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Pictured, from left: Tomahawk High School Principal/Career and Technical Education Director Ryan Huseby, TEAPIE President Brenda Bartz, THS Technology and Engineering Instructor Logan Rudis, THS Counselor Dan Reiter, TEAPIE board member Jennifer Turkiewicz and Tomahawk Middle School Counselor Dawn Huseby.

Photo courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk

## TEAPIE disbands, makes final donation to Hatchet Innovation Lab

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – As its final contribution to the community before disbanding, Tomahawk Extended Area Partners in Education (TEAPIE) recently donated \$3,555.00 towards Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) education at the School District of Tomahawk.

The monies, which represented the remainder of TEAPIE's funds, were allocated to the Hatchet Innovation Lab.

"The Innovation Lab is a STEM environment that utilizes high-tech equipment to foster creative thinking, problem solving, collaboration and the attainment of technical skills that can be applied in high-skill careers of the modern

workforce," the School District of Tomahawk stated.

Equipment types include 3D printers, 3D scanners, laser engravers, graphic printers and cutters, direct-to-garment printers, computer-controlled plasma cutters, computer-controlled routers, computer-controlled milling machines and more.

TEAPIE

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## City Finance Committee, township officials talk timing of TFD service cost increases

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The timing of increases in the costs of services provided by the Tomahawk Fire Department were discussed by the City of Tomahawk Finance Committee and several township officials last week.

In Nov. 2022, the City of Tomahawk Common Council approved the city's 2023 budget, which included an increase in costs for services the Tomahawk Fire Department provides to eight area townships – Bradley, Harrison, King, Rock Falls, Skanawan, Somo, Tomahawk and Wilson.

The total increase spread across the townships totaled \$69,840.02.

The rate increases were the result of a change in the formula used to bill for services, a change that seeks to more evenly distribute the burden of costs

based on the number of fire calls from each municipality. The City of Tomahawk has covered the largest portion of costs in previous years, although roughly two-thirds of fire calls over a recent two-year average came from outside the city limits.

In years past, the city would bill townships for a base cost towards operating the fire department. Calls to the township would be billed at \$500.00 for the first hour, and \$250.00 for each following hour.

While the Town of Rock Falls, which receives partial coverage from the Tomahawk Fire Department, will see an increase of less than \$500.00, other municipalities are faced with larger hikes in service rates this year. The Town of Bradley will see a roughly \$33,000.00 increase from 2022, while the Town of King will pay nearly \$18,000.00 more than it did last year.

Officials from several townships were on hand at the City of Tomahawk Finance Committee meeting at City Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Town of King Supervisor Andy Tomaszewski explained to the committee that the cost increases themselves are not the central issue, but rather their timing.

The townships were made aware of the increases after they had crafted and approved their 2023 budgets, according to Tomaszewski, who floated the possibility of having to cut road work projects and eliminate employees as ways to cover the non-budgeted rise in coverage rates.

However, it was noted during the meeting that over the last several years, contract renewal letters sent from the Tomahawk Fire Department to town

Meeting

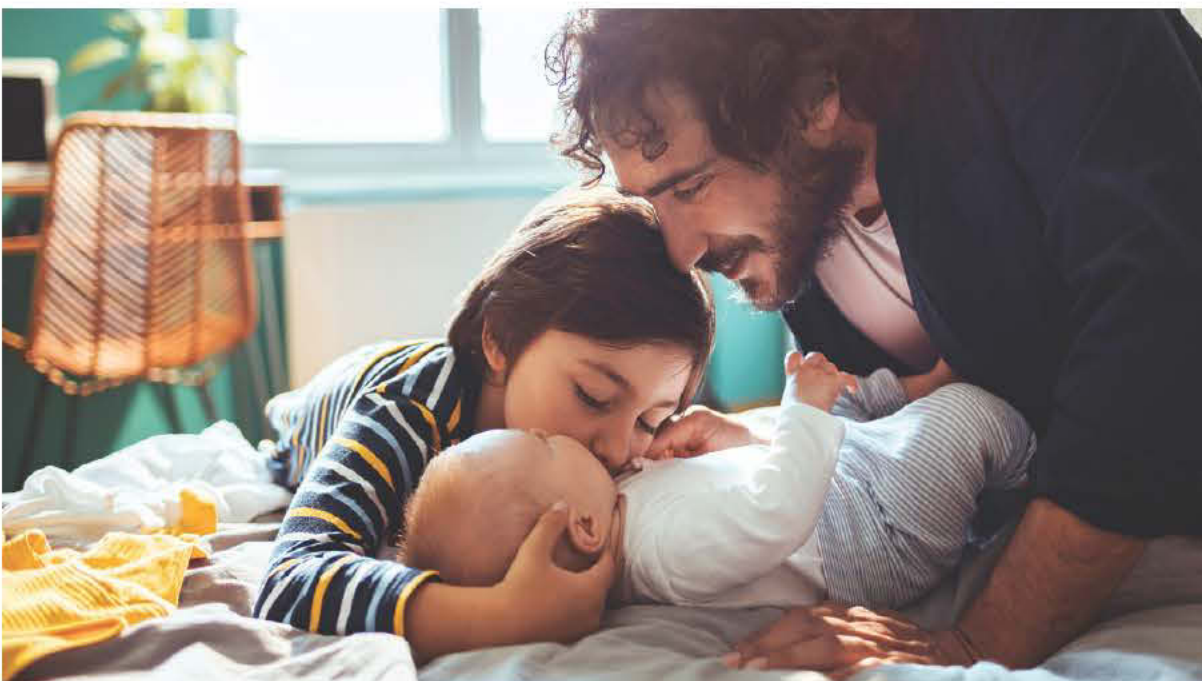
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Tomahawk's water tower is slated to get a facelift later this year. Photo by Jalen Maki

# Navy blue with yellow stripe early frontrunner for water tower repainting

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The City of Tomahawk Board of Public Works last week discussed color scheme ideas for the city's water tower, which is slated to be repainted this year as part of routine maintenance.

The tower is located off E. Birchwood Ave., just north of Kwik Trip.

Although a date for the

repainting project isn't currently set, the board briefly mulled color options during its meeting at City Hall on Tuesday, Jan. 31 because the paint order must be placed soon.

An early frontrunner for the main color of the tower is navy blue.

During his report to the board, Water Department Leadperson Glen Hanna explained that a darker color would better hide debris buildup than the cur-

rent shade of light blue, meaning it would not have to be cleaned as often.

Navy blue would also reflect the School District of Tomahawk's main color. To further match Hatchet colors, adding a yellow stripe around the tower with the name of the city in navy blue was suggested.

Because the painting of the water tower was not an agenda item, no action was taken.

## News Briefs

### Aspirus blood drive

A blood drive will be held in the Spruce Room at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., on Friday, Feb. 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment, call The Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102.

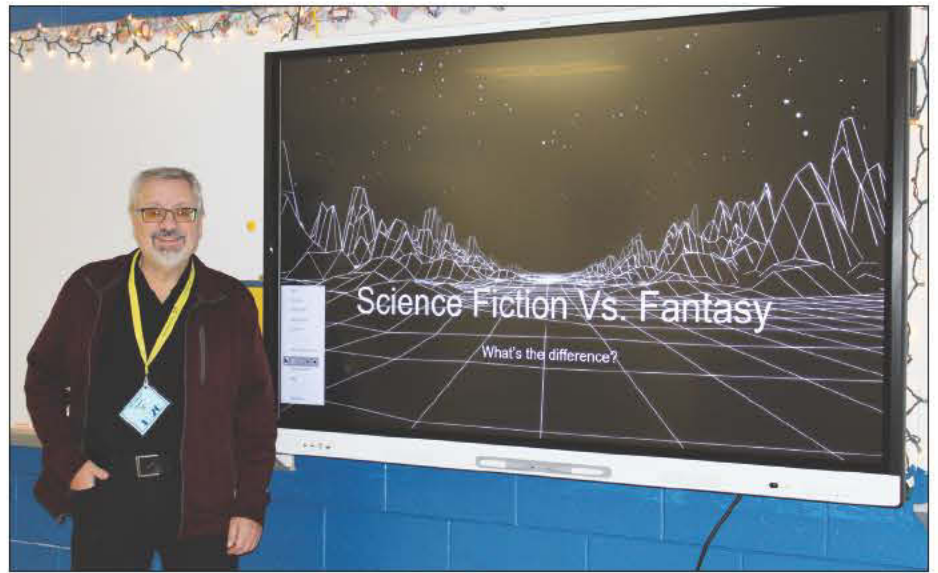
### CESA 9 offering Substitute Teacher Training

CESA 9 in Tomahawk is offering Substitute Teacher Training on Monday, Feb. 27 and Tuesday, Feb. 28. Individuals with

an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree and who successfully complete the training are eligible to apply for a Substitute Teacher permit. For additional information, visit [www.cesa9.org](http://www.cesa9.org) or call 715-453-2141.

### Open Arms Community Meal closed through Tuesday, Feb. 28

Open Arms Community Meal, served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk, will be closed until Tuesday, Feb. 28. For more information, call 715-224-3306.



Photos courtesy of Chelsea Ewaldt

# Tomahawk native, award-winning author Steve Mitchell speaks to THS seniors

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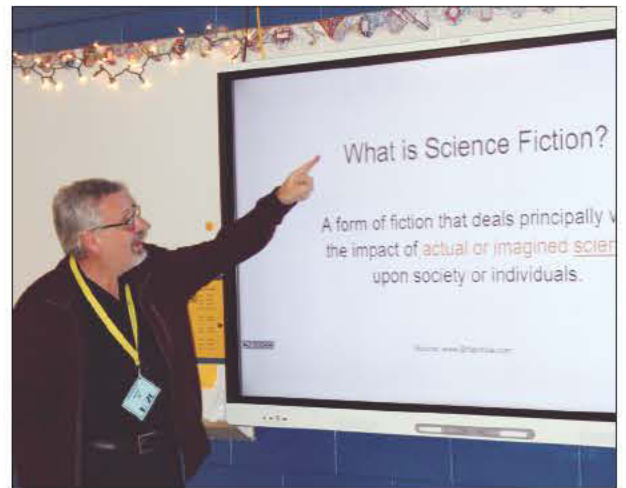
TOMAHAWK – A Tomahawk native and award-winning author spoke to English 12 students at Tomahawk High School (THS) on Wednesday, Jan. 25.

Through a grant from Tomahawk Area Historical Society's former board member and past Tomahawk teacher Darlene Wurl, Steve Mitchell, a science fiction and fantasy writer, spoke to seniors about the world of science fiction as students are working on writing their own sci-fi stories.

"It's very easy to confuse science fiction and fantasy because the two writing styles are very much the same," Mitchell said.

Mitchell explained science fiction is ideas taken from the world we currently live in and emphasized, "It's totally science-based."

On the other hand, fantasy is set in different worlds



where there is magic, fantastic animals and time travel by magic.

"Fantasy is set in a world you completely create," he said. "You don't have to explain how something came to be."

Mitchell said the elements of science fiction can range anywhere from technology, aliens, mutations and cyborgs, as well as transportation and time travel using technology.

At the end of the presentations, Mitchell worked directly with students to give them a jump start on their assignment.

This presentation was arranged with help from Tomahawk Area Historical Society's President Pat Pietila and board member Bill Sparr.

Mitchell has published 18 books so far, and they're all available on Amazon.

"(Mitchell's) characters allow the reader to escape into demon-filled dimensions, fantasy realms and futuristic technological nightmares," Mitchell's website stated.

For more information on Mitchell's novels, visit [www.scmitchellauthor.com](http://www.scmitchellauthor.com).

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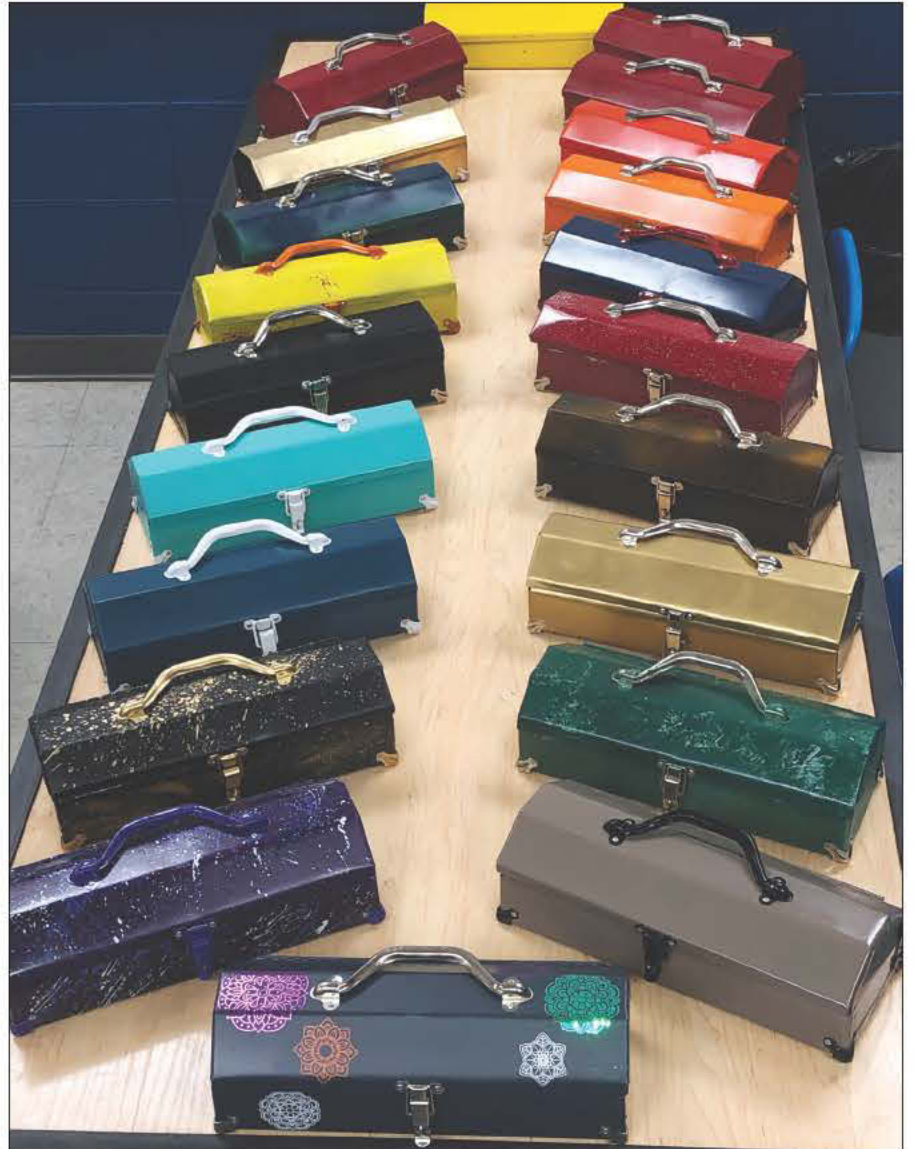
**Kinship**



Heritage Chevrolet of Tomahawk's 2022 Fill the Need campaign raised \$10,537.00, which will be split between the Tomahawk and Nokomis food pantries. The funds were raised by 319 donors. "Heritage Chevrolet has run this event for 25 years and has been supported by local businesses that have contributed prizes for the awards drawing consistently, year after year," said Roger Schlegel of Heritage. Pictured, from left: Ricky Lawrence, Chairperson, Tomahawk Emergency Food Pantry; Roger Schlegel, Dealer, Heritage Chevrolet; Keri Kelly, Creative on Nokomis; Gregg Albert, Owner, WJJQ; Mark Schlegel, General Manager, Heritage Chevrolet; and Bette Stillman, Chairperson, Nokomis Food Pantry. Photo courtesy of Roger Schlegel



General Metals students at Tomahawk High School recently completed toolbox projects. Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz



## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Jan. 30:

A woman, 33, from Orlando, Fla., was taken into custody Sunday night, Jan. 29, following an altercation at a residence on County Rd. A in the Town of Bradley. During preliminary investigation, it was discovered the woman was intoxicated and became involved in a verbal altercation, which turned physical, with another female party inside the residence. As a result, the woman will face charges of domestic violence-related disorderly conduct and battery.

A Merrill man, 18, was taken into custody Saturday afternoon, Jan. 28, after a vehicle he was operating was discovered in a ditch along State Rd. 107 in the Town of Rock Falls. During preliminary investigation, it was discovered the vehicle had been reported stolen earlier in the day. The man reportedly gave conflicting accounts to investigating deputies of what had actually occurred. As a result, the man will face a felony charge of operating a motor vehicle without owner's consent, a misdemeanor charge of obstructing an officer and two misdemeanor charges of bail jumping.

Recent snowfall and subsequent poor road conditions kept deputies busy throughout the

day on Friday, Jan. 27, as they responded to several crashes and vehicles in the ditch. One such crash resulted in three people sustaining minor injuries on Friday afternoon. Deputies responded to the two-vehicle crash just after 4 p.m. near the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 8 and County Rd. L in the Town of Bradley. Preliminary investigation of the incident indicated a pickup truck driven by a Tomahawk man, 63, was westbound on U.S. Hwy. 8 when it collided with an eastbound delivery truck, which lost control and entered the westbound lane of travel. The pick-up truck driver was transported for medical attention by Tomahawk ambulance. His two passengers were transported by private vehicle.

A camper was reported to be a total loss following a rollover crash Friday morning. Deputies responded to the crash just before 9 a.m. on U.S. Hwy. 51 near the intersection with County Rd. V in the Town of Birch. Preliminary investigation indicated the truck and camper driven by a Woodruff man, 84, were northbound when wind reportedly caused the trailer to begin fishtailing. The truck and camper subsequently jackknifed before the truck rolled on its side and the camper rolled onto its roof, coming to a rest in the median. U.S. Hwy. 51

northbound was reduced to one lane for just over two hours while the vehicles were removed. No injuries were reported as a result of the crash.

A Merrill man, 29, was taken into custody following a traffic stop Wednesday evening, Jan. 25. A deputy on patrol stopped the vehicle near the intersection of Pope Rd. and Lily Ln. in the Town of Merrill after observing the vehicle the man was operating fail to yield at a stop sign, then accelerate to 71 MPH in a 35 MPH speed zone. Upon contact with the driver, the investigating deputy, who is also a certified Drug Recognition Expert, noted signs indicative of drug impairment. As a result, the man was taken into custody on charges of operating while under the influence-3rd offense and operating after revocation. The man was also found to have outstanding warrants for his arrest from the Wisconsin Department of Corrections and Marathon County Sheriff's Office.

Seven motorists reported striking deer in Lincoln County this past week.

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# Program to explore challenging topics related to Alzheimer's disease, dementia

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**RHINELANDER** – A program developed by the Alzheimer's Association® to help family and friends become more comfortable with difficult dementia-related topics will be held in Rhinelander this month.

The Dementia Conversations program will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of Oneida County, 100 W. Keenan St., Rhinelander, from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The program will focus on several topics, including:

- Why it is important to talk to one's doctor about concerns about changes to memory, thinking and behavior as soon as they are noticed.
- How to encourage someone who is reluctant to talk to their doctor about memory concerns to do so.



- Strategies for how to talk to someone when there are concerns about their ability to drive safely and to develop a plan for when "retiring" from driving becomes necessary.
- The importance of making legal and financial plans for the future.
- The necessity of planning ahead, learning about community resources and developing a supportive care team.

"Alzheimer's disease affects more than six million people in the United States," a release from the Alzheimer's Association said. "It is the most common form of demen-

tia and causes memory, thinking and behavior problems that interfere with daily living. However, the earliest signs are often dismissed as part 'getting older' and the conversation with family and friends about those changes can be challenging and uncomfortable."

To learn more about this program or to register, contact Julie St. Pierre at 715-352-4091 or [jstpierre@alz.org](mailto:jstpierre@alz.org). Individuals can also register by reaching out to the Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900 or [www.bit.ly/3Fh8bSe](http://www.bit.ly/3Fh8bSe).

# League of Women Voters offering Vote411 resource for upcoming elections

## Local candidates invited to participate

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**NORTHERN WISCONSIN** – The League of Women Voters is offering information on candidates in upcoming elections via the Vote411 Voter's Guide.

The guide, which allows voters to compare candidate responses to questions, can be found at [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org).

Information on candidates running in the Tuesday, Feb. 21 Primary Election is now available.

The League of Women Voters of the Northwoods (LWVNOW) said it will invite all local candidates to participate in the Voter's Guide for the Tuesday, April 4 Spring Election, which will be available Wednesday,



March 1.

To be featured in the Voter's Guide, candidates can contact LWVNOW at [information@lwvnow.org](mailto:information@lwvnow.org) before Wednesday, Feb. 15.

Along with viewing candidate information, voters can visit [www.Vote411.org](http://www.Vote411.org) to register to vote, check voter registration status, find a polling place, request an absentee ballot and learn who and what will be on local ballots.

The LWVNOW encompasses Florence, Forest,

Langlade, Lincoln, Oneida and Vilas counties. The local league belongs to the state and national League of Women Voters, a "non-partisan organization devoted to helping members and fellow citizens develop educated political opinions and act upon them through the democratic process." The league's monthly meetings and sponsored events are open to all.

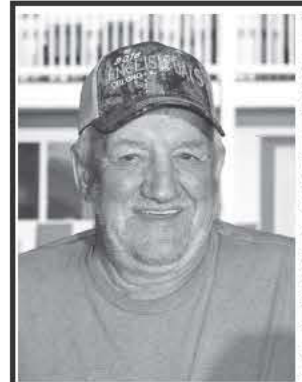
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## OBITUARIES

**Roland "Rollie" Hodge**, 84, passed away Mon., Feb. 6, 2023. Funeral arrangements are pending. Krueger Family Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Obituary updates are posted at [tomahawkleader.com](http://tomahawkleader.com)



**Robert Edward "Bob" Steinbach**, of Tomahawk, passed away on Jan. 31, 2023 at his home, with family by his side. Bob was born in Waukegan, Ill. to Emil and Mary (LaMartin) Steinbach on Jan. 26, 1956. He had just celebrated his 67th birthday.

In his early years, Bob worked at King's Dam in Tomahawk and Hardee's in Minocqua. Bob also worked at the cranberry marsh in Tomahawk, where he worked with his brother, Eugene. Bob and Eugene enjoyed being co-workers so much that they also worked together at Hetzel's Plumbing. In later years, he was an over the road truck driver for ITC and Pat Walker Trucking. Bob had a love for travel and seeing new places, which driving truck allowed him to do, visiting nearly all 50 states. His most well-known "job" was as a wheeler and dealer. He had a gift of gab, and he was always on the hunt for the next great deal. He could BS with the best of them, and often leave those that listened laughing and shaking their heads.

Throughout his life, he had a love of dogs and hunting. He spent many nights in the woods with his hounds. Dogs were a constant in his life, but he often had other critters, as well.

One extra special title that he held was that of Uncle Bob. He was Uncle Bob to his seven nieces and nephews, and his eight great-nieces and nephews, as well as many other kids throughout the years. Uncle Bob's house and time with him was unlike any other, and filled with his own adventures and entertainment. Uncle Bob was always happy to have his great nieces and nephews around, and never hesitated to crawl on the floor with them. He especially enjoyed it when he taught them to say his name.

Bob's house was often a hub of visitors. It was a meeting place, a place filled with stories, friendship, and love. Family and friends were often found at Bob's, and he relished the company. He was, without a doubt, one of a kind, and will be missed greatly.

Bob is survived by his sisters – Jane (Wally) Callahan and Donna (Bill) Herron; sister-in-law – Tracy Steinbach; nieces and nephews – Stacy (Matt) McCoy, Niki (Andy) Schiltz, Marcus (Ashley) Callahan, Chad (Katlin Cogar) Steinbach, Kyle (Ashley Beining) Steinbach, and Nicholas Herron; great-nieces and nephews Autumn, Hayden, Addi, Cullen, Killian, Mason, Layla and Cormac.

He is preceded in death by his parents – Emil and Mary, brothers – Tom and Eugene Steinbach, and niece – Jamie Dennison.

The Memorial Service for Bob Steinbach will take place at 11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at Krueger Family Funeral Home, Tomahawk. Pastor Larry Mathein will officiate. Visitation will take place from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m.

Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at [www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com).

## Ask the PASTOR

Readers are invited to submit questions about God, the Bible, and religion. I shall try to answer them for you, using the Bible as the authority for my answers.

Over the last couple of weeks I have suggested that we should read the Bible for the intent of learning who God is and what He says. We have looked at Jesus as the light of the world, and we as reflectors of that light shining the light of Christ by how we live and not by being religious. Today, we shall focus on the idea that we must be the servants of the Lord when we tell others about Christ.

In 2 Timothy 2:24,25 we read, *The servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.* Here we see what I would call a formula to follow in sharing the Gospel with others.

The first element mentioned is that of being a servant of the Lord. It is easy to mistake being a servant of religion with being a servant of the Lord—there is a difference.

When we are a servant of religion, we behave as if it is up to us to win others to our faith. It is easy to feel that if we present the Gospel a certain way, or use the right words, or have a special personality give their testimony of faith in Christ, that people will be more likely to believe the Gospel. In essence, how we sell the Gospel is the deciding factor in determining who or how many will believe. This is being a servant of religion.

When we are a servant of the Lord, the focus will be on God. As a servant of the Lord, our efforts will fall under the questions, *Am I saying what is consistent with what God has said, and am I trusting God to honor His message as I faithfully tell others what He has said?* In looking at 2 Timothy 2:24,25, we find that the servant of God is totally dependent upon God. Instead of striving when sharing the Gospel, the servant of the Lord will be patient and consistent in their witness for Christ. Why, because whether or not the person will believe the Gospel is not dependent upon our efforts but on our faithfulness to the message God has given. It is God, by His Spirit, who brings the conviction that God's message is truth.

The second part of this formula we have already alluded to, which is the Holy Spirit convicting the listeners of the truth of the Gospel message. Instead of striving, we are to be *gentle*, taking the time to teach our listeners what God has said, being *patient* with how our message is received, and in *meekness* instructing them concerning the Gospel.

We must look to God to give them *repentance to the acknowledging of the truth.* God, through His Holy Spirit, enables the listener to turn from their rejection of God's message to that of receiving it. Jesus said that *no man can come to me, except the Father who has sent me draw him* (John 6:44).

If we want people to believe the Gospel, we must be the servants of the Lord and not of religion.

**Pastor Charles Scheele**  
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## The Pastor's Corner

I think of February as the season of love because every February 14<sup>th</sup> is Valentine's Day. As soon as Christmas is done, you start to see signs of it everywhere. Red, pink, and white hearts start popping up in store windows. Classroom bulletin boards are all decked out with paper doilies and candy heart sayings. There is Valentine's candy and trinkets everywhere, even in the hardware stores.

We try to figure out what the best gift will be *this* year for our loved ones. A box of chocolates and a dozen red roses. A meal out at a bit nicer restaurant than the one we go to for Friday night fish fry. Maybe some aftershave lotion or a new watch. We want to let our loved ones know that they are truly special to us.

This year, Ash Wednesday is just around the corner from Valentine's Day. Ash Wednesday begins the season we refer to as Lent. We anticipate the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday by observing a 40-day period of spiritual preparation which begins with Ash Wednesday. We take time to examine our spiritual lives, draw closer in relationship to God, learn more about loving each other, and seek direction for our daily lives. Each Sunday during Lent is celebrated as 'little Easters,' giving us encouragement and the grace to continue our Lenten journeys.

I think of Ash Wednesday as a day of love because we are reminded of the great love that God has for us. It is shown through God's Son, Jesus, who came to bring us the greatest gift of all, for Jesus brings us back into right relationship with God. *"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."* (John 15:13)

When we are in right relationship with God, God is able to work in us and through us to bring us into right relationships with others. Relationships built on love, respect, and value. Our world sure could use a whole lot more of that these days!

The Old Testament is a story of a people, a family, learning what it means to be family. They didn't always get it right, but they didn't always get it wrong either. They struggled together, fought, cried, rejoiced, stumbled, got back-on-track, and supported one another. And the God of the universe used them to bring us the second part of the story – the story of the New Testament. The story of a little baby named Jesus who came to some very young, inexperienced parents to a world that was struggling, fighting, crying, rejoicing, stumbling, and supporting one another. It's the story of a people who often got off-track and needed help to get back on the right trail.

God has given us the most precious Valentine present of all: the gift of God's love through Jesus Christ. *"But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son...to redeem those under the law, that we might receive the full rights as God's children."* (Galatians 4:4-5).

My prayer is that you will allow God's love to fill you and make you whole.

**Pastor Lisa A Weaver**  
Tomahawk and Spirit  
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**PUBLISHER'S LETTER**

**Meaning To Our Lives**

Dear Reader,

At times, we may think about what gives meaning to our lives. Part of what we come up with are true friendships and religious beliefs. Both of these require personal sacrifices in order to nurture the friendships that come our way and explore the spirituality that surrounds us.



According to Saint Augustine, our love of others is the reflection of our love of God in whose image we are created. Thus they are inextricably intertwined.

A life without friends will feel insignificant and bereft of a higher ethereal calling. Is it worth all the investment when seeking a higher purpose beyond the pedestrian level of life? You decide.

**PATRICK J. WOOD**  
Publisher

Author of "Dear Reader" and "Tapestry of Love and Loss"

**WEATHER**

Date	High (°F)	Low (°F)
Sunday, Jan. 29	12	-10
Monday, Jan. 30	5	-26
Tuesday, Jan. 31	13	-11
Wednesday, Feb. 1	22	6
Thursday, Feb. 2	15	-17
Friday, Feb. 3	7	0
Saturday, Feb. 4	26	1

**Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua recognized for Emergency Department patient experience**

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MINOCQUA – Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua announced on Monday, Jan. 30 that it had been named a 2022 Human Experience Guardian of Excellence Patient Experience Award winner by Press Ganey, a global healthcare experience solutions organization.

The award is part of Press Ganey's annual ranking of the country's top hospitals and health systems according to performance in patient experience, a release from Marshfield Clinic said.

"As an award winner, Marshfield Medical Center-Minocqua is in the top 5% of healthcare providers in delivering outstanding Emergency Department patient experience in the last year," Marshfield Clinic stated. "Press Ganey works with more than 41,000 healthcare facilities to reduce patient suffering and enhance caregiver resilience to improve the overall safety, quality and



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care experience."

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# College News

Wyatt Leasure, John McGovern and Zachary Suhomel, all of Tomahawk, were named to the Fall Quarter 2022 Honors List at Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE).

Hannah Feest, Tomahawk, graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in Dec. 2022.

Drew Bolder, Tomahawk, was named to the 2022 fall semester Dean's List at St. Norbert College.

Ella Genelín, Autumn Peissig and Richelle Swan, all of Tomahawk; and Haley Liebelt, Irma, were

named to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Dean's List for the 2022 fall semester.

Grace Beranek, Tomahawk, was named to the University of Wisconsin-Superior Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester.

Lauren Iverson, Tomahawk; and Erin Murray, Irma, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Madison Dean's List for the fall semester of the 2021-2022 academic year.

Jennifer Duplayee, Tiffany DuPlayee and Megan Marcks, all of Tomahawk, were named to the

University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Dean's List in fall 2022. Emily Ihn, Carl Theiler and Jacob Zietlow, all of Tomahawk, were named to the Honor Roll.

Johanna Craig, Tomahawk, was named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at The College of St. Scholastica in Duluth, Minn.

Hannah Beranek and Jerett Flynn, Tomahawk, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Stout Dean's List for the fall 2022 semester.

Johann Carstensen and Brianna Maas, Tomahawk, were named to the University of Wisconsin-River Falls fall semester Dean's List.

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Genelin, Whitney Osero, Arianna Schreiner, Kathryn Volz and Natalie Zastrow, all of Tomahawk, were named to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire fall 2022 Dean's List.

Trey Baalke, Tyler Beck, Madeline Marino, Abigail Norman, Alex Norman and Haley Voermans-Dean, all of Tomahawk, were named to the University of Minnesota Duluth (UMD) Dean's List for Fall Semester 2022.

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City of Tomahawk	294,569,700	19.47%	21,561.93	14,699.66	4,867.44	7,181.58	48,310.61	72,914.84		72,914.84		35.94%
Town of Bradley	587,804,200	38.85%	43,026.13	29,332.69	9,712.81	14,330.61	96,402.24	43,288.00	20,250.00	63,538.00	32,864.24	31.32%
Town of Harrison (47.2%)	106,792,454	7.06%	7,817.00	5,329.17	1,764.63	2,603.59	17,514.39	8,395.00	4,500.00	12,895.00	4,619.39	6.36%
Town of King	220,432,800	14.57%	16,135.25	11,000.07	3,642.41	5,374.13	36,151.86	16,169.00	2,250.00	18,419.00	17,732.86	9.08%
Town of Rock Falls (20.8%)	24,174,342	1.60%	1,769.52	1,206.35	399.45	589.37	3,964.69	1,500.00	2,000.00	3,500.00	464.69	1.73%
Town of Skanawan	65,621,000	4.34%	4,803.33	3,274.63	1,084.31	1,599.83	10,762.11	4,819.00	4,500.00	9,319.00	1,443.11	4.59%
Town of Somo	24,514,200	1.62%	1,794.39	1,223.31	405.07	597.65	4,020.43	2,500.00	750.00	3,250.00	770.43	1.60%
Town of Tomahawk	91,730,300	6.06%	6,714.48	4,577.54	1,515.74	2,236.38	15,044.14	5,822.00	4,500.00	10,322.00	4,722.14	5.09%
Town of Wilson	97,321,800	6.43%	7,123.77	4,856.57	1,608.13	2,372.70	15,961.16	6,238.00	2,500.00	8,738.00	7,223.16	4.31%
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**MEETING**

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officials mentioned a proposed change to how the department bills for fire calls.

"The current fire contracts and billing practices have been in place for many years, and everyone is used to the way it has been," a 2022 letter from Tomahawk Fire Department Chief Paul Winter said. "The fire department, city clerk's office, town clerks and chairman spend time each quarter processing bills to property

owners for calls, which costs money. I am proposing a change for 2023 to the same model used within the city, where there is no billing for calls. To establish the new Fire Contract fee, the billing for time on calls within the township for the last two years will be averaged and added to the original base contract fee."

In the letter, Winter also suggested that a meeting with him, City of Tomahawk Clerk/Treasurer Amanda Bartz and interested town officials could be held to discuss the proposed changes

to the fire contracts.

During discussion, it was noted that although the possibility of changes in rates had been communicated to the townships via the letters, dates for when this could happen and specific figures had not been included.

Tomaszewski said he wished that, along with sending the letters, the fire department had also reached out to the municipalities to ensure that the cost increases were understood, while committee members indicated that

	2021	2020	Average	
City of Tomahawk	29	25	27	20.85%
Meetings, training, etc.	23	12	18	13.51%
Mutual Aid	18	25	22	16.60%
Town of Bradley	50	32	41	31.66%
Town of Harrison	2	5	4	2.70%
Town of King	10	7	9	6.56%
Town of Rock Falls	1	-	1	0.39%
Town of Skanawan	4	2	3	2.32%
Town of Somo	1	1	1	0.77%
Town of Tomahawk	3	3	3	2.32%
Town of Wilson	4	2	3	2.32%
	145	114	130	

after sending the letters for several years and receiving no responses from the townships, it was assumed that

the townships had no issues with the rate increases.

District 2 alderperson Dale Ernst called the situa-

tion a "communication disconnect."

This year's rate increases will remain in place.

**TEAPIE**

FROM PAGE 1

The Innovation Lab is utilized by several CTE courses in the middle and high schools. Multiple high school student-operated businesses also utilized the manufacturing capabilities of the Innovation Lab to design and create products for school and community

customers.

A release from TEAPIE said the organization felt the donation to the Innovation Lab would "impact multiple students, as classes sixth through senior year participate in this program."

"While there is no guarantee that these skills they learn will keep them in our community, as is one

of our goals, this was what we felt would leave the longest-lasting impression on TEAPIE's behalf," the release stated.

TEAPIE President Brenda L. Bartz said the organization's dissolution was effective as of Friday, Jan. 27.

"It was discussed at the 2022 Annual Planning Session that the current need and mission for TEAPIE

was becoming extinct," Bartz stated. "Board members officially voted, and it was unanimous to dissolve the Tomahawk Area Partners in Education board, committees and events."

Bartz said any future partner needs between the school and the business community will be "initiated by the school per need or identification of a

necessity."

Equipment purchased by TEAPIE through a recent STAR Foundation grant went back to the community - a laptop was donated to the Tomahawk Community Thrift Shop, while Tomahawk Main Street Inc. received a new printer for its downtown office.

"It was an absolute pleasure for everyone who de-

voted time and efforts over the years to this fantastic group," TEAPIE stated. "(While) we are sad that we are no longer a resource as a group, we are pleased that we have helped the school to the point that a full organizational committee is no longer necessary. We will all continue to serve our schools, just not together."

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**Position will include, but not be limited to, the following accountabilities:**

- Lead farm equipment maintenance including scheduling, coordinating with vendors, obtaining purchase orders, and procurement of parts
- Lead equipment operator and field team lead for potato field crop operations
- Lead and actively participate in designated Safety Programs
- Support field pesticide applications including procuring, mixing, and spraying pesticides along with adherence to all safety/WPS regulations
- Support oat and potato research farm operations including seed preparation, field inspections, cover crop, field and ground maintenance, crop irrigation, and snow removal

**Requisites:**

- Experience with the operation of farm equipment
- General maintenance and modifications of all farm equipment including tractors, implements, generators, irrigation pumps, etc.
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# Leader Sports & Nature

## Hockey: Hatchets win two, lose one with playoffs on horizon

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**TOMAHAWK** – The Tomahawk Hatchet hockey team won two games and lost one with the playoffs approaching.

### Antigo

The Tomahawk skaters kicked off last week with a home matchup against Antigo on Tuesday, Jan. 31, and the Red Robins ultimately came away with a 5-2 win over the Hatchets.

Coach Chris Bembinster said the team did not execute its game plan in the loss.

“No one ever wants to have games like this,” Bembinster stated. “Unfortunately it happened to us tonight. We need to find a new way to prepare, as we get to the rink and all the way through.”

Bembinster noted that he and the rest of the coaches “recognize some things we have to clean up,

and have to find a solution fast.”

“This team will do great things,” he said. “(We) just need to refocus to finish this season strong.”

### Northwest Icemen

The Hatchets rebounded after their loss to Antigo with a resounding 13-1 win over the Northwest Icemen at the SARA Park Arena on Thursday, Feb. 2.

Bembinster said his squad had a solid performance.

“It started to get a little rough, but the team stuck to the plan,” he stated after the game. “They made great decisions and executed exactly how they needed to. The coaching staff is very happy with how they represented themselves and the school tonight.”

### West Salem

Tomahawk wrapped up last week at home against

West Salem on Friday, Feb. 3, earning a 7-1 victory.

Bembinster said the Hatchets turned in another solid performance.

“It is getting close to when the games become crucial, and we are headed in a good direction,” he stated. “We just have to keep the eye on what we want and where we want to be. We will head into a new week ready to compete.”

### This week's action

Tomahawk was scheduled to host Waupaca at the SARA Park Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the Burnett Blizzard will come to town for a matchup that gets underway at 7 p.m. at the SARA Park Arena.

The Hatchets will hit the road on Saturday, Feb. 11, traveling to Medford for a Great Northern Conference (GNC) meet that starts at 10 a.m.

## Sports Briefs

### Indoor track

The indoor track above the fieldhouse at the Tomahawk complex will be open Monday through Friday from 6:15 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. Entry is through at Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool).

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Water aerobics will be held at the pool at the Tomahawk school complex on

Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Entry is through Door 18 (back pool door).

### Open gym

Open gym for basketball will be held at Hatchet Fieldhouse on Wednesdays from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Students and parents are welcome. Entry is through Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool). Children under 14 must be accompa-

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The Tomahawk Middle School wrestling team. Pictured, back row, from left: Coach Matt Turkiewicz, Zander Zehner, Tieggen Sarazin, Skyler Harper Dahlvig, coach Dave Bellile; middle: Hudson Evans, Cash Olsen, Tanner Wanta, Fletcher Bauman; front: Dawson Jones, Colton McMeekin, Aiden Cruz, Uriyah Tebeau, Harman Hoffman.

Photo by Catherine List Photography

## Middle school wrestlers compete in Crandon scramble, D.C. Everest tourney

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**CRANDON** – The Tomahawk Middle School wrestling team took part in a scramble in Crandon and a D.C. Everest team tournament.

### Crandon

The middle school Hatchets traveled to Crandon on Thursday, Feb. 2 for a seven-team scramble. The teams involved were Tomahawk, Crandon, John Muir Blue, MHLT, Rhinelander, Wabeno/Laona and Florence. There were no team scores kept.

The following Tomahawk wrestlers came away with

at least one victory last night: Fletcher Bauman, Hudson Evans, Harman Hoffman, Dawson Jones, Colton McMeekin, Cash Olsen, Tieggen Sarazin and Zander Zehner.

### D.C. Everest

The middle school grapplers were back in action on Saturday, Feb. 4, when they made the trek to D.C. Everest to compete in their annual team tournament. Eight teams competed, and the Hatchets placed 7th overall, going 1-3 as a team. Competing teams included Tomahawk, D.C. Everest, Marshfield, Antigo, John

Muir Blue, Horace Mann and John Muir White.

The Hatchets could only fill eight of the 14 weight classes in each dual meet and won 60% of their actual matches.

Harman Hoffman came away with an undefeated record of 4-0. Tomahawk wrestlers with at least one victory were Skyler Harper-Dahlvig, Dawson Jones, Cash Olsen, Hudson Evans, Zander Zehner, Colton McMeekin and Tanner Wanta.

The middle school Hatchet grapplers were slated to travel to Wisconsin Rapids for a CWWC scramble meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

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# DNR accepting submissions for Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is reminding the public that there is still time to submit entries to the 2023 Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest.

Students in fourth, fifth and sixth grades enrolled in public, private, parochial or home schools in Wisconsin are encouraged to participate.

The Keep Wildlife Wild program began in 2014 to spread the word about our shared role in keeping all wildlife healthy in its natural habitat. The contest's goal is to create a poster that teaches the importance of enjoying and observing wildlife in the wild and not keeping wildlife in homes or as pets.

During the warmer months of spring and summer, the frequency of human and wildlife encounters increases, especially those involving young wild animals.

While most of these encounters are harmless, there are times when well-intentioned people disrupt wildlife because they mistake a lone baby animal for an orphan.

The Keep Wildlife Wild poster contest is a fun way for kids to help spread the important message to keep wildlife wild.

The DNR encourages students to learn how they can help keep wild animals in Wisconsin safe and healthy by visiting the Keep Wildlife Wild webpage at [www.bit.ly/3HXFUTc](http://www.bit.ly/3HXFUTc).

Judging will take place in February, and winners will be notified by email in March. The DNR will also

**KEEP WILDLIFE WILD 2023 POSTER CONTEST**

**THEME:** "If you care, leave them there"

**DESIGNS DUE:** Feb. 17, 2023 at 5 P.M.

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announce winners in a statewide news release and Facebook post during the sixth annual Keep Wildlife Wild Week in April.

For inspiration to help design your poster and learn about Wisconsin critters, visit [EEK! Critter Corner \(www.eekwi.org/critter/index.htm\)](http://www.eekwi.org/critter/index.htm) or check out the DNR's Keep Wildlife Wild webpage ([www.bit.ly/3HXFUTc](http://www.bit.ly/3HXFUTc)).

### Contest rules

The poster entry must contain the words: "Keep Wildlife Wild 2023" and follow the theme of: "If you care, leave them there!"

All posters must consist of original artwork. Any depicted species must be native to Wisconsin. Art that shows what young wildlife experience in their first year and how wild families look are encouraged

because it helps students understand the early life of these species.

Posters must fit an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet of paper.

Posters must be submitted individually. No team creations.

All submissions must be received electronically via email or by mail and must include the student's entry form and artwork by 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17.

Submit entries to Wisconsin Keep Wildlife Wild Poster Design Contest, Department of Natural Resources, Attn: Taylor Czynson, P.O. Box 100, Friendship, Wis., 53934; or [keepwildlifewild@wisconsin.gov](mailto:keepwildlifewild@wisconsin.gov).

To see the complete list of rules and requirements, please visit the DNR's Keep Wildlife Wild 2023 Poster Design Contest webpage at [www.bit.ly/3JGcWbV](http://www.bit.ly/3JGcWbV).



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Technical Metals students repurposed salvaged hardware from a recent renovation in the district in the form of metal art. Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz



## WBA: Home building numbers decreased slightly from 2021 to 2022

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The latest new home construction numbers from year-end 2022 show a slight decrease compared to those of 2021, according to the Wisconsin Builders' Association (WBA).

WBA said on Thursday, Feb. 2 that the data, submitted by all municipalities across Wisconsin, shows 11,326 permits were pulled statewide between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2022, 3% less than the 11,711 permits pulled during 2021.

"We're pleased with these year-end numbers, after a slow start the first half of the year," said WBA President Mike Howe. "At the culmination of the second quarter, we were down 24% com-



pared to the second quarter of 2021, so to recover from that so quickly is great news for the industry."

"While down slightly compared to 2021, Wisconsin numbers are still above those nationally, with the National Association of Home Builders recently reporting single-family starts ending the year down more than 10%, its first annual decline since 2011," WBA stated.

"Low mortgage rates in 2021 tremendously aided the home building industry, as they helped offset high material prices," said WBA Executive Director Brad Boycks. "The interest rates

of 2022 really impacted existing home sales, along with home building. Simply put, homeowners could no longer afford mortgages on homes they may have been able to afford just a year earlier."

### About WBA

The Wisconsin Builders Association is a professional trade association comprised of 21 local associations dedicated to helping members build communities around the state.

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**Week 115 question:** How many sports did Bob Meyer coach at THS: Two, three or four?

**Week 115 answer:** Bob Meyer coached four sports at THS: football, basketball, wrestling and track. He was the first

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Congrats to Don Stelter for being the first to correctly answer last week's question!

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# Natural Connections: Bear Babies

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With bright sunshine to provide at least the appearance of warmth, single digit temperatures didn't phase us much. Hand and foot warmers took the edge off, too, as did the brisk pace set by college students from University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point's (UWSP) Wisconsin Black Bear Project.

The students weren't following a designated trail; instead they were following the faint beeps of a radio collar worn by a female black bear in her den.

For over 30 years, students and professors from UWSP have conducted research on the seasonal movements, habitat selection, and reproduction of Wisconsin's black bear population. During that period, bear numbers have risen from 9,000 to 24,000. The researchers' hard work has contributed significantly to the body of knowledge about black bears in Wisconsin,

and informs bear management, too.

On this late January morning, a small group of Wisconsin Master Naturalist volunteers were lucky enough to join a reconnaissance mission. The sow bear we headed toward had been caught in a barrel trap last fall and fitted with a collar. Although her age was unknown, she weighed more than 150 pounds at the time of capture, (she topped out the scale) which means she was big enough to have cubs. Students monitored her movements using radio telemetry equipment, and noted when and where she entered her den. Now, the question was, did she actually have cubs, and how many?

Black bears have a unique reproductive cycle. Mating occurs in late May and June, and eggs are fertilized then. But after each one develops into a tiny ball of cells called a blastocyst, they hang out on pause for five months. If the sow puts on enough weight during her fall period of hyperphagia, then the

blastocysts implant into the uterine wall in November and develop rapidly. If the sow has a lean fall, then her body won't put her through the rigors of motherhood.

Cubs are born in January, weighing only a pound. According to the North American Bear Center in Ely, Minn., "newborn cubs are smaller, relative to their mother's size, than the young of any other placental mammal." While it's rumored that mama bears stay asleep while they give birth and discover a cute surprise in the spring, this is just folklore. Mother bears wake up to give birth and care for their young, although they do their best to conserve precious energy and fat stores.

At a respectful distance from the den, we paused to let the college students go ahead. Assistant Professor and Bear Project leader Cady Sartini answered our questions, and prepared us for what we'd see.

Like many mamas, this bear had excavated a den in sandy soil under roots and brush in a spruce bog. Some bears have been known to just lie down and let the snow cover them, but expectant mothers are a little more picky. Only females are radio collared and ear tagged, Cady told us, since the project is mostly interested in bear reproduction. Males range more widely, and don't stay with their offspring. Cubs spend their second winter with their mother, too, and, ideally, female cubs who survive to be yearlings



One of the student researchers from UW-Stevens Point looks and listens for signs of cubs in an active bear den. Photo by Cheri Schultz

get a collar before their mom kicks them out.

A student returned to our group with exciting news—they could see the mama bear's nose, and hear noises from at least two cubs! Most likely, the young cubs were hidden behind mama, away from the drafty entrance. From previous experience, researchers know that it's important to observe a den

for 20 minutes or so to make sure that they've given all of the cubs a chance to be counted. Accurate numbers are essential, because the research team plans to return in March to sedate the bears and collect bloodwork and other data just before they leave the den. Knowing what they will encounter, and being able to plan for it, is key to making the process go smoothly.

Carefully and quietly, a few at a time, Master Naturalists were allowed to approach the den. Cady had explained that the bear would know we were there, but she would be trying her best to stay asleep. Disturbing hibernating bears is something that should be done as little as possible, and with valid research goals in mind. Just by nursing young, a female will lose around half a pound a day, and waking up wastes valuable energy.

Under the snow, the den hole seemed sandy, dark, and damp. The mother bear lay with her face buried and a paw over her ear, just as you would if you were trying to sleep in. From behind her came the pulsating grunts of warm, comfortable, nursing

cubs. This sound tells mom that everything's fine and she can stay right where she is. (You can listen to these sounds in the Museum's current exhibit, Growing Up Wild.)

Later, one of the Master Naturalists reflected that "it is one thing to read that a sow bear gives birth to cubs while she hibernates and quite another to peer into the small opening of a bear's den mid-winter, see her snout and a paw, and hear her mewling cubs from the darkness of the confines beyond. This was a gift I believe we all received with great gratitude."

Emily's award-winning second book, Natural Connections: Dreaming of an Elfin Skimmer, is now available to purchase at [www.cablemuseum.org/books](http://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. The Museum is now open with our exciting Growing Up WILD exhibit. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and [cablemuseum.org](http://cablemuseum.org) to see what we are up to.

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Feb. 10	8:34AM	2:13AM	9:47PM	2:34PM
Feb. 11	8:52AM	2:55AM	10:57PM	3:17PM
Feb. 12	9:13AM	3:40AM	—	4:04PM
Feb. 13	12:10AM	4:29AM	9:38AM	4:55PM
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