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County health officials seeking more authority

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

As the cases of COVID-19 rise, the Trempealeau County Health Department is seeking more authority to enforce health orders, including the department's recent requirement that county residents wear masks.

Under the terms of an ordinance that is expected to be considered by the county board in December, county health officials would be able to issue citations with financial penalties, limit the size of gatherings and forbid "interference" when inspecting public places. Public places are defined as any place the public is allowed.

If approved by the board, the revised ordinance could go into effect in January.

"The health department is drowning," said county health director Barb Barczak at the Nov. 10 board of health meeting. "We need to do something."

At the board of health meeting, Barczak read endorsements of the mask order from public and private schools in Arcadia, Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau, Independence, Blair-Taylor, Whitehall and Eleva-Strum; the county Together Against COVID-19 coalition that includes numerous county businesses; Gunderson Tri-County Hospital; and several individuals.

Corporation counsel Rick Niemeier told the board the county's current ordinance allows the health director to issue mandates, but he or she cannot order penalties. As county regulations are now written, those who violate the mask order may be issued a "directive" to comply and eventually taken to court where they could be cited for contempt.

Sheriff Brett Semingson, who initially said his department would not enforce the mask mandate, said he has decided to no longer comment on the issue because it has become so divisive.

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Breaking Through

Alec Reismann of Blair-Taylor jumped through a banner held by the team's cheerleaders during player introductions prior to the team's final game on Friday. With the 49-0 win over Assumption, the Wildcats finished the 2020 campaign with a perfect 8-0 record. See more in Sports.

(Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

'Very dangerous' man gets maximum sentence

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Saying it is not clear a man found guilty of molesting his stepdaughters was remorseful, a Trempealeau County judge sentenced the former Eleva resident to two consecutive 10-year terms in prison that could keep him incarcerated for the rest of his life.

"From my perspective, we got a very dangerous person out of our community," said District Attorney John Sacia of Richard Getter, 56, who has been in the Clark County jail since being arrested in September of 2018. "Though these crimes occurred decades ago, they caused tremendous harm and are still very fresh for his victims."

The two, 10-year sentences imposed last Wednesday are the maximum allowed under the law that was in effect when Getter's crimes occurred. While those same laws allow Getter to seek parole, Sacia said he believes the 10-year sentences — effectively a 20-year sentence — will convey the seriousness of the man's crimes. Getter will be given credit for the 806 days he has spent in jail.

Getter's victims argued for the maximum sentence for the man, Sacia said.

Linda Getter, 56, of 24300 260th Ave., Holcomb, has pleaded guilty to three felony counts of being a party to causing mental harm to a child with two

additional felonies to be considered at her sentencing, now scheduled for January.

The attorney for Richard Getter had sought probation. Attorney Bernardo Cueto argued that Getter himself was subject to abuse as a child and had struggled with alcoholism. He noted that Getter has not had charges brought against him since the incidents in the 1990s, has been sober for several years, has been a "model" prisoner and does not represent a threat to the community.

Cueto also argued that the age of the complaints and his inability to get documents made a "deal inevitable."

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Record cases, more deaths in county

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

A record for the number of new COVID-19 cases was set for the fifth consecutive week as two more county residents died from the virus last week.

The new record of 434 new cases reported by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services was set on Sunday afternoon. The record — which was 48 cases more than the previous week — was set on Sunday. The *Times* typically uses data reported on Monday afternoons, but due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the press deadline this week was on Monday instead of Tuesday.

Included in the new weekly record was a new daily record of 104 new cases reported by Trempealeau County Health Department last week Tuesday. On Friday, the health department reported 752 active cases.

With the new record also came two more deaths, reported by the health department on Friday. That brought the county's death total up to 12, 10 of which have come in the last five weeks and seven in the month of November.

There continues to be a number of county residents who remain at high risk. The health department reported 14 people were hospitalized with the virus as of last Friday. There were 24 more people 80 years old or older who tested positive last week and 52 total new positive tests for people over the age of 70. There were an additional 49 positive tests amongst people between the ages of 60 and 69.

The DHS reported active facility-wide investigations at Dove Nursing Home, Grand View Care Center, Marinuka Manor and the Trempealeau County Health Care Center.

The Arcadia area was hit the hardest last week with 86 new cases, four more than Trempealeau. All areas of the county had at least 25 new cases as Osseo had 53; Galesville, 48; Whitehall, 47; Blair, 39; Independence, 35 and Eleva/Strum, 25.

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Arcadia council not giving up on curbside recycling

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

Arcadia officials may reconsider having curbside recycling pick up, but not so soon after city residents rejected the idea.

"I was for curbside recycling," said Mayor Rob Reichwein at last Wednesday's city council meeting. "But I'm not comfortable moving forward with it with the vote we just had. Maybe we can revisit this in a year."

City voters on Nov. 3 defeated curbside recycling pickup by 501 against to a 291. It is the second time in two years that city

voters have said no to the idea that would have added between \$6 and \$8 a month to residents' utility bills.

Effective recycling would eliminate those materials from the city's trash collection, potentially saving the city and residents money, said city administrator Chad Hawkins.

"I think a lot of people have no problem loading recyclables and carrying them to the center," said council member Dan Sonsalla. "And they don't want to pay a fee."

Council member Marlys Kolstad said that if recycling was made even easier, "more people would do it."

Hawkins said the recycling industry is moving toward curbside collections of

unsorted recyclables, and the city should join in.

"If we want the city to grow, these are the kind of services we need to provide," Hawkins said.

Hawkins said there is one year left on the agreement between the city and Hilltoppers for the company to operate the recycling center.

Hawkins noted that the per-ton fee for trash disposal is roughly in the mid-\$60 while the city could pay less than \$20 a ton for recyclable material. Residents would save by having to buy fewer garbage bags.

Reichwein suggested too that city resi-

dents may be satisfied with the drive-to-recycling services provided by Hilltoppers. "It's way simpler than it used to be," Reichwein said. The company will collect recyclables from residences for a fee.

"I think a lot of people have no problem loading recyclables and carrying them to the center," said council member Dan Sonsalla. "And they need to be more education."

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Elk sightings becoming more common in Trempealeau County

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

Area residents heading out to the woods this fall shouldn't be surprised if they see a significantly larger antlered animal than they're used to.

"I have had several elk sightings reported to me over the last few years in Trempealeau County," Mark Rasmussen, Department of Natural Resources wildlife biologist, said.

"We can't always confirm exactly where an elk may have come from, because not all of our wild elk in Wisconsin are marked with a GPS collar or ear tags," Rasmussen said. "It's not terribly uncommon for wild elk from the Jackson County herd to take trips outside their core area east of Black River Falls from time to time."

Rasmussen has been able to confirm that some of the elk spotted in Trempealeau County have been from

cadia and Galesville within the last month. Rasmussen said he has also heard reports of elk sightings in the Blair and Arcadia areas, and, so far it seems they are likely wild elk from the Jackson County Forest.

In March 2019, 60 elk were planted in the Jackson County Forest near Black River Falls. As of last December the herd was reported to have grown to 79 with up to 25 calves expected to be born in 2020.

Rasmussen has been able to confirm that some of the elk spotted in Trempealeau County have been from

the Jackson County herd. Whenever an elk spotting has been reported, the DNR investigates to see if any elk have escaped from captive elk farms. So far, none have.

"As the population grows, I expect we will continue to see visitors from the Jackson County herd every year in Trempealeau County," Rasmussen said.

The most notable difference between an elk and a deer is the size. Adult elk stand four-to-five feet at the shoulders, while deer typically top out at three-and-a half feet, according to DNR officials. Though a five-to-six-month-old elk calf would be about the same size as an adult white-tailed doe.

Those attempting to attract deer to their property may be more likely to see

There are also other physical differences. Elk have short tails, while deer have longer tails with white undersides. Elk also have a tan rump patch, black legs and a dark brown fury neck, while deer legs are the same color as their bodies and they have a white throat patch.

As for the prize antlers, deer antlers curve forward, whereas elk sweep back.

While not all, many elk have been marked with collars and ear tags.

The DNR advises all hunters to be sure of their targets.

Arcadia wants to hear from owners of messy properties

By Debbie Foss
Times Staff

City of Arcadia officials are shortening the time between when a written notice of a need to clean a property is sent and when a citation is issued, but the city administrator said he's still mostly seeking communication with offenders.

The change comes after repeated objections by city residents that the community has become unsightly. Many of the complaints are about too many cars being parked at residences, but the city is also tackling run-down properties.

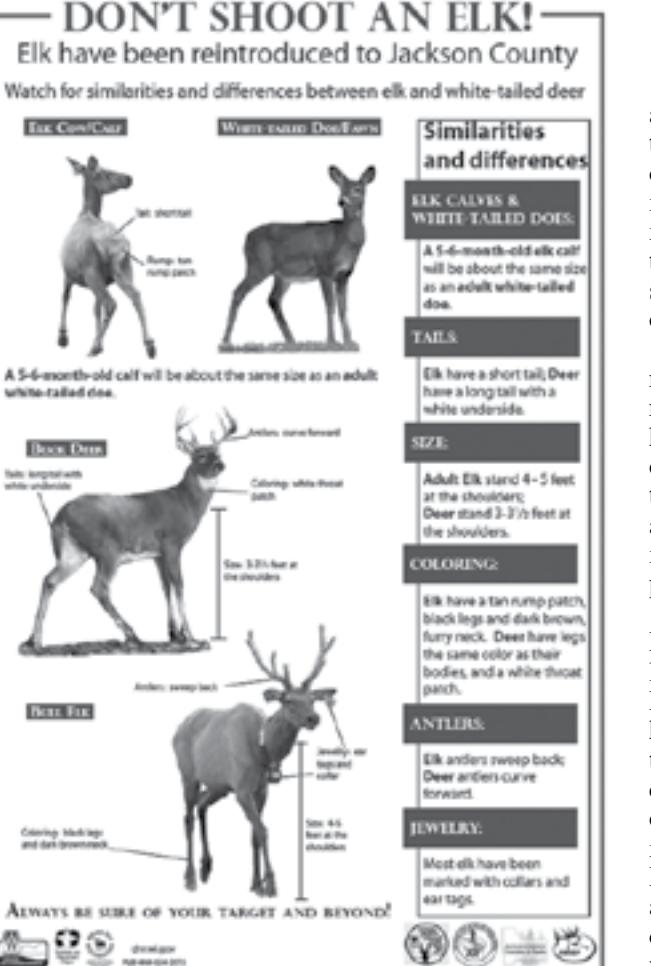
City Administrator Chad Hawkins told the city council last Wednesday that he and Police Chief Diana Anderson have agreed that quicker action will be taken when the city gets no response to an official notice that a property is violating a city ordinance. If the city does not hear from an owner who receives just one warning letter, a citation with fines could follow.

By just a three-to-two

vote, the council reversed an earlier decision and decided to allow Paul Halverson to sell a small parcel of land at the corner of Pearl Street and David Avenue.

Hawkins said the sale creates a 2,192-square-foot lot that is smaller than allowed by state or local restrictions, but council members argued the lot division was appropriate given the age of the platting of the Halverson lot.

The city's planning commission also endorsed the sale, which creates a parcel too small for anything to be built on it. The purchaser reportedly hopes to use it to store a trailer. Among the council's original objections was the need to keep vehicles off unpaved areas. Council members Dan Sonsalla and Marlys Kolstad voted against



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Just Another Week By Andrew Dannehy County Board Must Act Quickly

Trempealeau County Health Director Barb Barczak and the county's board of health took two necessary steps to help save the lives of county residents last week. Now it's up to the county's board of supervisors to meet and make sure those actions are not wasted.

Barczak issued an order requiring face coverings to be worn whenever one is in close contact with someone they do not share a residence with. That order was to continue the statewide order issued by Gov. Tony Evers, which was set to expire. Just as significant as the order was the punishment as the board of health approved changing a county ordinance that would allow the issuance of fines for those who refuse to comply with the mask mandate. Now, it's up to the county board to meet and approve the ordinance change. After that, the ordinance will be published in this newspaper and it will go into effect.

The only problem is that the board of health meeting came one day after the county board's regular monthly meeting. It will be a full month before the county board is scheduled to meet again and then another week or two before the ordinance can be published. While the order has already been issued, it won't be until January until those who refuse to follow it will actually face consequences.

People are dying now, the board can't afford to wait.

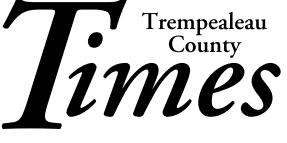
At the time of this writing, there were 12 deaths from COVID-19 in Trempealeau County, a number that keeps growing as several nursing homes throughout the county have had outbreaks. There have been more deaths from COVID-19 in Trempealeau County than any other preventable cause.

Containing the virus isn't just about preventing elderly people from dying. A seemingly-healthy Wisconsin Rapids man in his 30s lost his life from it. There's also instances where people don't die, but have their lives changed, like Mike Wolf, of Strum, who spent 43 days in the hospital.

The virus is killing people and the economy. Over the last few weeks, we've seen a number of area businesses close their doors because they've either already had an outbreak or are trying to avoid one. If this virus doesn't get under control, you can bet there is going to be federal action forcing another shutdown, this time perhaps even more strict than what was put in place last spring.

I give credit to Barczak for issuing the order and asking for actual penalties. It's rare that the county board has an action item in front of them that can actually save lives. It's time for them to step up and not play politics.

The county board must call a special meeting as soon as possible. The board can't wait for more people to die.



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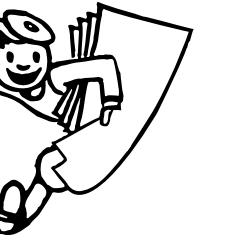
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From The Early Files



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25 YEARS AGO Nov. 30, 1995

The Whitehall district board of education Monday night authorized the spending of up to \$125,000 to purchase new computers and related equipment. The board voted unanimously to follow district administrator Jerry Freimark to spend the money, once the district has final estimates on the costs of the equipment.

A fire last week destroyed the household goods of a rural Whitehall family and seriously damaged the rented house in which they were living. The Whitehall Volunteer Fire Department was called to the Henry Sygulla farm on North River Road when Suzanne Strangstalien reported a fire in the farmhouse there.

The Strangstaliens were renting the former Sygulla home while their new house is being built. Hold off drawing conclusions, Redmen fans. While the team is 1-2, following a non-conference win over Neillsville, it's way too early to assess the Gale-Ettrick-Trempealeau varsity boys basketball team, says new head coach Rick Schmidt. "We're building, and they're learning something different. They're still in the leaning process."

The town of Gale board came through with \$1,000 contributions to the public library and swimming pool in the Whitehall Senior Girl Scout Troop, are trying to encourage area residents to contribute to the Christmas gift campaign conducted annually by the county social services department.

Downtown Blair once again has a restaurant. The site of a former café is now home to a restaurant, CJ's Café. The doors opened for business Tuesday morning of this week following a period of remodeling and redecorating.

The whole ritual of deer hunting is something which has brought families together for generations and the thrill of the hunt has brought hunters to this during the deer hunting season. One thing which has remained as constant as the ritual of hunting is the place where hunters have registered their trophy bucks for the past 45 years in Arcadia. Adolph and Alvin Rebhahn have been instrumental in registering deer for people in the area. Adolph founded Rebhahn Mobile Service Station in the early 1940s and started registering deer there.

The Arcadia school board passed a motion on Monday night which would allow the Steering Committee to implement a curriculum improvement plan. The evaluation will take place in a four-year time period and will include grades K-12.

The eagle which was on Whitehall's first honor roll, later salvaged from the scrap metal pile and placed in the House of Memories, has been bronzed and put atop the rebuilt honor roll. The dates, 1917-18, now identify those listed as having served their country during World War I.

The deer hunting season is over, and at this time the total kill for Whitehall hunters is five bucks and one wolf. Clarence Halverson, John Halverson, Melvin Halverson, M.A. Engen and Bennie Nelson brought home venison, and John O. Gilbertson is reported to have made his hunt profitable by shooting a timber wolf.

A meeting of the Trempealeau County Teachers Association, branch of the Wisconsin Education Association, will be held at Independence High School Dec. 12.

The movie, "The House on 92nd Street," shown at the Pix Theatre Sunday night was of special interest to Mrs. Harry Lillehamer.

LAST WEEK'S POLL QUESTION RESULTS

Are you planning on following the recommendation of health officials by staying home for Thanksgiving this year?

56% YES 44% NO

DNR urges hunters to wear a harness

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds those participating in the deer hunting season to practice safety when using treestands.

According to surveys, one-quarter of bowhunters have experienced a fall or near fall from an elevated stand. Less than half of Wisconsin deer hunters use a safety harness every time they climb.

Hunters should always use a full-body harness, also known as a fall-arrest system. Hunters should be mindful of the basic rules of treestand safety:

- Connect your harness to

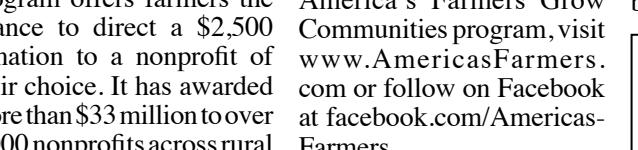
- Use a lifeline when climbing up and down. The lifeline keeps you connected from the time you leave the ground to the time you get back down.

- Be sure to let a loved one know where you'll be hunting and when you expect to return.

- Carry a cell phone so you can call for help if you are injured after a fall.

Hunters should use situational awareness in addition to following the basic rules of treestand safety. Make sure to always select a tree that is substantial enough to support your weight. Check your equipment prior to use, making sure lines are intact, your harness fits and is absent of snags and tears that could jeopardize the functionality.

Also, be sure to inspect your stand to ensure it does not have any missing components or broken features.


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operation for appendicitis at the Lutheran hospital in Eau Claire. Miss Esther Mortenson of Whitehall taught in her place the past five weeks.

They have sleighing at Marshfield, La Crosse and Madison, while we have none. It's our turn next. Sheds are being built on the M.E. church lot.

The weather flags over the bank are now hoisted each day after the 3:10 p.m. train, instead of in the morning. Owing to the hard times or the democratic administration, the government does not consider itself able to forward the daily forecasts by telegraph to each display station, but instead sends them to a number of central stations throughout the state, from which they are mailed to surrounding places. So we not get our morning forecasts from Humbird in the afternoon.

Pigeon Falls — The poultry market at this place has been very active the past few days, most of it being shipped to West Superior and Duluth by our merchants.

Hank McGowan of Pigeon sold a pair of peacocks to Ed Schaefer, a neighbor, for \$5. Hank is making quite a business of raising peacocks, ducks and geese.

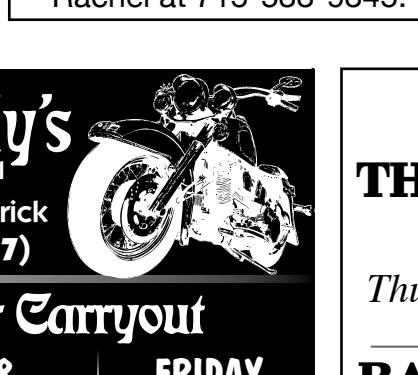
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Wednesday, Nov. 11

11:45 — Arcadia: Caller said somebody must have hit a deer by her driveway. A deer is dead there and a cable box was damaged. There are car parts that she has picked up. Caller may be interested in taking the deer.

12:27 — Whitehall: Caller's wife is ill, but would not let him call an ambulance so he is driving to the hospital. He wants dispatch to check the route to be sure she makes it in and he will call back if she gets to the hospital. Subject did make it safely to the hospital.

12:31 — Ettrick: A male borrowed the caller's car three days ago and has not brought it back. Caller's great niece knows who has the car, but the caller doesn't remember his last name. She also doesn't remember her niece's last name.

14:26 — Independence: A 68-year-old male was passing out and is now combative. Caller doesn't know the reason. Dispatch can hear the male in the background with slurred speech.

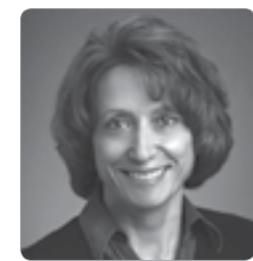
16:17 — Trempealeau: Caller reporting a pile of dirt or gravel about two feet high in the road. The pile turned out to be corn and was removed by the highway department.

I want to thank everyone for making my 80th Birthday one to remember! To my family, friends, neighbors, the Silesians and Facebook Group, the Independence and Blair Fire Departments, and everyone else, thank you for making such a milestone birthday special for me! Even though we couldn't get together in person, the calls, messages, flowers, cards, gifts, and baked goods were very much appreciated.

Thank you! Angeline Klimek

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Wednesday, Nov. 12

17:21 — Whitehall: Caller hit a deer and it is still alive.

17:22 — Galesville: 911 hang-up call. Caller said "wrong number."

17:36 — Galesville: Caller just heard a very loud explosion-type of noise. She said her house shook; she doesn't see anything outside.

18:32 — Galesville: Caller reporting a possible crash. Caller can see a truck parked and people walking around.

19:55 — Trempealeau County: Caller reported a domestic violence situation.

21:02 — Whitehall: Caller was contacted by his daughter's boyfriend. He told the caller that the daughter is there and is threatening to harm herself.

Thursday, Nov. 12

03:50 — Galesville: A seven-year-old male is struggling to breathe. The male has asthma.

11:30 — Ettrick: 50-year-old is possibly having a heart attack. He is having chest pain.

12:20 — Galesville: Dispute with neighbor over gravel, which was placed in the caller's driveway.

13:40 — Whitehall: Store manager would like an officer for a theft case.

14:37 — Eleva: A two-car crash reported. Nobody

is injured, but the road is blocked.

16:00 — Ettrick: Caller reported her mailbox was hit by a car. A pole and the mailbox are in the ditch, close to the caller's house.

16:50 — Arcadia: Caller's juvenile daughter took off on foot from their home. She turned and left from their driveway heading toward the city about 10 minutes ago.

Friday, Nov. 13

05:51 — Eleva: Caller believes the property manager has turned off her water.

08:07 — Whitehall: Caller requesting to speak to a judge.

09:09 — Blair: Caller reported a kitchen is on fire.

09:43 — Ettrick: A deer is to be dispatched by the welcome sign on Highway 53.

09:45 — Eleva: Someone hit the caller's car. No one is around, but there are parts laying there. The car wasn't there for even 10 minutes.

15:20 — Eleva: Loud music is coming from a car that is parked in front of a trailer. Caller is trying to take a nap.

16:18 — Galesville: Someone cut the locks off of a storage unit. Numerous items were stolen.

15:37 — Ettrick: Caller said her father's fiancé is harassing her.

17:48 — Trempealeau: A blue chevy pickup truck is all over the road. Speed has been between 30 and 60 miles per hour.

17:49 — Whitehall: Caller struck a deer and has damage to the front bumper and grill. Caller did not find the deer, but it is dead.

20:25 — Galesville: A car hit a tree.

20:40 — Trempealeau: Caller's 16-year-old son is

out of control.

Saturday, Nov. 14

02:07 — Eleva: An intoxicated male is refusing to leave the bar. Officers made contact with the subject outside and he started arguing over an ex-girlfriend issue.

07:09 — Osseo: A male is parked on the side of the road and is changing license plates on a vehicle.

13:43 — Independence: Gas drive off of \$18.47.

Monday, Nov. 16

02:21 — Blair: Jackson County requesting a welfare check on a male who is possibly suicidal. He left a bar in Taylor about 25 to 30 minutes ago and may be armed with a knife he grabbed from the bar.

03:33 — Whitehall: Caller hit a deer. Nobody is injured, but caller isn't sure about the status of the deer.

13:07 — Blair: A male keeps driving by the caller's house. This is an ongoing issue.

05:57 — Galesville: Caller was passed by a dark-colored vehicle at a high rate of speed in a no-passing zone.

15:20 — Eleva: Loud music is coming from a car that is parked in front of a trailer. Caller is trying to take a nap.

16:08 — Whitehall: A subject who has warrants turned herself in.

16:46 — Trempealeau: Caller advised someone put large rocks in his field and bent his machinery up. Caller wants to file a report.

15:58 — Osseo: Officer is removing sticks from the roadway.

15:53 — Independence: A horse is walking on the road.

22:37 — Ettrick: A 29-year-old got upset and punched holes in the wall. He then walked out of the residence.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

00:53 — Arcadia: Third party report of someone knocking on a hotel room door. It has been going in for a couple of hours. Caller is in Louisiana, her friend is in Arcadia.

14:34 — Eleva: Caller believes another female tried to hit her with a vehicle. The vehicle came across the white line when she was walking on the highway.

15:11 — Blair: A student walked away from school.

15:31 — Arcadia: 12-year-old male is out of control; slamming doors.

17:12 — Arcadia: Caller's

13-year-old daughter is out of control.

Nov. 16

Status Conferences

Ryan Utt, 28, Ettrick, resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct.

05:59 — Independence: A commercial burglary alarm.

17:20 — Independence: Two black Angus cows are in a cornfield close to the road.

17:37 — Ettrick: A sport-utility vehicle with no back license plate keeps braking, speeding up and crossing the center line.

03:29 — Arcadia: A male is in the road. He appears to be intoxicated and seems to be arguing with a female.

07:09 — Osseo: A male is parked on the side of the road and is changing license plates on a vehicle.

13:43 — Independence: Gas drive off of \$18.47.

Nov. 17

Initial Appearances

Joseph Moran, 62, La Crosse, bail jumping-felony.

07:00 — Independence: Caller is being harassed by an ex.

22:18 — Galesville: Caller was struck by a pickup.

Nov. 18

Arraignment

William Hoover, 31, Melrose, possession of methamphetamine-PTAC and possess drug paraphernalia-PTAC.

07:00 — Blair: Jackson

County requesting a welfare

check on a male who is possibly suicidal. He left a bar in Taylor about 25 to 30 minutes ago and may be armed with a knife he grabbed from the bar.

13:43 — Blair: Amale dog with a collar was just found.

20:52 — Blair: Caller is being harassed by an ex.

22:18 — Galesville: Caller was struck by a pickup.

Nov. 19

Arraignment

Patrick Roberts, 44, La Crosse, OWI (fifth or sixth)

and operating with PAC (fifth or sixth).

07:00 — Blair: Jackson

County requesting a welfare

check on a male who is possibly suicidal. He left a bar in Taylor about 25 to 30 minutes ago and may be armed with a knife he grabbed from the bar.

13:43 — Blair: Amale dog with a collar was just found.

20:52 — Blair: Caller is being harassed by an ex.

22:18 — Galesville: Caller was struck by a pickup.

Nov. 20

Arraignment

Lance Jones, 31, Melrose,

failure to report to jail.

07:00 — Blair: Jackson

County requesting a welfare

check on a male who is possibly suicidal. He left a bar in Taylor about 25 to 30 minutes ago and may be armed with a knife he grabbed from the bar.

13:43 — Blair: Amale dog with a collar was just found.

20:52 — Blair: Caller is being harassed by an ex.

22:18 — Galesville: Caller was struck by a pickup.

Nov. 21

Arraignment

Victoria Ortega Torres,

28, Rockford, Ill., possession

of methamphetamine-PTAC

and possess drug paraphernalia-PTAC.

07:00 — Blair: Jackson

County requesting a welfare

check on a male who is possibly suicidal. He left a bar in Taylor about 25 to 30 minutes ago and may be armed with a knife he grabbed from the bar.

13:43 — Blair: Amale dog with a collar was just found.

20:52 — Blair: Caller is being harassed by an ex.

22:18 — Galesville: Caller was struck by a pickup.

Nov. 22

Arraignment

Micahel Andre, 34, Independence, criminal damage to property.

07:00 — Blair: Jackson

County requesting a welfare

check on a male who is possibly suicidal. He left a bar in Taylor about 25 to 30 minutes ago and may be armed with a knife he grabbed from the bar.

13:43 — Blair: Amale dog with a collar was just found.

20:52 — Blair: Caller is being harassed by an ex.

22:18 — Galesville: Caller was struck by a pickup.

Nov. 23

Arraignment

James White Jr., 53, Ar-

cadia, disorderly conduct

(domestic abuse).

07:00 — Blair: Jackson

County requesting a welfare

check on a male who is possibly suicidal. He left a bar in Taylor about 25 to 30 minutes ago and may be armed with a knife he grabbed from the bar.

13:43 — Blair: Amale dog with a collar was just found.

20:52 — Blair: Caller is being harassed by an ex.

22:18 — Galesville: Caller was struck by a pickup.

Nov. 24



TREMPEALEAU COUNTY: Traffic Citations & Other Forfeitures

Operating While Revoked: Autumn Holbach, 28, Hixton.
Operating after License Suspension, First Offense: Jared Day, 27, Saint Paul, Minn.; Robert Horton Jr., 20, Galesville; Chayston Wathke, 18, Osseo.

Failure to Report Accident to Police: Zachary Law, 25, Arcadia.
Unsafe Passing on Right: Trey Litwiller, 18, Prairie, Miss.

Pass in No-Passing Zone: Jared Day, 27, Saint Paul, Minn.

Speeding

40 to 44 MPH over the Limit: Brandon Back, 33, Eleva.

30 to 34 MPH over: Bryce Hutton, 2, Chippewa Falls.

25 to 29 MPH over: Kendal Handy, 26, Lafayette, Ind.; Imelda Monjarez-Zuniga, 42, Strum; Aleksei Diaz, 47, Altoona; Jose Nieves, 41, Whitehall.

20 to 24 MPH over: Matthew Fleege, 22, Duluth, Minn.; Juan Marcos, 28, Arcadia.

16 to 19 MPH over: Molly Burgeson, 25, Minneapolis, Minn.; Stephan Fay, 19, Hebron, Ind.; Aleksei Diaz, 47, Altoona.

Operate without Proof of Non-Registration: Chayston Wathke, 18, Osseo.

Seat Belt Violations: Brandon Back, 33, Eleva; Michael Greengrass, 41, Hixton; Autumn Holbach, 28, Hixton; Rory Holiday, 67, Ettick; Ahmed Mohamed, 34, Wilmar, Minn.; Roberto Topete, 29, Fargo.

25 to 29 MPH over: Kendal Handy, 26, Lafayette, Ind.

20 to 24 MPH over: Mathew Pfeffer, 34, Brooklyn Park, Minn.; Ryan Suwanski, 25, Alogonquin, Ill.; Rebecka Vander Werf, 46, Tomah.

Operate without Insurance: Brandon Back, 33, Eleva; Autumn Holbach, 28, Hixton; Carl Lindsey, 47, La Crosse; Aleksei Diaz, 47, Altoona.

Ordinance Violations

Possession of Marijuana: Charles Polachek, 22, Winona, Minn.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia: Brandon Back, 33, Eleva; Ryan Beyer, 45, Coon Rapids, Minn.



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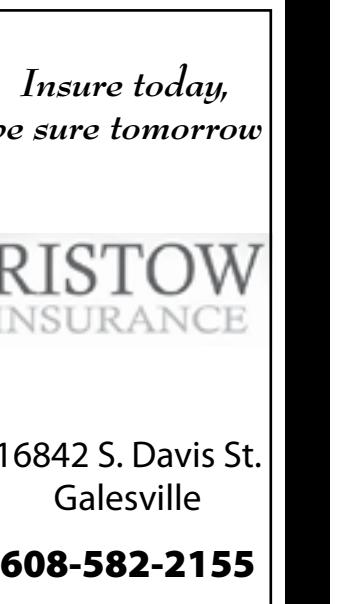


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Brightening Up Arcadia

Rebecca VanAcker — professional artist and Arcadia native — and the Arcadia Arts Initiative set out to bring vibrant colors and joy to downtown Arcadia by featuring flowers from around the world and a Monarch butterfly serving as a connection between all of them. The mural can be found around the corner from Washington Square in downtown Arcadia. The project was funded by the Arcadia Community Chest and Joseph Wolfe provided the wall and the scaffolding. (Submitted photo)

Health department authority

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The revised ordinance gives health officials and law enforcement the authority to directly issue citations. Health workers would be able to inspect buildings to assure they are sanitary and make "reasonable and necessary" rules to control communicable diseases, according to the rewritten ordinance. A copy of the new ordinance can be read on the county web site at <https://co.trempealeau.wi.us>, under board of health, agendas and minutes, public hearing notices.

There has been a legal challenge to Evers's mask mandate. How the state supreme court rules on the governor's order may or may not affect the authority of local officials to require face coverings, Niemeier said.

The mask order makes exceptions, including allowing mask removal when entering a bank, to sleep or when communicating with someone who might be hard of hearing. The order forbids anyone with a communicable disease

The mask order covers residents inside buildings, standing in line to enter a building, in cars with non-family members and outdoors if it's not possible to stand six feet apart.

In addition to endorsing the ordinance change, the county board of health also backed Barczak's order that all county residents over the age of five wear masks. The order took effect last

Saturday, the day Gov. Tony Evers's mask mandate ended. It will be in effect for 60 days.

Under the proposed ordinance, a first violation of a health order could net a \$25 fine, a second a \$50 fine and a third or more offense, a \$100 fine. Each day an order is disobeyed counts as a separate offense.

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to Ettick, Galesville, Blair-Preston and Melrose Fire Departments for your efforts in responding to my house fire on Nov. 9. It is greatly appreciated.
Rick Redsten



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B-T school board approves expansion project contract

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

The Blair-Taylor school board approved hiring RJ Jurowski Construction Inc. out of Whitehall as the general contractor for work to be done on adding to and improving the school building.

"There is optimism that it could be done before," Lisowski said. "It evened out in October and November, it seemed like our staff found a groove, we just kind of found our way."

High school principal Dana Eide discussed the possibility of having longer classes for remote learners. She said other schools within the Trempealeau Valley Co-Op have used longer classes, but have had success limiting instruction to 30 minutes.

Students would then have the option of logging off and working on homework or staying online and discussion questions with the teachers.

Special education director Katie Belitz said the district's annual Child Development Day will be done remotely this year. Parents will be sent questionnaires and staff members will then contact parents with any questions or concerns.

The board also approved the hiring of Austin Georgen as an assistant wrestling coach. Georgen was a two-time Minnesota state champion at Caledonia High School and a four-time All-American at St. Cloud State.

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dog laying down in the beans. The dogs had wandered off and the old dog was exhausted. The

young dog refused to run to Debra because he did not want to leave his buddy. Debra brought the dogs home and called their owner. The owner said she had her mother take the dogs for the day because they were getting new floors put in their home in Stoddard. Debra asked who was doing their flooring and she replied, "Floorcrafters". Wow, what a small world. Our customer then said "Floorcrafters rescued us in two ways today. Once by installing beautiful floors in our home and then by saving our dogs." This is why our family loves owning a small business and living in this community.

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Times Sports

Wildcats finish football season with blowout win

By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor

Assumption had no answer for Blair-Taylor's offense.

The Wildcats struck early and often with two touch-

downs of 35 yards as they opened up a 43-0 lead by halftime and went on to win the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association Level Two playoff game 49-0.

"What a great way to send off our seniors," B-T coach Andy Nehring said. "We grew as a team as the season went on... This game was the culmination of a lot of hard work."

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was no traditional playoff format or regular season in 2020, so the Level Two win was as far as the Wildcats could go in 2020. B-T finished the sea-

son 8-0, closing particularly strong as they outscored their final four opponents 155-15.

The game marked the last for 12 B-T seniors, many of whom were four-year starters. They saw the program go from 0-9 as freshman to undefeated as seniors.

"We are very proud of our seniors and all they did for our football program over the last four years," Nehring

said. "This win was a special way to send off that group of kids."

B-T 49 Assumption 0

There was no stopping the Wildcats in the first half.

B-T received the opening kickoff, starting at their own 23-yardline and they quickly moved down the field with a

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Blair-Taylor's Cain Fremstad broke into the open field for a touchdown run during the first quarter of his team's win over Assumption.

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Wildcats finish undefeated

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17-yard swing pass to Matthew Brandenburg and a 19-yard pass to Kyle Steien on third-and-five.

Two plays later, quarterback Cain Fremstad dialed up a deep pass, finding Matthew Waldera all alone behind the Assumption defense for a 35-yard touchdown. The two-point run by Brandenburg made the score 22-0 at 22:0 with 26 seconds left in the first quarter.

A fake punt went nowhere

on Assumption's next possession. Facing a fourth-and-five, they snapped to an up-back on the punt who

passed to Leberg, but the

Assumption receiver was

met immediately, well short

of the first down.

That gave B-T the ball at

the Assumption 48 and they wasted little time moving into the red zone as Fremstad connected with Waldera on a long pass down to the 14.

Two plays later, Brandenburg found the end zone again as he started a run to his right, before making a spin move in the hole, leaving the Assumption defense behind as he scored from 10 yards out. The two-point pass to Steien made the score 30-9 with 9:39 left.

That's where B-T's defense stiffened, however. After a stop for a loss on the next play and a short gain on second down, Assumption faced a third-and-seven.

A pitch to Duellmann gained just three yards putting the Royals in fourth down.

Choosing to go for it, the

Royals called their first pass

of the game and it might have worked, but Klatt's pass went through the hands of Alec Sullivan in the end zone.

Like a hot knife through butter, the B-T offense covered the 92 yards needed to take a two-score lead.

Fremstad passed to Colton Lejcher for 17 yards on the first play of the ensuing drive before a screen to Brandenburg took B-T to the Assumption 40.

The Wildcats faced a third-and-five on the next play when Fremstad faked a handoff to his right before keeping the ball and running left. He cut back toward the middle of the field and found daylight until he broke a couple of tackles inside the five-yardline for a 35-yard touchdown run. The two-point pass to Waldera made the score 16-0 with 3:52 left in the first quarter.

After holding penalty negated a long run, Assumption was forced to punt the ball back to B-T. Once again, it didn't take the Wildcats long to add to the lead.

B-T took over at their own 39 before Brandenburg ran to the Assumption 38. After Fremstad passed to Colton Lejcher for six yard, he hit

ter was blocked, but B-T took a 43-0 lead into halftime.

B-T scored again early in the second half as Steien took a quick pass 60 yards down the field inside the 10. On third-and-goal from the eight, Fremstad and Reismann hooked up for a touchdown on a fade. The point after was wide, as the Wildcats would have to settle for a 49-0 final score.

The Wildcats were able to do whatever they wanted offensively as Fremstad completed 13-of-17 passes for 282 yards — an average of nearly 17 yards per attempt. B-T also ran for 147 yards, averaging 5.9 yards per carry, which decreased in the games final possessions as the Wildcats had substitutes in the game. Brandenburg finished with 83 rushing yards and three touchdowns.

He finished the season with 14 touchdowns and his career as B-T's all-time leading rusher with 3,816 yards and 35 touchdowns.

Assumption did not report statistics, but after a long first drive, they were held mostly in check. Washington

sack forced a punt on Assumption's next drive when B-T scored again as Fremstad found Reismann open down the field for a 58-yard touchdown on their next offensive play. Zach Nitke's point after put B-T ahead 37-0 with 7:54 left in the first half.

A fumble put B-T in a good position to score again, taking over at the Assumption 42, but they were finally stopped, going three-and-out. The Wildcats got the ball back right after the punt as Assumption fumbled again, giving B-T the ball at the 18.

After running for nine yards on first down, Brandenburg broke a tackle on a cutback run and got into the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown run with 3:37 left in the first half. The point af-

ter was added to give B-T the 37-0 lead.

For the first time in scoring with 12.5 per game in 2019-20, while also leading the

team in rebounds with 6.0 per game. Kidd was fourth in scoring and rebounds last season with 6.3 and 4.8 per game respectively.

Junior Chloe Wagner started just over half of the games last season, but still finished second on the team in rebounds with 5.6 per game. Look for her role in the paint, as well as that of senior McKenna Boe who finished sixth in total rebounds, to increase this season. Sophomore Callie Wagner may also get opportunities to fill Kidd's vacated role in the interior, as she is listed as the team's only center.

B-T will be relying on Steien and Thompson to avoid the sophomore slump, while looking for a couple



Isaiah Washington of Blair-Taylor wrapped up for a tackle during their win over Assumption on Thursday.

(Times photograph by Andrew Dannehy)

Steien, Thompson lead B-T girls into new season

By Zac Bellman
Times Staff

The Blair-Taylor girls basketball team were scheduled to begin their 2020-21 season Tuesday where their 2019-20 campaign ended roughly eight-and-a-half months ago.

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B-T will be relying on Steien and Thompson to avoid the sophomore slump, while looking for a couple

other scoring contributors from last season to expand their roles.

Steien proved to be more than capable of taking over the offense down the court, leading the Wildcats in assists last year with 4.8 per game. She also demonstrated an ability to finish through contact, reaching the line for 121 free-throws while converting 88 for a 72.7 percent clip from the charity stripe.

Thompson was also the only other Wildcat aside from Nehring to average over two assists per game last season. Where Thompson really shined however was in three-point shooting, spotting up from the corner and wing with ease while nailing 63 triples last year.

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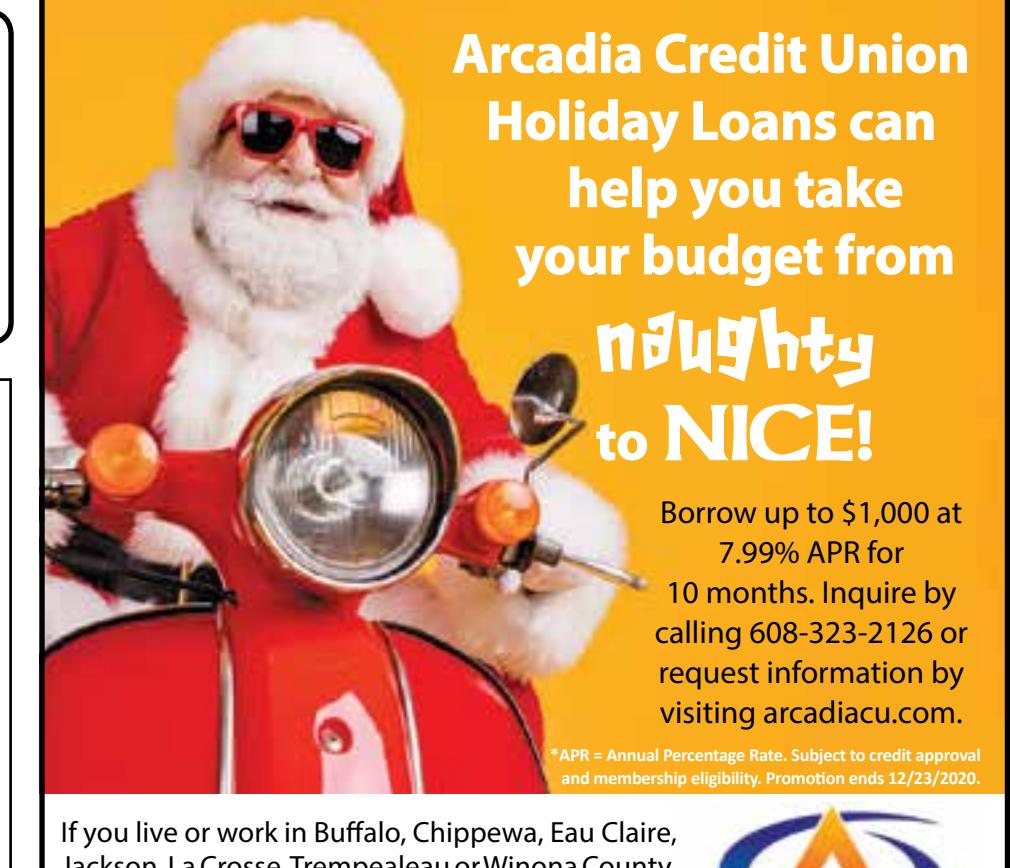
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Guard play, health key for Indee girls

**By Andrew Dannehy
Times Editor**

With the state's leading rebounder returning to the line up, the Independence girls basketball team is hoping for improved guard play to help challenge for the conference title.

Ziy Conner finished last season with averages of 19 points and 17.3 rebounds per game — the latter being the best mark in the state by nearly three rebounds, according to WisSports.net. Despite that, the Indees finished with a 10-13 record and lost in the regional round of Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association tournament play.

For coach John Zilla, the keys to improving on last year's record will be staying healthy during the pandemic and getting some assistance around Conner, who he said can be even better in her senior campaign.

Conner's statistics took a big jump up as a junior after she averaged 11.5 points and eight rebounds per game as a sophomore. While the statistical jump might not be as drastic in her senior season, Zilla said he thinks she has another level she can get to.

"She has the ability and talent to dominate games," Zilla said. "She will need to focus more on the mental part of her game and bring her 'A-game' each night. I'm looking at her to be more of a leader for our team this

season."

What could help is if the Indees have improved guard play after they struggled with consistency last year.

"We really need our guards to step up," Zilla said.

Aubrie Pronschinske, Emerson Pronschinske and Avery Pape all played significant minutes for the Indees last year. Emerson Pronschinske led the team with 3.1 assists per game and was third with 5.7 points per game. Zilla also mentioned Amiah Ives as someone who will handle the ball for the Indees.

"We will need them to take their games to the next level," Zilla said.

Zilla said he's also looking for a compliment to Conner in the post, noting that Alana Back might be an option to fill that spot. Back averaged 3.8 points and 2.5 rebounds per game last year.

"We have a lot of experience coming back this year so I'm hopeful that will prove helpful early on," Zilla said.

The coach expressed some doubt about how the season will play out during the pandemic, saying "with all the health issues going on it is going to be difficult to make it through the schedule without some sort of setback."

But, if his team can avoid a setback, Zilla said he can see his team competing at the top of the Small Dairyland Conference.

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Many reports suggested the league reaction was that there was no way Milwaukee makes those moves with their draft capital without a strong indication Giannis will be return. Time will tell whether those assessments will be correct.

Independence's Ziy Conner returns for her senior season after leading the state in rebounds per game as a junior last year. (Times file photo)

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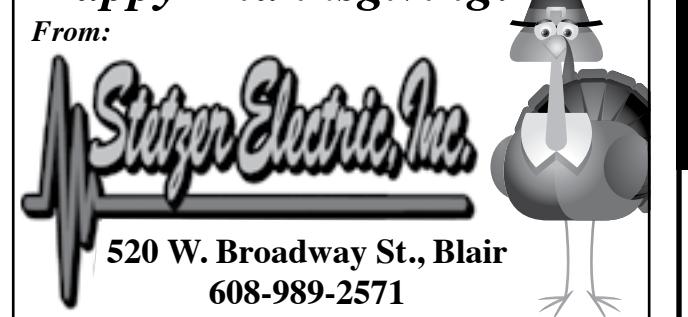
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The Whole Nine Yards

by Zac Bellman

Bucks All-In On Antetokounmpo

If the past couple decades of the NBA has taught us anything, it is that fielding consistently competitive teams requires collecting and retaining star players.

The Milwaukee Bucks have been searching for the right players to compliment Giannis Antetokounmpo as he has emerged into his prime, winning the past two league MVP awards. To hear Giannis tell it however, his goals are a lot higher than individual titles.

"Don't call me MVP until I'm a champion," Giannis told NBA TV shortly after receiving the award. "I'm happy for the award but I want more."

As Antetokounmpo nears free agency after the upcoming 2020-21 season, Bucks executives are well aware that this is their final offseason to put a team together to their star's liking. The team has until Dec. 21 to convince the Greek Freak to sign a supermax extension of five years that would likely exceed \$200 million. This past week in a blockbuster trade, Milwaukee acquired Jrue Holiday from the New Orleans Pelicans in exchange for Eric Bledsoe, George Hill, three first-round picks and two additional pick-swaps. NBA rules prevent the trading of first-round picks in consecutive years, so the reported picks involved were 2020's first rounder, the right to swap in 2024, 2025 first-round, 2026 right to swap and 2027 first-round.

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B-T returned to the top of the Dairyland Small Conference last season after missing out in 2018-19 for the first time in four years. If this young team continues to develop, expect them to build upon their 19-6 campaign including postseason play last year with another competitive season.

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Obituaries

Eric M. Schansberg

Eric Mark Schansberg, 34, of Eau Claire, died Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

Eric was born in Eau Claire, December 25, 1985, to James and Susan (née Fischer) Schansberg. Eric's siblings are: Joan, Andrew (Christina Witt), Matthew, Kathryn (Dave) Raley; and his fiancée is Carolyn Saari.

Eric graduated from McKinley Charter School. He was a musician, composer, singer, violinist, cartoonist and Reiki master. Eric believed in the Lord Jesus Christ and attended Grace Communion Church with Pastor Roger Galstad.

Private family services will be held at Lenmark-Gomsrud-Linn Funeral Home.

Go to Facebook.com and search for Lenmark Funeral Home. Click on Eric's funeral to watch the video. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Eric Mark

Schansberg, please visit www.lenmarkfh.com/obituary/Eric-Schansberg and click the floral store link.

Wendell G. Byom

Wendell Gene Byom, 89, of Arcadia, passed away Monday, November 16, at his home, surrounded by his family, under the care of St. Croix Hospice.

Wendell was born November 19, 1930, to Carl and Mamie (Hunter) Bym in North Bend. He attended Silver Creek grade school and gradu-

ated from Galesville High School in 1948. Wendell was in the U.S. Air Force from 1951-1954, mainly stationed at Travis Air Force Base in California. Upon completion of the Air Force, he attended UW-La Crosse and UW-Madison, completing his degree in pharmacy in 1958.

Preceding Wendell in death were his wife of 62 years, Mary Lou; his parents; brothers: Winfred and Ronald Byom; and sisters: Carol Brown and Shirley Patridge.

Due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, a private family service will take place. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery in rural Arcadia.

To express condolences to his family online, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com. Memorials in Wendell's honor may be given

to the MS Foundation, St. Croix Hospice or to the donor's choice.

Fern E. Bautch

Fern Elizabeth Bautch, 90, of Whitehall, passed away Wednesday, November 18, 2020, surrounded by family, at Pigeon Falls Health Care Center.

Fern was born May 6, 1930, in the town of Montaña, the daughter of Jacob and Margaret (Fritschler) Ammann.

The farm girl from Waumandee met her future husband, Clifford Bautch, at Midway Dance Hall in Independence, where they enjoyed many nights dancing. They were married May 5, 1951, and farmed outside Whitehall for many years where they raised turkeys, pigs, dairy cows and seven children. Fern also worked at Arcadia Fryers/Golden Plump in Arcadia for 29 years.

She was a hard worker, devoting her life to family, homemaking, fishing, and gardening. She truly enjoyed cooking for her Bautch deer camp hunters and fishing with Clifford, where she often caught the biggest fish. If you were fortunate to visit with her, she often asked if you had been out hunting or fishing. She often served large Sunday meals to family and friends and could be found every year helping out in the kitchen at the St. John's Fall Festival. Her apple pies, sugar and molasses cookies, home canned goods (especially the peaches and pickles), roasted and fried chicken and a whole bunch of other delicious food are all fondly remembered by family and friends. Fern always exhibited great effort in helping others and always made the best of what she had.

Fern is survived by six of her seven children: Linda (Tony) Skroch of Whitehall, Susan (Andrew) Much of Eau Claire, Gary (Vicky) Bautch of Strum, Mark (Susie) Bautch of Grand Junction, CO.; Maggie (Mike) Rebarcheck of Independence, Brad (Shannon) Bautch of Whitehall; 13 beloved grandchildren; and step-grandchildren: Kim, Angie, Nathan, Julie, John, Marybeth, Paul, Erica, Mitch, Baily, Lucas, Ivy and Alisha; 17 great-grand-

children; and step-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Margaret Ammann; husband, Clifford Bautch; brothers: Elmer and Lester Ammann; son, Jeff Bautch; and one beloved grand-dog, Bear.

A special thank you to the loving, compassionate staff at Pigeon Falls Health Care Center where Mom felt their extra love and care daily.

A private burial will be held at Lincoln Cemetery in Whitehall at a later date. A Celebration of Life is being planned for May 2021.

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

(Obituaries are continued on page 17)

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Obituaries

Leora Skroch

Leora Skroch, 72, died Wednesday, November 18, 2020, at the Trempealeau County Health Care Center in Whitehall.

Leora was born April 25, 1948, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Arcadia, to Rudolph and Mary (Sendeibach) Pronschnitske. She married Alvin J. Skroch, June 21, 1969, at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Waumandee. Alvin died January 25, 1982.

Leora worked at Win-

craft, Supreme School Supply and Indee Mini-Mart.

She was a member of Ss.

Peter and Paul Catholic

Church.

Leora is survived by

three children: Dale (Denise) Skroch of Eau Claire, Gerald (Nancy) Skroch of Fountain City and Richard (Brenda) Skroch of Independence; 10 grandchildren; 13 beloved grandchildren; and brothers: Cameron, Hailey, Bethany, Evan, Tiffani, Melani, Lucas, April and Dustin Skroch and Ashley Mielke; two great-grandchildren: Owen and Elizabeth Mielke; two brothers: Rudy (Dorothy) Pronschnitske and Robert (Carolyn) Pronschnitske, both of Arcadia; three sisters: Rita Bork of Waumandee, Anna Schmitt of Fountain City and Janice Weiss of Mondovi; two sisters-in-law: Beverly Bautch of Oak Creek and Debbie Kamla of Arcadia; one brother-in-law, Ron Skroch of Independence.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents; and his father.

Private graveside services

will be held at Trempealeau Public Cemetery.

Zwickey Funeral Homes,

Jolene; and sister, Doris Filla.

Mass of Christian Burial (with COVID-19 guidelines) was held Monday, November 23, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., at Ss. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Independence. Rev. George Thayilkuzhithottu officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Visitation was held at the church one hour prior to Mass.

Online condolences may

be offered at www.edisonfuneralhome.com.

Galesville Chapel assisted the family.

Benjamin "Ben" R. Schultz

Benjamin "Ben" Raymond Schultz, 86, of Galesville passed away Thursday, November 19, 2020, at Gundersen Tri County Hospital in Whitehall, to be reunited with his beloved wife, Judy.

Ben was born September 15, 1934, in Buffalo County, to Raymond and Irene (Eberhardt) Schultz. On June 6, 1962, he married

the love of his life, Joan

McRae in Alma, Wisconsin and they were married

for 50 years. In 1968 they

moved to Galesville, settling on Ben's family farm

in 1970. Over the years, he

raised game birds, chickens,

sheep, and beef cattle on his

farm.

Ben served in the U.S.

Army, stationed in Germany.

He was someone who

could do almost anything

which was reflected in the

variety of jobs he had. Ben

worked as a tire technician,

a Boomtruck operator, steel

fabricator, and also at Equity Sales Barn. Ben kept busy outdoors...farming, fishing, hunting, and most

recently, going for rides to

Trempealeau to keep an eye

on the lakes and river.

Edison Funeral Home,

Independence, is assisting

the family with arrangements.

Valley, Miranda (Steven) Kast, Joe Sluga and Annah Sluga; four great-grandchildren: Jayden and Kenzie Valley, Addilyn and Brantley Kast; one brother, Bob (Sharon) Schultz of Red Wing, MN.; one sister, Veronica (Lance) Anderson of Arizona; one brother-in-law, Jerry McRae of Red Wing, MN. Ben is further survived by cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Sacred Heart Parish in Pine Creek and had a deep faith

in God.

Randy was married to Judy Sonsalla and they later divorced. Out of this union, Randy will be at St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery in Arcadia. To express condolences to his family online, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Due to the circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, a private family service will take place. Burial will be at St. Stanislaus Catholic Cemetery in Arcadia. To express condolences to his family online, please visit www.wozneykillianfh.com.

Karen M. Bisek

Karen M. Bisek, 76, of Independence, died Saturday, November 21, 2020, at Abbott Northwestern Hospital, Minneapolis, MN.

Karen was born April 11, 1944, in the town of Seymour, Eau Claire Co., to Carl and Gladys (Johnson) Stai. She married LaVern Bisek, September 14, 1963, in Eau Claire. He died December 28, 2006.

The couple farmed in Arcadia township until 1992. Karen was also employed for over 30 years at the Trempealeau County Health Care Center in Whitehall. Gravesties services, with military rites, were held Tuesday, November 24, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., at Trempealeau Public Cemetery. Rev. John Ashland officiated. Visitation was held one hour prior to service at the cemetery.

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

Randy J. Sonsalla

Randy James Sonsalla, 68, of Arcadia, passed away Thursday, November 19, 2020, at Gundersen-Lutheran Health System in La Crosse.

Randy was born in Arcadia, to Apolinary and Irene (Thomass) Sonsalla, and lived most of his life in the Arcadia area.

Recently he moved to Trempealeau with his fiancé, Tammy.

Randy was a member of

the City of Galesville

City of Galesville

Director of Public Works Report: None

Commissioner Reports, Recommendations: 1) Public Utilities – There were no meetings held;

2) Police, Fire & Personnel – Alderperson Thatcher gave a report regarding June 25, 2020 meeting. Moved by Alderperson Larson to approve the Quartz One Platinum P502 HMO plan for health insurance and renew the EPIC Life plan for short- and long-term disability plan for the 2020-2021 term. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote;

3) Recreation Committee – There were no meetings held;

4) Parks & Sanitation – There were no meetings held;

5) Streets & Sidewalks – Alderperson Truxa gave a report regarding the June 23, 2020 meeting. Moved by Alderperson Skwierawski to move the location of the handicap ramp on First Street and approve the sidewalk repairs close to the First Presbyterian Church with the city paying for its portion of the damages. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote;

6) Finance Committee – Approved the bills for the July 9, 2020 meeting. Alderperson Kreger voiced a negative vote. Moved by Alderperson Skwierawski to approve the amended meeting minutes. Motion carried (6-0).

Clerk Johnson presented the minutes of the June 11, 2020 regular Council meeting. There was a correction made to the minutes for the approval of the three (3) "Engine Brake, Muffler Requirement" signs

CITY OF WHITEHALL

Whitehall Common Council Regular Meeting

July 14, 2020

Mayor Jeff Hauser, presiding.
Present: House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris, Sendelbach; Administrator Slaby and Clerk Witte.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Public Comment Period:

Ron Rogness with Hi-Crush, Inc. – Whitehall, addressed the Council regarding operations

and their financial stability.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Council member Mathson moved to approve the minutes from the regular Common Council meeting of June 9th, 2020. Council Member Juresh seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote as follows: Ayes – House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris. Nays – 0. Abstain – Sendelbach.

Council member Johnson moved to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission to reverse the vacation of parking stalls for a drive up

Hi-Crush, Inc. – Whitehall, for a revision to the Operating Agreement for the shutdown of the ambient air monitoring system. Council Member Morris seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote as follows: Ayes – House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris. Nays – 0. Abstain – Sendelbach.

Council member Johnson moved to approve the recommendation of the Plan Commission to reverse the vacation of parking stalls for a drive up

lane exit, with sight clearance at 18532 Scranton Street as requested by Waumandee State Bank. Council Member House seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote as follows: Ayes – House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris. Nays – 0. Abstain – Sendelbach.

Council member Johnson moved to approve the vouchers and Treasurer's Report. Council Member Morris seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote as follows: Ayes – House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris. Nays – 0. Abstain – Sendelbach.

Council member Johnson moved to deny the appeal of Kimberley Langrak for an operator's license. Council Member House seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote as follows: Ayes – House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris. Nays – 0.

Council member Juresh moved to deny the request of

General City \$87,042.55; Electric Utility \$215,864.66; Water Utility \$21,251.05; Sewer Utility \$64,967.62; TID #2 and #3 \$49,630.10; Development \$24,000.00; and Library \$9,246.69.

Council member Johnson moved to approve the Amendment to Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Trempealeau County. Council Member Morris seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote as follows: Ayes – House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris. Nays – 0. Abstain – Sendelbach.

Council member Mathson moved to approve the vouchers and Treasurer's Report. Council Member Morris seconded, and the motion carried on a voice vote as follows: Ayes – House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris. Nays – 0. Abstain – Sendelbach.

Council member Johnson moved to approve changing the regular Council Meeting of August 11th, 2020 to August 18th, 2020 due to the Partisan Primary Election. Council Member Morris seconded and the motion carried on a voice vote as follows: Aye – House, Johnson, Juresh, Mathson, Morris, Sendelbach. Nay – 0.

The foregoing reports, resolutions, motions, ordinances, etc. contained in this are herewith approved by the undersigned.

Jeff Hauser, Mayor

These minutes are the true and correct original and consist of two pages.

Karen Witte, Clerk/Treasurer WNAXLP

CITY OF ARCADIA

Arcadia City Council Regular Meeting

July 15, 2020

Arcadia Electric Utility Building, 401 West Main Street; and GoToMeeting. Minutes available at www.cityofarcadia.wi.com.

The regular meeting of the Arcadia City Council was called to order by Mayor Reichwein at 5:30 p.m., with the following in attendance: (in person): Aldermen Joe Feltes; Dan Sonsalla and Kevin Mayzek; City Staff Chad Hawkins and Angela Berg; (via GoToMeeting); Mayor Rob Reichwein; Alderwoman Maryls Kolstad; Alderman Paul Anderson; and Deb Foss from the Trempealeau County Times. Clerk Berg verified that the agenda was posted 24-hours in advance at City Hall, State Bank of Arcadia, Arcadia TV & Appliance, and city website by 4:30 p.m. on July 12, 2020.

Mayor Reichwein led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Kolstad, seconded by Mayzek, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

Public Comments: Alderman Mayzek made the comment that there are issues with parking on Sobotka Street. One of the property owners is having a parking lot resurfaced and there are cars

on both sides of the road.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Mayzek, to approve the meeting minutes from the July 1, 2020 regular meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

There was discussion of the Deer Park. Detective Molitor from the Trempealeau County Sheriff's Department addressed the city council on the investigation she did on the issue. A vet from Whitehall came and looked at the deer. Vet recommended spring and fall deworming, fecal exams, better quality feed, better shade and grass for the deer. No formal action was taken by the council and will be on the August 5 agenda to decide how to move forward with the Deer Park in the future.

There was some discussion on the DOT STH 95 Project from County Rd A to STH 93 in 2026. The council discussed areas of STH 95 that should be designated as "no parking" and it was explained that the Department of Transportation (DOT) proposed continuous left turn lanes as well which will move traffic closer to the curb. Staff will ask more questions of DOT on this plan and update council at a future meeting.

There was discussion on options of a roofed enclosure or pergola structure at the aquatic

center. A structure would need to be approved by the Park & Beautification Committee prior to construction.

Motion by Feltes, seconded by Mayzek, to do nothing with the aquatic center shelter at this time. Motion carried 5-0.

The council discussed the five proposed floor plans for the new city hall building. Figure 3 had the most support. Staff will work on finalizing a floor plan and will come back to council for consideration.

Motion by Feltes, seconded by Mayzek, to approve Budget Amendment 2020-3. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Feltes, seconded by Anderson to deny request from Arcadia Ambulance Service to sign for a loan for the ambulance garage. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Feltes, seconded by Sonsalla, to approve the bills of general account in the amount of \$140,148.93. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Feltes, seconded by Mayzek, to approve the following 2020-2021 Operator Licenses: Alejandra Candelas Sanchez, Norma Candelas De Barrientos, Peighton Preston, Collin Manley, Bailey Thomas, Wanda Theisen, Lauren Brodsky, Ronald Benusa, Devin Raasch, Timothy Killian, Cindy Semb, John Kimmel, Karl Bisek, Raymond

WHITEHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Whitehall School District Regular Meeting

July 29, 2020

The July 29, 2020, of the Whitehall Board of Education was held at Whitehall School District and via Google Hangouts. President, George Everison called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Roll was called, and a quorum established. Other Board members present: Jason Molis, Kristen Carroll, Julie Dokkestul, and Byron Fields. Absent: Dan Koxlien Leah A.W. Johnson. Others present: Superintendent, Mike Beighley; HS Principal, Eric Young; Middle School Principal/Improvement of Instruction Director, Beth Lisowski; Elementary Principal, Damon Lisowski; Trempealeau County Reporter, Abby Sacra; District Manager, Megan Densmore; Financial Manager, Vicki Haggberg, School Psychologist; Courtney Stearns, Staff Members present: Anne Yamiska, Amy Thorn, Diedra Meyer, Delaine Stendahl. Other members from the community also joined via phone or hangouts.

Molis moved to approve vouchers as presented. Carron seconded. Aye – All members. Motion carried.

Fields moved to approve the following items of the Motion Calendar:

A. Approve minutes of June 22nd, 2020 Regular Meeting.

B. Approve minutes of June 22nd, 2020 Executive Meeting.

C. Approve Resignation of Amy Berger - Teacher

D. Approve teacher contract for Konor Auer - 3rd Grade

E. Approve teacher contract for Mara Peterson - 2nd Grade

Dokkestul seconded. Aye – All Members. Motion carried.

Carroll motioned to approve academic standards to be used for the 2020-21 school year as required by the legislature.

Molis seconded. Aye – All Members. Motion carried.

Dokkestul motioned to approve 2020 District Annual Meeting to be held on October 19th, 2020 at 6pm. Fields seconded. Aye – All Members. Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Beighley recommended to designate Kirk Strang of Strang, Pateson, Renning and Lewis & Lacey as legal counsel for 2020 - 2021 school year. Carroll motioned to approve. Molis

seconded. Aye – All Members. Motion Carried.

Mike Beighley recommended to leave lunch prices the same as last year. Molis motioned to approve. Dokkestul seconded. Aye – All Members. Motion carried.

Discussion of preliminary fall school reopening plans was held.

Mike Beighley recommended to not decide on activity ticket prices until winter sports. If any Fall sports are played there will be no cost to gain admission. Fields motioned to approve. Carroll seconded. Aye – All Members. Motion Carried.

Mike Beighley recommended to recess to Executive Session pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (C) to discuss wages and salaries for 2020-2021.

Megan Densmore Recording Secretary WNAXLP

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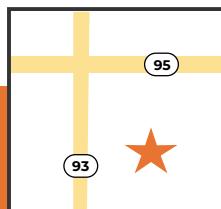
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