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Hundreds gather for 'American Truckers Freedom Convoy'

By **KYLE EVANS**
Interim Editor

On Friday afternoon, you may have seen people standing on overpasses or you may have been standing on an overpass in Monroe County. American Truckers Freedom Convoy rolled through Monroe County making a stop in Oakdale. There were hundreds of people awaiting the convoy in Oakdale and dozens along overpasses throughout the county.

The I-94 team, that departed from Minot, North Dakota arrived in Oakdale first at about 3:30p.m and the I-90 team, that departed from Spokane, WA faced some



Crowd gathers on the overpass that spans the interstate. See more photos on page 11. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

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STATE GYMNASTICS

SPARTAN GOLD

Sparta's Ella Hemker became the first Spartan gymnast to be crowned a state champion after winning the vault competition at the WIAA Division 2 state gymnastics meet in Wisconsin Rapids on Friday, March 4. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.



Signs of Spring

Swans made an appearance on Perch Lake last week. Herald photo by Greg Evans.

Tomah street project met with contention

By **BOB KLIBENSTEIN**
Contributing Writer

Residents and business owners along a proposed major street project in Tomah got their first look at proposed design plans March 2 at an informational meeting at Murray's On Main.

And while remarks were few, it set a possible contentious tone for the future of one segment of the street reconstruction.

One segment involves major road construction that will involve Monroe County and the Town of LaGrange. Starting this summer work reconstruction is planned for County Highway ET from Nicholas Street to Flare

Avenue west of Tomah. According to Monroe County Highway Commissioner Dave Ohnstad, who was at the informational meeting, work will start on that stretch this summer. Anyone who has traveled that stretch of County ET the last couple of summers has likely noticed significant survey work for various utilities and ongoing design plans.

Motorists and residents along that stretch will need to prep for construction equipment and possible detours. Time frame for work on a shorter segment from Flare Avenue to Highway 21 remains uncertain due to

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Property owners along a planned Tomah street project look over how the work will impact their lots. Herald photo by Bob Kliebenstein.

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Letters to the Editor



The Importance Of Schools

Dear Editor:

In his letter to the editor Mr. Janovick explains that it is bigotry to show America's racist history. He then moves on to present an example of that racist history. So, I guess Mr. Janovick acknowledges that the country has a racist history – he just doesn't think children should be taught the truth in school.

Attitudes like that make it clear that we need great schools for our children. And for those great schools we need great school boards comprised of people who will put the interests of the students, faculty and community before their own agenda. We need to vote people like John Hendricks, Anthony Scholze, Tanya Mallon-Morene and Todd Wells.

Lastly our schools need money so vote yes on April 5. Our children are our future and they deserve that we give them the best start possible.

Iris Kowalewski
Sparta

Monroe County DA integrity problem

Dear Editor:

It's been brought to our attention that Monroe County has an integrity problem with the District Attorney, Kevin Croninger, regarding a Facebook posting on about 23rd February 2022 involving his hit and run incident. This letter is not only about his criminal fleeing of the scene of an accident and failing to report the accident to police. No, this is about how the people who elected Croninger in Monroe County deserve and demand to have a higher standard of integrity, all deserve to be fairly prosecuted for breaking the laws if we ever find ourselves in trouble with the law.

Mr. Croninger seems to like the antic of throwing every possible charge at someone he can think of, no matter how serious or whether it even fits the crimes alleged against us, the people. Crushing someone like a bug who can't afford a defense attorney in order to get a "W" on his score card, propelling his career with all these "W" he's gotten by devastating peoples lives. This senario brings another point and case to mind, and shows how corrupt this prosecutor is. It was reported in this paper last Spring that we have a young gentleman in this town that recieved a charge of having sexual relations with a teenage girl and he was only 'just' placed on probation for a year, no jail time. Did he simply make a mistake?

Kevin Croninger deliberately acted to avoid the law from coming down on him for what he now says he is sorry for, that he is 'just' human and he 'just' made a mistake. One guy charged with having sex with a female 16+ is free, smiling, and going about his life and business as if he didn't do anything wrong. The other? For 13 counts of possessing child pornography, he did not go to see anyone, or meet with anyone, or call anyone or touch anyone - a much much older and poorer man without the same resourses and cash to get a proper defense attorney, took a plea agreement to get 3 years in State Prison. For his own gain and get his resume written, Croninger took justice out of the equation to force a man to choose the lessor of two bad choices. We don't need or want Croninger in our DA's office or practicing law in Wisconsin. The state of Wisconsin should do a forensic examination of Croninger's office and cases, and where any fraud or other malfasance is found, release, exonerate and or pardon anyone Croninger is found to have put in jail or fined or both or grant a new trial for them at once! We're better than this in Monroe County, in Sparta and in the State of Wisconsin. Croninger's style of obtaining justice is unacceptable and justice must be restored!

If we the people can't respect the judges and prosecutors to hold themselves to a higher standard then we have a duty to replace them. How many cases? How many "W"'s were collected by Croninger by conducting these self-serving tactics that have NOTHING to do with justice? How many families were put through hell? Well, we know of the one in Vernon County, the police officer who attempted suicide and Croninger pulled ths stunt to charge the man with a crime for the attempt and then made him write a letter into the state relinquishing his badge The man needed help! Not to be threatened with being prosecuted for the darkest moment of his life!

Croninger is a human being, and is not perfect, and yes, he is capable of making mistakes as we all are. But should he be permitted to be our District Attorney? Should he face charges for his own crimes committed? Yes, he should. It is only "just," the right thing to do now

William Lasko
Sparta



Contributed photo.

No one injured in Tomah school bus crash

At 7:45a.m today (Monday) the Tomah Police Department got a call for a multi-vehicle accident with a school bus and another vehicle. The Tomah Police Department said there were eight students and the driver on the bus and one passenger in the other vehicle. The accident happened on the 200 Block of W Foster St. and Clark St. The street was closed for a half hour. No injuries were reported.

Correction

The map on the Front page of Thursday's paper regarding the road plans was misinterpreted. The line representing where the road work will take place was drawn so that it goes down to Lakeview Dr. which should have gone north at Jones Court, then East at Parkview Drive, then North again on Noth Ave. The Herald regrets this error.

What's Happening

Upcoming Area Events

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS POLICY: Groups that earn profits from their event are asked to place a display ad in the MC Herald in order to be included in "Upcoming Area Events." Any non-profit adult organization or church will get a 25% discount on advertising. Half price ads are available for second run. There is no charge for youth groups. Items placed in "Upcoming Area Events" cannot contain prices, and the word "raffle" is prohibited. Regular consumption events must be run as a paid advertisement. We appreciate your cooperation. Call 608-269-9797 to place your item or e-mail to julie@monroecountyherald.com

The **WARRENS** Lions **BLOOD DRIVE** has been rescheduled for **Saturday, March 12, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Warrens Lions Log Building.**

The **LEON COMMUNITY CENTER CHILI FEED FUNDRAISER** will be on **Sun., March 13, 2022 11 a.m. to ?** at 20638 Jameson Road, Leon.

SACS meeting on **March 14, at 6 p.m.** at Trinity Lutheran Church. All are welcome.

SPARTA GARDEN CLUB will hold its first meeting of 2022 on **Wednesday, March 16th at 1:30 p.m.,** Sparta Barney Community Center, 1000 E. Montgomery St., Sparta. Topic: WI Bee Project. All are welcome!

The Tri-County Chapter #1386 of **NARFE** (National Association of Active and Re-tired Federal Employees) is scheduled to meet at Perkins Restaurant, 1015 E. McCoy Blvd. (Hwy. 21), Tomah, WI, Thursday, **March 17, 2022.** Lunch is available at 11:30 AM – order off the menu. The meeting starts at approximately 11:45AM. All members, their guests, and interested active & retired federal employees are welcome.

The **SPARTA FARMERS MARKET** is having their annual spring meeting on **March 22nd at Sparta City Hall at 5:30 pm.** Current and new vendors welcome. Election for board will be held.

Tomah Health and Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin are joining forces to meet area blood needs by holding a **TWO-DAY BLOOD DRIVE March 23 & 24 from noon – 5 p.m. at Tomah's Recreation Park, 1625 Butts Ave., Tomah.**

Please join us at our **SPARTA FFA CARD PARTIES!** When: Last

Fridays of the month. (1/28, 2/25, and 3/25). All start at 7PM **Where:** Sparta High School Library \$5 Donation. Cards, Meal, and Chance at Door Prizes.

Join Dennis and Bruce for **BINGO EVERY THURSDAY AT 4 PM AT SPARTA VW POST 2112, 121 S. RUSK AVE., SPARTA.**

THE TOMAH AMERICAN LEGION POST 201 bar will be hosting Euchre games every Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

The **Sparta High School Class of 69** will hold their **Class Luncheon every fourth Thursday** of the month. It will be held at The Zone in Sparta at noon. Please come and enjoy the fun conversation.

First and Third Tuesday evenings. St. Clare Health Mission of Monroe County provides **FREE MEDICAL CARE** for uninsured adults. Registration 5-6:30 p.m. at Mayo Clinic, 310 W. Main St., Sparta. For more information about services and eligibility, visit www.stclaremonroecounty.org or call 608-366-5343.

SPARTA LIONS CLUB MEETING Meets 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Sparta American Legion starting at 6:30 pm. We are always looking for new members!

SPARTA GROUP #1 (AA) has meetings Monday through Fridays at NOON. There are also meetings seven days a week at 7 p.m. and Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. The meetings are held at the Masonic Valley Lodge on the corner of Montgomery and South Court streets. Use the side entrance. Hotline Numbers: 608-784-7560 OR 1-866-491-8004

SECOND HARVEST MOBILE FOOD PANTRY is in **Sparta** on the third Monday of each month at 3:30 p.m. at the **Sparta Hockey Rink** (1121 E. Montgomery St.); the first Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m. at the **Tomah Fairgrounds** (1625 Butts Ave.); and the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the **Norwalk Village Hall** for curb pick up.

Every Tuesday, 7 p.m. Are you struggling with someone else's drinking? **AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** is there to help. Meetings are held at the Sparta United Methodist Church, 210 N. Court St.

SENIORS AT THE BARNEY CENTER, AGE 55 AND OLDER. We play 500, Euchre, & we will probably have a table of Pinochle. 1st Thursday of the month 1:00 p.m. and 3rd Saturday pot luck & cards, 11:30 a.m.

Meetings

■The Sparta Area School District Board of Education will have their Committee of the Whole meeting at 5:30 on March 8 in the Meadowview Middle School Auditorium.
■The Tomah Area School District Insurance Review Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at 3:45 p.m. at the Robert Kupper Learning Center, 1310 Townline Road, Tomah.
■The Monroe County Administration & Personnel Committee will meet on Tue., March 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Justice Center.
■The Monroe County Property & Maintenance Committee will meet on Wed., March 9, 2022 at 4:00

p.m. at the Justice Center.
■The Monroe County Natural Resource and Extension Committee will meet on Wed., March 9, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Justice Center.
■The Monroe County Economic Development and Tourism Committee will meet on Thur., March 10, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Justice Center.
■The Tomah Area School District BOARD OF EDUCATION COVID 19 HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. at the Tomah Area School District Office, 129 West Clifton St., Tomah.

Monroe County Circuit Court News

Charged

February 25

•Ryan R. Brandau, 43, of Tomah was charged with battery as a repeat offender. A \$2,000 signature bond was set.
•Kenneth D. Frodin, 35, of Black River Falls was charged with possession with intent to deliver amphetamine (>10-50g), manufacturing and delivering amphetamine (3>10g), bail jumping, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$2,500 cash bond was set.
•Benjamin G. Winchel, 42, of Cashton was charged with bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. Also charged with operating while revoked and failure to install ignition interlock device. A \$500 cash bond was set.

February 28

•Jason J. Downing, 42, of Merrilan was charged with bail jumping and possession of drug paraphernalia, both as a repeat offender. A \$50 cash bond was set.
•Jason J. Downing, 42, of Merrilan was charged with operating while revoked (3rd offense). A \$50 cash bond was set.
•Jason J. Downing, 42, of Merrilan was charged with bail jumping and theft of movable property (<=\$2,500), all as a repeat offender. A \$500 cash bond was set.
•Jason J. Downing, 42, of Merrilan was charged with misappropriating ID information to obtain money, theft of movable property (<=\$2,500), and forgery, all as a party to a crime and as a repeat offender. Also charged with theft with false representation (<=\$2,500) as a repeat offender. A \$500 signature bond was set.
•Jason J. Downing, 42, of Merrilan was charged with operating while revoked. A \$500 signature bond was set.
Megan A. Johnson, 28, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping and receiving or concealing stolen property (<=\$2,500). A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Megan A. Johnson, 28, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Megan A. Johnson, 28, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.
•Megan A. Johnson, 28, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping, possession of illegal article, possession of methamphetamine, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$1,000 cash bond was set.
•Thanh Truc Thi Nguyen, 29, of Sparta was charged with battery with use of a dangerous weapon, disorderly conduct, and criminal damage to property, all relating to domestic abuse. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.

March 1

•Skyler J. Kinnunen, 22, of Camp Douglas was charged with bail jumping, battery, and disorderly conduct, both relating to domestic abuse. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Skyler J. Kinnunen, 22, of Camp Douglas was charged with bail jumping. A \$100 cash bond was set.
•Serena R. Holliday, 24, of Sparta was charged with battery and disorderly conduct. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Camielle K. Johnson, 36, of Tomah was charged with possession of methamphetamine and bail jumping. A \$2,000 signature bond was set.
•Michael A. Nelson, 31, of Sparta was charged with resisting or obstructing an officer and disorderly conduct. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.

March 2

•Nicolas W. Anderson, 35, of Tomah was charged with possession of THC. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Daniel R. Conklin, 62, of Sparta was charged with possession of methamphetamine. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•David S. Godfrey, 52, of Sparta was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of illegally obtained prescription, and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Jay A. Johnson, 55, of Sparta was charged with intimidating a victim and disorderly conduct, both as a repeat offender and relating to domestic abuse. Also charged with bail jumping and trespassing to land and agricultural structure. A \$5,000 signature bond was set.
•William E. Marraccino, 39, of Norwalk was charged with disorderly conduct relating to domestic abuse. A \$500 signature bond was set.
•Darrell E. McCurdy, 19, of Sparta was charged with intentional retail theft (<=\$500). A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Darrell E. McCurdy, 19, of Sparta was charged possession of methamphetamine and possession of THC. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Zach T. Pfeifer, 36, of Sparta was charged with disorderly conduct related to domestic abuse and possession of drug paraphernalia, both as a repeat offender. A \$150 cash bond was set.
•Phillip S. Dunn, 34, of Sparta was charged with possession of methamphetamine. A \$150 cash bond was set.
Phillip S. Dunn, 34, of Sparta was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of narcotic drugs, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$1,000 signature bond was set.
•Brittany J. Foster, 37, of Cashton was charged with intentional retail theft (<=\$500), resisting or obstructing officer, and bail jumping, all as a repeat offender. A \$150 warrant was issued.
•Brittany J. Foster, 37, of Cashton was charged with intentional retail theft (<=\$500) as a repeat offender. A \$150 cash bond was posted. Foster failed to appear in court again, and a \$500 warrant was issued.
•Robert S. Kogutkiewicz, 42, of Sparta was charged with operating while revoked. A cash bond of \$150 was set.

March 3

•Luis J. Lopez-Mejia, 36, of Cashton was charged with battery and disorderly conduct relating to domestic abuse, and endangering safety with use of dangerous weapon. A \$250 cash bond was set.
•Luis J. Lopez-Mejia, 36, of Cashton was charged possession of methamphetamine and possession of cocaine. A \$500 cash bond was set.
•James R. Vian, 30, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping and resisting or obstructing an officer. A \$2,000 signature bond was set.
•James J. Burdick, 34, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping, possession of narcotic drugs, possession of methamphetamines, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.
•James J. Burdick, 34, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping, possession of THC, and possession of drug paraphernalia, all as a repeat offender. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.
James J. Burdick, 34, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping and resisting or obstructing an officer, both as a repeat offender. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.
March 4
Leanna M. Higgins, 43, of Fort Atkinson, IA, was charged with possession of THC and bail jumping. A \$1,500 signature bond was set.
Sentenced
January 12
Hillary L. Kendhammer, 29, of La Crosse was found guilty of possession of methamphetamine and sentenced to 210 days in jail and 18 months probation.
February 23
Elise R. Krueger, 35, of Sparta was found guilty of possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 180 days in jail and two years probation.



This is Myrtle, a young, female, yellow-rumped warbler who struggled to survive winter weather far north of her typical range. Photo by Jan Sharp.



(Above) The Three Amigos at the end of a great trip!

(Right) This gator caught by Mark Walters was a true PIGASAURUS!



Tough Little Birds

As days lengthen and the sunshine strengthens, I start dreaming ahead toward spring.

We all have our favorite signs of the new season, I'm sure, and one of mine is hearing the sweetly whistled trill of a yellow-rumped warbler, and then catching a glimpse of their "butter butt" as the namesake patch of color is revealed. Yellow-rumped warblers are some of the first of our summer breeders to arrive and often seem in no hurry to leave. That's because they don't need to migrate all the way to Central or South America to find insects to eat. Instead, they survive the winter by nibbling on the fruits of wax myrtle trees common in the southeastern United States.

Still, we don't expect to see them by the time temperatures plummet and blizzards blow in. That's why Museum volunteer Jan Sharp was both surprised and worried when she spotted a yellow-rumped warbler in her yard in Clam Lake, WI, on December 4, 2021. An avid birder, Jan started posting updates and observations to the Chequamegon Bay Birding Facebook group right away. Her posts revealed a mix of hope and trepidation for the bird's predicament. On December 21, Jan made detailed introductions on Facebook, and explained her efforts to help the warbler survive:

"This is Myrtle. She's a yellow-rumped warbler. She's not supposed to spend the winter here. She's supposed to be only as far north as St. Louis. She's a first-year female, and I guess with the warmish fall we've had, she missed the memo about migration (or is sick or hurt). She likes the nuts and berry suet, and sunflower seed (shelled).

"She's gutsy, and smart, and skulky. And I've put little grass-lined huts out for her, too (I doubt anything will use them). I doubt she'll make it through the winter, especially if we have more polar vortexes. But I admire her spunk and will to live. Pretty amazing creature. (And she's a new record on the Clam Lake Christmas Bird Count!)

Over the course of several weeks—and several extreme temperature swings—Jan kept us all posted on Myrtle's feeding schedule, the level of fluff in her feathers, the condition of her tender feet, and her interactions with other birds. Then, on January 20, the news came,

"Sadly, I believe Myrtle is no longer with us. I have not seen nor heard her all day. She had a shaky foot yesterday morning and I felt it was a red flag as the cold seemed to get to her feet first. And with the -19 degrees F this morning, I think the cold weather finally took its accumulated toll. What a survivor. I celebrate her grit, her brains, her persistence, and her resilience."

Meanwhile, as Myrtle was failing in her battle against a Northwoods winter, huge flocks of redpolls were moving in. These little brown birds have been whirling under bird feeders across the region in much higher numbers than

Natural Connections

By Emily Stone

Naturalist and Education Director at Cable Natural History Museum



usual. It's an irruption year for several species of northern seed-specialist birds. (No, not an eruption, although sometimes I do imagine a volcano of boreal forest in Canada spewing forth a feathered ash cloud.)

A bird irruption, according to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, is a "movement of northern-wintering species to the south in years of low food availability." When trees produce fewer seeds in Canada, the grosbeaks, siskins, crossbills, waxwings, finches, and nuthatches come here to eat.

This year, redpolls are the most common out-of-town guests at my feeders. With a jaunty red cap and rosy breast to brighten up their brown and white stripes, they are very welcome. For weeks, if not months, I've been watching them flutter over the snow surface scooping up the delicate seeds of birch. Now, with the blizzard, they've come to my feeder and are nibbling at sunflower hearts right along with the chickadees.

Even as temperatures drop again, I'm not worried about the comfort of these little friends. Myrtle may have needed our concern, but redpolls are built for the cold. Remember, the Northwoods are south for them! Each autumn, just when we're pulling sweatshirts and down vests out of our closets, the birds increase their insulation. Redpolls grow about 31% more feathers by November. Then they take a hint from ruffed grouse—by diving under the snow to stay warm. Their tunnels can be over a foot long and four inches under the surface. For such a tiny bird, that is impressive!

Even while buried in the snow, redpolls can keep eating. There's a pocket in their neck where seeds collect and then trickle down into their stomach. These seeds fuel the bird's metabolism and allow them to maintain their body temperature without a mid-nap trip to the refrigerator. With all these adaptations, tens of millions of redpolls survive in their rugged homelands surrounding the Arctic Ocean at the top of the globe, and we get to enjoy their visits every few years.

Myrtle was impressive because of how long she survived in the cold against all odds, without the right adaptations to get her through. Redpolls are equally impressive because their adaptations are built to help them thrive in those same, challenging conditions. They are all tough little birds.

Emily's award-winning second book, *Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer*, is now available to purchase at www.cablemuseum.org/books and at your local independent bookstore, too.

For more than 50 years, the Cable Natural History Museum has served to connect you to the Northwoods. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and cablemuseum.org to see what we are up to.

Hello friends,

Sometimes plans change and that is what happened for this week's outdoor excursion. I was supposed to be heading to Little Bay de Noc with Doug Cibulka and my stepson Travis Dushek for a four-day trip with the hopes of icing some big, prespawn walleye. The day before we were to leave my informants told me that deep snow on the ice and a very slow bite might want to make me alter my plan. At first, I was super bummed, then I had a brain storm and decided to head back to the backwaters off the Mississippi River near Buffalo City for some quality northern pike fishing.

Friday, February 25th
High 35, low 25

Doug would join us early Saturday morning. Today Trav and I had the big job of making four, three Otter Sled trips with my Polaris 550 snow machine. This would once again be a learning trip for me and today it would be in the way of watching Travis, and eventually Doug use what is called the Finicky Fooler which is a rig that allows you to use a spinning rod with your bail open. When you have a fish take your minnow a flag is tripped, and the fish is able to take your bait without feeling resistance. I ended up buying one from Travis at the end of the trip and let me tell you, these guys were fish catching machines with the Finicky Fooler, catching both perch and gators.

After we got camp-built Travis put on a fish catching marathon and I kind of sucked



An Outdoorsman's Journal

By Mark Walters

as I just was not on top of my game.

Saturday, February 26th
High 37, low 29

Doug joined our campaign today and the three of us would spend every day from dawn to dark outside fishing and did we catch the gators and perch. I finally put my fish catching hat on and did very well today with my big fish of the day being a 33-inch northern pike that would have weighed a good 11-pounds. Doug and Travis were working the perch and gators and these guys put on quite the show with both tip ups and Finicky Foolers. A couple of interesting subjects, by the time this four-day trip was over all of us had intense sunburns on our faces like I have never seen before. All of us swelled up like a pumpkin and in all of my years on the ice I have never witnessed sunburns so extreme.

Another interesting story is that neither Doug or I had purchased our shiners or rosey reds in the Buffalo City and we should have. Doug ordered two dozen shiners and was given 20. I ordered two dozen at a different place near Necedah and had the same luck. Generally, bait shops give you two to five extras and this really set us back as we were having a ton of action.

My cure for this dilemma was to put a rosey red on a #10

treble hook with a dead shiner and it saved shiners and kicked butt on the gators. Long story short, if you are selling shiners charge more and give extra. The word gets out that you are a tight wad and people will buy bait somewhere else.

We had a major camp with three insulated Eskimo shacks and at night we stayed up until 1:30 cooked a great meal and laughed a lot. Doug and I grew up together and Travis is also quite skilled at pegging out the fun meter.

Sunday, February 27th
High 43, low 26

Doug and I got to watch Travis catch a 33-inch gator on his jig pole today and I was able to watch both of these guys do very well on both of our targeted species; we were definitely running low on shiners. I honestly believe that the dead shiner/rosey red combo was the hot ticket and once again tonight it was a fine meal in the shack and 1:30 was the bewitching hour.

The following morning the big job of breaking camp took place, and the last fish of the trip was a dandy. I had a flag and when I got to it most of the line was off the spool and I soon realized that I had a big, fat, pigasaurus on the other end. I love fighting big gators and this was what I was after. When all was said and done, I iced and then released a 35-inch northern pike that seemed to be as big around as it was long.

On this adventure, we were either laughing, catching fish or both!

Sunset

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5 Interviewing Tips to Help You Land a New Job

With so many job openings these days, you may think you'll have an easy time sliding into a new role. Not so fast. Because of the huge number of options available and plenty of workers contemplating changes, you're likely to encounter some competition to land the job you want. A solid interview can help you close the deal.

Consider these five tips to help you make a great impression and land the job of your dreams:

1. Prepare, prepare, prepare. Avoid thinking of the interview as your first step toward a new job. Once you set the appointment, it's time to take a deeper dive to learn as much as you can about the company and position. Ideally, you did some of this legwork when you created a custom resume and cover letter, but for the interview, you need to know more. After arming yourself with all the information you can, practice answers to questions you expect the interviewer to ask.

2. Decide what the interviewer should know about you. Using the job description as a guide, create a list of points you want to communicate to show how your experience and knowledge fit the role. During the interview, pay attention to opportunities for sharing these details about your skillset. Most interviewers will give you the opportunity to add information you haven't covered; use this time to deliver a succinct summary of how you can succeed in the position.

3. Create your own list of questions. An interview isn't just about determining whether you're a fit for a job; you also need to decide whether the job is a fit for you. Think about what you need to know in order to feel confident accepting an offer. You might organize your thoughts by considering what is essential in a new job and what aspects are "nice to have."

4. Present yourself as a winning candidate. Impressions are everything when it comes to interviews. Dress to impress with well-fitted clothing appropriate for the job and practice good grooming habits, including details like trimming your nails and minimizing distractions like pet hair. Arrive early enough that you're not rushed or flustered when you check in for your appointment. Use good posture, a firm handshake and a clear, confident voice. Speak authoritatively but respectfully and try to make the interview a comfortable, conversational exchange.

5. Leave a lasting impression. Before you end the interview, ask for clear insight on the next steps in the process. Within 24 hours, send follow-up messages to each person you met with. Thank them for their time and include references specific to your conversation, such as elaborating on a question or reiterating a key point. This shouldn't be a copy-paste message, but rather a tailored one to each individual. Close by reiterating your interest and how your skills are a fit.



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5 Prep Steps to Protect and Power Your Business

An unexpected event such as a seasonal storm can wreak havoc on your business. While you may not be able to manage Mother Nature, you can take steps to protect your business against the impact of a natural disaster.

In honor of National Preparedness Month, consider these tips to help prepare your business in the event a disaster or emergency comes your way.

Make a Plan

If you haven't mapped out how your business operations would change in the aftermath of a natural disaster, this should be your first priority. Consider scenarios in which the physical location of your business is inaccessible, a significant portion of your staff is unable to come to work or any other situation that could result in the inability to continue business as usual. Your plan should address minor impacts up to a worst-case scenario and outline how you'll adjust accordingly, including which staff members will be responsible for leading each change. Define contingency resources and operating standards so you can quickly shift gears as soon as you can safely do so.

Ensure a Reliable Power Source

Power is often one of the first resources affected by weather-related disasters, and depending on the severity of the storm, outages can be lengthy. Adequate power is essential for keeping your business moving and ensuring operations don't come to a halt during a time of need. Establishing a partnership

with a power expert like your local Interstate All Battery Center can help with your everyday power needs while also guaranteeing you're prepared for unexpected events. A professional partner's expert counsel can guide you toward the right power source for your system in addition to helping prevent the logistical impact of battery failures, unplanned downtime or subpar performance.

Keep Insurance Up to Date

As a business owner, you shoulder a great deal of responsibility, not only for your business and its assets but also for the people you employ. Maintaining a current and adequate insurance policy is an essential business practice. If you don't make it a habit to review the terms of your policy each renewal period, take time to do so right away. If you find any areas of potential exposure, contact your insurance agent to discuss how you can better protect your employees, your business and, ultimately, yourself.

Consider How Assets are Stored

Whether your business produces tangible goods or you deal in data, your assets may become inaccessible in the event of a natural disaster. Regular backups, digital file management and remote access can protect vital business information. Be conscious of storage needs you may take for granted with your current business setup. Your backup storage plan should include vendors located well outside your region who

you've vetted and know you can trust.

Anticipate Communication Needs

In the hours, days and weeks following a natural disaster, you can expect an elevated need for information by everyone who is involved with your business, from your senior leadership team and other employees to customers and vendors. Think about how

you typically communicate with each of these audiences and what changes may be necessary if your normal operations are disrupted. Decide ahead of time who will be responsible for leading communication updates and discuss your expectations about transparency and timeliness to ensure your business circle stays apprised of developments.

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THROUGH MY LENS

Three Days, Three State Tournaments

By NATE BEIER
Sports Reporter

After covering sports for the past 15 years, there's not really many things that are new or different when I deal with high school sports.



Last weekend, however, I was able to pull off a thing that was new - three state tournament appearances.

Now, my mission with GX3 Media is to see as many games as possible, to spread out the coverage, to go to the hole-in-the-wall places no one else will go to.

Last weekend's slate of state tournaments all fulfills those requirements.

Thursday: State hockey is one of the few state tournaments I have never experienced. I went. I saw. I came in nervous about how to shoot it, and left feeling really good about going another time, should the occasion arise.

I watched the fourth-seeded Onalaska girls hockey co-op upset the Xavier co-op 3-1 and advance to a state final.

The Alliant Energy Center was an interesting building that definitely feels old, but has character because of it.

That was cool.
Friday: I love going to state gymnastics every year. Very few media go and those that are assigned to go, typically don't have an idea of what's going on.

So, I love showing the rookies the ropes and I just enjoy watching what those athletes are capable of.

Gymnastics doesn't get a lot of love, so I think I really enjoy being one of the few links from inside that tournament to the outside world.

Saturday: Team state wrestling, I've found, is an easy fit into my girls basketball sectional Saturday. Madison isn't just a problem to drive in, and much less of an issue to find parking on a Saturday.

My matches on Saturday included a competitive bout between Prairie du Chien and eventual Division 3 state champ, Amery and eventual state champ Fennimore against St. Croix Falls in a D3 semi.

Even though these tournaments are all smaller than the basketball ones, there's a charm that comes with covering these athletes, these sports that don't always garner attention like hoops does.

Again, the mission is to see as much as possible and to not overlook the lower tier sports. I didn't and it was glorious.

BANGOR BOYS BASKETBALL

Sectionals ahead for Cardinals

Bangor turn back Hillsboro, claim sixth-regional title in seven years

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

A regional final loss to Onalaska Luther last winter snapped a streak of five straight regional titles for the Bangor boys' basketball team. Their fans won't have to wait another year for a return to sectional play.

The top-seeded Cardinals (22-4) punched their ticket to the sectional semifinals with a comprehensive 69-49 victory over No. 5 seed Hillsboro (15-11) in a WIAA Division 5 regional final clash Saturday, March 5 in Bangor.

During the regular season, the Cardinals won both of their meetings with the Tigers in Scenic Bluffs play: an 82-40 blowout win way back on December 21 in Hillsboro and a 77-57 victory February 3 in Bangor.

It was an impressive performance from start to finish for the Cardinals, who never trailed and built up a 35-20 halftime lead. Bangor stretched its lead out to 18 early in the second half before Hillsboro chipped it back down to 10. The Tigers had several chances to get even closer, but failed to



The Bangor boys basketball team defeated Hillsboro 69-49 Saturday night to capture a Division 5 regional title. The sectional berth is the sixth in seven years for the BHS boys and third under head coach Jacob Peterson. Herald photo by Zach Rastall.

do so.

Eventually, the Cardinals regrouped and pulled away to ensure a celebration of their sixth regional title in the last seven years.

"Really happy with how the kids played. It's the seniors' last chance to play on the home court, so you hope they get to end it with a good memory," said Bangor

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WHAT LIES AHEAD

Blair-Taylor (18-9)

...finished tied with C-FC for third place in Large Dairyland; defeated Royall 69-58 for regional title

D5 Sectional Semi: Thursday, March 10 at Royall* *subject to change

TOMAH BOYS BASKETBALL

Tomah wins 3OT thriller

By MAURICE SAVAGE
Sports Writer

The Tomah boys basketball team came out with a huge win in a triple-overtime victory over Rice Lake in a WIAA Division 2 regional semifinal on Friday, March 4 in Rice Lake, winning with a final score of 77-74.

Through the first ten minutes of the game, it was a neck and neck contest. Tomah (14-12) was able to open up a 7 point lead with 9 minutes to go in the first half. After coming out of a timeout Rice Lake (14-11) went on a 13 to 3 run to take a three-point lead with 5 minutes to go in the half. At the half Rice Lake was in front by two points, the score at the half was 26-24.

Tomah opened up the second half on a 17 to 5 run to take a 10 point lead with 10 minutes to go in the half. Rice Lake came storming back over the next 8 minutes to tie the game up at 50. Tomah held a two-point lead with under a minute to go in the game and Rice Lake was able to hit a shot to tie the game with 12 seconds left in the game to send it to overtime.

In the first overtime period, Tomah had a three-point lead with under a minute left in the game. Rice Lake tied the game up at 62 points with 13 seconds left in the period. The overtime Tomah boys led the game by three points with 12 seconds left in the period. Rice Lake was able to tie the game on a wide-open three to beat the buzzer. In the third overtime period, Tomah was able to take the lead early and never lost the lead. The largest lead the Timberwolves held in overtime was three.

The Timberwolves were led by Dustin Derosseau who finished the game with 27 points and 7 rebounds on the night. Tom Hesse was the second leading scorer as he finished the night with 13 points and 8 rebounds. Bryant Thornton finished the game with 4 points and pulled down 11 rebounds on the night.

Rice Lake was led by Tyler Orr who finished the night with a game-high of 31 points and 7 rebounds. Matt Farm finished the game up with 15 points. Alex Belongia finished the night with a double-double, he finished with 10 points and 10 rebounds on the night.

CENTRAL 70 TOMAH 44
Tomah's bid for a regional title closed early Saturday night as conference foe, La Crosse Central topped the Timberwolves 70-44.

Tomah may have been experiencing some mental and physical fatigue following Friday night's 3OT thriller at Rice Lake, as Central built an 18-point lead by halftime and went on to cruise into sectional play.

Derosseau led Tomah with 15 in the loss.

Central's Devon Fielding, who was named the MVC Player of the Year along with Derosseau, ended with a game-high 25 points.

Tomah finishes the season 14-12, which is the third-straight season the T-Wolves have finished above .500.

Central improves to 25-1 and will play Onalaska (19-5) - a 68-60 winner at River Falls - in a D2 sectional semifinal this Thursday at La Crosse Logan.

SPARTA GYMNASTICS

Sparta's Ella Hemker won the state vault competition at the Division 2 state finals last week. Hemker scored a 9.383 to rise to the top of the field of title hopefuls and became Sparta's first-ever state champion gymnast. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

SPARTA'S HEMKER WINS STATE VAULT TITLE

By NATE BEIER
Sports Writer

If you talk to Ella Hemker about her any of her performances when it comes to gymnastics, you'll see that she, like any high-level athlete, is incredibly hard on herself.

That personal scrutiny only intensifies as the stakes raise, such as with last weekend's WIAA Division 2 state meet.

Hemker, who came into the state meet as a sectional champion in the all-around, floor and beam had high expectations for her third appearance on the biggest stage for a high school gymnast.

Those expectations seemed to drift farther and farther away, however, as the junior completed her rotations due to a couple imperfections - a stumble here, a fall there.

However, what may have seemed a disheartening experience was turned into a cause for celebration during the awards ceremony as Hemker was awarded the D2 vault title, becoming Sparta's first-ever state champion gymnast.

"It's hard to put into words," said Hemker. "It's a big accomplishment for the school and our program. It's really, truly amazing."

Sparta's first round of competition at the WIAA Division 2 state gymnastics meet was the vault and Hemker was the last to go on the apparatus. Hemker's routine includes a roundoff onto the springboard, followed by a blind handstand on the vault and a layout to finish. The

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BANGOR GIRLS BASKETBALL



Bangor's Aliyah Langrehr (right) accepts an embrace from Taylor Jacobson while sisters Madeline Janisch and Ella Janisch (left) console one another following the Cardinals' 54-49 loss to Highland in Saturday's Division 5 sectional final at Richland Center. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Too Soon An Ending

Highland makes first trip to state at Bangor's expense

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

RICHLAND CENTER — Despite navigating a tricky path to the sectional finals, the Bangor girls' basketball team once again found themselves on the cusp of a state tournament bid.

Coming off a dramatic victory over Blair-Taylor, the Cardinals needed just one more win to secure a third consecutive state appearance. Instead, they fell just short in an agonizing defeat.

No. 2 seed Highland (26-3) — fresh off a 57-46 win over top-seeded Belmont in the sectional semifinals — staved off No. 1 seed Bangor (26-3) for a 54-59 victory in a WIAA Division 5 sectional final Saturday, March 5 in Richland Center.

Highland seized control in the first half of the all-Cardinals battle and eventually built up a double-digit advantage. They would lead by 12 late in half and appeared poised to take a sizable advantage into the locker room, but Bangor responded with a 10-2 run to cut the deficit to 28-24 at the break.

After Highland briefly pushed its lead up to eight in the early stages of the second half, Bangor responded with an 11-1 run of its own to grab a 37-35 lead and prompt a Highland timeout.

After Bangor failed to capitalize of a few chances that could've extended that run, Highland retook the lead and maintained a narrow advantage down the stretch. Eventually, Highland built it into a 50-43 advantage in the late stages of the game.

Just when it looked like it was curtains for Bangor after a string of missed threes in the preceding possessions, junior guard Nora Tucker and senior guard Aliyah Langrehr splashed back-to-back triples to suddenly cut the deficit to 50-49 with roughly 40 seconds to go.

However, Highland would make its last four free throws and Bangor couldn't get another bucket the rest of the way. Following tough wins against Royall and Blair-Taylor during their challenging postseason path, Bangor didn't quite have enough for one more dramatic playoff win to punch their ticket to Green Bay.

"It's a hard loss. Obviously, these guys played hard all season long. When you don't have too many losses through the course of a season, you don't expect one," said Bangor head coach Merlin Jones. "Still very proud of what they did and they should hold their heads high."

Tucker and Langrehr each scored 13 points for Bangor while freshman guard Anna Fronk and senior guard Madeline Janisch each added 8 points apiece.



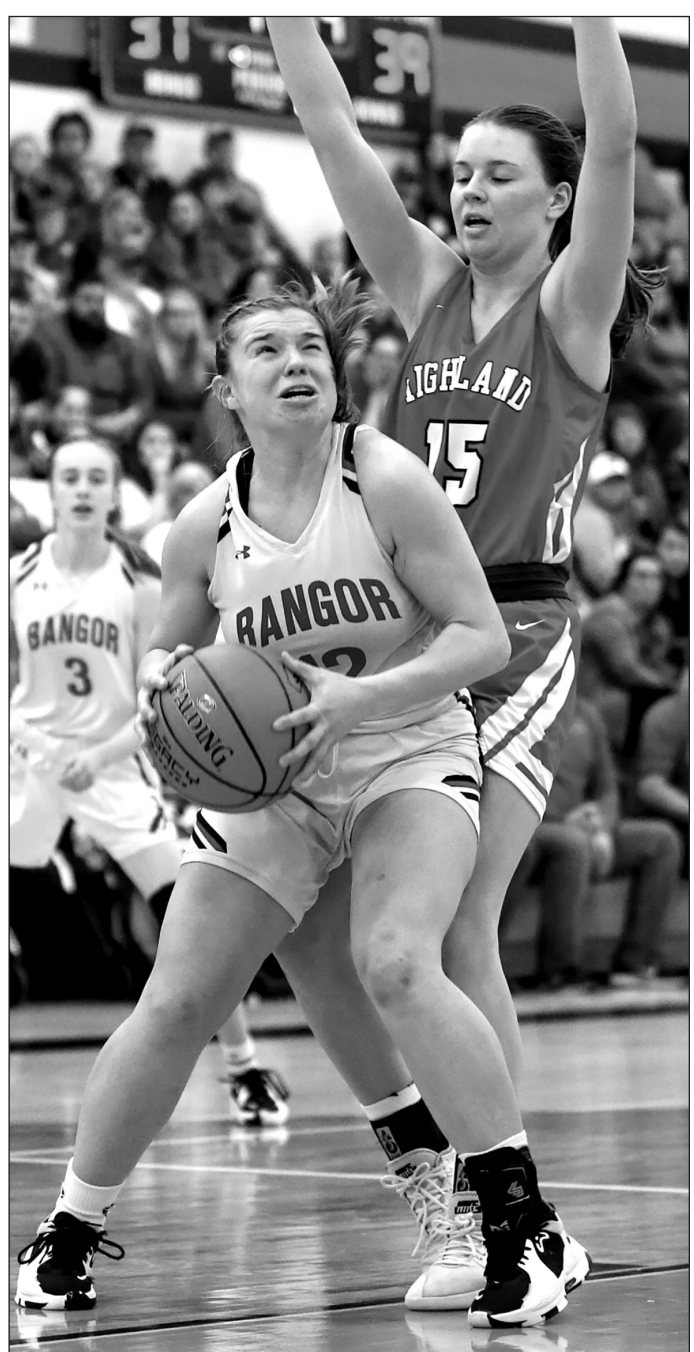
Bangor's Madeline Janisch vies for control of a rebound with Highland's Katelyn Esser in the first half of Saturday's Division 5 sectional final at Richland Center. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Highland wound up with four players in double figures scoring Saturday afternoon: senior forward Rachel Miller with 16 points, senior guard Meg Tarrell with 13 points, senior center Katelyn Esser with 11 points and senior forward Malayna Fredericks with 10 points.

Miller also corralled 10 rebounds to record a double-double for the victorious

Cardinals, who grabbed the program's first-ever state tournament bid.

"That is a great team, Bangor, with great coaching," said Highland head coach Josh Tarrell. "This doesn't happen by accident. There's so much sweat, so many tears, time in the weight room, hours and hours of shooting, summer ball, all that stuff — you do that for this."



Bangor's Taylor Jacobson tries to finish a baseline run to the basket as Highland's Malayna Fredericks defends during Saturday's Division 5 sectional final. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

BROOKWOOD BOYS BASKETBALL

B'wood fall in regional semis

By ZACH RASTALL
Sports Writer

At halftime of their regional semifinal against Blair-Taylor, the Brookwood boys' basketball team were locked in a tie. Unfortunately for the Falcons, that upset bid didn't carry over the same to the second half.

The second-seeded Wildcats (18-9) bested No. 10 seed Brookwood (7-19) in a WIAA Division 5 regional semifinal clash Friday, March 4 in Blair.

After being knotted at 22-22 at the break, Blair-Taylor stormed out of the gates strong in the second half. The Wildcats would score the first 20 points of the half to build up a commanding lead that

they would not relinquish the rest of the way.

For the Falcons, sophomore guard Brady Hansen led the way with a game-high 17 points and senior guard Austin Frye scored 11 points.

Meanwhile, Blair-Taylor had a trio of double-digit scorers: senior forward Cain Fremstad with 13 points, senior guard Kyle Obieglo with 12 points and junior forward Evan Nehring with 10 points.

The Wildcats would go on to beat No. 3 Royall 69-58 in the regional finals the following night to advance to sectionals. Next up for them in a sectional semifinal clash with the top-seeded Bangor Cardinals this coming Thursday.



The Bangor boys basketball team hoists the D5 regional plaque following Saturday's win against Hillsboro. Herald photo by Zach Rastall.

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coach Jacob Pederson. "Really happy with the intensity we played with."

Junior forward Dustin McDonald led the way for Bangor with a game-high 21 points, senior guard Will Reader scored 15 points, senior guard Mathieu Oesterle tallied 10 points and junior guard Tanner Jones added 9 points.

Hillsboro had three double-digit scorers on the evening: junior guard Noah Bumberger with 17 points, sophomore guard Isaiah Stokes with 15 points and senior forward Hayden Stahlke with 10 points.

"It's all the hard work coming into play," McDonald said. "We're just having fun out there. Just enjoy the moment now."

The win now moves the Cardinals on to sectionals, where they will face a familiar postseason foe: Blair-Taylor.

The second-seeded Wildcats (18-9), who are coming off a 69-58 win over No. 3 seed

Royall in their regional final matchup, will square off against Bangor in a sectional semifinal showdown Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m.

Prior to their regional final win over Hillsboro, the Cardinals rolled past No. 8 seed Loyal (11-14) 70-45 in a WIAA Division 5 regional semifinal matchup Friday, March 4 in Bangor.

In that game, McDonald set the pace with 22 points, Reader contributed 17 points and Jones chipped in 9 points.

DIVISION 5 NOTES

In the lower part of the Prairie du Chien sectional, fifth-seeded Potosi upset top seed and Ridge and Valley Conference champion, Wauzeka-Stauben 64-57 Saturday night.

The other regional final saw third-seeded Southwestern best #7 Cassville - which upset #2 Seneca 54-53 the night before - by a score of 74-61.

Southwestern and Potosi will play on Thursday, March 10 at Richland Center. The winner will face the victor of the Bangor/Blair-Taylor game at Prairie du Chien on Saturday, March 12.

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is a superior skill, meaning it has a value of 10 points at its zenith. Hemker scored a 9.3 in her first run and scored a 9.383 on her second. That second score was enough to win the D2 title.

"I didn't feel super confident in my vaults," said the junior. "I felt really good with both of my landings."

Hemker said she was watching scores throughout the night and thought the scoring was tough. To Hemker's point, she scored a 9.475 to finish second in 2021 and the winning score was a 9.7.

She said she knew she had a chance to make the podium, and even though her family was keeping track of scores, she didn't want to know where she stood until it was announced officially.

As placewinners were called, she became aware of her situation once they announced the third place finisher. When she was named champion, she took her place at the top of the podium as the Sparta program's first-ever individual event champion.

Hemker said her finish in vault, and subsequently on floor where she took third and fifth place in the all-around made up for some frustration on bars and beam.

The new champion said bars were a little upsetting due to the dismount and stumble on

“It was really cool to hear that (I won) after not stellar performances. Making the podium three times was pretty cool.”

Ella Hemker
SPARTA GYMNASTICS

the landing. On beam, a pair of falls cost her some crucial points.

"Competition (on beam), wasn't at all what I hoped for."

Yet, being called a champion seemed to be a silver — or technically, a gold — lining for the day.

"It was really cool to hear that (I won) after not stellar performances. Making the podium three times was pretty cool."

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FULL TIME OFFICE MANAGER: Farmers Town Mutual Insurance Company. Duties include getting mail daily, process new and renewal policies for property and liability. Answer phone calls, preparing bills and set up claims. Call adjusters to take care of claim information. Process and maintain company payroll. Qualifications include Computer knowledge, ability to make decisions and be able to work independently. Experience in the insurance industry is a plus. Pay is hourly and based on experience. Some benefits are available. Contact: Phil Flock 608-654-7370 psflock@gmail.com or Jeff Schmitz 608-633-3296 jwschmitz16@gmail.com, Steve Herrman 608-633-2697.

HUMAN SERVICES DIRECTOR: Do you have exceptional leadership skills with an interest in the Human Services field? If so, the Monroe County Dept. of Human Services might have the job for you. We are hiring for a full-time Human Services Director. Successful candidates will have a Master's degree in public, business or health administration, a human service field, or other closely related field. A minimum of five years administrative experience including three years of significant supervisory duties is required. Candidates with an equivalent combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and abilities can be acquired may also be considered. Our Human Services Director plans, manages, budgets for, operates, improves, and evaluates programs in social services, child welfare, income maintenance, mental health, alcohol and chemical abuse, developmental disabilities, aging and disability resources, and other related human services. This position is responsible for interpreting and ensuring implementation of federal, state, and county policies and procedures set forth in statutes, codes, regulations, and ordinances in regards to the Human Services Department. Our Human Services Director also directly supervises the Human Services management and supervisory personnel to include assigning responsibility for execution of policies and procedures and project assignments, as well as, coordinates personnel matters including hiring, discipline processes, and management-level staff evaluations. Starting salary for this position will be based on experience and qualifications. Monroe County offers an exceptional benefit package to include health with vision, dental, term life, Wisconsin Retirement System, and more. A Monroe County application is required. We are also requesting a cover letter and resume

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be submitted with the required application. Applications are available on our website: <https://www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/personnel/current-job-openings> or can be obtained at the Personnel Department located at 124 N. Court Street, Sparta. If you have further questions, please contact Personnel at 608-269-8719. **Applications will be accepted until 4:30pm on March 16, 2022. AA/EOE**

SOCIAL WORKER: Do you have a passion for helping others? If so, the Monroe County Dept. of Human Services Children and Family Services Unit might have the job for you. We are looking for a full-time Child Protective Services Social Worker. Successful candidates will have Bachelor's degree with major in social work or related field, Wisconsin certification as social worker or eligible for certification, valid driver's license, reliable transportation, excellent verbal and written communication skills, and proficient computer abilities. Our CPS Social Workers complete comprehensive initial assessments with recommendation for any needed interventions. This position is responsible for interviewing family members, collaterals, and referral sources using the trauma informed care principles; observing home conditions and completing safety assessments; and providing information relating to programs and services in the community and making referrals as needed. The ideal candidate will have strong skills in engagement and family assessment, as well as have the ability to build rapport and have compassion for the families that are being served. This position will also complete other duties as determined to meet the agency's needs. Starting salary for this position is \$43,680 - \$45,760. Monroe County offers an exceptional benefit package to include health with vision, dental, term life, Wisconsin Retirement System, and more. A Monroe County application is required. Applications are available on our website: <http://www.co.monroe.wi.us/departments/personnel> or can be obtained at the Personnel Department located at 124 N. Court Street, Sparta. If you have further questions, please contact Personnel at 608-269-8719. **Applications will be accepted until the positions have been filled. AA/EOE**

PART-TIME RECEPTIONIST: Days, pick up an application at Hair & Company, 130 West Warren St., Tomah, 608-372-7337.

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LEGAL NOTICES

Village of Bangor VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

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- the address where the absentee ballot should be sent, if different from the address above
- your signature
- a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline for making application to receive an absentee ballot by mail is: 5:00 p.m. on the fifth day before the election, **March 31, 2022.****

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Jeri Wittmershaus 608-486-4084
 106 15th Avenue North, Bangor, WI 54614
 Monday thru Thursday 7:00 am - 4:30 pm, Friday 7:00 am - 1:00 pm

The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is: March 22, 2022

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office: April 1, 2022

No in-person absentee voting may occur on the day before the election. The municipal clerk will deliver voted ballots returned on or before Election Day to the proper polling place or counting location before the polls close on April 5, 2022. Any ballots received after the polls close will not be counted.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT CIVIL DIVISION MONROE COUNTY
 Case No. 2021CV000163
 Case Code No. 30404
 Foreclosure of Mortgage
 LIMOSA, LLC Plaintiff,

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT MONROE COUNTY SUMMONS
 Case No. 2022CV0025
 Foreclosure of Mortgage
 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, NA 3415 Vision Drive Columbus, OH 43219 Plaintiff
 Vs

LAURIE A HETRICK UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF LAURIE A HETRICK
 309 East Milwaukee Street Tomah, WI 54660
 Defendant(s)

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on October 29, 2021, in the amount of \$114,821.20, the Sheriff of Monroe County will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

DATE/TIME: April 6, 2022 at 10:00 AM

TERMS: By bidding at the Sheriff's Sale, the prospective buyer is consenting to be bound by the following terms: 1) 10% down in cash, cashier's check, or bank-certified funds made payable to the Monroe County Clerk of Court; 2) Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances; 3) Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax, costs of deed recording and all costs of sale within 10 days of confirmation of sheriff's sale. Failure to pay balance due will result in forfeiture of bid deposit to Plaintiff; and 4) Bidders not a party to this action are subject to the requirements of Wisconsin Statute Section 846.155.

PLACE: front lobby of the Monroe County Justice Center, 112 South Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656

PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION: NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE EAST HALF OF BLOCK FOUR (4), GIBSON'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPARTA, BEING THE WEST HALF OF LOT 1, AND PART OF LOTS 5 & 6, BLOCK 4, GIBSON'S ADDITION, SPARTA.

TAX KEY NO.: 281-01461-0000 & 281-380-004-0014

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 407 W OAK ST, SPARTA, WI 54656
 Sara Schmeling Attorney for Plaintiff
 Marinosci Law Group, P.C.
 16535 W. Bluemound Rd., Suite 333 Brookfield, WI 53005
 Telephone: (414) 831-9729
 Facsimile: (920) 221-7719
MLGWisconsin-ALL@mlg-defaultlaw.com
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town of Leon Monthly Board Meeting will be conducted for the transaction of business that is required by law. The time and location of such meeting will take place on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 starting at 6:00 p.m. in the Leon Town hall.

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Public Comment Period
- Treasurer's Report
- Patrolman's Report
- Clerk's Report and Audit Bills
- Monroe County Broad Band Discussion and Action: representatives from Coon Valley Telecom and Vernon Communications will be in attendance
- Water Quality Improvement at Townhall Discussion and Action
- Schedule date for Annual Meeting & agenda items to be added
- Next meeting April 13, 2022
 Kristy Brown, Clerk
 Town of Leon
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PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF WELLS
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the board for the Town of Wells will hold their monthly board meeting on Thursday, March 10th, 2022 at the town hall located at 11754 County Hwy XX, Norwalk, WI 54648. The meeting will convene at 7:30 p.m.

AGENDA

- Call to order.
- Approve February 10th, 2022 minutes.
- Treasurer's report.
- Audit the bills.
- Weight limits are now in effect on all Town of Wells roads.
- Matt Schaitel- liquor license applicant for property on 10041 County Highway XX, Cashton, WI.
- Gravel bids.
- Appointment Board of Review members.
- Schedule April meeting.
- April 5th, 2022 - Spring Election.
- LARGE ITEM GARBAGE COLLECTIONS scheduled for April 29th, 30th, 2022.
- Updates on roads and equipment.
- Closed Session for the consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of employees according to Sec. 19.85(1)(c).
- Reconvene into open session according to Sec. 19.85(2).
- Adjournment.
 Diane E. Schwarz
 Clerk-Town of Wells
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NOTICE OF ELECTION SPARTA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT APRIL 5, 2022 Referendum Details

At an election in the Sparta Area School District on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, the following question will be submitted to a vote of the people:

"Shall the Sparta Area School District, Monroe and Jackson Counties, Wisconsin be authorized to exceed the revenue limit specified in Section 121.91, Wisconsin Statutes, by \$2, 100,000 per year beginning with the 2022-2023 school year and ending with the 2023-2024 school year, for non-recurring purposes consisting of funding staffing, technology and maintenance of district facilities?"

A copy of the entire text of the resolution directing submission of the question set forth above to the electorate and information concerning District boundaries can be obtained from the District Clerk at the School District offices located at 900 E. Montgomery Street, Sparta, Wisconsin.

Additional Information

Acceptable photo ID will be required to vote at this election. If you do not have a photo ID you may obtain a free ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

Persons with questions regarding the referendum election should contact Dr. Amy Van Deuren, District Administrator.
 Done in the Sparta Area School District on March 7, 2022
 Heidi Prestwood
 District Clerk
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Voting an absentee ballot in person

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TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, SEND A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CITY/VILLAGE/TOWNSHIP CLERK WHERE YOU RESIDE:

Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk City of Tomah 819 Superior Avenue Tomah, WI 54660 Phone 374-7420 M-F 8 am - 4:30 pm	Alex Wilson, Clerk Town of Oakdale, PO Box 37 (By Mail) 228 Ballpark Drive (In Person) Oakdale, WI 54649 Phone 372-9624 or 372-6475 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only
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Vinnie Rowan Town of LaGrange 27642 Ermine Ave Tomah, WI 54660 Phone 608-372-5168 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only	JoAnn Crum Village of Oakdale, PO Box 87 (By Mail) 133 Well Drive (In Person) Oakdale, WI 54649 Phone 372-2927 Mon, Wed, Fri. 10-3 pm
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Breanne Sarema, Clerk Town of Tomah 24381 Heritage Ave (In Person) 24963 Hilldale (By Mail) Tomah, WI 54660 Phone 343-5499 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only	Lisa Waltemath Town of Byron 32184 State Hwy 21 Warrens, WI 54666 Phone 343-7995 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only
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Kathy Schmitz, Clerk Town of Adrian 17708 Incline Road Norwalk, WI 54678 Phone 633-1868 M-F 3-7 pm by Appointment Only	Joan C. Sutherland, Clerk Village of Wyeville 209 Second Street Wyeville, WI 54671 Phone 372-7403 M-F 6:30 pm - 7 pm or By Appointment Only
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Mary Cook, Clerk Town of Clifton 28003 Locust Ave. Wilton, WI 54670 Phone - 463-7379 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only	Sandy Wood, Clerk Town of Grant 768 Blueberry Road Warrens, WI 54666 Phone 378-4196 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only
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Lynda Callaway, Clerk Town of Lincoln PO Box 98 Warrens, WI 54666 Phone 343-7168 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only	Kathy VonHaden Town of Greenfield 11575 Fisher Road, Tomah, WI 54660 (Town Hall) P.O. Box 201, Tunnel City, WI 54662 Phone 372-1814 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only
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Kris Oakes, Clerk Village of Warrens, PO Box 97 (By Mail) 301 Main Street (In Person) Warrens, WI 54666 Phone 378-4177 M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm	James Van Wychen, Clerk Town of Scott 3365 Auger Road Warrens, WI 54666 Phone 378-4813 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only
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The first day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office varies by municipality. Please check with your clerk.

The last day to vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office is 5:00 P.M. on Friday, April 1, 2022 in the City of Tomah, or as designated above per municipality.

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**STATE OF WISCONSIN
CIRCUIT COURT
MONROE COUNTY
Notice to Creditors
(Informal Administration)
Case No. 22 PR 19**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
John M. Cigelske
Date of Death: February 7, 2022

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. An application for informal administration was filed.
2. The decedent, with date of birth January 6, 1963 and date of death February 7, 2022, was domiciled in Juneau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 30609 Cty Rd WW, Elroy, WI 53929.
3. All interested persons waived notice.
4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 31, 2022.
5. A claim may be filed at the Monroe County Courthouse, 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, Room 2300.

Diane Berendes
Probate Registrar
February 18, 2022

Attorney Alan J. Strohschein
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NOTICE

The City of Tomah Public Works Department is requesting sealed bids for the installation of concrete sidewalks and curb and gutter in the City of Tomah. Deadline for bids is March 18, 2022 at 1:00 PM.

Work will include the replacement of existing sidewalks that are in poor condition and the installation of new sidewalks in various locations and in various quantities in 2022. Work will also include installation and replacement of curb and gutter.

The complete list of specifications and bid proposal forms are available by calling the Public Works office at (608) 374-7430 or by mail at the Public Works and Utilities Department, 819 Superior Ave, Tomah, WI 54660.

The City of Tomah reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

TOWN OF WELLS PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that an application for an alcohol beverage license has been applied for by the property owner, Matt Schaitel of the former "The Driftwood" establishment, located at 10041 County Hwy XX, Cashton, WI 54619. If there are any grievances or objections against this application, please contact the Chairman Dennis Hemmersbach at 608-823-7630 or Supervisor Greg Schmitz at 608-269-2935. Any objection will be considered before a decision to approve the license at the April 2022 board meeting.
Diane E. Schwarz
Clerk-Town of Wells
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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

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CONTACT YOUR MUNICIPAL CLERK FOR INFORMATION FROM THE LIST BELOW.

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- Kathy Schmitz, Clerk Town of Adrian 608-633-1868
- Mary Carlisle, Clerk Town of Angelo 608-343-1126
- Valerie Leis, Clerk Town of La Fayette 608-343-3795
- Cassandra Schober, Clerk Town of Little Falls 715-896-4826
- Lisa Green, Clerk Town of New Lyme 608-487-0051
- Lisa Brey, Clerk Town of Sparta 608-269-4830
- Diane Schwarz, Clerk Town of Wells 608-654-5489
- Kristy Brown, Clerk Town of Leon 608-269-5873

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Innovations STEM Academy students performed natural disaster skits for their families last week at Meadowview middle school in Sparta



A group performing "Hurricane Sandy" left to right: Dagny Boldon, Andrew Carney, Peyton Schamens, Josiah Hamilton, Olivia Bock and in front Ryder Erickson. Contributed photo.



Mylee McGinnis and Elenah Shepherd as cows in the pasture. Contributed photo.



Morgan Revels as the Bastrop Fire. Contributed photo.



Simon Schmitz as the Joplin Tornado. Contributed photo.

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Staff and students at St. Patrick's Catholic school in Sparta enjoyed a fun week of dress up for Read Across America week

They celebrated many of Dr Seuss's books Sneetches on Beaches, Fox in Sox, Cat In the Hat and many more!



Pictured from left to right Ellee S., Addy H, Gavin C., Blake W., Devin L, Celia M., Claire R. Contributed photo.



Pictured from left to right Clare King, Letty Bilden, Jeanne Marcou, Maddie Cakir, Lori Lazzari, Janelle Frank, Randa Johnson, Jenny Henry, Michelle Schwarz. Contributed photo.





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WELCOME OUR NEWBORNS

 Joseph Michael Ronald Cartwright 2/1/2022 2:31 p.m. 8lbs 10oz Sara (Hancock) & Joseph Cartwright Tomah	 Magali Conchoa Tepole 2/4/2022 3:09 p.m. 6lbs 11oz Ana Tepole Cuauetzale & Constanlino Conchoa Morales Cashton	 Dallas Nikko White 2/5/2022 2:31 a.m. 7lbs 10oz Rachelle (Porter) & Donald White Tomah
 Nolan Foster Miller 2/9/2022 3:55 a.m. 6lbs 14oz Helena (Teumer) & Nelson Miller Necedah	 Yamileth Ariana Aguilar Lopez 2/12/2022 10:54 a.m. 6lbs 13oz Adriana & Arturo Lopez Perez Wilton	 Vaughn David Pergande 2/13/2022 11:53 a.m. 8lbs 11oz Sarah Faber Nelson & Kurt Pergande Tomah
 Buckley Dean Pickett 2/15/2022 9:19 a.m. 7lbs 10oz Patience Phillips & Travis Pickett New Lisbon	 Penelope M. Parker 2/17/2022 4:33 p.m. 8lbs 6oz Emily (Jacobs) & William Parker Necedah	 Phoebe Michelle Vieth 2/18/2022 2:22 a.m. 5lbs 13oz Holly Helgren & Nathan Vieth Sparta
 Cherry Nag Xiong 2/18/2022 11:14 p.m. 6lbs 8oz Kaela Stark & Sunny Xiong Camp Douglas	 Zayn Joseph McGinnis 2/19/2022 5:59 p.m. 7lbs 6oz Tiara McGinnis & Tyler Baggot Sparta	 Khalil Amir Davis 2/21/2022 7:08 p.m. 8lbs Iyonna David Tomah

Visitor Restrictions

As a safeguard to patients and staff, Tomah Health is limiting visitors, including to our Women's Health Services Dept.

For details visit tomahhealth.org/wellness/coronavirus-disease-covid-19

We regret any inconveniences!

Childbirth Education Classes

Our Child Education Classes will be held in person at Tomah Health. Masks are required and class size will be limited. Registration is required by calling 608-377-8688.

Breastfeeding Class April 7, 2022 | 5:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. | \$10.00 | Conf Rm 1B

Hydrotherapy Class April 14, 2022 | 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. | \$10.00 | Conf Rm 1C

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