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## Bond set at \$250K for Abby man charged with stabbing

By Neal Hogden

An 18-year-old Abbotsford man made his first appearance in Marathon County Court on February 8 after being charged with first degree intentional homicide with the use of a dangerous weapon.

According to a criminal complaint filed by the Marathon County District Attorney's office, Leovigildo Cruz Hernandez is facing up to 60 years in prison for stabbing an individual at Perla's Place in Unity the night of January 22.

At the February 8 hearing, Marathon County Circuit Judge Rick Cveykus set Hernandez's cash bond at \$250,000 and ordered that he would not be allowed to have any contact with the victim.

The complaint states on January 22 at 2:11 a.m., the Colby-Abby Police Department was dispatched to Perla's Place Bar in Unity for a male party who had been stabbed and was bleeding from the stomach.

The officer entered the restaurant and observed the man holding his stomach while the owner said she had just saw the stabbed man and called 911.

Officers from both the Spencer Police Department and Marathon County Sheriff's Department arrived on-scene and attended to the injured person. The



Leovigildo Cruz Hernandez

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## ABBY SNOW SCULPTURES



Snow sculptures of a surfer riding a snow wave and two boys swimming in a lake with a girl in the background were created by Deb Lenz of Abbotsford near her home. The sculptures were made on December 29 and January 17 but could not withstand the recent string of rain that passed through central Wisconsin last week. Lenz said the sculptures would likely be the last of the season but if more snow arrived with warm weather, she might be able to create more.

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

## Curtiss to refinish Community Center floor

By Neal Hogden

The Curtiss Village Board met on February 7 and the board mulled over options on what to do with the deteriorating Curtiss Community Center (CCC) floor.

Director of Public Works Larry Swarr said the wood floor in the south room could use a refinishing job. Swarr said the floor could be refinished by village personnel and estimated the repairs would cost about \$2,250 in total.

Swarr told the board the floor would be able to be sanded down, cleared and refinished using about \$1,600 worth of finish and \$800 worth of sandpaper.

He did warn the board that

he would not have time to refinish the floor in the summer as his list of items he has to do grows in the summer and he suggested the floor be taken care of in the coming weeks.

Swarr also talked with R&R Flooring out of Spencer and said they estimated the floor would cost about \$8,500 for them to sand and refinish one room or \$7,500 if the board wanted to go with a vinyl board alternative.

Swarr said he'd prefer to take care of it himself and the board agreed. Treasurer Jane Stoiber was unsure if sanding would work because she believed there was not enough wood on the boards left to sand.

They approved Swarr to start with the floor of one room

and if the finish looks good, he could go ahead and redo the rest of the floor.

Stoiber said there was \$17,000 in a rental fund that would take care of the cost of repairs.

### WWTP groundwater

Swarr met with members of the DNR who were skeptical about his dewatering idea and plan.

The DNR would like a 3D drawing of the proposed system, an effluent limits request and a plan to address the difference in temperature between the surface water and ground water so the discharged ground water would not shock the aquatic life as it was discharged to the swamp.

Swarr said he thought the

plan would work but the DNR hasn't seen it done before so that's where their skepticism comes from.

"[The DNR] hasn't seen it work because nobody has done it," Swarr said.

He suggested the pilot move forward as presented with a limit increase of \$1,500 for engineering. The board agreed and Swarr will work with CBS Squared to develop a pilot that could become a permanent option.

### Other business

The village's current ordinances state that a refund of the village rental deposit gets nullified if debris is left behind. The village noted they found two broken beer bottles

behind the CCC after an event. They could not prove that it was the group that was renting the hall and therefore the rental deposit was refunded.

The village wanted to clarify who was supposed to clean the CCC after it is used. Board members acknowledged the CCC did not have the proper cleaning chemicals or tools so no one could be blamed for not cleaning properly. They agreed to get the proper materials in the CCC and then adhere to the contract.

The village is looking into getting new soccer goals for the Curtiss Lions Park. They thought a 24-foot regulation goal might be too big so they were going to look into different, smaller options.



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