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THS students take part in first annual Darlene Wurl Memorial Writing Contest

Essays focus on Tomahawk history

BY SAMUEL HERNANDEZ
SOCIAL STUDIES
TEACHER



Pictured, from left to right: Bill Sparr, Patricia Pietila, Alli Palmer, Mathian Vojcik, Caylie Swan, Riah Petta, Caroline Bishop, Lloyd Bishop. Photo courtesy of Samuel Hernandez

TOMAHAWK – Last week, the winners of the first annual Darlene Wurl Memorial Writing Contest were announced at Tomahawk High School.

Darlene's life was dedicated to helping kids appreciate language, and her own passion for writing. Tomahawk Area Historical Society President Patricia Pietila and board member Bill Sparr came up with the idea of an annual writing contest to honor the life of Darlene Wurl, and to work with the social studies department at THS.

All students in United States History at THS took part in a writing contest with the prompt: The History of a Part of Tomahawk's History.

Students began the activity by taking a tour of the Tomahawk Area Historical Society at the end of September, which was coordinated by the members of the Historical Society.

Following the field trip, students researched various topics, people and events related to the history of Tomahawk as part of the U.S. His-

tory class.

The winners of the first annual Darlene Wurl Memorial Writing Contest and their prizes are: First place, Alli Palmer, Native American History of Tomahawk, \$100.00; second place, Mathian Vojcik, Impact of Tomahawk Soldiers in War, \$75.00; third place (tie), Caylie Swan, Mitchell Hotel Fire; and Riah Petta, Tomahawk Hospitals, \$25.00 each.

A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop for helping to fund the prize money for the contest.

Copies of the winning essays will be available at the Tomahawk Public Library, 300 W. Lincoln Ave., and Bumper to Bumper Auto Zone, 128 W. Wisconsin Ave.

Featured in this week's *Leader* are three of the winning essays.

'Native Americans in Tomahawk' by Alli Palmer

Some people think that the History of Tomahawk start-

ed when our founder William Bradley first purchased the land of Tomahawk. When actually, the history of Tomahawk dates back decades before the events of William Bradley. Before any logging company set foot on the forests of Tomahawk, the land belonged to the Ojibwe people. But who were the Ojibwe people? And why did they like Tomahawk so much?

In 1785, the Ojibwe people began to move to Wisconsin and its surrounding areas. They lived in wigwams and traveled the long rivers of Wisconsin in birch bark canoes, which made Tomahawk a very popular area, as it is right on the Wisconsin river. This helped with transporting goods to trade with neighboring tribes. The Ojibwe relied heavily on the fur trade, they would often value their relationship with the Dakota, a nearby tribe. The Ojibwe people made as much use of the land as they could, without wasting it. They hunted game and fished in the rivers

and lakes, and made maple sugar and syrup. Tomahawk was known as a favorite hunting territory, and soon, they decided to name this area Tomahawk, which means "by nature's own hands".

The Ojibwe believed in a single creating force and multiple spirits that play roles in the universe. Ojibwe culture was structured around reciprocity, and gift-giving played an essential role in their society. This can be seen in the relationship between the Ojibwe and the nearby Dakota tribe. Due to the fur trade, the two tribes relied heavily on one another, and their relationship grew. The two tribes were often more at peace than at war.

Ojibwe communities were much different than the communities we see today here in Tomahawk. They were structured around animals and their spirits. Different communities, called clans,

Contest

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Park and Recreations Committee approves splash pad proposal

City council vote expected in March

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The City of Tomahawk Park and Recreations Committee last week gave the thumbs up to a company's proposal to construct a splash pad in Washington Square Park.

The proposal will be sent to the City of Tomahawk Common Council for a final vote.

The committee voted unanimously on Tuesday, Feb. 14 to approve a proposal from Commercial Recreation Specialists (CRS), a Verona, Wis.-based firm that specializes in recreation products and services designed specifically for commercial clients.

MSA Professional Services, a Baraboo, Wis.-headquartered company focused on community and land development projects, has been collaborating with the city on revitalizing Washington Square Park, also known as "Toddler Park," on N. 4th St.

MSA put out a request for bids for the splash pad equipment and the installation of the equipment, and CRS was the only responsive bidder.

CRS represents Vortex, a Canadian company that provides equipment for splash pads, water-parks and resorts.

Prior to the vote during last week's meeting at City Hall, the committee discussed CRS's proposed design with Raine Gardner and Lucas Geiger of MSA.

CRS's current rendering plays on a Northwoods theme, featuring fish, pine trees and cattails.

Gardner noted that CRS's proposed concept serves as a starting point to work from, and if the city council gives the final go-ahead to work with CRS and Vortex, MSA can assist the city in making adjustments during the design process.

The City of Tomahawk Common Council is expected to vote on the proposal in March.



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Wisconsin National Guard takes part in Lincoln County training exercise

BY VAUGHN R. LARSON
DEPARTMENT OF
MILITARY AFFAIRS

LINCOLN COUNTY – A Wisconsin Army National Guard Black Hawk helicopter crew participated in a collaborative first responder search and rescue training exercise in southern Lincoln County on Saturday, Jan. 14.

Maj. Don Graham, commander of the Army Aviation Support Facility #1, said the Jan. 14 missing persons training scenario involved ground teams from the Trail Ambassador Program – part of a national organization promoting recreational vehicle and trail use – and representatives from the Merrill and Russell Fire Departments, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

"Teams got a chance to work on air-ground communications and development of a common operating picture for coordinating search efforts," Graham said. "Our aircrew benefited from the live 'targets' at the search location, which allowed them to use our forward-looking infrared system during the search."

Forward-looking infrared is a thermal imaging camera that detects infrared radiation, generally from a heat source, and can



The Wisconsin National Guard joined the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office and several other local emergency services units in a joint search and rescue training exercise in southern Lincoln County last month.

Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

display that information as video imagery.

Adam Harden, deputy administrator of the Sheboygan-based Trail Ambassador Program, said the Black Hawk crew found the missing people in the scenario – two fishermen without cell phones – within 10 minutes. This was much faster than the ground search conducted in the morning by ground crews with all-terrain vehicles.

Harden said they used a drone to simulate the Black Hawk during the morning training. The Russell Fire Department assisted in a simulated extraction with their tracked utility terrain vehicle (UTV).

"The exercise was prolonged without the air as-

sets," Harden said, "but was a very valuable training for our ground teams. This adjustment was a great chance for command and search-and-rescue teams to think on their feet and provided for extra radio communications training due to additional movements needed for the search."

The afternoon scenario was a simulated rollover accident involving a UTV placed slightly off the trail, making it more difficult for ground rescue teams to locate the victims. The ground teams advanced on the location of the rollover by heading in the direction of the hovering Black Hawk helicopter and adjusting their GPS coordinates.

"This type of quick re-

sponse from an air asset is key to future search and rescue emergencies, as it drives the 'call early' part home," Harden said, citing the value of Wisconsin Emergency Management's air coordination group.

"One phone call is all that's needed," Harden said. "While the Black Hawk couldn't get there right away, once they did, they made quick work finding the victims."

Poor weather kept the Black Hawk from flying earlier in the day, but even that setback proved valuable for its crew. They coordinated with Harden to modify the training and calculate how much fuel they would have available for training.

"When the aircraft launched, we weren't sure we could get a hoist demonstration in, but they made it work the best they could with the time available," Graham said. "The crew was calculating fuel while Sgt. Patrick Blaesing, the medic, worked with the EMS teams on the ground and stayed as long as they could before departing."

The original plan called for searching for lost fishermen in the morning and evacuating an injured trail rider trapped under an overturned recreational vehicle in the afternoon.

Graham said the Black Hawk crew simulated a hoist rescue at the target

location so ground crews could understand the wind and noise associated with such rescues. They also conducted a live hoist demonstration and trained with local first responders on how to prepare a patient for hoist and air transport and how to offload a patient from a helicopter for ground transport.

Harden said the hoist demonstration was "fantastic," as Blaesing was lowered 75 feet from the Black Hawk to render medical care to the casualty. Responders learned how to prevent the litter-bound victim and Blaesing from spinning as they were hoisted up to the Black Hawk.



Photo courtesy of Michele Balda

THS drama department to present musical next month

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk High School Drama Department will present the musical "The Pirates of Penzance" next month.

Performances will be held in the high school auditorium on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4 at 7 p.m. each evening; and Sunday, March 5 at 2 p.m.

Tickets will be available at the door.

The cast includes Nikolaus Stefanich as Richard the Pirate King (Trey Morrison will be in this role for the Sunday performance); Xan Sutton, Frederic; Kambyl Mattke, Pirate Lieutenant Samuel; Brynne Stefan, Ruth; Nathanael Graeber, Major General Stanley; Jenny Meza, Mabel Stanley; Arawen Alberg, Edith Stanley; Kennedi Kromm, Kate Stanley; Murphy Koth, Isabel Stanley; Greyson Marta, Edward (Sergeant of Police); Maddy Baumann, Ella Hilgendorf, Mariah Sparbel, Stanley cousins; Greyson Marta, Cedar Hoffman, Sadie Miller, Salma Ramadhani, Clyde Kangas, Caisson McPherson, Galen Schmidt, Jacob Haring, Trey Morrison, pirates; Maddy Baumann, Ella Hilgendorf, Mariah Sparbel, Galen Schmidt, Caisson McPherson, Clyde Kangas, police.

Crew Chief: Clyde Kangas.

Student Production Manager: Kailey Cerny.

Stage construction crew: Scarlet McKenzie, Dorian Stefan, AJ Schertz, Kailey Cerny, Galen Schmidt, Kambyl Mattke, Mariah Sparbel,

Salma Ramadhani, Julia McGovern, Kiannah Mullen, Arawen Alberg, Nik Stefanich, Jacob Haring, Caisson McPherson, Sadie Ruder, Greta Kurth, Mia Kromm.

Director: Corey Colburn.

Assistant Directors: Michele Balda, Makayla Zipp.

About the show Gilbert and Sullivan's operetta, "The Pirates of Penzance," first opened on Broadway in New York on Dec. 31, 1879.

The story revolves around Frederic, a 21-year-old indentured, orphan pirate who falls in love with and wishes to marry Major General Stanley's daughter Mabel. However, he suddenly discovers that since his birthday is Feb. 29, he is only five years old, so his indenture doesn't end for another 63 years. Luckily, Mabel agrees to wait for him.

Meanwhile, the other pirates are pleased to see that Mabel has sisters whom they intend to marry as well, much to the girls' distaste. The Major General must lie to save his daughters, but his guilt weighs on him.

Upon receiving word there are pirates on the shore of Cornwall, a group of policemen also enter the story and exit just as quickly due to their fear of the pirates, but their curiosity keeps them not far from the action.

Before long, amidst other humorous conflicts, "battles" ensue, loyalties are revealed, and all is forgiven.

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Feb. 13:

A Merrill woman, 17 escaped injury following a one-vehicle rollover crash on the morning of Tuesday, Feb. 7. Deputies responded to the crash just after 7 a.m. near the intersection of State Rd. 64 and Hillview Rd. Preliminary investigation indicated the vehicle the woman was driving was westbound on State Rd. 64 when the vehicle met some slush in the road, lost control and entered the ditch before rolling over. The vehicle was later towed from the scene.

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Roof work tops School District of Tomahawk's summer project list

Replacement of windows, playground equipment anticipated

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

TOMAHAWK – The School District of Tomahawk Board of Education last week voted to approve a list of capital projects for the 2023-2024 school year, as well as an updated ten-year project plan.

During the board's two-plus hour meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 14, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor Arland Wingate briefly discussed the array of projects.

Among the top priorities is replacing eight rubber roofs. Although the school complex is one building, the structure has 37 different roofs. While a number of roofs have seen work in recent years, others haven't been replaced since the mid-1980s, according to a summary of the district's roofing systems provided during the meeting.

The estimated cost for the roof work is \$380,000.00. Other projects include

replacing elementary school playground equipment, replacing windows in the middle and high schools, brickwork improvements on the elementary school and repairing sidewalks and curbs around the school complex. These projects carry a combined estimated price tag of \$477,400.00.

The total cost for the upcoming work is projected to be \$857,400.00, which is within the maintenance budget.

Wingate noted that although these projects are slated to be completed over the summer, potential difficulties finding available contractors may force the projects to be completed later in the year.

The board also took a brief look at an updated ten-year projection for capital projects, organized by priority.

Additional roof work tops the list of repairs and preventative maintenance. Also included are the replacements of a school van,

snow sweeper/mower tractor, heating system pumps and motors, lawnmower deck, maintenance truck and air handling units throughout the school complex.

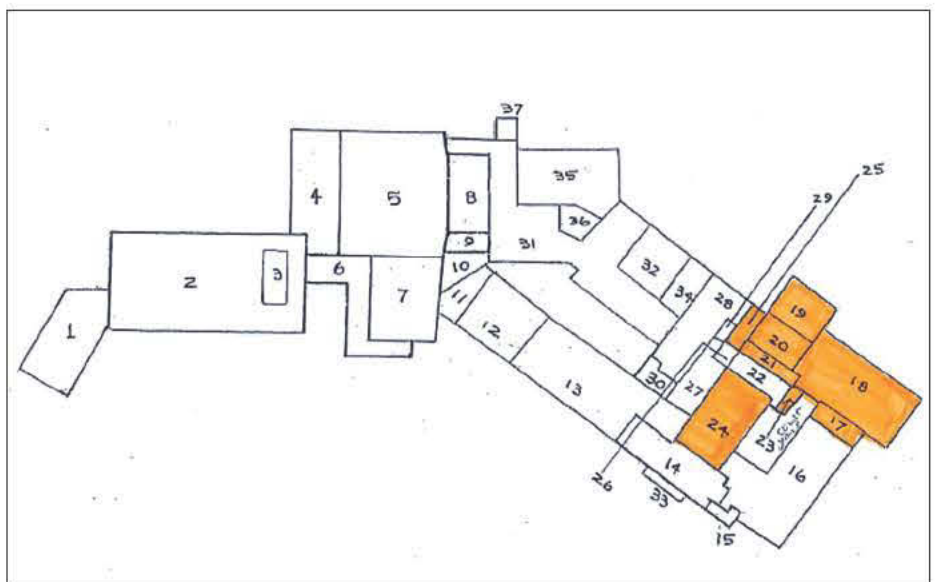
The list also made note of several recently-completed projects. The sanding and refinishing of the floors in the fieldhouse and high school gym, as well as the replacements of a boiler and the ceiling tiles in all classrooms, were checked off the list.

Among the safety projects on the ten-year list are replacing playground equipment with poured base, replacing and upgrading security cameras and systems and laying out traffic patterns, crosswalks and drop-off areas throughout the school complex.

Completed safety projects removed from the list include the recently-replaced bleachers in the high school gym and security upgrades made to interior and exterior doors.

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1	2001	17,100	C	20	1993	4,100	D-
2	2020	41,800	A+	21	1993	1,800	D-
3	2020	1,800	A+	22	2016	3,000	B+
4	2021	12,800	A+	23	1986	160	F
5	2021	29,300	A+	24	1996	10,700	D-
6	2021	8,400	A+	25	1993	1,900	D-
7	2022	13,300	A+	26	2016	720	B
8	2022	7,400	A+	27	2017	6,800	B
9	2022	2,000	A+	28	2002	7,700	C
10	2017	3,500	A+	29	2002	340	C
11	2017	2,000	A+	30	2010	2,200	B+
12	2009	9,000	D+	31	2001	29,200	C-
13	2019	15,000	A+	32	2001	8,700	C
14	2022	9,800	A+	33	2022	1,000	A+
15	2007	900	C-	34	2001	1,010	C
16	2015	16,300	B	35	2001	13,400	C
17	1985	2,400	D-	36	2001	2,500	C
18	1993	14,400	D-	37	2001	310	D+
19	1993	5,400	D-				

Photos courtesy of the School District of Tomahawk



Roofs 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 24 and 25 are scheduled to see maintenance work this summer.

Merrill woman sentenced to three years in prison for trafficking methamphetamine

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – A Merrill woman was sentenced to three years in prison last week for her role in a drug trafficking operation.

Timothy M. O'Shea, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced on Thursday, Feb. 16 that Nicole Elsholtz, 35, was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson to three years in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Elsholtz pleaded guilty to the charge on March 14, 2022.

According to a release from O'Shea's office, a government investigation revealed that Elsholtz purchased large amounts of methamphetamine from co-defendant Levi Bagne between July 2019 and June 2020.

"Bagne and co-defendant Krista Sparks routinely mailed packages containing methamphetamine from Arizona to co-defendant Cory Freyermuth in Oshkosh, Wis.," the release stated. "Once Bagne let her know that the methamphetamine had arrived, Elsholtz would drive to Oshkosh and get it from Freyermuth."

After driving back to Merrill, Elsholtz sold the methamphetamine to a variety of customers, according to the release.

Bagne, Freyermuth, and Sparks each pleaded guilty to participating in this methamphetamine distribution scheme and were sentenced by Judge Peterson to prison sentences of 16 years, 8 ½ years, and 2 ½ years, respectively.

The release said the charge against Elsholtz was the result of a joint investigation by the Cen-

tral Wisconsin Narcotics Task Force, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the Lake Winnebago Area Metropolitan Unit and the Merrill Police Department.

The investigation was conducted and funded by the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF), a multi-agency task force that coordinates long-term narcotics trafficking investigations.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Aaron Wegner handled the prosecution.

Alzheimer's Association to hold Volunteer Open House in Rhinelander

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – The Alzheimer's Association is holding a Volunteer Open House next week.

The Open House will take place at Rhinelander Brewing Company, 43. S. Brown St., Rhinelander, on Tuesday, Feb. 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Light appetizers and a beverage will be provided.

"Information will be available about the many different opportunities to volunteer with the Alzheimer's Association," a release from the Alzheimer's Association said. "Volunteer positions are flexible and can match any schedule, talent

or interest."

Available opportunities include:

- Walk to End Alzheimer's Planning Committee
- Walk to End Alzheimer's Event Day Volunteer
- Community Educator
- Community Representative
- Support Group Facilitator
- Faith Outreach Representative

To RSVP, visit www.bit.ly/3QTK71P or contact Julie at 715-352-4091 or jstpi-erre@alz.org.

Individuals interested in learning more but are unable to attend the Open House may also reach out for more information.

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The Tomahawk High School guidance department is reminding Class of 2023 seniors that the deadline for submitting local scholarship applications is Friday, Feb. 24 at 3:15 p.m. Questions can be directed to the guidance office at 715-453-2106, extension 214.

CESA 9 offering Substitute Teacher Training

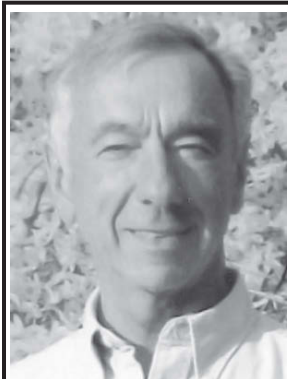
CESA 9 in Tomahawk is offering Substitute Teacher Training on Monday, Feb. 27 and Tuesday, Feb. 28. Individuals with an Associate's or Bachelor's Degree and who successfully complete the training are eligible to apply for a Substitute Teacher permit. For additional information, visit www.cesa9.org or 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.

OBITUARIES

Obituary updates are posted at www.tomahawkleader.com



Vernon R. Jaeschke, age 88, of Tomahawk, passed away on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital. Vern was born on Sept. 15, 1934, in Tomahawk to the late Paul and Esther (Mott) Jaeschke. He attended grade school and two years of high school in Tomahawk and later graduated from the Wisconsin Academy in Columbus, Wis., in 1952, and the Loma Linda University in 1961 as a physical therapist. Vern served in the United States Army from 1954 to 1956. In 1959, he was married to Shirley Kottke; she survives. Vern was a medic while serving in the Army and volunteered for Operation Whitecoat. His passion was to help people through his physical therapy. Upon graduating from Loma Linda, he worked for 30 years in Janesville, Wis., at the Pember Nuezem Clinic and then Mercy Hospital. They moved to Waukesha in 1992. From 1992 to 1999, he worked for Performance Enhancement and in 1999, they moved back home to Tomahawk. Vern enjoyed fishing, especially trout fishing. He loved a good deal, whether it was cars, boats, or anything. He owned a lot of things...simply because they were a good deal! Vern loved to talk and no one was a stranger to him. Survivors include his wife, Shirley Jaeschke; his daughters, Lori (Conrad) Waagen, and Karen (Jonathan) Perlberg; his sister, Vera (Donald) Antisdell; his grandchildren, James (Anayancy) Hopkins, Heather (special friend, Brad Mijal), and Samuel Hopkins; and his great-grandchildren, James "J.J.", Benjamin, and Caitlin. Vern is further survived by his nieces, nephews, and dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Esther.

Memorial services for Vern Jaeschke will be held at Tomahawk Community Seventh-Day Adventist Church on Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at 11 a.m. His family will receive friends at the church for visitation from 9 a.m. until the hour of services at 11 a.m. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory, Tomahawk, is assisting the family.



Dianne Marie Stichmann, 79, Wausau, formerly of Phillips, passed away on Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, while under the care of Marshfield Hospital-Weston Comfort Care and Assisted Living Services at Mountain Terrace, Wausau. She was born May 4, 1943, in Chicago, daughter of the late William and Claraine (Burgholzer) Knaack. Dianne married Stan Stichmann in Hayward on July 7, 1977, deceased April 2022. Prior to that she was married to Bob Bembenek Sr. and Roger Loomis. She had two children with Bob, but later divorced, Roger also preceded her in death. Bob Sr. of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, survives. Dianne graduated from Oak Creek High School, Oak Creek Wis., 1961.

Dianne last worked at the U.S. Forest Service office in Hayward. Prior career positions included secretarial work with UW Extension and Valley Health Care, Hayward. She also worked with Shell Oil Company, Kearney & Trecker and Wisconsin Telephone in Milwaukee. Some of her favorite hobbies included sewing, she was known for her cooking, including many delicious family meals and those awesome oatmeal cookies! She enjoyed traveling with many trips to Florida as well as an African Safari, a Bahamas ocean cruise and train trip to Arizona. She loved to share stories about her excursions with family and friends and got really good at grandma hugs. In her later years she helped Stan during his final years with his health care. Dianne and Stan enjoyed spending time with their family whenever possible and many family gatherings were her favorite times.

Survivors include her children, Bob Bembenek Jr., West Allis, Steve (Dawn) Bembenek, Clear Lake, and their siblings of Stan's children with his first wife Sylvia Betka, Tomahawk. They are David (Sharon Otto) Stichmann, Merrill, Dale Stichmann, Tomahawk, Debra Stichmann, Rhinelander, Dawn (Gene) Horwath, Tomahawk, 11 grandchildren, three sisters, Susanne (Ken) Simpson, Phillips, Claraine Hermersmann, Lena, Wis., Pam Nygaard, Gladstone, Mich., and brother Bill (Pat) Knaack, Phillips, great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 17, 2023 at the Peterson/Kraemer Funeral Home, 3400 Stewart Ave., Wausau. Visitation was held on Friday from 1 p.m. until the time of services all at the Stewart Ave. funeral home. Final resting was Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023 at 11 a.m. in Highland Memorial Park, New Berlin. Online condolences may be expressed at www.petersonkraemer.com.

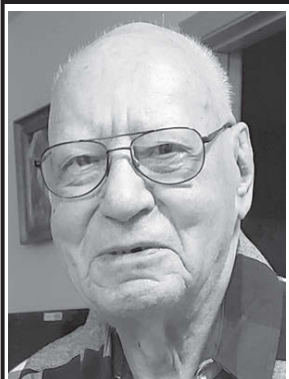


Brian W. Ahrens, age 58, of Tomahawk, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at his home under the care of his family and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice. Brian was born in Wauwatosa, Wis., on July 29, 1964, to the late James and Lillian (Clevette) Ahrens. He was married to Cynthia Thone on Aug. 15, 2009; she survives.

Brian and his family moved to Tomahawk in 1978. He was a 1982 graduate of the Tomahawk High School. After high school, Brian attended Nicolet College in Rhinelander, Wis. Following college, he entered the workforce, beginning employment at Johnson Level & Tool and in 1993, began working at LP where he was currently employed. Brian enjoyed the outdoors four-wheeling, snowmobiling, and was an avid Wisconsin sports fan. He loved spending time with his family, especially camping in the Little Rice area and taking countryside drives with his sons.

Survivors include his wife, Cindy Ahrens, of Tomahawk; his sons, Jacob Ahrens, of Greendale, Wis., Andrew (Kyrie) Ahrens, of Appleton, Wis., and his stepson, Cody Thone, of Tomahawk; his sisters-in-law, Debbie (Andy) Tomaszewski, of Tomahawk, Terri (Jerry) Pankow, of Merrill, Wis., and Sherri (Brad) Thomas, of Monticello, Minn.; his brother-in-law, Rick (Tina) Thone, of Globe, Ariz.; his aunts and uncles, Clayton and Nancy Koss, of Duluth, Minn., and Lavern McCleave, of Virginia; and his niece, Kim (Adam) Schoetler, and his nephew, Eric (Stephanie) Ahrens. Brian is further survived by his grandchildren, Juniper and Andrew "AJ," in addition to numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Lillian; and his brother, Robert.

Memorial services for Brian Ahrens will be held on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, at 2 p.m., at Generations Funeral Home, Tomahawk. Rev. Larry Mathein will officiate. The family will receive friends for visitation from 12 p.m. until the time of services at 2 p.m. Generations Funeral Home & Crematory is assisting the family. You may view Brian's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.



Robert A. White, age 92, passed away at Azura Memory & Assisted Living in Eau Claire on January 10th, 2023, with his loving wife Carol and family at his side. He was born on November 17th, 1930 in a farmhouse in the township of Cassian, Oneida County, as the eleventh and youngest child of Arthur G. and Laura M. (Fredericks) White. He was baptized and confirmed at the Prairie Rapids Lutheran Church, in the township of Nokomis, Tomahawk, Wis.

Bob served in the US Army and was stationed at Fort Hood during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in January 1954. He was known as "Bobby" by friends, relatives, and deer hunting buddies.

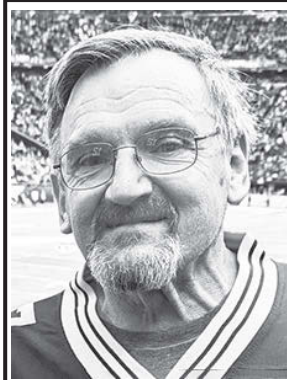
Bob married his hometown sweetheart, Carol R. Anderson, on January 1, 1952, prior to leaving for the Army. Bob and Carol lived in the Tomahawk area for over 65 years, and it was there they were blessed with two sons, David and Dale. Bob worked for the Oneida County Highway Department and also served on the Tomahawk School Board and Nokomis volunteer fire department for several years. Bob and Carol were members of Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk and served on various committees and councils. They relocated to Eau Claire four years ago to be nearer to family. Bob had a love for tractors and other farm machinery. Throughout his life he loved to connect himself with wild life - feeding the birds, wild turkeys, deer and on occasion a few bears.

Bob was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and uncle. He was a true friend to many and will be missed by all. Bob is survived by his wife Carol of Eau Claire and son David (Pam) White of Eau Claire. He is further survived by 4 grandchildren, Maria (Nate) Lail of Evansville, Wisconsin; Catherine (Jake) Orin of Sugar Grove, Illinois; Kaela Wold of Kauai, Hawaii; and Derek (Ingrid) Wold of Eau Claire, Wisconsin; along with 10 great-grandchildren - Evan & Ethan Lail; Isaac, Caleb, Hudson and Hazel Orin; Kallie and Kaisa Akau; and Jiselle and Henrik Wold; along with many other special nephews, nieces and other relatives and very good friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Dale; mother and father, Arthur and Laura; his 10 brothers and sisters and their spouses; and various other relatives and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the family, which will be designated at a later date.

The family will hold a celebration of life for Bob on June 1, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Tomahawk. The visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. A luncheon will immediately follow the service. Interment with full military honors will take place at the Prairie Rapids Cemetery in the township of Nokomis, Oneida County, Wisconsin.

The family would like to thank the physicians and staff at Mayo Clinic in Eau Claire. A special thanks to the staff at Azura Memory Care & Assisted Living along with the Mayo Clinic Hospice Staff. Cremation Society of Wisconsin, Altoona is assisting the family. Online condolences may be shared at www.cremationsociety-wi.com.



David Jay Brown, of Merrill, Wis., passed away unexpectedly on Feb. 13, 2023. Dave was born Oct. 11, 1952 to John and Vesta Brown in Tomahawk.

He was a proud veteran of the United States Army. He worked at PCA Paper Mill in Tomahawk for 30-plus years, had his own upholstery business and loved everything cars and Packers. Dave loved spending time with his children, family and friends, and was happy and willing to help anyone with any project, big or small. Anyone who ever met Dave, knew what a special, kind and amazing man he was. He will be greatly missed.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents, John and Vesta Brown and his sister Vesta Brown. Dave is survived by his wife Cindy Brown, his daughter Shelly Green (Chris Wisley), his daughter Emily Maule (Jeremy), his son Mason Bronson (Ashley), four grandchildren, Gavin, Morgan, Elizabeth and Luke, his siblings Benjamin Brown, Norman Brown (Irene), Gerald Brown, Richard Brown (Lynn), Harry Brown (Lillie), Ruby Schoone (Lawrence), Marian Coey, Betty Swarmer and many nieces and nephews. Two very special people in Dave's life were Bill Voight and Josh Wendt.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Nokomis Town Hall, 2541 Lake Nokomis Rd., Tomahawk, at 12 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023.

Waid Funeral Home & Cremation Service of Merrill is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences are encouraged and may be made at www.waidfuneral.com.



Ella Mae Kuepker (Ridge), 93, went home to be with her Lord on Feb. 9, 2023. She loved to call Tomahawk, Wis., home.

She grew up in Aurora, Ill., and survived Clifford Kuepker, to whom she was married for over 40 years, and Eugene S. Ridge Sr., with whom she had three children who she is survived by: Eugene Ridge Jr. of Westmont Ill., Diane Jones of DeForest, Wis., and Cynthia Ridge of Rhinelander, Wis.; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Ella Mae was passionate about cosmetology and "doing hair." She loved her work and was an expert! Most of her career she ran her own business called the Cut-n-Curl salon. Because family was so important to her she had a home based salon for most of the more than 40 years she practiced. Her greatest love was sharing the Gospel of Jesus with everyone she encountered. She was active in her church and whether through church or on her own she always looked for opportunities to help others. You would never see her without a smile and a kind and encouraging word to share. She was a light to those struggling in darkness and a humble example of what it is to be a follower of Jesus. She never got caught up in religious piety but rather chose to meet people where they were and love them. She also enjoyed baking (to the delight of all around her) and in later years became warmly known as the "pie lady."

Ella loved life and lived it to the fullest, loved Jesus and showed it, and loved her family and sacrificed for them. She will be greatly missed. Ella's services were held Monday, Feb. 20, 2023 at Dieterle Memorial Home in Montgomery, Ill., with a graveside service at Lincoln Memorial Park in Aurora, Ill. For her guestbook, visit www.dieterlememorialhome.com. 630-897-1196.



Jeanette Scheu, of Tomahawk, passed away Feb. 12, 2023. She was surrounded by her family.

Jeanette was born to Angie and Herman Dallman in Stratford, Wis., on April 18, 1936. She grew up in the Tomahawk area and graduated from Tripoli High School. She married Edward Reedich in 1956 and raised three (3) children. After Edward's passing, she married Thomas Scheu in 1985. She raised her family in Merrill, Wis. After she retired from

Wire Products (Merrill), she moved to Tomahawk. In her earlier years, she loved riding her motorcycle, tending bar, raising rabbits, hunting, and playing cards. In her later years, she loved playing the slot machines and was a frequent, enthusiastic visitor to the Lake of the Torches Casino. When she was home, she spent her time as an avid reader, working in her vegetable garden, planting flowers, feeding and watching birds, deer, bear, and other wildlife.

Jeanette is preceded in death by both of her parents, and her husbands, Edward and Thomas.

Jeanette is survived by her brother George (Karla) Clements; children: Doug (Sue) Reedich of Harvard, Mass., Patty (Bill) Procknow of Merrill, Jenny Durkee of Tomahawk; grandchildren: Lisa Reedich, Emily Reedich, Chris Reedich, Matt (Jennifer) Reedich, Travis Procknow, Alex Procknow; and a great-grandchild Clara Reedich. She is also survived by her beloved cat Moose and too many squirrels and birds to count.

The Funeral Service for Jeanette Scheu took place at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023 at Krueger Family Funeral Home in Tomahawk. Pastor Larry Mathein officiated. Visitation took place from 9 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are appreciated to Alley Cat Rescue.

Krueger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements. You may view the full obituary and leave online condolences at www.kruegerfamilyfuneral.com.

Aspirus: Six ways to improve heart health

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – In recognition of American Heart Month, Aspirus Health recently provided six ways improving heart health.

Citing the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Aspirus said heart disease is a leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States, with many Americans having one or more contributing risk factors.

“Better heart health is possible when you make a commitment to change the things you can control,” Aspirus stated.

“You can change your risk,” said Marcus Sublette, MD, Aspirus Interventional Cardiologist. “You can do a lot to improve your chances of not having a heart attack. It’s never too late to start making changes in your life to benefit yourself in the future.”

Aspirus said the CDC, American Heart Associa-



Sublette

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

tion (AHA) and Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (AND) offer six things individuals can do right now to protect future heart health:

Know your blood pressure. Know your numbers and what they mean. If high, lowering your blood pressure can greatly reduce your risk for heart disease and stroke. A normal reading is under 120 systolic (top number) and under 80 diastolic (bottom number). Track your

Heart Health
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tomahawk Boat Museum, Inc. seeking donations

Dear Friend,
Gene Winter’s dream of getting his Tomahawk Boats and antique motors out of his Tannery Rd. shop and into the public museum in Tomahawk on Deer Park Rd. could soon come true with your financial help.

Included would be interesting memorabilia from the Kwahamot Water Ski Club dating back to their beginnings in the 1960s.

Gene’s uncle, Frank Winter, started the Tomahawk Boat company in 1945, first building wooden boats, and then adding fiberglass models ten years later, so you can imagine the knowledge and boats he has to share.

Working with and educating young people in the Tomahawk School District and Rhinelander’s Nicolet College will be emphasized.

Tomahawk Boat Museum, Inc. is a nonprofit 501-3C company, so your generous tax-deductible donation would be much appreciated. The goal is to raise \$60,000.00. A recognition museum wall of gifts over \$500.00 is being considered.

Presently, you can give at the Incredible Bank of Tomahawk, 1218 N. 4th St., Tomahawk, Wis., 54487. Checks can be made out to Tomahawk Boat Museum, Inc. or cash dropped off in the nonprofit account, with all monies collected going towards the museum.

With the reputation of pride and generosity of the Tomahawk community, we look forward to working with volunteers who would like to help us now and after the building is completed. Please come forward as you are available.

Gene Winter
William Sparr
Tomahawk Boat Museum, Inc.

PUBLISHER’S LETTER

Be The Joy

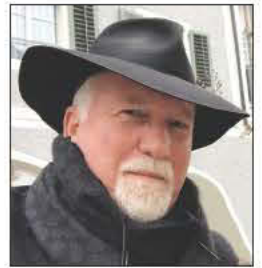
Dear Reader,

Today I want to share just one thought: Be the Joy. It can make the difference in almost everything.

You can spread joy around.

You can receive joy. To me, that means putting a smile on your face and going out of your way to say hello to someone. It means putting a spring in your step when you go somewhere. It means having a “giddy up and go get ‘em” kind of day. It means looking for the best and the light in everyone. It means seizing each moment with a positive outlook for whatever may come.

Joy. That’s something we all want in our lives. But to have it, we’ve got to live it. So, be the Joy!



PATRICK J. WOOD
Publisher

Author of “Dear Reader” and “Tapestry of Love and Loss”

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SEASONAL FORESTRY WORKER

Lincoln County Forestry Department
Mid-April to End of September

Applications are being accepted for a Forestry Worker LTE position for the Lincoln County Forestry Department. To be considered, applicants must complete and submit a Lincoln County Employment Application form.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

Employee will work closely with staff to learn the job before completing tasks independently.

- Perform park maintenance tasks including general cleaning, lawn mowing, raking, picnic table construction, painting, repairs to facilities, etc.
- Perform other duties as assigned.

Minimum Training and Experience Required

High school graduate with knowledge of riding mower operation, basic carpentry and mechanics, and pickup truck with trailer operation. Must have a valid Wisconsin Driver’s license, proof of auto liability insurance and a good driving record.

SALARY:

Starting salary is \$16.53 per hour. No additional County benefits offered.

A more detailed job description, duties, responsibilities and application forms are available in the Administration Department, 801 N. Sales Street, Suite 205, Merrill, Wisconsin and the County’s website at www.co.lincoln.wi.us. Applications can be uploaded, faxed to (715) 539-8053 or returned to 801 N. Sales Street, Merrill, Wisconsin.

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CITY OF TOMAHAWK Administrative Assistant

The City of Tomahawk is accepting applications for an Administrative Assistant. A position description can be obtained at the City Clerk’s Office, 23 N Second Street or on the City’s web site, www.cityoftomahawk.com.

Applications and/or resumes will be accepted through February 24th, 2023 at 4:00pm or until the position is filled. Applicants must be a minimum of 18 years of age. Salary range is \$12.00-\$15.00 DOQ. Application and resume should be submitted to City Clerk’s Office, P.O. Box 469, 23 N 2nd St, Tomahawk WI 54487 or emailed to: abartz@tomahawkwi.gov

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HEART HEALTH
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blood pressure and discuss your readings with your health care provider.

Cut down on added sugar. A study published in JAMA Internal Medicine (www.bit.ly/3lr5mAK) determined that people who got 17% to 21% of calories from added sugar in their diet had a 38% higher risk of dying from cardiovascular disease, compared to those who consumed 8% of their calories from added sugar.

Eat less processed foods. It's more than just the salt you add to food. 44% of the sodium we eat comes from common foods such as bread, cold cuts and cured meats, pizza, poultry, soups, sandwiches, cheese, pasta dishes and chips. A lower sodium intake can help lower your blood pressure.

"The foods that are considered 'heart healthy' are mainly from what would be considered the Mediterranean Diet," Sublette explained. "That includes a diet high in polyunsaturated fats, including olive oil, as well as mainly vegetable proteins, and high in vegetables overall."

Take your medicine. If you have been prescribed medication to treat high

cholesterol, high blood pressure or diabetes, follow your provider's instructions carefully. Don't stop taking your medication without talking to your provider.

Get moving. Regular physical activity is essential to having a healthy heart. Moderate-intensity exercise for two hours and 30 minutes every week is a great way to lower your risk of heart disease. Always check with your provider before starting a new exercise program.

Maintain a healthy weight. Being overweight or obese can increase your risk for heart disease. A Johns Hopkins study (www.bit.ly/3l6SgHz) found that those who had a Body Mass Index (BMI) of 35 or higher developed the most heart failure. The more extra weight, the higher the risk of heart disease.

"Talk to your health care provider to determine your risk for health disease and their recommendations for additional changes you may benefit from," Aspirus said.

To find an Aspirus provider, visit www.aspirus.org/find-a-provider.

For information about cardiology services offered at Aspirus, visit www.aspirus.org/cardiology.

WisDOT testing waiver extension aims to increase number of school bus driver license applicants

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced on Tuesday, Feb. 14 that it extended a testing waiver in an effort to increase the number of school bus license applicants.

In a release, WisDOT said the portion of the test that identifies "under the hood" engine components will be waived through Nov. 27, 2024.

All other components of the written and road tests will remain.

Wisconsin is one of six states taking advantage of a long-term extension enacted by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). FMCSA initially issued this as a three-month waiver in Jan. 2022.

The waiver allows states to modify the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) test so more commercial drivers can add a school bus license (S endorsement) to their credentials.



Drivers seeking this credential will not have to identify engine parts during the pre-trip vehicle inspection portion of the skills test.

"Knowing the components of a bus engine does not necessarily impact a driver's safe driving skills, so we'll follow FMCSA's guidance," said DMV Administrator Kristina Boardman. "By removing this potential barrier,

we hope that more drivers will apply to add the school bus license to their credentials and, hopefully, help their community and school district."

Between January and September 2022, 69 individuals used this exemption to obtain their school bus license in Wisconsin, according to WisDOT.

"In a very tight labor market, WisDOT is supporting every effort to help to get qualified drivers behind the wheel and get kids to school," Boardman stated.

"Drivers receiving a CDL under this waiver are permitted to operate intrastate school buses only," WisDOT said. "They are not authorized to operate trucks, motor coaches or any other type of commercial motor vehicle requiring a CDL."

To view DMV's list of driver training schools that offer the option to get a CDL and school bus license, visit www.bit.ly/3S0ZM26.



MECHANIC
Price County Highway Department

Price County is accepting applications for the position of **Highway Shop Mechanic** within the Price County Highway Department. This position performs highly skilled work in the Highway Shop. Essential functions include the maintenance and repair of all diesel and gasoline trucks and construction equipment of the Highway Department. Must be able to troubleshoot problems, determine equipment malfunctions, and make necessary repairs. This is a full-time, non-exempt position with a full benefit package and starting hourly wage range of \$23.41 to \$24.78 plus an additional \$1.50 per hour from November 1, through March 31. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, health insurance, 10 days of vacation after 90 days of service, 10 paid holidays, paid sick leave, paid maternity/paternity leave, quarterly employee lifestyle enhancement perk, and annual clothing and tool allowance. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Compensation Plan, life, short-term disability, accident and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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, by emailing a request to hroffice@co.price.wi.us, or by calling 715-339-5131.

Completed applications must be received by the **Price County Office of Administration** no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 8, 2023.

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HIGHWAY OPERATOR
Price County Highway Department

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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- Assemble equipment packages from detailed assembly bill of materials.
- Ability to read and accurately follow detailed drawings.
- Maintain shop equipment and work area.
- Perform completed unit testing as required to meet factory and customer requirements.
- Complete assembly and test reports completely and accurately, as required.

Qualifications:

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- Set up welding equipment and tools (MIG and TIG)
- Review blueprints for specifications
- Weld, cut, and grind steel of different widths
- Finish and inspect products for quality

Requirements and Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED certificate
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The vehicle pulled off to the side of the snow-packed gravel road was the first clue that we were about to see something exciting. I steered our car over as well, and my parents and I peered into the woods.

Movement and bright colors soon resolved into yellow birds with black and white wings hopping around a pile of black oil sunflower seeds. What luck! My parents had driven up from Iowa, and then we'd all traveled over a hundred miles from northern Wisconsin to the Sax-Zim Bog Important Bird Area in northern Minnesota in order to see unusual birds. Here they were!

Evening grosbeaks are colorful members of the finch family. They got their name not because they are the color of the setting sun, but because English settlers thought the birds only came out of the woods to sing at sundown. French settlers reportedly gave them the more accurate name of le gros-bec errant, the wandering grosbeak. These bright birds travel widely toward the best winter



Evening grosbeaks are beautiful and infrequent winter visitors to our feeders.

food sources in movements known as "irruptions."

Here in Sax-Zim Bog, numerous bird feeders provide endless pounds of black oil sunflower seeds to entice grosbeaks into easily viewed locations. Out in the winter woods, evening grosbeaks are attracted to the large seeds of deciduous trees like maples, ashes, and box-elders.

As my parents and I checked out several different feeding stations in the bog, we were treated to the antics of flocks of 20-40 evening grosbeaks flitting between feeders and trees and making the

sunny air ring with their bright, warbled calls.

While those birds were fun to watch, even more impressive flocks have been spotted at feeders in Washburn, Ashland, and Clam Lake, Wisconsin. Ryan Brady, conservation biologist with the Wisconsin DNR, has been posting photos and videos of more than 100 evening grosbeaks in his yard for most of the winter.

And yet, that abundance is deceiving. Between 1966 and 2019, evening grosbeak populations declined by an estimated 74 percent. The causes of this decline are not fully understood, but

likely stem from changes in both their winter and summer food sources.

Spruce budworms – the destructive caterpillars of a little brown moth – are a favorite baby food for evening grosbeaks. Grosbeaks are so good at detecting spruce budworms that an influx of the birds is often humans' first clue to the start of an outbreak. The birds stuff their chicks full of the juicy, protein-packed larvae, and experience excellent nest success.

After a couple years of high caterpillar numbers and high bird reproduction, budworm outbreaks wane naturally. Large

numbers of birds are faced with food shortages. Cycles of natural budworm outbreaks, and shifts in how much humans try to control outbreaks through

aerial spraying, impact how much baby food grosbeaks have access to from year to year, and decade to decade.

Back in the 1800s, evening grosbeaks were mostly a western species. In the early 1900s they started to move east, mostly in winter. It was around this time that boxelder was increasing in popularity as an ornamental tree, and would have provided a steady winter food supply.

In the 1950s, their winter food got another boost. During the post-World War II baby boom, boxelder trees became a favorite landscaping tree in new housing developments. While boxelder was native to much of New England, it became much more common and

Grosbeak
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Photo by Emily Stone

DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT FISCAL Price County Clerk of Circuit Courts Department

Price County is accepting applications for the position of Deputy Clerk of Court Fiscal within the Price County Clerk of Circuit Courts Department. This is a deputized position responsible for the accounting system of the Circuit Court, performs all balancing and accounting procedures, monitors and prepares billing for accounts receivable, maintains records for accounts payable, monitors Government Payment Service program (GPS), monitors Professional Placement Service program (PPS), court clerking, provides back up assistance for jury management procedures, office supply management and other duties as assigned. Preference will be given to candidates with education and experience in the target area.

This is a full-time, regular position with a starting hourly wage of \$21.41 and full benefit package. Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, health insurance, 10 days of vacation after 3 months, 10 paid holidays, paid sick leave, paid maternity/paternity leave, and employee lifestyle enhancement perk. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Compensation, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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, by emailing a request to hroffice@co.price.wi.us, or by calling 715-339-5131.

Completed applications and resume must be received by the Price County Office of Administration no later than 4:30 p.m. on March 1, 2023.

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240811

DEPUTY CLERK OF COURT Price County Clerk of Court Department

Price County is accepting applications for a part-time (22.5 hrs/wk) Deputy Clerk of Court within the Clerk of Courts Department. This deputized position provides complex clerical support for the court system and acts as a clerk in the courtroom and in the Clerk of Circuit Courts office. The position also requires skill in the operation of office equipment, excellent communication skills, and an ability to communicate clearly with users of court services. The starting hourly wage is \$19.80 per hour. This position is eligible for pro-rated benefits including paid holiday, vacation, and sick leave. WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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15-0413

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Price County Forestry and Parks Department

Price County is accepting applications for a full-time Administrative Assistant within the Forestry and Parks Department. This position is responsible for providing administrative support to the Price County Forestry and Parks Department and the employee will work under the supervision of the Forest and Parks Administrator. The position will perform a variety of clerical and program related clerical functions among other duties. The position requires skill in the operation of office equipment and excellent communication skills.

This is a full-time, regular, non-exempt position with a full benefit package and starting hourly wage of \$19.80 (Grade E). Benefits include Wisconsin Retirement System with employer match, health insurance, 10 days of vacation after 3 months, 10 paid holidays, paid sick leave, employee lifestyle enhancement perk, and paid maternity/paternity leave. Dental/vision, flex spending, WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Price County Zoning/Land Conservation

Price County is accepting applications for a part time (24 hrs/week) Administrative Assistant position within the Zoning/Land Conservation departments. This position is responsible for providing administrative support to both departments and the employee will work under the supervision of the Zoning & Land Conservation Administrator. The position will perform a variety of clerical and program related clerical functions, among other duties. The position requires skill in the operation of office equipment and excellent communication skills. The starting hourly wage is \$19.80 per hour (Grade E). This position is eligible for pro-rated benefits including paid holiday, vacation, and sick leave. The position is also Wisconsin Retirement System eligible. WI Deferred Comp, life, short-term disability, accident, and cancer/critical illness coverages are available.

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For complete job description and application information, go to: <https://www.cesa9.org/about/employment.cfm>
Online applications are due by March 6, 2023.
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LEGALS

Legals 7700

Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6:00 PM District Meeting Room, 1048 E King Road, Tomahawk, WI 54487

Legals 7700

Midway Steel Inc., \$240.00 in steel to the Technical Education Dept. LP, \$10,000 to the Innovation Lab

Legals 7700

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East Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office, before Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar, on 03-21-2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Legals 7700

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:

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC Plaintiff,

Ken Schneider Lincoln County Sheriff Gray & Associates, L.L.P. Attorneys for Plaintiff

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT WISCONSIN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TODD A KAHLE

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GUN SHOW: February 24-26, 2023, Waukesha Expo, 1000 Northview RD. Waukesha, WI. Fri 3-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 9am-3pm.

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS

The Lincoln County Forestry, Land and Parks Department will accept quotations for the hand application of herbicide to control garlic mustard during the spring 2023.

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.

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

NOTICE

Approximately 26.2 acres on Bridge Lake, located in Lincoln/Oneida County WI, will be treated with the aquatic herbicide ProcellaCOR EC.

Board Clerk

Published February 22, 2023 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT BRANCH 1 LINCOLN COUNTY INCREDIBLEBANK, f/k/a RIVER VALLEY BANK Plaintiff,

ARNE H. ANDERSEN Defendants Case No. 22-CV-133 Classification Code: 30404

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that by virtue of a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above-captioned action on December 7, 2022 in the amount of \$55,989.70 against the Defendants,

TERMS OF SALE: 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).

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Vera Dagmar Kopier

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BECKY ANN AUSTIN

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BECKY ANN AUSTIN Notice and Order for Name Change Hearing

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BECKY ANN AUSTIN

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on December 19, 2022, in the amount of \$87,813.69, the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows:

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BECKY ANN AUSTIN

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Leader Sports & Nature

Hockey: Friske, Seymour, Lamer earn All-Conference honors Bembinster named Coach of the Year

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – Tomahawk was well-represented on the Great Northern Conference Boys' Hockey All-Conference teams, announced on Saturday, Feb. 11. Earning 2nd Team hon-

ors was senior forward Zach Friske.

Honorable Mention honors went to junior forward Logan Seymour and sophomore defenseman Austin Lamer.

Also recognized was

head coach Chris Bembinster, who was named GNC Coach of the Year for the 2022-23 season.

The Hatchets posted a regular season record of 18-5, which is the most wins in school history.

Hatchet hoopsters fall to Bonduel, beat Crandon

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Hatchet boys' basketball team split a pair of games earlier this month.

Bonduel

On Thursday, Feb. 16, the Hatchets had a nonconference showdown with the Bonduel Bears.

The Bears took it to the Hatchets early with their inside play and jumped out to a halftime lead of 38 to 21. It was more of the same in the second half for the Hatchets, as they just couldn't stop the inside play of the Bears. The final score was 79-46.

The Hatchets were lead in scoring by Gavin Palmer with 18 points. Jaxson Werner had 14, and Brody Rigney chipped in 10.

After the game, coach Jacob Jarvensivu said the thought the Bears did a better job of running down the

floor than the Hatchets did.

"We need to do a better job of hustling all the time and if we do that we can give ourselves a chance to win," he stated. "We definitely did some nice things when it was a half court game, but we needed to do a better job of slowing things down."

Crandon

The Hatchet hoopsters hosted the Crandon Cardinals in a nonconference showdown in the fieldhouse on Friday, Feb. 17.

The first half was a seesaw battle until the Hatchets went on a 15-3 run to close out the half with a 35 to 24 lead. The second half saw both teams exchange runs, but the Hatchets' offense was just too much as they cruised to a 70-52 victory.

The Hatchets were led by Tyler Jablonski with 23

points. Gavyn Palmer had 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Ethan Breitenfeld had eight points, six rebounds and seven assists to stuff the stat sheet as well.

"This is the most dynamic that we've looked on offense all year," Jarvensivu said after the game. "When you go 8/14 on threes and shoot 50% on twos, you are going to have a pretty good chance to win regardless of the defense you play. I did think that we could have been better on defense in this game, but it was nice to have the offense cover up our mistakes."

This week's action

The Hatchets were slated to travel to Phillips on Monday, Feb. 20.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, Rhinelander is scheduled to come to town. The game gets underway in the Fieldhouse at 7:15 p.m.

Wisconsinites invited to participate in Conservation Congress resolution process

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Conservation Congress (WCC) is inviting all Wisconsinites to take part in its annual spring hearing process.

The WCC is an independent organization of citizens that advises the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board and the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on how to responsibly manage Wisconsin's natural resources.

Each year, citizens have an opportunity to submit ideas as resolutions to the WCC. In mid-January, the WCC District Leadership Council agreed to support the annual Spring Hearings Resolution process via an online process.



Wisconsinites can submit proposed resolutions via the online process.

Resolutions must meet the following criteria:

- The concern must be of statewide impact.
- The concern must be practical, achievable and reasonable.
- The concern must be within the mission and vision of the Wisconsin Conservation Congress.

An individual citizen may submit no more than two resolutions per year.

Those interested in submitting a resolution are encouraged to reach out to the resolution review committee (www.wisconsinconservationcongress.org).

bit.ly/3EwLbzh) or their WCC County Chair (www.bit.ly/3E5oFwP) for guidance in drafting a resolution.

Additional tips on preparing a resolution are available on the WCC and DNR's Spring Hearings website at www.dnr.wisconsin.gov/about/wcc/springhearing.

Resolutions will be accepted until March 1, 2023. At the close of the submission process, the resolutions will be reviewed by a committee of WCC delegates to ensure they meet the criteria for inclusion and will be prepared for the online input, which kicks off on Monday, April 10 and will close on Thursday, April 13.

For further information, contact WCC Vice Chair Terri Roehrig at 920-540-2775.

Middle school wrestlers host seven-team scramble

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Tomahawk Middle School wrestling team hosted a seven-team scramble on Monday, Feb. 13.

Teams taking part were Tomahawk, Auburndale, Merrill, Rhinelander, MHLT, Three Lakes and Florence. No team scores were kept. Tomahawk wrestlers

won 65% of their matches.

Fletcher Bauman, Hudson Evans, Harman Hoffman, Dawson Jones, Colton McMeekin, Cash Olsen, Tiegana Sarazin, Tanner Wanta and Zander Zehner

each came away with at least one win on the night.

The middle school Hatchet grapplers were back in action on Tuesday, Feb. 21, when they traveled to Marshfield Middle School.

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)
Sunday, Feb. 12	49	22
Monday, Feb. 13	45	27
Tuesday, Feb. 14	44	35
Wednesday, Feb. 15	36	17
Thursday, Feb. 16	22	7
Friday, Feb. 17	26	18
Saturday, Feb. 18	40	23

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2022 INLAND STOCKING SUMMARY	
Species	Total Number Stocked
Brook trout	232,896
Brown trout	315,981
Lake sturgeon	12,421
Lake trout	78,099
Largemouth bass	114,241
Muskellunge	41,970
Northern pike	48,181
Rainbow trout	267,198
Walleye	1,588,918

DNR: More than six million fish stocked throughout Wisconsin waterbodies in 2022

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) released the 2022 fish stocking numbers for inland waterbodies and the Great Lakes on Wednesday, Feb. 15.

More than six million fish were stocked in 2022 to fill stocking quotas established by fisheries biologists, DNR said.

Every year, the DNR raises millions of yearling and fingerling fish to stock into waterbodies across the state.

“Stocking helps boost natural fish populations, maintain or restore existing fisheries, and support recreational fishing opportunities,” DNR stated. “Stocking is also used to evaluate management actions or propagation techniques.”

DNR fish crews stocked these species into inland waters across the state in 2022.

“These numbers include large fingerling walleye purchased by the DNR from private growers or tribal hatcheries that contributed

to filling walleye stocking quotas,” DNR said. “These numbers do not include fish supplied by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the stocking of fry or any other private or tribal hatchery stocking events.”

To view stocking data from previous years or stocking numbers for a specific location, visit DNR’s stocking database at www.dnr.wi.gov/fisheriesmanagement/Public/Summary.

TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 118

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@mmlocal.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 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 Arnott?

Week 117 answer: Dale Arnott had the 100 yard dash record. He recorded a time of 10.3

seconds in 1959. No correct answers to last week’s question were submitted. Better luck this week!

Week 118 question:
On April 30, 1964, the Tomahawk Leader reported the Lumberjack Conference track records. Whom from Tomahawk had conference records, and in what events?

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 accompa-

nied 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).

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<p>The Well 1328 County Rd. A, Tomahawk 715-453-8783 Sunday Service & Facebook Live Stream: 9am Prayer Meetings: Tuesdays 6pm Pastors Jaco & Leslie Theron</p>	<p>Spirit Baptist Hwy. 86, 1/4 Mile West of Hwy. 102, Spirit 715-657-0304 • 715-657-0764 Duane Harper Pastor Affiliated w/Baptist General Conference</p>
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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 Romans 10:1-5 and the difference between being religious and know God. For today I would like to look a little more at the idea of Romans 10:4 from last week.

In verses 1 through 3 we are told that the Jews were zealous for God, but not based on a knowledge of God. How do we know that they were ignorant of the truth about God even though they were very religious? In verse 3 we read, *For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.* The idea is that if they truly knew God, they would not be working so hard to gain God's acceptance and favor. Instead, they would have *submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.* What does that mean?

In verse 4 we are given an idea of what it means to submit our self unto the righteousness of God. There we read, *For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.*

The law represents all the commands of God, what is right, along with the warnings and definitions of what God says is wrong. The Jews were busy trying to obey every thing God's law said, and when they messed up, they were careful to make the right sacrifices in the temple to make up for doing what is wrong. They were no different from religious people today.

A lot of people like to think that God keeps a ledger where He writes down all the good things and all the bad things we do. And in this ledger, they hope they are doing enough good things to make up for, and surpass, all the bad things they have done. But as the Apostle Paul wrote in Romans 10:1-4, this only shows that the person doing this does not know God. We can never do enough good things to outweigh all the bad things we do. As verse 5 reminds us, if we are to gain God's approval by obeying His law, then we must consistently obey it, but that will never happen. So verse 4 says that *Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.* There are two reasons.

First, when Jesus came to earth as a man, He perfectly obeyed everything that God says we should do, even the part about loving others as we already love our self (John 17:4). And He did that for us.

And second, after obeying all that His Father wanted Him to do, He then offered up His life in payment for our sin so God would be fair when He forgives any who would believe Him (Romans 3:21-26).

You and I will never be able to obey God's law as we should because we have too much selfishness in us to be able to do so. So, Jesus obeyed the law for us and then paid the price of our sin. Because He did this, *Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believes.* So the question is, will we believe Him?

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God never ceases to amaze me. My computer keyboard is one of the ways He amazes me.

Before you think that I have taken leave of my senses allow me to explain.

Recently, while in deep contemplation and prayer, I had the feeling that God was nudging me to open my eyes. Since I had my head bowed, when I opened my eyes, what was before my eyes? My computer keyboard.

My first thought was "So?" What's with the keys?

Then I started looking at all the keys and buttons and I had my answer, or rather the question.

What is the key to being part of a gathering? Well, consider the keyboard. There are various keys on the computer keyboard that perform different functions. As we progress through them, perhaps things will become clearer to you.

Too often, we become so busy, so tied up in the "things" in our life that we risk losing our way. What should we do? We press the "pause/break" key. We pause, we take a break, we look at what we are doing, or not doing and ask Jesus, "What would you do? What should I do?"

If we reflect in that way, truly seeking the answer and then abiding by that answer we can rise above those "things" and as Paul speaking to the Philippians in 3:14 said, we can "press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus." The prize? Eternal life in God's Kingdom!

Have you ever become so involved in activities that you can't tell whether you are coming or going? If so, pause to kneel before Jesus and ask Him what He would do. He is faithful and will tell you to hit the "stop" key and then "delete" those things that hinder us in our Christian walk.

I'm sure many of you remember the words that were on the old railroad crossing signs that cautioned us to "Stop - Look - Listen". We would do just that before crossing the tracks.

Today, though, we should stop what we are doing, look at what we have been doing, listen for God's voice as He directs us in the way we *should* be going. We must "stop" doing those things that distances us from God and "delete" all that interferes with our relationship with Him. Doing so, we are able to "shift" our emphasis from the things of this world to the joy and happiness we can experience in Jesus Christ.

If we are to "escape" the snares of the evil one, we must first avoid them. We pray in the Lord's Prayer not to be led into temptation. Satan, if we allow him, is the one who leads us there.

It is true that God has given Satan dominion over the world. Revelation 12:7-9 tells us how this came about. He is present today. The Apostle Peter warns us to "Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." We are to resist him, standing firm in our faith.

His temptations are manifested in so many ways, some of them very obvious, yet some are very subtle. We may not at first recognize them as sin, so in all circumstances, "pause" and take a "break". Ask Jesus what would He do and then act accordingly, savor the life that God has afforded you.

A reminder: Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift, that's why it is called the present. Live and savor every moment.

Even though your days may be filled with "stuff", going hither and yon, we must learn to "insert" time to be with God. Take time to find Him, through prayer, through the study of His Holy Word, through daily devotions.

Trust me, He's always near and if we "search", we will indeed find Him. And finding Him, we look to Him for guidance.

I read an interesting little tidbit about the word "guidance."
"When we ask God for guidance, we are asking Him to dance with us. The G stands for God, then we have the u and I followed by dance. God, you I dance."
Dancing requires one of the dancers to lead. If both try to lead, what happens? Disaster! So, if we allow God to lead only good will come of it. Please - let Him lead you in the dance of life.
Listen to His music and follow Him! He will never lead you wrong. He may lead you where you don't want to be, but he will never lead you wrong.

Submitted by,
Wendy Mannering
 Volunteer Outreach Pastor
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 Bible study at 8:30 AM Sunday
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 at 9:30 AM Sunday

CONTEST

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represented different aspects of Ojibwe society. Political leaders came from loon or crane clans, while warriors came from lynx, martin, and wolf clans.

The collapse of the fur trade affected the Ojibwe people dramatically, as it was one of their only sources of income and trade with other tribespeople and some settlers. This left them with a tiny portion of what was their homeland before the 1800s. In 1866, a final treaty was signed by the Ojibwe people. They all agreed to live on reservations at Odanah and Lac De Flambeau. This left the territory open to settlers and logging companies, which soon took over. Logging procedures started on the Tomahawk Territory.

To this date, our history can be seen all around the town, and even in our school mascot. The Hatchet, also known as an axe was used by the Ojibwe people in battle, its sharp blades were a reliable

weapon. It was also used as a symbol of peace. When chiefs of a tribe would meet, they would bury their hatchets and other weapons as signs of peace.

'History of the Mitchell Hotel Fire' by Caylie Swan

Chain reactions are insane, knowing that one small thing can affect hundreds of people and over a dozen buildings. They can be both for the better and the worse though and Tomahawk has many positive chain reactions along with negative chain reactions. One of Tomahawks' worst chain reactions happened on a cold Wednesday back on March 6, 1929.

The Mitchell Hotel was located right on Main Street making it a popular hotel. March 6 was an exceptionally cold day out which did not help the fire that took place a little after noon. The fire supposedly started in the cloakroom of the hotel. Thankfully everyone got out of the hotel unharmed. The Tomahawk Fire Department reported

first but they couldn't take it on by themselves so neighboring towns were called in; Merrill didn't arrive here until around 2:00 pm because the roads were snow covered and dangerous to travel on; however, as soon as the Merrill Fire Department arrived in town they broke down after the long road trip. Phillips didn't arrive until a little after 3:00 pm with the slippery and dangerous roads.

Meanwhile, the very hot temperatures of the fire caused chaos throughout the town with bursting windows of the hotel and surrounding buildings even across the street, the windy air spreading the fire to 18 other buildings and sewers started cracking with the cool temperatures mixed with the heat. Not only that, but the cool temperatures outside led to lower pressure in the water hose and frozen water nozzles. The fire was spreading fast and with electricity out the whole town gathered around in hopes it would stop soon and anyone who could pitched in to help. The Fire departments were desperate to get the fire to stop. They thought using dynamite to make a space in the buildings would help break up the buildings and the fire wouldn't spread any farther; however, the exact opposite happened and it spread even faster.

The fire wouldn't end until mid morning on March 27, 1929. The fire was battled for a little under 24 hours and left smokey residue and ash all over the town, especially on main street. Many people described it as fog on the streets. The fire ended up costing around \$234,500 along with the Mitchell Hotel owner claiming that he was going to rebuild a fireproof hotel with 50 rooms.

The Mitchell Hotel Fire caused a chain reaction that included 18 other buildings getting burned and scarred by the fire. Everyone in the town of Tomahawk felt the reaction of the Mitchell Hotel Fire and was a little bit burned both figuratively and literally but gratefully everyone came out of the fire alive. This fire will go down as one of the worst fires in Tomahawk history and is a very significant event that took place in the community but is often forgotten about.

'History of the Tomahawk Hospitals' by Riah Petta

When the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother arrived in Tomahawk on Oct. 19, 1893, it was the start of something extraordinary. Sisters M. Anna Niegel, M. Alexia Baurer, M. Gabriel Ortleib, M. Clementia Raes, M. Dionysia Griebel, and a few others immediately put forth their efforts into

starting and establishing a sister's hospital here in Tomahawk. Because of the urgent pleading of the Reverend Charles Hoogstoel, pastor of St. Mary's Church, the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother officially agreed to start the first hospital ever in Tomahawk Wisconsin.

The Sister's hospital was dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on July 20th, 1894. It was a small two-story building located at Fourth Street and Wisconsin Avenue. However, this hospital was poorly suited for its purpose at the time. After a couple of months of cold and hardships, the sisters accepted the opportunity to rent Mrs. E. J. Theiler's residence at 127 Spirit Avenue and Sixth Street. The early records of this second hospital show that nine patients were admitted between Dec. 2, 1893, and Jan. 12, 1894. During the winter of 1893-1894, Fr. Joch drew up the plans for once again, a new hospital. After a conference with William Bradley, it was agreed that the site for the hospital should occupy a plot of ground directly north of the newly constructed church and parsonage. This hospital was a two-story building and it was declared the Sacred Heart Hospital.

The first seven years were extremely difficult for Sacred Heart Hospital. The sisters had to make many measures for them to be able to keep the institution open. The income was poor and they even had to beg for worn-out sheets and pillow slips. On top of that, the sisters had to gather firewood directly behind the hospital to reduce their fuel expenses.

For a short time, they were even forced to beg for charitable donations and travel from one logging camp to another to sell hospital tickets to lumbermen. This later worked to their advantage and brought them a lot of business.

During the first 14 years of its history, the Sacred Heart Hospital became very successful and accomplished much good for the community. In 1908 an addition even increased the length of the building by 60 feet and raised the capacity to 32 beds. For this addition, the Bradley Company offered a donation of \$6000 and it was returned to the sisters as a donation toward future maternity care and an isolation unit. This was a big deal and helped aid in expanding the hospital even more.

The women and men who founded Catholic healthcare in Tomahawk worked together as one. They carried out both the ministry of healing, and serving the community. Because of everyone's actions and hard work, these people are a living sign of God's love and healing presence. Although the Sacred Heart Hospital no longer remains where it last was, the now Aspirus Sacred Heart Hospital's mission is the same as it was from the very start. To be rooted in the loving ministry of Jesus as a healer, to serve all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable, to offer spiritually centered, holistic care that sustains and improves the health of individuals and communities, just like back in 1893.

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FISHING & HUNTING TIMES

Date (CDT)	Morning		Evening	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Feb. 22	7:30AM	12:47AM	8:06PM	1:11PM
Feb. 23	7:50AM	1:35AM	9:22PM	1:59PM
Feb. 24	8:11AM	2:23AM	10:37PM	2:46PM
Feb. 25	8:34AM	3:10AM	—	3:35PM
Feb. 26	11:49PM	3:59AM	9:01AM	4:24PM
Feb. 27	1:00AM	4:49AM	9:33AM	5:15PM
Feb. 28	2:04AM	5:41AM	10:14AM	6:06PM
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