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## Discover Wisconsin video highlights winter fun in Tomahawk

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – A video created by Discover Wisconsin highlights the Tomahawk area and the vast array of winter recreation opportunities it has to offer.

The roughly four-and-a-half-minute video, called “Together in Tomahawk: Winter Fun,” features Discover Wisconsin host Apurba Banerjee, who visited Tomahawk in January.

Banerjee previously spent time in Tomahawk last summer as part of a campaign led by the Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism in the area.

While she was Up North last month, Banerjee took a

ride on some of the Tomahawk area’s 400-plus miles of groomed snowmobile trails.

Banerjee also spoke with Lori Rogney of the Northwoods Passage Snowmobile Club, who said there are many large parking lots located on trailheads, so riders can easily unload, hit the trails and enjoy the various landscapes and wildlife along the way.

“I could just get on, and I could ride all day,” Rogney stated. “I don’t care if I stop. It’s just going through the woods, seeing the wildlife. It’s just so beautiful.”

Banerjee also made a stop at Lake Nokomis, where the 15th annual NCO Club and AMVets Ice Fishing Tournament was underway.

Dan Keck of NCO/AM-

Vets explained that all of the proceeds raised during the annual tournament go back into local communities, including Tomahawk and Rhinelander.

More fish were caught during this year’s tournament than any previous year, Keck noted.

When asked what he enjoys the most about ice fishing, Keck said “camaraderie.”

“Everybody out here on this ice will welcome you into their ice shack, they’ll offer you food,” he said. “It’s just great people having a great time.”

Banerjee also highlighted the Tomahawk’s area’s ice skating, snowshoeing,

**Winter Fun**  
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Discover Wisconsin host Apurba Banerjee visited Tomahawk in January, where she spoke with Lori Rogney of the Northwoods Passage Snowmobile Club about the area’s snowmobiling opportunities. Photos courtesy of Discover Wisconsin



Banerjee spoke with Dan Keck of NCO/AMVets at the 15th annual NCO Club and AMVets Ice Fishing Tournament on Lake Nokomis.



Banerjee and Nick Kahle took part in the STAR Splash, plunging into the frigid waters of Lake Mohawksin to raise funds for Tyler Kahle Memorial Field.



Banerjee wrapped up her visit to the Tomahawk area with a stop at the Tilted Loon Saloon.

## City council gives thumbs up to boat museum plan

BY JALEN MAKI  
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TOMAHAWK – The City of Tomahawk Common Council last week approved a local group’s plan to utilize a city-owned property to build a museum focused on Tomahawk’s boating history.

Tomahawk Boat Museum Inc., a recently-established nonprofit or-

ganization, is spearheading efforts to construct a museum that will highlight the histories of the Tomahawk Boat Manufacturing Company and the Kwahamot Water Ski Club.

The organization is planning to build the 68’ by 44’ museum next to the Kwahamot storage building on the north side of Deer Park Rd.

During its meeting at City Hall on Tuesday,

Feb. 7, the council gave the official go-ahead to the group to utilize the property.

Bill Sparr, a member of Tomahawk Boat Museum Inc., was on hand at the council’s meeting last week. He said the organization will now focus on raising funds to construct the museum.

The group is hoping to start construction with a licensed builder this spring.



Tomahawk Boat Museum Inc. is planning to utilize the city-owned property on the north side of Deer Park Rd. to build a museum dedicated to Tomahawk’s boating history. Photo courtesy of Lincoln County



Tomahawk Together recently received a \$10,000.00 donation from the Getty-Sue Foundation for Our Dream Park. Pictured, from left, are Dream Park Committee members Steve Kahle, Carlie Myers, Sue Hawkins, Kay Kissinger Wolf, Cathy Schmit, Kay Berg and Ferron Fisher. Not pictured are committee members Christi Lobermeier, Kathy Tobin and Patti Hilgendorf.



The Tomahawk Community Thrift Shop contributed \$5,000.00 towards Our Dream Park. Pictured, from left: Cathy Schmit, Christi Lobermeier, Kay Kissinger Wolf and Tomahawk Community Thrift Shop board member Cindy Wescott.



A \$5,000.00 donation was made by Incredible Bank. Pictured, from left: Aubrey Fryar and Robin Cota of Incredible Bank; Patti Hilgendorf; Amy Marino of Incredible Bank; Cathy Schmit; Jen Zurlfluh of Incredible Bank; and Sue Hawkins. Photos courtesy of Kay Kissinger Wolf

# Tomahawk Together receives donations for 'Our Dream Park'

## Pair of fundraising events slated for this month

BY JALEN MAKI  
TOMAHAWK LEADER  
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – Toma-

hawk Together, a nonprofit organization that has worked to support families and youth in the communi-

ty for 30-plus years, recently received three donations totaling \$20,000.00 that will help revitalize one of the city's parks.

In June 2021, Tomahawk Together began working towards building an all-inclu-

sive playground at Washington Square Park, also known as "Toddler Park," on N. 4th St. The group has dubbed the planned playground "Our Dream Park."

Although Our Dream Park is still in the planning

stages, it will include playground equipment designed for children of all ages and abilities, as well as a splash pad and various other amenities geared towards youth and adults alike.

The new playground is

expected to carry a substantial price tag, however, with Tomahawk Together raising a large portion of the funds through donations.

Three local organizations recently contributed to Tomahawk Together's efforts.

The Getty-Sue Foundation made a \$10,000.00 donation towards Our Dream Park, while the Tomahawk Community Thrift Shop and the Incredible Bank Foundation each contributed \$5,000.00.

"The community of Tomahawk, our local businesses and organizations continue to astound us with their support and generosity," Tomahawk Together said in a Facebook post. "We are another step closer to building Our Dream Park."

**Donations**  
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**DAVID WEIZENICKER & MARGARET HAYES**  
ANNOUNCE THEIR UNION IN MATRIMONY

David & Margaret were married in St. Petersburg, FL on January 18, 2023 while on a month-long vacation/honeymoon.

Margaret was formerly vice president of marketing and sales for a multi-national manufacturing company. David was formerly director of the state park system for the Wisconsin Dept. of Nat. Res.

*They are residing at Clear Lake Condos, Tomahawk.*

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# Tomahawk American Legion, VFW posts hold Four Chaplains Day memorial ceremony

BY SARAH WOLFF  
TOMAHAWK AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEMBER

TOMAHAWK – For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, Tomahawk's American Legion Post 93 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2687 held a joint memorial ceremony to recognize Four Chaplains Day at the Legion Post, 327 W. Wisconsin Ave., Tomahawk.

The first Sunday of February serves as a designated day of remembrance for the four U.S. Army chaplains, who, early on Feb. 3, 1943, perished in the frigid waters of the North Atlantic Ocean aboard the sinking U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* after it had been torpedoed by a German submarine.

### Who were the four chaplains and why do we remember them?

Among the 902 soldiers, Navy guard, ship's crew and civilian passengers on board the *Dorchester* were a quartet of Army chaplains: Lt. George L. Fox, a Methodist minister; Lt. Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish rabbi; Lt. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest; and Lt. Clark V. Pol-



Four Chaplains Day Ceremony participants (left to right): Phil Zipp, VFW Post 2687; Robin Gray, Post 93 chaplain and senior officer; Tom Garrigan, Post 93 commander; Gerry Johnson, Wisconsin American Legion 11th district commander; and Terry Hagar, Post 93 sergeant at arms. All are also members of the Tomahawk Area Veterans' Honor Guard.

ing, a Dutch Reformed minister.

In the 18 minutes that elapsed between the ship being struck to going under, these four men spread out among the panicked passengers, calming the frightened, helping the wounded and directing the disoriented toward safety. They gave away their gloves, handed out life jackets until the supply ran out, then gave up their own life jackets to four soldiers otherwise certain to perish.

Survivors recalled last seeing the four chaplains at the ship's stern, arms

linked in prayer and singing hymns as the ship sank.

Of the 902 passengers aboard the *Dorchester*, many died in the initial blast and many more died of hypothermia in the 34°F water surrounding the ship. Only 230 survived.

For the chaplains' support of others and bravery despite extreme danger, Congress authorized a posthumous Special Medal for Heroism — The Four Chaplains' Medal. On Jan. 18, 1961, President Dwight D. Eisenhower awarded this medal posthumously to the chaplains.

This award, which carries the same integrity as the Medal of Honor, was never given before and will never be given again.

### Significant events to be honored, even 80 years later

The Sunday, Feb. 5 ceremony, led by Phil Zipp, Tomahawk VFW member and Tomahawk Area Veterans' Honor Guard member, commemorated this quartet of uncommon heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and fellow man.

Organization and Honor Guard members recounted the four chaplains' individual biographies, then lit candles to honor each man. Ceremony participants included Robin Gray, Post 93



Phil Zipp, VFW Post 2687 member, leads the Four Chaplains Day memorial ceremony at the Tomahawk American Legion Post 93 on Sunday, Feb. 5. Photos courtesy of Sarah Wolff

chaplain and senior officer; Tom Garrigan, Post 93 commander; Gerry Johnson, Wisconsin American Legion 11th district commander; and Terry Hagar, Post 93 sergeant at arms.

Tomahawk residents in attendance joined Legion and VFW members in reverence and song.

At the ceremony's conclusion, individual candles were extinguished and replaced with a single lit candle representing the importance of unity and cooperation despite our differences—especially in the darkest of times.

Observances such as this serve to inspire people to help others in times of need and emphasize the importance of setting aside individual differences to achieve

the best possible outcome in every circumstance.

Although Four Chaplains Day ceremonies are becoming less prevalent and frequent nationwide, the Tomahawk community and these service organizations are proud to commemorate the actions of these remarkable people, and plan to continue this ceremony as an annual tradition for years to come.

Learn more about the four chaplains at the American Legion website at [www.legion.org/](http://www.legion.org/).

For information about joining the Tomahawk American Legion, email [tomahawkpost93@gmail.com](mailto:tomahawkpost93@gmail.com).

For information about joining Tomahawk VFW Post 2687, call 715-453-0854.



The four chaplains' photos (left to right): Lt. George L. Fox, Methodist minister; Lt. John P. Washington, Roman Catholic priest; Lt. Clark V. Poling, Dutch Reformed minister; Lt. Alexander D. Goode Jewish rabbi.

## Tomahawk-area woman, 85, killed in two-car crash at U.S. Hwy. 8, Tannery Rd.

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF BRADLEY – A Tomahawk-area woman was killed in a two-vehicle crash in the Town of Bradley on Thursday, Feb. 9.

A release from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said a call reporting the crash at the intersection of U.S. Hwy. 8 and Tannery Rd. was received at 4:03 p.m. Crews from the Sheriff's Office, the Toma-

hawk Fire Department and Tomahawk EMS responded to the scene.

According to the release, a vehicle operated by Jean Clarice Streicher, 85, of the Tomahawk area, was traveling northbound on Tannery Rd. when her vehicle was struck by a vehicle occupied by two people traveling westbound on U.S. Hwy. 8.

Streicher was pronounced dead at the scene.

The other two parties

were transported to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital and later released, the release said.

Other responding crews included the Merrill Fire Department (EMS), the Lincoln County Coroner, Ingman's Towing and Rod's Towing Service.

The Wisconsin State Patrol was requested to assist with the crash reconstruction. The incident remains under investigation.

## News Briefs

### 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.



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**OBITUARIES**

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

**Jeanette Scheu**, Tomahawk, passed away Feb. 12, 2023. Arrangements are pending. Please check [www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com) for updates.



**Richard L. Franke**, age 80, of Tomahawk, passed away Sunday, Feb. 5, 2023, at Nu Roc Nursing Home in Laona, Wis., under the care of Compassus Hospice. Richard was born Jan. 18, 1943, in Park Falls, Wis., to the late Louis and Ann (Petrovich) Franke. He attended St. Anthony Catholic Grade School and Park Falls High School. After graduation, Richard enlisted in the U.S. Army and served from 1960 to 1966. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth "Betty" Quinn on July 1, 1967; she passed away on June 19, 2017.

Most of his working career was at Globe Union and Johnson Controls in Milwaukee, Wis. He was a skilled millwright and designed production innovations for which he received commendations. He often traveled to other Johnson Control factories to oversee machinery installation projects. Richard was an avid outdoor sportsman who enjoyed hunting deer and small game. He was a skilled fisherman who knew where to find the fish and what bait to use. Richard would often show off his walleye catch, keeping a fair share of his techniques secret. He taught Betty to fish and she was so successful at it, she was nicknamed "Walleye Betty." Richard was a good cook and always made the best chocolate chip cookies and chocolate chip pancakes for Betty. Richard and Betty were able to spend their retirement summers in Tomahawk and winters in Arizona. He was not shy or short of words and made friends easily.

Richard is survived by his son, Michael Franke, of Milwaukee; his sister, Rita (Franke) Latourell, of Marshfield, Wis.; and his brother, Dennis (Bev) Franke, of Milwaukee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Ann; and his wife, Betty.

The family would like to thank the Rhinelander Compassus Hospice nurses and Nu Roc Nursing Home for the kind care they gave Richard.

Memorial services for Richard were held at Generations Funeral Home in Tomahawk on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at 1 p.m., with military honors held immediately before service. Rev. Larry Mathein officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 12 p.m. until the time of services at 1 p.m. In keeping with Richard's wishes, please send no flowers or donations. In lieu, he asked that you offer a toast to all the memories you shared with him.



**Jean Streicher**, 85, of Heaford Junction, was welcomed into the arms of her beloved husband, Dave, and recently-deceased grandson, Jason, after a tragic auto accident on Feb. 9.

Jean C. Teal was born on Jan. 11, 1938 in Tomahawk. She was born right in the middle of nine siblings, and at age five moved into her Grandma Clara's house. Over the next ten years, before moving back home, she learned lifelong skills like gardening, cooking and canning, and acquired a work ethic, kind spirit and unconditional love of family that would be the foundation of her life. Jean met her perfect mate, Dave, and they were married in 1956. At the young age of 25, she bought Jean's Lunch Café in Rhinelander, where she was locally famous for her pies. Her customer base was so faithful that she proudly claimed she never had to advertise. During this busy yet fulfilling career, she raised three rambunctious kids and was involved with the Rhinelander Jaycettes, even serving a term as president. Jean and Dave collected a group of lifelong friends before moving back to Tomahawk. They settled into their lake house, where they resided in what they liked to call "God's Country." The beautiful views sustained Jean following Dave's passing after nearly 60 years of traveling the country (and lots and lots of laughter). She had a God-given skill for home-taught nursing and care, and her stubborn insistence that people should not have to spend their final years in a nursing home allowed her to greatly improve the quality of life of countless people. She was truly an angel, as the relatives and even doctors of those patients could attest.

Jean is survived by her children – David Streicher Jr., Union Grove, Wis., Tom (Jacqui) Streicher, Onalaska, Wis., and Dawn Streicher, Manitowish Waters, Wis. Surviving siblings are Charles (Mary Beth) Teal, Jack Teal, Kathy (Jack) Huston and Jerry (Marge) Teal of Tomahawk, LaVonne Penkalski of Stoddard, Wis., and Mary Jane Watten of Fort Lauderdale, Fla. She especially cherished her grandchildren – Dan Streicher, St. Paul, Minn., Tony (Cassie) Streicher, La Crosse, Wis., Terissa Streicher, Milwaukee, Wis. and Jennifer Streicher, Seattle, Wash. Her precious great-grandchildren include Alyssa, Abby, and Henry of Menominee, Mich., and one little girl due in April in La Crosse, Wis. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eldron and Esther (Boeris) Teal, her husband, Dave, her brothers Mike Teal and Francis Teal of Tomahawk, and Richard Teal of Wausau, and her grandson Jason (Amanda) Streicher of Menominee, Mich.

A Memorial Service for Jean Streicher will be held on Thursday, Feb. 16, at 3 p.m. from the Krueger Family Funeral Home, Tomahawk. The family will receive friends at the Krueger Funeral home from 1 p.m. until the time of services at 3 pm. Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. You may view the obituary and share online condolences at [www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com](http://www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com).



**Roland "Rollie" Hodge**, 84, of Peaceful Valley Rd., Tomahawk, passed away February 6, 2023 surrounded by his family at his home.

Rollie was born February 25, 1938 in Tomahawk to Raymond and Ellen (Wright) Hodge. He married Nesta Carstensen on November 28, 1959 also in Tomahawk. Rollie was never afraid of hard work and had been involved in many business adventures starting when he was an eight year old snow removal expert. He was the manager at the Northstar Station, sold cookware, owned and operated DynaKleen of Northern Wisconsin and Roland Hodge Excavating and Snowplowing. He also owned and operated the Tomahawk Speedway from 1972 until 2000. Rollie also was a private pilot and was a guitar playing member of the Backporch Pickers.

Rollie is survived by his wife of 63 years, Nesta. Four sons, Raleigh (Kathy) Hodge, Irma; Gene Hodge, Tomahawk; Michael (Kelly) Hodge, Schofield; and Edward (Jenean) Hodge, Neenah. He is further survived by twelve grandchildren, twelve great grandchildren, his Carstensen in-laws, and many nieces and nephews.

The Funeral Service for Rollie Hodge was held on Saturday, February 11th, 11:00 a.m. from the Krueger Family Funeral Home. Arthur Moritz officiated. The family received friends at the Krueger Family Funeral Home from 9:00 a.m. until the time of services. He will be buried in Greenwood Cemetery in the spring.

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



**Bonnie L. Christian**, age 75, of Tomahawk, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023, at home under the care of her family and Compassus Hospice. Bonnie was born Jan. 27, 1948, in West Bend, Wis., to the late Marvin and Marie (Matehial) Jacklin. Bonnie spent most of her time in the Iron Ridge, Wis., area.

She was married to Bruce Christian Sr., on May 30, 1987. They moved to the Tomahawk area in 1991. Bruce passed away in 2016. Bonnie and Bruce formerly owned and operated the Alamo Plaza Restaurant in Tomahawk for 16 years. She loved the time she spent at their house on the lake and was always willing to lend a helping hand to her neighbors. Bonnie enjoyed trap shooting, bags, pool, four-wheeling, snowmobiling, and definitely had the gift to gab. She also liked telling stories about her childhood. Most of all, she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Cozette Isom of Arkansas, Connie Pinkner, of Hartford, Wis., John (Linda) Schultz, of Burnette, Wis.; Bruce (Mary) Christian Jr., of Horicon, Wis., and Kelly (Dennis) Moldenhauer, of DeForest, Wis.. Bonnie is further survived by her grandchildren, Jonalyn Eglaclic, Stephanie (Renard) Battle, Nathan (Julia) Schultz, Dylan Hanni, Spencer Hanni, Carter Pinkner, Alec (Heather) Schumann, and Peyton (Becca) Schumann; and her great-grandchildren, Hailee Lehman, Harlow Battle, RJ Battle, Hadara Battle, and Elijah Schultz. Bonnie is further survived by in-laws and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Marvin and Marie Jacklin; her husband, Bruce Christian Sr.; her brother, Mike Jacklin; and her sister, Judy Mumper.

Funeral Services for Bonnie Christian were held Monday, Feb. 6, 2023, at 11 a.m., at Generations Funeral Home, Tomahawk. Her family received friends for visitation at the funeral home on Monday from 9 a.m. until the time of services at 11 a.m. Rev. Larry Mathein officiated with private family interment to take place.



**Harriet S. Slaga**, age 78, of Tomahawk, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2023, at Unity Point Health – Meriter Hospital in Madison, Wis., with family by her side. She was born on March 23, 1944, in Merrill, Wis., to the late Harold L. Hanson and Viorene Hanson. She was a lifelong resident of Lincoln County, where she was well known in both Merrill and Tomahawk. Harriet married Joseph J. Slaga of Tomahawk on Sept. 24, 1960. She was a dedicated wife

and loving mother to four children (who all contributed to her grey hair).

Her career highlights included advertising at the Tomahawk Leader, owner and operator of the Merrill Courier, and owner of the Once Read Bookshop in Merrill. She also served on the Tomahawk School Board. Harriet was a sassy Swede who loved spending time at her cottage on Burrows Lake, which was her refuge.

She enjoyed pontoon rides, campfires with children and grandchildren, keeping tabs on the lake's loons, and swimming. A devoted Milwaukee Brewers fan, she often would listen to the games on the radio while sitting on the cottage deck where she could survey the tranquil lake activity (while cursing the Brewers if they were losing). Harriet also enjoyed playing Scrabble, Word with Friends, crossword puzzles, and chatting on the phone with her dear friends.

Harriet is survived by her husband, Joseph Slaga; her children, Lorrie (Chris) Schlender, of Merrill, Lynn Slaga, of Arvada, Colo., Lisa (Mark) Walder, of Wittenberg, Wis., and Peter (Patty) Slaga, of Camarillo, Calif.; her brother, Clark (Jackie) Hanson, of Fort Myers, Fla.; her grandchildren, Anna Schlender, of Chapel Hill, N.C., Emily (Dustin) Bonack, of Merrill, Heinrich (Kayla) Walder, of Wausau, Wis., and Audrey Slaga, Sarah Slaga, and Xavier Slaga, all of Camarillo, Calif. Grandma "GiGi" was blessed with three great-grandchildren, Henry Bonack and Scarlett Bonack of Merrill, and Maverick Walder of Wausau. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Harriet was preceded in death by her parents, Harold L. Hanson and Viorene Hanson; her brothers, Halvor Hanson, Carlton Hanson, and Peter Hanson; and her sister, Wanda Verbist. A memorial service for Harriet was held on Tuesday, Feb. 7, at 2 p.m., at Generations Funeral Home in Tomahawk. The family received friends for visitation from 1 p.m. until the time of services at 2 p.m.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family. You may view Harriet's obituary and leave online condolences at [generationsfuneral.com](http://generationsfuneral.com).

The family will be scheduling an interment in the spring at Merrill Memorial Park in Merrill with the date to be determined.

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*Thank you*

Our family would like to express our thanks for all of the love and support in addition to all of the messages of sympathy that were given to us during the recent loss of our husband, father, and grandfather, **Jerry Crass**. They will remain forever in our hearts.

Thank you to Dr. Sudbury and Dr. Dichen for the excellent care provided to Jerry. To Pastor Gillet for the beautiful service and to the ladies of St. Paul's for the delicious meal. Finally, to Kevin and Melinda Krueger and Karri Ernst from Generations Funeral Home for the compassion, love, and support that was shown to our entire family. They made the sadness so much easier for all of us to bear.

**Judy Crass and Family**

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Jerry will forever be remembered.

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# Town of Newbold Supervisor charged with election fraud, misconduct in office

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

ONEIDA COUNTY – A Supervisor for the Town of Newbold in Oneida County is facing charges of election fraud and misconduct in office, both Class I felonies.

James C. Staskiewicz, 69, was arrested on Wednesday, Feb. 8 and appeared in Oneida County court on Thursday, Feb. 9. Judge Michael Bloom set



Staskiewicz

a \$5,000.00 signature bond for Staskiewicz.

According to the Oneida County Sheriff's Office, the charges are in connection with Staskiewicz's reelection efforts. He reportedly admitted to having forged signatures on his campaign papers.

An adjourned initial appearance for Staskiewicz is set for Monday, March 6.



The video features drone footage that depicts the Tomahawk area from a unique vantage point. Pictured is the 15th annual NCO Club and AMVets Ice Fishing Tournament on Lake Nokomis. Photo courtesy of Discover Wisconsin

## LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Feb. 6:

A Merrill man, 45, will face a charge of 2nd offense operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI) following a traffic stop in the Town of Rock Falls on Sunday morning, Feb. 5. A deputy on patrol on U.S. Hwy. 51 stopped the vehicle the man was operating just after 3 a.m., after observing it traveling 91 MPH in a 65 MPH speed zone.

Just a couple hours earlier, another deputy stopped a vehicle on County Rd. A in the Town of Bradley after learning the driver was operating with a suspended driver's license. Upon contact with the driver, a Tomahawk man, 55, the investigating deputy noted signs indicative of intoxication, including red, glassy eyes and the odor

of intoxicating beverages. A check of the man's driving history indicated two previous offenses of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated. As a result, the man was taken into custody on a 3rd offense OWI charge and was cited for operating after suspension.

Earlier Sunday afternoon, a Phillips man, 71, was taken into custody and cited for 1st offense OWI following a traffic stop in the Town of Merrill. A deputy on patrol on U.S. Hwy. 51 stopped the vehicle the man was operating near mile marker 211 after noting suspicious driving behavior. Upon contact with the driver, the investigating deputy noted signs indicative of impairment, including red, glassy eyes and the odor of intoxicating beverages.

A Merrill man, 31, avoided injury following a one-vehicle crash on Sunday morning, Jan. 29, in the Town of Scott. A preliminary investigation of the crash indicated the vehicle the man was operating was northbound on County Rd. K just before 1 a.m., when the operator fell asleep, causing the vehicle to drift into the southbound lane. The vehicle continued into the ditch and struck an electrical box before coming to a rest. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was later towed from the scene.

Six people reported striking deer in Lincoln County last week, down from seven the week before.

### WINTER FUN

FROM PAGE 1  
cross country skiing and fat tire biking opportunities before taking part in the STAR Splash at the Happy Snapper, where she

and Nick Kahle took the plunge into the frigid waters of Lake Mohawksin to raise funds for Tyler Kahle Memorial Field.

Banerjee wrapped up her Tomahawk visit with a

stop at the Tilted Loon Saloon, where she spotlighted the area's abundant dining options.

To view the Discover Wisconsin video, visit [www.bit.ly/3I4hUhr](http://www.bit.ly/3I4hUhr).

### DONATIONS

FROM PAGE 2  
Fundraising events Tomahawk Together is continuing to raise funds for Our Dream Park, and a pair of events this month aim to do just that.

A Valentine's Day Father-Daughter Dance, sponsored by St. Mary's Catholic School, will be held at Inshalla Country Club, N11060 Clear Lake Rd., Tomahawk, on Friday,

Feb. 17. On Friday, Feb. 24, a superhero-themed Mother-Son Dance will take place at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk.

Each event will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and will feature a DJ, raffles, refreshments and professional photos. Tickets for each event are \$10.00 per family and are available at the St. Mary's Catholic

School office. All proceeds will go towards the Our Dream Park project.

To learn more about the dances, call 715-453-3542.

To learn more about Our Dream Park, email [tomahawktogether@gmail.com](mailto:tomahawktogether@gmail.com) or visit [www.bit.ly/3x8pVvL](http://www.bit.ly/3x8pVvL).

Donations for Our Dream Park can be mailed to Tomahawk Together Inc., P.O. Box 653, Tomahawk, Wis., 54487.

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Mickey Loka and Robert Caylor were recognized for having served with the department for 15 years. Photos courtesy of TFD

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### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

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A full description of minimum requirements and application instructions can be found on the Price County website's employment opportunities page at [www.co.price.wi.us](http://www.co.price.wi.us), emailing a request to [hroffice@co.price.wi.us](mailto:hroffice@co.price.wi.us) or calling 715-339-5131.

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### HIGHWAY OPERATOR

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Price County is accepting applications for the position of Highway Operator within the Price County Highway Department. This is a regular, full-time position performing skilled work in road maintenance and equipment operations. Work includes a wide variety of manual and automatic equipment operation tasks involved in routine maintenance and emergency highway situations. Work is performed in accordance with established routines and procedures based upon accepted equipment operation and maintenance practices. This position has a starting hourly wage range of \$23.41 to \$24.78, depending on experience, plus an additional \$1.50 per hour from November 1 through March 31, and full benefit package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, health insurance, vacation, paid sick leave, paid maternity/paternity leave, 10 paid holidays, and employee lifestyle enhancement perk. Dental, vision, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

#### Price County Zoning/Land Conservation

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# Tomahawk High School recognizes CTE Month

BY RYAN HUSEBY  
TOMAHAWK HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL  
CTE DIRECTOR



Huseby

TOMAHAWK – According to the Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development, nearly 70% of jobs require more education than a high school diploma and less than a four-year degree. Nearly one-third of the fastest-growing occupations will require a technical education degree or diploma, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

February is Career and Technical Education (CTE) Month. Tomahawk High School (THS) recognizes the importance of preparing students for the high skilled labor force of the future.

### CTE courses

THS students have the opportunity to explore career fields, as well as develop the technical knowledge and skills sets needed to obtain high-skill, high-wage jobs.

THS provides over 33 CTE courses in the areas of Business, Marketing, Construction, Culinary, Engineering, Entrepreneurship, Healthcare, Information Technology,

Manufacturing, Merchandising, Power Technology and Youth Apprenticeship.

Many of the CTE courses provide students with a head start on their career by providing the opportunity to earn college credits and industry certifications while taking the high school course. THS takes pride in providing quality CTE experiences designed for all students and preparing graduates for future learning at a four-year college, technical college, military or entrance into the workforce.

THS students have the opportunity to earn credits at two- and four-year colleges while completing CTE courses in high school. Currently, THS

students are able to earn 37 college credits through CTE courses, and this number is increasing yearly with the continued development of CTE programming.

### Dual credit courses

Dual credit courses allow THS students to advance their CTE knowledge and skills and get a head start on post-high school education, saving students valuable time and money when pursuing the credentials needed for their career of choice.

Through dual credit courses, THS students saved a total of more than \$50,000.00 in tuition from technical colleges alone in 2021-22. Many students also saved tuition in the university system through successful completion of other dual credit CTE courses.

The number of THS students that successfully completed a dual credit course in 2020-21 (46.8%) exceeded the state average (17.8%).

Through these same CTE courses, students are also able to earn industry-recognized certifications in various computer programs, OSHA Safety, Culinary ServSafe, health and

childcare services, Miller Welding, automotive safety, Microsoft Office, Computer Aided Design (CAD), Adobe Suite, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Youth Apprenticeship (YA) and more.

These certifications represent the higher level of skill and competency required by many employers.

### Work-Based Learning, Youth Apprenticeship programs

According to the Wisconsin Workforce Development Board, the average salary for an apprenticeship journey worker in Wisconsin is over \$54,000.00. From plumbing to welding to manufacturing and construction, apprenticeship programs in Wisconsin offer great salaries and benefits.

THS offers multiple Work-Based Learning programs. Some Work-Based Learning programs involve students being a paid employee and working alongside an industry professional. The professional mentors the student employee to learn industry-specific skills while improving their overall employability skills needed to be successful in any job setting.

The THS Youth Apprenticeship (YA) program is a great option for students who are looking to gain employability and occupational skills.

When at work, YA students complete a series of State-approved industry competencies while taking related coursework at THS. Students may be eligible to earn THS and technical college credit for successfully completing the program.

THS is proud to say that it has one of the highest work-based learning program enrollments in our area and appreciates the vital business partnerships that have been established through these programs.

For more information, visit [www.bit.ly/3Xoq8oW](http://www.bit.ly/3Xoq8oW).

### CTSOs

CTE students are often involved in Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs).

You may be familiar with FBLA, FCCLA, HOSA, FFA and SkillsUSA. CTSOs develop citizenship, technical, leadership and teamwork skills essential for students who are preparing for the workforce and further education. CTSOs do this by developing meaningful partnerships with the community and industry to create opportunities to link school-based learning to real world work and community situations.

This work allows students to continue to develop themselves to be successful future employees and citizens.

CTSOs also provide local, state and national competitions for students to demonstrate the previously-mentioned skills and continue to develop their professional networks while in high school. These competitions are often facilitated and sponsored

by industry professionals. Competitors can earn scholarships, supplies and other resources for them to use moving forward towards achieving career goals.

Tomahawk High School is proud to offer CTSO opportunities in FBLA, FCCLA and SkillsUSA. We congratulate the students and advisors for their successes and appreciate the contributions to our community.

### Student-led businesses

Tomahawk High School CTE departments offer multiple courses that act and partner directly with local businesses.

Hatchet Innovations, THS Incorporated and Enterprise Wood Products are THS courses that are student-run businesses that provide real world applications of content learned in classes and allow for quality connections with the school, community and local businesses. Students develop processes for design, production, financial management, marketing, distribution and much more.

These student-led businesses work within the school for operation of the school store and servicing school entities. They also complete work for non-school customers and place products in local businesses through partnerships.

The courses also utilize modern, high-tech equipment and tools to manufacture products to address consumer requirements. Examples of this equipment include 3D printers, 3D scanners, computer controlled routers and plasma cutters, laser cutters and engravers, graphic printers and cutters, direct-to-garment printers, graphic production equipment and more.

Skills sets developed through the use of these technologies create a solid foundation for success working in modern and advanced manufacturing pathways.

### CTE experiences prepare students for future success

According to the US Department of Education, CTE provides a good return on investment when it comes to creating a greater percentage of college-going students.

Seventy percent of students concentrating in CTE areas stayed in post-secondary education or transferred to a four-year degree program (compared to an overall average state target of 58%) and transitioned to postsecondary education or employment by December of the year of high school graduation.

Also, high-risk students are eight to 10 times less likely to drop out in grades 11 or 12 if enrolled in a CTE program compared to general education.

CTE experiences prepare students for future success in post secondary education, the military and directly entering the workforce after graduation.

## 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. Last week we looked at the difference between being a servant of religion or a servant of the Lord (2 Timothy 2:24,25). For today I would like to look at Romans 10:1-5 and the difference between being religious and knowing God.

The verses we are looking at today were written by the Apostle Paul to believers in the church at Rome. Paul, before his conversion to Christ, was a religious teacher of the Jews, a pharisee, who persecuted Christians (Acts 8:1-3, Philippians 3:4-6). When Paul became a Christian (Acts 9:1-31), he lost everything he had as a leader in the Jewish nation and dedicated himself to preach the message of Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:7-10). In our verses for today, Paul uses his knowledge of the Jewish religion to make his point of the difference between being religious and knowing God.

Paul starts by stating how he desired that all his countrymen (Jews) really knew God (saved). Paul said that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge of God. How did Paul know this? It was that they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God (verse 3). In other words, they were working hard to be acceptable to God (going about to establish their own righteousness), but not submitting to the righteousness that God clearly defines in the Bible.

In verse 5 we are told that the major problem with working so hard to be righteous before God by obeying religious laws, is that if we were to make God happy by following a list of things to do or not do, that we would have to live by them all the time. This is the common problem with hoping to please God by being religious; we are doomed to fail in it because we do not always obey it. In James 2:10, we read, *For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.* To break one of the laws would be to fail the whole scheme. And so we are told in Romans 3:20 that *by obeying the law there shall no flesh be justified in God's sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin* – the law can only set a standard that reminds us where we have failed, it does not show us how good we are.

In verse 3 we are told that if the Jews behaved according to a knowledge of God, they would have *submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.* And how do we do this? In verse 4 we are told that *Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.* Jesus Christ fulfilled the demands of God's law concerning our sin by His death and resurrection on our behalf (2 Corinthians 5:21); what we need to do is submit ourselves to that truth and follow Him (John 3:16). The great tragedy is that this is so simple that many refuse to believe it to be true.

**Pastor Charles Scheele**  
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[bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com](mailto:bereanbaptisttomahawk@gmail.com)

## Associated Clergy of Tomahawk "Pastor's Corner"

**Lent - Repent and Believe in the Gospel**

Soon we are going to start the season of Lent and Easter. "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel." ... (Mark 1:15). Repent and believe in the Gospel is the theme of Lent. Lent is a time of grace. It is a time to be vigilant. It is time to grow in holiness. It is a time for atonement for our sins.

If there is no repentance, there is no salvation because nothing unholy can enter into heaven or be united with God. God has created us in His image, pure and immaculate, but by our weakness we have sinned and offended God. The mercy of God is so abundant that it embraces any sinner who repents. Jesus by the parable of the Prodigal son, teaches the mercy of God. All of heaven rejoices when the sinner repents and comes back to God.

We need repentance because Jesus himself told us. Although he has not sinned, he himself did penance for our sake and died on the Cross and Rose again and now he is giving us a share in his Resurrection. In order to receive the grace that Jesus is giving, we need to repent for our sins in faith.

The right response to the good news is simple and profound. We must repent and believe in the gospel. When Jesus said "Repent," He was talking about a change of heart, change of behavior, change of attitude, and for us to turn towards God. Repentance is an inner change that gives rise to new ways of living the Word of God. It is not limited to the past sins alone, but it goes further to modify one's life forever in conformity with the Word of God. Genuine repentance is an inner change of heart that produces the fruits of new behavior. Acting differently, speaking differently, and living differently are the inevitable outward result of being made completely different on the inside.

Repentance and faith go together because if you believe that Jesus is the Lord, who saves you, you have changed your mind about your sins; and if you repent, it's because you trust that Jesus is the Lord who saves you. Have you repented of your sins? Have you come to rely on Jesus alone for your salvation?

During this spiritual journey, we are all tempted in so many ways. Temptations are pleasing to the eyes. They are so captivating and seductive that we need a special time of the year called Lent. The purpose of Lent is to take time out of our work routines and look deep inside ourselves by fasting and prayer, so that we can more clearly see what is truly "in our hearts", and open our hearts to God and to the needs of those in pain around us as we remind ourselves of our true calling.

Temptations are the tests that God allows that we may desire God more than worldly desires. God is testing us to see what is in our hearts. Can you remain faithful to God? Can you keep your commitments and promises? Jesus Christ says to St. Paul, "My grace is sufficient for you". Fear not the temptation, but be on your guard. Temptations are the tests and the challenges that we need to face to prove our love for God. We are not alone. God is with us.

Rev. Dr. Louis Maram Reddy  
Pastor, St. Mary's Church, Tomahawk, WI

This week's article is submitted by Rev. Dr. Louis Maram Reddy, St. Mary's Catholic Church, Tomahawk. Church times are Saturday evening at 4 p.m. in Pier-Willow, and 6 p.m. at St. Mary's; and Sunday mornings at 8 and 11 a.m. at St. Mary's, and 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine, Harrison.

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PUBLISHER'S LETTER

“Cuba Libre”



Dear Reader,  
Recently I visited Havana, Cuba with a few friends. I traveled there five years ago and was interested in seeing how things had changed. From what I could see, things were not better for the people living there for a number of reasons, starting with the peso's devaluation against the dollar last year.



cleaning rooms, which was more than she could get if she had worked in her field.

Cigars were offered by hotels, which were government businesses, at \$60 to \$80 per cigar. That also is not a typo; one cigar costs \$60 to \$80. Obviously the Cuban people can't afford to pay a month's wages for a cigar from their own country, unless they buy it on the black market. But that is a risk that many do not want to take.

A peso doesn't buy what it used to, and the people are suffering from the decline. The devaluation resulted in a huge drop in pay for ordinary people trying to get by on an average income of just \$40 to \$60 dollars a month. That's not a typo; that's what an average Cuban makes in a month.

Because Cuba is a communist country, it doesn't matter if you are a highly trained doctor working in a medical center or an unskilled laborer toiling in the tobacco fields. Most of the people – 90% of the population – work for the government, because nearly all employment is regulated and controlled by the state. It's even illegal to go fishing. You get the feeling that the dictatorship would regulate the use of air if they could.

We hired a car and driver who had his own business to help us navigate. He had been a doctor but was unable to prescribe medicine because none was available. The \$60/month he made helping tourists get around was more than he could make as a doctor. Similarly, a woman who had a degree in finance was making \$3/day for

I would recommend going there to see how this vibrant culture still flourishes under the thumb of a few selfish authoritarians. The people living there make possessions last for a long time; dishes of paella were creative and delicious; our driver ferried us around in a 1957 Chevy Belair; music groups sang beautiful harmonies; and the jazz and salsa dancing were exceptional. Yes, the Cubans are not free. But they are masters of the workarounds needed to survive and even celebrate life.

I learned two lessons from this trip. First, that a person can make a happy life with whatever one has on a beautiful country island. And second, that we must appreciate the abundance of riches we earn in this beautiful land of opportunity. We must not take our freedom for granted. Not everyone has the opportunity to live with the individual self-determination and personal autonomy that we do.

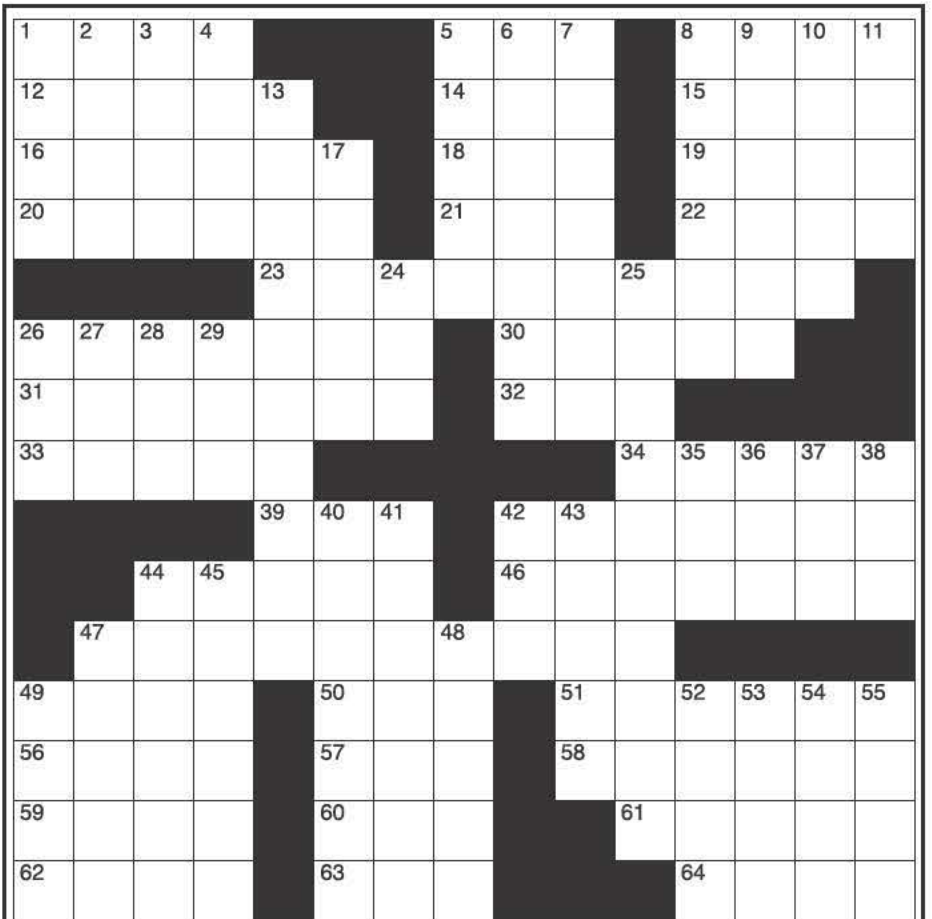
**PATRICK J. WOOD** - Publisher

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



Five Tomahawk Elementary and Middle School students recently competed in the Regional Spelling Bee at Northland Pines Middle/High School as part of the Scripps National Spelling Bee. The Tomahawk spellers had each previously placed in the top three in their respective school bees held last month. Angela McPherson, School Bee Coordinator and Reading Specialist with the School District of Tomahawk, noted that although the Tomahawk students ultimately did not advance from the Regional bee, they were "a great group." Pictured, from left: Jacee Gauerke, Braxton Stromberg, Ryan Montag, Greyson Loren, Landyn Schultz.

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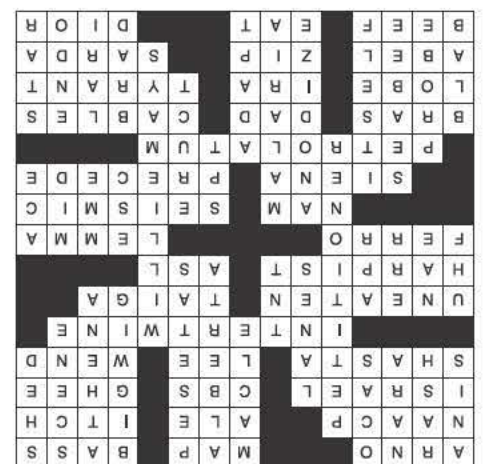
- 1. River in Tuscany
- 5. A way to represent
- 8. Rocker's guitar
- 12. Civil Rights group
- 14. Brew
- 15. Scratch
- 16. W. Asian country
- 18. The Eye Network
- 19. Clarified butter
- 20. Part of the Cascade Range
- 21. Downwind
- 22. A way to steer
- 23. Loop
- 26. Not ingested
- 30. Swampy coniferous forest
- 31. Musician
- 32. Signing
- 33. Containing iron
- 34. Part of a theorem or proof
- 39. Veterans battleground (slang)
- 42. Of enormous proportions
- 44. Italian city
- 46. Come before
- 47. Balm
- 49. Undergarments
- 50. Male parent
- 51. Ropes
- 56. Ear part
- 57. Investment vehicle
- 58. Dictator
- 59. Cain and \_\_\_
- 60. A type of code
- 61. Border river along India and Nepal
- 62. It's what's for dinner

- 63. Consume
- 64. Christian \_\_, designer

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Cuckoos
- 2. Skin issue
- 3. City in central Japan
- 4. Sorrels
- 5. Twinned diamond
- 6. Canadian province
- 7. Monetary units
- 8. Head honcho
- 9. Goddess of wisdom
- 10. Part of a play
- 11. Get rid of
- 13. Applicant
- 17. Bowling alleys have many
- 24. Explosive
- 25. "The Say Hey Kid"
- 26. Ultrahigh frequency
- 27. No (Scottish)
- 28. Make a mistake

- 29. Credit card term
- 35. Keyboard key
- 36. Woman (French)
- 37. In the middle of
- 38. Score perfectly
- 40. Coat a metal with an oxide coat
- 41. Deadly disease
- 42. A place to dock a boat (abbr.)
- 43. Belch
- 44. Member of U.S. Navy
- 45. "In \_\_\_": separate from others
- 47. Examine extensively
- 48. Adjust
- 49. Tattle
- 52. Actor Pitt
- 53. Gulls
- 54. Within
- 55. Exceptionally talented performer



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Notice of Spring Primary and Sample Ballots February 21, 2023

Office of the Lincoln County Clerk To the voters of Lincoln County:

Notice is hereby given of a spring primary election to be held in Lincoln County on February 21, 2023, at which the officers named below shall be nominated.

Information to Voters

Upon entering the polling place and before being permitted to vote, a voter shall:

- state their name and address
show an acceptable form of photo identification\*
sign the poll book\*\*

\*If a voter does not have acceptable photo identification, the voter may obtain a free photo ID for voting from the Division of Motor Vehicles.

\*\*If the voter is unable to sign the poll book due to disability, a poll worker may write the word "exempt."

If a voter is not registered to vote, they may register to vote at the polling place serving their residence if the voter provides proof of residence.

Where ballots are distributed to voters, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot.

Upon being permitted to vote, the voter shall enter a voting booth or go to a machine and cast their ballot. The vote should not be cast in any manner other than specified here.

A voter who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the voter's minor child or minor ward.

An election official may inform the voter of the proper manner for casting a vote but the official may not advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

Assistance for Voting

A voter may select an individual to assist in casting their vote if the voter declares to the presiding official that they are unable to read, have difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability are unable to cast their ballot.

Where Paper Ballots are Used

The voter shall make a mark(X) in the square next to the name of the candidate of his or her choice for each office for which they intend to vote.

Spoiled Ballots

If a voter spoils a paper ballot, they shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one voter.

After Voting the Ballot

After an official paper ballot is marked, it shall be folded so the inside marks do not show, but so the printed endorsements and inspectors' initials on the outside do show.

The following is a sample of the official ballot :

Christopher J. Marlowe

Christopher J Marlowe, Lincoln County Clerk

Lincoln County State of Wisconsin February 21, 2023

Official Primary Ballot Nonpartisan Office February 21, 2023

Notice to Voters: If you are voting on Election Day, your ballot must be initiated by two election inspectors.

Official Primary Ballot form with sections for Instructions to Voters, Statewide Judicial, and Municipal. Includes names of Janet C. Protasiewicz, Daniel Kelly, Everett D. Mitchell, Jennifer R. Dorow, Mike Ellsworth, Robert A. Wiitala, and Michael R. Hornischer.

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JACQUELYN DORIS BALTICH BRANDT

DOD: 10/05/2022 Order Setting Time to Hear Petition for Administration and Deadline for Filing Claims

(Formal Administration) Case No. 23PR3

A Petition for Formal Administration was filed.

THE COURT FINDS: The decedent, with date of birth 07/16/1940 and date of death 10/05/2022 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of N10594 Somo Ridge Drive, Tomahawk, WI 54487.

THE COURT ORDERS: 1. The Petition be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Room Branch 1, before Circuit Court Judge/Circuit Court Commissioner Honorable Galen Bayne-Allison, on March 15, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

You do not need to appear unless you object. The petition may be granted if there is no objection.

2. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 26, 2023.

3. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin, Room-Office of Register in Probate.

4. Heirship will be determined at the hearing on petition for final judgment.

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5. Publication of this notice is notice to any persons whose names or addresses are unknown.

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-536-0342 prior to the scheduled court date.

Please check with person named below for exact time and date.

Attorney Steven C. Garbowicz 221 S First St., PO Box 639 Eagle River, WI 54521 715-479-6444

Bar Number: 1018485

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: February 8, 2023 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer

Probate Registrar Published February 15, 22, March 1, 2023

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TODD A KAHLE

DOD: 11/17/2021 Notice to Creditors (Informal Administration) Case No. 2023 IN 03

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth April 24, 1956 and date of death November 17, 2021, was domiciled in Lincoln County, state of Wisconsin, with a

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mailing address of 308 N. Eighth Street, Tomahawk, WI 54487.

3. All interested persons waived notice. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is May 19, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452, Probate.

Form completed by: Randy L. Frokjer

Frokjer Law, LLC 199 Oneida Drive, Suite A Tomahawk, WI 54487 715-224-3411

Bar No. 1010644

DATE SIGNED: January 26, 2023 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer

Probate Registrar Published February 8, 15, 22, 2023

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STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE NAME CHANGE OF

Becky Ann Austin By (Petitioner) Becky Ann Austin

Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing Case No. 23CV19

NOTICE IS GIVEN: A Petition was filed asking to change the name of the person listed above:

From: First- Becky Middle- Ann Last- Austin

To: First- Becky Middle- Ann Last- Knight

Birth Certificate: First- Becky Middle- Ann Last- Austin

IT IS ORDERED: This Petition will be heard in the Circuit Court of Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin:

Name: Honorable Robert R. Russell Place: Lincoln County Courthouse, BR 2 1110 E. Main St. BR 2 Merrill, WI 54452

Date: March 13, 2023 Time: 1:45 pm

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call (715)536-0319 prior to the scheduled court date.

Please note that the court does not provide transportation

BY THE COURT: DATE SIGNED: February 01, 2023

//s/ Robert Russell CIRCUIT JUDGE/COURT COMMISSIONER

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STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff,

vs. Allen H. Rank III Defendant.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 22-CV-000121

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on September 20, 2022 in the amount of \$84,184.02 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

TIME: March 20, 2023 at 10:00 am TERMS: Pursuant to said judgment, 10% of the successful bid must be paid to the sheriff at the sale in cash, cashier's check or certified funds, payable to the clerk of courts (personal checks cannot and will not be accepted).

The balance of the successful bid must be paid to the clerk of courts in cash, cashier's check or certified funds no later than ten days after the court's confirmation of the sale or else the 10% down payment is forfeited to the plaintiff.

The property is sold 'as is' and subject to all liens and encumbrances.

PLACE: Inside the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, City of Merrill.

DESCRIPTION: Lots Five (5) and Six (6), Block Five (5) of the Plat of J.M. Smith & Co.'s 3rd Addition to West Merrill (now in the City of Merrill), Lincoln County, Wisconsin.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 201 N Pine St Merrill, WI 54452-1754

Ken Schneider Lincoln County Sheriff

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff 16345 West Glendale Drive New Berlin, WI 53151-2841 (414) 224-8404

Please go to www.gray-law.com to obtain the bid for this sale.

Gray & Associates, L.L.P. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a discharge in a chapter 7 bankruptcy case, this communication should not be construed as an attempt to hold you personally liable for the debt.

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ACCEPTING BIDS FOR PAVING

The Town of Cassian is accepting bids for the paving of approximately 1.8 miles of road from the intersection of Herman Crossing Road through Goodnow Road. All bids need to be received by the Town Board meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7pm at the Cassian Town Hall.

Bid packets can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk at Cassiantownclerk282@zohomail.com.

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LOCATION AND HOURS OF POLLING PLACES LINCOLN COUNTY

At the Spring Primary Election to be held on February 21, 2023, in Lincoln County, the following are the designated polling places:

Table with 2 columns: PRECINCT and POLLING LOCATION. Lists various precincts and their corresponding polling locations throughout Lincoln County.

CITY OF TOMAHAWK Wards 1 - 6 SARA Park Activities Center, 900 West Somo Ave

CITY OF MERRILL 1st District Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales St. 2nd District City Hall, 1004 E. First St 3rd District Bierman Building, 303 N Sales Street 4th District Smith Center, 1100 Marc Drive 5th District Smith Center, 1100 Marc Drive 6th District Bierman Building, 303 N Sales Street 7th District City Hall, 1004 E. First St 8th District Lincoln County Service Center, 801 N Sales St

Contact your municipal clerk if you have any questions concerning your polling place.

All polling places will open 7:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

All polling places are accessible to elderly and disabled voters.

Christopher J Marlowe, Lincoln County Clerk

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Estate Sales 7208

JANE'S Estate Sales 2/17-2/19/23 212 S 6th Ave - Wausau Fri 12-5, Sat 9-3, Sun 10-1 NOTICE: Be prepared: there are 17 steps to access the house! Great Sale!!!! Something for everyone! Crafting, loads of vintage furniture pieces (many "in the rough"), Harley Davidson items, name brand women's clothing (Sm), Religious items, vintage toys, Tupperware, wicker porch set, antique floor lamps, plants and stands, smoking pipes, tools, air compressor, snow blower, garden tools & whimsy, storage totes, upright freezer, and much more. We're still uncovering stuff. Go to JANE'S Estate Sales on Facebook or estatesales.org for photos.

Antiques and Collectibles 7214

LOOKING FOR Coleman lanterns, stoves, heaters or other related products. Also looking for Zippo lighters. Call 715-612-0357.

Computers and Electronics 7216

Switch and save up to \$250/yr on talk, text & data. No contract or hidden fees. Unlimited talk & text with flexible data plans. Premium nationwide coverage. 100% U.S. based customer service. Limited time get \$50 off any new account. Use code GIFT50. 1-855-903-3048

Musical Instruments 7220

TOP CASH PAID FOR OLD GUITARS! 1920-1980 Gibson, Martin, Fender, Gretsch, Epiphone, Guild, Mosrite, Rickenbacker, Prairie State, D'Angelico, Stromberg & Gibson Mandolins/Banjoes. 844-262-6174 (WCAN)

Furniture and Home Decor 7236

UPDATE YOUR HOME with Beautiful New Blinds & Shades. FREE in-home estimates make it convenient to shop from home. Professional Installation. Top Quality - Made in the USA. Call for free consultation: 877-544-2415 Ask about our specials! (WCAN)

Firewood 7244

DRY OAK & Hard Maple, \$250/cord. Over 15 mi is extra. Have hard wood in wood shed over a year old. Clean & no bark. 715-351-1888 or 715-873-4196.

Tools and Equipment 7254

22 Ton Wood Splitter for sale. \$975. Steel Concrete forms and equipment. 715-351-0906

Sporting Goods 7260

GUN SHOW: February 17-19, 2023. Sunnyview Expo, 500 E. Cty Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm. Admission: \$8 (14 & Under FREE) Buy/Sell/Trade 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com.

GUN SHOW: February 24-26, 2023, Waukesha Expo, 1000 Northview RD. Waukesha, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm. \$8 (Under 14 FREE) 608-752-6677 www.bobandrocco.com

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Appointments will be made for the following positions in accordance with the Board Appointment Committee's Plan of Representation, which specifies categories of membership as well as geographic areas, gender, and minority representation within the district.

Nicolet College District Board Member Open Positions:

The following position will commence on or about July 1, 2023, upon certification by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board. The position will expire on June 30, 2025.

- One (1) Interim Employer Member - term expiring June 30, 2025

The following positions will commence on or about July 1, 2023, upon certification by the Wisconsin Technical College System Board. The positions will expire on June 30, 2026.

- Two (2) Additional Members
- One (1) Elected Official

Of the Current Openings:

- At least three (3) of the four (4) open positions must reside in Oneida County or the portion of Langlade County that is within the Nicolet College District.
- At least one (1) of the four (4) open positions must reside in the portion of Lincoln County that is within the Nicolet College District.
- At least one (1) of the four (4) open positions must meet the board member category definition for an Employer Member (below).
- At least one (1) of the four (4) open positions must meet the board member category definition for an Elected Official Member (below).
- At least one (1) of the four (4) open positions must be filled by a female.

Board Member Category Definitions:

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In the appointment process, equal consideration is given to the general population distribution within the Nicolet College District, as well as to the distribution of women and minorities. Note: No two members of the Nicolet College District Board may be officials of the same governmental unit, nor may any district board member be a member of the school board which employs the School District Administrator member.

Please refer to the following Nicolet College website address for an application and additional information to help you determine if you qualify for an open board member position: https://www.nicoletcollege.edu/about/board-trustees/board-appointment-process

Notarized affidavit (application) forms must be received at the address below no later than Tuesday, February 21, at 4 p.m. Applicants must participate in the meeting and public hearing of the District Board Appointment Committee on Wednesday, March 8, at 9 am or Thursday, March 9, at 1 pm (if needed) and provide at least two letters of recommendation supporting his/her candidacy to the Nicolet College District Board before being interviewed at the scheduled public hearing.

An affidavit (application) form and instructions may be obtained from, and submitted to:

Nicolet College - Kris Peeters PO Box 518 Rhinelander, WI 54501 Phone: (715) 365-4416 Email: kpeeters@nicoletcollege.edu Published February 15, 2023

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Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

# Veterans who died after returning from Vietnam eligible for Nicolet College's Wall That Heals exhibit

**FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER**

**RHINELANDER** - The Wall That Heals will be on display at Nicolet College in Rhinelander in May, and as part of the exhibit, local Vietnam veterans who died after returning home are eligible to be honored as part of the In Memory Honor Roll display.

Since the Vietnam War ended, thousands of Vietnam veterans have suffered due to Agent Orange exposure, PTSD and other illnesses as a result of their service.

"The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund (VVMF) believes all those who

served in Vietnam should be honored and remembered for their service," a release from Nicolet said. "The In Memory program enables the families and friends of those who came home and later died the opportunity to have them be forever memorialized."

All veterans from Wisconsin honored through In Memory will have their photos and names on display as part of the mobile Education Center exhibit when The Wall That Heals is at Nicolet College from May 18 to May 21.

"We want to honor as many Vietnam veterans

from Wisconsin as possible," said Casey Lehmann, Financial Aid Advisor and The Wall That Heals-Nicolet College Site Host. "If your loved one served in Vietnam, returned home and later died - we want to be able to proudly display their name and photo in our community. We're asking for the public's help to identify eligible veterans and get their applications into VVMF so their veteran can be on display in Rhinelander."

There is no cost to have a veteran honored. To honor a loved one,

**Wall**

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# Wisconsin municipalities receive more than \$134 million in quarterly transportation aid payments

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – Governor Tony Evers and the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) announced on Tuesday, Jan. 31 that municipalities across the state received more than \$134 million in the first quarterly payments for 2023 for General Transportation, Connecting Highway and Expressway Policing Aids.

According to a release from Evers' office, for calendar year 2023, local governments will receive more than \$526 million in General Transportation Aids financial assistance to support transportation-related projects, a 2% increase over calendar year 2022 allocations provided by the 2021-23 biennial budget signed by Evers.

Total funding for all local programs makes up almost one-third of the state transportation budget.

Quarterly payments for cities, villages, and towns are sent the first Monday in January, April, July and October. County payments are made in three installments, with 25% of the total annual payment on the first Monday in January; 50% on the first Monday in July; and 25% on the first Monday in October.

The first quarter payments, made in January, totaled \$134,806,043.56 and included:

- General Transportation Aids (GTA) – \$131,534,194.35 to local units of government
- Connecting Highway Aids (CHA) – \$3,015,874.21 to 116 eligible municipalities
- Expressway Policing Aids – \$255,975.00 to Milwaukee County

Municipality	GTA	CHA
Lincoln County	\$312,419.79	
Oneida County	\$290,607.74	
Price County	\$181,708.35	
Vilas County	\$279,918.07	
City of Tomahawk	\$65,794.57	\$7,290.10
City of Merrill	\$211,514.42	\$26,372.76
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Data courtesy of WisDOT.

General Transportation Aids help cover the costs of constructing, maintaining and operating roads and streets under local jurisdiction.

Connecting Highway Aids reimburse municipalities for maintenance and traffic control of certain state highways within municipalities.

Expressway Policing Aids assist the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department with the costs of patrolling expressways within the county.

"Since 2019, we've improved more than 5,800 miles of roads and highways across the state, but there is more work to be done to ensure municipalities have the support and resources they need to

keep fixing the darn roads," Evers stated. "We will continue to work together with our local partners to ensure Wisconsinites have safe, reliable transportation and infrastructure to maintain our economy's momentum."

"Efficient and resilient transportation infrastructure depends on the first and last mile," said WisDOT Secretary Craig Thompson. "Cooperation with local governments across Wisconsin is central to making good investments in our roads, and I want to thank all the municipal leaders who work with us to improve transportation."

A list of the fourth quarter aid payments is available at [www.bit.ly/3HXF9sm](http://www.bit.ly/3HXF9sm).

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complete a short application and submit the veteran's DD214 showing their proof of service in Vietnam, a copy of their death certificate and two photographs.

Additional information on the In Memory program and the application form can be found at [www.vvmf.org/in-memory](http://www.vvmf.org/in-memory).

In addition to The Wall That Heals display, having a veteran honored through In Memory includes:

- An online personal remembrance page is created for each honoree with their photo and biographical information, as part of the In Memory Honor Roll. Family members can share the page and leave remembrances about their loved one. To see the Honor Roll, visit [www.vvmf.org/Honor-Roll/](http://www.vvmf.org/Honor-Roll/).

• An invitation to In Memory weekend in Washington, D.C., which includes a ceremony on the site of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial where each honoree's name is read aloud. Each applicant also receives a printed personal tribute certificate with their veteran's photo(s).

The plaque on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in Washington, D.C. that honors these veterans was dedicated as a part of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in 2004 and a replica plaque is part of The Wall That Heals exhibit. It reads: "In Memory of the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. We honor and remember their sacrifice."

"The impact of the Vietnam War stretches far beyond the 58,281

names on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial," said Jim Knotts, President and CEO of VVMF, the nonprofit organization that founded the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. in 1982 and manages The Wall That Heals and In Memory programs." More than three million Americans served in Vietnam and an untold number of those who served have suffered from service-connected illnesses. No one knew that when the war ended, Vietnam veterans and their families would still be feeling the effects of their service more than 50 years later. In Memory is our way to honor these Vietnam veterans for the sacrifices they made."

For more information on The Wall That Heals coming to Nicolet College, visit [www.bit.ly/3YiA4RO](http://www.bit.ly/3YiA4RO).

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# Leader Sports & Nature

## Hockey: Tomahawk wins three heading into Regionals

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**TOMAHAWK** – The Tomahawk Hatchet hockey team won three games ahead of its Regional game this week.

### Waupaca

The Hatchets hosted Waupaca at the SARA Park Arena on Tuesday, Feb. 7 and came away with a 4-2 win.

After the game, Coach Bembinster said he and the coaching staff were proud of the team.

“We did a nice job of executing a lot of small details that we talk about,” Bembinster stated. “Very complete game tonight.”

### WSFLG Blizzard

On Thursday, Feb. 9, the WSFLG Blizzard came to

Tomahawk, and the Hatchets ultimately earned a resounding 12-1 victory.

Bembinster said that the Tomahawk skaters started off the game “a little slow,” but really picked up in the second and third periods.

He noted that the team once again executed the details discussed in practice, adding that the squad would be ready for its weekend conference tournament in Medford.

### Medford GNC tournament

Tomahawk took part in a Great Northern Conference (GNC) tournament in Medford on Saturday, Feb. 11, where the team came away with a 6-3 win over Northland Pines.

Bembinster noted that although his squad was miss-

ing some key players due to injury and illness, the team “rallied around each other and played a very solid game.”

Along with the win, the Hatchets also had three players who received All-Conference honors. Zack Friske earned 2nd team All-Conference, while Austin Lamer and Logan Seymour were Honorable Mention selections.

“Congratulations to those players and the team for finishing the regular season strong,” Bembinster said.

### This week’s action

The Hatchet skaters are set to face Northland Pines in a Regional matchup at the SARA Park Arena on Thursday, Feb. 16. Opening puck drop is at 7 p.m.

## Fishing Report: Good Ice, Minimal Snow...Time to Fish!

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**TOMAHAWK** – The Tomahawk area has seen its share of cold weather the past couple weeks, and as a result, the ice is in very good condition on local area lakes and waterways. You can expect to find about 18 inches of ice in most areas.

Of course, use caution on flowages as ice can always fluctuate based on the currents of the rivers. The snow depths have been very low at the same time, so getting around on the ice is about as easy as you could hope for this far into the winter season. ATV, UTV and all trucks or SUVs are having no issues going anywhere that they want to right now.

The forecast for the week ahead is nothing more than ideal for getting out and trying your hand on area waters. Mild early February temps are expected with little precipitation at the same time.

Many area nonprofits regularly hold fishing derbies this time of year also, like the Alice in Winterland fishing contest that was held on Lake Alice on Saturday, Feb. 4. Hundreds and hundreds of people got



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out with the whole family for a day on the water, good laughs and fun times wetting a line in hopes of a fish that you could race up to the registration station for a chance to claim one of the top prizes. As always, this kid-friendly, family friendly event was a success, and the great ice and weather conditions brought the fishermen and

women out in droves again this year.

If you haven't gotten out much yet this year, or if you are an old pro on the ice, this coming week and maybe even longer, look to be a great period of time get out and drill some holes while you can get around to explore.

Time to fish!

## Middle school grapplers take part in Wisconsin Rapids scramble

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS** – The Tomahawk Middle School wrestling team traveled to Wisconsin Rapids for a five-team scramble on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

The teams involved were Tomahawk, Wisconsin Rapids, D.C. Everest, John Muir White and John Muir Blue.

There were no team scores kept.

The TMS wrestlers had an outstanding night and finished with a winning percentage of over 75%.

The following Tomahawk wrestlers came away with at least one victory on the night: Fletcher Baumann, Hudson Evans, Skylar Harper-Dahlvig, Harman

Hoffman, Dawson Jones, Colton McMeekin, Tanner Wanta, Tiegana Sarazin and Zander Zehner.

### Tomahawk Scramble this week

The middle school Hatchet grapplers were back in action on Monday, Feb. 13, when they hosted the Tomahawk Scramble.

## 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).

### Water aerobics

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 accompanied by an adult. For more information, contact Jon Long at 715-966-2231 or Bill Sparr at 715-453-1954.

### Morning lap swim

Morning lap swim will be held at the pool at the Tomahawk school complex on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 6 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Entry is through at Door #6 (auditorium, fieldhouse and pool).

## TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 117

The Tomahawk Leader will feature one local sports trivia question per week, provided by Bob Skubal, retired coach, historian, and author of “History of Tomahawk Sports.” Email leadernews@mmclocal.com if you know the answer!

The first person to tell us the correct answer each week will have their name

published in the paper if they wish, along with their correct answer to the question.

**Week 116 question:** In 1963, Tom Gabriel was State Champion in the pole vault. How high did he vault at State: 11' 4", 12' 4", or 12' 3 1/2"?

**Week 116 answer:** Tom Gabriel was State Champion in the pole vault

in 1963 with a vault of 12' 3 1/2".

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

**Week 117 question:** On April 30, 1964, the Tomahawk Leader reported THS track records. Who had the 100 yard dash record for THS: Walt Tuttle, Mac Winker or Dale Arnett?

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**Besse's on Clear Lake,** a traditional northern Wisconsin Supper Club is being offered for sale. Located on beautiful Clear Lake in northern Lincoln County right off Highway 8. The dining and bar area was completely renovated in 2018 and was featured on the Food Network's TV show Restaurant Impossible. The dining room has seating for 50 guests and the bar has seating for 17. During the warmer months there is a large deck overlooking the lake with outside seating for 20. The kitchen is a chef's delight, large and well designed with a great flow for food prep. This is a well-established business with a great reputation for high quality dining. This is a turn key business with everything needed included in the sale. \$325,000

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Feb 16	3:54AM	7:25AM	11:56AM	7:58PM
Feb 17	4:55AM	8:30AM	1:10PM	9:02PM
Feb 18	5:42AM	9:34AM	2:34PM	10:05PM
Feb 19	6:18AM	10:34AM	4:01PM	—
Feb 20	6:47AM	11:03PM	5:26PM	11:30AM
Feb 21	7:10AM	11:56PM	6:48PM	12:22PM
Feb 22	7:30AM	12:47AM	8:06PM	1:11PM

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# Hatchet hoopsters fall to Lakeland, Antigo

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Last week, the Tomahawk Hatchet boys' basketball team took on Lakeland and Antigo.

### Lakeland

The Hatchets faced the Lakeland Thunderbirds in a conference matchup at the Fieldhouse on Tuesday, Feb. 7.

Lakeland came out shooting the ball well and took a 37-13 lead into halftime. It was more of the same in the second half for the Thunderbirds, and the Hatchets couldn't seem to get anything to fall as the Thunderbirds cruised to a 71-30 victory.

The Hatchets were led in scoring by Gavyn Palmier with nine points.

Head coach Jacob Jarvensivu said there some good things and bad things that happened in the game.

"We did a pretty good job of controlling our turnovers in the second half, but in the first half, there were just not enough shots on our end," he stated. "We don't shoot a good enough percentage to miss out on scoring opportunities, so we have to take advantage of every chance we get with the ball. I'm proud of the boys' effort, and I think we're continuing to improve."

### Antigo

On Friday, Feb. 10, the Hatchets traveled to Antigo for their final road conference game of the year.

Antigo used their size and strength in the first half to dominate the rebounding situation and

put the Hatchets in foul trouble, and the Red Robins took a 30-15 lead into halftime. The Hatchets came storming back to start the second half, going on a 14-0 run to cut the lead to one.

After a bunch of back and forth basketball, the Hatchets ended up taking a 39-38 lead with four minutes to go in the second half. The Red Robins proved to be just too big rebounding and made a few more shots than the Hatchets and went on a run of their own. The Hatchets ultimately fell 51-41.

Tyler Jablonski led the Hatchets with 13 points, and Ethan Breitenfeld added 11.

"This was probably our best basketball game, energy-wise, of the season," Jarvensivu said. "We were disciplined and focused and we dictated the tempo of the game for the most part. I want to give a shout out to Joey Reiter, as he played a great game guarding one of the best big guys in the conference. Joey is 6 inches shorter and 50 pounds lighter than Mason Gray and battled him the entire game tough. We just didn't quite make enough shots to pull out the victory, but I am definitely proud of our effort."

### This week's action

The Hatchets are set to host a pair of home games this week.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, Bonduel will come to town, and Crandon is slated to visit the Hatchet Fieldhouse on Friday, Feb. 15. Both games get underway at 7:15 p.m.

## WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, Feb. 5	26	2
Monday, Feb. 6	38	30
Tuesday, Feb. 7	38	16
Wednesday, Feb. 8	48	15
Thursday, Feb. 9	41	11
Friday, Feb. 10	29	10
Saturday, Feb. 11	45	15

# DNR urging sober riding as snowmobile fatality numbers climb

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – With nine snowmobile fatalities reported in the state this year as of Friday, Feb. 10, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is urging all snowmobile operators to Sled Safe and Sled Smart.

"I can't emphasize enough how important it is for snowmobile operators to be safe, responsible and sober," said DNR Off-Highway Vehicle Administrator Lt. Jacob Holsclaw. "Impairment of any kind can have tragic consequences. Over the past five years, alcohol was involved in 68% of snowmobile fatalities. As you venture out on your snowmobile, think of your loved ones. Don't drink and ride."

Local sheriff's deputies and DNR conservation wardens are amping up patrol efforts to make sure riders are staying safe, DNR said.

DNR is reminding operators not to forget the following snowmobile safety tips:

• It is never OK to drink and operate a snowmobile. Impairment of any kind –



Wisconsin DNR is reminding snowmobilers to Sled Safe and Sled Smart.

Photo courtesy of Narayan Mahon

drugs or alcohol – can have tragic consequences.

• Always operate within the limits of your skills, visibility and snowmobile.

• Stop and look both ways before crossing a road. All snowmobile operators are required to obey stop sign postings and stop. Be sure the path is clear of all oncoming traffic.

View an up-to-date, brief synopsis of 2023 fatal snowmobile crashes on

the DNR's website at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/snowmobile/CrashInfo](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/snowmobile/CrashInfo).

Visit the DNR's snowmobiling webpage ([www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Snowmobile](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Snowmobile)) for additional information on snowmobile safety classes, regulations, safety tips and how to register your snowmobile.

DNR Violation Hotline  
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source violations, including unsafe snowmobile operation, may confidentially report by calling or texting the Violation Hotline at 1-800-TIP-WDNR or 1-800-847-9367. The hotline is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Trained staff relay the information to conservation wardens.

Reports can also be filed online at [www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/contact/Hotline.html](http://www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/contact/Hotline.html).

# Natural Connections: 'The Last of Us' in Real Life

BY EMILY M. STONE  
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With a firmly packed trail under my feet, I could let my eyes wander. Blue sky peeked through gaps in the red pine canopy, and the orderly rows of their trunks made pleasing patterns against the snow. On this hike, though, I wasn't looking for uniform trees. This was a scouting trip for an upcoming interpretive hike, and my eyes were peeled for special or unusual bits of nature that would make participants go "wow!"

Through a brushy patch I noted a young boxelder tree with winged samaras

still drooping from the twigs. Across the trail, a cherry sapling sported the wrinkled growths of black knot fungus, and the leaves of a young oak tree fluttered in the wind. This could be a stop where I talk about easily visible clues to winter tree identification, I thought.

A few steps down the trail, another oak sapling caught my eye. This one was only chest high and barely half-an-inch in diameter where it disappeared into the snow. And it was hairy.

My second look revealed that the twigs were covered with small, shiny, brown domes, and from most of these domes sprouted a forest of little black clubs. Their shape

reminded me of Earth tongue fungi and pin lichens, both of which I've written about previously. As I finished hiking the loop, I spotted these odd-looking twigs everywhere!

The domes I recognized. Several years ago I spotted the same type of critter on an ironwood tree. These were scale insects. Like their relatives the aphids, scale larvae insert sucking mouthparts (called stylets)

into the leaves and start drinking. In order to get enough nitrogen, they must drink an excessive amount of the sugar-rich sap, which they concentrate and excrete as "honeydew." Ants take advantage of this just like they do with aphids, and can often be seen drinking honeydew off the scale insects.

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Here's an up-close view of what I believe to be the same pair of organisms.

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### LAST OF US FROM PAGE 15

As the nitrogen and sugar fuel their growth, the scale larvae molt. With each molt, their bodies become larger, and their legs become smaller. Finally, in late summer before their legs completely disappear, the nymphs walk back down the leaf stalk and onto their winter home on the twig. They build their waxy, protective shells, and do not move again. Spring brings maturity, egg laying, and death.

Death, in this case, came early. I sent a photo of the scale insects with clubs erupting from their shells to Britt Bunyard. Britt is the editor of Fungi Magazine and a frequent field trip leader for the Museum. I affectionately refer to him as "my mushroom guy" and send most fungi-related questions his way. He stud-

ied entomology as well, so this mystery was perfect for him.

Britt wrote back that these fungi were most likely *Cordyceps clavulata*. *Cordyceps* fungi are well known to plant pathologists and agronomists because, according to Britt, "they are one of the rock stars of biocontrol of insect pests on economically important crops." In other words, these fungi are on our side, and help control pests!

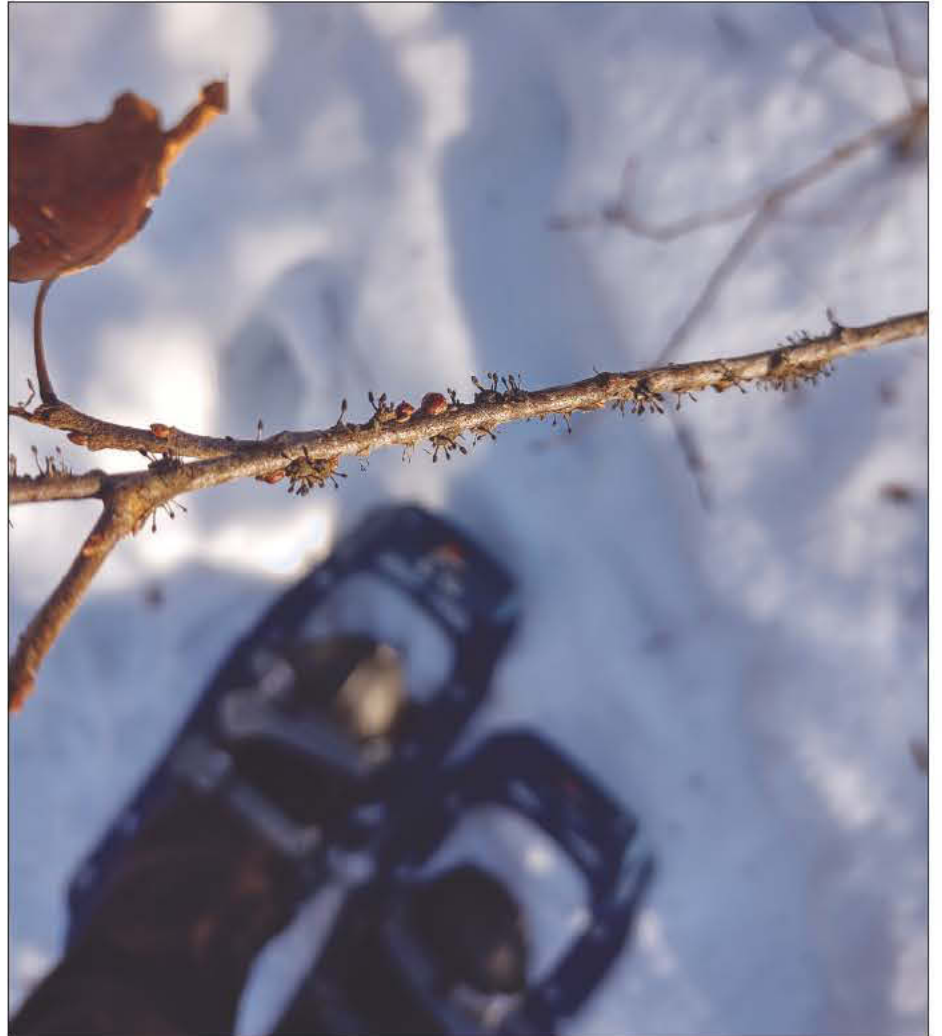
*Cordyceps* are fungi who parasitize insects (mostly). First, a spore encounters a tasty host, then it sends web-like mycelium throughout the body of the insect to digest it. Finally they send their club-like reproductive structure up into the air to release spores. The cycle repeats.

According to Britt, there is only one known reference to *Cordyceps* fungi

parasitizing scale insects. This could be a unique observation and important to science! I have marching orders to collect samples for further research.

You may be familiar with *Cordyceps*, because HBO's recent zombie thriller "The Last of Us" is purportedly about *Cordyceps* that switch from attacking insects to attacking humans. I'm not sure because I haven't seen it. I don't watch the horror/apocalypse genre, especially when it's based in nature. For one, I do NOT want to be thinking about that stuff while I'm in the woods. For two, real nature has plenty of suspense and gore if you know where to look! Luckily these real-life fungi are the good guys! They've just taken care of what looks like a huge outbreak of scale insects in this section of forest.

As I searched for more



On a recent snowshoe hike, I found many twigs on oak saplings that were covered in scale insects who had been parasitized by fungi.

Photo by Emily Stone

details, I discovered that oak lecanium scale insects become pests most often in cities. Sometimes it's because the heat island effect in cities both stresses out the trees and allows the scale insects to develop faster. Sometimes it's because spraying for mosquitoes has killed off the predators and parasites who would control the scale insects. I called around to nearby landowners, and no one admits to having sprayed for mosquitoes in this forest.

My friend who hikes there in the summer confirms that there are plenty of skeeters on these trails. So, the cause of the outbreak remains a bit of a mystery.

Happily, mysteries are fun to teach about. Not only did I find something interesting to show the visitors next week, I discovered something that made even my mushroom guy go "wow!" Not that's a successful hike.

Emily's award-winning second book, *Natural Con-*

nections: 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.

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