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First county COVID-19 case deemed community spread

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

Trempealeau County Health Department officials have been unable to identify the source of the county's first confirmed COVID-19 case, therefore categorizing the cause to be community spread.

The first confirmed case was announced last Wednesday evening after test results came back that afternoon. TCHD Director Barb Barczak has declined to offer any more details about the person

who tested positive.

"We differ from the large cities of La Crosse and Eau Claire in that we are not a large population center where identities of people who tested positive for the virus are easily blended. Our county contains many small communities who are in close communications with each other," Barczak wrote in a release issued on Monday of this week. "Within our small communities, it would be easy to identify a person if the community in which

the positive case resides were released. We all want our personal information to remain private and the health department will not release any location information about any positive COVID case."

The county's health director also said state and federal laws protect the person.

"We can't divulge specific details about where someone lives, works or goes to school because we are mandated to protect people's privacy, identity and safety and in

accordance with state and federal laws," Barczak said.

According to the release issued on Monday, the person has no recent history of traveling outside the western region of Wisconsin. Because the department has been unable to identify a source of the infection, the cause is considered to be community spread.

"The lack of location information should not change the way you are protecting yourselves from the virus," Barczak said. "Please con-

tinue to limit travel, practice social distancing and wash your hands frequently."

Barczak also recommended that county residents wear masks in public, noting that it is also recommended by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

"When we wear a cloth mask, we help prevent any viruses that we may unknowingly have from spreading to other people or surfaces," Barczak said.

The positive test was the first of 190 that have been issued in Trempealeau County. In a release sent last Wednesday, Barczak said the health department would follow up with individuals who had been in contact with the person who tested positive.

The first death related to COVID-19 in this region came on Saturday as the Buffalo County Health Department reported a person in their 80s with underlying health conditions died due to complications of the disease.

"We continue to urge Buffalo County residents to take this virus seriously. The action of simply staying home could save someone's life," April Loeffler, Buffalo County health officer/public health supervisor, said.

As of Monday, Buffalo County had two positive tests and 83 negative tests. There were three positive tests in Jackson County and 21 in both Eau Claire and La Crosse counties. Neither Buffalo nor Jackson county has had nearly the number of negative tests as Trempealeau County with 83 in Buffalo and 80 in Jackson. La Crosse County has had 886 negative tests and Eau Claire County has had 824.

The county health department advised that COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets that are released when an infected person coughs, sneezes or breathes. The droplets can remain in the air and on surfaces for an extended period of time. When people breathe in (inhale) the droplets, or touch surfaces that have been contaminated and then touch their mouth, face, or eyes, the virus can make them sick.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough and shortness of breath.



The Whitehall School District has set up food distribution locations throughout the district, including one at the school (pictured above). All five area schools have been distributing food to students since Gov. Tony Evers ordered all the schools in the state to be closed in March. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

School districts providing meals for area students

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

Schools may be unable to host traditional classes in the wake of the Safer at Home order issued statewide by Gov. Tony Evers, but all five Times-area districts are providing meals for students.

Students do not need to be enrolled for free or reduced lunch to participate. The Arcadia, Blair-Taylor and Whitehall districts have all indicated by press time on Monday that they will pursue providing meals for seven days a week under USDA guidelines. Signup information for each program is available on each district's respective website.

Arcadia

The Arcadia School District is currently providing 646 breakfasts and lunches daily during the regular school week, with pantry-style distribution

every Wednesday from noon to 3:30. Pickup locations are at the high school and elementary school, and bulk pickup on Wednesday covers five days worth of meals.

Superintendent Lance Bagstad said the district is currently serving meals for 50 percent of their district families, and that requests rose by an additional 76 meals in the first week after the Safer at Home order was issued.

Blair-Taylor

The B-T School District is also providing breakfast and lunch five days a week, with pickup available every Monday at one of five locations in the district, including: Blair Community Center, Blair East Church, Taylor Community Church, Upper Beaver Creek Church and Beach Corners.

Pick-up times are from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday.

Superintendent Jeff Eide said the district is serving 500 students on Monday each day of the week, or roughly 78 percent of their student body. He anticipates that number to rise as well.

G-E-T

At the Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau district, over 90 families and at least 215 total students are being fed a light breakfast and a lunch five days a week with deliveries on Monday and Thursday.

District business administrator Matt Wenthe said any child under 18 in any district home is eligible to receive meals. District administrator Aaron Engel said students and families are grateful, and that he anticipates participation to rise along with unemployment in the area.

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Bidding dates set for Independence residential development

By Debbie Foss Times Staff
 Independence officials approved seeking bids for streets and other improvements for a city-backed residential development, approved zoning for the project but have not yet agreed on a price for the lots.
 The city's engineering firm, Short Elliott Hendrickson, will advertise for bids April 15 and 22, and open them April 29. This will allow a bid to be awarded at the council May 4 meeting.
 "I am a little concerned that we're moving into a recession," said council member Dave Galewski during the council's Monday online meeting. "Will we accept bids if all is doom and gloom?"
 Mayor Robert Baecker said the council can reject all the bids if the timing of the project during the COVID-19 pandemic proves problematic.

The project follows the schedule set out in the bid documents, streets and city sewer and water would be in place at the 43-lot Markham Addition August 21. The project is located on 22 acres north of Highway 121 between Markham Road and Ash Street.
 The council adopted the residential and multi-family zoning required for the development, but put off settling on a lot price. Council members have been divided on whether to set the price somewhat low to assure sales, or higher to help the city recoup development costs. Much of the payback for the tax incentive district-backed project will come through higher property taxes.
 Members Rich Theisen and Jason Ekern are slated to discuss price with individuals who are interested in reserving lots.
 The rezoning included

property north of the boundaries of Markham Addition and along Hilltop Drive.
 The council also moved to a later date approval of a set of development restrictions. Baecker told the council he continues to have discussions with the state Department of Transportation about the driveway from the Robert Luethi home adjacent to Markham Addition. The city is selling the house, and attempting to keep driveway access to Highway 121 while the DOT is insisting on a driveway at the back of the lot.
 The council also deferred to a later meeting a proposal by Gerald and Nancy Skroch to build a four-plex on Washington Street on a vacant lot next to a thrift store. Initial plans call for an 80-foot-wide by 40-foot-deep building. The project requires a conditional use permit that could contain restrictions set by the city.

Arts festival gets OK to seek liquor license

By Debbie Foss Times Staff
 The Arcadia city council narrowly gave the organizers of Ashley for the Arts standing to apply for a license to sell hard liquor at this year's festival.

By a three-to-two vote, the council last Wednesday approved naming the event planners a concessionaire, meaning they can now apply for the license. Council members Marlys Kolstad and Joe Feltes voted against the designation in a meeting held online.

The vote came after one Arcadia resident objected to hard-liquor sales as being potentially disruptive to the family-focused fest and a defense by event organizer who noted that venues such as Disney Land, Miller Park

and many state fairs sell hard liquor.
 "I think we can agree that those are all family-friendly events," said Cole Bawek, festival president.
 Arcadia resident Todd Fetsch said, however, that he was concerned that hard alcohol sales would lead to "rudeness, rowdiness and potentially danger."
 "We should keep this event simple," Fetsch said.
 Bawek noted that security will include 70 to 100 extra officers at this year's festival. He said anyone wishing to drink the beer and wine already available must prove their age to get a 21-plus wrist band and that on-site bartenders can also question a patron's age.
 Bawek said the event is seeking the hard liquor

license to improve revenue so that Ashley for the Arts can continue to contribute to numerous non-profit groups, "some of which rely almost exclusively on the festival." The license must still be approved by the state.
 Mayor Rob Reichwein said he suspects all festivals this year will be hurting as sponsors dry up with the downturn of the economy caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted too that the festival would need city

approval annually to continue the hard-liquor sales.
 "This right now is a one-year thing," Reichwein said. "If we have trouble, no matter why, we can change this."
 Ashley for the Arts is scheduled for Aug. 6 through 8 and will feature Clare Dunn, Sawyer Brown, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Brantley Gilbert, Rival Sons, Gone West, Switchfoot and Toby Keith.

In a review of the city's response to the pandemic, electric utility superintendent Tim Putz said the utility's workers are alternating weeks of being on the job and working from home to help avoid all workers getting sick at once. At some point, employees may need to stay at home and respond only to emergencies, Putz said.
 City hall continues to be closed to walk-in traffic, and Reichwein said the city council is "willing to adapt" to staff's needs as the pandemic continues.
 "We have services we need to provide," Reichwein said, "and so far staff is doing a great job."
 City clerk Angela Berg said the city made several changes to the flow of voters for Tuesday's election to ease the chance of anyone being infected by COVID-19.
 The council also approved a building permit for a second washing bay for the EZ Kleen car wash.

County offers 'caring calls'

The county human services department is offering a "Caring Call Line" for individuals who would like to receive periodic check-up calls.
 "Moving through this health crisis can be extremely difficult and scary for many people," said Deb Suchla, director of the Trempealeau County Department of Human Services. "This line is for you and someone you may know who would benefit from a call or two during the week."
 The numbers are 715-538-1868 or 715-538-2311, ext. 291. Those interested may also email at tchuman-services@co.trempealeau.wi.us.
 Those contacting the department should leave the name and contact information for the person to receive the Caring Call. Suchla said names and contact information will be kept confidential.

Food distribution

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Independence
 The Independence School District is providing daily pickups at the school with that day's lunch and the next day's breakfast included.
 The district is issuing 115 pickups daily as of numbers provided last week, and district administrator Barry Schmitt assured "everyone who wants meals are getting them."

Whitehall
 In the Whitehall School District, the school is also providing 320 breakfasts and lunches per day, as well as pantry-style distribution every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., and 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Pick-up sites include the school, Hale Town Hall, Northfield Town Hall and Peace Lutheran Church in Pigeon Falls. The pantry style also covers five days worth of meals.
 District superintendent Mike Beighley said the district is serving about 40 percent of their families, a number which also rose in the first week after the Safer at Home order was issued.

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Little Food Pantry
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G-E-T's Vocal Point featured in a capella documentary

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

A PBS Wisconsin documentary entitled Acapocalypse: A Cappella's New Note released last week, featuring four statewide a cappella programs including Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau's own Vocal Point.

The hour-long program follows three high school a cappella groups that each performed in Port Washington High School's Acapocalypse, an annual a cappella festival featuring groups from around

the state.

For Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau's third of the documentary, PBS hones in on Vocal Point's unique rise to prominence in the a cappella community despite drawing from smaller talent pools than Port Washington and Milwaukee High School, the other two schools featured. Vocal Point members also guide viewers through a brief but informative history of a cappella for the uninitiated, and their screen time also includes a couple song

performances and interviews throughout the 2018-19 school year.

Vocal Point's director Ryan Stuemppges, in his 14th year with G-E-T and ninth after founding the group, said he was pleased after Tuesday's debut with how his program was portrayed.

"What you saw in the program was exactly the way the kids talk, feel, rehearse, and perform without the cameras in their faces. PBS Wisconsin did an amazing job of bringing Vocal Point

into everybody's household," Stuemppges said.

Vocal Point has performed for wide audiences both local and international over the past few years, while also placing in third in 2017 and fourth in 2018 in the International Championship of High School A Cappella held in New York. Last school year while they were documented by PBS Wisconsin, the group also took a year off from competing to do more traveling to other schools for workshops to help those schools build

their own programs.

Stuemppges said the opportunity to be filmed came about through a friendship with Port Washington's choir director, Dennis Gephart. The two have been a part of growing a cappella across the midwest through presenting workshops, holding performances and spreading awareness. PBS Wisconsin became aware of the Acapocalypse festival two years ago, leading them to scout the groups and choose the three that were profiled. Initially, it was intended to simply be a recording of the concert, but Stuemppges was happy to see it fleshed out into a full documentary.

"They fell in love with all of it, and since Dennis had been helping promote a cappella on his side of the state and I on the complete opposite, it made sense to incorporate our school and our friendships," Stuemppges said. "The people at PBS

Wisconsin really wanted viewers to go behind the scenes, which made for a really great program."

Naturally, Stuemppges imagines some tough cuts were made from the 15-plus hours of footage, but he felt it did a great job overall in "capturing who we are and what we stand for." He also hopes that seeing the documentary encourages more schools to start groups across the country.

"I'm also hoping that anybody watching it will understand that things just don't happen. It takes a lot of hard work and time, and that just because you're from a small school doesn't mean you can't do big things," Stuemppges said.

The documentary is available on the PBS Wisconsin Facebook page, on pbswisconsin.org or by downloading the PBS Wisconsin app and searching for "a cappella" on streaming devices.

Independence district attempts to retain hourly employees

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

The Independence School District is attempting to navigate the uncertainty surrounding the rest of the 2019-20 school year by continuing to pay base wages to hourly employees.

School board president Joe Bragger said at last Wednesday's regular meeting of the board that he supported the idea of paying workers in the interim while the COVID-19 situation remains "fluid."

"At some point, all of these folks are going to come back to business, and not all of these positions are easy to fill," Bragger said. "I think for us to show support of our staff and have them ready to go when we come back is certainly an option we need to do."

For the various staff affected, the board clarified that this means they are "on-call" for duties as assigned and should not be seeking additional employment in their normal work hours. Teachers and aides are still making connections with students for e-learning and intervention activities, and custodial staff is still cleaning the building before and after the limited use they currently receive.

The board also discussed potentially lower graduation requirements for seniors, though no firm decision was made. District superintendent Barry Schmitt said the district's standards are nearly identical to the state minimum, with additional elective credits added on as well.

Any cuts would come to elective requirements, a move which may help some students on the bubble.

Also considered was the elimination of the civics exam requirement for seniors. The test is usually taken by juniors, but some had yet to take it and would otherwise see that as a barrier to graduating. Schmitt said all potential modifications to education requirements for the school year, including the waiving of instructional hours, will be decided in a single open hearing yet to be scheduled.

In other action by the board, handbook changes were approved including the addition of a community service requirement for athletics program participants and an increase in "loss of prep" pay for teachers

from \$1,200 per semester to \$2,000 per trimester under the new schedule. Schmitt explained that instances of loss of prep triggering this payment occur when a teacher is asked to give up their prep time for a class to cover another class for an extended period of time.

The district is also continuing their ongoing search for a middle school English teacher and a special education teacher. The district may be exploring adding a physical education teacher as well, based on interest from fellow Trempealeau Valley co-op schools in having their students take health at Independence.

The board also met in closed session to discuss additional specific employment situations at the conclusion of the open meeting.

The meeting was also the final one for Chuck Walek, who concluded 13 years of service on the board.

"It's been joyful, it's just time for me to be cutting back on some things," Walek said.

County could delay reorganization meet

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

The county executive finance committee will recommend to the new county board that an organization meeting that would include electing a new board chair be delayed until May in hopes COVID-19 restrictions would be lessened.

The committee Tuesday concluded that the easiest way to hold the secret ballot required to select a board chair would be to wait for board members to be able to meet in person. Restrictions on gatherings because of the virus are likely to still be in place at the time of the scheduled reorganization meeting, April 21.

It is expected that board members will be sworn in at the April meeting, perhaps remotely. The board could include three new members, while the remaining 14 members face no election competition.

If the board accepts the recommendation, committee assignments would then also occur in May, meaning existing committee would remain as they are.

If the board rejects the recommendation, executive finance members suggested the chairman could perhaps be elected with texts or emails from those attending remotely. One person would then collect the votes and keep them confidential.

The selection of a board chair became an issue after citizens argued that current chair, Tim Zeglin, should be removed from the post because of what the citizens said was inappropriate criticism of county employees at a January hearing. The county board voted against removing Zeglin, noting that the chair position was up for a vote in April.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

In response to John Cantlon's letter: I wonder why you continue to rag on Representative Ron Kind for his proper vote to impeach President Donald Trump.

Trump's misconduct in attempting to extort campaign help from the leader of Ukraine and for obstructing in every way the House of Representatives in their investigation were impeachable offenses. Under the U.S. constitution, President Trump was guilty as sin in asking that political favor of Ukraine, just as he was guilty when he publicly asked and got Russia's help in hacking the Clinton emails. He was guilty last fall when he again said if he was offered foreign political help to his campaign, he would accept it.

Donald Trump is no innocent victim. What is more dangerous to me is Trump's 24/7 pumping of rumors, half-truths and lies into the daily news cycle in such volumes as to make it difficult to see the light. His behavior in his coronavirus briefings has confused, impeded and delayed coordinated and unified action.

Had Senator Ron Johnson and his colleagues done their duty and convicted and removed Donald Trump we would perhaps have effectively confronted this pandemic two months ago. Lives hang in the balance.

Bernard Ziegeweid,
Arcadia

To the Editor:

When we read in the Old Testament of the Bible about the plagues God sent to the people, it becomes clear as to why he would send us coronavirus. Not God-sent? How else would this disease spread to six continents within three weeks?

God sent plagues of locusts, frogs, blood in the rivers, leprosy and gnats to try to get the people to repent of their wicked ways. They did, temporarily, but it wouldn't be long before they were worshipping false gods again.

God has hand-crafted each of us, walks with us every day on this earth, hoping we will live as he wishes us to, so that someday we may enjoy Paradise forever. But we must repent and reject the false gods we are worshipping.

God has blessed this country abundantly. He expects us to follow his laws, which are for our own good. Go to church, learn his commandments, read the Bible and trust him.

As country music artist Lee Greenwood sings, "wash her pretty face, dry her eyes and then, God bless America again."

Deanne Szczepanski,
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25 YEARS AGO April 13, 1995

Whitehall will remodel more rooms in its new city center into office space to accommodate another tenant. The city council gave a tentative go-ahead for work in the old art room building in the former Memorial High School building, purchased by the city last year. City officials are near agreement with the state Department of Transportation, which wants to lease space for its driver's license examining station.

Area residents will be able to shop at a farmers' market this summer and rest on benches along Main Street courtesy of Whitehall Downtown Revitalization. The business-district improvement group met Monday evening and worked out the details of the proposed markets.

Nearly two years after it was proposed and several modifications and delays, Tri-County Memorial Hospital's proposed expansion and renovation project is expected to get underway in July. That's according to the latest timetable put out by the hospital. The start of actual construction will come a couple months later than estimated previously, but will allow a project at the adjoining Whitehall-Gundersen Clinic that wasn't in the original plans.

A Whitehall man arrested for growing marijuana in his home was convicted Monday on reduced charges and was sentenced to jail. Scott Derksen pleaded guilty in Trempealeau County Circuit Court to one count of possession of a controlled substance and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. Judge Alan Robertson placed Derksen on probation for three years and ordered him to serve 60 days in the county jail.

The Arcadia high school choir will be traveling to Florida this summer to perform at Disney World during the Magic Music Days celebration. AHS choir director Pam Siewert is anticipating the trip with great enthusiasm. "It is very exciting for us all," Siewert said. "The kids are really looking forward to the trip. We couldn't ever have done it without the support of citizens in the community and parents."

During a Memorial Day celebration on May 29, a new statue depicting Theodore Roosevelt and honoring area men who fought in the Spanish American War, will be unveiled at Memorial Park. The statue will join several other statues at the park, which commemorate area men who fought in wars throughout the history of the United States.

When Tom Nyre talks about "running over to

Etrick," he's not talking about hopping in the car and driving eight miles up the road. The Galesville resident is talking about putting on his running shoes and using two-and-a-half hours of leg power to cover the 16-plus miles to get to Etrick and back. On Friday, he is leaving for the East Coast, where he'll enter the prestigious Boston Marathon. Monday's running for the event will be the 99th and the first for Nyre, who has run 22 other marathons over the last 10 years.

The Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District likely won't need a new building for another decade, according to a long-range projection given to the school board Monday night. The district's population growth continues at a steady rate of about one percent, annually, even with extension north of the four-lane Hwy. 53, the board was told by administrator Bruce Pertzsch, a member of the board's long range planning committee.

G-E-T school officials took a double hit on the chin from two directions on its student athletic codes Monday night. A student was critical of a lack of a code that allows two students who had been dismissed from the National Honor Society for alcohol violations to be reinstated. A parent said the district's student athletic code regarding alcohol infractions on his parental rights and might violate the constitutional right to privacy.

Kurt Wood won a tie-breaking coin toss to become the village of Trempealeau president. Wood and former president Don Hellrung had the same number of votes in the spring elections, so the village had to resort to a coin toss to determine the winner.

**50 YEARS AGO
April 16, 1970**
Ernest Brickner, principal at Whitehall High the past two years, has resigned effective the end of the current school term, and has accepted a position as math and science teacher at Blair.

A group of local mothers appeared before the city council Tuesday night to ask what the city's plans were for a new swimming pool. They were told that the city will cooperate with the school district if the latter will take the initiative, and that the Chamber of Commerce Monday has voted to donate the profits from this year's Beef and Dairy Days for a pool.

C.J. Woychik Construction of Whitehall was awarded the general contract for the new school being erected near the Sunset site.

Two Huber Law prisoners who walked away from the Trempealeau County Jail April 1, Larry Larson of Inde-

pendence and Gary Swendby of Eleva, were apprehended in Illinois over the weekend and returned here Monday.

The approval for a head start program in Arcadia was announced by the Office of Economic Opportunity. The class was to be scheduled to be conducted during the summer.

The 11th annual convention of the Students Librarians' Association of Western Wisconsin was held at the Arcadia High School. The guest speaker of the event was author, Henry Gregor Felsen.

Mitch Arnold was recognized as the Arcadia High School senior athlete of the year at a banquet last week.

Senior honor students have recently been named at Gale-Etrick High School. Leading the class of 69 students are Everett Peterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Peterson, Galesville, the valedictorian, and Robert Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Johnson, Galesville, salutatorian.

The only contested position in Galesville was the city treasurer with four candidates vying for the post. Receiving 41 votes was Mary Larson, 47 votes were cast for Thelma McWaine, William Schreiner received 44 and the winner was Mabel Lovig, tallying 99 votes.

After pegging the election board wages at \$1.40 per hour last Thursday, the Galesville city council accepted a resignation from the housing authority, made another appointment to the post and met with representatives of Gale Products and Northern Flexible Products to discuss disposal and pollution problems.

The former Shankey Café is now under the management of "Bud" Sobotta who purchased the business and will open it on Sunday. Warren Shankey is joining the armed forces and that is the reason for the sale.

**100 YEARS AGO
April 15, 1920**
The people of Trempealeau County evidently are of the opinion that members of the legislature are sufficiently paid for their services at the capitol. The vote in favor of giving them an increase was 709, while 1,210 were opposed.

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WEEKLY POLL QUESTION
Should the 2020 spring election have been postponed due to concerns about COVID-19?
 YES NO
Vote on our Twitter account: @TrempecoTimes, Facebook page: www.facebook.com/trempecotimes, email andrew@trempecotimes.com or call us at 715-538-4765. Voting closes at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning.
Results from this week's poll question will appear in next week's Trempealeau County Times.
LAST WEEK'S POLL QUESTION RESULTS
Do you think there will be a WIAA spring sports season in 2020?
12% YES 88% NO

Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department Weekly Log



Wednesday, March 25
 08:01 — Arcadia: Caller reported a possible impaired driver.
 11:51 — Galesville: Caller said he got a message from a female saying she has cut herself.
 15:00 — Whitehall: Caller reported a male was banging on the door. He is now sitting in a truck and has been there for almost two hours.
Thursday, March 26
 09:12 — Galesville: Caller reported two males are fighting. There is blood all over and caretakers cannot control them.
 09:12 — Galesville: Caller reported a dog bite. A female was walking by and was bitten by a stray dog.
 09:28 — Strum: Caller located two license plats on her walk this morning.
 12:41 — Osseo: Caller reported an ongoing problem with a young driver. His speeding is getting out of control. Caller said the driver blew past highway workers at a dangerous speed, putting them in danger.
 13:01 — Trempealeau: Caller requested a welfare check on a subject that they are unable to get a hold of.
 15:09 — Osseo: Emergency medical requested for a subject who is possibly having a heart attack.
 17:55 — Galesville: Caller said a female is having a "breakdown."
 18:18 — Trempealeau: Caller is requesting a welfare check on a male. He said he is not OK and has a history of self harm.
 21:50 — Blair: A female is refusing to leave.
Friday, March 27
 03:41 — Ettrick: Male is

having a diabetic issue.
 06:45 — Galesville: A vehicle is sitting in the middle of the road with no one around. There are two bags sitting in the road south of the vehicle; caller did not look in the bags.
 12:23 — Independence: An elderly female walked away from a residence.
 13:18 — Whitehall: A barn is on fire.
 13:18 — Osseo: Report of an out-of-place vehicle driving around. The male driver took off on foot.
 14:03 — Blair: Report of garbage and a TV that were dumped.
 15:56 — Galesville: Caller reporting an older pickup is crossing the fog and center lines.
 16:05 — Ettrick: Caller reported people are drinking at the bar in violation of the governor's order.
 19:29 — Galesville: Caller reported a female is having a "breakdown" and is getting violent. No weapons are involved.
Sunday, March 29
 06:19 — Blair: EMS needed for a male who has fallen.
 07:59 — Trempealeau: Neighbor has been playing loud music since 4 a.m.
 13:47 — Whitehall: Caller's basement is filling with smoke.
 13:54 — Eleva: Caller's neighbor is dumping in the woods.
 14:53 — Whitehall: Caller reported the upstairs tenant is kicking the locked door between the apartments to irritate the caller. Caller can hear the subject telling her boyfriend "I'm probably gonna get arrested."
 19:16 — Independence: Caller reported that parties have been arguing for a while. The male has been drinking.
 19:18 — Trempealeau: Report of a male who is not acting correctly. He has not slept and is not taking medications.
 19:19 — Galesville: A male came to the caller's residence and claimed that a vehicle in the yard belongs to him.
 20:14 — Arcadia: EMS requested for somebody who doesn't have a pulse and isn't breathing.
 21:13 — Eleva: Caller requested a welfare check on a female he was on the phone with.
 22:11 — Eleva: Caller reported a vehicle overheated.
Monday, March 30

06:23 — Trempealeau: Caller reported a male is acting strangely.
 08:49 — Trempealeau: Welfare check requested on a female. Nobody has spoken with her since yesterday and she is not answering her calls.
 09:20 — Trempealeau: Report of a male attempting to break into an apartment. The tenant scared him off, but the subject is now walking in and out of the driveway.
 14:38 — Independence: Caller bought a bulk tank online and believes somebody may be trying to remove it.
 20:27 — Whitehall: Caller reported a deer is in the lane of traffic.
 21:36 — Arcadia: Report that a male violated a protection order.
 21:46 — Arcadia: Tenant is possibly breaking policy. He has a grill or fire too close to a building and it sounds like they are breaking bricks.
 22:53 — Whitehall: Report of a female cutting herself.
Tuesday, March 31
 07:48 — Arcadia: A male is off his meds and is disorderly. Dispatch can hear a male yelling in the background.
 07:50 — Blair: EMS requested for a male who is having issues. He is not himself and isn't making sense when he talks.
 08:46 — Independence: Caller requesting to speak with a deputy in reference to items they located.
 09:12 — Whitehall: Assistance requested for a subject on lockdown.
 10:40 — Independence: Ongoing problem with garbage being dumped. Adult diapers and now cat litter; five total bags today.
 11:17 — Ettrick: Report of very young children playing way too close to the road with no adult supervision.
 12:46 — Ettrick: Caller requested a welfare check as they are unable to get in touch with a subject.
 12:51 — Whitehall: A subject at the courthouse is requesting assistance.
 16:24 — Blair: Caller reported protesters are out again after the governor's

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90 cents; corn, \$1.50 and hogs, \$13.50.
 Wisconsin farms are advised to grow sugar beets and assure themselves of a stock of sugar. Sugar experts predict prices higher than they have been in 50 years.
125 YEARS AGO
April 11, 1895
 Light fall of snow last night.
 J.C. Lamberson did a fine job of grading on the schoolhouse grounds last week.
 Hobert Congdon has taken up his old stand again in the Whitehall creamery for the summer.
 A.O. Melby has painted his residence this spring and is otherwise improving and beautifying his place. Mr. Melby has one of the prettiest and most desirable residences in town.
 John Bidney and Martin Lyngdahl were arrested and fined \$10 and costs apiece Tuesday for lawless shooting of firearms within the city limits Sunday night. It is hoped this may prove a warning to others.
 The village fathers held a special meeting Monday night, the last for the present year. The treasurer's report shows a balance of \$1,600 on hand. A committee was appointed to advertise for bids and punch the waterworks project to completion.
 The joint debate at the Opera Hall Friday evening, on the question of taxation of church property, between the Arcadia and Whitehall literary societies was won by the former, supporting the negative side of the question. A large audience was present, including many from Arcadia, Blair and Independence. The musical program held in connection was well rendered, and the occasion was a very pleasant one. The Whitehall society will return the visit some time next month.



TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Real Estate Transactions

The following real estate transactions were registered on the Wisconsin Department of Revenue's website between March 23 and April 3.
 Brett and Nicole Campbell from Paul Sonsalla Construction LLC, village of Trempealeau, \$13,000.
 Trust Agreement of Allan and Mary Gamroth Dated Nov. 3, 2014 from Ehman Family Trust of 2010 Dated Sept. 1, 2010, city of Independence, \$32,500.
 Trust Agreement of Allan and Mary Gamroth Dated Nov. 3, 2014 from Geraldine Wronske, city of Independence, \$32,500.
 Shannon Dickenson from Harris Revocable Living Trust Dated Oct. 6, 2015, city of Blair, \$81,000.
 Richard Manthei and Lynn Manthei from Charles Arneson, city of Whitehall, \$70,000.
 City of Arcadia from School Board of the Arcadia School District, city of Arcadia, \$3,900.
 Ryan Pelowski from Erik Halvorsen, village of Trempealeau, \$22,000.
 Brock Ketchum from David and Nancy Berger, city of Blair, \$77,500.
 Jodi Onsrud from Paul Sonsalla Construction LLC, village of Trempealeau, \$26,000.
 Jeremy and Nichole Dunn from Tyler and Shawna Pientok, city of Whitehall,

\$16,000.
 S.J. of Strum LLC from JM Enterprises, LLC, village of Strum, \$350,000.
 Jason Kennedy and Stephanie Kennedy from Lou Ann Collins, town of Trempealeau, \$195,000.
 Nathan Stetzer and Rebecca Sprehn from Andrew and Brooke Riddle, Greg Updike and Brenda Updike, village of Trempealeau, \$177,000.
 Henry and Noel Filla from Edward and Mary Dubiel, town of Hale, \$52,500.
 Associated Milk Producers, Inc., from David Clatt and Julie Hansen, city of Blair, \$52,500.
 JK Outdoors LLC from Barbara and Joseph Ryan, town of Gale, \$370,000.
 Trinity Taylor and Trey Mayzek from Andrew Grandlund, city of Whitehall, \$68,000.
 Brent Thill and Nicole Thill from Estate of Bonita Olson, city of Galesville, \$165,000.
 John Dawson from Ryan and Nicole Schuh, town of Trempealeau, \$33,500.
 Andrew and Brooke Riddle from Salmon Investments, LLC, town of Trempealeau, \$345,000.
 Kelsey Hince and Michael Hallquist from Chad and Lisa Hanson, village of Eleva, \$212,999.
 Andrew Kopf from Yang Lor and Soua Moua, town of Ettrick, \$155,000.

Cyrus and Kayla Beck with from Carl Swenson, Debra Rice, Rebecca Swenson, Bruce Swenson and Beth Weltzien, town of Ettrick, \$200,000.
 Steve and Kristy Wagner from Carol Bue, town of Ettrick, \$650,000.
 CRG Construction LLC from Lucas and Jesse Oines, village of Trempealeau, \$30,000.
 James Warner and Patricia Warner from Tanya Bautch, city of Independence, \$85,000.
 Christopher and Jo Anna Stiever from ABS Leasing Company, Inc., town of Dodge, \$280,000.
 David and Natalie Heise from David Wall Revocable Living Trust Dated Aug. 26, 2015, town of Gale, \$318,000.
 AB and F, LLC from Timothy Lawstuen, town of Gale, \$391,000.

TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Traffic Citations & Other Forfeitures

Operating after License Suspension: Alexander Raver, 19, Osseo.
Operating without a Valid Driver's License: Wendy Malone, 47, Rockford, Ill.; Jose Romero Hernandez, 28, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ariel Hawkins, 27, Minneapolis.
Speeding
16 to 19 MPH over the Limit: Barbara Xiong, 24, Sheboygan.
11 to 15 MPH over: Francis Maslow, 22, Siren; Edgar Meza, 23, Rice Lake; Julie Nelson, 53, Lake Elmo, Minn.; Shawntha Penro, 27, Chicago, Ill.; Clarence Ray, 38, Chicago, Ill.; Randall Rubenzer, 60, Bloomer; Ariel Hawkins, 27, Minneapolis; Chelsea Vaughn, 32, Lino

Lakes, Minn.
Non-Registration: Carlos Ramirez, 22, Weslaco, Texas; Justis Waller, 26, Strum.
Operate without Insurance: Ryan Langowski, 30, Merrillan; Alexander Raver, 19, Osseo.
Operate without Proof of Insurance: Carlos Ramirez, 22, Weslaco, Texas; Shawn Wanstead, 39, Fall Creek; Lisa Wolfeale, 40, Baraboo; Chris Yang, 28, Madison; Mengying Yao, 27, Minneapolis, Minn.
Underage Alcohol and Tobacco Citations Underage Consumption/Possession of Alcohol, First Offense: Cameron Padilla, 20, Whitehall; Mitchell Tollefson, 20, Whitehall.



TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Criminal Court Report

March 31 Initial Appearances
 Timothy Busse, 32, Pigeon Falls, two counts of bail jumping-felony. Preliminary hearing scheduled for April 16.
Arraignment
 Grant Bowdish, 55, Eau Claire, two counts of bail jumping-felony. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for May 12.
Dismissals
 Juan Romero, 18, Arcadia, charge of disorderly conduct was dismissed on prosecutor's motion upon the completion of a deferred prosecution agreement.
April 2 Arraignment
 Juan Lopez, 41, Arcadia, first-degree reckless injury, first-degree recklessly endangering safety, possession of cocaine/coca and disorderly conduct. Pretrial

conference scheduled for April 20, status conference for May 7.
 Joseph Cruz, 26, Germantown, two counts of bail jumping-misdemeanor. Pretrial conference scheduled for April 20, status conference for May 7.
Status Conferences
 Cassey Paulin, 28, Fall Creek, possession with intent-LSD (1-5 grams). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for June 2.
 Christopher Woolf, 25, Black River Falls, repeated sexual assault of the same child (at least three violations of first degree sexual assault). Status conference scheduled for May 21.
 Morgan Miller, 34, Mindoro, possession of methamphetamine. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for June 2.
 Jamie Bell, 31, Independence, strangulation and suffocation (domestic abuse), false imprisonment (domestic abuse), battery (domestic abuse), resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for June 2.
 Ronald Jaszewski Jr., 18, Arcadia, possession of methamphetamine, operate with restricted controlled substance and possess drug paraphernalia. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for June 16.
 Jacqueline Samples, 48, Arcadia, bail jumping-felony, knowingly violate a domestic abuse order and disorderly conduct. Status conference scheduled for May 5.
 Anthony Bell, 19, Toledo, Ohio, resisting or obstructing

an officer and disorderly conduct. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for June 2.
 Dakota Thomas, 22, Arcadia, bail jumping-misdemeanor. Status conference scheduled for May 7.
 Gregory Kuzelka, 41, Osseo, bail jumping-misdemeanor, battery (domestic abuse) and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Pretrial conference scheduled for April 20, status conference for May 7.
 Grant Johnson, 29, Eleva, battery (domestic abuse) and two counts of disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for May 5.
 Jessalynn Erickson, 40, Galesville, disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for June 2.
 John Schraeder, 43, Eleva, battery and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Pretrial conference scheduled for April 20, status conference for May 7.
 Evan Stephenson, 25, Blair, disorderly conduct. Pretrial conference scheduled for April 20, status conference for May 7.
 Virginia Stoddard, 67, Onalaska, theft-movable property (<\$2,500). Status conference scheduled for May 7.
 Joseph Cruz, 26, Germantown, disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) and criminal damage to property. Status conference scheduled for May 7.
Plea/Sentencing
 Dale Boehnen, 54, Galesville, pleaded guilty to issuance of worthless check (<\$500). Fined \$175.20.

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The Whole Nine Yards

by Zac Bellman

The Swing of Spring
For whatever reason, it doesn't feel like spring to me until I've swung something, usually a softball bat or a golf club.

It's a sign that I'm free from the confines of being bundled up or shuttered away in my apartment while cranking up the heat. There's something about that act of getting full extension and connecting on a ball as it sails into an outfield gap or down the middle of a fairway that feels so free, so relaxing, so masculine.

The great Bill Watterson says as much in his venerable Calvin and Hobbes series in a three-panel strip that starts with Calvin loudly exclaiming "I have a hammer!"

"I can put things together! I can knock things apart! I can alter my environment at will and make an incredible din all the while!"

"Ah it's great to be male!" Calvin exclaims contentedly as he walks off to end the strip.

While rewatching the 2019 MLB Home Run Derby this past week, an interview with Pete Alonso of the New York Mets also described this feeling of hitting something so solidly that you don't feel a thing.

"The best feeling is when you don't feel the bat hit the ball at all, it's just a sweet feeling, you don't even feel it. It's just a nice, smooth swing and you feel the bat float through the zone, that's when you know you really got it," Alonso said as he watched Los Angeles Dodger Joe Pederson compete during last year's derby.

As I pass the time between assignments mostly completed from the confines of my apartment these days, the first true swing of spring feels too far off. I've also found the button of my PS4 controller while playing a baseball video game is little substitute for guiding a bat or club from behind my back through contact.

I pantomime the act, but my imagination can't compare to the genuine feeling of teeing up that first shot on hole number one. I picture taking that practice swing while trying to recall any muscle memory from a few successful trips to the course the summer prior, muttering "Here goes nothing" as a way of relaxing my anxious expectations, gripping it and ripping it.

Whether it sails high down the middle of the fairway or dribbles off the cart path, or whether I lace a base hit to left-center or whiff on a breaking ball, I'll know it's spring. Until it's safe to do so, the groundhog may have just as well seen his shadow the first two times he left his burrow, because it is still winter in my mind until I've swung.



Ken Stellpflug was honored during a ceremony in 1991 after he had finished his run as a coach for the Whitehall boys basketball team. (Whitehall Times file photo)

Whitehall seeks to rename gym in honor of Hall of Fame coach

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

A recent initiative led by former Whitehall High School basketball player Ralph Rasmuson is seeking to rename Whitehall's gym in honor of former coach Ken Stellpflug.

The Wisconsin Basketball Hall of Fame legacy of Stellpflug is well-known: a 378-143 record with only two losing seasons in 25 coached for the Norse. Stellpflug's overall record included a 263-90 record in Dairyland Conference play, in which WHS teams won or shared the conference title nine times, and finished lower than third only seven times. His teams ran two impressive conference winning streaks: a 35-game string from 1967-

69, and a 47-gamer in '83-86. The Norse record over those years included a 36-24 mark in Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association post-season play. Stellpflug's teams won three regional championships, one sectional title, and finished second in the 1986 Class C state tournament.

Stellpflug's coaching career ended in 1990 when the Whitehall school board voted not to renew his contract. That decision proved controversial, leading to a recall election and legal action taken against the board by Stellpflug.

For all Stellpflug accomplished on the court, the mission for one-time player Rasmuson, who played for him from 1966 to 1970 has

been as for what the coach meant to him personally.

"He literally took me from an uncoordinated six-foot-seven seventh grader and worked with me every chance he had to make me a basketball player," said Rasmuson, who credits Stellpflug with helping him earn a full basketball scholarship from Division One Oklahoma State University. "There were a lot of jobs that paid decent money, and I very likely would have been caught in the trap that a lot of people got into and never would have gone to college."

Rasmuson described Stellpflug as "intense and demanding."

"He expected nothing but excellence and was 'in your face' during practice and during games if you were underperforming. He was driven to succeed and expected nothing less from

his players," Rasmuson said. As for why Stellpflug deserves the honor, Rasmuson says the resume speaks for itself.

"Twenty-five plus years of serving the Whitehall community as a coach, mentor and friend. The people who contribute to the renaming of the floor do not need an answer to this question," Rasmuson said. "They will contribute out of a love and respect for coach, and his family. He left an indelible mark on this community and people remember that."

Rick Schmidt, who played on Stellpflug's state tournament team in 1986, agreed that he was "hard-nosed" and "old-fashioned."

"He would get in your face, but in the next breath he was also very complimentary," Schmidt said.

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tary," Schmidt said.

Schmidt remembers one encounter with Stellpflug after his junior season in 1985 when the two spotted each other in Madison.

"He called me over in his gravelly voice saying,

'Schmidt, come here,' shook my hand and in that hand passed me five dollars, which was a lot at the time," Schmidt said. "He told me to go grab something to eat and drink, it just showed the kind of care he had for his players."

Stellpflug's coaching

made such an impression on Schmidt that when he took his first head coaching job with the Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau boys basketball team in 1995, he had Stellpflug on as an assistant.

"It was nice to have a veteran, someone to provide

suggestions and advice on how to run a program," Schmidt said.

Schmidt said the one thing he took from Stellpflug's influence was passion for everything he did.

"That caring and compassion, he would instill that into his players who really bought in," Schmidt said. "It's not just about basketball, he really valued the relationships he gained through it, which is something I have tried to maintain as well with kids I've coached."

Rasmuson said the prospect of naming the floor was discussed prior to this year, but with an upcoming resurfacing of the gym floor coming up this summer, the district suggested now was a better time. He added that donations will be accepted until May 1, at which point the district will finalize their plans. Checks made payable to the Whitehall School District with the memo line "Ken Stellpflug Naming Project" are being accepted, and the district is also making pay-

ment via credit card available as well.

A GoFundMe campaign has also been started by Rasmuson, which as of the writing of this story had accumulated just shy of \$2,500 toward what Rasmuson described as an arbitrary number of \$25,000. Specific cost estimates for the project were not provided, due in part to the resurfacing the district is already doing this summer which will also defray costs for any painting that should take place.

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Through the eyes of our new heart

For Christians, our daily battleground is the renewing of our minds. When God gives us our new spiritual heart it is assurance that He is going to make our minds new and that old "stinkin' thinkin'" that did not work well and left us in anxiety and stress and sickness will slowly be replaced with right thinking and peace from the truths of God's Word.

As we begin to submit to God through our new hearts, He balances our entire being. Our bodies start to pulse with the new rhythms of our new heart. The immediate effect may be subtle, but we discover we no longer think quite the same way anymore. And as we persist, we find that slowly the way we think and the way we do things are changing. Each stage of our mind's development must change. The Word must pierce each part of the mind, transforming it. The Bible puts it this way:

"Go ahead and make all the plans you want, but it's the Lord who will ultimately direct your steps. We are all in love with our own opinions, convinced they're correct. But the Lord is in the midst of us, testing and probing our every motive. Before you do anything, put your trust totally in God and not in yourself. Then every plan you make will succeed."

— (Proverbs 16:1-3 the Passion Bible)

Because God understands us so well, He has chosen to rule in our lives through our new heart. He could not establish a covenant relationship with us through the brain. The brain wants to know "what's in it for me." But the new heart says, "I will love you and obey you."

Believers should not see things as "natural" people do. We should see things as God sees them, because we are looking through the eyes of our new heart. For instance, if someone offends you, the natural reaction is to get angry because of the natural thought pattern. But a mind that has been renewed according to the Word of God can look at an offense differently and even call it a blessing! Remember what the Bible says about loving our enemies. That is not what the natural mind would decide to do.

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Sunday, April 12, 2020
Easter Sunday

Obituaries

Paulette Kranz
Paulette Kranz, 75, of Wisconsin Rapids, formerly of La Crosse, died Wednesday March 25, 2020, at Aspirus Riverview Hospital in Wisconsin Rapids.

She was born in Arcadia, June 28, 1944, to Warren and Angie (Fonfara) Schankey. She married Bernie Kranz, June 4, 1966, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Arcadia.

Paulette enjoyed playing cards, dancing, visiting friends and family, spending time with her grandchildren, and especially going for rides in the car.

She is survived by her three sons: Paul Kranz, of Sparta, Peter Kranz of Tomah, and Scot Kranz of Wisconsin Rapids; two grandchildren; three sisters: Mary (Donald) Feldner of DeSoto, Clare (Jack) Drzewiecki of Appleton, and Pamela (Patrick) Wozney of South Milwaukee; and one brother, Tom (Patricia) Schankey, of La Crosse.

Paulette was preceded in death by her parents; and one sister, Sharon.

A private family service will be held in Mormon Coulee Memorial Park Cemetery. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Blaschke & Schneider



Maria R. Salas
Maria Rios Salas, 78, passed away Sunday, March 29, 2020, at Mayo Clinic in Eau Claire.

Maria was born July 1, 1942, in Cuidad Acuña, Mexico. She was the daughter of Leonard Rios Salas, who passed away in Nov. of 2007, in Del Rio, TX.

Maria was a loving mother who enjoyed being around people and enjoyed working at Gold'n Plump in Arcadia. Throughout her life, Maria's motto was "If I could only work harder to make more money."

She is survived by her daughter, Patricia Turner of Winona, MN.; sons: Javier Delacera of Del Rio, TX., and Roland Delacera of Arcadia; her brothers: Rogelio Salas of Weslaco, TX., and Arturo Salas of Chicago, IL. But most of all, she will surely be missed by her oldest son, Roland Delacera of Arcadia. He will deeply miss her. To Roland, Maria was not only a mother, but also his best friend.

At the request of her son,



Funeral home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.blaschkeschneider.com.

Aaron "Bud" P. Kujak
Aaron "Bud" Paul Kujak, 91, of Blair, formerly of Arcadia and Fountain City, died Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at Gundersen Tri-County Hospital in Whitehall.

Bud was born August 20, 1928, in Fountain City to Paul J. and Martha (Bagnesski) Kujak. He married Donna Lou Danielson, June 6, 1949.

In Fountain City, Donna preceded Bud in death, January 9, 2001.

Bud served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Bud worked as a manager in the meat department of Randall Foods in Winona, MN. He later owned and operated the Fountain City Meat Market in Fountain City.

Bud was a plant manager for the AG Co-Op broiler plant and was then self employed for the majority of his life as a livestock dealer in which he specialized in dairy cattle.

Bud was an avid sports fan and was an official for



Javier Delacera of Del Rio, TX., Maria's remains will be cremated and sent to Del Rio, TX.

In loving memory, may God bless her.

In addition to his parents and wife, Bud was preceded in death by a daughter-in-law, Shari; a brother, Ray; and four sisters: Helen, Ethel, Ilene and Dorothy.

Bud will be laid to rest at a private family gathering at a later date.

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

Elaine A. Repinski
Elaine A. Repinski, 81, of Arcadia, died at her home, Friday, April 3, 2020, with her husband at her side.

Elaine was born February 28, 1939, in Arcadia to August and Helen (Pyka) Sobotta.

Elaine graduated from Arcadia High School and was employed by Blaschko Enterprise for many years. On July 13, 1974, she married Greg Repinski in Galesville. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Elaine and Greg worked side-by-side for 46 years. Elaine also enjoyed bowling, golfing, and later doing word search puzzles.

Elaine is survived by her husband, Greg of Arcadia; sister, Doris (Galen) Mueller of Arcadia; brother, Aaron Sobotta of Arcadia; step-daughters: Debbie Klaeser and her friend Andy of La Crosse, Cheryl (John) Fernandez of Buffalo City, and Lori Repinski; step-grandchildren: Morgan and Mackenzie Klaeser, Jeremy Repinski, Chad Repinski, Natasha Repinski; and nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, August and Helen; brother, Richard Sobotta; nephews: Jeffery Sobotta and Philip Sobotta; and a sister-in-law, Adeline Sobotta.



Mark A. Windjue
Mark Alvin Windjue, 70, of Whitehall, died Saturday, April 4, 2020, at Gundersen Tri-County Care Center in Whitehall.

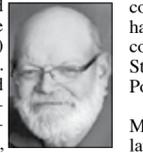
Mark was born December 20, 1949, in Whitehall to Alvin and Jeanette (Johnson) Windjue. He married Vicki L. Petersen, November 11, 1972 in Eleva. Vicki preceded Mark in death, June 27, 2019.

Mark graduated from Whitehall High School and served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Mark was employed with the City of Whitehall for over thirty years prior to his retirement. He was a member of the Whitehall Fire Department for over twenty years and served as chief for nine years. Mark also served several years on the Whitehall School District's Board of Education.

Mark was a huge Wisconsin sports fan, especially the Packers and the Badgers. He enjoyed fishing trips, golf, socializing with friends, cooking chicken with the Whitehall Fire Department for local events, reading and crossword puzzles.

As a grandfather, father, husband, brother, son and



Memorial Services will be scheduled at a later date due to the extenuating circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. Please watch our website for updated service information. Thank you for your understanding and please know that the family of Elaine appreciates your cooperation during this difficult time.

To express condolences to her family online, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com. Wozney-Killian Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

A public celebration of Mark's life will be held at a later date.

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

Private family services and burial will be at Lincoln Cemetery in Whitehall. Military rites will be conducted by the Hutchinson-Stendahl American Legion Post #191.

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Great Rivers United Way collecting county emergency response funds

Great Rivers United Way has established a new fund designed to help Trempealeau County residents whose income will be affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund is a local partnership between Great Rivers United Way and business, government, and individual supporters.

The Trempealeau County Emergency Response Fund's first priority will be to provide funding to Trempealeau County charitable organizations that already offer direct services to its targeted populations. The aim is to help people hardest hit by reduced and lost work resulting from

pandemic-related closures.

"We recognize it's too soon to know the full impact of coronavirus on our county, but we do know needs will increase in the days, weeks and months ahead. We'd like to help our community be as prepared as possible, proactively," said Mary Kay Wolf, Executive Director of Great Rivers United Way.

Fundraising is now underway to grow the fund and will continue throughout the outbreak and recovery phases of the crisis. For more information or to contribute online, visit www.gruw.org/covid19. You may also text TREMP to 40403 to donate.

Donations may also be mailed to Great Rivers United Way, Attn: Trempealeau County ERF, at 1855 E. Main St., Onalaska, WI 54650. Please make checks payable to Great Rivers United Way and write "Trempealeau County Emergency Response Fund" on the notes line.

"Nobody anticipated this kind of immediate and urgent need last fall when Great Rivers United Way ran its annual fundraising efforts," Wolf continued. "At this point, the community needs every combined effort to take care of our neighbors who are being impacted."

The fund will support and enhance any government assistance provided. Fund distributions will be released on a rolling basis, making it possible to move resources quickly and adapt to evolving needs. The application Trempealeau County agencies will use to request funds will be available once the first online donations come in.

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Board's final adjournment, no person who is scheduled to appear before the Board of Review may contact, or provide information to a member of the board about the person's objection except at a session of the board. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the Board of Review by phone or contest the amount of any assessment unless, at least 48 hours before the first meeting of the Board of Review, or at least 48 hours before the objection is heard if the objection is allowed under Sub. (3)(a), that the person provides to the Board of Review clerk a notice as to whether the person will ask for removal under Sub. (6m) and if so which member will be removed and the person's reasonable estimate of the length of time that the hearing will take.

Sec 19.35(1) of Wis. Statutes. The board shall hear upon oath, by telephone, all ill or disabled persons who present to the board a letter from a physician, surgeon or osteopath that confirms their illness or disability. No other persons may testify by telephone. Respectfully submitted, Margaret Everson, Clerk/Treasurer Village of Pigeon Falls (Published April 8, 2020) WNAXLP

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When appearing before the Board of Review, the person shall specify, in writing, the person's estimate of the value of the land and of the improvements that are the subject of the person's objection and specify the information that the person used to arrive at that estimate. No person may appear before the Board of Review, testify to the board, or by telephone or object to a valuation, if that valuation was made by the Assessor or the Objector using the income method of valuation, unless the person supplies the Assessor all information about income and expenses, as specified in the Assessor's manual under Sec 73.03(2a) of Wis. Statutes, that the Assessor requests. The Village of Pigeon Falls has an ordinance for the confidentiality of information about the income and expenses that is provided to the Assessor under this paragraph which provides exceptions for persons using information in the discharge of duties imposed by law or the duties of their office or by order of a court. The information that is provided under this paragraph, unless a court determined that it is inaccurate, is not subject to the right of inspection and copying under

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING for a CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT to Build Three, Zero-Lotline Twin Homes at 11869 Gray Street, Lots 1 - 3, 1st Addition, Trempealeau, Wisconsin PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Village Board, Village of Trempealeau, Trempealeau County, Wis., will hold a Public Hearing on April 16, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Village of Trempealeau Community Center, 24455 3rd Street, Trempealeau, Wis., allowing the public an opportunity to comment on an application by Corey Feyen for a Conditional Use Permit to construct three, Zero-Lotline Twin Homes at 11869 Gray St., Lots 1 - 3, 1st Addition. Subsequent to the public hearing, the Village Board will consider the Conditional Use Applications. For more information regarding the application or the public hearing, please contact Roxroy Barrett at 608-534-6434. Roxroy Barrett Planning and Zoning Director Village of Trempealeau (Published April 8, 2020) WNAXLP

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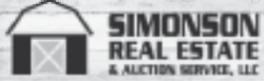
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