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STATE GYMNASTICS

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

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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 KLIEBENSTEIN 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. remarks And while 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 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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Tomah Health

TOGETHER IN CARE



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

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

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 alledged 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 malfeasance 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 themelves to a higher standard then we have a duty to replace them. How many cases? How many "W"'s were collected by Croninger by concducting 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



No one injured in Tomah school bus crash At 7:45a.m today (Monday) driver on the bus and one

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

The map on the Front page of

the Tomah Police Department

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

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.

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 nonprofit 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, "raffle" and the word is prohibited. Regular consumption events must be run as advertisement. appreciate your cooperation. Call 608-269-9797 to place your item or e-mail to julie@

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.

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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 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 Active of 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 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

Tomah Health and Versiti Blood Center of Wisconsin 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 FFA **CARD** SPARTA PARTIES! When:

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Wed., March 9, 2022 at 4:00

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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 **BINGO** 4 PM THURSDAY AT AT SPARTA VFW POST 2112, 121 S. RUSK AVE., SPARTA.

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

THE TOMAH AMERICAN

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

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!

call 608-366-5343.

SPARTA GROUP (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

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 ΑT 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 p.m. at the Justice Center.

District Board of Education ■The Monroe will have their Committee of Resource Natural the Whole meeting at 5:30 on Extension Committee will March 8 in the Meadowview meet on Wed., March 9, 2022 Middle School Auditorium. at 8:30 a.m. at the Justice ■The Tomah Area School District Insurance Review ■The Monroe County Committee Meeting will Development Economic be held on Tuesday, March and Tourism Committee 8, 2022, at 3:45 p.m. at the

will meet on Thur., March Robert Kupper Learning 10, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. at the Center, 1310 Townline Road, Justice Center. ■The Tomah Area School BOARD Monroe County District Administration & Personnel **EDUCATION COVID 19**

Committee will meet on HEALTH AND SAFETY Tue., March 8, 2022 at 9:00 ADVISORY COMMITTEE a.m. at the Justice Center. will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 12:00 County p.m. at the Tomah Area Property & Maintenance Committee will meet on School District Office, 129

West Clifton St., Tomah.

Monroe County Circuit Court News

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 Merrillan 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 Merrillan was charged with operating

while revoked (3rd offense). A \$50 cash bond was set. Jason J. Downing, 42, of Merrillan 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 Merrillan 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 Merrillan 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

•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.

•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

•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

•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

•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

•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 •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 Luis J. Lopez-Mejia, 36, of Cashton was charged possession of

methamphetamine and possession of cocaine. A \$500 cash bond •James R. Vian, 30, of Sparta was charged with bail jumping

and resisting or obstructing an officer. A \$2,000 signature bond

•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

Sentenced January 12 Hillary L. Kendhammer, 29, of La Crosse was found guilty of

February 23

two years probation.

possession of methamphetamine and sentenced to 210 days in jail and 18 months probation.

Elise R. Krueger, 35, of Sparta was found guilty of possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 180 days in jail and

Tomah VA looking for volunteers | Come hungry to chili feed that

By KYLE EVANS

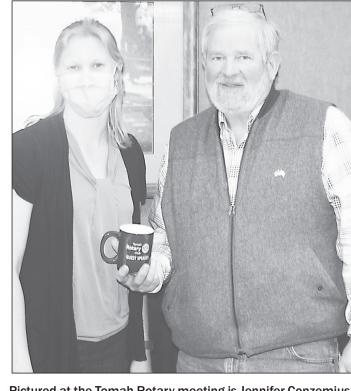
Interim Editor

The Tomah Rotary Club hosted a guest speaker from the Tomah VA during its Tuesday meeting. Jennifer Conzemius is chief of the VA's Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE). The mission of the CDCE is to integrate volunteers, donations and community partners into VA operations so that they may supplement and sustain the care and services provided America's veterans, their families and caregivers.

Conzemius said volunteers are essential to the VA and not only do they assist veterans but it can be a rewarding experience. She also talked about areas the VA has the biggest need for volunteers. There is a considerable need for Disabled American Veterans Organization (DAV) drivers, dedicated to taking veterans to and from where they need to go, especially appointments. Other volunteer needs include pet therapy, women drivers for women veterans, assisting veterans with reimbursement claims from travel, compassionate contact corps—virtual/phone calls, along with assisting with the greenhouse and planting/

Conzemius said, "There is no minimum volunteer hour requirement; you can

weeding/landscaping.



Pictured at the Tomah Rotary meeting is Jennifer Conzemius (left) and Tony Guerra, a volunteer at the Tomah VA. Herald photo by Kyle Evans.

volunteer as much or as little as you want." The VA has many events for veterans including a DAV family day, Platoon Run and festival of lights. These events are great volunteer opportunities and an opportunity to meet people.

The Tomah VA is the only pilot for rural veteran wellness and community engagement initiative. The goal of this initiative is to improve rural veteran well-being through connection of volunteerism or other community service

activities.

Tony Guerra, a volunteer at the Tomah VA said, "It's so rewarding just talking to these veterans about anything. They've served their country and it's time for us to serve them."

Guerra also offered a hint for volunteers that cake and ice cream day is on Mondays!

To learn more about becoming a volunteer or volunteer opportunities call 608-372-1727 or visit <u>www</u>. volunteer.va.gov.

by Krista **Finstad Hanson**





Staff Sergeant Roy L.

SSG Weatherford was buried at the Ardennes American Cemetery in Neupre, Liege,

Thank you, Staff Sergeant

funds Leon community center

By Trisha Nordvall

Contributing writer Walking into

Community Center it becomes very apparent that it once shaped the minds of young people. With its short shelving and hooks for the children's coats to the chalkboard in one of the four classrooms, remnants of the school are peppered throughout the building. There is also a history room which showcases children and community members that were lucky enough to learn the fundamentals in this very

Leon

Unfortunately, as has happened with many smalltown schools, the doors closed in 2004 leaving the building vacant. In 2008, members from the community, while upset from the loss of the school, saw it as an opportunity to create a space for the area to gather and

a community center was born. The board that consists of nine members realized that it would be necessary to secure income to keep the space running and came up with a plan to host events which would raise money to pay for utilities, maintenance and upgrades.

Once specific fundraiser would develop into an annual event after noticing the large turnout, The Chili Feed. The Chili Feed is run by five entities: The Leon Community Club, Leon Valley Riders Snowmobile Club, The Garden Club, Leon Livewires 4-H, and Leon Gatorfest. Each of these groups organize and volunteer in the event. With several roasters full of different types of chili complete with all the fixings and a sweets table, one would not leave without a full belly. The food is available to everyone with optional donation and drinks available for sale at the bar.

There are many raffles, a bake sale, baked goods auction and hourly prize drawings starting at noon. There are also larger ticket items, including cash prizes, can be won by purchasing a ticket at the door or from Foss Fine Meat, Hagen's Sales & Service or Leon Country Tavern. During the festivities it is important to remember those who we have lost. two women who dedicated their time and efforts to the community center, Sharon Folcey and Jeanette Selbrede. During The Chili Feed you could find them stapling tickets together at the booth in front or helping in many other ways. They have since past in the last year and the event will seem quite different without them. The feed begins at 11 a.m. Sunday, March 13.

BURNS CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Burns Cemetery Association will be held on

> **MONDAY MARCH 21, 2022** at 7:00PM **BURNS TOWN HALL**

for election of officers and any other business that may need to be transacted. All fall and winter decorations

are to be removed by Good Friday, April 15, 2022. Linda Saley, President

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SMELT FRY & WINGS Friday, Mar. 11 3:30 p.m. until gone Carryouts Available Future Date: April 15 In Clubroom - Downtown Cashton

Leon Community Club's Annual & RAFFL **Sunday, March 13 • 11 a.m.-?** *5* **Big Raffle** at the Leon Community Center at 4pm. (4 miles south of Sparta off Hwy. 27 in Leon) Other raffles, auction, basket drawings - plus mystery prizes. MANY roasters of delicious chili...and desserts This is a fundraiser for the Leon Community Center. Raffle tickets can be purchased at Foss Fine Meats, Hagen's Sales & Service, Leon Country Tavern or at the door

Remembering WWII's Fallen

During World War II, the 351st Bomb Group history was formed on November 24, 1942 at Spokane, Washington.

SSG Roy Lee It was based Weatherford at Polebrook,

England from April 1943 to June 1945. It was part of the 94th Bombardment Wing of the 1st Air Division of the 8th Army Air Force. The group inactivated on August 28, 1945 at the Sioux Falls Army Air Field, Sioux Falls, South

Dakota. The 351st Bomb Group included a famous member, actor Clark Gable. Gable began his training as a gunner after enlisting on August 12, 1942 in Los Angeles, California at the age of 42. He trained at the Biggs Army Airfield, Texas among other locations. In January 1943, Gable traveled to England with the 351st Bomb Group a 6-person motion picture crew. Gable flew on five company missions. Gable returned stateside in November 1943 with a final rank of Major. The footage filmed became a documentary called "Combat America."

SSG Roy L. Weatherford served with the 510th Bomber Squadron, 351st Bomber Group. Weatherford and Gable both flew on a July 10, 1943 mission in separate planes.

Monroe County airman

Roy Lee Weatherford was born on May 29, 1922 in Calloway County, Kentucky to Oscar and Eva (Tucker) Weatherford. Father Oscar died in 1923.

From the 1930 US Census, the Weatherford family lived in Sparta. The household included mother Eva who was a widow and a day laborer in a tobacco factory. The household included children Mildred, Franklin, and Roy

From the 1940 US Census, Weatherford family included mother Eva and son Franklin E. He worked as a laborer in building construction. This researcher could not find Roy on the 1940 census.

On August 15, 1940, Roy L. O. Weatherford enlisted in Milwaukee. He had 3 years of high school. He served 8 months and was released due to illness.

On September 25, 1942, Roy L. Weatherford reenlisted in Milwaukee. His civilian occupation was "janitors or sextons. From the Monroe County

newspapers index, there was a February 14, 1943 Sparta Herald notice that Roy Weatherford "is in Europe." From August 16, 1943 The Capital Times (Madison,

Wis.) notice titled "Sparta Sergeant Missing in Action," stated "Staff Sgt. Roy L. Weatherford, son of Mrs. Eva Weatherford, Sparta, is missing in action, the war department announced today." From the February 16, 1944

La Crosse Tribune notice "S. Sgt. Roy L. Weatherford, 22, was killed in action when his plane was shot down in a raid over Germany on July 25, according to an Associated Press dispatch released by the war department. He had been previously reported missing on that date and is the son of Mrs. Eva Weatherford, Sparta. He had won the purple heart award for injuries received when shell fragments struck him as he stuck to his post as a gunner on the Flying Fortress 'Amatol.' The crew stayed with the ship although it had been badly damaged. Sgt. Weatherford was a

graduate of the Sparta high school. He had served in the army for more than a year and a half, first in the artillery and then in the air corps. He is survived by his mother, a sister, Mrs. Jake (Mildred) Eastman, Coon Valley, and a

brother, Pvt. Franklin, who is receiving medical training at Annapolis."

Weatherford received a Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster and the Air Medal, awarded posthumously.

Belgium.

Roy Lee Weatherford, for your service to and sacrifice for this country. We honor you and remember you.

March 6 -12, 2022

ARIES

You'll find a solution to all your financial and emotional problems. At work, you'll be promoted and get a raise. This will make you very happy

TAURUS

Your life feels a little out of control right now. You'll go shopping for high-end clothes, and if you're a foodie, you'll go out to eat at nice restaurants. You'll take advantage of this time to refresh your wardrobe and give yourself a new look.

GEMINI

You'll put your fears aside and go for it. You'll feel creative, which will put you on the right track to create a masterpiece.

CANCER

You're in high demand this week. Your friends and colleagues will want your attention. You'll attract many new clients that want to do business with you.

After a long negotiation, you'll finally get the green light from your bank to buy a property or finance a project you've been dreaming about. You must reassess or end some of your friendships.

VIRGO You need to recharge your batteries and focus on what's bothering you. Life is beautiful,

and you owe it to yourself to

reconnect with your inner child.

LIBRA

Adjusting your goals will allow you to reach your full potential. You'll do everything you can to make your dreams come true. If you're in a relationship, you and your significant other will reconnect on a romantic

SCORPIO

You'll entertain the idea of getting married. At work, avoid becoming emotionally involved in negotiations. Doing so could lead to confusion.

SAGITTARIUS You'll sign up for a training

course that opens new doors: abundance will soon follow. You must work on your relationship by breaking free from your everyday routine. Simply walking hand in hand with your partner could do the trick.

You'll become a hero after

saving someone from an unfortunate position, even if you only listened to them for a few moments. At work, you'll lead a team.

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Wonderment

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First-aid provider

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You'll hear about a birth in

budget. At work, don't be scared of success. If you're afraid to succeed, change your perspective. **PISCES** You'll want to purchase a new vehicle. You may have to

negotiate with people who don't speak the same language as you. At the very least, you may have to act as an interpreter to decode a hidden message.

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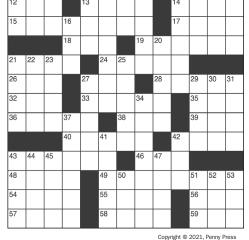
Shaquille O'Neal, Athlete (50) MARCH 7 Jenna Fischer, Actress (48) MARCH 8 Freddie Prinze, Jr., Actor (46) MARCH 9

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Season of sales coming up The Warrens Community gmail.com. Businesses are welcome

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FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS MARCH 10

Terrence Howard, Actor (53) Malina Weissman, Actress (19)

OBITUARIES

DONNA JEAN PASSE

June 1, 1953 — February 13, 2022

Passe, 69, of Cashton, WI

passed away at her home, Sunday, February 13, 2022. Donna was born James and Mary



Donna Passe Margaret (Bentz) Miller in Remsen, IA, on June 1, 1953.

After graduating from high school Donna moved to Minneapolis to become a flight attendant. However, love changed her plans. Donna married Patrick Passe on September 14th, 1971. Together they raised four children in Montgomery, MN, then later divorced but

remained friends. Donna had a special bond with her late uncle Jerry. She actually passed away on his birthday. She was his caretaker and dear friend for many years in Orange City, Iowa, where they enjoyed thrifting, and attending concerts. local Donna moved to the Cashton area five years ago to be closer with her grandchildren. She loved taking them to swim lessons, spoiling them, and treating them to ice cream. She had true love for Elvis, reading James Patterson or Nora Roberts novels, and planting flowers and hanging baskets. Donna enjoyed the summer months most, truly

CASHTON - Donna Jean appreciating the high temps that others often disliked.

Donna is survived by her 4 children, Dawn Passe of Mankato, MN, Cole Passe of La Crosse, WI, Grady (Kari) Passe of Norwalk, WI, and Sean Passe of Elko, MN; 4 brothers, Jeff (Judy) Miller of Cherokee, IA, Rick (Shelia) Miller of Marcus, IA, Larry Miller or Remsen, IA, and Dave Miller of Remsen, IA; 7 grandchildren, Kora, Fayth and Emmi of Norwalk and Quinn, Gabe, Chase, and Savannah of La Crosse; along with many other nieces, nephews, relatives and dear friends.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, March 11, 2022, 10:30 a.m. at the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church on St. Mary's Ridge, Rural Norwalk, WI. Father Michael Klos will officiate. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Family and friends are invited for visitation Thursday, March 10, 2022, 5:00-7:00 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Cashton, WI. Visitation will also be held Friday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the church.

The Torkelson Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at www. torkelsonfuneralhome.com **Torkelson Funeral Home**

DEATH NOTICES

ROGER D. ABBOTT

March 5, 2022

CATARACT - Roger D. Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Abbott, 75, of Cataract, died Saturday, March 5, at his

There will be no services.

Home and Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with arrangements.

DIANA LYNN DEARMAN

February 25, 2022

Dearman, loving wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great fought battle with cancer. grandmother and friend,

Sparta passed away home peacefully Friday February 25, 2022 at the age of 70, surrounded Diana Dearman



SPARTA - Diana Lynn in love by her close family and friends after a hard-

> A Celebration of Life will be held from 12 p.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 12, 2022 at Club Oasis, Sparta.

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home Cremation, Sparta, assisting the family. Online condolences may be offered at schanhoferfh.com

JUNIOR C. VAN WORMER

February 27, 2022

SPARTA - Junior C. Van Wormer, 79, of Big Creek, died Sunday February 27, 2022 at Mayo Clinic Health Systems in Sparta with his family by his side.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sparta, with Reverend Jon Hackbarth officiating. Burial will be in Burns Cemetery, rural Bangor.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Tuesday at Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home and Cremation, Sparta, and from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Online condolences may be offered at schanhoferfh.com

Lanham-Schanhofer Funeral Home Sparta, Cremation, assisting the family with arrangements.

ELAINE MUENZENBERGER HATFIELD

February 20, 2022

TOMAH Elaine Muenzenberger Hatfield, 61 years old, went to her eternal resting place on February 20, 2022, with her family by her side at Serenity House in Tomah.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at Lanham

Schanhofer Funeral Home

and Cremation, Sparta.

Visitation will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. on Thursday at the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered at www. schanhoferfh.com Lanham-Schanhofer

Funeral Home Cremation, Sparta, is assisting the family with arrangements.



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LAWRENCE "FRITZ" A. FREDRICKSON

July 24, 1934 — March 4, 2022

TOMAH Lawrence "Fritz" A. Fredrickson, 87 Tomah called

glory Friday, on March 4. 2022, with Zetta, his loving wife of 59 years by his side



Fredrickson at the Serenity House. He was born to Raymond and Alta (Brahmer) Fredrickson on July 24, 1934, at 2:30 PM in Farmington Township, La Crosse County the second

oldest of 15 children.

He was a member of the La Crosse Central High School graduating class of 1952. Fritz enlisted into the United States Army Reserve as a Teletype Interceptor serving for over 4 years during the Korean War with a year and 9 months stationed in Okinawa. Fritz was confirmed into the Lutheran Faith on March 16, 1962, and on June 16, 1962, Fritz was united in marriage to Zetta M. Gollnick at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomah.

Furthering his education, Fritz attended vocational school in Lacrosse to be a printer, and later worked for Lawrence Zabo printing and as a guard at Jellystone. Most folks around the

Tomah area would have met Fritz, through some of the many organizations that he was a member of. Most notably, St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomah Lions Club, Monroe County Reserves, American Legion and Tomah Police department. As a faithful and devoted

member of St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church. Fritz served as a past secretary and assisted with ushering and greeting members for most of his life. He assisted with training the younger generation on the importance aspects of ushering.

As a member of the Tomah Lions Club for over 50 years his dedication to serve the community was a very important part of his life. He was able to participate in countless community events supporting their mission of serving the community doing whatever is necessary to help. The Toy Collection Program, collecting glasses assisting with transportation of the Lions Eye Bank most precious gift of sight were some of the club's missions he was passionate about. He cherished the friendships that were made along the way.

Fritz had a passion for Law enforcement. joined the Monroe County Sheriff's Reserves in 1975 and dutifully served until his health would no longer allow him, assisting with transport and extradition of prisoners, providing security, crowd control at many public events, assisting with traffic control, and assisting with the Citizen Police Training Program are just a few of the long list of duties Fritz has assisted with throughout the years. Even though it was voluntary position, Fritz held the position with a great amount of earnestness and respect.

Fritz was also a member of the Grassman-Sowle-Larsen-Senz American Legion Post #201 and was a member of the post's military funeral honors team another duty in which Fritz held with the utmost honor and respect for his fellow military comrades.

Working as a crossing guard for the Tomah police department, many of the younger generation would recognize Fritz from his Crossing Guard post on the corner of Superior Ave and Monroe Street where for at least 15 years he safely assisted the children of St. Mary's, Tomah Middle School, and St. Paul grade school across the busy streets on their way home.

Throughout the years, Fritz received many awards and recognitions for his dedicated served, always remaining humble and forever grateful for the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of so many.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Zetta of Tomah; 3 grandchildren, Bob (Amy) Overby, Rich (Nichole) Overby, and Jared Mallory: 4 great-grandchildren, Mason, Joshua, Jackson, and Tegan; siblings, Russell, Barbara, Shirley, and Helen. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

He was preceded in death by daughters, Charlotte Mallory and Linda Overby, a son-in-law, Doug Mallory, siblings, Robert, Ronald, LaVerne, Donovan, Harlan, Janice, Edward, Harold and Frederick

A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022, 11:00 AM at St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church, Tomah. The Pastor's of St. Paul's will officiate. Burial will be in Oak Grove Cemetery with military honors by the Grassman-Sowle-Larsen-Senz American Legion Post

Relatives and friends are invited for a time of visitation on Thursday at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service.

Family Sonnenburg Funeral Home is assisting with arrangements. Online condolences can offered by visiting www. sonnenburgfamilyfh.com

Memorials in Fritz's memory can be given to Tomah Lions Club and St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church.

Sonnenburg Family **Funeral Home**



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In Loving Memory of **SHIRLEY KEWIT**

who passed away on March 5, 2019

When I am gone, release me, let me go I have so many things to see and do You must not tie yourself to me with tears Be happy that I have had so many years

To Those Whom I Love And Those Who Love Me

I gave you my love, you can only guess How much you gave me in happiness I thank you for the love each have shown But now it is time I travelled on alone

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must Then let your grief be comforted by trust It is only for a while that we must part So bless the memories in your heart I will not be far away, for life goes on

So if you need me, call and I will come Though you cannot see or touch me, I will be near And if you listen with your heart, you will hear All of my love around you soft and clear

Then, when you must come this way alone I will greet you with a smile and welcome you home.

Sadly missed by her children: Tom Kewit Kathy Allard

Bob Kewit TOMAH

Paul Kewit

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inclusion of a Canadian Pacific railroad viaduct in the mix. That work was not the primary focus of the meeting.

Contention centered on design plans from Nicholas Street heading the opposite direction. Monroe County and the city of Tomah have been working together on the major reconstruct of a 2.5 mile stretch that starts at the intersection of Nicholas/County ET. Work will snake along CTH ET (Bow Street, Jones Court, Parkview Drive, Noth Avenue, West Veterans Street) and end at the Highway 12 intersection (Superior Avenue).

The entire route was laid out to view on a detailed aerial map on several tables at the meeting. An extensive project that will come with assessments for property owners along the route for curb, gutter and sidewalk, all included in the design. Assessments were cause for concern among those who spoke. The estimated cost shared

at the meeting of \$13-\$15 per foot for sidewalk assessment and \$18-\$20 per foot for curb/gutter assessment. It was learned the project start date remains uncertain at this time, 2023 and 2024, based on available funding, according to Brian Berquist of Town and Country Engineering, who works with the city of Tomah. Another project cost, \$2,500 to \$3,000 per lot for new sewer/ water laterals. The sound of sticker shock was evident in the room.

Berquist said the next step is for Monroe County and the city of Tomah to continue a joint effort to secure additional under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Ohnstad stated the obvious that the project will come with costs for some. Along with curb/gutter/sidewalk there is also a plan to include a bicycle path along much of the route (intermodal options). Another public meeting is planned sometime later this summer, Berquist said. At some point there will be a 30 day comment

period with the Wisconsin of Department Natural Resources to cover permits for wetlands and creek crossings. There will be opportunity for additional public comment.

"Everyone will have a different experience (with the overall project)," Berquist said. Logistics were factored in

to include continued growth on Tomah's western edge, Ohnstad noted, conceding that pleasing everyone is a tough task. "(The project) is proof different governmental

agencies can work together,"

Ohnstad said. "Can we make

everyone happy, no. But we will try to accommodate everyone. Realistically this project is 30, 40 years overdue." Some questions from the audience. Why focus on sidewalk along segments of the project that are near a recently

(walking/biking)? Another individual said work should focus primarily on surface reconstruction, citing the litany of potholes

improved recreational trail

along the route. Public Works Tomah Director Kirk Arity said the city has an ordinance that states new construction on streets minus existing sidewalk must include sidewalk.

Gruman Avenue homeowner posed another sidewalk question. noted Gruman Avenue was developed without sidewalks. If the design stands as is, several homeowners will have a new sidewalk to maintain on the backside of their yards.

Paul Dwyer voiced his displeasure with the project and assessment. Contractors started site prep on a new building for Dwyer's milk hauling business on one of the busier sections of CTH ET (West Veterans). Dwyer said he would incur a significant cost increase for the building with sidewalk, curb and gutter assessments.

Berquist noted that any waivers in the design would have to come before the Tomah City Council for consideration.

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delays and got to Oakdale

a little after 5p.m. There were about 75-100 vehicles from each team. Originally the Monroe County Sheriff's Department was preparing for as many as 500 vehicles. The group is heading to

Washington D.C. with a goal of repealing all COVID

emergency measures and giving the American people back the freedom of choice, said Derick DePauw, a convoy organizer. The convoy was scheduled

to arrive in D.C today (Monday) and are expecting to have meetings with Congress, according to DePauw.

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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.

Tough Little Birds

Natural

Connections

By Emily Stone

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. Yellowrumped 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 usual. It's an irruption year for several species of northern seedspecialist 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 outof-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 repolls 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.



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

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



Plan B works out Just Fine

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



Outdoorsman's Journal

> By Mark Walters

as I just was not on top of my

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.

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

through integrated multi-media strategies

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

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



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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.

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 worstcase 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

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 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 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 disaster, you can expect an will be responsible for leading communication updates and expectations discuss your about transparency timeliness to ensure your business circle stays apprised of developments.



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THROUGH MY LENS

Three Days, **Three** State Tourneys

By NATE BEIER Sports Reporter

After covering sports for the past 15 years, there's not really m a n y things that



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 holein-the-wall places no one else

Last weekend's slate of state tournaments all fulfills those

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 tourneys are all smaller that 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

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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

"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

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



BOYS BASKETBALL Tomah thriller

TOMAH

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 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.

Derousseau led Tomah with 15 in the loss.

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

Tomah finishes the season 14-12, which is the thirdstraight 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.

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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

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 sectional semifinal victory Blair-Taylor, 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

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.

Highland briefly After 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

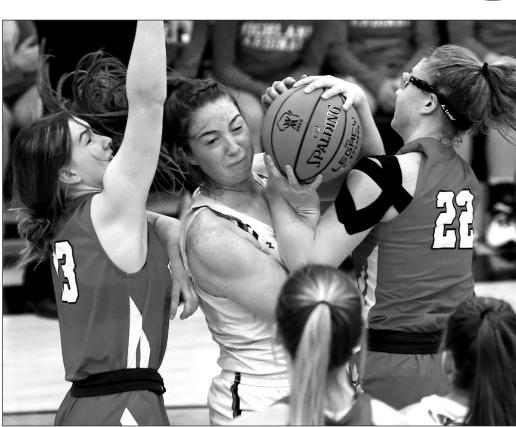
Highland timeout. After Bangor failed to capitalize of a few chances that could've extended that run, Highland retook the lead and maintained a narrow advantage down the stretch. Eventually, Highland built it into a 50-43 advantage in the late stages of the game.

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

"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.

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



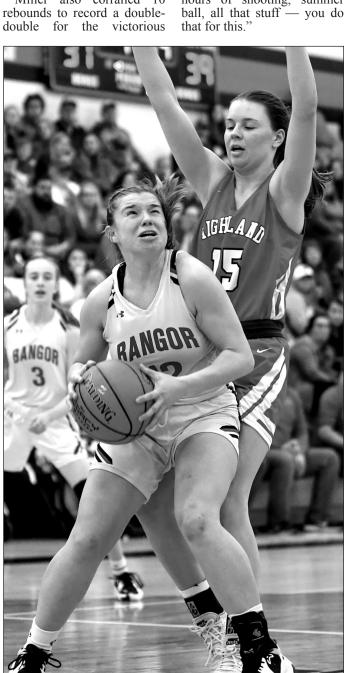
Bangor's Madeline Janisch vies for control of a rebound with Highland's Katelyn Esser in the first half of Saturday's Division 5 sectional final at Richland Center. Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

four players in double figures scoring Saturday afternoon: tournament bid. senior forward Rachel Miller with 16 points, senior guard Bangor, with great coaching," 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-

Highland wound up with Cardinals, who grabbed the program's first-ever state

"That is a great team, 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



Herald photo by Nate Beier/GX3 Media.

Tucker and Langrehr each

March 3 in a Division 4 sectional semifinal. West Salem lost to Altoona in a

Bangor's Taylor Jacobson tries to finish a baseline D3 sectional semifinal. run to the basket as Highland's Malayna Fredericks defends during Saturday's Division 5 sectional final.

BROOKWOOD BOYS BASKETBALL

B'wood fall in regional semis

By ZACH RASTALL Sports Writer

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

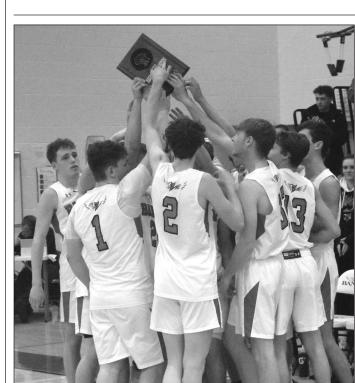
The second-seeded Wildcats (18-9) bested No. 10 seed Brookwood (7-19) in a WIAA Division 5 regional semifinal clash Friday, March 4 in Blair.

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

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 topseeded 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.

(CARDINALS)

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coach Jacob Pederson.

"Really happy with the intensity we played with."

Junior forward/guard

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

Hillsboro had three doubledigit scorers on the evening: junior guard Noah Burmaster with 17 points, sophomore guard Isaiah Stokes with 15 points and senior forward Hayden Stahlke 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-Steuben

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

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cool to hear

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performances.

Making the

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pretty cool.

Saturday, March 12.

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.

in my vaults," said the junior. "I felt really good with both of

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

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

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

the dismount and stumble on

the day.

"It was really cool to hear that (I won) after not stellar

Ella Hemker

SPARTA GYMNASTICS

of falls cost her some crucial 'Competition (on beam), wasn't at all what I hoped for."

the landing. On beam, a pair

Yet, being called a champion seemed to be a silver – or technically, a gold - lining for

performances. Making the podium three times was pretty

(GOLD)

D5 SECTIONAL

Bangor 56 Blair-Taylor 50

Saturday's sectional final

defeat, the Cardinals had

pulled off a 56-50 win over No. 2 seed Blair-Taylor

(26-2) in a WIAA Division

showdown Thursday, March

throughout most of the night,

with the Wildcats holding a

27-24 halftime advantage.

However, Bangor grabbed

the lead early in the second

half and never relinquished

it, holding Blair-Taylor at

bay by slowing the game down and winning the battle

Tucker and Jacobson finished with 22 and 14

points, respectively, for the Cardinals. Blair-Taylor

junior guard Lindsay Steien

scored a game-high 28 points and fellow junior

guard Abby Thompson

added 10 points in the win.

THE D5 BRACKET

defeated Albany 43-31 to

advance to this week's girls

state basketball tournament.

state title game, the 2021 state champion, Wisconsin

Rapids Assumption, turned

back last year's state runner-

up Wabeno/Laona 40-26 at

Chippewa Falls McDonell

held off Northwood 37-33

in a rare Sunday afternoon

game. The two teams played

Seeds and game times for this week's WIAA girls

state basketball tournament

can be found online at the

WIAA website, wiaawi.org.

AROUND THE AREA

Mineral Point on Thursday,

Aquinas lost to top-ranked

at Amery yesterday.

D.C. Everest.

In a rematch of last year's

Top-ranked Randolph

on the boards.

The game was tight

semifinal

sectional

3 in Independence.

Two days prior

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"I didn't feel super confident

my landings. Hemker said she was

announced officially. placewinners

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

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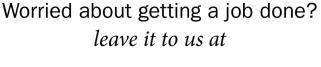




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Village of Bangor VOTING BY ABSENTEE **BALLOT**

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absentee ballot in person, by mail, wi.gov.

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the election, March 31, 2022.**

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

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**Special absentee votina You may also request and

7:00 am - 4:30 pm,

office is: March 22, 2022

No in-person absentee voting

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A/K/A CARLENE W. ROWELL, JESSE J ROWELL A/K/A JESSÉ JAMES ROWELL, ET. AL. Defendants.

STATE OF WISCONSIN

CIRCUIT COURT

CIVIL DIVISION

MONROE COUNTY

Case No. 2021CV000163

Case Code No. 30404

Foreclosure of Mortgage

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 bankcertified 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

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

846.155.

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 Brookfield, WI 53005 Telephone: (414) 831-9729

Facsimile: (920) 221-7719 MLGWisconsin-ALL@mlgdefaultlaw.com 3/7, 14, 21 WNAXLP

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 1. Call to Order

- 2. Public Comment Period 3 Treasurer's Report
- 4. Patrolman's Report
- Bills 6. Monroe County Broad Band Discussion and Action: representatives from Coon

Valley Telecom and Vernon

Communications will be in

7. Water Quality Improvement at Townhall Discussion and Action

attendance

8. Schedule date for Annual Meeting & agenda items to be added 9. Next meeting April 13,

Kristy Brown, Clerk Town of Leon 3/7 WNAXLP

TOWN OF WELLS PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY

PUBLIC NOTICE

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 1. Call to order.

- 2. Approve February 10th, 2022 minutes.
- 3. Treasurer's report 4. Audit the bills.
- 5. Weight limits are now in effect on all Town of Wells roads.

7. Gravel bids.

- 6. Matt Schaitel- liquor license applicant for property on 10041 County Highway XX, Cashton, WI.
- 8. Appoint Board of Review members. 9. Schedule April meeting. 10. April 5th, 2022 - Spring
- Election 11. LARGE ITEM GARBAGE COLLECTIONS scheduled for April 29th, 30th, 2022.
- 12. Updates on roads and equipment. 13. Closed Session for the
- consideration of employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation of employees according to Sec.
- 19.85(1)(c) 14. Reconvene into open session according to Sec. 19.85(2).

Diane E. Schwarz

15. Adjournment.

Clerk-Town of Wells 3/7 WNAXLP

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

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

LAURIE A HETRICK

to each person named above as a Defendant: You are hereby notified that the

plaintiff named above has filed a lawsuit or other legal action against you.

Within forty (40) days after March 7, 2022 you must respond with a written demand for a copy of the complaint. The demand must

be sent or delivered to the court, whose address is: Clerk of Court

MONROE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT 112 South Court Street, Rm 203 Sparta, WI 54656

and to the plaintiff's attorney,

Cummisford, Acevedo Associates, LLC, 7071 South 13th Street, Suite #100, Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154. You may have an attorney help or represent you. If you do not demand a copy

within 40 days, the court may grant judgment against you for an award of money or other legal action requested in the complaint, and you may lose your right to object to anything that is or may be incorrect in the complaint. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property.

Dated this 7th day of March

2022 Cummisford, Acevedo & Associates, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff

Mark R. Cummisford, #1034906 7071 South 13th Street, Suite #100 Oak Creek, Wisconsin 53154 414-761-1700 Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (15 U.S.C Section 1692), Cummisford, Acevedo & Associates, LLC is

attempting to collect a debt on our

client's behalf and any information

we obtain will be used for that

purpose. 3/7, 14, 21 WNAXLP

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 Wisconsin Counties, 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**

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

Acceptable photo ID will be

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 3/7 WNAXLP

FUNDS HELD BY OAKDALE ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE UNLESS CLAIMED BY OWNER Pursuant to Wisconsin Statues

NOTICE OF FORFEITURE OF

Section 185.03(10), you are hereby notified that Oakdale Electric Cooperative of Oakdale Wisconsin. has unclaimed funds belonging to the following business: Shadowland Operating LLC PO Box 1165

Eau Claire WI 54702 You may claim these funds by contacting the cooperative at 1-800-241-2468 or email lpierce@

526 Water St

oakdalerec.com and furnish proof of your legal interest in such funds on or before May 7, 2022. You are further notified that unless you do claim such funds and provide satisfactory evidence of your right to receive the same by May 7, 2022, these funds will be forfeited to the cooperative. Published this 7th day of March

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LEGAL NOTICES

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

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 Will be 18 years of age or older on Election Day.
 Has resided in the ward or municipality where they wish to vote for at least 28 consecutive days before the election.

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3. your signature

4. a copy of your photo identification*

The deadline to apply 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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You may also request and vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot in person.

TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT, SEND A WRITTEN REQUEST TO THE CITY/VILLAGE/TOWNSHIP CLERK WHERE YOU RESIDE: Alex Wilson, Clerk
Town of Oakdale, PO Box 37 (By Mail)

Rebecca Weyer, City Clerk City of Tomah 819 Superior Avenue Tomah, WI 54660 Phone 374-7420

M-F 8 am - 4:30 pm

Vinnie Rowan Town of LaGrange 27642 Ermine Ave Tomah, WI 54660 Phone 608-372-5168 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only

Phone 372-9624 or 372-6475 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only JoAnn Cram Village of Oakdale, PO Box 87 (By Mail)

Breanne Sarema, Clerk Town of Tomah Lisa Waltemath

(By Mail)

Oakdale, WI 54649

133 Well Drive (In Person) Oakdale, WI 54649 Phone 372-2927 Mon, Wed, Fri. 10-3 pm

Town of Byron

32184 State Hwy 21

Warrens, WI 54666

M-F8am-7pm by Appointment

Joan C. Sutherland, Clerk

M-F 6:30 pm - 7 pm or By

Phone 343-7995

Village of Wyeville

209 Second Street Wyeville, WI 54671

Phone 372-7403

Appointment Only

Sandy Wood, Clerk Town of Grant

768 Blueberry Road

Warrens, WI 54666

Phone 378-4196

Kathy VonHaden

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228 Ballpark Drive (In Person)

Tomah, WI 54660 Phone 343-5499 M-F 8 am – 7 pm by Appointment Only Kathy Schmitz, Clerk

24963 Hilldale

Town of Adrian 17708 Incline Road Norwalk, WI 54648

24381 Heritage Ave (In Person)

Phone 633-1868 M-F 3-7 pm by Appointment Only Mary Cook, Clerk Town of Clifton

28003 Locust Ave. Wilton, WI 54670 Phone - 463-7379 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only

Lynda Callaway, Clerk Town of Lincoln PO Box 98 Warrens, WI 54666 Phone 343-7168 M-F 8 am - 7 pm by Appointment Only

Kris Oakes, Clerk James Van Wychen, Clerk Village of Warrens, PO Box 97 (By Mail) Town of Scott 301 Main Street (In Person) Warrens, WI 54666 Phone 378-4177 M-F 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Town of Greenfield 11575 Fisher Road, Tomah, WI 54660 (Town Hall) P.O. Box 201, Tunnel City, WI 54662 Phone 372-1814 M-F8am-7pm by Appointment

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3365 Auger Road Warrens, WI 54666 Phone 378-4813 M-F8am-7pm by Appointment Only

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.

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 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** 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 Febmary 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 1132 Park Avenue Columbus, WI 53925 (920) 623-2710 Bar Number 1004158

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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.

will include 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.

complete 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

The City of Tomah reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 3/7, 10 WNAXLP

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

April 2022 board meeting.

Diane E. Schwarz Clerk-Town of Wells 3/7 WNAXLP







LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

Town of Adrian, Town of Angelo, Town of Lafayette, Town of Little Falls, Town of New Lyme,

Town of Sparta, Town of Wells, Town of Leon **VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT**

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MAKING APPLICATION TO RECEIVE AN ABSENTEE **BALLOT BY MAIL**

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

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VOTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IN PERSON You may also request and

vote an absentee ballot in the clerk's office or other specified location, during the days and hours specified for casting an absentee ballot. **CONTACT YOUR MUNCIPAL**

CLERK FOR INFORMATION FROM THE LIST BELOW. The municipal clerk will deliver

voted ballots returned on or before the 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 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 3/7 WNAXLP







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.



Simon Schmitz as the Joplin Tornado. Contributed photo.



Mylee McGinnis and Elenah Shepherd as cows in the pasture. 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

Morgan Revels as the Bastrop Fire. Contributed photo.

They celebrated many of Dr Seuss's books



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



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.



WELCOME OUR NEWBORNS



Joseph Michael Ronald Cartwright 2/1/2022 | 2:31 p.m. | 8lbs 1oz Sara (Hancock) & Joseph Cartwright Tomah



Magali Choncoa Tepole 2/4/2022 | 3:09 p.m. | 6lbs 11oz Ana Tepole Cuaquetzale &



Dallas Nikko White 2/5/2022 | 2:31 a.m. | 7lbs 10oz Rachelle (Porter) & Donald White



2/9/2022 | 3:55 a.m. | 6lbs 14oz Helena (Teumer) & Nelson Miller



Yamileth Ariana Aquilar Lopez 2/12/2022 | 10:54 a.m. | 6lbs 13oz Adriana & Arturo Lopez Perez



Vaughn David Pergande 2/13/2022 | 11:53 a.m. | 8lbs 11oz Sarah Faber Nelson & Kurt Pergande



Buckley Dean Pickett Patience Phillips & Travis Pickett



Penelope M. Parker 2/17/2022 | 4:33 p.m. | 8lbs 6oz Emily (Jacobs) & William Parker



Phoebe Michelle Vieth 2/18/2022 | 2:22 a.m. | 5lbs 13oz Holly Helgren & Nathan Vieth



Cherry Nag Xiong 2/18/2022 | 11:14 p.m. | 6lbs 8oz Kaela Stark & Sunny Xiong



Zayn Joseph McGinnis



Khalil Amir Davis 2/19/2022 | 5:59 p.m. | 7lbs 6oz 2/21/2022 | 7:08 p.m. | 8lbs Tiara McGinnis & Tyler Baggot Iyonna David

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

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

and class size will be limited. Registration is required by calling 608-377-8688.

TomahHealth.org | 608.372.2181 | 501 Gopher Drive | Tomah, WI 54660