to committees: Conrad and Iver Johnstad and Merton Hagen, to assist ski enthusiasts in rebuilding the scaffold on the Eid Hill; and Wilhelm Ringlien and Reynolds Tomter, to study the possibility of building a skating rink.

Mondovi scored with 10 seconds left to defeat Whitehall 58 to 56 in its second Western Wisconsin League game. La Verne Nelson of Whitehall led all scorers with 21 points, and George Schansberg and "Jug" Marsh tallied nine and eight points, respectively, for the Merchants.

Arcadia people observed Christmas in the traditional way and family gatherings were happy occasions. It wasn't a white Christmas to please the youngsters, but instead the weather was fine

and did nothing to prevent folks from a distance getting to grandma's dinner table. Church attendance was first on the program for most people, followed by Santa's visit and much merrymaking and squeals of joy when packages were opened.

The Department of Agriculture says that our country has been blessed this year by the most bountiful crop in all its history. The corn crop tops any previous crop. For the third successful year, more than a billion bushels of wheat have been harvested, breaking all previous records. Soybeans, rice and cherries have set new marks in the final harvest returns for the year ending. The outlook for the next year is considered to be more favorable than the previous year.

**100 YEARS AGO
December 29, 1921**
The nomination of Hartvig Elstad as postmaster at Whitehall was sent to the U.S. Senate for confirmation last Thursday. Whitehall homes showed an abundance of Christmas spirit this year. Beautiful trees, many of them electric lighted, profuse decorations, and red candles burning in the windows, typical of a light to the way of the Christ child, produced effects in keeping with this great annual event.

There will be no movies Saturday night. The Trio Amusement Co. has given

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Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department Weekly Log



Wednesday, Dec. 8

02:36 — Independence: Commercial burglary alarm.

05:32 — Arcadia: A tip was received saying a man, woman and child were fighting. There was a lot of yelling and screaming, as well as things breaking.

07:48 — Melrose: 911 caller was heading to work on Highway 54 and was in a terrible car accident.

07:53 — Whitehall: Caller's son slid off the street and hit a pole. Nobody was injured.

08:44 — Osseo: A truck with a trailer, hauling 30,000 pounds of cargo, is in the ditch, rolled over.

12:52 — Strum: Two-vehicle accident reported. No injuries or road blockage.

15:51 — Arcadia: A female requested an officer to come to the park. She did not say what the problem is.

15:52 — Whitehall: Caller found a husky and would like to adopt it. It has no tags, but has a shock collar.

16:27 — Eleva: Caller requesting a welfare check on their mother. They have been unable to make contact with her today.

20:47 — Eleva: Lipstick was stolen. Caller wants to file a report.

21:07 — Galesville: Caller's brother has mental issues. He is not taking his meds and has been drinking.

Thursday, Dec. 9

05:40 — Eleva: A two-vehicle accident reported. They swiped mirrors; no injuries.

07:04 — Arcadia: Verbal argument between students reported.

08:44 — Trempealeau: A vehicle is swerving all over the road. It has no license plate.

09:02 — Galesville: An audible alarm is going off at the church. It is across the street from the caller's residence.

10:12 — Galesville: Caller's mother has made suicidal threats recently. Caller would like to speak with an officer. She is not in danger right at the moment. She has been in contact with human services already.

10:48 — Galesville: Some sort of alarm has been going off since early this morning.

12:31 — Osseo: Osseo Police Department received a call reporting a juvenile male has made a suicidal threat.

12:38 — Whitehall: Caller requested a welfare check on a subject. Caller was supposed to go shopping with her today, but she hasn't been answering. Caller is at the residence now and the subject is not answering the door.

13:19 — Galesville: A student pulled a knife on another student.

13:19 — Whitehall: Caller was bitten by a dog while working as a delivery driver. He is bleeding.

13:22 — Blair: Delivery driver has been to a residence three days in a row and no one is answering the door. The caller is concerned for the elderly female that lives in the residence.

14:17 — Strum: 911 hang-up call from a school. Dispatch made contact with

the school secretary who will be having the principal check the school.

14:36 — Osseo: A semi is partially on the roadway and in the ditch.

16:38 — Galesville: A 74-year-old male diabetic is unresponsive.

17:40 — Strum: Someone is driving up and down the street in a lawnmower. They are doing burnouts.

18:22 — Blair: Caller reported a deceased deer is in the road.

Friday, Dec. 10

07:44 — Galesville: One-vehicle rollover. Two patients reported, one with a head injury.

10:47 — Galesville: La Crosse County requested Trempealeau County officers attempted to locate a black pickup. It was reported for driving in the ditch and passing a head-on collision.

17:24 — Galesville: Possible restraining order violation reported.

17:30 — Arcadia: A vehicle is swerving and going 10 to 15 miles per hour, mostly in the opposite lane.

21:26 — Trempealeau: A vehicle was stuck in the

roadway.

22:17 — Galesville: Caller reporting a domestic dispute.

23:40 — Osseo: A female party was in the ditch on the interstate.

Saturday, Dec. 11
05:37 — Galesville: A semi is partially jackknifed.

08:40 — Arcadia: A black car is off the roadway.

10:32 — Whitehall: Highway crew reporting a vehicle is blocking traffic as they're trying to plow.

11:12 — Osseo: Mail carrier is stuck in a large snowdrift.

11:53 — Whitehall: Caller's son put his car in the ditch.

12:50 — Trempealeau: A vehicle slid off the road and into the ditch.

13:34 — Strum: A child is telling the caller's daughter that she needs help.

16:15 — Dodge: Caller is being harassed and called names by his ex.

16:23 — Independence: An injured deer is in a field. Caller will take the deer.

18:26 — Blair: Officer is

removing a trash bag from the roadway.

Sunday, Dec. 12
02:34 — Trempealeau: A deer needs to be dispatched.

05:53 — Independence: A vehicle parked in the middle of the road and struck the caller's truck.

09:01 — Whitehall: Someone plowed their snow in the middle of the road.

10:59 — Ettrick: A white sports car was traveling 100 to 120 MPH.

16:12 — Eleva: 911 hang-up. Dispatch called back and someone immediately hung the phone up again.

16:34 — Blair: Officer received a report of a black lab walking along the roadway.

17:21 — Galesville: A blue minivan is all over the road. It is swerving between the ditch and the yellow line.

17:25 — Arcadia: A vehicle is unable to maintain a lane. It has been swerving and almost hit an oncoming vehicle.

18:53 — Arcadia: Caller hit a deer and it is still alive

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TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Criminal Court Report

Dec. 13

Arraignments

Jeremy Martin, 36, Rochester, Minn., talking-use dangerous weapon, attempt burglary-building or dwelling, threats to injure/accuse of crime (domestic abuse), take and drive vehicle without consent, bomb scares (domestic abuse), vehicle operator flee/elude officer, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Not guilty pleas entered. Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 24, status conference for Feb. 10.

Dec. 14

Initial Appearances

Kevin Christianson, 37, Whitehall, battery by prisoners and resisting or obstructing an officer. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Jan. 4.

Kevin Christianson, 37, Whitehall, bail jumping-felony (three counts). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Jan. 4.

Thomas Stearns, 42, Whitehall, theft-movable property (<\$2,500). Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 24, status conference for Feb. 10.

Francisco Sanchez Rojas, 18, Independence, criminal trespass to dwelling and disorderly conduct. Pretrial

conference scheduled for Jan. 24, status conference for Feb. 10.

Carl Green, 39, Dolton, Ill., possession of THC and possess drug paraphernalia. Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 24, status conference for Feb. 10.

Araceli Carraeon Rodriguez, 31, Arcadia, criminal trespass to dwelling and disorderly conduct. Pretrial conference scheduled for Feb. 7, status conference for March 17.

Jamison Johnson, 31, Whitehall, fraud on taxicab operator (<\$2,500). Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 24, status conference for Feb. 10.

Arraignment

Issak Hoffman, 18, Warrens, child abuse-high probability/great harm, strangulation and suffocation, child abuse-intentionally cause harm, battery and disorderly conduct — all with domestic abuse modifiers. Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 24, plea/sentencing hearing for Feb. 8.

Dylan Schultz, 28, Blair, battery by prisoners and disorderly conduct. Status conference scheduled for Jan. 6.

Status Conferences

Karlett Zagal Salazar, 23, Independence, possession

with intent-cocaine (>40g)-PTAC. Status conference scheduled for Jan. 18.

Cristian Vasquez Velez, 22, Independence, possession with intent-cocaine (>40g)-PTAC. Jury status hearing scheduled for Feb. 3, jury trial for Feb. 23-25.

Lawrence Walker, 29, Saint Paul, Minn., possession of narcotic drugs. Sentenced to serve 36 months of probation and pay court costs totaling \$518. Charges of possession of methamphetamine, bail jumping-misdemeanor and possess drug paraphernalia were dismissed, but read in.

Kevin Christianson, 37, Whitehall, bail jumping-felony (four), possession of methamphetamine-PTAC, carrying a concealed knife, receiving or concealing stolen property-PTAC and possess drug paraphernalia-PTAC. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Jan. 4.

Andres Isidoro Reyes, 30, Arcadia, OWI (third), operating with PAC (third) and bail jumping-misdemeanor. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Feb. 15.

Alejandro Pascual Jr., 21, Independence, attempt criminal trespass to dwelling, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Status conference scheduled for Feb. 8.

Miguel Bautista, 38, Arcadia, contact after domestic abuse arrest and bail jumping-misdemeanor

(two). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Feb. 8.

Angel Leal, 26, Independence, disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Feb. 3.

Plea/Sentencing

Daniel Escalera Fanello, 40, Taycheedah Correctional Institution, Fond du Lac, pleaded no contest to possession of narcotic drugs. Sentenced to serve 36 months of probation and pay court costs totaling \$518. Charges of possession of methamphetamine, bail jumping-misdemeanor and possess drug paraphernalia were dismissed, but read in.

Nelson Aguilar Alvarado, 30, Arcadia, pleaded no contest to battery. Sentenced to serve 12 months of probation and pay court costs totaling \$443. Charges of disorderly conduct and carry or display facsimile firearm were dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

Ruth Barhyte, 33, Elveva, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Sentenced to serve 12 months of probation and pay court costs totaling \$443. Charges of battery and strangulation and suffocation — both with domestic abuse modifiers — were dismissed, but read in.

Raymond Parr III, 67, Strum, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Sentenced to serve 12 months of probation and pay court costs totaling \$443. Charges of battery and strangulation and suffocation — both with domestic abuse modifiers — were dismissed, but read in.

Ruth Barhyte, 33, Elveva, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct. Fined \$894.95. Charges of battery, resisting or obstructing an officer and bail jumping-misdemeanor (two) were dismissed, but read in.

Carlos Marcus, 43, Wisconsin Dells, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct. Sentenced to serve 12 months of probation and pay court costs totaling \$443. Charge of battery (domestic abuse) was dismissed, but read in.

Wendy Humfeld, 54, Blair, pleaded guilty to OWI (third). Sentenced to serve 95 days in jail, to have license revoked and ignition interlock device in place for 24 months and to pay court costs totaling \$2,502. Charge of operating with PAC (third) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

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David Koeheler, 32, Osseo, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Fined \$443.

Dec. 16

Initial Appearance

Steven Langrick, 64, Whitehall, OWI (fifth or sixth) and bail jumping-felony. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Jan. 3.

Christopher Trigueros, 21, Ettrick, bail jumping-felony. Adjournd initial appearance scheduled for Feb. 10.

Arraignments

Jeremy Ness, 32, Arcadia, strangulation and suffocation (domestic abuse), disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) and battery (domestic abuse). Not guilty pleas entered. Pretrial conference scheduled for Feb. 10.

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James Gremore Jr., 41, Manitowoc, bail jumping-felony, possession of methamphetamine, possession of cocaine/coca (second or more), operating while revoked and possess drug paraphernalia. Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 24, status conference for Feb. 10.

Andrew Bolterman, 37, Galesville, possession of narcotic drugs. Status conference scheduled for Feb. 3.

Justyna Cyran, 37, Arcadia, criminal damage to property, disorderly conduct and bail jumping-misdemeanor. Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 24, status conference for Feb. 3.

Jonathan Peterson, 40, Dodge Correctional Insti-

tution, Waupun, criminal damage to property and disorderly conduct. Status conference scheduled for Jan. 20.

Casey Gebhardt, 37, Taylor, possession of methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia, operating while revoked and ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for Feb. 1.

Justyna Cyran, 37, Arcadia, OWI (first with passenger <16 years old) and bail jumping-misdemeanor. Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 24, status conference for Feb. 3.

Manuel Perez, 29, Arcadia, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Fined \$263.50.

Dismissals

Carlos Marcus, 43, Wisconsin Dells, charge of bail jumping-misdemeanor was dismissed, but read in.

Virginia Stoddard, 69, Onalaska, charge of theft-movable property (<=\$2,500) was dismissed on prosecutor's motion following the completion of a deferred prosecution agreement.

Dec. 17

Arraignments

Larry Lockhart, 53, Ettrick, OWI (fifth or sixth), possession of methamphetamine, operating while revoked and possess drug paraphernalia. Pretrial conference scheduled for Jan. 6.

Star Sanchez, 38, Elveva, disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) and bail jumping-misdemeanor (two). Status conference scheduled for Feb. 16.

Status Conferences

Anthony Shafer, 30, Elveva, strangulation and suffocation, battery and domestic abuse — all with domestic abuse modifiers. Preliminary hearing scheduled for Jan. 6.

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Plea/Sentencing

David Bronk, 50, homeless, pleaded no contest to disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Sentenced to serve 10 days in jail and pay court costs totaling \$443. Charge of bail jumping-felony was dismissed, but read in.

Timothy Nygard, 44, Mondovi, pleaded no contest to possession of methamphetamine. Sentenced to serve two years of probation and to pay court costs totaling \$518. Charges of forgery-uttering, possession of THC and possess drug paraphernalia-PTAC were dismissed, but read in.

Kyle Gustavson, 21, Alma, pleaded guilty to possession of marijuana and possession of drug parapher-

nalia. Fined \$527. Charge of bail jumping-misdemeanor was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.

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TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Traffic Citations & Other Forfeitures

Operating While Revoked: Matthew Gheer, 30, Strum.

Operating after License Suspension, First Offense: Ashley Casper, 29, Arcadia; Erick Perez, 25, Independence; Adam Hanson, 33, Eau Claire; Issak Hoffman, 18, Warrens.

Operating without a Valid Driver's License, First Offense: Terrell Baker, 28, Blaine, Minn.; Luis Chimborazo, 29, Minneapolis, Minn.; Josue Delgado, 36, Owatonna, Minn.; Elizabeth Bizarro, 30, Whitehall.

Permit Unauthorized Person to Operate Motor Vehicle: Katherine Anderson, 33, Ettrick.

Failure to Obey Officer Sign or Signal: Kyanne Fox, 24, Osseo.

Failure to Yield Right-of-Way: Olive Bisco, 82, Winona, Minn.

FYR to pedestrian, bicyclist or EPAMD/Electric Scooter: Briatris Gamez, 30, Whitehall.

Speeding 35+ MPH over the

Limit: Carson Bohl, 18, Marshfield.

25 to 29 MPH over: Luis Chimborazo, 29, Minneapolis, Minn.; John Dolan, 45, Jonestown, Pa.; Joseph Genender, 32, Valparaiso, Ind.

20 to 24 MPH over: Osniel Serrano, 45, Independence.

16 to 19 MPH over: Joseph Bono, 22, Shirley, N.Y.; Jerad Delaney, 26, Arcadia; Dakota Gardner, 23, Blair; Skyler Gonzales, 23, Minneapolis, Minn.; Matthew Grady, 21, Germantown; Tyler Henson, 24, Onalaska.

11 to 15 MPH over: Mayra Alvarez, 19, La Crosse; Angela Beilke, 28, Hixton; Nitika Bonnerjee, 27, Winona, Minn.; Steven Guellig, 58, Fond Du Lac.

Violate Child Safety Restraint Requirements: Dejah Campbell, 20, Saint Paul, Minn.

Failure to Wear Seat Belt: Carter Bratina, 20, Osseo; Roland Cook, 69, Dallas; Heidi Germain, 26, Strum.

Operate ATV or UTV without Valid Registration: Aloura Byrd, 18, Alma Center.

Operate without Insurance: William Heleniak Jr., 36, Chippewa Falls.

Operate without Proof of Insurance: Devon Bucholz, 22, Mondovi; Dejah Campbell, 20, Saint Paul, Minn.

Deposit or Discharge Solid Waste on Public or Private Property (<10 gallons): Dennis Arnett, 61, Holmen.

Municipal Ordinance Violations

Possession of a Controlled Substance (THC): Justin Alexander, 31, Holy Hill, Fla.; Heather Bergstrom, 27, Neillsville; Ashley Casper, 29, Arcadia; Pierre Combs, 33, Eden Prairie, Minn.; Adam Hanson, 33, Eau Claire.

Disorderly Conduct: Katherine Anderegg, 33, Ettrick; Jeremiah Anderson, 38, La Crosse; Thomas Harris, 30, Eau Claire.

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way to the Legion boys, who are showing "Man Without a Country," a film of great historical importance. If you missed it last night, be sure to see it tonight.

The county court is still in session, disposing of the voluminous calendar of the December term.

There was a Christmas tree at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church Sunday evening, and a program by the Sunday school. About 140 children were present to receive presents from the tree and participate in the festivities.

The state industrial commission has appealed to drivers of horse-drawn vehicles to carry a marker light at night for self-protection. The large number of accidents which have occurred through automobiles smashing into buggies has led to the appeal, the commission said.

The Whitehall high school girls were up against a fast team in the Osseo girls, who piled up a score of 41 to 11. A little experience and spirit will change this in the coming game with Osseo Jan. 13. The girls had never been in a match game or contest before this game. The girls of Hale defeated the high school team 27 to 7 Tuesday night.

York — Ascare was given the neighbors Christmas morning when an alarm

was sounded that Ole Hanson's house was on fire. The neighbors rushed to the place to fight the fire and were successful. It started burning between the tile and the wall, but the only thing damaged was the chimney, which was entirely ruined.

Pleasantville — The Pleasantville store enjoyed a large Christmas trade. Clarence Swaim trapped another fox. Several from here attended the Christmas tree at the German church Saturday eve.

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The value of the completed Macadam on Decora Prairie Hunter bridge road

is now appreciated. The rain and snow would have made the old road across the prairie almost impassible.

A heavy snowfall that dropped on Friday following an all-night rain caused damage to telephone and electric wires. Galesville and other towns were without lights for half an hour.

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to secure an artificial limb. This will of course give him much relief, but considerable practice is needed to use the same with ease.

Pigeon Falls — A delegation from the Lutheran congregation in Curran

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20:14 — Trempealeau: A female is walking toward Trempealeau, wearing all dark clothing.

23:23 — Galesville: Caller heard four shots and saw a silver pickup driving.

Monday, Dec. 13
02:36 — Galesville: A male is having difficulty breathing.

06:44 — Trempealeau: Two-vehicle crash with road blockage.

08:13 — Eleva: A passer-by reported a crash. It looked like one vehicle rear-ended the other. Caller did not stop.

09:36 — Arcadia: Male said a female wants him to remove items from a garage.

12:17 — Melrose: One-vehicle rollover with airbag deployment.

13:15 — Arcadia: Officer received a direct report of harassment.

13:25 — Trempealeau: Welfare check requested on a friend who made some suicidal comments.

16:14 — Whitehall: Call-

er's grandchild is out of control.
17:12 — Independence: Two-vehicle accident without any injuries or road blockage.

20:10 — Arcadia: Officer advised a vehicle took a bit to stop.

20:54 — Arcadia: Disorderly and intoxicated subjects are at a residence. They are playing loud music and may want to fight.

22:44 — Blair: Jackson County squad car hit a deer.

21:11 — Osseo: Caller reported her ex-husband has been texting her and there is a no contact order in place.

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04:32 — Independence: An officer is removing a deer from the roadway.

08:01 — Winona, Minn.: Caller is upset saying the substitute bus driver doesn't know what she is doing.

10:08 — Blair: Caller struck a deer earlier today. The deer ran off, nobody was injured.

12:45 — Osseo: A rude customer will not leave.

16:01 — Galesville:

Volter, in Lakes Coulee, has built a store building and is stocking it with general merchandise, intending to open up Jan. 1. The mail for this new offspring of Uncle Sam is supplied from here twice a week.

Caller reported a large fire was left unattended. Caller thought the fire was too large to be left unattended.

16:14 — Eleva: A caller advised an unlicensed driver just left the trailer court driving a black vehicle.

18:58 — Dodge: Caller received a phone call from her neighbor and the phone was dead when she answered. The house is dark; the shop lights were on and now they are off.

20:10 — Blair: Caller can hear people screaming at each other and a baby crying.

21:44 — Blair: Threats were made on social media.

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Arcadia officials consider renewing recycling push

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

Arcadia officials revived a discussion of curbside recycling pickup in the city, a proposal that has been rejected by voters twice, but postponed acting on the idea.

City Administrator Chad Hawkins told the council last Wednesday that the council could act on its own to require residents to pay extra to have recycled material picked up at their homes. City residents voted no on curbside recycling in April of 2019 and November of 2020.

Mayor Rob Reichwein said the city will get more up-to-date prices for the service before taking any further steps. Previous estimates put the cost at about \$8 to \$9 extra a month.

"I'm a big believer in recycling," Hawkins said. "It's a big part of what society can do" to help the environment.

Reichwein said curbside pickup would make recycling easier and increase the practice. Other council members noted that the city's current recycling process, which allows residents to take material to a center, is sufficient and argued that the city should not increase

residents' expenses. "I don't want to be charged if I can do this myself," said council member Kevin Mayzek.

Member Dan Sonsalla questioned why an individual living alone would pay the same as a residence with several occupants. Council member Julie Hurlburt said the council needs to consider those on a limited budget.

Member Marlys Kolstad argued, however, that improving recycling "shouldn't be a money issue, but an environmental issue." Reichwein said he suspects residents' costs would go down if they recycled more rather than including recyclable material in city-required garbage bags.

Member Joe Feltes said he did not believe residents were sufficiently informed prior to the previous votes, and Hawkins suggested the city organize a series of public comment meetings about recycling.

In other actions, the council approved new sewer rates that decrease wastewater charges for residential users by two percent while slightly increasing them for industry. The new industry

charges, for instance, would decrease prices for overall flow of wastewater but hike prices for organic material and phosphorus.

The council also: • Approved the city's share of the 2022 Arcadia Glencoe Fire Department budget at \$111,403, an increase of \$4,013 over the current year, and the \$128,075 Arcadia Public Library budget.

• Accepted a bid from Holiday Station Store for a city gas price of five cents over company costs. Express Mart offered a lower price, but Hawkins noted that Express Mart closes its pumps overnight and city employees need around-the-clock access and 70 percent of city services are closer to the Holiday station.



Mayo Donates to Arcadia

Mayo Clinic Health System is providing \$3,000 to the School District of Arcadia as part of the "Season of Gratitude". The funding will be used for substance misuse education for students. They plan to implement a drug intervention program to address the long-term or experimental use of substances among students. This program would utilize restorative practices such as family engagement and education, peer and community mentorships, professional mental health supports, and empathic relationships with school staff to strengthen student accountability and corrective action. Students will learn to identify natural social supports, increase protective factors, and build resilience. Funds will be used for staff training, education materials for parents, and contracted services with mental health professionals. Pictured (left to right): Susan Back; Vicky Klink; Bert Hodous; Luanne Hoesley (school district); Lance Bagstad (school superintendent); Sue Schlessler; Nikki Schuh; Toni Sonsalla and Ben Crenshaw. (Submitted photo)

Board says no to ATV, UTV road opening

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Aasen said it's unlikely the highway committee will take any action "urgently" but may revisit the policy in the spring as the UTV/ATV season begins.

The resolution rejected by the board said the highway committee was seeking supervisors' perspective as a courtesy and that board agreement was not necessary.

Supervisor Tim Zeglin argued the committee's vote last week did not, in fact, include seeking board approval and that the resolution before the board was therefore incorrect. He then had broadcast a recording he had arranged of the committee's motion.

Various supervisors said the townships of Chimney Rock, Unity, Albion, Hale, Caledonia, Summer and Burnside oppose allowing the

townships, and "I am reluctant to antagonize another government." He argued that Wisconsin's home rule provisions mean most decisions rest with the townships.

Miller also questioned who would enforce UTV and ATV regulations since "I understand the sheriff doesn't have an appetite to do so." Tollefson said the vehicles' license plates allowed them to be reported just as cars are.

Supervisor Jeanne Nutter said the county's tourism, parks and economic development committee is looking at ways to open more areas for use by the vehicles.

Supervisor Dan Schreiner said he sees a growing gap between the county and the

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DATCP urges consumers to use caution when contracting for wind damage repairs

The severe weather in Wisconsin this week resulted in damage to homes and businesses throughout the state. The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) reminds property owners to use trusted contractors for repairs and to be leery of storm chasers that come knocking with aggressive sales tactics.

Always use caution when interacting with traveling crews who show up in the aftermath of a storm. Do not let them into your home, and do not give in to high-pressure pitches. Instead, use trusted sources such as your friends, neighbors, and insurance agent for contractor referrals. You can also contact DATCP's Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 422-7128 to check for complaints against a business before you sign a contract.

Homeowners with storm damage should:

- Be wary of any contractor who knocks at your door. If your municipality has a door-to-door sales ordinance, call municipal officials to find out if the contractor holds the proper permits.
- Get lien waivers from anyone you pay for home repairs. If the person collecting your money does not

information.

- Check with your local building inspector to see if the work requires a permit and make sure an inspector visits the job site before you provide final payment.
- Request a copy of the contractor's certificate of liability insurance.
- Keep all receipts that document the cost of repairs or the replacement of damaged items.

In addition, Wisconsin's storm chaser law aims to protect consumers and businesses, and prevent insurance fraud through the following:

- Contractors cannot promise to pay all or some of a property insurance deductible.

contractor's certificate of liability insurance.

- Contractors cannot negotiate with a homeowner's insurer on behalf of the customer. They can only discuss damages and costs with the insurer with the customer's permission.
- Before entering into a contract with a customer, the contractor must inquire if the work requested is related to an insurance claim.
- Customers have a right to cancel the contract within three business days of being notified that their insurer has

denied all or any part of the claim for work. • Contractors must notify customers of this right.

For additional information and consumer protection resources, visit DATCP's Consumer Protection Bureau at datcp.wi.gov. If you have been the victim of a scam, report it by filing a complaint online, emailing datcp@wisconsin.gov, or calling DATCP's Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 422-7128.

Whitehall council OKs golf course next step

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Whitehall city officials agreed to sign a purchase agreement with a group interested in buying the city's public golf course, though the sale is not yet final.

The city council's action came following a closed session last Tuesday to review the long-discussed sale of the nine-hole course to ParTee LLC. Investors in the project include owners of Tenba Winery in Blair, Kim and Jon Sylla, and owners of Sweet Temptations and Outright Affairs, Matt and Rita Sunday.

The sale had most recently stalled over receipt of an inventory list, which has since been resolved. Kim Sylla suggested the sale could be concluded by the end of the year.

Mayor Jeff Hauser has said the city was willing to

sell the property provided it continue operating as a golf course and clubhouse. Whitehall contributed \$42,000 annually to operating the nine-hole course.

The council approved an agreement with the engineering consulting firm SEH to install monitoring wells at the proposed site of the new Whitehall library building. The additional work follows the state Department of Natural Resources concluding some pollution may be beneath the property. Library board and council member Kurt Johnson noted that the DNR took nearly two years to issue its review of earlier soil sampling.

Dave Schofield of SEH told the council the firm is planning public information meetings in March on the Hobson Street reconstruction project.

G-E-T to create COVID committee

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District will form an ad hoc committee focused on COVID protocols and subsequent action, superintendent Michele Butler shared at the district's school board meeting last Monday.

The committee will be composed of district leaders, school board members, employees and community members. The group will not make decisions for the district but will provide Butler with feedback and recommendations regarding district policies and actions related to the virus, she said.

Butler decided to create such a committee because the pandemic has lasted longer

than most imagined. Other districts in Wisconsin have created similar committees, she said.

"The longer this goes on the more frustration, the more emotional impactful the commentary is that happens every time we have an update or make any changes," she said.

"It's either not enough or it's too much, etcetera, and I just thought it's time to get maybe some more people involved in at least the discussion surrounding decisions."

Such a committee would also look further into district data and the actions of other districts across the state, Butler said. Members will be chosen by Butler and will include people with varying opinions and experiences

related to education and the virus.

"I just think especially at this point where people are starting to feel like nobody's listening," Butler said, "we really need to make an implicit, clear focus on making sure that that's happening."



December 15 Storm Damage in Trempealeau County

Times photographs by Andrew Dannehy and Debbie Foss



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Times Sports

Norsemen start fast in two Dairyland wins

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

After struggling offensively in their Dairyland Conference opener, the Whitehall boys basketball team started strong and came away with two convincing wins last week.

The Norse scored more points in the first halves of their games against Augusta last Tuesday and Eleva-Strum last Thursday than they did in their game against Melrose-Mindoro two weeks ago. As a result, Whitehall picked up a win of 91-69 on Tuesday and 62-20 on Thursday.

The wins put the Norse at 2-1 in DC play and 3-2 overall. They'll play McDonell Central in a home tournament this coming Wednesday and will play again in the tournament on Thursday.

Whitehall 91 Augusta 69

Three Whitehall three pointers were part of a 12-0 run that put the Norse in control.

Whitehall got off to a strong start as two baskets by Luke Beighley and a three pointer by Michael Spare put them ahead 11-4. Augusta was within five at 13-8 before the Norse started hitting from beyond the arc.

A three by Jonathan Thorn gave Whitehall some breathing room before Brayden Lisowski connected on another to make the score 19-8 with 10 minutes left in the first half. Devon McCune then made it three straight for the Norse. Lisowski later added a layup and then a free throw put the Norse ahead 25-8, capping a 12-0 run.

The Beavers chipped away and got within five with one minute left in the first half, but Thorn knocked down a three with 40 seconds left to put the team back ahead by 10 and McCune scored at the buzzer to give his team a 43-33 advantage at halftime.

Whitehall maintained a double-digit lead early in the second half before breaking the game open about five minutes into the half.

Individual statistics for Whitehall were not reported to the Times.

Whitehall 62 E-S 20

The Norse defense suffocated the Cardinals as they build a 29-point lead by halftime.

E-S had a difficult time getting shots off as Whitehall was able to get numerous steals in the backcourt. The Norse forced 34 turnovers in the game.

The scoring was mostly balanced for the Norse as Beighley led them in the first half with 10 points, while Ian Pank scored eight and six other players had at least two with the team building up a 38-9 halftime lead.

The scoring slowed for Whitehall in the second half, but they were in complete control, winning by 42.

Beighley led the team with 13 points while Isaac Skoyen scored nine, both Seth Lambeck and Ian Pank had eight while Devon McCune and Brayden Lisowski had six, Jonathan Thorn scored five, Michael Spare had three and both Aidan Sonsalla and Preston Schroeder scored two.



Whitehall's Aidan Sonsalla split two Eleva-Strum defenders during their game last week. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Arcadia girls edge BRF, trump Viroqua in CC play

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

The Arcadia High School girls basketball team knows the film from a Coulee Conference home game against Black River Falls last Friday won't show an easy-to-watch performance. But the final result — a 63-53 win — is all the Raiders care about, coach Lucas Passehl said.

The win was one of two on the week for Arcadia after a 79-43 win over Viroqua last Tuesday.

Arcadia (3-4 overall, 3-0 Coulee Conference) played at Holmen on Tuesday and host Durand on Thursday.

Arcadia 63 BR Falls 53

Passehl's halftime speech in the locker room at Arcadia High School on Friday wasn't a glorious talk about X's and O's. Instead he asked his team to keep fighting through a game he described as a "struggle".

"They just really fought hard. They gutted it out," he said. "We didn't play the best, and give Black River some credit for fighting, but at the end of the day, we got it done."

The Raiders and Tigers traded points for much of the first half before Arcadia stretched their lead to 10, 35-25, with two minutes remaining after a pair of

free throws from sophomore Casidi Pehler and a three-pointer from junior Brea Golden.

Golden scored a game-high 24 points, and junior Autumn Passehl added 17.

Arcadia took an eight-point lead into halftime, but Black River Falls opened the second half on a 7-0 run before taking a lead five minutes in. The teams traded leads late into the game.

The second half saw plenty of missed shots for Arcadia, something Passehl said was a result of his team becoming too infatuated with shooting quantity instead of focusing on quality shots.

"But sometimes we fall in love with that, so when we're not hitting shots it allows the other team to get some buckets, and then when we are hitting is when we go on our spurts."

Black River Falls took a one-point lead on a three-pointer with five minutes remaining, but Pehler drove inside the lane before bouncing a shot off the rim and in for the lead, one the Raiders wouldn't relinquish.

Pehler saw success thanks to her speed and agility near both nets, and the team decided to draw on that success in the second half. The

sophomore finished with 15 points.

"We just made it a necessity in the second half," Passehl said of an expanded role for Pehler. "People realize that we can still have success on the outside. But let's start inside out, and she got our game ball tonight. Cassie did a heck of a job controlling the middle for us."

Arcadia (field goals/attempts -free throws/attempts-rebounds-points) —Bremer 0/2-0/1-6-0, Suchla 2/7-2/2-3-7, Passehl 3/10-9/13-4-17, Schank 0/3-0/3-0, Golden 9/17-1/3-7-24, Kolstad 0/1-0/0-1-0, Pehler 5/8-5/9-8-15.

Arcadia 79 Viroqua 43

The Raiders hit 14 3-pointers in a home game against Viroqua on Tuesday, one that saw the hosts build a 21-point lead at halftime.

Golden scored 25 points for Arcadia, and Passehl finished with 21.

Arcadia (field goals/attempts -free throws/attempts-rebounds-points) —Bremer 2/4-0/0-5-5, Slaby 0/0-0/0-2-0, Suchla 3/8-0/0-11-8, Passehl 7/12-2/2-5-21, Schank 1/4-0/0-3-2, Golden 10/21-2/2-4-25, Aspen 0/6-0/0-1-0, Kolstad 4/10-0/0-4-10, Schaffner 0/2-0/0-1-0, Pehler 2/4-3/6-11-8.



Arcadia sophomore Casidi Pehler looked toward the hoop in the second half of a Coulee Conference win over Black River Falls last Friday. (Times photograph by Benjamin Pierce)

Titans third at Richland Center

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

The Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau/Melrose-Mindoro High School wrestling co-op wrestled to a third place finish at a Richland Center Invitational last Saturday despite missing three of the team's starting wrestlers.

Team scores for the event weren't reported. G-E-T/Mel-Min wrestled at Tomah on Tuesday.

Tanner Andersen won at 138 pounds on Saturday, finishing the day 11-0 and was joined

by teammate Bradyn Lockington as a champion after Lockington went 8-3 at 220 pounds.

Jackson Blaken finished second at 132 pounds with a 5-6 record, and teammate Justice Vaaler finished second at 195 pounds with a 5-1 record.

Scott Johnson finished 0-7 and A.J. Willette finished 3-6.

Hayden Fry went 7-6, Terek Fry went 6-6, and Scott Johnson finished 0-7. Colin Niederkorn finished 3-7, Ben Peterson went 6-5, Alex Wiczorek went 2-7 and Thomas Haney went 6-6.

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Brookwood wins Whitehall tourney

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor
The home team was close, but Brookwood ended up topping the field at the Whitehall Invitational on Friday.
The Blackhawks scored 164.5 points, just edging Whitehall by four. Independence/Gilmanton was third with 126 followed by Arcadia, 120; Mondovi, 75; North Crawford/Seneca, 61; Blair-Taylor, 61 and Kickapoo/La Farge, 56.

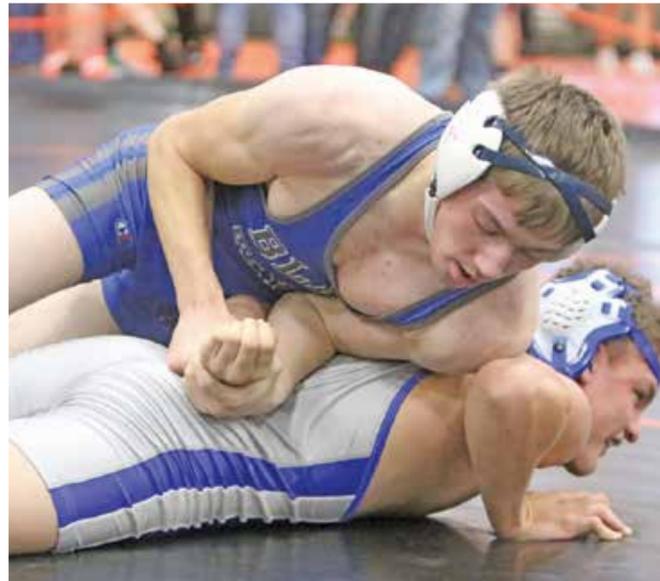
Whitehall Invitational
The Norse had two individual champions as they finished second in the team standings.
Alex Katzman (138) and Wylie Dunn (285) both won all four of their matches by pin.

None of Dunn's opponents made it to the second period and the only one to last more than a minute was I/G's Blaine Severson, who was pinned in 1:08. His other opponents were all pinned in 54 seconds or fewer.
Katzman took a little more time, but only one of his opponents got to the second period as he took the title.

Nolan Thompson (106), Dylan Moats (113), Eric Klienans (182) and Adam Klienans (195) all took second for the Norse.
Thompson pinned I/G's Gracie Rombalski before being pinned by Jaren Grimsled in a three-person bracket. Moats fell to Dylan Powell

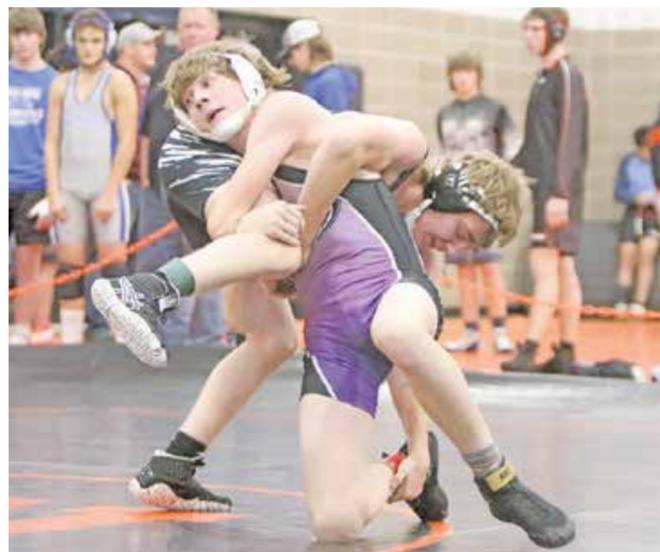
of Brookwood in the second round before winning his next two.
Eric Klienans opened with a pin, but was then pinned by I/G's Gavin Bragger. He finished with two wins to take second.
Adam Klienans had two byes before he pinned Iva Suarez of Arcadia. He was then pinned by Miguel Sepulveda of Arcadia in the championship match.
Sawyer Herrick (220) and Bryce Johnson (126) both finished third.
Gavin Bragger (182) took first for the Indees as they had two other second-place finishers.
Bragger had a bye in the first round then scored three pins, all in the first period to take the title.
Jacobo Medina (285) only lost to Whitehall's Dunn in the tournament. He received a forfeit against Drew Bragger and pinned Bustos of Arcadia.
Mason Gierok (170) started with a pin before losing to B-T's Jackson Shramek 6-3. After an injury forfeit he finished with a pin to claim second place.
Rombalski (106), Cora Sonsalla (120), Max Marsolek (145) and Drew Bragger (285) all finished third for the Indees.
While they didn't have a lot of wrestlers competing in the tournament, the Arcadia team came away with four champions.

Ivan Aguilar (120), Hunter Fitzpatrick (132), Miguel Sepulveda (195) and Jack Ziegeweid (220) all claimed individual titles.
Aguilar went 2-0 in matches he wrestled, topping a three-person bracket.
Fitzpatrick had a bye before he pinned Iva Suarez of Arcadia and a 7-0 win over Alex Guzman of Brookwood.
Sepulveda pinned teammate Ivan Suarez and Whitehall's Adam Klienans.
Ziegeweid topped a three-person bracket with two pins of 50 seconds or less over Whitehall's Herrick and Francisco Andrade of Brookwood.
Cruz Patzner finished second for Arcadia, winning matches by scores of 6-1 and 4-3 before being pinned in the championship by Mondovi's Cody Wagner.
Suarez took third for Arcadia.
Three of Blair-Taylor's four wrestlers placed inside the top three.
Shramek (170) won the title with his only touch match coming against I/G's Gierok. He followed that with a 20-8 win over Ethan Bass of K/L before receiving an injury forfeit in his last match.
Gunar Koxlien split his first two matches, pinning his first before being pinned. He rebounded with two pins to take second.
Bryan Rogstad was third, going 2-2 on the day.



Above: Blair-Taylor's Gunar Koxlien attempted to turn his opponent during the Whitehall Invitational on Friday.

Below: Gabe Pietrek of Independence/Gilmanton scored a takedown during the Whitehall Invitational on Friday. (Times photographs by Andrew Dannehy)



B-T girls show offensive power in wins over Augusta, Mel-Min

By Benjamin Pierce Times Staff

After watching his team score around 65 points per game through the Blair-Taylor High School girls basketball team's first four games, coach Jesse Lien has seen the Wildcats unlock even more offense in their last three contests.
The Wildcats scored 98

points in a win over De Soto last week and followed the high-powered win with more offense this week, hitting the 90-point threshold in a win over Augusta and passing 70 points in a win over Melrose-Mindoro on Friday.
Blair-Taylor (7-0 overall, 5-0 Dairyland Conference) hosts undefeated Bangor on Thursday.

Bangor hands Red Hawk boys first loss

By Benjamin Pierce Times Staff

One of the top teams in the state handed the Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School boys basketball team its first loss of the 2021-22 season last Monday.
Bangor stormed to a 46-point first half and kept the pressure on in the second half, downing the visiting Red Hawks 80-51.

G-E-T, now 3-1 on the season, was scheduled to host West Salem last Thursday, but the game was postponed after inclement weather canceled school for the Red Hawks. G-E-T visited Holmen on Monday.

Bangor 80, G-E-T 51
After averaging 46.3 points per game during the first three contests, Bangor's

defense held Cody Schmitz to 17.
Three players scored at least 12 points for Bangor, and Tanner Jones scored a game-high 22 for the Cardinals.
Junior Brady Seiling added 12 points for G-E-T as the Red Hawks shot 33 percent from the field and went six-for-12 at the free-throw line.

G-E-T (field goals/attempts-free throws/attempts-rebounds-fouls-points) - K. Seiling 0/5-0/1-1-1-0, Mack 1/7-0/0-2-1-3, Burns 3/8-0/2-2-4-9, Thompson 0/0-0/0-2-2-0, Beedle 2/6-0/0-2-3-6, B. Seiling 5/11-0/2-2-1-12, Schmitz 5/15-6/7-5-0-17, Jimenez 1/1-0/0-1-1-2, Corcoran 1/1-0/0-2-0-2.

B-T 90, Augusta 24

Junior Lindsay Steien registered a game-high 32 points in a win over Dairyland Conference foe Augusta last Tuesday and joined teammates Abby Thompson (17 points), Kierstyn Kindschy (13) and Chloe Wagner (12) in double digit scoring.
Blair-Taylor allowed the host Beavers to score just 10 points in the first half, scoring 45 of their own behind seven 3-pointers.

B-T (field goals/attempts-free throws/attempts-rebounds-fouls-points) - Thompson 2/2-1/2-2-1-17, L. Kidd 0/3-3/8-4-0-3, S. Kidd 1/4-0/0-5-3-2, Frederixson 0/2-0/0-1-1-0, Steien 9/18-2/2-6-0-32, Waldera 0/0-0/0-3-1-0, Ca. Wagner 0/1-0/0-0-0-0, Kindschy 3/11-1/2-5-1-13, Fremstad 2/6-0/0-5-1-4, Ch. Wagner 3/8-6/9-8-2-12, Lofgren 1/2-0/0-4-0-5, Kohel 0/1-2/2-0-0-2.

B-T 71, Mel-Min 48
Blair-Taylor advanced to 5-0 in conference play and 7-0 overall this season with a win over visiting Melrose-Mindoro last Friday.
The Mustangs had a 10-point lead midway through the first half before the Wildcats made a run. Free throws by Thompson and Kindschy got B-T within seven before Thompson and Callie Wagner scored to

make it a three-point game.
After the Mustangs responded with a basket, Thompson hit consecutive three pointers to put the Wildcats ahead.
Mel-Min came back to retake the lead at 26-25, but free throws by Kindschy and consecutive baskets by Thompson — including a three pointer with two and a half minutes left in the half put B-T ahead for good.
The Wildcats took a 39-30 lead into halftime before the second half saw Blair-Taylor outscore the visitors 32-18 to keep their winning streak intact.
Thompson led all scorers with 23 points, and Steien added 21 of her own. Melrose-Mindoro was led by a 19-point game from Maddie Dobbs.
Steien also led the Wildcats in rebounds (nine) and assists (eight).

B-T (field goals/attempts-free throws/attempts-rebounds-fouls-points) - Thompson 4/8-6/6-4-0-23, L. Kidd 0/0-0/0-1-0-0, S. Kidd 1/3-0/1-2-3-2, Steien 8/20-2/2-9-8-21, Waldera 0/1-0/2-1-0-0, Ca. Wagner 1/1-0/0-3-1-2, Kindschy 2/8-5/10-8-3-9, Fremstad 0/0-0/1-2-2-0, Ch. Wagner 1/3-5/6-3-4-7, Lofgren 0/5-4/4-3-4-7.



Lindsay Steien of Blair-Taylor pushed the ball up the floor during their game against Melrose-Mindoro last week. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

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G-E-T girls lose to West Salem

By Benjamin Pierce
Times Staff

Eight minutes into a game against Coulee Conference-leading West Salem, the Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School girls basketball team was within reach.

The Red Hawks had overcome an early 9-2 deficit and found themselves down just two points, 13-11, after winning some key battles below the net and hitting a pair of three-pointers.

But the host Panthers responded by hitting five straight three-pointers of their own after G-E-T missed numerous shots, pushing their lead to 28-16 and pulling away from there in a 61-39 win.

It was a swing that ended the game early, and coach Louis Hurd said his team needs to be better on offense in such situations.

"They're a heck of a team and I liked our game plan," he said. "I thought the girls executed to the best of their ability and I think we played really hard. But those first half miscues on offense, you just can't make them against a team like that."

The Panthers (7-0 overall, 3-0 Coulee Conference) led 39-24 at halftime, and Hurd said his speech to his players revolved

around taking advantage of their chances on offense and not wasting shots.

"I give them credit for hitting those tough shots. I don't think too many of them were wide open for them, but we can't afford to miss our own opportunities," he said.

Senior Lindsey Lettner led G-E-T (3-5, 2-1 Coulee) with 16 points and four three-pointers but saw continuous double coverage from West Salem defenders.

Hurd thought the guard handled the pressure well, but he hopes his team can become more well rounded for when teams try to shut Lettner down.

"We have to learn how to play without her bringing the ball up sometimes, and I thought we did an okay job of that. But obviously it wasn't perfect."

G-E-T visited Onalaska (4-6 this season) on Tuesday.

G-E-T (field goals/attempts -free throws/attempts-rebounds-fouls-points) - Lettner 6/16-0/0-5-0-16, Braunreiter 1/1-0/0-0-0-3, Hunter 2/15-1/1-6-4-6, A. Bratberg 1/3-0/0-1-0-2, K. Bratberg 2/6-0/2-8-2-5, Schmitz 1/7-0/0-6-0-3, Nelson 1/4-0/0-4-2-2, Kokott 0/1-2/2-3-0-2.

Whitehall girls lose two in Dairyland Conference play

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The Whitehall girls basketball team had a difficult time getting points on the board in two losses last week.

The Norse failed to score more than 32 points in either game as they got off to slow starts and never recovered, falling to Eleva-Strum last Tuesday and Cochrane-Fountain City on Friday.

Whitehall is 4-4 on the season, but just 1-4 in Dairyland Conference

play, ahead of only Augusta in the DC-Large standings.

The Norse hosted Independence on Tuesday of this week. They defeated the Indees 40-34 in their season-opener on Nov. 16, but Tuesday's matchup will count toward the conference standings.

After that game, Whitehall will be off until Jan. 4 when they host Granton.

E-S 49 Whitehall 31
Whitehall couldn't get its offense

going as they trailed by 14 at the half.

The Norse managed just 13 first half points as they struggled from the field while the Cardinals were able to use a balanced attack.

Whitehall's offense picked up in the second half, but E-S remained in control, pulling away for the 18-point win.

Three E-S players scored 11 or more points as Madison Schultz led the team with 15, Paige Hanner scored 12 and Jaden Bauth finished with 11.

Norah Youngbauer led Whitehall with 10, both Olivia Killian and Nylah Lisowski had seven, Avery Sonsalla scored three and both Trinity Aasen and Brenna Clatt finished with two.

C-FC 66 Whitehall 32
It was another tough offensive performance for the Norse as they fell behind early.

Whitehall stuck with C-FC for a part of the first half, but the Pirates scored 34 points to take a 15-point

advantage into halftime.

Even if C-FC hadn't scored a point in the second half, the Norse wouldn't have caught up. They managed just 13 in the second frame and went on to lose by 34.

Whitehall shot 22.4 percent compared to 52.7 percent for C-FC. Norah Youngbauer led the Norse with nine points, Olivia Killian scored eight, Avery Sonsalla, six; Nicoya Yarrington, four; Sydney Matheny and Nylah Lisowski, two and Susie Rodriguez, one.



Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School senior Lindsey Lettner tossed an underhand lay up in the second half of a Coulee Conference loss to West Salem last Tuesday. (Times photograph by Benjamin Pierce)

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B-T boys win streak ends at 33 with losses to C-FC, Augusta

By Benjamin Pierce Times Staff

An impressive winning streak came to an end last week for the Blair-Taylor High School boys basketball program.

The Wildcats dropped a pair of conference games to Cochrane-Fountain City on Tuesday and Augusta on Thursday. The loss to C-FC was the first in 33 conference contests for the Wildcats.

Blair-Taylor (4-2 this season) hosts Cashton on

Thursday.

C-FC 51 Blair-Taylor 46

With 30 seconds left on the clock, the Wildcats trailed the visiting Pirates by a single basket in Tuesday's loss. A five-foot shot rimmed out of the hoop, and Blair-Taylor was forced to foul C-FC.

The Pirates made their free throws to end the game and the Wildcats' conference winning streak. Coach Randy Storie said the missed shot to end his team's night

was the theme of the entire game.

Blair-Taylor shot a season-low 29 percent from the floor.

"All streaks end sometime," Storie said. "It is just too bad that we shot the ball so poorly tonight to have it end like that."

Junior Jaren Swanson led the Wildcats with 15 points, and freshman Ethan Kniseley added eight. Cain Fremstad grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds.

Storie said he was happy that his team never gave up, but he also said the final result was deserved.

"You can not win basketball games shooting like that," he said. "We have to get better. I will give credit to the guys as they kept playing and gave us a chance at the end."

B-T (field goals/attempts-free throws/attempts-rebounds-points) – Kniseley 3/9-0/0-3-8, Huseboe 0/2-0/0-0-0, Obieglo 1/7-4/4-3-7, Kruse 1/3-0/2-6-2, Swanson 5/10-0/0-6-15, Fremstad 2/9-3/4-10-7, Armitage 0/2-0/0-1-0, Nehring 3/8-1/2-6-7.

Augusta 58 B-T 53

Poor shooting again plagued the Wildcats in a home game against Augusta last Thursday.

Blair-Taylor worked to a 30-23 lead at halftime, but the home team shot what Storie called a "dismal" 20 percent in the second half.

The Wildcats held a two-point lead with under two minutes to play, but the Beavers ended the game on an 8-1 run in the final minute to sneak away with the win. Blair-Taylor was also hurt by three starters fouling out in the game's final minutes.

Junior Evan Nehring led the home team with 13 points, while Kniseley and Fremstad each added 11.

A last second shot by the Wildcats missed to tie the game, and again Storie said his team deserved the out-

come due to poor shooting. "We had no offense in the second half, and to have three starters foul out with four minutes to play really hurt us defensively. But we had chances to win and didn't," Storie said.

B-T (field goals/attempts

B-T (field goals/attempts-free throws/attempts-rebounds-points) – Kniseley 3/9-0/0-3-8, Huseboe 0/2-0/0-0-0, Obieglo 1/7-4/4-3-7, Kruse 1/3-0/2-6-2, Swanson 5/10-0/0-6-15, Fremstad 2/9-3/4-10-7, Armitage 0/2-0/0-1-0, Nehring 3/8-1/2-6-7.

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

While the Independence boys basketball team didn't manage a win last week, they did show improvement.

The Indees began the week with a 74-17 loss to Necedah before falling to Alma/Pepin, 67-28. On Friday, however, the Indees finally got going offensively, scoring 52 points in what was a 10-point loss to Gilmanston.

The Indees sit at 0-4 on the season and 0-3 in Dairyland Conference play. They aren't scheduled to play again until Jan. 3 when they head to Cashton.

Necedah 74 IHS 17

The Indees shot 22 percent from the field and committed 36 turnovers as Necedah ran away with the game.

Independence managed just six points in the first half — all by Ben Pyka — while Necedah put up 45. The second half was better for the

-free throws/attempts-rebounds-points) – Kniseley 3/10-4/4-3-11, Huseboe 0/1-0/0-2-0, Obieglo 2/7-3/4-6-8, Kruse 2/5-2/5-4-6, Swanson 1/10-0/0-8-3, Fremstad 4/13-2/3-8-11, Armitage 0/2-1/2-2-1, Nehring 4/8-3/3-9-13.

Indee boys improve, but lose three more

Indees, but the outcome was never in question.

Tyler Kingsbury scored eight points in the second half to lead the Indees. Pyka finished with six and Kevin Ramirez scored two.

Independence (field goals/attempts-free throws/attempts-rebounds-points) — Ramirez 1/5/0/0-2-2 Kingsbury 3/7-1/2-1-8 B. Pyka 2/7-2/2-6-6 Sylla 0/2-0/1-5-0 Mendoza Reyes 0/1-0/0-0-0 Santillan 0/4-0/0-1-0 N. Pyka 0/1-1/2-2-1 Pfaff 0/0-0/0-1-0

A/P 67 Independence 28

The Indees had a tough time slowing the Eagles down in the first half then couldn't catch up in the second.

The Eagles came out strong as the Indees struggled to slow their offense down. Independence scored a then season-high 19 points in the first half, but still trailed by

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Raider boys lose three

By Benjamin Pierce Times Editor

The Arcadia High School boys basketball team didn't get much rest last week.

The Raiders played three games in five days, dropping efforts against Viroqua, Tomah and Neillsville. Arcadia was close in a couple of the games as they led Viroqua at halftime and were tied with Tomah. No further information from their 58-46 loss to Neillsville on Saturday was reported. The end result, however, was three more losses that put the Raiders at 0-6 on the season, including 0-2 in Coulee Conference play.

Arcadia hosted Eleva-Strum on Tuesday and visit Aquinas on Thursday.

Viroqua 46 Arcadia 43

A four-point lead at half-

time wasn't enough for the Raiders in a tight loss to visiting Viroqua last Tuesday. The Raiders led 23-19 at the break despite Clayton Weston scoring the Blackhawks' first 11 points and finishing the first half with 15.

Viroqua took the lead early in the second half. Arcadia nearly completed the comeback, coach Ryan Sonnentag told the Times.

"We had a lot of opportunities, shots at the rim, open looks that did not go. ... we cut the lead to three a couple times but then never got a shot to go to tie it up," he said. "But it was a good, competitive basketball game."

Weston led all players with 21 points. Arcadia got 16 from senior Richard Gomez.

Independence boys lose three

(continued from Page 20) 19 at halftime.

Independence's defense slowed A/P down in the second half, but their offense fell flat. The Indees managed just nine points in the second frame as the Eagles pulled away.

Kingsbury led the Indees with 17 points while Ben Pyka scored five, Kevin Ramirez, Abelardo Lopez Cruz and Nathan Pyka all scored two.

Independence (field goals/attempts-free throws/attempts-rebounds-points) — Ramirez 1/5-0/1-4-2 Kingsbury 5/21-3/6-5-17 B. Pyka 2/5-1/2-8-5 Sylla 0/1-0/0-0-0 Lopez Cruz 1/1-0/0-1-2 Santillan 0/4-0/0-3-0 Halverson 0/0-0/0-1-0

N. Pyka 1/2-0/2-3-2 Montalvo 0/0-0/2-2-2 Pfaff 0/1-0/0-0-0

GHS 62 Independence 52

The Indees got their offense going behind a strong showing from Kingsbury, but they still fell short.

Independence had a one-point lead at halftime, but they couldn't keep the Panthers in check on the second half as Gilmanston scored 38 points and went on to win by 10.

Kingsbury put up a career-high 27 points to lead the Indees, while Ben Pyka added 14.

Independence (field goal-free throws-rebounds-fouls-points) — Kingsbury 11-1-10-5-27 B. Pyka 5-4-7-5-14 N. Pyka 2-0-4-0-4 Santillan 1-0-5-4-2 Sylla 1-0-4-5-2



Arcadia's Richard Gomez drew contact on a shot attempt during their game against Tomah last week. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)



Blair-Taylor junior Jaren Swanson shot a three-pointer in a loss to Augusta last Thursday. (Times photograph by Benjamin Pierce)

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Indees split with BRF, ACL

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor
The Independence girls basketball team earned a split in two games played in Jackson County last week.

The Indees were losing to Black River Falls by 11 points in the second half before a strong finish gave them a 44-39 win. They couldn't get that kind of finish on Friday as they fell to Alma Center Lincoln 42-28.

The games were the third and fourth in what is a seven-game road trip for the Indees. They played at Whitehall on Tuesday of this week and will head to Gilmanton on Tuesday next week.

Independence as a 4-4 overall record with a 1-2 mark in Dairyland Conference play.

Independence 44 BRF 39

The Indees finished the game with a 27-7 run to get the come-from-behind win.

Independence trailed 32-21 in the second half before their comeback started with a three pointer by Aubrie Pronschinske. Amiah Ives scored the next three points to cut it down to single digits.

After a freethrow by Ahna Bautch and basket by Avery Pape, Pronschinske connected on another three to bring the Indees within three at 32-29. Pronschinske scored the next basket before Pape gave the Indees the lead with a jump shot.

Pape added another basket to put her team ahead by four and extend the run to 19-0 before two BRF free throws. The Tigers got within three at 39-36, but the Indees made free throws down the stretch to clinch the win.

The teams were even half-way through the first half as the Indees trailed 13-12 before the Tigers ended the half with a 9-0 run to take a 10-point advantage into halftime.

BRF's lead grew to 15 early in the second half and it sat there until the Indees made a run.

The teams were mostly even in the box score. The Indees shot two percentage points better, finishing at 32 percent. The Tigers had 40 rebounds to Independence's 36. The Indees were able to get to the free-throw line more, shooting 27 from the charity stripe with 12 made, compared to BRF's six-for-12 mark.

Pape led the Indees with

15 points, one more than Pronschinske, while Ives had nine, Bautch, four and Callie Zastrow, two.

Independence (field goals-free throws-rebounds-fouls-points) — Pape 5-3-2-3-15 Au. Pronschinske 4-4-7-1-14 Ives 3-3-12-0-9 Bautch 1-2-9-4-4 Zastrow 1-0-5-0-2 Ad. Pronschinske 0-0-1-0-0 Theisen 0-0-0-1-0

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The Indees struggled to put the ball in the basket in a loss to the DC-Small's top team. Independence shot 29 percent from the field and had 21 turnovers in the game as their offense never got going.

The Homets stung the Indees with a 13-2 run to start the game and Independence was in catch-up mode throughout the rest of the game.

The Indees trailed 22-13 at halftime and got within seven early in the second half, but the Homets scored two straight baskets to go back ahead by double digits.

Ives led Independence with eight points while both Aubrie Pronschinske and Bautch scored five. Zastrow and Pape finished with four and Addison Pronschinske had two.

Independence (field goals-free throws-rebounds-fouls-points) — Ives 2-4-9-3-8 Au. Pronschinske 2-0-3-3-5 Bautch 2-1-2-2-5 Zastrow 2-0-7-3-4 Pape 0-4-2-4-4 Ad. Pronschinske 1-0-3-0-2 Theisen 0-0-0-1-0 Taylor 0-0-0-1-0



Arcadia's Cruz Patzner fought for control during their dual against Westby on Thursday. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Raider wrestlers fall to Westby

By Andrew Dannehy Times Editor

Forfeits kept the Arcadia wrestling team in the dual against Westby last Thursday, but the home team managed to win just one match on the mat.

Arcadia received five forfeits, which typically would've been enough to win a dual, but they won just 1-5 in the matches that were decided on the mat.

The one win was a 6-2 decision by Hunter Fitzpatrick (132) over Blake Hanson.

The matches Arcadia lost included pins by Dominick Hanson (152) over Kevin Hernandez, Ty Nottestad (1945) over Miguel Sepulveda), Dylan Nottestad (285) over Eric Bustos and a 6-2 decision by Klayton Geier over Ivan Aguilar.

Arcadia had to forfeit

the 106, 113 and 120-pound classes. They received forfeits at 145, 170, 182, 220 and 138 pounds.

The Raiders wrestled in the Whitehall Invitational the next day (see story elsewhere in Sports) and will wrestle at the Northern Badger Classic in River Falls next Wednesday and Thursday.

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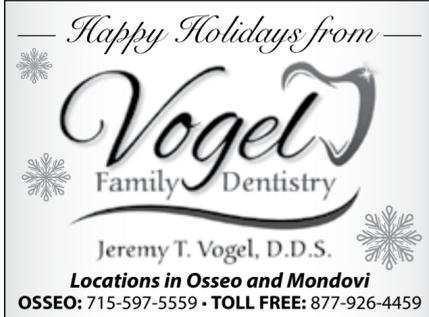
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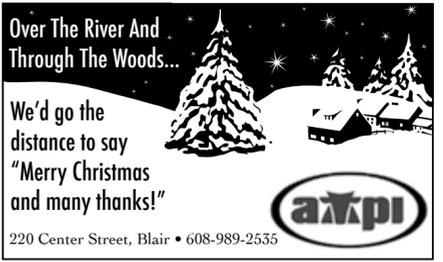
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Obituaries

Kevin D. Burt

Kevin D. Burt, 58, of Eau Claire, passed away Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at Mayo Clinic Health System - Eau Claire.

Kevin was born August 5, 1963, to Donald and Sharon (McClanahan) Burt in Galesville. He grew up in the Galesville area and graduated from Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau High School, Class of 1982. On September 20, 1987, he married Bea Borowski in Watertown, NY.

Kevin proudly served our country in the U.S. Army, retiring after 20 years of service. The family moved to Eau Claire in September of 2002 where he began working for Peterbilt. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, snowmobiling, playing cards (Uker) and muscle cars (especially his 1990 Camaro). Kevin loved the time he was able to spend with his brothers and granddaughters.

Kevin is survived by his wife, Bea; daughters: Tanya Burt and Harley Burt; granddaughters: Madison and Brooke Paige; parents, Sharon (Gary) Hammond; brothers: Jim (Nancy) Burt, Scott (Jamie) Hammond, and Jeff (Cassie) Hammond; sister, Melinda Howe; brother-in-law, Sven (Nadja) Kaiser; special friends: Inge, Joe, and Noah; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Kevin was preceded in death by his father, Donald Burt; best friend, Shane; and mother-in-law, Hannelore.

A Celebration of Life was held Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the funeral home. Rever-

end David Irgens officiated. Interment: Northern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Spooner, Wisconsin.

Jerome "Joe" Hanson

Jerome "Joe" Hanson, 72, of Blair, passed away Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

A Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date and announced by Edison Funeral Home. To read his obituary in its entirety, and for future updates, please visit: www.edisonfuneralhome.com.



Dolores A. "Nana" Welcick

Dolores A. "Nana" Welcick, 82, of White Bear Lake, passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family, December 10, 2021.

Dolores is survived by her children: Jeff (Laura), Denise (Joe) Trcka, Sara (Chad) Baribeau; nine grandchildren: Julia, Jaylen, Alice, Emilia Welcick, Abby and Nathan Trcka, Tyler, Lindsey, Kaden Baribeau; sisters: Romelle (Loren) Subra, and Mary (David) Hestekin; and both, Joe (significant other Jerri) Gienza.

Preceded in death by her husband, George; brothers: Ernest, Adrian, Dominic and Albert Jr. Gienza; and a sister, in infancy, Elizabeth.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Thursday, December 16, 2021,

at 11:00 a.m., at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 3878 Highland Ave., WBL, with visitation one hour before. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, WBL.

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Marilyn H. Killian

Marilyn H. Killian, 74, of South Milwaukee died December 12, 2021.

Marilyn was born December 7, 1947, to Alphonse and Helen (Sosalla) Killian. Marilyn had lived in Independence and then the family moved to Milwaukee.

Marilyn is survived by her son, Elliott Ignasiak; brothers: David (Barbara O'Neil) Killian and Gary (Noreen) Killian. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Visitation for friends and family was held Sunday, December 19, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at Heritage Funeral Home, 3801 Howell Ave., Milwaukee, with a prayer service at 7:30 p.m., and again Monday, December 20, 2021, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Divine Mercy Parish Church, 800 Marquette Ave., South Milwaukee.

A Mass of Christian burial was held Monday, December 20, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Divine Mercy Parish Church.

To leave online condolences please visit www.heritagefuneral.com.

JoAnn F. Lewis

JoAnn Francis Lewis, 82, of rural Galesville, passed away peacefully while sleeping, Monday, December 13, 2021, at Pigeon Falls Health Care Center in Pigeon Falls, where she resided the past

17 months.

JoAnn was born March 22, 1939, in Galesville, to Arthur and Hilda (Bork) Lewis.

Survivors are two daughters: Cindy Miller of Ettrick, Penny (Scott) Bauer of Citrus Springs, FL; her grandchildren: Jason (Judy) Olson of Galesville, Jessie (Kurt) Ristey of Ettrick; her great-grandchildren: Jazlynn Olson of Galesville, Jayda and Kashton Ristey both of Ettrick.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her parents; and her partner, Ernie Boehm.

In respecting JoAnn's wishes, JoAnn will be cremated with no services to follow.

Zwickey Funeral Homes, Galesville Chapel, assisted with arrangements

Thomas F. Woodard

Thomas F. Woodard, 78, of rural Holmen, died on Monday, December 13, 2021, at Gundersen Health System, in La Crosse.

He proudly served his country during the Vietnam Conflict as a U.S. Marine.

A memorial gathering will be held Saturday, January 8, 2022, at Zwickey Funeral Homes, Galesville Chapel, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Leona M. Christianson

Leona Muriel Christianson, 96, of Mondovi, and formerly of Eleva, passed away peacefully, Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at The Homeplace of Mondovi.

Leona was born March 30, 1925, in Bruce Valley, rural Strum, a daughter of the late Harvey and Jessie (Larson) Olson.

She was baptized and confirmed at Chimney Rock Lutheran Church. On November 14, 1942, Leona was united in marriage to Morten T. Christianson at Eleva Lutheran Church Parsonage with Pastor Wichmann officiating. Leona and her beloved husband lived on the family farm in Norden until 1979, when they moved to Mondovi.

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Besides her parents, Leona was preceded in death by her husband, Morten; two children: Carol Maug and Jerry Christianson; son-in-law, Frank Cox; and by her five siblings.

A funeral service for Leona was held Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., at Trinity of Norden Lutheran Church in rural Mondovi. Luke Pederson officiated.

Burial followed at the church cemetery. A visitation was held Sunday, December 19, 2021, from 3:00

p.m. until 5:00 p.m., at Talbot Family Funeral Home, Mondovi Chapel and again on Tuesday, from 12:00 p.m. until the hour of the service.

The family would like to take this opportunity to send a heartfelt thank you to Leona's great-granddaughter, Valicity Bjorlund, for all of her exceptional and loving care given to her over the past years.

Condolences and memories may be shared with the family at www.talbotfuneralhomes.com.

WHITEHALL SCHOOL DIST.

Whitehall School District Regular Meeting October 20, 2021

The October 20, 2021, meeting of the Whitehall Board of Education was held at Whitehall Memorial School District, High School LMC. President, Jason Molis called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum established. Other Board members present: Byron Fields, William Jurowski, Julie Dokkestul and David Estenson. Absent: Leah Johnson and Dan Koxlien. Others present: Superintendent, Mike Beighley; HS Principal, Eric Young, Elementary Principal, Damon Lisowski; MS Principal/Improvement of Instruction Director, Beth Lisowski; Finance Manager, Vicki Hagberg; HS Teachers, Gary Giese and Frank Juresh; TCT Reporter, Andrew Dannehy.

Beighley presented the proposed receipts and expenditures for 2021-2022.

Molis called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:16 p.m.

Fields moved to nominate Molis as meeting chairperson. Seconded by Dokkestul. All present - Aye. Motion carried.

The treasurer's report, as submitted by auditing firm Hawkins Ash CPAs, LLP was presented in written form and reviewed by all present.

Beighley presented District Administrator's report.

B. Lisowski moved to raise salaries of board members by \$200 for each position (Member, Treasurer and President, Clerk). Seconded by D. Lisowski. All present - Aye. Motion carried.

Dokkestul moved to approve no change in the rate for actual loss of earnings at \$125 per day (Board Policy 164), when their duties require them to be absent from their regular employment. Seconded by Beighley. All present - Aye. Motion carried.

Clerk's report was reviewed in written form by all present.

Beighley moved to adopt the district property tax levy of \$3,359,087 for all funds for the 2021-2022 school year. Seconded by B. Lisowski. All present - Aye. Motion carried.

Beighley moved to allow the Board to set the date for the Annual Meeting other than the fourth Monday in July. Seconded by Dokkestul. All present - Aye. Motion carried.

Estenson moved to allow Board of Education to sell or eliminate obsolete materials, supplies and equipment. Seconded by Fields. All present - Aye. Motion carried.

Estenson moved to continue operation of a school lunch and breakfast program. Seconded by Dokkestul. All present - Aye. Motion carried.

Other business: Discussed possibility of future space issues which may require building, leasing or purchasing space.

Fields moved to adjourn. Seconded by Dokkestul. All present - Aye. Motion carried.

Time: 6:35 p.m.

Julie Dokkestul, Clerk
WNAXLP

Whitehall School District Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting October 20, 2021

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 Laura Waletzko
 Keith Witte
 Lucia Wineski
 Lisa Ringlien
 Rhiannon Everin
 Nancy Filla
 Josh Grzadziewski
 Avery Pape
 Tami Eid
 John Gienza
 Polly Reinart
 Kris Kabus
 Not Pictured
 Barb Slaby
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 Saturday, December 25 - Closed
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DEATH NOTICES

Kathleen R. "Tootie" Nelson

Kathleen Rose "Tootie" Nelson, 71, of Cochrane passed away December 8, 2021, at Gundersen Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waumanee. Father Doss officiated.

ated. Burial was in St. Boniface Cemetery. To express condolences to her family online. Please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

Janet F. Novotny

Janet F. Novotny, 75, of Cochrane, died Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at Mayo Clinic Health System - Eau Claire.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, December 23, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Christ Lutheran Church in Cochrane with Pastor Mark Wilde officiating. Family and friends are invited for visitation one hour prior to the service at church. Burial will be in Buffalo City Public Cemetery. To express condolences to her family online, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

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William "Bing" Cooper

William "Bing" Cooper, 75, of Anaconda, MT, passed away unexpectedly, December 17, 2021.

No public services are planned at this time. Please visit buttefuneralhome.com to offer the family a condolence or to share a memory of Bing.

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Harry Van Horn
Sadly missed by those who knew him.
Jay McHugh

Thank You

The family of Sarah Brekke would like to thank our families and friends for their kindness, cards, flowers, food and memorials. Special thank you to Chaplin John Berg for the beautiful service and kind words. Scott House of Jack Funeral Home for his kindness and comfort at this difficult time. Dewey Johnson and the Whitehall-Pigeon Rod & Gun Club for the use of their facility.

An extra special thank you to My Second Home softball team for the wonderful lunch and everything they have done for us.

To Sarah's Class of 1993, you are a very special group, thank you so much!

Lastly, we want to thank Sarah's employees from the Escape Lounge at the MSP airport for coming here to honor Sarah.

*Jerry, Cherie and Tony Brekke
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