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on the cover The old Little Sister Resort barn began its move across the former Bay Ridge Golf Course last week. The remaining journey was down the road to the Sister Bay Historical Society property at Corner of the Past. Photo by Rachel Lukas.

STURGEON BAY

One Dead, One Injured, One Still Missing

The search continued Wednesday

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One person has been confirmed dead in the wake of the Butch's Bar fire, while the investigation continued for a second person as of Wednesday. One other person had been sent to the hospital after escaping the building.

The fire razed all but the walls of the 112 S. 3rd Ave. building, compromising the structure's integrity and making the

interior search difficult, said Sturgeon Bay Assistant Police Chief Dan Brinkman.

The iconic building had anchored the corner of 3rd Avenue and Nebraska Street since the early 1900s. That changed before dawn on Feb. 22, when the building burst into flames and firefighters arriving on the scene following a 3:40 am dispatch found a building already fully engulfed, according to Aaron LeClair, director of Door County Emergency Services.

Both the ceiling and second floor would collapse into the interior. Before that happened, renters who were occupying nine of the second floor's 20 rooms

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Firefighters fight the blaze under gusty wind conditions and frigid temperatures. Photo by Mike Brisson.



An aerial view of the Redmann property along the bluff above the Fish Creek watershed. The Town of Gibraltar hopes to use a tax increment financing district to extend sanitary lines up the bluff to serve potential workforce housing. Photo by Brett Kosmider.

GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar TIF District Gets Assembly Approval

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The Town of Gibraltar has cleared the first hurdle in creating a Tax Increment Financing District, commonly referred to as a TIF district or TID, to help pay for the expansion of its sewer lines to the upper bluff portion of the town along Highway 42.

The Wisconsin State Assembly approved a bill proposed by Rep. Joel Kitchens at the request of the town

to allow the municipality to create the district. It now must pass the Wisconsin State Senate and be signed into law by Gov. Tony Evers before the town can proceed. Representatives from Gibraltar School, the county and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College would also need to approve the district because they would not gain their share of the new tax increment within its boundaries for the lifespan of the district.

Normally, TIF districts can be implemented only by city or village governments, or

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