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AWSC extends Tomahawk's 'Snowmobile-Friendly Community' designation

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOMAHAWK – The Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs (AWSC) extended the City of Tomahawk's designation as a "Snowmobile-Friendly Community" earlier this month.



Tomahawk first received the five-year designation, which recognizes the area's robust snowmobiling opportunities and serves a marketing tool for tourism, in 2019.

The designation is part of AWSC's Snowmobile-Friendly Community program, which aims to promote the sport of snowmobiling. Cities, towns, counties and regional areas can apply for the designation.

AWSC said the program was established to "celebrate the volunteers that are the backbone of snowmobiling."

"It is used as an advocacy tool to promote the mission statement of AWSC, to promote safe and responsible snowmobiling," AWSC stated.

The program is also a "partnership between many stakeholders," AWSC noted, adding that the designation also "(promotes) working together as a community for the betterment of snowmobiling."

The Tomahawk area has been a snowmobiling hub for many years, boasting 400-plus miles of groomed trails maintained by numerous local clubs, along with bars, restaurants, resorts, motels and dealerships.

Joining Tomahawk in having designations extended were Eagle River, St. Germain, Three Lakes and Iron and Sawyer Counties.

Supervisors approve trio of broadband expansion resolutions

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – Three resolutions related to broadband internet expansion were approved by the Lincoln County Board of Supervisors last week.

The resolutions originated in the county's Broadband Committee, formed last year and tasked with gaining an understanding of the county's broadband needs and looking into opportunities for service expansion.

During the board's roughly one-hour meeting at the Lincoln County Service Center in Merrill on Monday, Feb. 20, Broadband Committee Chair and District 18 Supervisor Ken Wickham walked his fellow Supervisors through the resolutions.

Under the first resolution, the county board expresses its support for telecommunicating opportunities throughout the county and authorizes the Broadband Committee to



submit an application for Telecommuter Forward! Community certification to the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (WPSC).

Wickham explained that the resolution "puts on record the county's support" for investing in telecommunication, and the certification will help the county in the event it applies for broadband expansion grants or gives its endorsement to other grant applicants.

The second resolution aims to help improve broadband service in three Lincoln County townships.


Charter Communications Inc. previously asked for Lincoln County's support in applying for a WPSC

Broadband
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The proposed areas of coverage for Charter Communications' 2023 broadband expansion grant application are shown within the yellow borders. The project would impact households in the Towns of Pine River, Russell and Schley. Photo courtesy of Lincoln County

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After serving in interim role, Renee Krueger named Lincoln County's Administrative Coordinator

BY JALEN MAKI
TOMAHAWK LEADER
EDITOR

LINCOLN COUNTY – After serving in an interim role for several months, Renee Krueger has been named Lincoln County's Administrative Coordinator.

The Lincoln County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to appoint Krueger to the role on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Krueger had been serving as the county's Interim Administrative Coordinator since Nov. 2022, while simultaneously heading up the county's Social Services



Department.

With her appointment, Krueger will be solely in the Administrative Coordinator position.

In briefly addressing the board, Krueger said she's been humbled by the outpouring of support over the last few months.

"I will miss working with the Social Services team day-to-day, but they are incredibly talented and passionate about what they do, and they will continue to do great things," she stated.

Krueger said she recognizes "the challenges that we're going to have in the upcoming months."

"We're going to have some difficult conversations as we move through the budget process, but I'm also very excited about the opportunities that are presented to us moving forward this year," she stated. "I'm just really excited about the collaboration and seeing where we can go."

Jaron Childs to perform 'In the Pines' concert at Nicolet College

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

RHINELANDER – Northwoods poet, artist and musician Jaron Childs will perform at Nicolet College this weekend.

The concert will be held at the Nicolet College Theatre, 5364 College Dr., Rhineland, on Saturday, March 4 at 7:30 p.m.

Childs' unique sound combines indie folk sensibilities and early American fingerstyle guitar, according to Mike Effinger, Theatre and Events Services Manager at Nicolet.

"Jaron is such a witty and talented individual, and I'm sure his 'In the Pines' concert will be an enjoyable and memorable event for everyone," Effinger stated. "During the evening, Jaron will share his songs, poems and art, as well as his thoughts on how landscape and natural



Childs
Photo courtesy of Nicolet College

systems inspire his work."

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased online at www.nicoletlive.com. Beer, wine, and concessions will be available for purchase beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Lakeside Center.

The performance is part of the Nicolet Live! Locally Grown series, which began 20 years ago as a way

to showcase the talents of local artists and is the first time back since the pandemic.

"Jaron fits in perfectly with the style and feel that was envisioned for the Locally Grown series, and we are absolutely delighted to have Jaron as part of the lineup," Effinger said.

FEB. 21 PRIMARY ELECTION

Burns, Schiek to face off for Oneida County Circuit Court

Protasiewicz, Kelly advance in Wisconsin Supreme Court race

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – On Tuesday, Feb. 21, area voters cast ballots for local and statewide judicial races.

Last week's Primary Election saw the fields for the Oneida County Circuit Court and the Wisconsin Supreme Court narrow to two candidates each.

Oneida County Circuit Court

Oneida County Judge Mary Burns and Oneida County District Attorney Michael Schiek will face off in the Tuesday, April 4 Oneida County Circuit Court Judge race.

Unofficial election results show Burns received 3,107 votes to Schiek's 2,479. Oneida

County Corporation Counsel Mike Fugel received 1,072 votes.

Burns was appointed to the bench by Governor Tony Evers following the retirement of Judge Patrick O'Melia.

Wisconsin Supreme Court

In the statewide race for Justice of the Supreme Court, Janet C. Protasiewicz and Daniel Kelly received the most votes and will be on Spring Election ballots. Protasiewicz received about 446,000 votes statewide, while Kelly garnered roughly 233,000, according to the Associated Press.

As the top two vote-getters, Protasiewicz and Kelly defeated Jennifer Dorrow and Everett

Mitchell. Dorrow tallied about 210,000 votes, and roughly 78,000 Wisconsin voters cast ballots for Mitchell.

Protasiewicz and Kelly were the top two vote-getters in Lincoln County, with Protasiewicz (1,518 votes) narrowly outpacing Kelly (1,508). Dorrow and Mitchell garnered 861 votes and 160 votes in Lincoln County, respectively.

The Spring Election race is anticipated to be one of the most closely-watched in the country, with the court's ideological majority hanging in the balance.

Although the race is officially nonpartisan, Protasiewicz has been backed by Democrats, while Kelly has received Republican support.

News Briefs

Aspirus, Grace Lutheran blood drives

A blood drive will be held in the Spruce Room at Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital, 401 W. Mohawk Dr., Tomahawk, on Friday, March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment, call the Community Blood Center at 800-280-4102. A blood drive will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, 108 W. Somers Ave., Tomahawk, on Tuesday, March 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment, download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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Open Arms Community Meal served Tuesdays

Open Arms Community Meal is served each Tuesday at St. Mary's Corpus Christi Center, 320 E. Washington Ave., Tomahawk. The Corpus Christi Center opens at 4 p.m., and the meal begins at 5 p.m. All are welcome to come and share fellowship with old and new friends. To volunteer at the Open Arms Community Meal, call 715-224-3306 and leave a message.

Next county board meeting

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State Broadband Expansion Grant project in the county.

The roughly \$2.9 million project would impact 229 households in the Towns of Pine River, Russell and Schley, according to Charter.

Under the resolution, Lincoln County would allocate \$200,000.00 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to the project, while Charter would contribute

about \$690,000.00. The remaining cost – roughly \$2 million – would be covered by the grant.

The third broadband-related resolution approved by the board gives Lincoln County the green light to submit a letter of intent to participate in the Broadband Equity, Access and Deployment (BEAD) Local Planning Grant Program.

Wickham explained that WPSA recently said it plans on allocating \$1.5 million

among all counties that submit a letter of intent to participate in the program, under which the county would have the opportunity to apply for funds either on its own or collaboratively with entities such as the Grow North Economic Development Corporation.

The county would face no obligations under the resolution, Wickham noted.

"It just declares our intent, that we would like to pursue a grant," he stated,

adding that once WPSA determines how many entities are interested in receiving funds, it will make a decision regarding how to distribute the monies.

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Lincoln County Corrections Officer Rebecca Krohn recently completed and graduated from the 200-hour Jail Academy held at Nicolet College in Rhinelander. A post on the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office's Facebook page said Krohn, who has been working in the Jail Division since May 2022, was honored during graduation, receiving the 2023 Nicolet College Jail Academy Partner Award. "This award is given to the individual who displays the character and qualities of an ideal partner and is given based on the recommendations of her fellow classmates," the Sheriff's Office said. "Congratulations Rebecca, and thank you for your hard work and dedication."



Photos courtesy of the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office

LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

As reported by the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office Monday, Feb. 20:
A Merrill man, 61, was taken into custody Saturday evening, Feb. 19, following a traffic stop in the Town of Corning. A deputy on patrol on State Hwy. 64/107 stopped the vehicle the man was operating near the intersection with Corning Rd. after observing the vehicle traveling 87 MPH in a 55 MPH speed zone. Upon speaking with the man, the deputy noted signs indicative of impairment, including red-glassy eyes and the odor of intoxicating beverages. Following roadside field sobriety testing, the man was taken into custody and cited for 1st offense operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated and later released to a responsible party.

A Tomahawk woman, 29, was taken into custody Friday morning, Feb. 17, following a traffic stop in the Town of Birch. A deputy on patrol on U.S. Hwy. 51 stopped the vehicle the woman was operating near the intersection with County Rd. K after finding Wisconsin DOT records indicated the owner of the vehicle had a revoked driving status. Upon speaking with the woman, the deputy noted the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. Following a search of the vehicle, the woman will face charges of possession of THC and possession of drug paraphernalia.
Two motorists reported striking deer in Lincoln County this past week, down from seven the week prior.

Merrill resident, former State Senator sentenced to 33 months in prison for federal tax crime

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – Timothy M. O'Shea, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, last week announced that a Merrill man had received a nearly three-year prison sentence for a federal tax crime.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, Kevin Shibilski, 61, was sentenced by Chief U.S. District Judge James D. Peterson to 33 months in federal prison, followed by three years of supervised release, for failure to pay \$858,101.00 in employment taxes to the IRS for tax years 2014-2016.

Shibilski represented Wisconsin's 24th Senate District from 1995 to 2002. He led an unsuccessful Democratic primary campaign for lieutenant governor in 2002, and later served as state tourism secretary under Governor Jim Doyle.

On May 16, 2022, Shibilski pleaded guilty to failing to pay over employment taxes to the IRS from Pure Extractions Inc. and Wisconsin Logistics Solutions LLC.

According to a release from O'Shea's office, Shibilski was a minority owner and CEO/CFO of 5R Processors (5R), which had locations in Ladysmith, Catawba and Glen Flora, Wis., and Morristown, Tenn.

"5R was involved in the recycling of electronic equipment and other assets," the release stated. "Pure Extractions Inc. (Pure Extractions) was

created by Shibilski in June 2014 to handle 5R's recycling operations. Pure Extractions took on all of 5R's recycling customers, warehouses and equipment, income flows from recycling, most of 5R's recycling employees, but none of 5R's debts."

The release said Shibilski created Wisconsin Logistics Solutions LLC (Wisconsin Logistics) in Feb. 2015 to handle 5R's trucking and logistics operations.

"Wisconsin Logistics took on most of 5R's trucks and equipment, drivers, dispatchers, pick-up routes, licenses and all of 5R's income flows from trucking and logistics, but again, none of 5R's debts," the release stated.

At last week's sentencing, Judge Peterson found that the government "presented overwhelming evidence showing that Shibilski had been in charge of 5R's operations and finances since March 2013, and had been the primary decisionmaker on which bills to pay and not pay, including not paying the employment taxes for 5R, Pure Extractions and Wisconsin Logistics."

The release said Peterson found that Shibilski "had not sincerely accepted responsibility for his actions, noting that Shibilski kept blaming everybody else, including the IRS, his co-defendants, and other 5R employees for the nonpay-

ment of the employment taxes."

"Judge Peterson added that as the CEO/CFO and part-owner of 5R, Shibilski was the person who was in charge at 5R, which had a brother-sister relationship with Pure Extractions and Wisconsin Logistics," the release stated.

According to the release, Peterson explained that a sentence of imprisonment was "necessary in this case to send a deterrence message to two groups."

"One, business owners who willfully fail to pay their employment taxes and need to know their actions will have consequences and they will go to federal prison," the release said. "Two, the general public who need to know that prison is not just for the impoverished or drug dealers, and that people who willfully fail to pay the IRS and use the tax funds for other purposes will go to prison."

As part of the plea agreement, Shibilski agreed to pay monies towards the remediation of the leaded glass storage sites for 5R in Wisconsin and Tennessee in the

amount of \$100,000.00 to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR); and \$100,000.00 to Paint Oak LLC, Knoxville, Tenn.

Shibilski's co-defendant, Bonnie Dennee, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States, relating to 5R's illegal storage of leaded glass. On Jan. 26, 2021, Dennee was sentenced to five months in prison.

Shibilski's co-defendant, James Moss, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to defraud the United States relating to 5R's illegal storage of leaded glass, as well as conspiracy involving the failure to pay over 5R's employment taxes. Moss was sentenced to 18 months in prison on Nov. 23, 2020.

The charges against Shibilski, Moss, and Dennee were the result of an investigation conducted by the Wisconsin DNR, the Bureau of Law Enforcement, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Criminal Investigation Division, and IRS Criminal Investigation.

The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel J. Graber.

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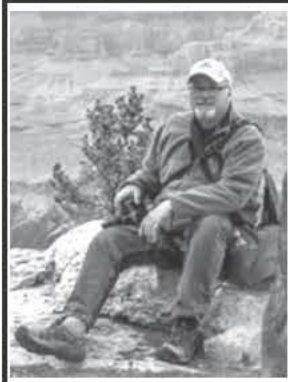
Leo Pintens, age 88, of Harrison, passed away at Tomahawk Aspirus Hospital on Feb. 21, 2023.

Leo was born on July 8, 1934 in Harrison to Leo A. and Marie (Schoone) Pintens. Leo was married on April 14, 1956 in St. Augustine Catholic Church to Louise Dirx. Together in Harrison, they ran their household on their dairy farm. Leo enjoyed dairy farming and, most of all, cutting firewood. He also was a mason and a carpenter, was a milk delivery truck driver for Harrison cheese factory. Leo enjoyed hunting, fishing, tobogganing, downhill and cross country skiing and swimming. Leo loved his family and his dogs, too.

Leo is survived by his children – James (Rosetta) Pintens of Sinton, Tex., Diane (Larry Peters) Murphy of Tomahawk, Connie (Mark) Roberts of Rhinelander, Bernadette (Paul) Albert of Tomahawk and Elizabeth Pintens of Tomahawk; and his sister – Johanna Amelse of Merrill. He is further survived by 21 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife – Louise Pintens, daughters – Angela and Cheryl, grandson – Cody and great grandson – Bentley.

The Mass of Christian Burial for Leo Pintens took place at 11 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023 at St. Mary Catholic Church. Visitation took place on Sunday evening at the Krueger Family Funeral Home, Tomahawk, from 4 p.m. until the time of Rosary Service at 6:30 p.m. Visitation continued on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass at 11 a.m. Leo will be buried in St. Augustine Cemetery in Harrison in the springtime.

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.



Brian "Boog" Morren, aged 66, a lifelong resident of Tomahawk, has bought the farm. Kicked the bucket. Bit the dust. Caught the bus. Gone belly up. Assumed room temperature. As of Friday, Feb. 17, 2023, he is bereft of life. The title of "America's Sweetheart" is now up for grabs.

He was born Aug. 14, 1956, to Lawrence Morren and his wife in Tomahawk, through absolutely no fault of his own. Raised on the streets of Frenchtown, he was surrounded by his extended family who knew what love was and doled it out generously. He learned early on what it meant to work for a living and did so until retiring from the local paper mill in 2020.

Although he lived a less than average life span, Brian did not live an average life. He traveled where he wanted to travel, made friends easily, laughed heartily at every chance, taught himself whatever he wanted to learn, fixed what he wanted to fix, built what he wanted to build, and loved who he wanted to love. An avid reader, he lived honorably, spent wisely, and faced each day fearlessly (other than a crippling fear of rogue elephants).

Known as the Father of the Fall Ride for creating that annual event, he was even more proud of his years with the Tomahawk Fire Department and his service to his community with his brothers in that organization. An avid outdoorsman, he was happiest in a kayak on a misty morning lake or making photographs in the mountains. Exploring the outdoors was his happy place. He was happier still when sharing those moments with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Daniel "Chopper" Morren, and his grandparents, George and Alice Morren.

Survivors include his incredible wife, Peggy, who shared adventures with him for over forty years, his wonderful daughters, McKenna (Kyle) Hipp, of Appleton, Wis., and Katie (Mike) Van De Weerd, of Tomahawk. He is further survived by four terrific grandsons, Caleb Van De Weerd, Levi Hipp, Eli Van De Weerd, and Cash Hipp, all of whom were his favorite grandson.

He is further survived by four sisters, Laurie (Steve) Morren-Musial, of Fort Collins, Colo., Marilyn 'Binky' Morren, of Fort Payne, Ala., Dawn (Brian) Roberts, of Tomahawk, and Anita (Gary) Jagodzinski, of Holmen, Wis., along with a collection of the finest nieces and nephews that a man could ask for.

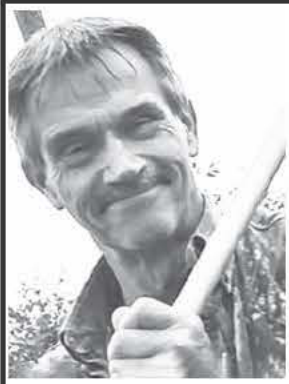
He was in awe of and grateful for his teams of doctors and nurses at James Beck Cancer Center in Rhinelander, Marshfield Cancer Clinic in Weston, Aspirus Hospital in Tomahawk and the UW Carbone Cancer Center in Madison. Their top-notch care kept him going for over 18 years and he loved and respected each and every one of them.

A Celebration of Life Service for Brian "Boog" Morren was held at Generations Funeral Home in Tomahawk on Friday, Feb. 24, 2023, at 7 p.m. Visitation was held at Generations on Friday from 5 p.m. until the time of services at 7 p.m.

Brian would ask that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society or the Tomahawk Public Library. Please donate blood if you are able to or consider becoming a bone marrow donor. Those gifts can truly save lives.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family. View Brian's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

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James E. Hawley, age 72, of Tomahawk, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023, at his home under the care of his family and Aspirus Comfort Care & Hospice. Jim was born in Milwaukee, Wis., on Feb. 23, 1950, to the late Edwin and Delores (Slack) Hawley. He was married to Margaret Kaucic on June 21, 1997; she survives.

Jim proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was recognized with several awards including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Navy Achievement Medal, and the Leatherneck Magazine Award. Jim later held a 33-year career at Briggs & Stratton, retiring in 2005, a job he truly enjoyed.

Jim loved the outdoors where he enjoyed bonfires, spending time on the water, watching the wildlife, and taking in nature. He was an avid fisherman and "master fish fryer" hosting many gatherings in his backyard, a place he took great pride in. Jim was a dedicated family man. Family and friends, especially his grandchildren, meant the world to him and he adored spending quality time with all of them. Jim's nonstop, great sense of humor was enjoyed by everyone who knew him and he was always there to lend a helping hand when needed. He was a talented cribbage player, always loved to sample some delicious sweets, loved a good laugh from a joke, and lived every day to the fullest. Jim never ended a conversation without saying toot-a-loo! He will be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Hawley, of Tomahawk; his children, Gail (Mark) Krueger, of Tomahawk, Brooks (Candice) Hawley, of Menomonee Falls, Wis., Jessica (Mike) Bruss, of Hartland, Wis., Kelly Hawley, of New Albany, Ind., and Daniel (Jennifer) Brandenburg, of Richfield, Wis. He is further survived by 11 grandchildren, Emily, Lucas, Madelyn, Colton, Kyle, William, Hunter, Makayla, Nathan, Bodhi, and Jude, in addition to two great-grandchildren, Jaxon and Paisley.

Graveside services, with military honors, will be held on Friday, June 16, 2023, at 11 a.m., at the Northwoods National Cemetery in Harshaw, Wis. A celebration of life gathering will follow at Inshalla Country Club.

Generations Funeral Home & Crematory, Tomahawk, is assisting the family. You may view Jim's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

Gone fishing....toot-a-loo!



William "Mr. Bill" A. Kubitschek, age 87, of Tomahawk, and formerly of St. Paul, Minn., and New Brighton, Minn., passed away on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at Country Terrace Assisted Living. Bill was born in St. Paul, Minn., on Feb. 19, 1935, to the late Aloysius and Clara (Kolstad) Kubitschek.

Bill was raised in Minnesota and attended the Humboldt High School in St. Paul, Minn. He served his country as an aviation mechanic in the United States Navy, serving part of his time in Guam, and was honorably discharged in 1960. Bill was a talented jack-of-all trades. He installed many bowling lanes throughout the Midwest including Tomahawk Bowl and the Mermaid Lanes in Mounds View, Minn. He owned and operated Dakota Bowl in Rosemount, Minn., in the '70s and worked for AMF prior to owning and operating Quality Service Bowling Equipment in Fridley, Minn., for many years. Bill's passion was sailing. He enjoyed sailing Lake Superior out of Bayfield, Wis., channeling through to the Bahamas. He resided on his sailboat for a year prior to settling in Tomahawk in 1983. He then purchased Margie's Tavern and renamed it "Mr. Bill's" of which he owned and operated until 2010. Bill was an active member of the Tomahawk Lions Club and a generous supporter of Special Olympics and Lincoln Industries. He loved Fox News and the local radio station, WJQ, listening to both at volume 100. Bill was an avid Minnesota Vikings and Minnesota Wild fan.

Survivors include his daughters, Debra Kubitschek, of Fridley, Minn., and Tami (Randy) Schmidt, of Mounds View, Minn., and his son, Bob (Brenda) Kubitschek, of Tomahawk, and their mother, Marlene (Burgess) Kubitschek, of New Brighton, Minn.; his daughter, Angela (Kory) Bortnem, of Brookings, S.D.; his daughter, Tricia (Jason) Renn, of Tomahawk, and her mother, Daisy (Barr) Kubitschek, also of Tomahawk; his brother, Tom Kubitschek, of White Bear Lake, Minn.; and his sister, Janet McMillann, of Mesa, Ariz.; and his grandchildren, Benjamin, Bradley, Shara, Ryan, Corey, Laci, Nicole, KayDee, Mabelle, William, Buddy, and Danielle, all of Minnesota, Katelyn, Brooklyn, Matthew, and Tessa, all of South Dakota, and Ava and Clara, both of Tomahawk. Bill is further survived by 16 great-grandchildren, in addition to his beloved dog, Lexi.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Aloysius and Clara (Kolstad) Kubitschek, of St. Paul, Minn.; his daughter, Janell Kubitschek, of Blaine, Minn.; his grandson, Nicholas Rickard, of Cedar, Minn.; his brother, Louis Kubitschek, of Lee Summit, Mo.; and his companion, Sylvia Locken, of Mitchell, S.D., (Angela's mother).

The family would like to thank the staff at Country Terrace Assisted Living for their care of dad and advocating for the family. (The banner went up and he thought it was his birthday and "We get to push the button!!!"). Also, many thanks to our Aspirus Hospice team that knew just what dad and our family needed.

A friendly reminder from dad: When not in use, turn off the juice!

Memorial services with military honors were held on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at 12 p.m., at Generations Funeral Home, Tomahawk. Rev. Larry Mathein officiated. The family received friends for visitation from 10 a.m. until the time of services at 12 p.m.

Generations Funeral Home and Crematory assisted the family. You may view Bill's obituary and leave online condolences at www.generationsfuneral.com.

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Paul D. Hanse, 70, of Rocky Rd., Tomahawk, passed away Friday, Feb. 24, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family following a battle with brain cancer.

Paul was born May 9, 1952 in Buffalo, Minn., to Orville and Dorothy (Fieblekorn) Hanse. The Hanse family moved to Tomahawk, Wisc. in 1960. Paul graduated from Tomahawk High School in 1970 and was married to Linda Gilbert on Aug. 14, 1971 in Rhinelander. Linda passed away in 2007. Paul worked at Goldbecks Sawmill in Heaford Junction before starting at PCA Tomahawk Mill in 1979. He worked in shipping until his retirement in 2018. In his spare time he enjoyed yardwork, gardening, ice fishing, carpentry, and laying concrete. Paul also enjoyed socializing at local establishments.

Surviving Paul are his four sons, Keith (Nicole) Hanse, Kevin (Kerri) Hanse, Kyle (Ashley Miller) Hanse, all of Tomahawk, and Kim (Catlin Martin) Hanse of Mosinee. He is further survived by his sister, Lou Ann Beiler of Tomahawk, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Linda, and siblings, Larry Hanse and Linda Knies.

The funeral service for Paul Hanse will be held on Thursday, March 2, at 3 p.m. from the Krueger Family Funeral Home, Tomahawk. Pastor Stephen Gillet will officiate. Burial will be in Prairie Rapids Cemetery in the spring. The Hanse family will receive friends at the Krueger Family Funeral Home Thursday from 1 p.m. until the time of services at 3 p.m.

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.



Paul M. Barker Sr., age 91, of Tomahawk, passed away peacefully at his home on Feb. 21, 2023.

Paul was born on Sept. 21, 1931 in Merrill, Wis. He enlisted with the U.S. Army as soon as he was old enough, and served during the Korean War. He was married to Joy Tiffany on March 12, 1952. Paul lived previously in the Port Washington area before moving to Tomahawk after his retirement 25 years ago. He loved spending time with his family, especially camping trips, bowling and going to the movies.

Paul is survived by his three children – Cherri (Phil) Krentz of Tomahawk, Paul Barker Jr. and Rick Barker, both of Sheboygan. Paul is further survived by one sister, four grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, with the seventh on the way.

In accordance to Paul's wishes, his family will celebrate his life privately.

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



Grace "Jackie" Zoellner, age 89, of Tomahawk, passed away at her home on Feb. 20, 2023.

Grace was born on June 10, 1933 in Tomahawk to John and Marion (Cleveland) Fryar. She was married to Ronald Zoellner on May 28, 1971 in Tripoli. Grace worked at Tomahawk Boat Factory for 17 years before it changed to Harley-Davidson. She loved watching the hummingbirds at her home and feeding the wildlife. She enjoyed flowers, especially lilacs. Grace enjoyed card playing and puzzles. She loved spending time with her family, her grandchildren, who lovingly called her Grandma Button and her beloved four-legged family – Muffin and Buttons.

Grace is survived by her husband – Ron Zoellner; her children – Tom (Michele) Welke, Tim (Margie) Welke, Terry (Jean) Zoellner and Tad Zoellner, all of Tomahawk. She is further survived by her grandchildren – TJ (Nichole) Welke, Kristin Welke, Nicole (Nicolle) Behnke-Welke, Stephanie (Connor) Ahrens, Zach Zoellner and Dylan Schiltz; and one great-grandson – Thomas.

Grace is preceded in death by her parents, daughter – Debbie Welke and two siblings.

The Memorial Service for Grace Zoellner took place at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at Krueger Family Funeral Home, Tomahawk. Pastor Julie Sinkula officiated. The visitation took place at the funeral home from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m.

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.



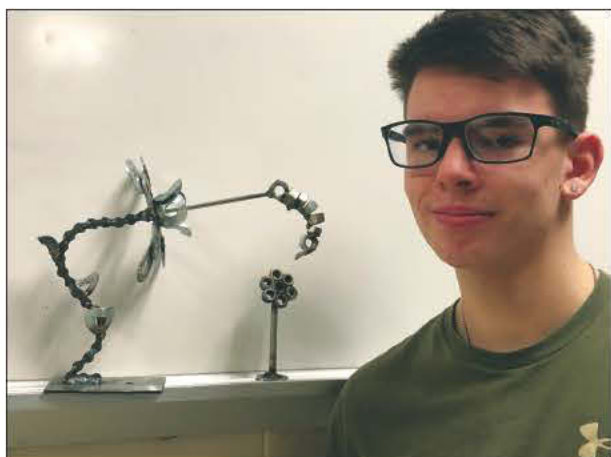
A recent lesson for THS Small Engines students working on their fasteners unit included identifying bolt types and tapping threads in a piece of aluminum.



Mason, Hudson, Jeren and Brett recently completed their preliminary welds for Nicolet College's welding competition. Students compete against their own classmates to determine who will represent the school during the final welding competition.



Photos courtesy of Brian Schiltz



Technical Metals student Montgomery spreads some summer cheer with these metal art pieces he MIG welded using recycled materials.

Beloit man killed in head-on snowmobile crash in Town of Little Rice

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

TOWN OF LITTLE RICE – A Beloit man was killed in a head-on snowmobile crash in the Town of Little Rice on Friday, Feb. 24.

According to a release, the Oneida County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of the collision on Kelly Dam Rd., just north of Old 8 Rd., at approximately 6:59 p.m.

Upon arrival of emergency personnel on the scene, David Haseman, 55, of Beloit, was pronounced dead.

The other operator was transported to Aspirus Tomahawk Hospital with what appeared to be non-life threatening injuries, the Sheriff's Office said.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is completing the accident report.

The Sheriff's Office was assisted at the scene by the Little Rice Fire Department and First Responders, the Nokomis Fire Department, DNR, the Oneida County Ambulance Service and the Oneida County Medical Examiner's Department.

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George Stanley to join Multi Media Channels

BY KRIS LEONHARDT
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

GREEN BAY – In March, George Stanley will join Multi Media Channels (MMC), the publishing company of this weekly, as the Local News Initiatives Adviser.

In his role, Stanley will work with the Pass it Forward internship program, as well as other company initiatives to nurture a healthy community journalism environment in the state.

“We are excited to have George as a part of our editorial team as we know he will enrich and add value to everything we are doing to revitalize local news and take it to



Stanley

the next level,” said MMC CEO Patrick Wood.

Stanley stepped down as editor of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and regional editor for the USA TODAY Network in Janu-

ary 2023. He led the Journal Sentinel newsroom as editor since 2015 and managing editor since 1997.

The newspaper’s work won nearly every major national award for reporting about health, business, education, justice, politics, sports and the environment, including 10 Pulitzer finalists and three Pulitzer Prize winners.

Stanley has participated in several national programs aimed at finding a sound future for local news, including the Table Stakes News Transformation program run by the American Press Institute, Lenfest Foundation and Temple University.

Through Table Stakes,

the Journal Sentinel learned to innovate, reach readers they hadn’t been serving before, and dramatically grow both digital-only circulation revenue and grant-funded journalism projects.

Stanley helped found the O’Brien Public Service Fellowship program at Marquette University’s journalism school, which is fully endowed by a \$10 million donation.

In this program, experienced journalists spend an academic year working on a major public service journalism project that they then bring back to their newsrooms.

A student returns with each fellow to their home newsroom for a summer

internship paid for by the program.

Stanley is past president of the News Leaders Association and a board member of the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

Before becoming managing editor of the Journal Sentinel, he was business editor and before that he was a reporter for the Milwaukee Sentinel, the Wichita Eagle and Ducks Unlimited magazine with an expertise in environmental and conservation reporting.

He started his career at the Lake Geneva Regional News after graduating from the University of Wisconsin.

He and his wife Pam grew up in Allouez. They

have five adult children and seven grandchildren.

“I’m excited about working with the Multi Media Channels, the Press Times and the Pass it Forward internship program as foundation stones to strengthen community news coverage in Wisconsin,” Stanley said. “For our democracy to work the way it’s supposed to, people need to be informed about what’s going on at all levels with our schools, law enforcement, roads, zoning, taxes, new developments, you name it. The business models that supported this local reporting are rapidly changing and we’ve got to find ways to retain and rebuild it.”

NATIONAL EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK

Aspirus offers tips for recognition, recovery

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

WISCONSIN – In recognition of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week, Aspirus Health is sharing information on identifying and recovering from eating disorders.

This year’s National Eating Disorders Awareness Week began on Monday, Feb. 27 and will run through Friday, March 5.

According to the National Eating Disorders Association (NEDA), 28.8 million Americans will suffer from

an eating disorder at some point in their lives.

“Eating disorders such as anorexia, bulimia and binge-eating disorder are a complex psychological condition that affects behavior, thoughts and attitudes related to food, eating and



Christensen

Photo courtesy of Aspirus

body image,” Aspirus said. “They are the second deadliest mental illnesses and can affect anyone of any age, race or gender.”

Aspirus said eating disorders are not always obvious, noting that those with the condition often remain secretive about their behavior, and many

go years without people knowing.

“An eating disorder can develop gradually and you may first observe personality and behavior changes,” said Dr. Desire Christensen, Psychiatrist with Aspirus Behavioral Health in Stevens Point. “Due to their secretive nature, eating disor-

ders are often hard to spot in the early stages.”

Common early warning signs include:

- Dramatic weight gain or loss
- Frequently talking about food, weight or body image

Recovery

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

We can change this gun death spiral

We have never been here before.

Currently, more than 70 mass shootings have occurred in the US in the first two months of this year. That number will increase. There are more than 400 million guns in a nation of 330 million people. Without intervention, more guns will find their way into the general population. These statistics do not exist in any other country on this planet.

There are young people who survived a mass shooting earlier in their public education only to relive that horrific experience at the university level. What are the chances of that happening in a normal society?

There was a time when churches, synagogues and temples were considered places of peace and refuge. That is no longer the case.

Ordinary people could

make a quick run to their big box store or their local convenience store to pick up some last-minute items without having to worry about being shot in the process.

Movie theaters were places of quiet, family entertainment where it was not necessary to study the building's layout and escape routes before sitting down to watch a movie.

People would gather for public events and holiday celebrations and look forward to the festivities without experiencing mass murders and injuries.

Workers could finish off the work week anticipating the weekend without running and hiding from armed, disgruntled co-workers.

What has happened to this country?

The US never lacked firearms from its inception, but now there is a societal shift in the use and purpose of guns. The NRA originally

was an educational organization teaching the safe handling of firearms until it became a lobby for the arms industry. Violence has always been a part of our history, but never so broadly spread among the general population as it is now.

How is it possible that a six-year-old child can arrive at his school with a fully loaded firearm and intentionally shoot his teacher?

You would be wrong to think that all of this exists elsewhere and not here. Domestic violence exists in the homes of our neighbors and relatives, right here in Lincoln County.

In 2022, there were 31 gun-related incidents locally, which involved direct or implied threats of gun violence. We cannot ignore this when so many women are slaughtered each year nationally. There is no

rational explanation for a court giving known, domestic violence abusers unfettered access to guns.

Many of us remember a time when most of this gun violence did not exist. We can bring about real change because we have done it before. Car crashes were far more fatal than they are now. Regulations requiring safety measures brought about real change despite more cars and higher speeds.

I personally recall the horrific history of a grade school fire that took the lives of over 100 children. That tragedy brought about sprinkler systems and many other safety measures to prevent that from happening again.

We must not become accepting of all these pointless fatalities. We can change this gun death spiral.

Diana C. Smith
Tomahawk

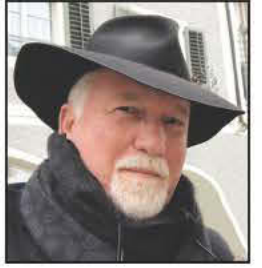
PUBLISHER'S LETTER

The Vaulted Chamber

Dear Reader,

Did you ever pick out all of the good parts of a movie? Similarly, have you ever looked at the good parts of your life, the parts you would relive if you could? And along with that, are there a few scenes you would like to leave behind?

Near the end of the round-up, there comes a time for everyone to relive those golden moments, even if there's nothing left but memories. Ghosts from the past revive briefly and shine for a few brilliant moments as they once were. In the vaulted chamber of memory, they transmute from what they were into what they were meant to be...all of the good of who we were, and who we still try to be today.



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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.

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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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LEGALS

Legals 7700 HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE COUNTY OF LINCOLN... NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETING WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023, 10:00 A.M.

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

Legals 7700 Plaintiff, -vs- 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, the undersigned Sheriff of Lincoln County, or Sheriff's representative, will sell at public auction in the main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 E. Main Street, Merrill, Wisconsin 54452, on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. The Mortgaged

Legals 7700 Premises described by said judgment and described as follows: All that part of Government Lot One (1) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4 SW 1/4), both in Section Eleven (11), Township Thirty-four (34) North, Range Six (6) East, Town of Bradley, Lincoln County, Wisconsin, described as follows: Commencing at a 2-inch steel pipe fit with a brass cap, which is presumed to be the Northwest corner of Government Lot 1, in said Section, Township, and Range; thence running South 402.2 feet along the quarter line (assuming a declination of North 1° 30' East) to an iron post; the Place of Beginning; thence South 18° 24' East, 394.6 feet to the North line of Old Highway 51, marked by an iron stake; thence North 56° 5' West, 464.4 feet, on a tangent to a curve in Old Highway 51; to a point where it intersects the East line of a town road, marked by an iron stake; thence North 53° 48' East 151 feet along the East line of the town road to a point marked by an iron stake; thence North 79° 24' East, 141.7 feet to the Place of Beginning. Address: N8956 Curve Inn Rd & W5511 Koth Rd, Tomahawk, WI 54487 PIN: 004-3406-114-9996

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). 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. Bids made after the plaintiff's opening bid will be accepted in \$100.00 increments only. Dated this 9th day of February, 2023. By: Sheriff of Lincoln County, Wisconsin Drafted by: Scott A. Jackman, Esq. Eaton Law, LLP 513 Grant Street Wausau, WI 54403 (715)843-6700 Published February 22, March 1, 8, 2023 WNAXLP

Legals 7700 STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Vera Dagmar Kopier (Winquist) Meyer Notice Setting Time to Hear Application and Deadline for Filing Claims (Informal Administration) Case No. 2023 IN 08 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: 1. An application for informal administration was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth April 6, 1930 and date of death October 5, 2022 was domiciled in Lincoln County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 208 Theiler Dr., Tomahawk, WI 54487. 3. The application will be heard at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office, before Becky S. Byer, Probate Registrar, on 03-21-2023 at 9:00 a.m. You do not need to appear unless you object. The application may be granted if there is no objection. 4. The deadline for filing a claim against the decedent's estate is June 9, 2023. 5. A claim may be filed at the Lincoln County Courthouse, 1110 East Main St., Merrill, Wisconsin, Probate Office. 6. This publication is notice to any persons whose names or address 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 note that the court does not provide transportation. DATE SIGNED: February 15, 2023 Electronically signed by Becky S. Byer Probate Registrar Completed by: Ryan J. Zinkel Rohde Dales LLP 909 N. 8th St., Ste 100 Sheboygan, WI 53081 920-458-5501 Bar No. 1054786 Published February 22, March 1, 8, 2023 WNAXLP

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. 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 note that the court does not provide transportation. 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 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN, CIRCUIT COURT, LINCOLN COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WASHINGTON AVE TOMAHAWK, WI 54487-1372 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. Published March 1, 8, 15, 2023 WNAXLP

Legals 7700 STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY The Huntington National Bank Plaintiff vs. The Estate of David D. Haring, Deceased and The Estate of Kathleen L. Haring, Deceased Defendants. NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE Case No. 22-CV-000136 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that by virtue of a judgment of foreclosure entered on January 3, 2023 in the amount of \$26,719.17 the Sheriff will sell the described premises at public auction as follows: TIME: April 11, 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: Lot Nine (9), in Block Twenty (20), Plat of Tomahawk, City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 16 W Washington Ave Tomahawk, WI 54487-1372 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. Published March 1, 8, 15, 2023 WNAXLP

STATE OF WISCONSIN CIRCUIT COURT LINCOLN COUNTY WISCONSIN HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Plaintiff vs. MICHELLE LYNN RANKIN; and SPOUSE of MICHELLE LYNN RANKIN; and UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Defendants. Case No. 2022CV000158 Code No. 30404 Foreclosure of Mortgage Dollar Amount Greater Than \$10,000.00 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: TIME: March 22, 2023 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. TERMS: 1. 10% down in cash or certified funds at the time of sale; balance due within 10 days of confirmation of sale; failure to pay balance due will result in forfeit of deposit to plaintiff. 2. Sold "as is" and subject to all legal liens and encumbrances. 3. Buyer to pay applicable Wisconsin Real Estate Transfer Tax, costs of recording and all costs of sale within 10 days of confirmation of sheriff's sale. PLACE: Main entrance of the Lincoln County Courthouse, located at 1110 East Main Street, Merrill, WI DESCRIPTION: Lots Nine (9) and Ten (10), Block One (1), WEST TOMAHAWK ADDITION to the City of Tomahawk, Lincoln County, Wisconsin. PROPERTY ADDRESS: 621 North Avenue, City of Tomahawk TAX KEY NO.: 286-3506-334-0008 Ken Schneider Sheriff of Lincoln County, WI O'DESS AND ASSOCIATES, S.C. Attorney for Plaintiff 1414 Underwood Avenue, Suite 403 Wauwatosa, WI 53213 (414) 727-1591 O'Dess and Associates, S.C., is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. If you have previously received a Chapter 7 Discharge in Bankruptcy, this correspondence should not be construed as an attempt to collect a debt. Published February 22, March 1, 8, 2023 WNAXLP

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Legals 7700 TO THE PERSON(S) NAMED ABOVE AS DEFENDANT(S): You are being sued by the person(s) named above as Plaintiff(s). A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. The lawsuit will be heard in the following small claims court: Marathon County Courthouse Telephone Number of clerk of court: 715-261-1300 Address: 500 Forest Street Wausau WI 54403 on the following date and time: Date: March 22, 2023 Time: 10:00 a.m. If you do not attend the hearing, the court may enter a judgment against you in favor of the person(s) suing you. A copy of the claim has been sent to you at your address as stated in the caption above. A judgment may be enforced as provided by law. A judgment awarding money may become a lien against any real estate (property) you own now or in the future, and may also be enforced by garnishment or seizure of property. You may have the option of Answer without appearing in court on the court date by filing a written Answer with the clerk of court before the court date. You must send a copy of your Answer to the Plaintiff(s) named above at their address. You may contact the clerk of court at the telephone number above to determine if there are other methods to answer a Small Claims complaint in that county. Attorney Michael D. Shiffer 2-23-2023 Jensen, Scott, Grunewald & Shiffer S.C. 128 W. Division Street P.O. Box 426 Medford, WI 54451 715-748-2211 Attorney's State Bar Number: 1027582 Published March 1, 2023 WNAXLP

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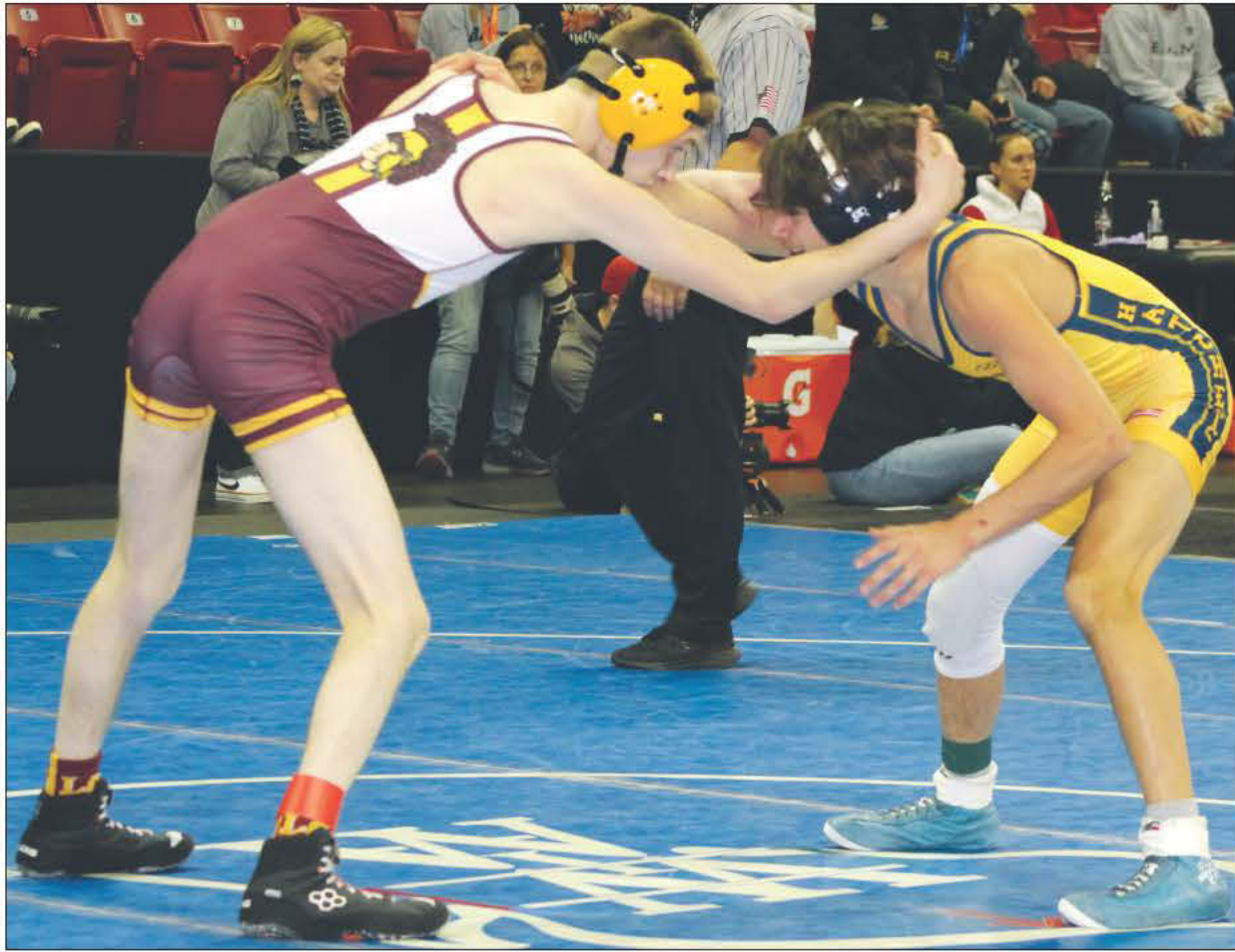
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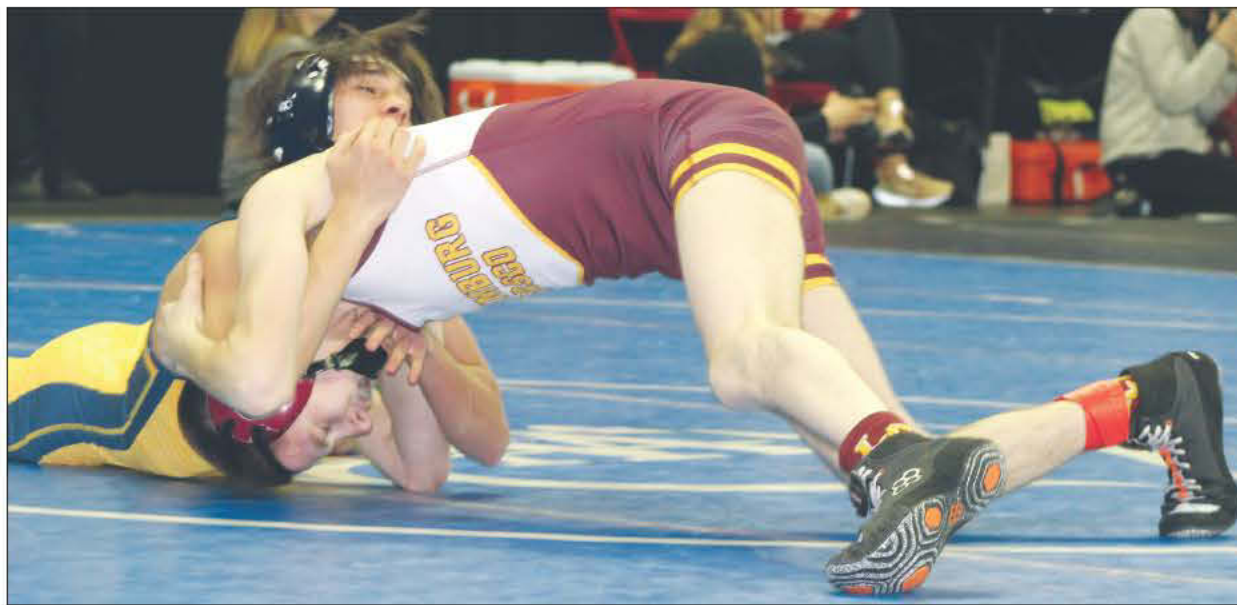
ACCEPTING BIDS FOR PAVING The Town of Cassian is accepting bids for the paving of approximately 1.8 miles of road from the intersection of Herman Crossing Road through Goodnow Road. All bids need to be received by the Town Board meeting on Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7pm at the Cassian Town Hall. Bid packets can be obtained by contacting the Town Clerk at Cassiantownclerk282@zohomail.com. Published February 8, 15 & 22, March 1 & 8 WNAXLP

LEGAL NOTICE APPOINTMENTS TO THE NICOLET COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD The committee to appoint members to the Nicolet College District Board will hold a meeting and public hearing on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1 pm. The use of technology to access the meetings will be available to the public using the information listed in the agendas below. The Appointment Committee will consider the following candidates' applications in order to fill the following one (1) interim position for a 2-year term and three (3) positions for 3-year terms: One (1) Interim Employer Member, One (1) Elected Official Member, and Two (2) Additional Members. Candidates must be present in person or virtually and must provide two letters of recommendation before being interviewed to qualify for an appointment to the Board. Robert Mott 2019 Sabinois Point Road Pelican Lake, WI 54463 Bob Martini 2984 S. Rifle Road Rhinelander, WI 54501 Dianne Lazear N11331 Spring Creek Drive Tomahawk, WI 54487 AGENDA Nicolet College DISTRICT BOARD APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 1pm Red Oak Center - Room 102 Zoom Meeting URL: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83196932066 Meeting ID: 831 9693 2066 Passcode: 075893 To dial in from a phone Dial the following number: 1 646 931 3860 Enter the meeting ID followed by #: 831 9693 2066# Meeting 1: Public Hearing 1. Call Public Hearing to Order 2. Determination of Compliance with Open Meeting Law and Statutory Notices 3. Roll Call/Establishment of Quorum 4. Review the Plan of Representation approved on March 3, 2022 5. Introduction of Candidates 6. Statement/Interview Each Candidate 7. Testimony from the Public Regarding Candidates 8. Close of Public Hearing Meeting 2: Appointment Committee Meeting 9. Call Appointment Committee Meeting to Order 10. Approval of March 3, 2022, Board Appointment Committee Public Hearing and Appointment Committee Meeting Minutes 11. Purpose of Meeting and Explanation of Statutes Governing District Board Appointments 12. Discussion of Qualifications of Candidates 13. The Committee may go into closed session, in accordance with State Statutes §19.85 (1)(f), only for the purpose of consideration of financial, medical, social, or personal histories information of the candidates 14. Reconvene into Open Session (if applicable) 15. Appointment of District Board Members (must be a roll call vote) 16. Review, Discuss, and Consider Approval of, or Changes to the Plan of Representation for the next Board Appointment Process 17. Adjournment of Appointment Committee Meeting Published March 1, 2023 WNAXLP

Leader Sports & Nature



Tomahawk's Presley Gutbrod wrestles Luxemburg-Casco's Jake Jandrin on Thursday, Feb. 23 in a Division 2 106-pound match at the WIAA State Individual Wrestling Meet in Madison. Gutbrod's season ended with a 9-7 loss.



Photos by Greg Seubert

Middle school grapplers wrap up season with Marshfield scramble

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MARSHFIELD – The Tomahawk Middle School wrestling team concluded its season with a six-team scramble in Marshfield on Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The teams involved were Tomahawk, Marshfield, Auburndale, John Muir White, Stevens Point

and Tri-County. No team scores were kept.

Dawson Jones, Cash Olsen, Hudson Evans, Harman Hoffman and Zander Zehner each came away with at least one win on the night.

The middle school grapplers' award night was slated to be held this week.

Sports Briefs

Tomahawk Youth Baseball registration

Registration for the 2023 Tomahawk Youth Baseball season is open through Monday, March 6. To register for or learn more about Youth T-Ball (4K and kindergarten), C-Ball (first and second grades), B-Ball (third and fourth grades), A-Ball (fifth and sixth grades), or Babe Ruth (Prep League, current seventh and some eighth graders), visit www.sites.google.com/view/thawkwibaseball. For more information, email thawkwibaseball@gmail.com.

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).

WEATHER

DATE	HIGH (°F)	LOW (°F)	Wednesday, Feb. 22	21	12
Sunday, Feb. 19	35	5	Thursday, Feb. 23	21	-4
Monday, Feb. 20	31	13	Friday, Feb. 24	20	8
Tuesday, Feb. 21	23	11	Saturday, Feb. 25	27	6

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Lot 46 on Ross Rd is a wooded lot located on a back-water bay of the Nokomis Chain, no through access to the big lake. This may be a good place for duck hunting. In a great area, as the boat landings very close by, snowmobile/ATV trails are plentiful. **\$34,900**

On Kelch Dr. 3.28-acre lot offering a great location to build a home or getaway. Located conveniently by the Killarney Lake boat launch, and in the heart of all recreational possibilities the Northwoods has to offer. **\$39,900**

Spirit River Flowage: Lot 1 Eagles Waters Rd Wooded 1.21 Acre lot. There are some ridges on the lot that may work for a walk out basement. The property is in a great area for all the Northwoods rec activities such as fishing, ATV, and snowmobiling. **\$49,900**

2470 Kelch Dr. This 3.28-acre lot offers a great location to build a home or getaway. The lot has a gravel driveway, a building site, and power run into the property. Located conveniently by the Killarney Lake boat launch, and in the heart of all recreational possibilities the Northwoods has to offer. **\$59,900**

LAKE MOHAWKSIN: 734 Leather Crt Level with 149 feet of frontage on 1910 acre Lake Mohawksin. This lot has sand at the frontage and has a little cove to put in your kayaks or canoe. Boat to the water ski show, music on the river, dairy queen, and restaurants, or just fish all day. Edge of the city with all the pluses that a city waterfront lot can give you. **\$119,900**

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TOMAHAWK SPORTS TRIVIA: WEEK 119

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 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?

Week 118 answer: Lumberjack Conference track records were only acknowledged when achieved on the date of the conference meet when all conference schools were present. THS had conference track records with Dave Anderson in the low hurdles (curved) in a time of 22.4 seconds in 1960, Jim Crapeau in the low hurdles (straight) in 1963 with a time of 22.2 seconds, Don Dorski in the shot (47' 7 3/4") in 1963 and in the discus (151' 9") in 1963, and Tom Gabriel in the pole vault (11' 5 1/2") in 1963.

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

Week 119 question: Tomahawk wrestling had their first match in Nov. 1964. Who won the first individual match for THS: Dennis Burgy, Otto Yirkovsky or Don Mueller?

DNR asking public to report black bear den locations

COURTESY OF THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
 WISCONSIN – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging the public to report any black bear den locations they find across Wisconsin in order to help with an ongoing study on black bear reproduction.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey (www.bit.ly/3IUvM5c) will begin its second year of data collection in March and is looking for more dens statewide to include in the study. The study will generate new estimates of black bear reproductive rates within each bear management zone, and these estimates will improve the accuracy of the population models used to manage bears in the state.

Additionally, researchers are investigating a connection between consumption of human food sources and bear reproduction since diet can affect cub survival rates and litter sizes.

“Public reporting is essential to this project. You don’t find bear dens every day, so it is important that people report them to us when they find them,”



Cubs cannot yet regulate their own temperature, so researchers keep them warm while staff fit a GPS collar on the mother bear. Photo courtesy of Wisconsin DNR

said Dr. Jennifer Price Tack, DNR Large Carnivore and Elk Research Scientist. “Reporting dens helps us meet the sample size requirements for our study and increases the accuracy of the black bear population model.”

Black bear dens are getting noisier with the birth of cubs, so dens are sometimes found this time of year by people who hear unusual small sounds while in the woods. Active bear dens with cubs will often produce sounds like squeaking, grunting, humming or sucking, usually when cubs are nursing.

The public is encour-

aged to report as much information about occupied black bear dens as possible without approaching or disturbing the dens.

• Helpful information to report to the bear research team includes:

- GPS coordinates
- Photo of den, ideally showing it in relation to its surroundings, from a safe distance

- Description of the site and surrounding area

- Any information on the bear or bears, including whether cubs were heard

DNR staff will work with den reporters and landowners to visit the den before deciding to

survey, determining if the den is safe, accessible, and in use. Researchers will take locations of dens that are not active but may not be able to visit the location this season.

Dens that are known to be currently occupied are being prioritized for the 2023 survey.

This is a multi-year study, and researchers are interested in all dens, whether cubs are present or not.

DNR staff will collect biological data from these dens, including sex, weight and body measurements. Mother bears, or sows, will be outfitted with GPS collars, one of the most important pieces for collecting data. Collars help staff learn more about bear foraging behavior and locate the sows in the following years. Revisiting the sows will help staff determine the reproductive success of each sow, such as her litter frequency, litter size, and the survival rates of the cubs. Data on sow weight, body measurements and age are also collected.

While surveying, bear health and safety are a top priority. Designated staff monitor the sow’s breathing and heart rate

while the rest of the team quickly gather the needed samples and measurements. Any cubs present at the den are carefully weighed and sexed. Cubs are tucked into staff’s coats to keep them warm because the cubs cannot yet regulate their own temperature. Once researchers are finished, the sow and cubs are put back into their den.

“It is important for data collection that we get collars out in each of the bear management zones because we want to get those estimates of reproductive values for each zone and be able to popu-

late each zone’s projection model,” Price Tack stated.

The Black Bear Litter and Diet Survey team will continue to survey dens for the next seven to eight years. Over that time, the team hopes to get 100 collars out across the bear management zones (www.bit.ly/3kibr9z), with approximately 20 collars per zone. So far, the team is on track for the needed sample size, but they’ll need new reports each year to meet their benchmark.

To report a known black bear den, visit the DNR’s black bear den submission form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/7DSMFZS.

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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 few weeks I have suggested that we should read the Bible with the intent of learning who God is and what He says. I believe this is especially important if we are to share the Gospel of Christ with those around us.

In Hosea 4:1, God presents His complaint against Israel, explaining the reason for the confusion, crime, and violence in the nation. There, God says He has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. Then, in the following verses, God blames the situation on the religious people and the priests for not telling the truth about God.

In Acts 20, the Apostle Paul is on his way to Jerusalem to complete a vow he had made as a Jew. God had warned him that at Jerusalem his enemies would take him captive; Paul interprets this to mean they will kill him. So, on his way Paul meets with the leaders of the church in Ephesus for what he thinks will be the last time they will ever see each other. In Acts 20, Paul lays out his heart before the church leaders, and in verses 20 and 21 he explains what his ministry had been: *I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have showed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Paul explains that he taught them everything that was necessary for them to know when he was with them and started their church. In verse 21 he explains that he gave the same message to both the religious (Jews) and nonreligious (Greeks). His message had two parts: *repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

The first part, *repentance toward God* is just as import as the second part, and is about admitting our guilt for not treating God as God nor obeying what He has written. Repentance is about admitting we are wrong and need to start obeying God – treating God as God. When we understand our guilt for ignoring God, then we are ready for the second part, which is *faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. This faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ* is our application to God for mercy, forgiveness, and change because we know our guilt and the need to start doing what is right.

When we share the Gospel of Christ with others, do we address the first part or just focus on the second? Paul told the church leaders that he taught them all that would benefit them; summing it up as *repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.*

When we give out the Gospel, do we give both parts of the message or only the second half of the message? Maybe this is why so many who claim to believe in Jesus Christ do not live for Jesus Christ – they never heard the part about *repentance toward God.* A good example of this part is Acts 17:22-31.

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The Pastor’s Corner

March 1, 2023

As I write, it is Ash Wednesday, 2023 – a penitential season for some of us, but a time of deep reflection for all of us, as we remember that God made man from the dust of the ground, and one day we will return to the dust of the ground. The ashes are a reminder of our frailty.

Now is the acceptable time...

When we remember that God forgives us our sins. He is the only one who can do that. God heals all of our infirmities, sorrows, broken spirits, our burdened consciences, broken relationships, and heals our inadequacies and indulgences.

Our Lord is righteous and just. He has forgiven us and redeemed us. He is merciful and He loves us. He is a God of provision.

Our Lord is also slow to anger. He understands our weaknesses and imperfections. All He expects is that we honor him, respect Him and offer Him our praise. He desires that we come to Him – to show humility before Him.

His repentance is absolute. Our sins are gone forever. He doesn’t even remember them. Once forgiven, let us not linger in our inequities.

He knows us better than we know ourselves. He has a will for us and a perfect plan. As our Father, He parents us with his gentle guidance and love. We can place ourselves and our loved ones completely in His care.

The Lord will never leave us or forsake us. He asks us today that we keep the covenant He has made with us, and to remember and observe His commandments.

He has prepared for those who love Him a special place in His kingdom.

Never be afraid to make your supplications and requests to our great almighty God. He is a God who sees you. He is a God who hears you. He is a God who speaks to you.

Now is the acceptable time...

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This week’s article was submitted by **Carolyn Rauschert**

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Lincoln County students participate in annual Conservation Poster Contest

BY TOM BOISVERT
CONSERVATION
PROGRAM MANAGER

LINCOLN COUNTY – Students and educators from Lincoln County schools participated in the annual Conservation Poster Contest hosted by the Lincoln County Conservation Program.

The Conservation Contest encourages students to submit posters that illustrate the conservation theme of the year.

For 2023, the Conservation Contest theme is “One Water.”

Water is one of the foundations for life. Clean water is necessary for crops, drinking, industry, sanitation, livestock, and sustaining the ecosystems on which all life depends. Because of this, a student’s creativity could drift in countless ways to display the 2023 theme.

And without a doubt, all students that participated provided unique posters that helped promote the importance of conservation.

The Conservation contest is an excellent opportunity for students to expand their appreciation for the environment, conservation, and become involved with numerous Wisconsin Academic Standards. Educators that have been involved with the contest found this connection to standards helpful, and have enjoyed the opportunity to promote conservation within the classroom.

“As someone that cares about conservation personally, it was great to see that

the kids enjoyed this contest at a young age,” said Aubrey Boisvert, First Grade Teacher at Tomahawk Elementary School. “They were able to learn about water health, and had fun while doing so.”

The Conservation Contest has several stages of competitions, and winners from each stage advance to the next. The contest begins at the local level (Lincoln County), which then proceeds to an Area Contest which includes nine counties, a state contest and even a national contest.

K-1 category winners include Maika Follensbee, Ella Hess and Abigail Ross in first, second and third places, respectively. All students are in Mrs. Boisvert’s class at Tomahawk Elementary.

2-3 category winners: Jenna Peterson, Morgan Webb and Kinsley Young. All students are in Mrs. Thompson’s class at Trinity Merrill Lutheran School.

Grades 7-9 category winners: Jayda Nowak, Amarianna McCutcheon and Danica Lipke. All students are in Ms. Wagenaar’s Art class at Merrill High School.

Grades 10-12 category winners: Sebastian Doering, Aaron Alloway and Kaytlyn Hulke. All students are in Ms. Wagenaar’s Art class at Merrill High School.

For more information about the Annual Conservation Contest, contact Tom Boisvert, Conservation Program Manager, at 715-539-1054.



Pictured, from left to right: Maika Follensbee, Ella Hess and Abigail Ross won first, second, and third places, respectively (Category – Grades K-1). Photos courtesy of Tom Boisvert



Pictured, from left to right: Morgan Webb, Jenna Peterson and Kinsley Young won second, first, and third places, respectively, in the Lincoln County Conservation Poster Contest (Category – Grades 2-3).



Jayda Nowak won first place in the Lincoln County Conservation Poster Contest and second place in the Northcentral Area Conservation Poster Contest (Category – Grades 7-9).



Amarianna McCutcheon, second place, grades 7-9.



Dani Lipke, third place, grades 7-9.



Kaytlyn Hulke, third place, grades 10-12.



Aaron Alloway, second place, grades 10-12.



Sebastian Doering won first place in the Lincoln County Conservation Poster Contest and second place in the Northcentral Area Conservation Poster Contest, grades 10-12.

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DATCP to provide tuition reimbursement for Wisconsin Meat Processing School

FOR THE TOMAHAWK LEADER

MADISON – The University of Wisconsin-Madison is hosting a Wisconsin Meat Processing School from Tuesday, March 21 through Thursday, March 23, and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) is offering tuition reimbursement for qualifying participants who reside in Wisconsin.

The tuition reimbursement is available through the Meat Talent Development Program, a \$5 million program created by Governor Tony Evers to connect the meat processing industry with potential employees, a release from DATCP said.

According to the release, participants will learn the practical science and art of sausage-making and meat curing from a team of instructors, supplier specialists and award-winning “wurstmachers.”

“Instructors will teach the principles of meat processing at a basic, applied level, and information is aimed at operators who have small to moderate amounts of meat curing and sausage-making experience,” DATCP stated. “However, processors from every level of experience can benefit from this program.”

Registration will include several processing demonstrations and product evaluation. Registration is \$550.00 per person. Registration will close on Tues-

day, March 7, but may close earlier if the course is filled, DATCP said. The fee includes course materials, handouts, lunch and transportation between the hotel and UW-Madison Meat Science and Animal Biologics Discover building, where the training will be held.

To register, visit www.bit.ly/3xRTmSI.

Eligible participants can request tuition reimbursement through DATCP’s Meat Talent Development Program at event check-in. Tuition reimbursement is limited to two participants per meat establishment; however, if space allows, a third participant from the same establishment may qualify for reimbursement.

Find additional course information at www.bit.ly/3ZgGp0G.

DATCP is also providing tuition reimbursement for qualifying participants who attend the Basic Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) for Meat and Poultry Establishments Short Course at UW-Madison on Aug. 16 and 17, 2023. DATCP said information on how to register for the course will be released soon at www.bit.ly/3Y0ifGG.

For more information about the trainings, contact UW-Madison Meat Science and Animal Biologics Outreach Program Manager Colleen Crummy at 608 279-7669 or colleen.crummy@wisc.edu.