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## Though virus free so far, life in county disrupted

*By Debbie Foss  
Times Staff*

As of late Monday, there were no reported cases of COVID-19 in Trempealeau County, but the wave of changing recommendations to avoid the virus is turning county lives and policies upside down.

"I was on the phone with a state health official and we said it was like flying an airplane and building it at the same time," Barb Barczak the county's health director recounted Monday.

Barczak told county supervisors Monday that her office is monitoring some county individuals whose travel might indicate they came in contact with an infected person. She said, too, that successful quarantining of persons with the disease could depend on their getting financial assistance.

Any county medical facility can take samples to be sent to labs to determine whether an individual has the

disease, Barczak said. She noted testing, for now, should be limited to those who are displaying symptoms.

Up-to-date information can be found at [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/coronavirus](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/coronavirus) and [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). The Trempealeau County Health Department is at [www.trempealeauintimes.com/tchome/health/home](http://www.trempealeauintimes.com/tchome/health/home). The Times will post updates as available on its Facebook page.

As of early Tuesday, 47 persons in Wisconsin had tested positive for the virus, none in Trempealeau or adjacent counties. Barczak encouraged county residents who have traveled to China, Japan, Iran, Italy or South Korea to notify her department.

In general municipalities in the county, again as of Monday, were remaining open but are encouraging online and drop-off bill

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## Evers: Dodge needs Arcadia assurances

*By Debbie Foss  
Times Staff*

Though the federal engineers who are designing Arcadia's flood works say the project will be neutral for communities along the Trempealeau River, a "bunch of people" don't believe that, Gov. Tony Evers said.

"The city's work" to design and fund flood projects "is admirable," Evers said, "but we have to have people know it won't hurt them."

Evers comments came during a second listening session last Tuesday, the first being in Dodge where he heard from residents that they were concerned about the Arcadia project. He suggested the state might finance a flood study for the town (see a separate story in today's Times).

Evers did say in response to comments that Arcadia was the economic driver for the county that he agreed the city's industries need protection. He also seemed to indicate he would help

the city get an extension to state money as the work by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is further delayed.

"Under no circumstances am I saying the state wants to abandon businesses," Evers said. "We just want to be sure it's neutral elsewhere. There are Dodge residents whose basements never get dry."

Evers said he has introduced a package of bills that would, among other things, increase municipal flood grants for activities other than moving structure out a flood zones and increase from 50 percent to perhaps 75 percent the state's share for some flood relief money.

District 31 Sen. Jeff Smith urged attendees in Dodge and Arcadia to "pressure" legislators to pass the legislation. Wisconsin lawmakers are no longer in session but Evers said they could return.

Arcadia attorney Terry Madden told Evers that even with the state's money, the

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### March Sadness

**Above:** The few Arcadia fans who were able to attend the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Division Three State Semifinal game in Green Bay Thursday morning attempted to make up for those who couldn't after the WIAA's decision to limit the number of spectators in response to the evolving concerns over the spread of COVID-19. **Below:** Later that evening, the Blair-Taylor student fans had to resort to using parents to ride the roller coaster during their sectional semifinal game against Bangor. Late that night, the WIAA cancelled all remaining tournament games.

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# COVID-19 concern leads to county, statewide school closures

By Andrew Dannehy  
Times Editor

School across the state will close by Thursday of this week after Gov. Tony Evers directed Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to issue an agency order mandating the statewide closure of all K-12 schools, public and private, as part of the state's efforts to respond to and contain the spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin.

The order issued by Evers is to keep closed until Monday, April 6, however some area schools won't re-open until Tuesday, April 14. The decision was announced late Friday afternoon, hours after two schools — Whitehall and Independence — had announced intentions to remain open, with the warning that circumstances could change. "Closing our schools is not a decision I made lightly, but keeping our kids, our

educators, our families, and our communities safe is a top priority as we continue our work to respond to and prevent further spread of COVID-19 in Wisconsin," Evers said. Arcadia, Independence and Whitehall will hold public hearings this week Tuesday to discuss the possibility of requesting a waiver that could reduce the minimum number of instructional hours required for the 2019-20 school year.

Blair-Taylor may also request a waiver, but is exploring other learning opportunities as superintendent Jeff Eide said their goal is "as much face-to-face time as possible." Gale-Eitrick-Trempealeau is waiting on information from the Department of Public Instruction before making a decision on how to make up instructional time. Each of the five schools in the Times area issued releases saying staff members would

be remaining in contact with students throughout the time school is closed. Each district has asked area residents to follow social media pages for updates. State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor issued a statement immediately after the executive order was announced. "The safety and health of our students, educators, and families remain of the highest importance. When

considering the length of school closures, we are asking our local school districts and local health departments to be in close coordination in making these decisions. We know schools are thinking about the anticipated academic and economic impacts, and unintended impacts of these decisions, and are planning for ways to provide critical supports to kids and families, such as food and security."

# Evers to explore Dodge study grant

By Debbie Foss  
Times Staff

A Dodge resident who has been working with an engineering firm on the community's persistent high-water troubles may have helped interest the Wisconsin governor in financing a study. Keith Jereczek told Gov. Tony Evers that the SEH engineer with whom he has been working thinks it might be possible to convert land across the Trempealeau River into a holding area, keeping the community from being so frequently flooded.

Jereczek was among about 10 Dodge residents and officials who met with Evers and other state officials last Tuesday. Residents told of water lingering in their basements for months, "something that has never happened before."

"Meet, meet, meet, but nothing has changed since last year" when the governor visited the then-flooded Dodge, one resident said. Jereczek told Evers the flooding in Dodge has affected every aspect of his life. Jereczek said his meetings

with the engineer lead to a discussion about purchasing land across the river in Buffalo County that could be used to contain excess flow. "Let's see if we can find some state money to at least do a feasibility study," Evers said. "We have a surplus. We should be able to come up with something."

Other residents recommended a dike, perhaps using dredged material from the river, or that a lake be drained. "That river used to be 17 feet deep," said Delores Miller. "Now it's four feet." Some residents also said they were worried about the consequences if the city of Arcadia proceeds with a proposed \$38 million flood-abatement project. Town clerk Kara Wener said Dodge has been looking at grants to study the flooding problems, but that the town's finances are tight.

## Dodge needs assurances

(continued from Page 1) city is still about \$14 million short of what it needs to finance the \$37 million project being designed by the corps. He said the city has already spent \$3 million to move the flood bottleneck of Myers Valley Creek and to increase pumping capabilities. "This is not a city versus Dodge issue," Madden said, noting the corps has concluded that there would be no upstream or downstream increases in river flow from the Arcadia project.

Arcadia town chairman Barbara Tock told Evers flooding is a "million dollar problem" for small communities. The township has 45 bridges and the "list of problems flooding creates is endless."

County board chairman Tim Zeglin said the situation between Dodge and Arcadia could "potentially become very emotional" and argued resolution must be "science-based."

Evers noted that one of the bills he has proposed would change the existing 50-50, state-municipality split for the Wisconsin Disaster Relief fund to 70 to 75 percent borne by the state.



Gov. Tony Evers (left) and Dodge town chairman Daniel Lilla discuss the town's continued flooding problems last Tuesday. Evers said he would investigate state funding for a feasibility study for the town. (Times photograph by Debbie Foss)

# Four injured in car, buggy crash

Four occupants of a horse drawn buggy were hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries after the buggy was rear-ended in the town of Pigeon Sunday evening.

The release said the crash caused substantial damage to both the vehicle and the buggy. All four occupants in the buggy were transferred to a local hospital. Reetz, who was the lone occupant in her

vehicle, was not injured. Inattentive driving is believed to be a factor in the crash, according to the sheriff's department. Assisting the sheriff's department were the Whitehall Police Department, Pigeon Falls and Whitehall fire departments, Tri-County Ambulance and Mayo 2 helicopter. The accident is still under investigation.

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## WHITEHALL FOOD PANTRY

On behalf of the Whitehall Food Pantry, we would like to thank the choir members of Blair Lutheran, Our Saviour's of Whitehall, Peace Lutheran of Pigeon Falls & Stouthearted Men for putting on the beautiful concert on February 16 to raise money for the local food pantries. Our share was very generous and will help us meet the needs of families struggling with food shortages. Also, many thanks to those whom organized and put on such a wonderful concert. Lastly, many thanks to the Gunderson Tri-County Foundation for the generous donation to our food pantry.  
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A group of Arcadia area residents who made contributions to the Wanek Center were given a tour of the facility Monday. Pictured in one of the new gymnasiums are Andrew Schultz (from left), Nancy Schultz, Henry Schultz, Dr. Paul Dettloff, Keith Weltzien, Clarence Pronschinske, Karen Weltzien, Beverly Pronschinske, Renee Schank, Loren Wolfe and Diane Walske. Donors not pictured include Dave and Charlotte Schank.

### Arcadia donors tour the Wanek Center

By Debbie Foss Times Staff A group of Arcadia area residents who were important contributors to the new Wanek Center were given a tour of the facility Monday and recognized for their contributions to its construction. "This is a real tribute to western Wisconsin," said Dr. Paul Dettloff. "I hope it inspires other small towns to do something similar. I think the brain drain is being reversed in Arcadia." For Clarence and Beverly Pronschinske, contributing to the school district that educated 14 children and 19 grandchildren just seemed right. Clarence Pronschinske also served on the school board for 18-and-a-half years, and was active in the process of buying land for the school. His impressions of the Wanek Center? "It's amazing," he said, adding he was a graduate of a one-room schoolhouse. "This is a wonderful group of people," said Jason Lockington of the gathering. Lockington helped coordinate fundraising for the center. "They have a long history of giving to this community. Without them, the city library would not be here." The Wanek Center, built with a \$4 million bond issue approved by Arcadia voters and donations, including \$12 million from the Ron and Joyce Wanek Foundation, houses school gymnasiums, a community fitness center and community rooms. The Arcadia Public Library is now scheduled to begin moving into its new quarters at the center March 23 through April 4. The fitness center has "550 members, not counting those who just come in for a day pass," Lockington said. "It's crowded in the early morning, late afternoon and evening with a great mix of ages." Lockington said the Wanek Center's goal is to break even. The donors represent how important is the area's farm economy, Lockington said. Besides Dettloff and the Pronschinskes, other donors on the tour included Andrew Schultz, Nancy Schultz, Henry Schultz, Keith Weltzien, Karen Weltzien, Renee Schank, Loren Wolfe and Diane Walske. Other donors who did not attend Monday included Dave and Charlotte Schank.

Thank you to my daughters and sons for putting on an 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party for me. Thank you also to all my friends and relatives who came and brought so many unexpected gifts. I enjoyed myself and hope you did too. Eighty years sure went by fast!

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### Life in county disrupted by virus

(continued from Page 1) payments to keep person-to-person contacts low. Scheduled public meetings have generally proceeded, though some officials have discussed whether to move the sessions to on-line or the telephone.

"Our top priority is to keep everyone healthy," said Arcadia city administrator Chad Hawkins. "It would be a nightmare if, for instance, all of our utility workers got sick."

The state's Public Utility Commission has instructed all utilities, including municipal ones, to not disconnect customers for nonpayment during the health crisis.

Ashley Furniture Industries had made no decision about its operations as of Monday, according to Cole Bawek, director of public relations.

Just over the weekend, county officials and residents got a taste of the volatility of the health crisis. As county officials and residents attempted to heed just one recommendation, limiting crowd size, the guidance shifted. Barely had the recommendation that avoid gatherings of more than 250 people been in place than, Monday afternoon, the governor ordered the number

reduced to 50. Later on Monday, federal officials knocked it down to 10 persons for the next 15 days.

Gas stations, grocery stores, police and fire departments and medical facilities are generally encouraged to stay open, but other businesses may close.

Nursing homes throughout the county and Gundersen Tri-County Hospital and Clinic in Whitehall have all limited to one the number of allowed patient visitors. The county's onsite senior meal programs are still operating, but patrons must sit far apart. Deb Suchla, director of human services for the county, said she expects a big uptick in seniors seeking meal delivery.

Human services employees will still respond to visits regarding children and persons at risk, but the department encourages other interactions be to over the phone.

The county's emergency dispatch operators are asking callers who report being sick if they have symptoms that might indicate COVID-19, which then allows responders to take precautions, according to the county emergency services director Dan Schreiner. The Arcadia Ambulance Service director

Deb Slaby reports the service has sufficient masks and other protective gear to keep responders safe.

Sheriff Brett Semingson is expected to announce early this week special precautions for jail inmates and department employees.

During a special meeting of the county personnel committee Monday, members bounced around ideas ranging from sending all 250 employees home with pay to keeping operations largely unchanged. Meetings this week are expected to discuss what services are essential and must remain open and such county policies as how to handle telecommuting or employees who have no choice but to stay home with their children.

The county clerk's office was expecting a new batch of absentee ballots this week after running out as voters heeded recommendations to avoid polling places for the April 7 election if possible. Jeremy Matheny said surfaces in the courthouse are getting repeated disinfections.

District Attorney John Sacia said his office will be discussing whether some defendants charged with minor infractions might have cash bonds waived to help reduce the jail population.

### Ettrick board to consider buying land for waste water treatment

By Abby Sacia Times Staff

Atown of Ettrick parcel of land is up for sale on the edge of Ettrick, and the Ettrick village board is mulling over whether to purchase it.

Ettrick's wastewater treatment is aging, and fails to meet rigorous standards set by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The board has discussed the need for a new treatment plant sometime in the next five to 10 years, but did not have a specific location in mind. That changed when a piece of land came up for sale just outside of the village limits.

The land in question is off of County Road D, with 51 acres, 42 of which are till-

able. The parcel is desirable to the board because of its location close to the village and its drainage options. However, the board is uncertain how much space they would need for a wastewater treatment plant.

"We need to engage Davy (Engineering) with footprint requirements," said board trustee Marc Baures. The village can take out a loan to pay for the \$410,000 parcel, "but we have to convince the taxpayers that it's worth it," said board president John Beirne. The board floated the idea of seeing if the sellers would split the land to only sell them what they need but expressed concern that no one would want to buy land next to a wastewater treatment plant.

"It's only going to get more expensive when we have to go beg for land," said Baures. The board landed on hav-

ing Baures speak with Davy Engineering about the footprint for the treatment plant, and will revisit the purchase next month.

In other matters, the board discussed options for Christmas decorations. Last year, the village was barred from putting Christmas decorations on the Xcel Energy poles, and did not put anything up for the holiday. "We got a lot of complaints last year that we didn't have anything," said Beirne. Village trustee Harold Olson suggested asking the community for ideas.

"Let's get the community involved," Olson said. "Any ideas and money for how to put lights up are welcome. It's easiest to not do anything, but it's pretty nice for a small community to have something special."

The board will send out a letter asking for suggestions and contact local groups like the Lions for support.

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### New county building concepts introduced

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

The county could build either a new jail and sheriff's office or a new center that includes a jail and courtrooms from an estimated \$29 million to \$38.5 million without raising taxes, a county consultant concludes.

Kurt Berner of The Samuels Group told the county's building oversight committee Monday that two options show that a new structure could connect to the existing courthouse just south of Dewey Street in Whitehall. Either a law enforcement center or a justice center would then fill the lot the county secured from the city.

The two designs depend on closing Park Street, Berner said. Two other options, one with a skywalk across Park and the other with a tunnel beneath the street, were more costly, he said.

Berner told the committee that if a direction for the building can be selected soon, construction could begin in the fall. He said a next step will be to develop a communication plan for taxpayers that shows the planning process has considered "all the what-ifs."

committee's next meeting April 28, other county committees and the entire county board should weigh in on the project, Berner suggested. Once there is agreement on a direction, the county would then issue request for proposals from design firms.

The concepts introduced by Berner call for razing the existing jail, sheriff's office and garages. The plans show a single entry to the old and new facilities, which could be made secure. All of Berner's concepts anticipate 78 jail beds, which is fewer than the roughly 90 beds recommended by other analyses.

An analysis by Ehlers, the county's financial consultant, showed that the cost of the building could be spread over 20 years and would not affect the tax levy. Ehlers based their estimates on the county completing it borrowing before the presidential election since interest rates after the election are unpredictable.

Berner said a criminal justice center would include room for two judges. Trempealeau County's sole circuit court judge, Rian Radtke, said adding a second "would not be too much of a stretch" given that nearby

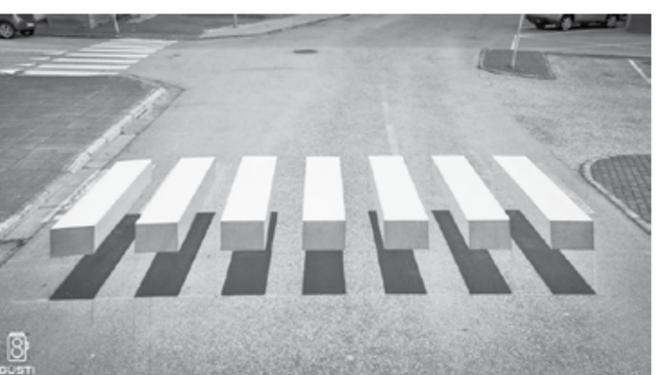
comparably sized counties are getting a second judge.

In response to comments from county information technology director Tim Robertson who, speaking as a citizen, suggested the county build all new facilities, Berner said replacing the existing courthouse would likely "tip" the cost into higher taxes.

The new facilities are also expected to house the hardware needed for the county's data operations.

Kurt Johnson, retired financial director for the Trempealeau County Health Care Center, urged the committee to modify an agreement with the city that calls for "substantial completion" of the project within three years or land sold to the county would revert to the city. Berner noted that design and construction could be completed within just under three years provided decisions were made briskly.

Kellen Nelson, a student in Nikki Ausderau's elementary class, told the council last Tuesday that the growing incidence of children being hurt in crosswalks warranted



A "3-D crosswalk" like the one pictured above will be painted on Hobson St. in Whitehall this year.

### Whitehall will try '3-D' crosswalks

By Debbie Foss Times Staff

A Whitehall third-grader persuaded city officials to experiment with a crosswalk painting technique that gives the illusion of a three-dimensional image.

Kellen Nelson, a student in Nikki Ausderau's elementary class, told the council last Tuesday that the growing incidence of children being hurt in crosswalks warranted

the new approach. He said he decided to advance the idea after reading about students in Massachusetts who championed the three-dimensional images.

"My goal is to keep my fellow students safe," Nelson said.

Council members were initially wary since the city has plans to resurface Hobson Street, but decided that since the street work

wouldn't occur until 2022, painting the crosswalks now would be possible.

Tentative plans call for the crosswalks to be painted by city crews under the guidance of district art teachers.

Council members discussed a three-dimensional crosswalk from the school across Hobson to a parking lot and perhaps near elderly housing complex along Claire.

### Man accused of Main St. car theft appears in court

By Andrew Dannehy Time Editor

The man accused of stealing a car off of Main St. in Whitehall made his initial appearance in Trempealeau County Circuit Court last week.

Kalifa Fomba, 20, of Whitehall appeared in court last week Tuesday on two charges related to the theft of a 2018 Jeep Compass off of Main St. in Whitehall on Jan. 27. The initial appearance had to be adjourned, however, as Fomba requested a French interpreter.

The theft was reported on Jan. 27 when a car that

had been parked across the street from the Whitehall Public Library, had gone missing.

According to the criminal complaint, one of the reporting parties told Whitehall Police Department officer Randy Jensen that he had seen "an African American male" driving the Jeep earlier in the day. Library staff members noted that Fomba, who is African American, was a frequent patron of the library.

On March 2, Whitehall officer Paul Laursen made contact with Fomba at the Clark County Jail in

Neillsville. In an interview, Fomba admitted to stealing the vehicle from Whitehall.

According to the complaint, Fomba said he saw that the vehicle was unlocked and that he had located an extra key in the cup holder.

Fomba said he "traded" the Jeep for a black Dodge Charger in Eau Claire. He was later stopped in Minnesota for a traffic offense and the Charger was impounded.

The accused was previously convicted of stealing a vehicle in 2019 when he took a vehicle that belonged to his ex-girlfriend, accord-

ing to the complaint. For that crime, he was sentenced to 30 months of probation.

For the most recent charges of theft-movable property (\$10,000-\$100,000) Fomba is facing a \$25,000 fine and 10 years in prison. He also faces a \$10,000 fine and six years in prison for a charge of take and drive vehicle without consent.

Fomba is also facing charges of misdemeanor theft related to an accusation that he stole a tablet device and a DVD player.

He was scheduled to appear in court again on Tuesday of this week.

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# Plans for walking trail postponed

By Abby Sacia  
Times Staff

After the flood of 2017 washed out the swinging bridge and High Cliff walking trail in Galesville, many in the community have been anxious to replace them. But the process of getting the funding for the project is proving to be difficult, and plans for the project are now delayed due to long waiting periods for grants.

Galesville alderperson Linda Skwierawski presented to the board last Thursday the efforts of the city's parks committee.

"We've been working very hard on this project, mainly because of the

finances involved," Skwierawski said.

The committee recently learned that they are eligible for three possible grants through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), which added together would cover 50 percent of the costs of the project. The city has to apply by May 1, but the grants will not be awarded until the fall of 2021.

"Although we were excited to do this (project) this summer, the DNR advised us not to start any project," Skwierawski said.

The committee therefore had to reject all of the bids for the project. The positive side of this turn of events is

that the companies placing bids will be able to see the High Cliff area without the snow and ice that covered it when they first inspected the area.

The intended first part of the project will be to rehabilitate the High Cliff trail, with a longer term goal of adding a bridge back to where the swinging bridge once stood.

In other matters, the council approved the purchase of a terabyte of data for police dash cam footage, for no more than \$1000. They also approved selling 2056 shares of livestock options on the recommendation of their auditor.

# Times launches new website

Citizens in Trempealeau County will now have more access to news that impacts their lives as the Trempealeau County Times launches a new website, www.trempealeaumontimes.com.

While the focus of the Times staff will still be on the print edition, management recognizes a change in the way some area residents consume news.

"Apparently the internet isn't just a fad," joked Andrew Dannehy, Times managing editor. "We think we're doing really important work and we want to make sure everyone can have easy

access to the news and information they need."

Online subscribers will have access to various news stories written by staff members and coverage of local governments in addition to the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Log and criminal court report. Also included online will be breaking news stories, obituaries, the Times Early Files and various columns written by Times employees.

The website launched officially last week, but includes archives of stories from the start of 2020. As of now, most of the archived

stories are unlocked, however, future stories will be put behind a pay wall. Obituaries and Early Files will remain unlocked.

Subscribers will also have access to an electronic copy of the Times pages, while all website visitors can view the pages of the Arrow Shopper for free.

Those wishing to subscribe to the e-Edition of the Times, can do so on the website for \$22. Subscribers to the print edition can get access to the online version of the newspaper for \$1 more than their print subscription.



## B-T Students of the Month

The Blair-Taylor School District students of the month for January were (top row, left to right): Fernanda Hernandez Garcia, seventh grade; Porter Brown, eighth grade and Lydia Frederixson, ninth grade. Bottom row (left to right): Chloe Wagner, 10th grade; Rayna Swanson, 11th grade and Ari Charles, 12th grade.

(Submitted photos)

# Arcadia art teacher honored as 'educator of promise'

Arcadia middle school art teacher Susanna Schlosstein was among 60 educators who were honored statewide as being Educators of Promise.

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, in collaboration with the Wisconsin Army National Guard, and the Wisconsin Association for Middle Level Education, recently named 60 educators as the 2020 Educators of Promise. The group was selected for

having a strong potential for educational and community leadership.

Teachers, pupil services staff, and administrators from across the state applied to the program. The group was selected through a competitive process, focusing on readiness for learning and leading. The 2020 Educators of Promise serve in unique roles within their respective school districts, and support the DPI in ensuring all Wisconsin

students are college and career ready upon graduation.

"Each of the educators named to be part of this prestigious group have such tremendous leadership potential," State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor said. "This group of educators is dedicated to taking on the challenge of growing, and using their voice and leadership ability to help Wisconsin students succeed in our schools."

The 2020 Educators of Promise are invited to attend the 2020 Wisconsin Educator Leadership Rendezvous from July 21-23, 2020, at Fort McCoy. The three-day leadership retreat is led by Wisconsin Army National Guard staff and teacher leaders, who serve as assistant squad leaders. With a goal of growing their ability to lead, attendees engage in hands-on learning, team-building activities, seminars, and more.

For more information on the Educators of Promise program and the rendezvous event, contact DPI Education Consultant Mark Mueller at (608) 266-3945, or at Mark.Mueller@dpi.wi.gov.

# Arcadia school board responds to COVID-19

By Zac Bellman  
Times Staff

The Arcadia school board held their regular meeting Monday night, and discussed ongoing preparations for the spread of COVID-19 in the wake of Governor Tony Evers' mandate for schools to close effective this Wednesday, March 18.

District superintendent Lance Bagstad provided updates to the board on the district's attempts to provide free lunch for all students via delivery routes and pickup options that will be provided "as long as we are out (of school)." Surveys were sent home with children earlier this week in order to determine needs and how the district can meet them. All students 18 and under who responded and submitted a form are eligible. Breakfast and lunch will be available to be picked up at the school every day and will be delivered on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of

each week.

Teachers and staff will also be paid their regular wage during the closure. Hourly employees will have the option to opt-in for advanced wages for their usual number of hours, with the understanding that if days are made up that those employees would not receive additional compensation for those hours.

Bagstad also proposed a revised calendar that would resume school on April 14 and end on June 25 if present educational hours requirements remain the same. Bagstad added that the district filed a waiver with the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to have those educational hours requirements suspended, though they had heard no answer as of Monday night. DPI announced Monday they are attempting to expedite the processing of those waivers to give districts flexibility.

At this point, graduation

has not been moved or changed in any way from its scheduled date of May 22, and prom is also going on as scheduled. All staff aside from essential staff vacated district buildings by 5 p.m. on March 18, and will not return through March 30 as the buildings undergo cleaning.

In the meantime, Bagstad said the district is in close communication with teachers to attempt to alleviate the impact of the 109 lost instructional hours for the 16 lost school days. Enrichment and review activities were sent home with students, while Bagstad added that communication via phone, Google Hangout and email will be ongoing as well for what Bagstad described as "the emotional well-being of kids."

"Upon return, we will have a focus on the essential learning needed to help students be ready academically for their classes in the next academic year," Bagstad said.

Information for parents is available on the district website (arcadia.k12.wi.us) under a tab labeled "COVID-19 Communications," which includes suggested "e-learning" sites and other resources for home learning. Bagstad said the page will be updated as new information comes to light. The board also met Tuesday night in a live-streamed open hearing to discuss their submitted DPI waiver. Bagstad added that a district video will be produced

in English and Spanish to help reach all members of the community with varying degrees of written and oral language skills to understand and get the information they need.

All school sports activities were also suspended until April 6 under executive order by Gov. Evers, which coupled with WIAA regulations requiring four practices before a scrimmage and seven before a game threatens the spring season.

The Wanek Center remains open as of Monday night, but has closed confined spaces including their golf simulator, batting cage and steam rooms. Students high school age and below are not allowed in the facility, but will receive credit for days lost toward their memberships.

A close for a complete deep clean in the coming days is also likely according to Bagstad, with the district monitoring the situation in the days ahead.

In separate agenda items discussed by the board, the district:

- Approved a contract for the architectural services of HSR Architects for the design of daycare facilities, though a separate item discussing ongoing daycare efforts was tabled.
- Approved Fund 46 for field turf, designating \$25,000 from Fund 10 to be used for a football/soccer field
- Approved the transfer of

Alison Duin from K-8 EBD to Middle School ID

• Approved the resignations of third grade teacher Maxwell Ferguson, elementary education teacher Suzanne Vasquez and elementary art teacher/gifted and talent coordinator Carol Janka

Bagstad also updated the board on the designation of the entire school district as a hazardous transportation area by the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department and DPI, officially approving state reimbursement for transportation costs around \$15 per

child.

Most of the radius inside of two miles from the school each student was entitled to attend were no-transport zones the district did not receive transportation funds for, but the designation now warrants state compensation for that transport. The district began transporting children inside that radius in November after a community survey and Bagstad said around 65 students currently make use of that transport within two miles in previously undesignated hazardous zones.

# Independence announces middle, high school honor roll

Independence middle and high school announced the names of students who earned academic achievement honors for the first semester of the 2019-20 School Year. Students must earn a 3.5 on a 4 point scale for all classes taken during the semester. Students who earned recognition are:

- Sixth Grade: Owen Gierok, Arabelle Kniseley, Naydi Morales-Cervantes
- Seventh Grade: Kia Back, Andrew Bragger, Alejandro Johnson, Kendra Klimek, Ethan Kniseley, Angie Matute-Martinez, Nathan Pyka
- Eighth Grade: Vanessa Adank, Sydney Dejno, Olivia Killian, Tayler Lam-

bright, Jasmine Montalvo, Dawson Olson, Adison Pronschinske, Kaylee Pronschinske, Leah Sylla

Freshmen: Ahnna Bautch, Amiah Ives, Max Marsolek, Bianca Najera, Cora Sonsalla, Kendra Suhr, Rhianna Theisen

Sophomores: Kevin Halvorson, Wyatt Kuerschner, Avery Pape, Aubrie Pronschinske

Juniors: Jackson Kontor, Mercedes Matchey, Jenessa Perry, Emma Pietrek, Emerson Pronschinske, Gabriel Rombalski, Trent Serais

Seniors: Creed Brenner, John Halama, Krystal Johnson, Jenessa Kamrowski, Fabian Leon, Grace Pyka, Lauren Sylla, Brianna Truog

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# Your Right To Know Hearings Should Have Ample Notice

By Matt Rothschild

During the hectic legislative session in February, one thing got lost: the public's ability to participate fully in the process.

That's because the public wasn't given adequate notice of some public hearings.

Take Feb. 13. Two Assembly hearings that day were held at 11:01 a.m. and 12:01 p.m. For both these hearings, the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign received an email from the Wisconsin State Legislature Notification Service at 5:19 a.m. that very morning!

The clerks and committee chairs may have been abiding by the letter of the law (despite a 2011 state Supreme Court ruling that largely allows them to violate it at will) by physically posting notices at the Capitol and in the press room 24 hours ahead of time. But they weren't abiding by the spirit of the law, which is to make sure the public is informed — and has an opportunity to participate in — public hearings.

The instructions from the Department of Justice on abiding by the Open Meetings law are clear: "The notice must be written such that it is reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and the news media of this information.... It is important to note that notice to the public and notice to a news medium are separate requirements."

That separate requirement to give "notice to the public" is not being fulfilled.

Members of the public aren't wandering into the Capitol pressroom to find out when hearings are scheduled to occur.

Today, many groups, concerned citizens, and others who closely watch the legislative calendar rely on the Legislative Notification Service, which sends out emails about bills that have been introduced and hearings that are upcoming.

This has become the de facto notification for just about all interested parties.

There is no reason subscribers to the Notification Service shouldn't be properly noticed — not five hours and 42 minutes before the actual hearing! Or else the Legislature needs to find some other prompt way to notify interested members of the public by e-mail or text messaging systems.

In this technological age, there's no excuse for not letting the citizens of Wisconsin know, right away, when there's going to be a public hearing.

I'd also like to see the law changed from 24 hours of notice to 48 hours, so that interested Wisconsinites who live far from Madison could have time to arrange their schedules to come to the hearings.

Here's the fundamental point: What good is it to have a "public hearing" when the public doesn't hear about it in time to participate?

Public hearings are a crucial part of our democracy. They are designed so members of the public can make their voices heard. They are not designed — and should not be used — for bill sponsors and the special interest drafters to promote their points of view to committee members with as little public input as possible, as so often happens.

Please, let's have genuine public hearings, where the members of the public are given sufficient notice so they can actually attend and testify, if they so desire.

Otherwise, public hearings are just a mockery. (Your Right to Know is a monthly column distributed by the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council (wisfoic.org), a group dedicated to open government. Matt Rothschild is the executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign.)

## WEEKLY POLL QUESTION

Have you changed any of your activities to avoid catching COVID-19?

YES  NO

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Results from this week's poll question will appear in next week's Trempealeau County Times.

## LAST WEEK'S POLL QUESTION RESULTS

Are you more worried about Coronavirus now than you were a month ago?

26% YES 74% NO

# From The Early Files



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

### 25 YEARS AGO March 23, 1995

The city of Whitehall's attempts to force the owner of the former Walgert Hotel to make improvements to the property, on hold for several months, are beginning again. Following an inspection of the defunct hotel last week, the city's legal firm is proceeding with enforcement of the so-called dilapidated buildings ordinance. The legal process could force owner Corazon Petersen of Blair to either bring the building up to code or tear it down.

It may have seemed like a prank at the time, but the surprise that was left in an area resident's vehicle has turned out to be no laughing matter for a Blair man. Mark R. Johnson is charged with leaving a dead skunk in the front seat of a sport-utility truck parked at a rural Whitehall residence. Johnson, 26, made his initial appearance on one count of disorderly conduct last week. According to the criminal complaint, Johnson told investigating officers that he and another man had been drinking and they found the skunk lying on the road. The motive for putting the animal in the vehicle apparently was personal animosity as the defendant told the officers that he knew his partner in crime did not get along with the resident at the house where the vehicle was parked.

About nine years ago the city of Arcadia and Ashley Furniture set a plan in motion, which would eliminate the flood problem in the city. The most recent accomplishment in the joint venture has resulted in the installment of two large cranberry bog pumps that are being used to pump water out of Arcadia. The two pumps are currently being used to move water from Arcadia's city streets and basements. They are each capable of moving 35,000 gallons of water per minute.

Ronald Johnson of Osseo is the new chairman of the Trempealeau County Law Enforcement Committee. The former vice chairman of the committee, replaces David Mahlum, who resigned from the post.

This year marks a milestone for milling in Galesville. It was one of the first commercial activities and it's been an important part of the city's economy almost continuously since then. Most of the work on the first mill, constructed on the bank of Beaver Creek, was done in 1855 — 140 years ago. The mill was needed to grind flour, to feed residents in the community that pioneer George Gale platted in 1854.

The Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau School District was the only school system to send high school and middle school squads into Saturday's

national cheer competition in Minneapolis — and the only district to come away with wins at both levels. The varsity won fifth place against 13 mother schools and the middle school finished first among four teams and placed second in open class grand champion finals.

The Blair Boy Scout Troop 52 and adult committee honored Judge Alan Robertson of Blair for his 17 years of service to the troop. Robertson has served as the assistant scout master, scout master and committee chairman.

A track and field facility in Blair? There's talk, but that's all in the preliminary stages. Athletic director Gerald Blaha presented the idea of constructing a track field before the B-T school board at its monthly meeting Monday night. Blaha said he spoke earlier this month with the booster club and there was a feeling to build a track field.

### 50 YEARS AGO March 26, 1970

Whitehall's 60-year-old Auto Sales Co. car dealership was sold Monday by Tracy and Donald Rice to David Keenan of La Crosse. The Rice family had owned the local Ford agency since 1910, but had operated a farm implement business at the same location since 1895.

Donald Warner retired March 1, after serving 18 years as rural carrier on Whitehall's Route 1. Warner previously was postmaster here, and was believed to be one of the youngest ever to hold that position when he was appointed in 1934.

Three members were elected to the A-G Creamery Board as Clem Pronschinske, Lawrence Losinski and John Rumpel defeated Myron Scow, Frank Peplinski Jr. and Phil Becher.

An open house will be held at the residence of Clem Pronschinske on April 2. This will give everyone an opportunity to see the new freestall barn, which Pronschinske has built on his property.

Six Galesville girl scouts received First Class Badges last week. The cadettes who were awarded include: Eileen Oanes, Debbie Lund, Betsy Johnson, Kathy Twesme, Patricia Douglas and Kathy Guthrie.

### 75 YEARS AGO March 22, 1945

The worst flood in 26 years raged in the Trempealeau Valley the latter part of last week. Rain which fell Wednesday night made the heavy cover of snow disappear practically overnight, and the Pigeon Creek was so high by 4:30 the following afternoon that the Ecker Bridge north of Whitehall was closed to traffic. The school buses were obliged to go to Pigeon Falls via Pleasantville, but many

of the children remained in town. The Green Bay and Western Railroad washed out in several places, tying up traffic until Sunday evening.

Receiving their final citizenship papers at the spring term of circuit court that begins April 4 will be Josephine Breining of Arcadia, Clara Norland and Inga Solsrud of Whitehall, and Albert Puchalla, Andrew Marsolek, Joseph Kabus, Mathews Kasella and Joseph Wolf of Independence. Martha Collinson of Arcadia will be repatriated.

Jack Rhode, Whitehall's annual herald of spring, did himself one better this year by wearing his straw hat on March 20. Usually he waits until March 21, the first day of spring, to wear it, but the mildish weather Tuesday afternoon was too great a temptation.

Pfc. Ernest Johnstad wrote from France saying they went deer hunting and got seven in one day, roasted them in the woods and that they were good.

Fire destroyed the chicken house of the Archie Lowe farm in Fly Creek, valued at \$1,000.

The Etrick Commercial Club announced that no celebration will be held the day Germany capitulates. All people please attend your respective churches. If news of an armistice comes before noon, businesses will close in

Arcadia Rev. Charles Wolf was assigned to St. James

Catholic Church at Vesper. Wolf was the pastor at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Arcadia for the past six years.

Private First Class Gordon Cilley was reported to be seriously wounded in action at Luzon. His parents Mr. and Mrs. William Cilley of rural Independence received word from a telegram that their son was wounded on Feb. 28.

A flood struck Blair going across the tracks and the homes south of the river were inundated. Mrs. Jacob Seljestad, who was confined to her bed, was taken by stretcher to Christine Gunderson's house as water was within four inches of her floor. A washout in Hixton caused the derailling of seven freight cars.

Melvin Severson of Tamarack has been granted a federal patent on a wire stretcher which has wonderful possibilities, as described by the officials of the patent office.

M.E. Ladd's tornado agency suffered considerably from the recent storm. Aside from the damages to the M.E. church, the company adjusted

both carrots and sticks is the "Value-Based Purchasing Program," which measures four performance metrics that speak to quality. Those are patient satisfaction results, patient safety events, mortality and procedural complications, and efficient use of resources — which includes how they spend federal dollars.

Hospitals required to be a part of the program must pay into a pool that is held by CMS, which annually returns money to hospitals that at least get a passing grade and pays bonuses to those that score well. Nationally, nearly 1,200 hospitals — or 44 percent of the total in the pool — paid some sort of penalty.

Of the 65 Wisconsin hospitals required to chip into the pool, 10 paid a penalty (15.4 percent). Most of the other 55 shared in a bonus that totaled \$6 million.

Within the patient satisfaction part of the CMS report, Wisconsin tied for first with Vermont. This category measured how patients view the help and instructions they get when they are discharged from a hospital. Wisconsin also scored well above the U.S.

One CMS program with

# From The Early Files

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the afternoon or if fit comes after noon they will be closed the next morning.

Mrs. Stan Moch, Taylor, went to Beaver Dam to visit her husband.

### 100 YEARS AGO March 25, 1920

The Whitehall village caucus last Saturday night, about 70 people turned out to name the ticket for the year 1920. A. Vold was nominated without opposition to succeed himself as chairman, but their will be contests for all three trusteeships. S.N. Hegge and N.L. Fredrickson will be on the ballot to succeed C.A. Adams, and incumbents A.O. Melby and Theo. Johnson will be opposed by O.C. Torsion and Adolph Gilbertson, respectively. Oscar Elstad was nominated to run against Clerk F.N. Larson.

The insurance adjuster was in Whitehall Tuesday and settled the loss in the M.E. church belfry caused by wind. The amount of loss was \$525, and contractor Thorp was given the job of tearing down the old belfry and building the new. Gunder Johnson is assisting him.

Keefe & Co., Trempealeau, shipped about 1,200 pounds of live carp and buffalo to New York Tuesday. Galesville's electric lighting and power system will be changed this year from direct to alternating current.

### 125 YEARS AGO March 21, 1895

The Whitehall Yachting Club was organized at a meeting Monday evening,

losses totaling over \$1,000 to buildings belonging to Tom Everson, Peterson Bros., Olof Nyseth and Sofia Bautch.

The North Creek Church was destroyed by fire. The church was built in 1872 and has several additions made to it in recent years. The total loss is expected to exceed \$20,000.

The state of Wisconsin plans to spend \$95,000 on road construction in Trempealeau County in 1920. The money will be spent to help repair any damage to roads throughout the county. Half of the money will be spent on the state trunk highways.

The list of favorites at the Galesville city caucus held Monday evening are W.S. Wadleigh for mayor; F.H. Schuster, O.S. Bergquist, Philip Uhl, aldermen; E. Gardner Sr., clerk; Adelbert Cooley, treasurer; J.A. Kellman, assessor; E.F. Clark, supervisor; George Duff, police justice; George Gale, justice of peace and E.W. Parker, constable.

Eugene Carol, son of Mrs. And Mrs. Laverne Brophy died Monday. He was one year and 23 days old.

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# Wisconsin Inside

by Tom Still, President of the Wisconsin Technology Council

## Health Care Quality Measures Can Be Part Of Growing The Economy

With the Democratic presidential parade heading to the swing state of Wisconsin, one issue likely to draw attention from candidates and voters alike is health care: How good is it, what does it cost and how many people can readily get it.

Data released recently by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services adds to the argument that when it comes to health care quality, Wisconsin scores higher than many other states.

The CMS is an agency within the larger Department of Health and Human Services. It administers Medicare, Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program and the private health exchanges established by the Affordable Care Act, often called "Obamacare." Because CMS is equipped with carrots as well as regulatory sticks, health organizations across the country pay attention when its regulators come knocking in search of performance data.

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with the aim of erecting a boathouse on the mill pond, popularizing boating and beautifying the pond for that purpose. The move is a good one and should be joined in by a large number.

A joint debate has been arranged between the Whitehall and Arcadia literary societies on the question of the taxation of church property, and will take place at the Opera House here April 5.

H.C. Stratton and wife returned Monday from their sojourn in California, where they purchased a five-acre fruit farm in San Jose. They were much pleased with California, and may return there to make their home.

Wm. Abbott, who has carried on the McDermott farm for a number of years, now that the place has been sold, has bought a lot west of the Gilbertson residence where he will erect a dwelling.

Lawrence Ekern has taken a position at the lumberyard. Mr. Webb employs two men besides himself, and his rapidly increasing business will appear to necessitate the services of a fourth man.

Elk Creek — Miss Florence Parker has returned to Osseo to resume her work in the millinery line, after spending a short vacation under the parental roof.

O.M. Stevens, who has spent the past four years mining in Idaho, returned home yesterday.

average in avoiding hospital readmissions, which are costly, time-consuming and sometimes an indicator that initial care didn't go all that well.

Figures for 2019 have yet to be reported, but Wisconsin has historically scored well in separate rankings prepared by the federal Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. The state has not scored worse than seventh among the 50 states since 2005 and has been ranked first three times.

What does it mean to patients? Your health-care quality rating is "zero" if you have a poor experience, and there will always be cases where things go off the rails.

Overall, however, such quality rankings can be a confidence-booster for people and their families, even if dollars spent on health care are not.

What is meant to businesses and employers is important, as well. While rising costs are an issue for many employers, it's also vital to know they are getting strong values in return for their investments.

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## Towns Seek to Move to Appointed Clerks Due to Lack of Qualified Candidates

A lack of interested and qualified candidates in rural Wisconsin is leading more than a dozen towns throughout the state to consider appointing local clerks rather than electing them, town officials tell WisPolitics.com.

Thirteen towns and one village all have referendums on their ballots this spring on whether the traditionally elected clerk position should instead be appointed by the town or village board.

For candidates to run for town clerk, they must first be a town resident. Officials

have said this makes finding the right person a challenge in many townships with only a few thousand residents. And more often than not, they say, the election can come down to a popularity contest.

Dennis Graf is chairman of the Town of Meeme in Manitowoc County. He told WisPolitics.com the town board wants to appoint a clerk so it could hire candidates from outside town borders and attract them to the job by offering a competitive wage.

"In an election, a person could be the clerk with one vote," Graf said. "You could have anybody. If you get somebody who doesn't know anything, you could really mess up a lot of stuff for a town."

He said his town has had trouble finding and keeping a qualified resident who is interested in the demanding, technically part-time job. He said some towns are even sharing a clerk, because of the challenge in finding a candidate.

Graf said he doesn't know how his townspeople are going to vote on April 7, but he thinks they would be OK with the change since the board hasn't received many complaints on the matter.

The same could not be said in other small towns. This is the third attempt at an appointed clerk referendum for the Town of Cable in Bayfield County.

Officials have said some residents don't want to leave it up to the board to decide who manages the town's billing and paperwork and that they would rather hold clerks accountable through an election.

"Some people in the town feel like their vote is being taken away," Town of Cable Deputy Clerk Tammy Rasmussen said. "I'm not sure how it's gonna go. I'm trying to have people understand why the referendum is happening."

Rasmussen said she handles much of the accounting as deputy clerk, but she doesn't plan on staying much longer. Her husband just retired, and she said the pair aims to move closer to family in central Wisconsin.

The role of the town clerk

has also changed significantly over the years. Several decades ago, the job wasn't as tech-centric as today and could easily be accomplished on a part-time basis. Nowadays, many in town leadership say the position requires the full-time attention of someone schooled enough to need little on-the-job training.

Town clerks do everything from preserving documents and issuing licenses, to applying for state grants, paying the bills and overseeing elections. Officials said the workload for elections has especially grown, given concerns over possible interference.

John Leighton, chairman of the Town of Spider Lake in Sawyer County, said "it's only coincidental" that his town has a qualified resident interested in the job.

"Those who have argued against (the referendum) have said it'll cost the town more because we'd have to pay a going rate," Leighton said. "Well, I think this is a bad argument. I don't think it's fair to burden somebody who is willing to take the job."

He said his town's current pay rate of \$12,000 a year is "minuscule" compared to the \$3 million budget. He added it would be easier to raise the salary on an appointed position than an elected one.

A spokesman for the Wisconsin Towns Association didn't respond to multiple requests for comment on where the organization stands on the matter.

The referendums are for: Village of Ashwaubenon; Town of Excelsior; Town of Utica; Town of Chetek; Town of Stanfold; Town of Greenfield; Town of Cable; Town of Spider Lake; Town of Calumet; Town of Medary; Town of Meeme; Town of Dellona; Town of Waupun; and Town of Ashford.

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**Wednesday, March 4**  
 09:12 — Arcadia: A male is having a seizure on a bus.  
 11:13 — Strum: Officer is attempting to locate a male with a warrant.  
 11:19 — Arcadia: Caller sees a trapped animal that has been there for a couple of days and is trying to get out.  
 11:52 — Blair: Caller's neighbor is sitting on a snowmobile and stumbling around drunk. This is an ongoing problem.  
 13:13 — Whitehall: Possible chimney fire reported. Caller believes it is now out.  
 15:24 — Eleva: Two-vehicle head-on crash reported.  
 15:25 — Osseo: Identity theft reported.  
 16:37 — Galesville: Caller located a suspicious substance.  
 16:48 — Galesville: Caller reported a family fight that is going on.  
 20:17 — Dodge: Caller hit a deer. It took off his grill and bumper.  
**Thursday, March 5**  
 00:15 — Independence: Someone hit a deer.  
 02:13 — Arcadia: Report of a male in dark clothing standing near a bridge on Highway 93.  
 07:20 — Arcadia: Truck with a load of round bales has broken down. Caller will be en route with a tractor and skid steer to remove.  
 08:46 — Trempealeau: Report of a pickup that passed into oncoming traffic, forcing them on the shoulder. The truck did not stop at the intersection in Centerville.

10:09 — Whitehall: Officer is arresting a male on a warrant at the jail window.  
 11:23 — Arcadia: Report of a semi that passed in a no-passing zone.  
 11:42 — Eleva: Counterfeit money reported.  
 13:31 — Independence: Caller reported a truck is following him.  
 14:17 — Independence: Report of a truck that passed in a no-passing zone, cut off traffic, etc.  
 17:50 — Galesville: Caller is reporting an injured eagle in a swamp area. It has been in the same spot for the last three days.  
 19:00 — Whitehall: Caller is in a verbal argument with a male.  
 19:36 — Dodge: Report of power lines down across the road and railroad tracks.  
 19:56 — Blair: Vehicle lost a ladder.  
 21:58 — Independence: Caller advised there are cows in the roadway.  
**Friday, March 6**  
 01:28 — Blair: Caller went off the road into the ditch.  
 08:53 — Osseo: A truck and a horse trailer are stuck in the middle of the road due to ice. They're blocking the entire road.  
 09:29 — Blair: Report of a female who fell and has a broken ankle.  
 11:09 — Osseo: The basement is filled with smoke and the caller is having problems breathing.  
 12:58 — Blair: A subject has been drinking, was going to cut his or her self.

13:28 — Blair: Caller requesting law enforcement for an employee who is making comments about an active shooter situation.  
 14:15 — Osseo: Report of a vehicle crossing the center line, off in the gravel.  
 15:44 — Blair: Report of a protection order violation.  
 18:58 — Ettrick: Report of a vehicle in the wrong lane of traffic, traveling at 20 miles per hour.  
 22:20 — Arcadia: Caller has concerns about their neighbor.  
**Saturday, March 7**  
 00:36 — Blair: Caller from Texas said she received information that her daughter's boyfriend is intoxicated and is causing problems. They reside in Blair.  
 06:46 — Osseo: Caller reported a vehicle traveling at about 100 MPH.  
 16:36 — Blair: Caller advised her father-in-law was just in her garage throwing things around. There is a restraining order in place.  
 19:05 — Eleva: Caller is concerned about a female that they haven't heard from in a few days.  
 20:08 — Eleva: Report of a vehicle crossing the fog and center lines.  
 19:58 — Galesville: Dark-colored SUV is varying in speeds, flashing headlights at the vehicle in front of them.  
 20:54 — Trempealeau County: A deer that was struck is still in the roadway.  
 22:10 — Whitehall: Caller reported a possible gun shot in the area.  
 04:12 — Eleva: Caller reporting a deceased deer in the middle of the lane.  
 07:50 — Galesville: Caller reported a car hit a deer and the deer is in the lane of traffic.  
 09:00 — Strum: Caller advised a suspicious vehicle pulled into her driveway.  
 10:02 — Osseo: Neighbors cut trees on the caller's property and put the tops of the trees on a fence.  
 12:32 — Galesville: Caller reported she got a scam phone call.  
 14:13 — Arcadia: Cardiac monitoring company has

## TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Traffic Citations & Other Forfeitures

**Operating a Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated, First Offense:** Adrian Ortiz, 26, Arcadia; Baylee Johnson, 21, Trempealeau.  
**Operating While Revoked:** Ezequias Carrillotomas, 27, Independence.  
**Operating after License Suspension, First Offense:** Emily Beeman, 22, Winona, Minn.; Jose Hernandez Delgado, 52, Arcadia; Anthony Krall, 36, Eau Claire; Jordan Luther, 24, Galesville.  
**Operating without a Valid Driver's License, First Offense:** Adrian Ortiz, 26, Arcadia; Esgar Carrizales, 41, Eau Claire; Marie Danielson, 27, Strum; Noemi Hernandez-Hernandez, 28, Independence; Ryan Langowski, 30, Merrilan.  
**Hit and Run:** Catherine Benkert, 64, La Crosse.  
**Inattentive Driving:** Bradley Kamrowski, 46, Galesville; Anna Ledebuhr, 35, Blair.  
**Failure to Obey Sign or Signal:** Sukhdeep Brar, 27, Winnipeg, M.B.  
**Pass in No-Passing Zone:** Tong Her, 36, La Crosse.  
**Failure to Yield Right-of-Way:** Chad Janssen, 40, Independence.  
**Unsafe Turn:** Adrian Ortiz, 26, Arcadia.  
**Speeding 20 to 24 MPH over the Limit:** Dawn Erickson, 54, Mondovi; Jacques Leduc, 20, Chippewa Falls.  
**16 to 19 MPH over:** Esgar Carrizales, 41, Eau Claire; Harold Guy, 72, Hixton.  
**11 to 15 MPH over:** Heather Busse, 43, Taylor; Torshia Lee, 22, Madison.  
**1 to 10 MPH over:** Nicolas Bettsworth, 30, Onalaska; Michael Brantner, 48, Mondovi; Suzanne Geer, 76, Durand.  
**Non-Registration:** Ezequias Carrillotomas, 27, Independence; Iverson Trucking LLC, Eleva.  
**Suspended/Expired Registration:** Jose Hernandez Delgado, 52, Arcadia.  
**Failure to Wear Seat Belt:** Wyatt Hillestad, 20, Eleva; David Hovey, 59, Chippewa Falls.  
**Defective Tail Lamp:** Craig Diercks, 52, Neillsville.  
**Operate without Insurance:** Adrian Ortiz, 26, Arcadia; Kylie Grey, 19, Eau Claire; Anthony Krall, 36, Eau Claire.  
**Operate without Proof of Insurance:** Dennis Cummins, 37, Oakdale, Minn.; Craig Diercks, 52, Neillsville; Jamie Heath, 34, Osseo; Kirby Johnson, 32, Bloomfield, Iowa; Rebecca Landphier, 39, Eleva.  
**Parking or Standing Where Prohibited:** Timothy Banasiak, 47, Peru, Ill.



The following marriage licenses have been issued in Trempealeau County:  
 Cory Abel, town of Gale, and Jennifer Schwartz, town of Trempealeau, issued Feb. 24.  
 Wade Pittman and Laura Holloway, both of town of Hale, issued Feb. 27.  
 Steven Stauffer Jr. and Anna Thompson, both of city of Osseo, issued March 3.  
 Ricky Yang of Kansas City, Kansas and Choua Moua, village of Trempealeau, issued March 5.  
 Timothie Lunde and Elizabeth Pope, both of town of Pigeon, issued March 11.



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 This project is estimated to cost \$1,950,000 to \$2,200,000. The City of Blair has committed \$800,000 towards the project financing. There are additional commitments from the City to establish a fund for the ongoing maintenance. With that, we are roughly \$1,400,000 short of the goal.  
 We need your financial support to finish the project with a tax-deductible donation for the Lake Henry Dredging Project. Checks can be made out to the City of Blair and can be mailed to P.O. Box 147, Blair, WI 54616 or dropped off at the City offices located at 122 South Urberg Street, Blair.  
 Visit the City of Blair's website at: <http://cityof-blair.org/park-lake-camping.html> for more information on the project. You can also like us on Facebook at Lake Henry Improvement Project Blair, WI Riverside Memorial Park.  
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**March 9 Preliminary Hearings**  
 Benjamin Myers, 45, Ettrick, bail jumping-felony (two), resisting or obstructing an officer and possession of THC. Arraignment scheduled for April 16.  
 Lucas Kallenbach, Elk Mound, theft-false representation (\$10,000-\$100,000)-as party to a crime (PTAC). Arraignment scheduled for March 25.  
 Chad Kallenbach, Elk Mound, theft-false representation (\$10,000-\$100,000)-PTAC. Arraignment scheduled for March 25.  
 Benjamin Myers, 45, Ettrick, bail jumping-felony (two), possession of methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia and possession of THC.  
**Plea/Sentencing**  
 Ann Nelson, 36, Whitehall, pleaded guilty to issuance of worthless checks (<\$2,500). Fined \$327. Three more charges of issuance of worthless checks (<\$2,500) were dismissed on prosecutor's motion.  
 Ann Nelson, 36, Whitehall, pleaded guilty to issuance of worthless checks (\$500). Fined \$327.  
**March 10 Initial Appearances**  
 Kalifa Fomba, 20, Whitehall, theft-movable property (\$10,000-\$100,000) and take and drive vehicle without consent. Defendant requests French interpreter, hearing adjourned. Adjourned initial appearance scheduled for March 17.  
 Jack Scheske, 38, La Crosse, bail jumping-felony (three), possession of narcotic drugs and bail jumping-misdemeanor. Plea/sentencing hearings scheduled for April 7.  
 Jennifer Hair, 35, Eleva, child abuse-intentionally cause harm, bail jumping-misdemeanor (five) and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Adjourned initial appearance scheduled for April 14.  
 Eugene Olson, 47, Wauwande, bail jumping-felony (two), bail jumping-misdemeanor and theft-movable property (<\$2,500)-PTAC. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 30, status conference for April 14.  
 Ryan Langowski, 30, Merrilan, bail jumping-misdemeanor and operating while revoked. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 30, status conference for April 16.  
 Jennifer Hair, 35, Eleva, bail jumping-misdemeanor (five). Adjourned initial appearance scheduled for April 14.  
 Carlos Marcus, 42, Onalaska, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC and possession of cocaine/cocaine (second or more). Adjourned initial appearance scheduled for April 14.  
 Samantha Fox, 27, Strum, possession of methamphetamine and possess drug paraphernalia. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 30, status conference for April 14.  
 Taylor Dobbs, 22, Dodge, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC and neglecting a child-specific harm did not occur (two). Preliminary hearing scheduled for April 8.  
 Bailey Ahlert, 20, Dodge, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC and neglecting a child-specific harm did not occur (two). Preliminary hearing scheduled for April 8.  
 William Kisteling, 37, Holmen, resist officer-substantial bodily harm/soft tissue injury (two), bail jumping-misdemeanor (two), disorderly conduct and operating while revoked. Arraignment scheduled for April 6.  
 Shane Rhadans, 37, Whitehall, false imprisonment (domestic abuse), battery (domestic abuse) and disorderly conduct (domestic abuse). Adjourned initial appearance scheduled for March 18.  
 Jeremy Mayo, 26, Blair, possession of methamphetamine. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 30, status conference for April 14.  
 Ricardo Tzanahua Gines, 24, Arcadia, bail jumping-misdemeanor (three) and operating while revoked. Status conference scheduled for May 5.  
 Eleazar Cruz Aguilar, 25, Arcadia, battery (domestic abuse), disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) and criminal damage to property. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for April 14.  
 Kalifa Fomba, 20, Whitehall, theft-movable property (<\$2,500) and disorderly conduct-repeater. Defendant requests French interpreter, hearing adjourned. Adjourned initial appearance scheduled for March 17.  
 Jason Soules, 34, Eau Claire, possession of THC, operate with restricted controlled substance (second) and possess drug paraphernalia. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 30, status conference for April 16.  
 Dale Boehnen, 54, Galesville, issuance of worthless checks (<\$2,500). Pretrial conference scheduled for March 23, status conference for April 2.  
**Arraignment**  
 Ricardo Tzanahua Gines, 24, Arcadia, substantial battery-intend bodily harm-PTAC, bail jumping-misdemeanor (three), and disorderly conduct-PTAC. Pretrial conference scheduled for March 23, status conference for May 5.  
**Status Conferences**  
 Jessica Pierce, 34, Arcadia, child abuse-intentionally

abuse). Adjourned initial appearance scheduled for March 18.  
 Ricardo Tzanahua Gines, 24, Arcadia, bail jumping-misdemeanor (three) and operating while revoked. Status conference scheduled for May 5.  
 Eleazar Cruz Aguilar, 25, Arcadia, battery (domestic abuse), disorderly conduct (domestic abuse) and criminal damage to property. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for April 14.  
 Jack Schneider, 53, Eau Claire, pleaded guilty to two counts of disorderly conduct. Fined \$527.  
 Robert Wilkinson, 51, Black River Falls, pleaded no contest to operating while revoked. Fined \$516. Charge of bail jumping-misdemeanor was dismissed, but read in.  
 Fernando Tzompaxtle Tentzohua, 27, Eau Claire, pleaded guilty to operating while revoked. Fined \$516. Charge of ignition interlock device tampering/failure to install was dismissed.  
**Dismissals**  
 Agron Imeri, 43, Arcadia, charges of theft-movable property (\$10,000)-PTAC, theft-movable property (\$2,500-\$5,000)-PTAC, resisting or obstructing an officer and criminal damage to property-PTAC were all dismissed on prosecutor's motion.  
 Travis Tummire, 34, Blair, charge of bail jumping-misdemeanor was dismissed on prosecutor's motion following the completion of a deferred prosecution agreement.  
 Mercedes Fletcher, 19, Blair, posts or publishes private representation without consent (two). Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for April 6.  
**Plea/Sentencing**  
 Matthew Conradson, 38, Black River Falls, pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. Fined \$516.  
**Probation Revocation**  
 Cody Nelson, 31, Eleva, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct on May 22 and sentenced to 18 months probation. Probation revoked and defendant was sentenced to serve 90 days in jail.  
**Dismissals**  
 Wendy Peterson, 56, Eau Claire, charge of operating while revoked was dismissed on prosecutor's motion.  
**March 13 Arraignment**  
 Larry Petschen, 48, Osseo, second-degree recklessly endangering safety, bail jumping-felony, disorderly conduct and possess drug paraphernalia. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for March 25.  
 Jamey Cleasby, 52, Eleva, interfere with custody beyond visitation-PTAC, bail jumping-felony. Plea/sentencing hearing scheduled for March 25.  
 Bailey Ellis, 20, La Crosse, theft-movable property (\$5,000-\$10,000), substantial battery-intend bodily harm-PTAC, theft-movable property (\$2,500)-PTAC, disorderly conduct-PTAC. Pretrial conference scheduled for April 13, status conference for May 7.

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requested a welfare check be done on a female and to transport her in for heart-related issues.

15:59 — Whitehall: Caller reporting a silver car is all over the road.

16:45 — Blair: Caller found a GPS transmitter on their vehicle.

17:37 — Osseo: Caller reported there is a grey van in the parking lot. A girl jumped in the back seat and the driver

is refusing to get out of the vehicle as she is protecting it.

18:09 — Ettrick: Caller wants to speak to a deputy about an incident that occurred in Green Bay.

19:53 — Trempealeau County: Squad car hit a deer.

20:31 — Whitehall: Caller reporting his or her ex has been banging on the doors and windows.

20:25 — Elewa: Caller reported a male is violating a no-drinking restriction.

20:43 — Arcadia: Caller

came upon a deer that has been struck and is still alive.

**Tuesday, March 10**  
01:41 — Galesville: Caller can hear someone saying to call 911.

10:38 — Trempealeau: Caller reported a dog got out.

10:48 — Independence: White plastic bags full of adult diapers along with two bags of cat litter have been dumped. It has been an ongoing issue, but there is more now.

11:37 — Whitehall: Caller reported somebody

opened multiple credit cards under her name.

11:45 — Galesville: Caller reported his ex is coming to get property and is concerned about what may happen.

14:30 — Whitehall: Caller reported a person is raking their yard and throwing gravel and rocks onto the road.

15:11 — Blair: A power pole is on fire.

15:41 — Blair: Officer initiated activity for some sort of disturbance.

16:03 — Arcadia: A subject in a maroon car appeared to throw a beer can out the window. The vehicle was crossing the fog and center lines.

16:38 — Blair: Two husky-type of dogs are running loose, caller said.

16:45 — Arcadia: A vehicle was doing donuts and tore up a landing.

19:27 — Whitehall: A deer in the road needs to be dispatched, caller said.

20:48 — Galesville: Officer advised there are flashing lights on a building.

20:53 — Whitehall: Caller has drug information.

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# Times Sports



## Raiders fall in WIAA state semifinal game

By Andrew Dannelly  
Times Editor

Fouls proved to be the difference as the Arcadia girls basketball team had to go without who coach Tom Cowlley said was the best player in the game for long stretches.

The Raiders had the lead and control of the game before a close call put a third foul on senior Ellie Hoesley, putting her on the bench and sparking an 11-0 run for Platteville. The Hilltoppers took a two-point lead into halftime, the Raiders still had chances and actual regained the lead briefly in the second half, but Hoesley's fifth foul led to a game-deciding run for Platteville.

Although they finished the season undefeated, Platteville would not go on to win the state championship because the rest of the tournament was cancelled (see story elsewhere in Sports).

The Raiders finished the season with a record of 23-4.

Left: Ellie Hoesley of Arcadia fired a layup through contact during the Raiders' loss in the WIAA Division Three state semifinal on Thursday.

(Times photograph by Zac Bellman)

They will graduate five of the nine players who played in the state semifinal game.

**Platteville 48 Arcadia 45**

Down three with two minutes left, the Raiders had their chances, but with their leading scorer out of the game, they weren't able to capitalize.

After Ellie Hoesley fouled out of the game with 4:19 remaining, Platteville went on a run to open up a seven-point lead, but the Raiders fought back as Linzy Sendelbach scored two straight baskets to get Arcadia back within three.

After a Platteville miss, the Raiders got a good look at a shot to tie the game, but freshman Brea Golden's three pointer was off the mark.

Platteville scored two free throws on the next possession, then Sendelbach missed two for Arcadia. The Hilltoppers added one more free throw to take a five-point lead before Chloe Halverson scored at the buzzer for Arcadia.

The Raiders appeared ready to take control of the game in the first half as Hoesley knocked down a three pointer that capped an 11-0 run and put Arcadia ahead 17-10 with 6:15 left.

About a minute later, however, Hoesley picked up her third foul as Platteville's Sami Martin spun in traffic, bumped into Hoesley — who was standing with her hands in the air — and appeared to lose her footing as Hoesley was called for the foul.

With Hoesley on the bench, the Raiders were unable to overcome Platteville's 1-3-1 defense.

"(Hoesley) kinda controls the middle of the 1-3-1," Cowlley said. "We had a lot of success with Prescott and SCF doing the same thing. Losing her hurt the momentum and flow of the game."

Martin made a free throw after Hoesley's foul, which started an 11-0 run for Platteville that put them ahead 21-17 before Hannah Suchla scored with 20 seconds left in the half to make the score 21-19, which is where it stood at halftime.

Arcadia went on a run early in the second half to take a 26-24 lead as Sendelbach scored five points and Hoesley knocked down a jumper, but Platteville came right back.

Cameron Nies tied the game with a jumper then put her team ahead with a three

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# Wildcats upset Cardinals in sectional semifinal

By Andrew Dannehy  
Times Editor

When crunch time came in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association sectional semifinal, coach Randy Storie said his Blair-Taylor boys basketball team played to win.

The Wildcats trailed by eight with four minutes left in the game, but finished with an 11-2 run including two free throws by Kyle Steien with 35.9 seconds left that put B-T ahead for good.

"(Bangor) was playing not to lose and we were playing to win," Storie said.

The Wildcats trailed by 14 with about 12 minutes left in the game before clawing back to make it a three-point game. It looked like those efforts would be wasted, however, as Bangor scored seven straight including a three pointer by Will Reader and baskets by Zane Langrehr and Grant Manke that put them ahead 54-44 with 7:43 left in the game.

The teams exchanged

baskets for the next few minutes as B-T wasn't able to get much closer. Late in the game, however, they were able to make their move.

"We just said we gotta have more pressure on the ball and take the ball to the basket. They're tired, you can see the fatigue level and we were getting to the basket," Storie said.

B-T's comeback started at the free-throw line as Matthew Waldera made one and Steien made two to get them within five with two minutes left.

After Waldera blocked a shot on Bangor's next possession, he finished at the other end to make it a one-point game with 1:40 left.

Waldera's defense came through again on the next possession as he got a steal and was fouled. He missed both free throws, but Steien got the rebound and got the ball back to Waldera who scored to put the Wildcats ahead with 1:10 remaining in the game.

A defensive breakdown allowed Bangor to jump back ahead as Tanner Jones was left wide open under the basket and converted for a layup on their next possession.

The Wildcats regained the lead shortly after, when Steien made a move to the basket and was fouled. He sank both free throws to put his team ahead 62-61 with 35.9 seconds remaining.

B-T looked to have the game essentially clinched when Waldera came up with a steal on Bangor's next possession, but Logan Smith was called for a travel, giving the Cardinals the ball back with 12.8 seconds left.

Bangor ran time off the clock before Hank Reader drove to the basket and threw up a shot that missed the rim at the buzzer.

The Cardinals got off to a fast start with a 10-4 lead in the first few minutes, but the Wildcats roared back and took an 11-10 lead. The teams went back and forth

throughout the rest of the first half before Bangor scored the last five points to take a 31-26 lead into the intermission.

It looked like that run would continue into the second half as Langrehr knocked down two jumpers as part of a 10-5 run that put Bangor ahead 41-31. It seemed as if the Cardinals were starting to pull away as they scored five straight points to take a 46-32 lead, but B-T never gave up.

"(The players) just kept playing. They believed they could do it and they just kept playing," Storie said. "We missed a couple easy buckets early in that second half that we'd like to have back. It's all on them, they did the job, they made the shots."

Waldera led the way for B-T with 26 points while Steien added 18 and Isaac Nerbe scored 10. Manke had 25 for Bangor.

The loss was just the second of the season for Bangor,

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# Arcadia girls team fall in state semifinal game

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before Martin scored inside to make the score 31-26.

Suchla connected on a three to get the Raiders within a basket before Hoesley knocked a shot down from outside the arc, making it a one-point game at 33-32 with 10:30 left.

After two baskets by Platteville, and two missed free throws by Suchla, Hoesley picked up her fourth foul on a charge in which she drove to the basket and passed to Sendelbach for a layup. After the pass, Hoesley made slight contact with Martin, who crashed to the floor for the foul with 8:36 left in the

game. Arcadia stayed close, though. Sendelbach scored two straight baskets and Hoesley knocked down a shot that made the score 39-38 with 5:40 left. Once again, though, a foul would change the direction of the game as this time Hoesley was called for her fifth when she attempted to swipe the ball out of the hands of a Platteville player.

With Hoesley out, the Hilltoppers increased their lead to seven and clinched the game at the free-throw line.

In just 27 minutes, Hoesley scored 15 points and had seven rebounds. While she was on the floor, the Raiders

outscored Platteville by six points. "Hoesley is a difference maker," Cowley said. "I firmly believe she was the best player on the floor."

After a slow start shooting, the Raiders finished at 39.6 percent from the floor, one percentage point better than Platteville. Both teams had 12 turnovers and Arcadia had six more rebounds.

The biggest difference for the Hilltoppers was the number of free throws they had, and their accuracy at the line as they went 17-for-21 from the charity stripe, while Arcadia was three-for-seven.

"(Free throws) were

very important," Cowley said, before noting the difference in attempts. "Unfortunately, we missed the few that we had."

Martin scored 17 points to lead Platteville while

Becca Hoyer finished with 11.

Arcadia (field goals/ attempts-rebounds-fouls-points) — Halverson 3/7-0/0-2-4-6 H. Suchla

4/9-0/2-3-3-10 Hoesley 6/8-1/1-7-5-15 Sendelbach 6/11-2/4-8-2-14 Romo 0/6-0/0-1-0-0 Pashel 0/0-0/0-2-0-0 A. Suchla 0/2-0/0-1-3-0 Pronschinske 0/0-0/0-1-1-0 Golden 0/5-0/0-0-0-0



Linzy Sendelbach fought for a loose ball with two Platteville Hillmen during the Raiders' loss in the WIAA Division Three state semifinal on Thursday. (Times photograph by Zac Bellman)

# B-T boys coach says WIAA got it wrong

By Andrew Dannehy  
Times Editor

For the first time in his 36 years coaching, Randy Storie has ended a season with a win. There was a brief celebration, in front of a small group of fans — mostly parents, but there will be no gold basketball.

They didn't know it at the time, but Blair-Taylor's win over Bangor in the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association sectional semifinal game on Thursday would be their last game of the 2019-20 season. Later that evening, WIAA officials made the call to cancel the remaining basketball games in response to the evolving concerns over the spread of COVID-19.

"I don't think that the decision made in haste was the correct one," Storie said. "There had to be other options that could have been explored."

Earlier in the week, the WIAA issued a release saying the boys and girls tournaments would proceed as planned. Those plans were changed early Thursday morning, however, when the WIAA decided to limit the attendance of the tournament games to 88 fans per school.

Later that day, the WIAA was informed that the Kohl Center in Madison would not be available for the state boys basketball tournament, scheduled for March 19-21.

After four sparsely-attended state girls basketball games at the Resch Center in Green Bay and boys basketball sectional semifinal games statewide, the WIAA pulled the plug, announcing

the cancellation of the remaining games at 11:15 p.m. on Thursday.

"I want the student-athletes and their coaches to know that your school leaders, the WIAA Executive Staff, our committees and the Board of Control have done everything imaginable to try to provide and preserve these opportunities for you," Dave Anderson, WIAA executive director said. "However, we want and need to be responsible in helping the global and state efforts to stem the tide and spread of this virus."

Even though the season ended with a win, it still wasn't a satisfactory finish for Storie and B-T.

"I cannot put it into words," Storie said. "To go from the top of the mountain one

minute with a huge come-from-behind win against the second ranked team in Division Five to the bottom of the valley in a few short minutes is hard to take. I feel so bad for the guys and the fans and all involved in this."

He added that his players have not taken the news well. "Our guys feel like they are left out in the cold and have nowhere to turn," Storie said. "This is a sad day for basketball in the state of Wisconsin."

Early indications were that the spring sports season was set to begin on time, but that changed Friday afternoon when Gov. Tony Evers issued an executive order to close all public and private schools from March 13 until April 6 (see story elsewhere in this week's Times).

With that order, WIAA policy mandates that no practices, training or other team gatherings be held until school resumes. Due to WIAA practice requirements, the track, baseball, softball and golf seasons are not likely to begin until mid-April at the earliest.



Matthew Waldera of Blair-Taylor released a shot in a crowd of Bangor defenders during their sectional semifinal game at Adams-Friendship on Thursday night. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

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# B-T Boys upset Cardinals

(continued from Page 14) a team that defeated B-T 64-44 on Jan. 11. In addition to avenging that loss, the Wildcats win is revenge for last year when Bangor came away with a 68-65

sectional semifinal win. That win helped propel the Cardinals to the state tournament. The game was ultimately the last of the season for both teams, as the WIAA announced a few hours

after the game that the rest of the season would be cancelled in response to the evolving concerns over the spread of COVID-19 (see story elsewhere in Sports). Had the tournament continued, B-T — which

finished the season with a 24-2 record — would have been the highest-ranked team remaining in Division Five in the WisSports.net poll. They would've played Wauzeka-Stauben on Saturday.



## The Whole Nine Yards

by Zac Bellman

**So, Now What?** It's a question I found myself asking a lot this past week as shoe after shoe dropped in the sports and entertainment world due to COVID-19 concerns. "Now what?"

As a journalist working primarily in prep sports, and in my off hours just as much of a sports fan, it pains me to know the end of the great sporting lull between the Super Bowl and March Madness is now indefinite.

League after league has suspended games, delayed the start of seasons or held games without fans. The NBA got its patient zero in Utah Jazz player Rudy

Gobert, who two days prior had been jokingly touching reporters' microphones when he was unknowingly already infected.

Closer to home for many Trempealeau County sports fans, busloads of Arcadia fans had to turn around midway through the morning of their Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association girls basketball Division Three semifinal after last-minute fan restrictions were made by the WIAA board. Family, friends and the players and coaches themselves were cheated out of the true state experience by recent precautionary measures, which is a memory that can never be replaced.

None of us like this, but it is important to remember these decisions are not made easily. Owners and commissioners are sacrificing profits and have hundreds of hourly workers who depend on the

income made from these games.

What we need to collectively realize as fans though is that these decisions are also made in our collective best interest. As bad as things already feel, avoiding the insurmountable burden to our healthcare system that comes from having too many sick at one time is the only way to get past this. We all play a part in that by protecting ourselves for our own sake as well as the health of those we love. As a healthy young adult, I acknowledge my risk is low, but I'm not the only one on my mind. I think of the loved ones I could spread this to, including those of higher risk who could suffer if I were to pass it on to them.

That is why it is imperative to approach this virus with the responsibility it requires. That doesn't mean going to the nearest grocery

store and buying two cart-loads of toilet paper like I saw some doing last week, but it does mean washing your hands thoroughly. It also means exercising responsibility with your health and staying home if you feel you may be a risk to others. It may even take a degree of care for others over our own needs seldom seen in this day and age.

We all share the burden of spreading reliable information in the social media era as well. Do not share the first thing that pops into your Facebook feed just because it affirms your pre-existing fear or lack thereof. Fact check, and consult reliable CDC and World Health Organization sources directly. The Trempealeau County Times will do our part to keep readers in tune with the suggestions of area health officials, and on the sports end we will continue to attend games as long as we can get access.

As for what now entertainment-wise, maybe it's best we take a few weeks off to sort out the things that matter most anyway.



Blair-Taylor's Kyle Steien went up for a shot during their sectional semifinal game against Bangor at Adams-Friendship on Thursday night. (Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)



## SIDELINE 2 shoreline

by Fred Nehring

**Healthy Pleasures** With regular basis I receive information from various departments of natural resources of around the Midwest. Those include the Wisconsin DNR as well as those from Minnesota and Michigan. I even receive periodic articles from the Colorado Division of Fisheries.

Given the recent furor over the spread of the Corona virus, these agencies have all been doing their part to encourage the dissemination of important information on the disease. An article this past week from the Michigan DNR stated in part: "Everyone has some measure of responsibility to help limit the spread of this disease. Every individual can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 to others."

Yes, everyone can help, including folks who enjoy the great outdoors. With many team sports canceling or abbreviating schedules, this would seem to be an expanded opportunity to get outdoors into nature and get away from the crowds. Take

advantage of the fresh clean air, bond anew with the sights and sounds of nature.

In so doing, I am reminded of a few simple precautions to take as an outdoors person. These precautions will help insure my continued good health and the well-being of others as they enjoy the outdoors. Here are a few suggestions. Utilize hand sanitizer, keeping a bottle on hand in your vehicle. For me that means my Chevy truck. I use my truck regularly to go fishing. Part of these excursions include regular stops at area "gas and go" stores to get a cup of coffee and a donut or two. But before I head into the store I sanitize my hands. The same procedure is repeated after getting back into my truck.

This same advice also goes for a stop at the bait shop. Use sanitizer again on the hands before heading in to pick up some bait, jigs or whatever. And it's good advice to disinfect the exterior of that minnow bucket with a sanitary wipe as well. It might just keep someone else or yourself from catching the flu, a cold or even COVID-19.

Are you planning a hike or a walk in a local park or perhaps at Perrot Park near Trempealeau? Take a few simple precautions there too. One, use your hand sanitizer before leaving your vehicle. Remember there might come a need to use the park restroom. These are public restrooms that have well-used doors where germs can be spread.

Also while out for a springtime walk, take a plastic bag along, maybe one from that "gas and go" store. If you are like me, a stick of gum or a bite from

a candy bar taste good while sauntering through nature. In turn be sure to use that plastic bag for the garbage generated. Then deposit it in the proper receptacles in the park. It keeps everything a bit cleaner and healthier.

And finally implement these same sanitary ideas when heading to the city to go shopping. Just the other day my wife and I drove to Winona for a visit to that big fleet store. I had two gift cards from Christmas and figured my greatest need was a new tackle box for fishing. Before heading in to shop and afterwards as well we both used the hand sanitizer.

Well by now you've likely figured out that some of my favorite things in life are having a donut while fishing and buying a new tackle box — even if I didn't need one. And you'd be right on both counts. Let's just do our part to make sure that these simple pleasures of life remain healthy pleasures too.



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(Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

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## The Weekly Word

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by Pastor Wanda Skroch, Reaching Out Ministries, Whitehall

### New birth, and the guidance of the spiritual heart

Everyone needs a spiritual heart transplant. After a spiritual heart transplant when you say "I have been born again in Christ Jesus," and you are converted for real, you are a spiritual fetus with a new heart, just like a fetus in the womb where one of the earliest signs of life is a tiny heartbeat.

And just like our physical heart, this spiritual baby heart has a brain. After our "new birth," our true conversion into the kingdom of God, the brain of our new heart starts controlling what we do, guiding us into the ways of the Spirit and into obedience to the Father.

Put another way: God, through the Holy Spirit, is downloading His truth and guidance into our new heart.

How He does this is a mystery. For some, even before reading much Bible or hearing messages or going to Bible studies, they will say things like "He told me to turn that movie off." Or, "He told me to change those seductive clothes, or stop using those words, or take the earring out of my nose." Or "He told me to forgive my father."

You can ask if they found that in scripture and they would reply, "no, but that is what God told me to do!" It is amazing when that happens. However, the main download comes from constantly hearing and studying the Word of God and worshipping and talking with other Christians. I remember

when I would carry my little cassette player to Bible studies to record music and teachings, and then play it back later. I was always playing teaching and worship cassettes as I went about my days.

Filling notebooks and marking up my Bible at church services and studies was the norm. Posting scriptures around the house and the car was helpful for memorizing as the Holy Spirit continued to download truth into my baby heart.

Being a part of prayer times was very important because I learned how to pray. And I received much prayer to deal with unwanted baggage my brain and flesh were dragging around.

Although I didn't completely comprehend what was happening, I was in the process of sanctifying and renewing my mind. My new heart was and still is learning truths from the Holy Spirit and teaching my brain, my renewed mind, and new heart to control the actions of "the flesh."

God is so good. He has an eternal plan for all who turn to Him. All you need to do is to tell him you are sorry you have messed up, that you believe in what Jesus Christ did for you, ask him to forgive you and give you a brand new heart. Then find a good Bible teaching church, open your Bible, and learn about all the wonderful promises of God for those with a new spiritual heart.

### Safe Guarded



Scripture is full of affirmations of God's protection.

By faith, can we wrap the same around ourselves?

If not, why not?

This week in church look for the fearless people.

### Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil.

Psalm 23

I Samuel 16:1-13    Ephesians 5:8-14    John 9:1-41  
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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# AREA NURSING HOME NEWS

## Pigeon Falls Health Care Center

Monday morning began with baking group where we made Snickerdoodle bars! We also filled all of the bird feeders and put them back out for our birds to enjoy! In the afternoon, we played Poker Keno with the help of Gina Adel, LaVerna Humphrey and Doris Estenson congrats Lois Ladd who won blackout. We ended the afternoon with coffee social. During the evening we played Coverall, congrats to Chubby Andrus who won.

for the donation of quarters. We finished our afternoon with our coffee social. In the evening we played Crazy 8's, congrats to Sally Obieglo. Thursday morning began with Country Ridge manicures and Wii Bowling, congrats to Elden Rongstad who won. In the afternoon we enjoyed watching the movie, Yours, Mine and Ours and also enjoyed popcorn. We ended our night with 6-5-4, congrats to Lois Ladd who won.

Friday morning we had manicures! In the afternoon we played Bingo, congrats to Edie Amundson who won blackout. After Bingo, we enjoyed our afternoon coffee social. We finished our night with fresh popcorn and enjoyed watching a movie. Saturday morning began with Uno, congrats Bonnie Nelson and Sally Obieglo. In the afternoon we played Ladder Ball, congrats to Sally Obieglo. We finished our afternoon with Trivia! During the evening we played Coverall, congrats to Lois Ladd who won.

Tuesday began pizza prep where we made eight homemade pizzas. The Country Ridge tenants gathered to play Golf, congrats to Mary Molitor who won. In the afternoon we played Greenseth, congrats Roger Ciszak, Joyce Lyga and Sally Obieglo! We ended our afternoon with happy hour. During the evening we played Uno, congrats to Lois Ladd who won.

Wednesday morning began with Yahtzee, congrats to Chubby Andrus. We also had worship service with Pastor Lorenz. Thank you to Pastor Lorenz for assisting with worship. In the afternoon we had Bingo, congrats to Al Drangstzeit who won blackout and Mary Molitor who won Pigeon Falls Special. Thank you to Terri Teska

finished our afternoon with our coffee social. During the evening we enjoyed playing Bridge-O and Tens, congrats to Alice Houghtaling and Chubby Andrus, the winners. **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE:** **The Pigeon Falls Health Care Center will not be allowing any visitors into our home. Thanks for understanding!**

# Grand View Care Center

Saturday: This afternoon residents played Bingo in the dining room. Lucky Winners were Frank, Margaret Steien x2, Gerlie Erickson, Don Mahlum, Arlene Dahl and Carol Benedict. Black out winners were Margaret Steien and Edith Noren.

Blackout winner was Arlene Dahl. Monday: This morning name that tune was held with Frank Hughes followed by resident council in 600 with Rhonda and Nicole. In the MCU Abigail was doing pretty nails and reminiscing. In the afternoon Ring Toss was held in the dining room. The top winner was Don Mahlum, 2nd place was Carol Benedict and tied for third were Ben Schultz and Larry Larson. Wanda held trivia with the residents. Tiffany did

room visits with residents. After supper Bingo was held. Lucky winners were Dick Fischer, Frank McKeeth x2, Frank Sonsalla, Jeanette Turk, and Bill Baecker. Black out winner was Carol Benedict. Tuesday: In the MCU Abigail and residents were working on rainbow crafts. Mass was held on 600 with Father Miller. This afternoon the residents enjoyed entertainment by the Living Stones. Coffee Time was served. Lounge time was held with card club. Thank You Norma B. for visiting and volunteering.

## Gundersen Tri-County

Allison Wright played the clavinova and led our Monday morning Sing Along. Many old-time favorites were sung. Resident Council met after dinner with department representatives attending, answering questions as needed. Pat Suter, Sherry Foss, Mary Kay Hagen, and Wally Waldera were on hand to help with the card game Bridge-O. The day ended with Ryan Herman playing his wonderful music during supper.

Children Then" at Read and Reminisce. Michele called Bingo which was in honor of Harold Koch's birthday from Gloria Sveen. Our helpers were Jim Woychik, Sherry Foss, Pat Suter and Mary Kay Hagen. Our delicious grasshopper cake and 7-Up Pistachio cake were served afterwards. Both cakes received thumbs up as we should make them again. After supper we put our imaginations to work at "Tell Me A Story". We divided into groups to create a story to go along with the pictures and came up with some very good tales.

Wednesday: This morning Tiffany held card club in the dining room. In the MCU Chris and the residents were busy making flower crafts and visiting. This afternoon pop and play was held with Chris and Tiffany. Peanut butter chocolate chip cookies were served for coffee time. Thursday: In the dining room Wanda and the residents were playing true or false and have you ever? In the MCU Chris and residents were watching a movie and enjoying popcorn. After dinner Pretty Nails was held. This afternoon family feud was held in dining and MC. Card club was held in the dining room. After supper residents enjoyed a sing along with Abigail.

Tuesday morning, Pat Suter helped us mix up St. Pat's cakes at Baking Group. Nancy Armstrong brought her pet therapy dog Katie to visit with our dog lovers. Michele Ziegeweid started reading the book "We Were

Friday morning, Trivia was played after our exercise program. Cover-All took place in the afternoon and Happy Hour drinks were in memory of Joe Kokott's March 13 birthday from Lucille and Marcel Guza.

Friday: Tiffany and the residents were making cinnamon rolls in the MC. Chris and the residents played Yahtzee in the dining room. In the afternoon the residents enjoyed playing LUCKY Bingo with prizes and money. The LUCKY winners were Frank Sonsalla x2, Shirley Finner, Doris Wensel, Jeanette Turk, Ben Schultz, Joyce Giemza, Don Mahlum, Frank McKeeth and Bill Baecker. Coffee was served.

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# Obituaries

### Robert J. Mahoney

Robert J. Mahoney, 70, of La Crosse, died Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Mayo Clinic Health System of La Crosse.

Robert was born December 3, 1949, in La Crosse, to James R. and Catherine A. (Mack) Mahoney. He spent his early childhood in Ettrick, and later moved to La Crosse.

Bob will be remembered for his witty sense of humor and big smiles. He took what life had given him and made the very best of it without complaints.

Bob is survived by his four siblings: Patricia Bradshaw of La Crosse, Mary (Don) Aleckson of Whitewater, Jim (Lori) Mahoney of Galesville, and Betty (Rick) Worzalla of Oak Creek; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and aunts and uncles.

Services will be held at a later date. The Fossium Funeral and Cremation Service of Onalaska is assisting with the arrangements. Online condolences may be left at [www.fossumfuneral-home.com](http://www.fossumfuneral-home.com).

### Avis J. Richmond

Avis J. Richmond passed away March 7, at her home in Minneapolis, MN., with her family by her side.

Avis was born February 16, 1929, to Alfred and Esther Gunderson in Pleasantville. She graduated from Whitehall High School in 1946. After graduation, she attended business college in Minneapolis, MN. She married Robert E. Richmond of Minneapolis, MN., in 1950. Avis and Robert moved to Northfield, MN., and then to Rochester, MN. They lived in Rochester for 30 years before moving to Minneapolis, MN., in 1990.



Curtis F. Pronschinske, 60, of Arcadia, passed away Monday, March 9, 2020, surrounded by family, at Mayo Clinic Health System, Franciscan Healthcare in La Crosse. Curtis was born in Arcadia, April 2, 1959, to Francis "Franz" and Bernice (Woychik) Pronschinske. He graduated from Arcadia High School with the class of '77 and then attended one year at UW-River Falls. He returned home to farm with his family. Curtis enjoyed farm life, golfing and spending time with his family. He was a past member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Curtis is survived by his mother, Bernice of Arcadia; sister, Karen (Scott) Morris of Elk Mound; brother, Gary (Annette) of Arcadia; nieces and nephews: Diana (Derek) Anderson, Scott (Cherie) Miemietz, Ivy (Mitch) Sobotta, and Trevor Pronschinske; and great-nephews and nieces: Makenna, Greyson, Carter, Hailey, and Mason.

He was preceded in death by his father, Franz, March 10, 2019.

A Mass of Christian Buri-

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Our years were filled with love, laughter and fun. You truly were our #1.

I hope you are peaceful and at rest because dear darling, you were simply the best.

~Marlene, Darcy, Bobby, Brad, Denise & Families



al was held Monday, March 16, 2020, at 11:00 a.m., at Holy Family Parish. Father Sebastian Kolodziejczyk officiated. Family and friends were invited for visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15, at Wozney-Killian Funeral Home. There was a 7:30 p.m. rosary and public prayer service. Visitation continued one hour prior to Mass at the church on Monday. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery in rural Arcadia. To express condolences to his family online, please visit [www.wozneykillianfh.com](http://www.wozneykillianfh.com).

### Eugene "Gene" J. Pieterick

Eugene "Gene" John Pieterick, 92, passed away March 12, 2020, in Eau Claire.

Gene was born July 28, 1927, in Cayuga, ND., to Charles and Susan (nee Kowahl) Pieterick. He was raised in Independence, drafted by the U.S. Army and stationed in Germany. After he returned from service, Gene attended La Crosse State Teachers College for two years, and then transferred to Marquette University where, in 1951, he graduated with a business degree. Playing sports, particularly baseball, was a big part of Gene's younger years. His favorite position was center field, but he also pitched on the successful 1954/55 local amateur baseball team that played their way to the State Semi-Pro tournament at Milwaukee County Stadium. His love of all sports continued throughout his life, if not by playing, then by watching his favorite teams: the Brewers and the Packers. He loved the outdoors, going on long walks, and was an avid fisherman and deer hunter. Gene enjoyed bowling, horseshoes, Friday fish fries and playing cribbage with family and friends.

Gene married Jean M. Sylla in 1957, and shortly thereafter, they moved to Eau Claire where they raised their five children. Gene was a letter carrier for the U.S. Postal Service for 31 years. Gene was also a devout Catholic that rarely missed Sunday mass at St. Patrick's Church. Gene will be dearly missed by his wife of 63 years; and children: Barb Pieterick of Eau Claire, Jim Pieterick (Sue Ringwall) of Rochester, MN., Mary (Dave "Buck") Knutson of Colfax, Anne (Jim) Thome of Port Washington, and Margaret "Maggie" (John) Schlegel of Sussex. He was the proud grandfather of 10 grandchildren, including: Brittany (Donnie) Mixon, Brett Albrecht, Justin Knutson, Cody Knutson, Nikki (Curtis) Pranger, Joey Thome, Lauren (Andrew) Schulz, Alyssa Thome, Zach Schlegel, Kelly Schlegel; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; and four brothers: Raymond "Ray", Gerald "Bud", Alfred "Al", Jerome "Jerry" Pieterick.

The family would like to thank Heritage Court Assisted Living, hospice and all the in-home caregivers over the years, especially Lee, Ricky, Tracy and Rose-

mary. Friends and family may offer condolences online at [www.hulkefamilyfh.com](http://www.hulkefamilyfh.com). Hulke Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 3209 Rudolph Road, Eau Claire, WI 54701, is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Victoria "Vickie" Kulig, 96, of Independence, died Friday, March 13, 2020, at Pigeon Falls Care Center in Pigeon Falls. Vickie was born December 23, 1923, in American Valley, rural Arcadia, to Joseph and Anna (Micek) Rossa. She married Ralph R. Kulig, October 14, 1947, at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Arcadia. He died June 7, 1990.

Vickie walked over the hills in all types of weather to attend the rural Penny one-room schoolhouse. She worked in Chicago during World War II as a 'Rosie-the-Riveter'. After the war, Vickie worked with her husband on the farm in Borst Valley, rural Independence, from 1947-1979. The couple then moved to Independence where she worked with a group of ladies clean-

ing houses. Vickie enjoyed fishing with her family, doing word find puzzles and going to casinos with her daughter. She was a member of Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Independence, as well as the women's organization and rosary society. Vickie is survived by four sons: Roger (Sue) Kulig of Coral City, Walter (Chris) Kulig of Independence, Ronald (Wendy) Kulig of Coal Valley, IL., and Eugene (Christy) Kulig of Independence; 12 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Ernie (Karen) Rossa of Goodview, MN.; and son-in-law, Terry Luer, of Eau Claire.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph; daughter, Mary Jane Luer; two brothers: Joseph and Albert Rossa; three sisters: Leona Bautch, Marion Rossa and Marcella O'Shields.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held Tuesday, March 17, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Independence. Rev. Woodrow H. Pace officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Visitation was held one hour prior to Mass at the church on Tuesday. Online condolences may be offered at [www.edisonfuneralhome.com](http://www.edisonfuneralhome.com).

open from 4 to 6 p.m. the fourth Thursday and from 10 am to noon the second Friday at Blair Lutheran Church-West Campus, 126 S. Peterson Ave., Blair. The pantry is open to anyone with a Blair or Ettrick address.

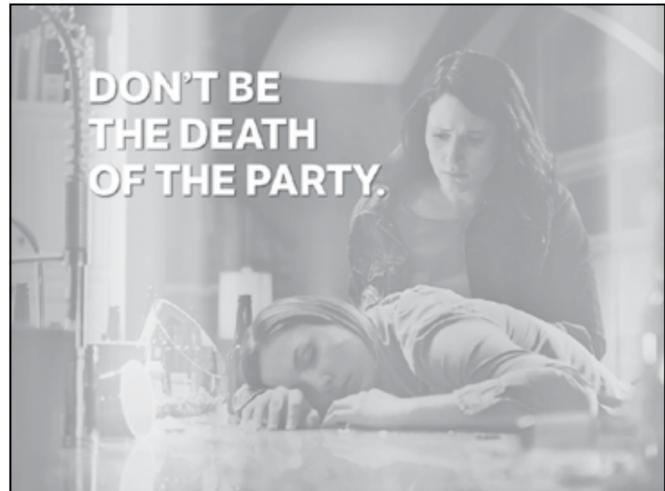
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Alcoholics Anonymous meetings are held at the following times and places: 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Trempealeau United Methodist Church and in the education room at Gundersen Tri-County Hospital, Whitehall; 7 p.m. Wednesdays at Living Hope Lutheran Church, Ettrick; 7 p.m. Thursdays at Eleva Lutheran Church and at Masonic Temple, Galesville; and 8 a.m. Saturdays at St. John's Catholic Church Whitehall. Al-Anon meets at 7 p.m. Mondays at Trempealeau United Methodist Church and at 6:30 p.m. Thursdays in the education room at Gundersen Tri-County Hospital.

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### NOTICE AND ORDER FOR NAME CHANGE HEARING

Circuit Court Judge  
Bar Number: 1017969  
(Pub. March 11, 18, 25, 2020)  
WNAIXLP  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 19PR33  
State of Wisconsin,  
Circuit Court,  
Trempealeau County  
In the Matter of the  
Name Change of:  
**Aaliyah Sarah Borntreger**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above from: Aaliyah Sarah Borntreger to Aaliyah Sarah Johnson.

**IT IS ORDERED:** This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, by the Hon. Rian W. Radtke, on the 30th day of March, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, 36245 Main Street, Whitehall, WI 54773.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Trempealeau County Times, a newspaper published in Whitehall, Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated February 24, 2020.  
**BY THE COURT:**  
/s/ Rian W. Radtke  
Circuit Court Judge  
Arcadia, WI 54612  
(Pub. March 4, 11, 18, 2020)  
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**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 19PR29  
State of Wisconsin,  
Circuit Court,  
Trempealeau County  
In the Matter of the  
Name Change of:  
**ELLA MARIE ADAMS**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN:** A petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above from: Ella Marie Adams to Ella Marie Sharpe.

**IT IS ORDERED:** This petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, by the Hon. Rian W. Radtke, on the 8th day of April, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, 36245 Main Street, Whitehall, WI 54773.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:** Notice of this hearing shall be given by publication as a Class 3 notice for three (3) weeks in a row prior to the date of the hearing in the Trempealeau County Times, a newspaper published in Whitehall, Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin.

Dated March 6, 2020.  
**BY THE COURT:**  
/s/ Rian W. Radtke

Circuit Court Judge  
Bar Number: 1017969  
(Pub. March 11, 18, 25, 2020)  
WNAIXLP  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS (Informal Administration)**  
Case No. 19PR33  
State of Wisconsin,  
Circuit Court,  
Trempealeau County  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
**CHARLES H. KNOWLTON**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth April 7, 1955, and date of death March 10, 2019, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: 419 Owen St., Arcadia, WI 54612.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 26, 2020. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, 36245 Main St., Room 214, Whitehall, Wis. /s/ Jill F. Clark Register in Probate February 26, 2020

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Trempealeau County  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
**CARY J. SHOEMAHER**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth January 31, 1959, and date of death July 31, 2018, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: 40040 County Road W, Whitehall, WI 54773.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 26, 2020. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, 36245 Main St., Room 214, Whitehall, Wis. /s/ Jill F. Clark Register in Probate February 26, 2020

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Bar Number: 1017969  
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Case No. 2020PR000009  
State of Wisconsin,  
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In the Matter of the Estate of  
**THOMAS N. HICKS**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**  
An application for informal administration was filed. The decedent, with date of birth June 18, 1959, and date of death January 9, 2020, was domiciled in Trempealeau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of: N29783 Pierzina Lane, Arcadia, WI 54612.

All interested persons waived notice. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 28, 2020. A claim may be filed at the Trempealeau County Courthouse, Room 214, Whitehall, Wisconsin. /s/ Jill F. Clark Register in Probate February 28, 2020

**ATTORNEY:**  
Terrence J. Madden  
Kostner, Koslo & Brovold, LLC  
108 West Main Street  
Arcadia, WI 54612  
608-323-3351  
Bar Number: 1000926  
(Published March 18, 25, April 1, 2020)  
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**ORDER SETTING TIME TO HEAR PETITION FOR ADMINISTRATION AND DEADLINE FOR FILING CLAIMS (Formal Administration)**  
Case No. 2020PR08  
State of Wisconsin,  
Circuit Court,  
Trempealeau County  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
**THEODORE L. MILAND DOD: 1/27/2020**

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed. EXCEPTING: THEREFROM: Part of Lot 7 of Certified Survey Map, Volume 5, page 41, located in part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 9-19-8 West, Town of Gale, Trempealeau County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at the South quarter of said Section 9; thence along the South line of said Section 9, N 89° 43' 48" W 550.27 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing along said South line N 89° 43' 48" W 781.55 feet to the West line of said SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4; thence along said West line, N 00° 26' 42" W 223.19 feet to the South line of Lot 8 of said Certified Survey Map; thence along said South line, S 89° 41' 48" E 781.56 feet to a line which is parallel with the West line of said SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4; thence along said parallel line S 00° 26' 42" E 222.73 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to highways, easements and rights of way of record.

**TERMS OF SALE:** Cash. The purchaser shall assume all unpaid real estate taxes. The purchaser shall be responsible for the Wisconsin transfer fee and recording fees. Title will transfer by Sheriff's Deed, without any warranties, expressed or implied. The property is sold in its 'as is' condition. Dated at Whitehall, Wisconsin, this 2nd day of March, 2020. /s/ Brett Semingson Sheriff of Trempealeau County, Wisconsin  
**KOSTNER, KOSLO & BROVOLD, LLC**  
Attorney Karina O'Brien  
108 West Main Street  
Arcadia, WI 54612  
Plaintiff's Attorneys  
(Pub. March 11, 18, 25, 2020)  
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**PUBLICATION SUMMONS**  
Case Code: 40101  
Case Number: 20FA13  
State of Wisconsin,  
Circuit Court,  
Trempealeau County  
**In RE: The marriage of PETITIONER: Erin Kathleen Westfall and RESPONDENT: Jeremie Scott Westfall**

**THE STATE OF WISCONSIN, TO THE PERSON NAMED ABOVE AS RESPONDENT:**  
You are notified that the petitioner named above has filed a Petition for divorce or legal separation against you. You must respond with a written demand for a copy of the Petition within 40 days from the day after the first date of publication. The demand must be sent or delivered to the court at: Clerk of Court, Trempealeau County Courthouse, 36245 Main Street, P.O. Box 67, Whitehall, WI 54773, and to: Erin Kathleen Westfall, 35834 Ash Street, Independence, WI 54747. It is recommended, but not required, that you have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy of the Petition within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Petition, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Petition. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You are further notified that if the parties to this action have minor children, violation of §948.31, Wis. Stats., (Interference with custody by parent or others) is punishable by fines and/or imprisonment. If you and the petitioner have minor children, documents setting forth the percentage standard for child support established by the department under §49.22(9), Wis. Stats., and the factors that a court may consider for modification of that standard under §767.511(1m), Wis. Stats., are available upon request from the Clerk of Court.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability, in order to participate in the court process, call 715-538-2311, prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation. /s/ Erin Westfall Dated February 26, 2020. (Pub. March 4, 11, 18, 2020)  
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**AMENDED SUMMONS**  
Case No.: 19CV000668  
State of Wisconsin,  
Circuit Court,  
La Crosse County  
**CREDIT ACCEPTANCE CORPORATION Plaintiff, vs. RYAN WARDESKY SCOTTY COVERT JR. Defendants**

**THE STATE OF WISCONSIN — TO —**  
Scotty Covert Jr.  
23963 Tracy Street  
Independence, WI 54747-9070  
You are hereby notified that the Plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you. The Complaint, which is also served on you, states the nature and basis of the legal action. Within Forty (40) days after March 4, 2020, you must respond with a written answer, as that term is used in Chapter 802 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to the Complaint. The court may reject or disregard an answer that does not follow the requirements of the statutes. The answer must be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT, La Crosse County, 333 Vine St., La Crosse, WI 54601, and the Kohn Law Firm, Plaintiff's attorneys, whose address is 735 N. Water St., Suite 1300, Milwaukee, WI 53202. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If no Complaint accompanies this Summons you must respond within the said 40 day period with a written demand for a copy of the Complaint by mailing or delivering said written demand to the court and to the Plaintiff's attorneys at their respective addresses listed above. If you do not provide a proper answer to the Complaint or provide a written demand for said complaint within the 40 day period, the court may grant judgment against you for the award of money or other legal action requested in the Complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the Complaint. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may be enforced by garnishment of or seizure of property. Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, February 19, 2020.  
**KOHN LAW FIRM S.C.**  
Electronically Signed By: /s/ JOSEPH R. JOHNSON  
Joseph R. Johnson  
State Bar No. 1053052  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
(Pub. March 4, 11, 18, 2020)  
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**NOTICE OF HEARING Amendments to Zoning Ordinance City of Independence**  
A Public Hearing will be held at 6:30 p.m., at the City Hall, City of Independence, Wisconsin, on Monday, April 6, 2020. At such hearing, the plan commission and City Council will receive public comment and discuss proposed amendments to the city's comprehensive zoning ordinance. The proposed amendment would provide for rezoning part of the area in the city within the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4, the NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 lying west of Markham Road, all in Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 9 West. These are the three tracts lying north of Highway 121, approximately one quarter mile east of the intersection with Highway 93. It is proposed to zone this area as an R district (one and two family dwellings) with the exception of Lot 43 of the proposed Markham Hillside Addition which would be zoned M (multiple dwelling). The parcel to be zoned as an R district is described as the land lying within the City of Independence located in: The SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4; The NW 1/4 of the SE 1/4, except for that part currently owned by Gary Boland which is within the East 200 feet of the forty and is a part of Lot 1A of the Assessor's Plat for the City, which parcel is described as number 241-00003-0007; That part of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 lying north of State Highway 121 and west of Markham Road and the northerly extension thereof, except for Lot 43 of the Markham Hillside Addition. All of the above being a part of Section 24, Township 22 North, Range 9 West. The full text of the ordinance along with the proposed zoning map are on file in the City Clerk's office at Independence City Hall. Copies may be obtained from the City Clerk during regular business hours. Lenice Pronschinske, Clerk City of Independence (Published March 18, 25, 2020)  
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